



Life of Faith

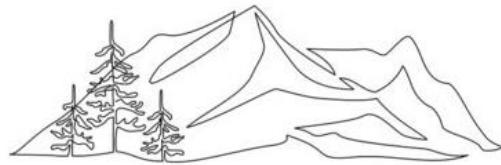
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From our president.....



Today's thought - What we reject, others live for!

Of course there is always a story - Dawn and I enjoy the yellow glow of Dandelion flowers in our yard, But! The moment she sees them start to go to seed, they are undesirable, to be dealt with one by one, including the taproot, wrenched from the soil with her dandelion tool. She pulled 60 gallons of dandelions, stuffed them into 2 black 30 gallon garbage bags and stood them up side by side in the driveway to be hauled off for compost.

I got home after dark that day and noted briefly that there was only one bag standing there. In the morning, I asked her what she did with 30 gallons of dandelion greens and she said- "Nothing, why do you ask?"

After unleashing my Boy Scout tracking skills and following the trail of palm sized plastic bag bits down the hill through the woods to the irrigation canal, I realized that Brer Bear came by after dark and picked up his bagged dandelion salad greens from Dawn's wildlife pantry, then dragged them off to his lair for fine dining. We have not yet found the rest of the evidence.

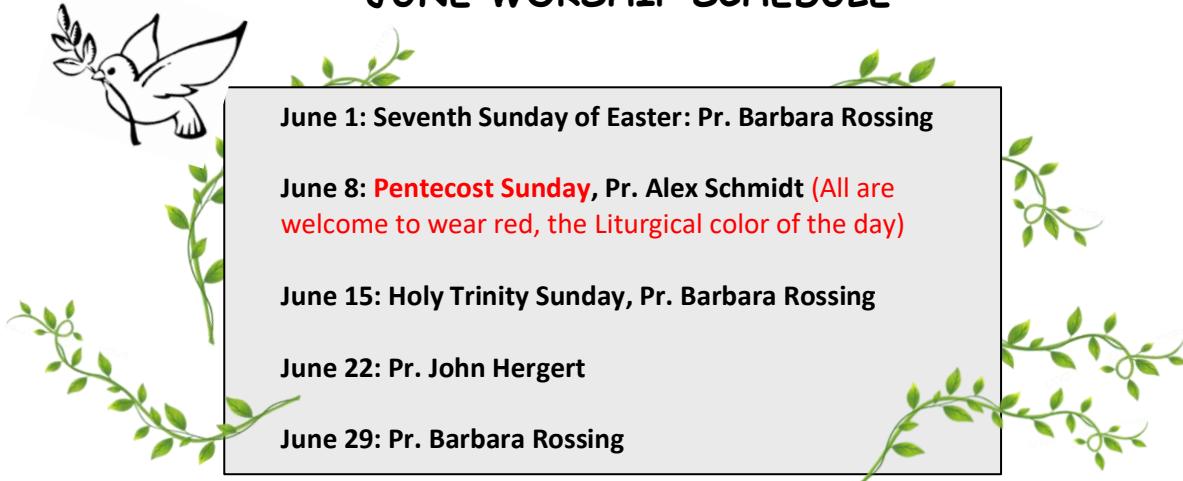


Let us all revel in Spring, surrounded by the surprises of our natural world.

Karl Kranz



JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE



WEEKLY HAPPENINGS / MONTHLY MEETINGS

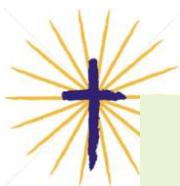
BOOK GROUP: Each Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Current book is *Unwrapping Wonder* by Carol O'Casey. Contact Margaret Neighbors (509) 387-0883 for information.

SAIL: (Staying Active and Independent for Life) Tuesday and Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. All seniors 65 and older are welcome to join this free program. Contact Connie Thomassen (509) 470-8212 for information.

QUILT TYING: Each Tuesday from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

CHURCH COUNCIL: June 19, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

IMMIGRATION/RACE AND JUSTICE: June 18, 6:00 p.m. Contact Alex 509-548-7012 for details.

