

THE SPIRIT

May 2024



When I recently met with all 65 bishops of the ELCA, we sent a letter to President Joe Biden urging him to do everything in his power to bring an end to the current suffering and loss of life in Gaza and Israel and to lay a foundation for a lasting and just peace.

There has been too much death and suffering in all of the communities of Palestine, Israel, and the Holy Land. We must be part of the international effort to help bring peace.

I am enclosing below the full text of that letter from the Conference of Bishops. If you find yourself in agreement with the letter, I encourage you to send or email a copy to your US Senators and Representatives.

In this Easter season as we celebrate Christ's victory over death, we also work and pray that Christ's new life and peace will come to our world, particularly in those places of deepest pain.

In Christ, Bishop Rick Jaech



Southwestern Washington Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

March 3, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We, as the Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), write with utmost urgency after more than 140 days of violence in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. We urge you to do everything in your power to bring an end to the current suffering and lay the foundation

for lasting peace with justice.

As members of the ELCA Conference of Bishops, we are elected to lead one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with nearly 3 million members in more than 8,700 worshipping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. We are compelled to advocate, pray and act by the social teachings of our denomination and by our belief—rooted in Scripture—that all people are made in the image of God.

We mourn the loss of 1,200 precious lives in Israel on Oct. 7 by the actions of Hamas and the trauma for those 250 others who were taken hostage. We mourn the loss of over 30,000 precious lives in Gaza—including tens of thousands of women and children—who have died in Israel's military action since then and the trauma that ripples outward from this loss. We grieve the deaths of more than 400 Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel since Oct. 7 as the circle of violence expands and makes casualties of yet more civilians.

Too many have suffered. Too many lives have been lost. Strong U.S. leadership is needed to help bring a comprehensive permanent cease-fire, an end to the occupation and lasting peace.

We commend your administration's stated commitment to ensuring Palestinians in Gaza can remain and that those who have fled should be able to return to their homes once it is safe to do so. We affirm the United States' opposition to calls by Israeli officials to resettle Gaza. We support your administration's efforts in working toward an immediate release of hostages held in Gaza in exchange for political prisoners. We call on all parties to abide by the Geneva Conventions and customary international law. We call for the collective punishment imposed on civilians in Gaza to be brought to an immediate end. The United States must do more to help secure the immediate release of all civilians being held hostage and ensure international protection for all civilians.

We welcome the recent order of the International Court of Justice that calls upon Israel "to take all measures within its power" to prevent genocide, in addition to requiring Israel to report the steps it is taking to uphold its obligation



to ensure humanitarian aid is reaching the people of Gaza. We call upon your administration to encourage accountability from Israel by taking the appropriate actions to follow through with this order and these responsibilities.

The humanitarian situation in Gaza is worsening. According to the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor, more than 24,000 children in Gaza have lost one or both parents. Save the Children reports that 75% of schools, colleges and universities in Gaza have been destroyed or damaged. UNICEF implores the world to respond as 90% of children under 2 years old in Gaza are subject to “severe food poverty.” We are also concerned that many donor states, including the United States, have suspended funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), the primary international organization providing lifesaving aid for millions of Palestinians in Gaza and the region.

We call upon your administration to immediately resume funding to UNRWA and encourage other donor states to follow suit. The U.S. government must do more to ensure the immediate and consistent provision of humanitarian assistance.

As leaders in the ELCA, which is committed to peace, we call on your administration and Congress to support the demilitarization of the conflict. In the words of this church’s social teaching: “We denounce beliefs and actions that find ultimate security in weapons and warfare” (For Peace in God’s World, p. 5).

The time for a comprehensive cease-fire is now. Israelis and Palestinians must no longer continue to experience these ongoing cycles of war and violence. The United States must help move all parties toward clear commitments to lasting security and peace for both Israelis and Palestinians. This means a homeland for Israelis and a globally recognized State of Israel, including its right to exist. Equally, it means self-determination for the Palestinian people and a

state that Palestinians may call home with full diplomatic recognition, in line with decades of U.S. diplomatic policy.

Mr. President, we ask you to support a permanent bilateral cease-fire that will bring a lasting end to the violence. Only then can the root causes of violence and suffering be addressed. We also call upon all parties to work toward a lasting, just peace that protects all human life and ensures the long-term security and sustainability of all those living in the Middle East.

