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CHURCH**

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Messenger

NEWSLETTER

Praising God | Nurturing Faith | Serving All

INTERIM PASTORS

Amber Remillard
Barbara Rolph

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Lynne Campbell

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM in the sanctuary
Online via YouTube by following day

COMMUNION

Served each Sunday

COFFEE HOUR

Following Sunday worship

YOUTUBE

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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

This is the Easter season and Christ’s resurrection makes us an Easter People. Easter lasts for 50 days until Pentecost - which will be May 28th. Be sure to wear **red** that day to celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit.

By now you have received the recommendation for a new management company for Luther Park called Senior Services of America. There will be a congregational meeting May 14th to vote on this recommendation.

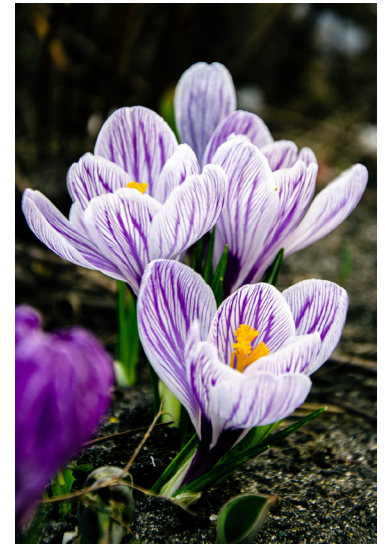
While we received news that the Pastoral candidate declined the call, do not give up hope. The church at large is having more vacancies than ministers to fill them. Pastor Phil just returned from Synod and is checking into a bridge interim pastor, one who serves between installed pastors.

Ideally it would be nice to have youth and lots of programs. But the church is changing and reinventing itself. What other ways can a church serve God?

Our community is seeing an influx of retired folks - is that

a ministry to consider? Pray for the council and the congregation to seriously examine where FLC can best serve.

May 21st is Yard Clean-Up after worship. Come dressed



in work clothes; bring tools and pickups, and together we can tidy the grounds by noon. If you can’t work, feel free to supervise or provide a beverage.

Happy Spring and Blessed Easter Season!

Blessings,
Pastor Barbara

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208-263-2048

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208-290-3880

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509-951-4182

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208-263-2610

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208-255-6885

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, MAY 14

Following the church service on May 14th, there will be a congregational meeting to be held in the sanctuary for the purpose of voting on the council’s recommendation of a new management company for Luther Park.

NEEDED - OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

FLC’s administrative assistant Lynne Cambell will be on vacation from May 23th to May 30th. Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls, pick up the mail, etc. There’s a sign-up sheet outside the sanctuary or call Lynne at 208-263-2048.

“INTO THE WOODS” PRODUCTION

Come delight in this new production of Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods,” in which Pastor Steve has a role. May 12, 13, 19, and 20 at the Panida, 7 PM. Tickets (\$25) at the door or available through the Lake Pend Oreille Repertory Theater website.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, 5-3-2023

Search Committee for New LP Management Company:

Council heard an extensive report from the Search Committee for a new management company for Luther Park and voted to approve the Committee's recommendation. Hand outs will be provided for the congregation at coffee hour, Sunday May 7.

Hot Water Heater Replaced:

The hot water heater in the Men's restroom needed to be replaced due to leakage and flooding. Ray purchased and installed a new heater.

Retired Pastor Al Cassel's Visit:

The Biker group will be lodging at Bruce Johnson's condo in Dover and will not need to use the church. Council and spouses are sponsoring a dinner for them. This will not include the congregation; food to be supplied by Council not the church.

North Idaho Women's Cluster Luncheon:

The church will host a Salad/ Dessert luncheon for the North Idaho Women's Cluster group on Sat., Aug 12. There will be a service project for the women and an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the quilt and mirror projects donated to provide FLC with funds for pastor moving expenses when needed.

Ministry Site Profile:

The Ministry Site Profile was approved as amended.

Yard Clean-Up, Sunday, May 21:

Yard clean-up will be after church. Members will be encouraged to wear work clothes and bring tools to use.

Internet Bid:

The Vyve bid to separate phone and internet from Luther Park is 635.95 /month. Hard lines are needed for 3 phones plus fire. More info coming.

Trish Thurston
Council Secretary

Sunday Readings for May

May 75 Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Ps 31:1-5,15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 146 Easter

Acts 17:22-31
Ps 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 18

Ascension of our Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47 or 93
Eph 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 217 Easter

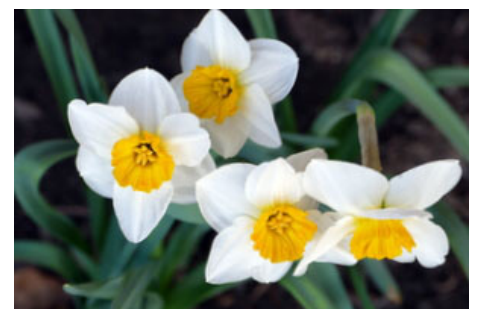
Acts 1:6-14
Ps 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 28 ... Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30
Ps 104:24-34, 35b
1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

2023 Church Year Calendar

Narcissus blooms at FLC





NEWSY NOTES

COMMUNION FOR LP RESIDENTS

Those residents of Luther Park who would like shut-in communion, please contact the Church office at 208-263-2048 during office hours, Tue - Thurs.