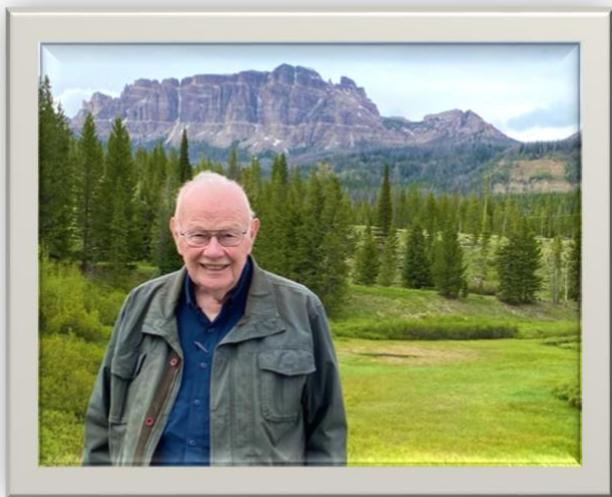


Retired pastors of our congregation are available to provide pastoral care whenever needed. Please reach out to Pastor John Schramm / 509-548-0404.



Mark your calendar!
Faith Lutheran's 2nd Annual Garden Tour
July 12, 2025

If you would like your garden included in the tour, please contact Greg Harris or Karl Kranz



Gratitude for John Butruille, Pope Francis, and Catholics at Faith Lutheran Church by Barbara Rossing

I am grateful for John Butruille, a wise elder and leader at Faith Lutheran Church who died May 23. I am grateful for his Roman Catholic insights and wisdom that he brought to our congregational life. John is one of a number of Catholics who call our congregation home—and we are so blessed!

John had a long career with U.S. Forest Service before moving here. He served as Regional Forester (head of the 2-state Region, Oregon and Washington) from 1989-1992 at a very tough time. He previously worked in Wyoming,

Alaska, Colorado and Washington D. C. John brought a “long-term perspective on sustainability and taking care of things” as Zeke Reister, who worked with John on the Faith Lutheran Church Property Committee, describes. Heather Murphy, also a Forest Service retiree, tells of great forestry discussions on hikes and drives up the Icicle with John, often after church, looking at birds through the trees and getting back to the multiple uses of Forests. According to Heather, “Even after being retired so long, John still lived the Forest Service motto *Caring for the Land and Serving the People*”. John was a loving husband to Susan for more than 60 years; a father to Tony and Frank; a friend to many of us.

I wish I had talked more with John Butruille about Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical “*Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*.” This document has had an enormous influence on me, on Lutherans globally and on our Faith Lutheran Church Earth Stewardship group. The document underscores the importance of forests for climate health, something dear to John’s heart. In terms of climate policy, the Paris Climate Agreement of 2015 came about in part because Pope Francis advocated so strongly with world leaders, including the United States Congress. You can read *Laudato Si* here:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

In 2023, Pope Francis released an urgent follow-up, *Laudate Deum: To All People of Good Will On the Climate Crisis*, critiquing those who deny the climate crisis and calling on governments and economic leaders to do more: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

May 24 marked the ten-year anniversary of Pope Francis’ landmark document. When it was released in 2015, the Faith Lutheran Church Earth Stewardship and Book Groups studied the *Laudato Si* document together with Roman Catholic parishioners from Our Lady of the Snows. We walked the outdoor Stations of the Cross with our Catholic friends at their beautiful campus and learned from them. Such joy!

I’m grateful that the new Pope—Pope Leo from Chicago—has already signaled that he will continue Pope Francis’ climate advocacy work. I’m grateful that Lutherans, Catholics and many faith communities can work together to protect God’s creation.

Thanks be to God for the life and work of our brother, John Butruille!