We are also concerned about the consequences that the Gaza conflict has had in the United States, perhaps most vividly in the sharp rise in expressions of anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab, anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim hate. Aware of your efforts to address these trends, we pledge to do all we can to speak out and to work together with your administration and Congress, and with our ecumenical and interreligious partners, to try to prevent all forms of hate that demean the dignity of every person.

Jesus taught: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). Mr. President, child of God and made in God’s image, we are praying with and for you as your siblings in Christ. May God give you everything necessary to meet the needs of this critical moment, particularly peacemaking.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Bishop, Metropolitan Chicago Synod Chair, ELCA
Conference of Bishops



Children opening their eggs following the hunt!

Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg

WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality every thing and every one is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our

prayer together with Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God's people join in prayer for Alice Johnstone, Ronan, Alec Pugh, Marti Debandt, Xander Johnstone, Mike Erickson, Kris Gienger & Family, Krista, Chris Castillo, K. Bramstedt, Janice Harder, Sam Rabung, Kristin Mullen, Pastor Eric Utto-Galarneau and family, Tobi Buckman, Monica Olden, Cheri, Dana, Susan Bylund, Dean Christianson, Emmersyn, Josiah, Mert Turner, Audra Wieler, Michael Silver, Helen Velling, Linda, Tom Plumlee and we pray for family and friends mourning the death of Nick. May he rest in peace in rise in glory.

May BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS:

Al Kelling, May 1
Molly Gundersen, May 2
Kari Ann Larson, May 2
Michael Mendoza, May 2
Marti Debandt, May 3
Hiedi Seelke, May 6
Sophie Kupka, May 8
Hank Bilderback, May 9
Eilidh Channel, May 9
Kristine Finazzo, May 17

Mark Smalley, May 20
Tobi Buckman, May 22
Cindy Penttila, May 23
Joelle Buckman, May 27
Madison Winter, May 28
Joe Fernandez, May 30

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jeff & Stephanie Gundersen, May 26
Al & Marge Kelling, May 27



Naomi, Carmon, & Ruth Ann for helping Vicky assemble materials.

Michelle Weiberg for helping Vicky with proofing monthly newsletters.

Diane Hanson for assisting Vicky in the office weekly.

Helpers who take food down to the Food Bank, Salvation Army and Cold Weather Shelter.

Everyone who continues to donate to Cold Weather shelter, Salvation Army and Food Bank.

Everyone who helped with the Holy (Maundy) Thursday and Good Friday services.

The Men for making brunch on Easter Sunday.

Everyone who donated goodies for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you to **Kathy Wehage** for preparing breakfast for the council retreat!

Thank you to **all the women** who helped make the Women's Tea so successful! Also thank you to **the**

men behind the scenes who helped out: Roger Shaw, Mike Hubbard, Keith Lile.



Joy on Easter as Pastor Doug photo bombs Kathy and Diane. Happy Easter!!!

A special thanks for your generous donations at the Easter breakfast. We received \$369 to assist with Vacation Bible Camp expenses! What a blessing!!

Wow! Our congregation is incredibly generous! The good will offering from the Youth and family potato feed raised \$996.31! Thank you for helping us "make waves" towards our \$2,100 goal. Overall funds raised so far - \$1,450!

The youth will also be selling tickets to a spaghetti dinner to be held at Saron Lutheran on May 7th ... another opportunity to help "make waves" towards achieving our goal!

Pastor Doug sharing the Easter message with the young people.

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED

- **Habitat for Humanity of Grays Harbor** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$73.18
- **PLU** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$73.18
- **Family Promise of Grays Harbor** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$73.18
- **Union Gospel Mission** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$49.87
- Thank you so much for the wonderful Valentine's day gift/care package. It was very generous and very thoughtful.

Sophi Kupka

- **Dear Amazing Grace members,**

Administrative Professionals Day was Wednesday, April 24th.

Thank you so much for honoring me with flowers, a plaque, and a gift card. Eating lunch at McDonald's was also a very special, yummy treat.

Even though the work/days can sometimes be overwhelming, it's great to know that I have people who are available to help if I need it.

No thank you is big enough for all the help and support I've received from those at Amazing Grace.

With Much Appreciation,

Vicky Kolb

- **Dear Amazing Grace Lutheran Church,**

Thank you for your generous gift of \$390.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [the lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"
(Luke 10:36-37)

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help the people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people — around the world and around the corner — with what they need to live abundant lives.