BOOK GROUP

A book discussion group is forming and will be meeting on Tuesdays at 11 AM in the Conference Room. The first book will be "The Sermon on the Mount" by Emmet Fox. If you'd like a book, please contact Sharon Roget.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

For the month of April, FLC member donations totaled 56 pounds of food and \$140 in cash.

Bags of Blessings—

Please bring your food contributions by Sunday, May 28th. Foods that are especially needed include cereal, soup, juice, pasta, peanut butter, tuna, and spaghetti sauce. Also desirable are personal care products, laundry soap, and toilet paper. Check for a complete list of needed items above the Bags of Blessings box outside the Fellowship Hall.



MEET MARTINA...

FLC's newest member seems to be more interested in physical

rather than spiritual sustenance. But, kind of her, isn't it, to prune our shrubs and fertilize our flowers? Named Martina Luther by Pastor Barbara, she has found in FLC a gentle home. Though her lengthy lashes seem to say, "Come hither," probably best to keep one's distance. The only safe mouse, after all, is one made of chocolate!



HWY 200 CLEAN-UP CREW

Many thanks to Bill Phillips, Keith Carter, Tina Sundquist and Bob Thurston, pictured left to right above, for their work on cleaning up FLC's section of Highway 200!

CHURCH YARD CLEAN-UP, MAY 21

Wear work clothes and bring your pickups and gardening tools to participate in a church yard clean-up after worship on Sunday, May 21.

NW INTERMOUNTAIN SYNOD - Assembly Update

Dear Friends,

From April 28-30, 2023 the Northwest Intermountain Synod gathered BEGA KWA BEGA (shoulder to shoulder) together in assembly in Pasco, WA to accomplish the business of our synod, to celebrate the ministry that comes out of our partnership, and to worship and pray with one another.

During opening and closing worship, \$6,424 in offering was collected to be split evenly between the Wells Endowment for Campus Ministry, Lutheran Disaster Response and Ulanga Kilombero Diocese Girls' Scholarships at Tumaini School! There is still opportunity to give & support these wonderful causes. Simply click here. It was a joy to have people from the three congregations in the Tri-Cities, Pasco First, Lord of Life-Kennewick, and First-Kennewick join us for closing worship on Sunday morning, including a 50-60 person choir formed by Assembly attendees and local church members!

Another gift of being in a denomination is that we are not alone in this work, and we can celebrate the work done in our name in other parts of our synod, country, and world.

Here are some highlights of the work that was accomplished and celebrated this weekend:

- We had the privilege of undertaking an election for bishop. After six candidates, four ballots, and a lengthy Q & A, the gathered assembly elected Pastor Meggan Manlove as the next bishop of the NWIM Synod. We are grateful to all the candidates (with the support of their congregations and families) for letting their names go forward. And I am excited for Bishop-Elect Meggan and her leadership. The Bishop-Elect is currently serving at Trinity Lutheran Church in Nampa, Idaho, where she has been for the last 12 years. You can read more about her and all the candidates here. The Assembly gave a standing ovation to Bishop Kristen in gratitude for her 6 years of service in that office. Bishop-Elect Meggan will start her term July 1. Her installation is scheduled for October 7 at Cathedral of the Rockies, Boise, ID.

- We also had the privilege of undergoing an election for two officer position on the Synod Council: vice president, which is the highest lay office (lay = not pastor or deacon) in

the synod, and synod secretary, a role that may be held by a lay person or a rostered minister. Lisa Therrell, member of Faith Lutheran, Leavenworth, WA, was elected as our next vice president. Her term will begin September 1, 2023. Randy Darst, member of St. Mark's Lutheran, Spokane, WA, was elected as synod secretary. His term will begin September 1, 2024.

- There were many other elections for Synod Council and Synod Committees for terms beginning over the next two years.

You can read a full recap of the assembly at this link: <https://nwimsynod.org/blog/202357/synod-assembly-recap>



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTING

Founded in 1945 and aligned with Lutheran values, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) was established with a goal of combating poverty “by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being.”

