

The Spirit

JUNE 2014

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WHAT IS AT STAKE IN WORSHIP?

“Everything. That’s what’s at stake in worship. The urgent, indeed troubling, **MESSAGE OF SCRIPTURE** (I’m not just making this stuff up ☺ - p.v) is that **everything that matters** is at stake in worship.” *Mark Labberton in The Dangerous Act of Worship.*

Did you know that 16% of people in the U.S. self-identify as ‘**unaffiliated**’ with any religion? They are either **atheist, agnostic or simply uninterested** in religion. That number is more than double the number who say they were not affiliated with any particular religion as children, so they’re not just from unchurched families. They’re leaving church. Among the unaffiliated, 31% are under age 30 and 71% are under age 50. Among Americans ages 18-29, **one-in-four** say they are not currently affiliated with any particular religion. That is an alarming statistic. But, it is also an exciting opportunity for the church today. (Data from the Pew Research Religion and Public Life report. (<http://religions.pewforum.org/reports>))

These people name many reasons for being uninterested in religion. But, I fear that many of them are **NOT rejecting the triune God and the true faith of Christianity.** That would be sad in

itself. But, I fear that many of those ‘unaffiliateds’ are **rejecting a caricature of the faith**; maybe the one portrayed in popular culture; maybe the one loudly, and inaccurately proclaimed in many fundamentalist, literalist churches. I fear they are throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Not because they have carefully studied the faith and rejected it for its lack of merit. But, because **the Church, including the Lutheran church, has not done a good job of accurately proclaiming the truth of Jesus and of all of Scripture.** Which is why, what we say and do on Sunday morning in worship is important!

It has been said that “All of life is worship, and **our Sunday morning gathering as disciples of Jesus is training for that worship.**”

As we move into summer, a time when worship attendance is traditionally low, I encourage you to **commit to being in worship most Sundays** so that your training doesn’t fall short; so that the rest of the body of Christ (fellow disciples in training) who need you there aren’t left struggling to train without you (we’re each a vital part of the body together!); so that **the world, which has such a distorted view of Jesus and God’s call on our lives, will be renewed and even transformed by our ongoing worship in the rest of our lives, everywhere we go and in all we do.**

In this time of traditionally low involvement in church activities, **you are invited to participate** in some new things being offered this summer:

Prayer group – learning about prayer and praying together

Faith 101 – learning about what the Christian faith is REALLY about by clearing up some misconceptions.

Sign-ups will be available in the Parish Hall for these two groups, or call the office and let us know you’re interested and a time that will work for you. I’d like to offer **each group during the week, once during the day and one evening a week.** Faith 101 can also be a Sunday morning group if there is interest.

Are there other things you’d like to participate in during these longer days??? (How

about getting together to talk about faith topics, whatever is on your mind, over coffee/beer/wine?) Let me know what you're interested in and **we'll make it happen!**

To get your imagination going here are some of the outrageous things the Bible actually does say:

Love your enemies. Matthew 5:44 (*Not just friends, or those who annoy me, but enemies?*)

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8) (*Really, ** it's that simple? And that difficult?*)

Lay down your life. Take up your cross and follow me. Luke 9:23 para. (*My **whole** life? And a cross? Instrument of torture and death, really?*)

Do not worship any god except me. (*and gods include money, family, health, status, sports, etc.*)

For God so loved **the world**... John 3:16 (*the whole world! Not just Christians!*)

"Lord, when did we fail to help you when you were hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in jail?" "Whenever you failed to help any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you failed to do it for me." Matthew 25: 44-45 (*Really? We are to care for Jesus, love Jesus by caring and loving for those who seem unimportant? What would that look like?*)

"What is the most important commandment?" Jesus answered, "The most important one says: 'People of Israel, you have only one Lord and God. You must love him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.' The second most important commandment says: 'Love others as much as you love yourself.' No other commandment is more important than these." Mark 12:29-31 (*How? In 2000+ years we have gotten this so wrong so often! How can we ever get it right?*)

"No matter how much you pray, I won't listen.

You are too violent.
¹⁶ Wash yourselves clean!
I am disgusted

with your filthy deeds.