Gifts are designated for:

Rooster	\$15
Goat & flock of chicks	\$60
Piglet	\$30
Honeybees & community vegetable garden	\$220
Sunday school start-up kit	\$65



Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.
With gratitude, Rachel Wind, Executive for Development

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION 5/7

Kristine Finazzo, Leader

Michelle Weiberg, Lynette Lile, Marti Debandt, Guy Harper, Kris Gienger

Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon Shaw: 360-532-2940

Doug from UGM says to plan on 35-45 dinner

guests and to have food there between 3-4:00.

Team leaders need to contact Doug on cell phone prior so he can give current numbers. 360 888 6382

If food needs to be heated up or cooked drop off earlier.

You may deliver food to the door in the alley.

Ring the bell by the door and they will come and get the food.



DISCUSSION ON FLAGS IN CHURCH

Since the last meeting with Pastor Vance ran long, not everyone was able to stay the whole time and participate in the discussion about where it is appropriate to display the American Flag in the church.

We will have another discussion session after service on May 5th. As per Pastor Vance's recommendation, this session will be run by the church council instead of Pastor Vance.

The article on *Are Flags Appropriate in Church* available with Grace Notes and in Sanctuary.



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATES:

- FPGH is hosting a Summer Friend Raising Concert featuring Angel Phoenix and The Man (with Special Guests) at Grays Harbor Foursquare on Friday, July 12 at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 each or \$50 per family for up to 6 members and can be purchased by scanning the QR Code, visiting bit.ly/4apWya8, or calling the Family Promise Center at 360-986-3944.



Save the date! Our 2nd Annual "There's No Place Like Home" Dinner & Auction Benefit will be held at 5 PM on **Saturday, September 14** at the Rotary Log Pavilion. Want to volunteer? Contact Arlene Torgerson or Darci Jewitt, especially if you are interested in helping as an Auction Coordinator. Stay tuned for more information!

The youth finding 800 plastic filled eggs! Thank you to everyone who donated eggs for the annual hunt.

Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg



AMAZING GRACE PASTORIAL TRANSITION 2024

Please let the Transition Team know your hopes and dreams regarding Amazing Grace's future as we move towards receiving a new pastor. This is "required step" in the process leading up to Pastor Selection. There are four ways to respond:

1. PICK UP a transition survey from the coffee table in Parish Hall, fill it out and return it to the envelope on the Transition Bulletin Board
2. E-MAIL your responses to aglctransition@gmail.com
3. USE THE QR CODE on the written survey to respond on your phone
4. CONTACT a team member below to arrange a personal or phone interview.

Young People decorating the Easter cross with fresh daffodils.

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know needs a call from the Pastor please contact Pastor Doug at 360.339.3773 and doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com

GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth and families will meet Sunday, May. 5th following worship in the fireside room.



Contact: **Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp**

Phone: 360-532-4611

Email: sarongraysharbor@gmail.com

SARON LUTHERAN – 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Invites Families to HOMETOWN NAZARETH:
WHERE JESUS WAS A KID – VACATION BIBLE
CAMP

Hoquiam, WA A summer family event called Hometown Nazareth. Families step back in time at Hometown Nazareth,

(Before this part of the process is finalized, we are also directly calling folks we haven't heard from, in an effort to make sure voices do not go unheard).

Vicki Mitchell@ 360-537-0077, Mike Hildreth@ 408-603-3302, Sarah Channel @360-888-9538, Marti DeBandt@ 360 591-6979, William Rabung @360-580- 4103, Kristine Finazzo@ 360-532-6053

V. Mitchell: kvmseagallery@gmail.com

M. Hildreth: mike@mbhcci.com

M. Debandt: catnip50@comcast.net

K. Finazzo: mfinazzo7@comcast.net

W. Rabung: william.rabung@gmail.com

S. Channel: channel924@gmail.com



exploring what it was like to live in the town where Jesus grew up. Kids and adults participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Bible-times snacks, visit Jesus' mom, Mary, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God's Word.

Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration—a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

This VBS is something worth crowing about!

Join us in Hometown Nazareth, where we'll explore what life was like when Jesus was a kid. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Jesus' mom, Mary, and eat foods just like the ones Jesus ate. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!



Location: 210 K Street, Hoquiam

The adventure will last: June 23-27, 2024

Celebration begins at: 5:00pm

The day's adventure ends at: 7:30pm

For more information, call: 360-532-4611



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QUILTER'S

If you are free on the 1st, 3rd or 5th Wednesday of a month come join us.

