

The Spirit

January 2021

Amazing
Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH



At the turn of the new year in the past many of us committed to ‘turning over a new leaf’, perhaps putting bad habits behind us or embracing new, healthier ones. Even in our spiritual lives we have thought of the new year as a good time to get back into those things we thought we ‘should’ be doing: reading the Bible, praying more, (or harder?!), being more generous, more loving, more Christlike! As if we could do anything to add to what Christ has already done for us! Maybe that’s a helpful reminder. Christ has already been born despite all the flaws of humanity. Christ already lived and taught and healed, died and was resurrected. All our striving is not to ‘save’ us. That is already a done deal!

Maybe the last ten months of pandemic life has things to teach us if we’ll let it. If you are exhausted at the thought of ‘trying harder’ or working smarter, you are not alone! To step off the hamster wheel, give up the striving, is not giving up. We continue to hope with our hopes grounded in God’s love for us, demonstrated most clearly in the truth of God born as a baby, forever making our humanity holy along with all of creation; our hope sealed with Jesus death, and resurrection.

Maybe living through the last year has taught us that this is not a year for trying harder or doing more. Maybe our forced isolation, our mandated reorganizing of our time and our lives is an invitation not to

do more but to **go deeper**. Maybe the most faithful thing we can do is show up, remain open to what God reveals and invites us into. Maybe we need no more of an agenda than to **say ‘yes’ to every opportunity that comes our way to express compassion and love to everyone**, not least of all to ourselves! Whatever this year holds, it may be clearer now than ever that what we DO is less important than WHO WE ARE on the journey. We have lived first hand the reality that the world is unpredictable; out of our control in more ways than we like to admit. Resolving, to do more or be more may be ridiculous. But, **committing to how we will show up, how we will offer love and vulnerability** to each other in the face of that uncertainty has never been more important.

Maybe this year, **deepening** what we have learned about ourselves in the last year about our world and our faith, for good and for bad, is more important than learning **more**. Maybe we can go deep into the height, and depth, width and breadth of the unconditional, revolutionary love that God expressed in Jesus birth as a baby. Maybe this year we **let the hardwon lessons of the last year soak deep into our hearts where they can nourish us and blossom into wisdom that will sustain us for the future**.

If this rings true for you as well, my prayer is that we will join together in going deep instead of broad, slow instead of fast, humbly instead of brashly, saying yes to that call to wisdom and growth and no to the demands that distract us from our own transformation.

As we commit to a new year that will undoubtedly hold many surprises, we remember that we are held in God's heart, with Jesus as our brother and we are in this together.

Receive this blessing from my heart to yours:

What is a blessing but a rain of grace
falling generously into the lives of those in need;
and who among us is without need?

May the Spirit touch your spirit in this midmorning pause.

May this day be a pathway strewn with blessings.
May your work this day be your love made visible.
May you breathe upon the wounds of those
with whom you work.

May you open yourself to God's breathing.

May you honor the flame of love that burns inside

you.

May your voice this day be a voice of encouragement.

May your life be an answer to someone's prayer.

May you own a grateful heart.

May you have enough joy to give you hope,
enough pain to make you wise.

May there be no room in your heart for hatred.

May you be free from violent thoughts.

When you look into the window of your soul
may you see the face of God.

May the lamp of your life shine upon all you meet
this day.

Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B.



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

The room was spare and dimly lit. We sat on folding chairs in a circle—young Honduran women and some of us from the ELCA. We had come to Honduras to observe the work of [AMMPARO](#) (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities). This is the ELCA's strategy to help youth who have been forced to flee their home countries because of violence, abuse, extortion by gangs and extreme poverty. *Amparo* is the Spanish word for shelter or refuge.

In this case, [AMMPARO](#) partnered with the [Lutheran World Federation](#) and the Mennonites to resettle returned migrants—those who had tried to seek asylum in the United States but had failed or had been denied and deported back to Honduras.

One by one they told us their stories of fear and desperation. Not a one undertook the long and dangerous trek north on a whim. They told us about the abuse they had suffered, about family members who had been killed by gangs, about the inability to

make a living because of the extortion by organized crime. They talked about the bitter sadness of leaving home and family, and the uncertainty of the future.

I remember one young woman in particular. She was pregnant when she tried to migrate to the United States. She had the baby somewhere along the way. She was far from home, mostly alone and desperately wanted her mother to be with her. None of this is what she had hoped for when she was growing up. Circumstances beyond her control had forced her into this new and strange existence. She and her baby were now back in Honduras—but not at home. Home was too dangerous.

Remember last Christmas? Remember all of the preparations, the travel to be with family? Remember the holy beauty of the Christmas Eve liturgy and receiving Christ's grace and forgiveness at his table? The shopping and Christmas caroling? The in-person gatherings? All that has changed.