Stop doing wrong ¹⁷and learn to live right. See that justice is done. Defend widows and orphans and help those in need." Isaiah 1:15-17 (*God, disgusted with us? Could this mean us, 21st century Christians too and not just pre-common era Hebrews? Are we too violent? Are we doing justice, defending widows, orphans and those in need to the extent that God desires?*)

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10 (*Really? Then what is abundant life?*)

I will be with you always, even until the end of the world. Matthew 28:20 (*Then why does it seem as if God is not with us at times?*)

God's home is now with his people. He will live with them, and they will be his own. Yes, God will make his home among his people. ⁴ He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain.

These things of the past are gone forever. Revelation 21: 3-4 (*No more death or suffering? Can it really be true when some days it feels so far from possible?*)

The group of followers all felt the same way about everything. None of them claimed that their possessions were their own, and they shared everything they had with each other. ³³ In a powerful way the apostles told everyone that the Lord Jesus was now alive. God greatly blessed his followers, ³⁴ and no one went in need of anything. Acts 4:32-34 (***Now that is just too farfetched to believe! Or is it?***)

*** May be best heard imagining it in the voice of Seth Myers of SNL fame ☺

With love for you and in service to Christ,

Pastor Val

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JUNE 2014 CALENDAR

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| 1 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER |
| 9:45 a.m. | HYMN FEST |
| 10:00 a.m. | WORSHIP/CHOIR & HANDBELLS |
| | SUN. SCHOOL (last day) / SUN. TIMES |
| 11:00 a.m. | FELLOWSHIP |
| 12:00 | CONFIRMATION |

- 4 WEDNESDAY**
 9:00 a.m. Last day / QUILTING & MAINT.
 6:00 p.m. Choir party at Lile's
- 6 FRIDAY – Office Closed**
- 7 1:00 p.m. Barb Williams Memorial Service**

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| 8 | PENTECOST WEAR RED |
| 10:00 a.m. | WORSHIP & BLESSING OF GRADUATES |
| 11:00 a.m. | FELLOWSHIP |

- 10 TUESDAY**
 Susan gone from June 9-23
 6:30 p.m. Church Council
- 11 WEDNESDAY**
 10:30 a.m. Quilting Party @ Moonbeams's
- 13 FRIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

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| 15 | HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY / FATHER'S DAY |
| | UNDIE SUNDAY |
| 10:00 a.m. | WORSHIP |
| 11:00 a.m. | FELLOWSHIP |

- 20 FRIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

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| 22 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| 10:00 a.m. | WORSHIP |
| 11:00 a.m. | FELLOWSHIP |

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| 29 | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| 10:00 a.m. | WORSHIP |
| | Baptism of Jaxson Moon Grams |
| | Fifth Sunday service projects w/ Presbyterians. |
| | Watch for further details. |
| 11:00 a.m. | FELLOWSHIP |

Don't Forget our HYMN FESTS

Come to church around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 1 to sing some of your favorite hymns. Kris Burns will provide the music. This will be a time when you can request your favorite hymns And we will sing them! **The Hymn Fest happens the first Sunday of each month.** "Singing hymns are prayers to God's ear" **PLEASE JOIN US!**

COULD YOU HELP IN THE OFFICE?

Susan needs help stapling the bulletins and with other small projects on Thursday afternoon. If two people help it will take about 20 minutes. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Susan.

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tim Alstrom, Chrissie Kincaid
- 3 Ardith Savoy
- 6 Aileen Long
- 12 Helen Eklund
- 17 Diane Hanson
- 21 Gene Schermer
- 25 Betty Schlaht
- 26 Inez Coulter
- 27 Pastor Val
- 29 Lauri Paulsen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Richard & Naomi Kraiger
- 21 Tim & Molly Leithold

WEAR RED ON

JUNE 8TH (Pentecost)

JUNE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of June 1: Acts 1:6-14,
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Week of June 8: Acts 2:1-21,
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13,
John 20:19-23

Week of June 15: Genesis 1:1-2:4a,
Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13,
Matthew 28:16-20

Week of June 22: Jeremiah 20:7-13,
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18, Romans 6:1b-11,
Matthew 10:24-29

Week of June 29-July 5: Acts 12:1-11,
Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18,
John 21:15-19

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JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 1—SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Reader:** Molly Rabung; **Worship Assistant:** William Rabung; **Ushers/Greeters:** Joan & Mari Rabung; **Depositors:** Bob Salmon & Donna Spere; **Sunday School Teacher:** Anneliese Kraiger (last day of Sunday School); **Fellowship Hosts:** *Congregation Appreciation Lunch served by Choir & Handbells*