We are working in the parish hall from 9:00-12:00. And yes, we have a great coffee break at 10:30!



HYMN SING

First Sunday of each month come join us at 9:45 to request and sing some of your favorite hymns.

MUSIC PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Handbells will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00.

Choir will meet every Sunday at 9:00. Additional rehearsals before performances.

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP!

Please remember to check the list on the bulletin board in the kitchen when finishing up in the kitchen. We sometimes use more than one coffee pot so both need to be cleaned.

Also the butcher block counters are niches for bacteria and have recently been treated. Please use a small cutting board instead of the butcher block counter when cutting veggies, fruits, etc. Thank you for helping us keep our space clean and safe!



Noelle Anderson is baptized by Pastor Doug. Noelle's parents, Geoffrey and Karen Anderson, and sponsor, Molly, witness the baptism.

*Screen shot from online service.
Submitted by Diane Hanson.*

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024**

Vision: A welcoming place where grace happens.

Mission: To Experience and share God’s love through worship, education, and community.

Values: Radical Hospitality; Passionate worship; Intentional faith development; Risk-taking mission and service; Extravagant Generosity.

Attendance: Mark Smalley, Suzan Stegemoeller, Sarah Channel, Diane Hanson, Tim Alstrom, Tara Main, Michelle Weiberg, Lynette Lile, Mike Barkstrom, Pastor Doug



Brielle Joyce having a good time during the Women’s Tea.

Photo submitted by Vicki Mitchell

- I. Call to Order – Mark Smalley 6:15
 - A. Appointment of time keeper and start recording Suzan Stegemoeller
- II. Prayer and Devotions
 - A. Opening Prayer & Devotions – Suzan
God will ask me to do what I can but what I can’t
God will do for me.
 - B. Next Month - Sarah
- III. Establish Quorum
- IV. Review and Approve Agenda **M/S/P**
- V. Approve minutes from previous meeting: February 20th **M/S/P**
- VI. Business items (these are generally items that are beyond any one ministry or don’t fit under any ministry, special requests from the community) (30 min)
 - A. Transition Team Update – Sarah
The team has been working on collecting the surveys. At the end of February only 13 have been turned in. In March the Transition team started making phone calls to congregation members to get more surveys completed.
When Transition team met they discussed using the time with Pastor Vance to wrap everything up with the survey part by the end of March so they would have everything ready for the meeting on April 14.
 - B. Council Retreat on April 13th, 9 – 3, focused on Communication
 1. Review agenda
 2. Signup for Potluck Lunch- Discussed what members will bring to retreat.
 3. How to do recording? Will use the recorder that’s used for council meetings.
 - C. Congregational Meeting with Pastor Laurin on April 14th
 1. Flag in the sanctuary
 2. Transition – goals for AGLC
 3. Fee for Laurin Vance’s time- mileage.
 - D. Vice President’s Report – Diane
Diane and Mark are scheduled to do Vicky’s evaluation on April 2.
 1. Namibia Conference - Diane attended a zoom meeting with Namibia task-force on March 8. In 2025 there will be a planning conference to Namibia in Minneapolis from June 30 to July 3rd. Diane and Joelle are scheduled to attend the conference.
 - E. New recording device for Council meetings – Mark
Mark cancelled the zoom account for recording meetings. The new recorder is active.
- VII. Ministry team reports: (30 min)
 - A. **Outreach – Suzan**
 1. Barb Weza preached on Sunday, March 10 and conducted an information session after worship. Both went well.
 2. Suzan will attend and help facilitate the Synod Education Event on April 20 followed by a short Synod Council meeting.

3. Diane and Suzan met and discussed forming an outreach leadership group. She will start by identifying all current outreach ministries, and then see who might be interested in leading those ministries. Suzan plans to design an outreach visual somewhere in the fellowship hall or the breezeway.
4. Suzan checked with council if the Narcotics Anonymous (NA) group could begin holding weekly LGBTQ meetings at our church and what paperwork needs to be filled out. Suzan will have them fill out a Facility Use form. The group will work on setting up a point person and the start and end time for meetings.
God's Work Our Hands is being scheduled for Sept. 8
5. Friends in Need requests - Discussed what process to take and other resources are out there that could help. Suzan is thinking about taking on this task.