Listening Teams

Our synod's long-awaited "Listening team" pilot program will begin Saturday, June 28, with Pr. Paul Palumbo of Lake Chelan Lutheran and another representative from the synod. The program is designed to help our congregation articulate a sense of identity and envision where God is leading us for the future through individual listening sessions. There are three ways to participate in these sessions:

1. A 20 minute in-person session with synod representatives. For this option, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall with the first opportunity being June 28. The sessions are available at 20 minute intervals from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
2. A 20 minute zoom session with Pr. Ann Bjorklund and Pr. Tim Stadem. Watch for details to come.
3. Submit a written response to the listening session questions. Watch for details to come.

Listening session questions:

- **What is the congregation's purpose?**
- **What gets in the way of that purpose?**
- **What works well here now?**
- **What else do you think we need to know?**
- **How do you think the congregation will be doing in 5 (10) years?**



CALLING A NEW PASTOR...



We are at a time where our Mission Site Profile (MSP) has been posted and we are giving time for it to circulate to attract those who might be interested. In the meantime, we are meeting with the congregational treasurer to craft a realistic package to offer when the time comes and getting ready for interviews. What questions will we ask to get to the heart of each candidate's theology and vision?

Your Call Committee,
Leesa Broker, Judy Hewitt-Harris, Barbara Rossing, Eric Krumland, Amy Carlson and Karl Kranz

Church Council May 2025



Treasurer's Report

- April contributions were higher (\$2,000) but below budget. We are behind \$12,000 for the year but with no pastor so we don't have to take out of reserves. \$15,000 net was from giving and rent of properties.
- Treasurer Greg Steeber will be presenting to the Call Committee on Monday about what we can afford to pay a new pastor. Considering \$174,000 income for the year, \$100,000 in expenses for the year, leave the remainder of about \$74,000 for a pastor. Looking at ELCA pay scale (guidelines) and health insurance expenses/etc. for a full-time call, we can afford a new seminary graduate (0 years experience) with a spouse or children. Having spouse and children would be over \$74,000. Part time would be cheaper but still paying full-time health insurance and taxes.

Property Committee

- Three irrigation systems have been activated and another valve and circuit has been added on the church irrigation for garden drip coverage.
- LED bulbs have been ordered and will be tested for lighting in the sanctuary. Hopefully they will work to avoid other expensive installation options.
- New keypad on the back door of the sanctuary is the same as the entrance to Fellowship Hall.
- A small load of gravel will be spread for rear parking area.
- Discussed tenant request at Tumwater rental to have a family friend temporarily stay with them over summer. Council agreed this is fine with no additional fee.

Worship Committee

- Outdoor worship will start third Sunday of June.

Endowment Committee

- Endowment requests have been received and designations made with the council's approval. Lisa Therrell shared that designated money towards hospital in Tanzania will instead go towards flooding relief for secondary school. Council approved the change and had conversation about looking into other funds to support the hospital due to significant needs in that area.

Earth Stewardship Committee

- The movie night was successful with a variety of attendees.
- "Low e" will be this coming Sunday. All are encouraged to consider alternative modes of transportation. Looking to 'challenge' our ELCA cluster/synod to participate in this as well.
- Garden tours will be Saturday, July 12. There is conversation about advertising outside of church in the broader Leavenworth community.
- Next movie night will be in September and possibly outdoors.
- There is conversation about researching organizations that take old worthless clothes as the one in Wenatchee has closed. MEND gets lots of donations that are not resalable so is trying to find a place to give those items away for repurposing. May have to shuttle items to Seattle as they have organizations that will take them.

Old Business

- Continue discussion with leadership at our neighboring churches – Local church invited our Faith men to a Men's retreat. Don't know details or interest.
- Dinners for 5 or 6 in the fall season, planning and schedule – need a person to organize. Will start during the fall season.
- Still need an adult forum champion.
- Directory update is completed and paper copies are available in Fellowship Hall. The directory is intentionally not posted online.
- Synod Listening Teams are ready to schedule dates with us. Sat/Sun and weekdays.