SUNDAY, JUNE 8—THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Communion Assistant:** Trish Safstrom-Smalley; **Worship Assistant:** Steve Swanson; **Reader:** Mark Smalley **Ushers/Greeters:** Paula Elder & Maurita White; **Depositors:** Ray & Jean Hodge; **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR SUMMER;** **Fellowship Hosts:** Amy & Mark Ostwald, Dee Erickson, Jann Fleming, Chris & Hiedi Seelke

SUNDAY, JUNE 15—THE HOLY TRINITY

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant:** Vicki Mitchell; **Communion Assistant/Acolyte:** Madi Green; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mike & Judi Hubbard; **Depositors:** Karen & Mike Barkstrom; **Fellowship Hosts:** Naomi & Richard Kraiger & family, Michael & Erik Kupka families

SUNDAY, JUNE 22—SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Laura Carle; **Worship Assistant:** Diane Hanson; **Communion Assistant/Acolyte:** Kathy Wehage; **Ushers/Greeters:** Lynn & Leif Tangvald; **Depositors:** Gene & Eileen Schermer; **Fellowship Hosts:** Hank Bilderback, Cathy Kallio, Susan Bylund, Stella Southern

SUNDAY, JUNE 29—THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant:** Cathy Kallio; **Communion Assistant/Acolyte:** Jeni Kaufman; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mark & Amy Ostwald; **Depositors:** Mark Ostwald & Pete Majar; **Fellowship Hosts:** Kristine Finazzo, Nicole Evanson, Evelyn Ellingsen & Judi&Mike Hubbard

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Pam Thorson transferred her membership to St. Mark's in Lacey. She moved to Lacey about 18 months ago. We wish her God's blessings!

MOVED

Thelma Walczyk, longtime member of Amazing Grace, moved to Olympia on May 1. She is living in a complex called AFFINITY. Her address: **4701 7th Avenue SW, Olympia 98503, phone# (360) 866-5552**

BAPTISMS

June 29: JAXSON MOON GRAMS, daughter of Lisa & Christopher Grams, granddaughter of Moonbeam & Mike Kupka.

July 6: EILIDH CHANNEL, daughter of Sarah & Jesse Channel, granddaughter of Dr. Craig & Jane Teveliet

IN MEMORY

Memorial Service for Barb Williams, Saturday, June 7, 1:00 p.m

Funeral Service to be announced: Cherie Vroman

Amazing Grace **PRAYER CHAIN** is busy praying for the needs of our community. Please let Susan or Pastor Val know if you would like to join as a pray-er. If you have a prayer request, contact Susan at the office (360.532.8250). After hours, you can contact Susan with emergency prayer requests @ 589-8750 or Pastor Val at 360.580.8977.

All requests are confidential. Information is only shared with the prayer chain and we will continue to pray for your need until you tell us to stop. If you have permission to pray for the person in the bulletin and/or newsletter, please let us know. Please let us know how your prayers are answered.

If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please let Susan or Pastor Val know!



WORSHIP

Would you like a Green Hymnal?? We have found a better use for our idle green hymnals (many overseas churches are requesting hymnals) so we are exploring how to ship them to those in need. If you would like a green hymnal for your personal use they will be available in the back of the church through the month of June.



QUILTING NEWS

Wednesday, June 4: Last day of Quilting

June 11: Party for Quilters at Moonbeam Kupka's beach house. All quilters are invited.

OUTREACH

NOTE FROM GRAYS HARBOR YOUTH CENTER

*Here's the link to our updated Amazon Wish List with our new needs for the season the change. Remember you can either use the convenience of Amazon and order directly through the on-line program or just use the wish list as a guide. Everything on the Amazon Wish List can be purchased elsewhere. You may also feel free to just donate an Amazon gift card to GHYC as well, thank you to each and every one of you for your constant support!

<http://amzn.com/w/3JUHI5MAZNQQK>

Thank all of you who donated to the Friendship House for Mother's Day. Everyone was very pleased and thankful.