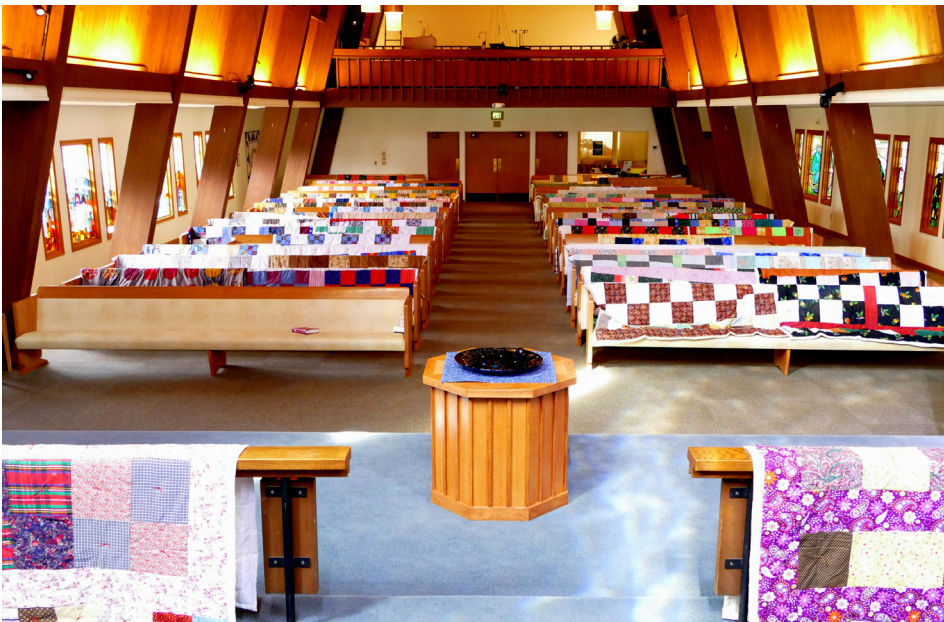
Part of LWR relief is the distribution of several hundred thousand quilts to those in need around the world. Every Wednesday afternoon, FLC members gather to craft quilts from salvaged materials that would otherwise likely meet their fate in a landfill.

Following the dedication of the quilts on April 30, LWR volunteers boxed up 60 quilts to ship to LWR headquarters

Says Sharon Roget, “Thank you so much for the help packing and the generous donations for purchasing and paying shipping charges on the batting. We’ve received a lot of material for making the quilt tops. We can always use any gently used sheets you have to donate. Making these quilts is really a work of love from all of us.”

She also says anyone interested in participating is welcome to join the group.

The LWR quilting group meets every Wednesday at 1 PM in the Sunday School Quilting Room.



Close-Up of a Quilt



Finished Quilts Line the Pews Prior to Their Dedication





Judy Payne with Pastor Amber who shares her thanks for such a lovely gift.

At FLC: Community Organizations

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild (non-profit)

Second Tuesday each month, Fellowship Hall. Providing education, enjoyment, and social exchange for those who enjoy the art of quilting. Please call with questions or for more information.

Contact: Linda Oldridge,
208-597-1598

Food Addicts Anonymous

Wednesdays, 10 AM - 12 Noon, Meeting Room across from the LWR quilting room. Based on the 12 steps of recovery, this group is for anyone suffering from food addiction.

Contact: Brenda Swenson,
208-255-9339

Women's Circles

Phoebe Bible Study

Fourth Tuesday each month
9:30 AM | Library Room
Gather Magazine is used
Contact: Judy Payne
208-263-3564

Mary's Circle

Each meeting arranged
Contact: Jean Cafferty
208-263-4942

Faith Bible Study

Fourth Tuesday each month
1:00 PM | Conference Room
Contact: Sharon Roget
208-610-9005
Faith Bible Study is open to all. Come and build lasting relationships.

Quilting Groups

Bosom Buddies

3rd Monday of the month
9:30 AM - 12 N, Fellowship Hall
Contact: Linda Aavedal
208-610-6565

Lutheran World Relief

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM
Sunday School Quilting Room
Contact: Sharon Roget
208-610-9005

Stitches of Love

Currently on hiatus
Contact: Brigette Sanborn
If you know of someone in the FLC congregation who would benefit from a tangible gift of love and caring through a handmade quilt, please contact Brigette Sanborn, 208-263-8120.



Yoga Ministry

Classes designed for "Late Bloomers" are held in the Fellowship Hall Mondays and Thursdays at 8:15 AM. Contact Judy Payne at 208-263-3564.

PENTECOST



In the church year, the day of Pentecost is the culmination of the 50 days of the Easter celebration. This year it falls on May 28.

Pentecost celebrates the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit and the Early Church (Acts 2). Small flames appeared on their heads and allowed them to speak in tongues and proclaim the truth of Christ's resurrection, eternal life, and forgiveness of sins.

Those who believed were baptized and received the Holy Spirit as well. This is the longest part of the entire Church Year.

The colors of Pentecost are red to represent fire and the coming of the Holy Spirit. On the Sundays after Pentecost, green is used to represent the Christian life and growth in faith.

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