New Business:

- Spring garden cleanup is May 31.
- Office space possibilities continue to be explored. Estimated cost is \$50,000 or more.
- The Fellowship Hall carpet needs to be cleaned and stretched or replaced. Greg Steeber is getting bids for both options. Discussed carpet vs. laminate flooring as well.
- Greg Steeber asked about response if Troy from the Chamber of Commerce asks us to work 2 weekends during Oktoberfest again. Council agreed yes.

Call Committee

- The Ministry Site Profile has been posted and nominations are being accepted.
- The Committee has agreed that their final decision will be made with consensus.

Topic from 'Pastor's letter' list to work on this month

- Is it time to move on from this topic? Pete asked to review list and see if anything else to discuss before moving on.

Next Council Meeting: June 19 6:00 pm



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Churchwide Assembly meets under the theme
*For the Life of the World***

July 28 - Aug. 2, 2025, Phoenix, AZ

This assembly is the primary decision-making body of the ELCA and is a process of communal spiritual discernment. Its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies
- Elect officers, board members, other leaders according to the constitution or bylaws. This year includes the election of a new Presiding Bishop.
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy
- Worship together
- Adopt a budget
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization

Faith member, Pr. Barbara Rossing will be on the ballot for election to the National Church Council at the assembly.

Immigration/Race and Justice Group received from Alex Schmidt

Present: Three of our group were able to attend

THE PURPOSE of our May meeting was to participate in the Wenatchee for Immigrant Justice (WIJ), NW Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP), and Columbia Legal Services (CLS) Zoom presentation of the legal risks involved in undertaking advocacy and direct support for undocumented immigrants. Our goal in participating was to gather this information and apply it to our I/RJG, our mission, actions, and to assess our ongoing individual and group risk level. AND TO MAKE OUR READERS AWARE OF OUR CURRENT NATIONAL SITUATION.

The relevant federal law presented was **8 U.S.C. § 1324**, also known as the *"bringing in and harboring certain aliens."* It is a federal law, passed in 1907 with a turbulent history and numerous subsequent revisions. Essentially, it criminalizes specific actions related to the illegal entry, transportation, or harboring of individuals in the United States who are not lawfully present. It was originally intended to mostly address human trafficking in its many forms.

There are four key aspects of Section 1324. Briefly:

1. Bringing in a noncitizen w/o authorization.
2. Transporting or moving a noncitizen within the U.S. if they are not lawfully present.
3. Concealing, harboring, or shielding a noncitizen who is unlawfully in the U.S. from detection.
4. Encouraging or inducing an alien to come to, enter, or reside in the U.S. knowing or in reckless disregard that such actions are unlawful.

Advocacy groups throughout the nation are concerned that this law will be expanded even further, as it has been over the last years, and will be increasingly used against activists and advocacy groups supporting immigrants and seeking justice. It was obvious in the presentation and ensuing conversations that our local advocacy groups (NW Immigrant Rights Project, WIJ, Parque Padrinos, our I/RJG) could be potential targets.

Also presented were general guidelines for Risk Reduction in any advocacy work. Mentioned in the power point (below) were three levels of risk, RED, YELLOW, and GREEN. A key question to be applied to any action is: "What is your INTENT?" All participants and organizations were advised to take note:

RED: *Actively participating in smuggling or hiding noncitizens, from detection, telling noncitizens how to escape detention or detection, transporting noncitizens after unlawful entry or to conceal them from detection.* **YELLOW:** *Transporting noncitizens when you know their status in ways that can appear to be helping them remain unlawfully, monitoring ICE activity and giving public warnings, instructing someone to not cooperate with ICE.* **GREEN:** *Educating people on their rights, protesting federal policy, supporting a noncitizen in their legal process, observing ICE activity in progress (safe distance).*

Needless to say, advocacy groups are actively and variously involved on some level in 3 of the key aspects. It is also noted that the wording is somewhat vague and can be interpreted in many ways which is a serious concern. Three guidelines were given for Risk Reduction:

1. **"Agnostic" Support:** Make sure your support is "general," for all immigrants and not just noncitizens.
2. **Public Statements:** Insure that your public statements of mission and activities are not "illegal" or "provocating."
3. **Decide and evaluate** your risk before acting.