We are now collecting socks and underwear for the Union Gospel Mission for Father's Day. Thanks

A letter was received from Habitat for Humanity of Grays Harbor: *Dear Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you for your generous support to Habitat for Humanity of Grays Harbor. Your monetary donation for our program is appreciated very much and you are a valuable part of our team. Our plans moving forward are to rehab a house on Schley Street in Aberdeen. We have a lot in Ocean Shore which will become our 2nd home in 2014, and a tear down in Montesano which could very well become our 3rd project. As you can see, we are planning to be very busy this year. Our organization's ability to continue to operate is due in large part to the generous support of individual donors who believe in our mission, as well as gifts from businesses and corporations. Again, your generous donation is greatly appreciated and your support is cherished. Blessings, Larry Burgher, Exec. Director*



It's Amazing Grace's turn to provide 25 sandwiches for the **Under the Bridge ministry** for Wed. 6/18. Can we get some people to provide lunch meat, cheese and bread for these? We can make them up after worship on 6/15. Please leave a message with the office if you can help with this.

FELLOWSHIP



FOOD.....FUN...FELLOWSHIP....

FUNDRAISING

The Food-Fun-Fellowship-Fundraising group is hosting the Spring –in-to –Summer

Dinner Sunday June 8th 5pm

Kabobs and trimmings:

what the trimmings will be is yet to be determined but it will certainly fill you up!

ALSO, salad, baked beans, tater casserole and dessert



Please dress ready for summer---hats-visors-fun shirts
...sandals & sunglasses!

\$20 adults and \$10 for children. **PLEASE LET US KNOW BY FRIDAY, MAY 30TH** if you are coming. We need to know asap so that we can buy the necessary food! Contact Judi Hubbard 532-8577 or Susan in the office 532-8250.

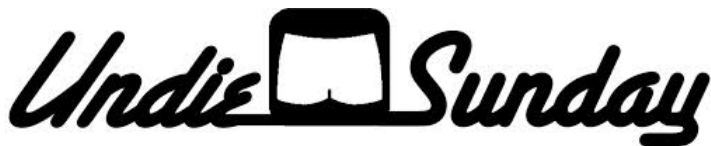


BLESSING OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATES JUNE 8TH!

Special reception to follow the worship
service!

*Morgan Erickson, Brady Green, Stephanie
Kaufman, Molly Rabung & Jordan Weiberg*



We are **collecting men's underwear & socks**
to donate to the

Union Gospel Mission for Father's Day.

June 15th.

Susan will be out of the office from June 9-23.
She will be having surgery at Virginia Mason in
Seattle. **If anyone is willing to be in the
office for a few hours each week, please let
Susan or Pastor Val know.**



YOUTH & FAMILY

SOLID ROCK SUMMER CAMP VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 23 through Thursday,
June 26

5:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

*The host church is the Aberdeen Presbyterian Church,
along with Amazing Grace, St. Mary's Catholic and St.
Andrew's Episcopal Church.*

*Pastor Doug of the Aberdeen Pres. Church has written
the curriculum this year!*

Put these dates on your calendar!!!!



We need helpers for VBS.

1. Someone to staff the kitchen each evening from about 4:45 until clean-up is over. Amazing Grace is only responsible for dinner one night but we need someone familiar with the kitchen to help people from other churches.
2. Someone to prepare and serve the meal one night. It is a camping theme so something along those lines is in order. (Hot dogs are already taken) A family or group could do this together.
3. 4 people to help Pastor Val manage one rotation of kids each night. We're focusing on service so it will be fun and interesting. No special talents required!

If you can help with any of these things please let
Pastor Val know asap!



Our musicians provided us with beautiful music during the month of June. Thank you to **Hank Bilderback, Kristine Burns, Geri Stubb,** and the **choir and handbell choir.** The bells & choir performed beautifully on June 1st during worship at Amazing Grace.

Thank you to **Gene Schermer** for his willingness to do whatever is asked of him!

Thanks to **Ray Hodge** for finding us a new door for the office.

Thank you to the **quilters & helpers** for packing all the quilts. Also thank you for spending an extra work day to put cording into the school kit bags. They will soon be filled with good things and sent on their way.

Thank you to **Walter & Linda Ebel** for sharing their involvement in Compassion International and offering us the opportunity to join them.

Thank you to **Carmon Shaw** for filling in with the Confirmation kids while Pastor Val was gone.

Thank you to **Kristine Finazzo** for organizing Mother's Day & Father's Day where we have collected items needed by the women's shelter and the Union Gospel Mission.

