



Life of Faith

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From our pastor.....

Lent and Easter services are behind us for another year and we are resuming our regular schedules at home and at church. My prayer for us all is that we move onward knowing we are clothed in the extravagant gift of God's love made manifest in Jesus Christ. We are children of the cross. May we carry the love poured out for us wherever we go. "The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed."
[Psalm 126]

FOR
GOD
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When You Haven't Got A Prayer

As a child, I would not have thought of going to sleep without a prayer.....*Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. When in the morning light I wake, help me the path of love to take.* Saying thanks before a meal was as natural as clearing the table after the meal. I often wondered if a prayer was appropriate before I dove into my sack of potato chips.

Now I am an adult, often confused by the efficacy of prayer, wondering if God is listening or if I can really expect something from prayer. I am learning that prayer is important because it causes me to slow down the pace of life, to take time to breathe. I have God's Spirit as a counselor to whom I can express my deepest emotions, a relief valve for my busy life. It causes me to look again at the things I take for granted and say "thank you." When I pray, I admit to myself that God's love will guide and keep me through the years because even though I often goof up, I am part of this incredible universe which God created and loves.

My prayer for others who are grieving or distressed is a reminder that at this time they need someone who loves them, who cares for them, who understands they are hurting or confused. Prayer changes things. I know it changes me. (mrs)

GETTING TO KNOW BEV CAGLE

Meet Madam President. She is a cradle Lutheran, born in Superior, Wisconsin. Her quiet manner, smile and humility make us grateful that for this year she is President of our church council.

At this time in her life she is passionate about a planned trip to Africa. "I don't often read the news from Concordia College, my alma mater, but a few weeks ago I read they are looking for alumni to teach in a primary school in Tanzania. The children speak Swahili but in secondary school they speak English. Volunteers are needed to help them with the transition to a new language."

Concordia College in Moorhead, Mn. is known for its language camps in northern Minnesota and are renowned throughout the world. About 17 languages are taught, from Mandarin and Arabic to French and Norwegian. Grants from a Conservation and Community Development non-profit make the trip to Tanzania possible. Bev will go with three other alumni for the month of June. She is especially pleased that a woman she knows who teaches music in Wenatchee was also chosen as a volunteer teacher.

Bev says she has bounced around in past years - in and out of Holden Village, Yakima and the Wenatchee area. She graduated with a degree in education and for one year taught a third grade class in Anoka, Mn. "Kids that age are awesome," she smiles.

1970 - her first year at Holden was a very special time in her life. "Being in the kitchen was the best experience I had. It was such a happy place to work." In 1974, she married Merrell Cagle.

The couple moved to Yakima where their two children, Marin and Tom, were born. The next

move came at the request of Holden for Merrell to manage the hydro system of the Village." This time Bev juggled teaching in the school there and caring for her toddler and two-year old daughter.

Leaving Holden, Merrell took a job with the PUD and eventually settled in Leavenworth where for



many years, Bev taught music in the public schools. When elected president of the church council Bev envisioned her role as setting the agenda for meetings and as a facilitator. "Now gradually, as I am in this role, I find myself being more able to meet new

people and envision ministry for FLC. I am able to do more things that are out of my comfort zone, like moving from being an introvert to being more open." The youth of our congregation are of special interest to our president. She is so happy that Pastor Nancy is such a good friend and teacher to the children. "I think our pastor is brilliant in helping to develop the faith of our young ones. They feel involved and are loving it."

"I find Faith Lutheran to be a strong congregation, a place where no matter where a person is in their faith journey, they are not judged. We say, 'there is a place for you.'"

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I go down to the shore in the morning and, depending on the hour, the waves move in and out, and I say, "Oh, I am miserable, what shall –what should I do?" And the sea says in it's lovely voice; "Excuse me, I have work to do." (Mary Oliver)

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REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

- There will be a **garden party on May 11 from 10:00 -2:00**, bring hat and garden gloves.
- Expenses and giving are currently where we want them—keep up the good work! Attendance numbers for Sunday worship have been high and if this continues, we will consider ways to accommodate additional seats on a regular basis
- The Upper Valley preschool is closing its doors permanently at the end of the school year, so stay tuned for a celebratory shared event as well as a new configuration of what our fellowship space looks like.
- Our property survey report is back and the property committee is working on the next steps. Members of this committee are Zeke Reister, Greg Steeber, Dorthy White, Reed Carlson, Lois Eulberg and Greg Harris.

Mara Merritt, Secretary

TREASURER REPORT

Congregational giving has continued strong in 2019. We now have 10 families using regular online or bank transfer giving. This helps the church maintain its cash flow even when these people are traveling as their contributions continue. We have also had a few families give annual gifts early this year which makes our contributions look even higher. If you would like to consider switching to regular online giving, please contact me or Mike Camp and we can help you set it up. Text giving is also available now at 509-204-5654. Thank you everyone for helping to support the missions of Faith Lutheran Church.