B. Fellowship – Lynette

1. Fellowship/Committee met on March 10. Communion for homebound was updated. Yvette Koerner passed away.
2. Women's Tea planning is progressing. April 20, 2-4. Sent in request to Endowment Committee.
3. Using cloth napkins to match Liturgical colors were discussed.
4. Lenten Bread and Soup continues; this is last week.
5. The traditional Easter breakfast will be put on by the men.
6. Two of the fellowship hosts teams have combined. The Sundays that have no fellowship hosts are June 9, Sept. 1, and Nov. 24. June 9 would be a good day to do graduation Sunday for Jacob.
Sept. 1 and Nov. 24 are open to anyone who might want to do any sort of fundraising.

C. Youth & Family –

Youth and Family Group- met for Sunday school on March 3. The children excitedly spent \$390 on a variety of choses from the ECLA Good gifts program. The children presented their purchase to the congregation during the Youth Message on March 10. The youth will meet on March 24 to hear about the resurrection of Christ. No Sunday school on April 7 because of spring break.

February Noisy Offering- Wonderful success thanks to the congregation. Would like to host another noisy offering during the month of May. The funds would be combined with noisy offering from Saron's youth so children attend VBC can choose items to purchase from ELCA good gifts program.

Youth Fund Raisers- for VBC and Camp Lutherwood –

1. Good will offering from the Easter Breakfast
2. Sunday, April 14 during fellowship will be the Potato and all the Fixin's Feed. Thank you Lynette Lyle for applying for a \$250 Thrivent card. The host team that was scheduled for this Sunday will only need to bring desserts. There will also be a baptism on this day.
3. Saron Lutheran will be having a Spahgetti Feed and Dessert Auction on Tuesday, May 7 from 5-7. AGLC youth will be selling tickets to congregation members, and volunteering at the event.
Dee Erickson has agreed to make a goal fund raising board for the youth. They need to raise \$2,100 Total. \$700 for VBC; \$1,400 for Camp.

Youth Movie Night on March 23- Saron has invited youth ages 4-18, for a monthly meal/movie night at the Rose Center and then have a discussion on movie.

Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 31- Egg hunt after worship either inside or outside depending on weather.

Vacation Bible Camp- June 23-27 from 5-7 along with Saron Lutheran. Theme will be "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was A Kid". Michelle and Sarah attended the meeting last Tuesday. AGLC will oversee the crafts.

D. Worship – Sarah- The worship committee has not met in a while. LAT is getting ready for Easter.

TEA for TWO!
Anneliese and Naomi
Kraiger enjoy the
festivities.

*Photo taken by
Annika Natwick.*



E. Property – Mike

1. The new carpet has been installed in the family area of the sanctuary. Over budget by \$75, which came out of the maintenance department.
2. The new ramp is complete. The handrails for the three areas are in the manufacturing stage and will be installed soon.
3. After Easter the new countertops in the kitchen will be installed.
4. 4f dinner was held on March 16, about 60 were served including workers. Raised \$1720.00
5. Family Promise
 - Fire Alarm- discussed cost and safety. Motion to have Mark sign and date the AGLC and FPGH Fire Alarm System Responsibilities document as presented to council. **M/S/P**
 - Discussed sharing utility costs between Amazing Grace and Family Promise.
6. Fund Raising and Maintenance Fund status- discussed the two separate accounts.

VIII. Pastor's Report- provided council with hard copy.

IX. Financial Reports: (30 min)

Under the General Fund for financial reports a youth fund line will be added for fundraiser.

A. Treasurer's Report –Tara

1. Approve February bills paid **M/S/P**
2. New signers for the credit card- Mark Smalley and Mike Barkstrom. Mike went to the Bank and they were not aware of this.

B. Financial Secretary's Report – Tim Alstrom

Tim brought up deductions/contributions for church to discuss in the future.

X. Task Assignments

XI. Adjournment and closing prayer Suzan 8:23

Interim Pastors Report April 2024

April

It was a busy and wonderful month of March for our congregation. With the culmination of the season of Lent, Holy Week and the celebration of Easter, the food, festivities, music and community was shared in good Amazing Grace fashion. Together we gathered as the body of Christ to celebrate that "Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!"

And, we continue as a faithful community to move forward. We celebrated the Baptism of Noelle Anderson and will be welcoming two new members Gaylen and Gloria Bryan on the 28 of April. We also gathered with Pr. Lauren Vance to discuss process and the placement of the flag in the church... And, to have a good discussion on the transition work we are doing to prepare for the calling of a new pastor.