After the Zoom presentation, our group spent time discussing what was learned. We will continue to review, assess, and monitor our activities and seek additional counsel as necessary.

We then continued our meeting, accepting one request for a Cascade H.S. student's need for Drivers Ed assistance for \$300 (total cost is \$600). Another student's application was denied but was encouraged to resubmit providing more information.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 18, for details, contact Alex 509.548.7012



Faith Lutheran Church: 1912 – 1938

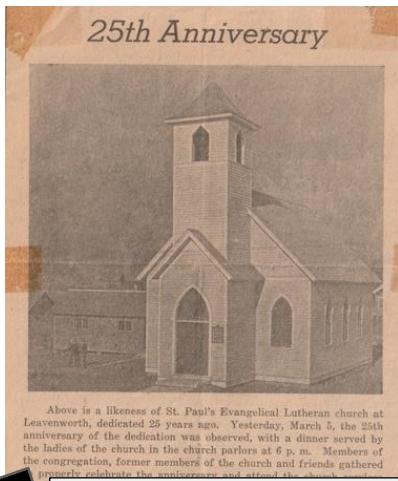
This is the second in a series of articles telling the history of Faith Lutheran Church, Leavenworth

Pr. L. Ave Lallement served the congregation from 1912 to 1914. Nothing other than his name is known from this time period. From 1914 to 1917 there are no names of pastors recorded although the name of Pr. G. Haase is noted on a list of pastors so he could possibly have served during this time. Records available are only financial. The salary in 1916 was \$173.90 per year.

Wisconsin Synod records show that Pr. W. Lueckel served from 1918 to 1932. He was a friendly person, easy to be around. It has been told that when visiting a family who recently moved to the area from North Dakota and still living in a small cabin with apple boxes for chairs, Pr. Lueckel would simply come in, comfortably pull up a box and spend a pleasant time just talking. He also led a strong, well attended Sunday School as shown in the photo here from 1925. In 1920, the church was named St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran church. In 1922, a Parsonage was purchased at 132 West Street and later sold to Dexter and Fleta Emmons.



Pr. Elmer Henry Zimmerman served the Church from 1932 – 1937. In addition to Leavenworth, he also served churches in Mansfield and Withrow. It is not known how often each parish held services. Pr. Zimmerman was one who enjoyed working with his hands and was mostly responsible for building the first Parish Hall. Individuals who needed help with building or repairing their homes found their Pastor ready to advise and help. He also did some orchard work.



Pr. Zimmerman's daughter, Marilyn Zimmerman McManus of Wenatchee, has given information and personal details about her father to the original Historian group as well as photos and information from the Wisconsin Synod.

Carolyn Hansen Marshall remembers when Pr. Zimmerman was married. While he was bringing his bride home to the Parsonage on West Street, the young people "short-sheeted" the bed and hanged the Parson in effigy – the image dressed in the Pastor's nightshirt. Carolyn, being the smallest of the crowd, was elected to crawl in a window and open the door for the rest. What a homecoming! Carolyn was the church organist as were Lila May Jones and Ruth Hogberg also played from time to time.

There is no information available from 1938.

Above is a likeness of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Leavenworth, dedicated 25 years ago. Yesterday, March 5, the 25th anniversary of the dedication was observed, with a dinner served by the ladies of the church in the church parlors at 6 p.m. Members of the congregation, former members of the church and friends gathered to properly celebrate the anniversary and attend the church services at 8 p.m. Rev. F. H. Soll, president of the Pacific Northwest district, delivered the anniversary address. Rev. E. H. Zimmerman, pastor of the church, was in charge

Information gathered here comes from a history written by Mary Schramm, likely for our 100th anniversary in 2009, and various notes provided by Leesa Broker. When and who gathered this historical information is unclear. Please let me or Karl Kranz know if you might have information to add or correct.