Thank you to **Kris Burns** for sharing her gifts making music and leading handbells and for her great flexibility on Sunday mornings.

Thanks to **Geri Stubb** for the many hours she spends transposing music for her new flute and sharing her talent making beautiful music with us.

Thank you to **Cathy Kallio** for her hard work making our church look sunny & bright!

Many thanks to **Mark & Trish Safstrom/Smalley** for being our representatives to the Synod Assembly last month.

JESUS IS....

Jesus is the Word – to be spoken
 Jesus is the Truth – to be told
 Jesus is the light – to be lit
 Jesus is the Life – to be lived
 Jesus is the Love – to be loved
 Jesus is the Joy - to be shared
 Jesus is the Peace – to be given
 Jesus is the Bread of Life – to be eaten
 Jesus is the hungry – to be fed
 Jesus is the thirsty – whose thirst is to be quenched
 Jesus is the naked – to be clothed
 Jesus is the homeless – to be taken in
 Jesus is the sick – to be healed
 Jesus is the lonely – to be loved
 Jesus is the unwanted – to be valued
 Jesus is the leper – whose wounds are to be washed
 Jesus is the beggar – to be give a smile
 Jesus is the drunkard – to be listened to
 Jesus is the mentally ill – to be protected
 Jesus is the little one – to be embraced
 Jesus is the blind – to be led
 Jesus is the [mute] – to be spoken for
 Jesus is the crippled – to be walked alongside
 Jesus is the drug addict – to be befriended
 Jesus is the prostitute – to be removed from danger
 Jesus is the prisoner – to be visited
 Jesus is the elderly – to be served

Mother Theresa



Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2014

- I. The Amazing Grace Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Mark Smalley. (Note this is not the regular meeting time. Monthly meetings begin at 6:30.)
- II. Opening devotions were read by Mark.
- III. Prayer tasks were assigned as follows: Thanksgiving/, Intercession/, Petition/, Praise/.
- IV. Assign Time Keeper and opinion Collector tasks.
- V. Mark noted that a quorum was established for this meeting.
- VI. The Agenda was reviewed and m/s/a.
- VII. The minutes from the last meeting, April 1, 2014, were m/s/a with minor corrections. Members were reminded to "Reply All" when making any corrections to the minutes so everyone is aware of them. Minutes will officially be approved at the meeting, yet this allows the best "draft" copy to be printed in the Spirit.
- VIII. Financial Reports:
 - Treasurer's Report – Chrissie Kincaid
Bills were approved for payment.
There was discussion about the current arrangement of two signers on the checks; and if this has been too inconvenient.
 - Financial Secretary's Report – Mike Kupka.
Mike submitted the April 2014 Record of Giving was \$13,187.56.
Mike will give a report on electronic giving for the Spirit.
It was noted that checks that were designated for a particular fund had just been put in the general fund by the depositors. Mike agreed that procedures for the depositors needed to be reviewed and he will schedule a depositor training in the near future.
It was recommended that the depositors be two unrelated church members for good fiscal management.
- IX. Business items:
 - A. Stewardship Committee Members Diane and Mark will recruit members for this committee.
 - B. Weddings of same sex couples at Amazing Grace – It was m/s/a to allow pastor to officiate at marriages of same-sex couples at Amazing Grace.
 - C. Policy Committee – Gene Schermer and Arlene Torgerson will work on the policy manual.

- D. Disposition of money from forgiven paint fund loan. ½ will be distributed to the Endowment fund and ½ to the general fund. Pastor Val confirmed this was how the donors intended that it be divided.
- E. Opportunity of 5th Sunday Service with the Presbyterians on June 29th and the end of August. – There is a 5th Sunday on June 29th. For those at AG who wish to participate will leave right after Pastor announces it, yet there will still be a full service for those who want to stay. There will a 5th Sunday in August as well.
- F. Matching Funds – Judy Hubbard requested to know what the funds for the pie auction would be used for. Several ideas were discussed, but no action was taken. Apply to Thrivent for matching funds to assist with some projects at church.
- G. Changing the Date of the Council Meeting - It was m/s/a to move the date of the Council Meeting to the second Tuesday of the Month to allow more time for the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to put the reports together and distribute them to the council before the meeting to allow a more complete review.