Greg Steeber, Treasurer

EARTH STEWARDSHIP

According to satellite data and instruments in Greenland, the ice (which is 2 miles deep in places) has been shedding at an alarming pace. 400 billion tons were shed in 2012 – four times more than in 2003. The Arctic is warming twice as fast as the rest of the planet and the water could rise by 20 feet, wiping out coastal communities. This is REALLY serious. Climate change is wiping out 60 % of the coffee plants. This is especially true in countries like Madagascar and Tanzania. Researchers have found that 75 of the 124 types of wild coffee are at risk and will be extinct in 60 years. (*The Week*, 2/19)

SANCTUARY CHURCHES

FLC Immigration Justice Group has visited Gethsemane Lutheran, a sanctuary church in Seattle. We support

this ministry and FLC has been part of the "New Sanctuary Movement" since 2012. The Immigration

Justice Group has followed many of the covenants laid out in the document we signed when joining that group. The one thing we don't have the ability to do because of physical barriers in our building, is to provide actual sanctuary to someone in need. Many of our members have chosen to donate to the family currently in sanctuary at Gethsemane and also to the podcast (see link below). We will make

another visit in April to Gethsemane and visit with Jose who is in sanctuary there. If you are interested in making a donation, please see Trudy Leverenz. For more information, go to <https://urbanfaith.org/work>.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED.....

HOW MONEY WORKS This seminar on May 9, 7:00-8:00 p.m. will be presented at Faith Lutheran Church by Bill Moody, an independent representative of Primerica. Bill will show you how to deal with serious financial issues and how your family can have a better financial future. This seminar is hosted by your Stewardship Team. An RSVP is appreciated. Child care provided by arrangement. Contact mary.steeber@gmail.com.

MEET FELLOW WORSHIPERS

We have been blessed with new people joining us for worship. On Saturday, May 25, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Zona McKenzie will host a potluck for these people in her home. All are welcome to come and join in getting to know new folks in our church community. Please plan to come and bring a dish to share.

FAITH LUTHERAN'S MISSION SUPPORT

FLC has received a Thank You Certificate (posted on bulletin board in the fellowship hall) for their contributions to Mission Support through the Eastern Washington – Idaho Synod in the last fiscal year. Together with the gifts of 65 other synods, these gifts multiply the fruits of Lutheran mission here and around the world. Learn more at www.elca.org/missionsupport.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Food and Fellowship events have started and good times are happening! This is simply a reminder to continue organizing these gatherings throughout the summer months.

ABOUT US

FLC Church Council Officers: President, **Bev Cagle**, Vice President, **Rosaleen Dickinson**, Secretary, **Mara Merritt**, Treasurer, **Greg Steeber**.

Endowment committee: **Leesa Broker**, **Danny Thomassen**, **Rosaleen Dickinson**

Terry and Trudy Leverenz, **Leesa Broker** and **Sherry Thompson** leave May 15 for a three-week driving trip to Alaska. **Karl and Dawn Kranz** are taking a trip to Norway this month. We wish them travel mercies.

Prayers of thanksgiving for improvement of health for **Liz Caemmerer, Sarah Butruille, John Agnew, Susan Butruille**, recovering from hip

surgery and **Joan Shumate** anticipating knee surgery.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

9		Zeke Reister	19		
11		Margaret Neighbors	20		
14		Zona McKenzie	21		
16		Cora Landgraf	28		
					19 Oliver Brulotte
					20 Becky Wilkinson
					21 Derek Richardson
					28 John Schramm

MAY CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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			<u>10:00</u> BIBLE STUDY	<u>4:00 – 5:00</u> S.A.G.E.		
			<u>4:00</u> LECTIO DIVINA	<u>7:00</u> EARTH STEWARDSHIP		
	5	6	7	8	9	10
<u>9:30</u> WORSHIP	<u>5:30</u> YOGA	<u>8:00</u> BOOK GROUP	<u>10:00</u> BIBLE STUDY	<u>4:00 – 5:00</u> S.A.G.E.		<u>9:30</u> QUILTING
	<u>6:30 – 8:00</u> FREE CLINIC	<u>1:30</u> STORY TELLING	<u>4:00</u> LECTIO DIVINA	<u>7:00</u> <i>How Money Works</i> with Bill Moody		
	12	13	14	15	16	17
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	<u>6:30 – 8:00</u> FREE CLINIC	<u>4:00</u> STEWARDSHIP	<u>4:00</u> LECTIO DIVINA	<u>5:30</u> LISTENING FOR GOD		
	<u>6:30</u> IMM. JUSTICE	<u>6:30</u> CHURCH COUNCIL				
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NEW
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POTLUCK

6:30 – 8:00
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4:00 LECTIO DIVINA

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- **Please see reverse side for more times, places and contact information**

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CALENDAR DETAILS

- FREE CLINIC - This weekly ministry is run by volunteers, many from FLC. Contact M.E.N.D. office for information: 548-0408
- BOOK GROUP - Fellowship hall. Contact: John Schramm 548-0404 Current book is *Convictions* by Marcus Borg
- IMMIGRATION JUSTICE - Fellowship hall. Contact: Laurie Peek 548-7186 or Trudy Leverenz 888-4856

- YOGA - Fellowship hall. Contact: Marcy Ostrom 630-1262
- BIBLE STUDY - Meets at the home of Lila Lyons.
- LECTO DIVINA - Meets in the church sanctuary. A time of sharing and quiet meditation on Biblical texts. Contact: Liz Caemmerer 421-0872
- S.A.G.E. – Fellowship hall. Sexual and domestic violence counseling.
- LISTENING FOR GOD - Book / faith discussions. Begins with a happy hour followed by pot luck meal. Contact: Tom Derpack 206-601-7739
- EARTH STEWARDSHIP GROUP – Meet at Margaret Neighbor’s home. Anyone interested in climate change and environmental issues is welcome.
- QUILTING - Contact: Trudy Leverenz 888-4856 for location.
- STORY TELLING at the home of Zona McKenzie 11358 Riverbend Dr. first Tuesday each month at 1:30.
- SEW GIRLS: Fellowship hall. Call Trudy Leverenz 888-4856 for details.

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