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Art Show.....

**Saturday, June 21
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
With treats and music!**

Faith member Reed Carlson will host an exhibition showcasing a retrospective of 30 years of nature photography in the Pacific Northwest. The show will be multi-dimensional in that it will have framed color and black and white prints and a slide show of "GIFs," which is a type of stop motion video. There will be a new environment in the Fellowship Hall with lighting and sound. Many items will be for sale.



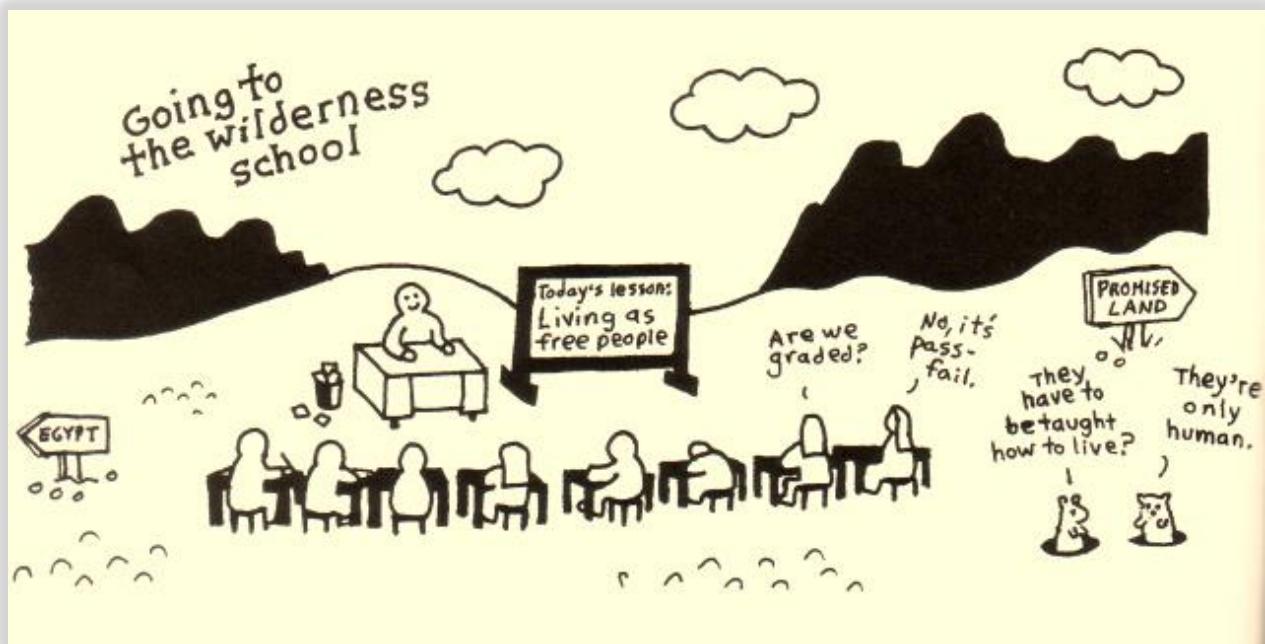
Congratualtions, Connie!

Faith member Connie Thomassen and friend completed the 5k Mother's Day Mai BlumenLauf on May 11 with Connie coming in First Place for her age group (70+). The majority of registration fees benefited Cascade Medical Center.



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Mission Statement

As disciples in Christ, we are called to incarnate the gracious, healing and reconciling presence of God through sacramental worship, congregational nurture and ministries of peace, mercy and justice for all Creation.

Vision Statement

Living in God's amazing grace, we envision Faith Lutheran Church as a diverse beacon of hope, healing and reconciliation in a broken world.

Faith Lutheran Church is a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) congregation

We provide a safe and healing environment where people of any race, sexual orientation, gender identity, social or economic status can be nourished in their journey of faith.



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Thanks to all who contributed articles and general interest information for this newsletter! Please forward contributions to Mary Steeber at mary.steeber@gmail.com by June 23 for the July issue.