IX. Ministry Reports

- A. Property – Coleman Carle
 - Electrical work in the organ room:** the bid from Jones' Electric was for \$1,120. We made \$1270 from the Hodge's anniversary dinner. It was m/s/a to repair the electrical in the organ room.
 - Skywalk and Breezeway Roof Repairs:** It was m/s/a to complete the repair of skywalk by Lupo Construction for \$4500. The sources of the money will be the Paint the Church Fund and the General fund.
 - Carpet Cleaning quotes:** The sanctuary is most in need of cleaning. The breezeway will be cleaned when the fellowship hall is cleaned. Coleman will ask the Wednesday crew of men if they would be willing to look into some quotes for us.
 - Fire Extinguishers:** The extinguishers will be worked on Wednesday, the 7th.
 - BelAire Property:** We need to plan dates to perform a spring clean on the property. A committee needs to be brought together to get this task accomplished so the congregation can spend some time on the property and then make recommendations to council of what to do with the property. This plan was approved earlier in the year.
- B. Fellowship – Dee Erickson
Absent/ No report
- C. Outreach – Kristine Finazzo
 - We will be collecting new underwear for men and boys on Father's Day. We will call it "Undies Sunday". There will also be donations collected for the women's shelter for Mothers Day.
 - \$250 Thrivent funds can be applied for annually to go towards specific projects. Kristine continues to hear from folks on desires of how to serve our local youth/teens at risk as well as our international neighbors.
- D. Youth & Family – Pastor met with Chris and the Sunday school teachers. VBS will be June 23rd-26th, it will be held at the Presbyterian Church, yet dinners will be at AG.
Confirmation Sunday has been moved to Reformation Sunday in the fall so to not give our Confirmation students the impression they are "graduating" from church.
- E. Worship – Diane Hanson
 - Diane proposed we put in the Spirit that will remove the green hymnals and that folks who want to take one for their personal use may do so until a said date. After said date we will ship what we can afford to, to another church in need. We will then request funds for additional red hymnals.

X. Pastor's Report – Pastor Val Metropolous

PASTOR'S REPORT - April 2014

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| WORSHIP LEADERSHIP | 4 Sunday worship services Holy Week services – Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Mid-week Lent services – 2 Good Friday community service and stations of the cross Chose hymns and liturgy Sermon – study, reading, writing; text study meeting Prepare bulletins with secretary Prepare prayers for worship weekly Prayer Liturgical Arts Team – plan Lent, Pentecost and other worship Planning Good Friday ecumenical service with Pr. Doug and Pr. David |
| ADMINISTRATION | Staff meeting – weekly Council meeting monthly – plan and prepare Newsletter - help secretary with content and design Meet with Ministry Team leaders as needed Book Study – Central Things: Worship in Word and Sacrament – plan and lead study Prayer Chain organization and implementation |
| PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING | Homebound and assisted living visits Baptism preparation meetings weekly |
| OUTREACH/VISITATION | Planned with Fellowship ministry leader Under the Bridge Ministry – every other Wednesday Youth Center needs Host Pastor's Group meeting monthly Coffee Ministry – meet people to chat about life and faith as often as possible Possible Facebook page – outreach through social media. Baptism preparation – weekly with Hiedi Seelke |
| BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE | Learned operation of new thermostat in parish hall Program thermostats in sanctuary and parish hall as needed Preparation and clean-up of Parish Hall for mid-week services Work with Insurance Company to meet their requirements – ongoing Met with custodian about carpet cleaning |
| YOUTH AND FAMILY | Planned with Youth and Family ministry leader Plan and lead Confirmation every other Sunday for 1 1/2 hours Confirmation field trip to Quixote Village in Olympia |

Research possibilities for Youth and Adult faith development

OFFICIAL ACTS

(Baptisms, funerals, weddings)

1 baptism – Hiedi Marie Seelke

VACATION

0 days of vacation in April

CONTINUING EDUCATION: 2 days in April – Preaching Festival Northwest

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Green, Secretary

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God's love through worship,
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VALUES:

Radical Hospitality

Passionate worship

Intentional faith development

Risk-taking mission and service

Extravagant generosity

STAFF

Pastor, Val Metropoulos

Susan Bylund, Office Administrator

Kristine Burns, Organist & Handbell
director

Hank Bilderback, Choir Director

Cathy Kallio, Custodian