We continue to gather, to worship together, and to move forward into our future, faithfully and prayerfully, knowing that God is leading the way.

Thanks be to God, Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller,
360-339-3773

Pastor Doug's Running Calendar:

March 31 - Worship with Amazing Grace (Easter Service)



- 2 - Office hours
- 3 - Office hours
- 9 - Office hours (12:noon) / Executive
- 10 - Office hours
- 13 - Council Retreat
- 14 - Worship with Amazing Grace (Baptism - Noelle Anderson) - Lauren Vance - group facilitation/discussion
- 16 - Office hours (12:noon) / Council
- 17 - Office hours
- 20 - Synod Gathering (Edgewood, WA)
- 21 - Worship with Amazing Grace
- 23 - Office hours
- 24 - Office hours
- 28 - Worship with Amazing Grace - Transition Team meeting
- 30 - Office hours

- May**
- 1 - Office hours
 - 7 - Office hours
 - 8 - Office hours
 - 14 - Office hours (12:noon) /

Executive
 15 - Office hours
 19 - Worship with Amazing Grace
 (Pentecost)
 21 - Office hours (12:noon) / Council

22 - Office hours
 26 - Worship with Amazing Grace
 28 - Office hours
 29 - Office hours

MARCH BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH INCOME STATEMENT Month Ending March 31, 2024 General Fund	AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL BALANCE SHEET March 31, 2024
Revenue	ASSETS
General Revenue \$ 17,586.60	General Fund \$ 40,705.47
\$ -	-
\$ -	Memorial Fund 2,456.89
\$ -	Pastoral Sabbatical Reserve 500.00
Total Revenue <u>\$ 17,586.60</u>	Prepaid Insurance -
	-
	-
	Total Assets <u>\$ 43,662.36</u>
Expenses	LIABILITIES
Pastoral \$ 6,293.99	Accounts Payable \$ 5.62
Payroll \$ 2,855.87	Salaries Payable \$ -
Payroll Taxes \$ 148.62	Federal Taxes Payable \$ 618.90
Worship \$ 51.75	WA State Taxes Payable \$ -
Supplies \$ 1,187.96	Total Liabilities \$ 624.52
Utilities \$ 1,313.69	
Software \$ 130.65	CHURCH EQUITY
Misc \$ 112.18	Church Equity \$ 43,037.84
Insurance \$ 1,077.87	Total Liabilities and Equity <u>\$ 43,662.36</u>
Ramp&Carpet \$ 4,128.68	
Total Expenses <u>\$ 17,301.26</u>	
Net Income <u>\$ 285.34</u>	
AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH General Church Equity Month Ending March 31, 2024	
Beginning Equity \$ 44,882.10	
Net Income \$ 285.34	
Benevolences \$ (2,051.74)	
Wa taxes payable \$ (77.86)	
Equity Jan 31, 2024 <u>\$ 43,037.84</u>	



**AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
INCOME STATEMENT**

Month Ending March 31, 2024

Maintenance Fund

Revenue	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 15,053.06
Deposits	\$ 900.00
	\$ -
4-F Dinner	\$ 1,697.00
Family Promise Maint Fund	\$ 100.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
Total Maint. Fund	\$ 17,750.06
Total in FP Maint Fund	\$1,500.00
Expenses	
Parish Hall Ramp	\$ 3,054.24
Balance carpet Family Area	\$ 74.44
Purchases	\$ 392.93
Total Expenses	\$ 3,521.61
Net Income	\$ 14,228.45

**AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN
MAINTENANCE BALANCE SHEET**

March 31, 2024

ASSETS	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 14,228.45
Total Assets	\$ 14,228.45
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	
Total Liabilities	\$ - \$ -
CHURCH EQUITY	
Maintenance Equity	\$ 14,228.45
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 14,228.45

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maintenance Equity

Month Ending March 31, 2024

Beginning Equity	\$ 15,053.06
Net Income	\$ 2,697.00
Less Withdrawals	\$ 3,521.61
Equity Sept 30,2023	\$ 14,228.45

Will deduct 10% of 4-F Dinner for Tithe
in April 2024



BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTANCE

Please notify Mike Barkstrom or send a message to the church office if there are any repairs needed at the church. Sometimes members or visitors notice things that need to be fixed that the committee is not aware of. Your input is helpful in these matters.

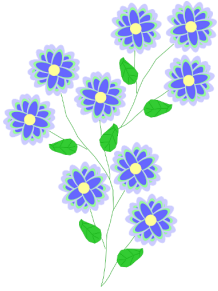
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MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

May 5

Presider: Joelle Buckman; **Preacher:** Mike Hildreth; **Young People's Message:** Mike Hildreth; **Liturgist:** Greg Johnstone; **Reader/Communion Assistant:** Marti Debandt; **Communion Bread Baker:** Lynette Lile; **Ushers/Greeters:** Joan & William Rabung; **Depositors:** Mike Hubbard & Mark Ostwald; **Fellowship Hosts:** Shaw, Green, O'Connor, Lokken, Twigg, Fernandez; **Communion setup:** Cynthia Johnstone; **Stream Team:** TBD

May 12

Presider: Hank Bilderback; **Preacher:** Hank Bilderback; **Young People's Message:** Ruth Ann Carlson; **Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Reader/Communion Assistant:** Kristine Finazzo; **Communion Assistants:** Theresa Kaufman & Darci Jewitt; **Communion Bread Baker:** Lynette Lile; **Ushers/Greeters:** Roger and Carmon Shaw; **Depositors:** Kathy Wehage & Joelle Buckman; **Fellowship Hosts:** Carle, Torgerson, Smalley/Safstrom; **Communion setup:** Laura Carle; **Stream Team:** TBD

May 19

Presider: Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Reader/Communion Assistant:** Dee Erickson; **Communion Assistants:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Communion Bread Baker:** Lynette Lile; **Ushers/Greeters:** Jim & Michelle Weiberg; **Depositors:** Greg Johnstone & Ruthe Ann Carlson; **Fellowship Hosts:** Hanson, Erwin, Main, B. Joyce; **Communion setup:** Carmon Shaw; **Stream Team:** TBD

May 26

Presider: Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller; **Liturgist:** Laura Carle; **Reader/Communion Assistant:** Arlene Torgerson; **Communion Assistants:** Diane Hanson & Sarah Channel; **Communion Bread Baker:** Lynette Lile; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mark & Amy Ostwald; **Depositors:** Carmon Shaw & Anneliese Kraiger; **Fellowship Hosts:** Finazzo, Evanson, Hubbard, Waite, Winter; **Communion setup:** Tara Main; **Stream Team:** TBD

Carmon and her girls.

Photo submitted by Judi Hubbard




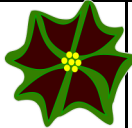

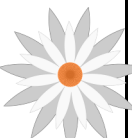
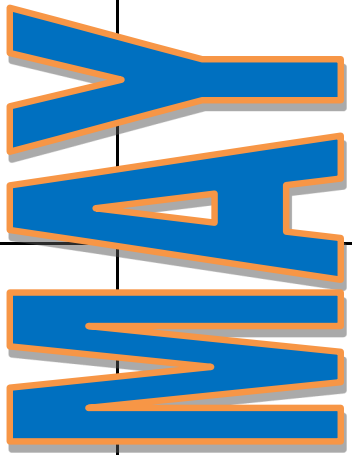
Very focused on the work.

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Two amazing Madison's. Photo submitted by Judi Hubbard



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30	2 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	3	4 JOELLE - BIRTHDAY PARTY 12-5
5 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP	6	7 SENIOR ART GROUP 11-3	8 AA 5:30-6:30 BELLS 6	9 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	10  	11  
12 9 WORSHIP 10 FELLOWSHIP	13	14 HANDSEWERS 9-3 SENIOR ART GROUP 11-3 F.P. G.H BOARD MTG. 6-8	15 QUILTING 9-12 AA MEETING & POTLUCK 4:30-7:00	16 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	17	18 DARCI - F.P. BREAKFAST MTG 7-11
19 9 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP	20	21 SENIOR ART GROUP 11-3 COUNCIL MEETING 6:15	22 AA 5:30-6:30 BELLS 6	23 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	24	25 JOELLE - G.H. CRAFTING 12-5
PENTECOST	26	27 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	29 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30 CHOIR/BELLS 6 - SANCTUARY	30 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3		
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

VISION

A welcoming place where grace happens!

MISSION

To experience and share God's love through worship,
education and community

VALUES

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate worship
- Intentional faith development
- Risk-taking mission and service
- Extravagant generosity



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