The pandemic hasn't forced us from our homes but

into our homes, sheltering in place, isolated. Not together, but physically distanced. Not gathered with family and friends, but forced apart because of the threat of infection. Forced by circumstances beyond our control into this strange existence. Oh, there will be Christmas carols piped into grocery stores and other essential services, but they will be painful reminders of how life used to be.

We are reminded of the experience of the exiles in Babylon: “By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captives asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, ‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion!’ How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land” (Psalm 137)?

I told the young Honduran woman about another young woman who was forced to leave home because of a government decree. She, too, was pregnant and made a long and difficult journey. She, too, was far from home and without her mother when the baby came. She had to find shelter wherever she could. This wasn’t what she had hoped for when she was growing up. Circumstances beyond her control

had forced her into this new existence.

That young woman was Mary and the child was Jesus. Precisely in our distress, in our dislocation, the Lord shows up. Emmanuel—God with us—makes his home in the very places we find foreign or isolating. The young Honduran woman, and all of us, can find hope because of the birth of Mary’s child. There is no God-forsaken place and we are never alone—not in hospital rooms, or sheltering in place, or Zoom calls or on dangerous roads.

Many of us will not be physically home for Christmas, but we are truly home in Christ.

Bishop Eaton



WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
you surround us with your compassion and your love.
For that: **we give thanks!**

Your peace is as close to us as our own folded hands
and bowed head For that: **we give thanks!**
You have sustained your people through war, and
hunger, disease and despair. For that: **we give thanks!**

We plead for your intervention in our world today.
Bring hope and healing to places ravaged by covid-19.
Sustain those who wait and watch and weep: medical
personnel, those who are dying, those who are entrusted
with making decisions that affect the lives of so
many: teachers, school administrators, those who govern,
law enforcement officers.

Bring hope through your people’s renewed commitment
to living and serving as you have called us to by
seeing those that are overlooked, serving those who
have been forgotten, loving those who are despised.

Bring healing and comfort to those closest to us who
are in need: Jim Erickson, Hunter Murray, Monica

Pennington, Ingrid & Kyle & Ollie Morean, Bob
Parker, Aaron Larsen, George Susewind, Ralph Norman,
Walter Smith, Tiffany Powell, Fred Thurman,
Joseph, Madonna Posey, Ray and Jean Hodge, Cindy
& Harley, Isaac & his mother, Courtney, Adrienne,
Carl and June Bender, Ginny Clark, Philip, Matthew
Green and his family, David Shaw, Don Rabung,
Whitney Morean, and David Hanson.

You hold them and love them even more than we do.
Your healing has restored so many that we have
prayed for. For that: **we give thanks!**

When we are tempted to despair, to blame, to lash
out in anger, remind us of your forgiveness and compassion
poured out for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus
our brother. Still our tongues. Calm our spirits.

When we lose heart and slip into despair your Spirit
intercedes with us with sighs too deep for words. For
that: **we give thanks!**

For all these things and for those people and situations
that need healing and hope that only you know
we pray in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**



January BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

Aden Kincaid, January 4
Madison Green, January 5
Amy Dodd, January 6
Dennis Morrisette, January 6
Jean Hodge, January 7
Carmon Shaw, January 10
Dani Buckman, January 12
Jim Weiberg, January 13
Marge Kelling, January 17

Maurita White, January 18
Darrell Lokken, January 19
Erik Kupka, January 22
Jacob Natwick, January 22
Morgan Erickson, January 25
Steve Swanson, January 26
Cynthia Johnstone, January 29

ANNIVERSARIES:

Christ & Hiedi Seelke, January 1
Suzan & Phil Stegemoeller, January 5
Roger & Carmon Shaw, January 9
Mike & Karen Barkstrom, January 23



Everyone who continues to donate to the food bank.
Everyone who donated to the Christmas Food Bank baskets.

Kris Burns and Hank Bilderback for leading Advent Evening Prayer as well as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Diane and Kathy for decorating again this year for our Christmas services. The wreaths and candles were beautiful!

Gene Schermer and maintenance crew who set up the Christmas tree this year.

Prayer Chain members who tirelessly pray for the needs of the people.

Mike Hubbard and Roger Shaw for fixing the men's restroom in the parish hall and for removing the metal pole that was in the church parking lot.

Keith Lile for tirelessly working to get our livestream capabilities up and running.

Volunteers learning how to make worship available on

livestream: Amy, Steve, Joe, Hiedi, Curtis and Keith.

Mike Hubbard for putting up Christmas lights in the Sunday School room and replacing lights in the church office, hallway and kitchen.

Diane Hanson for the donations of the 3 ring binders to the church office

Theresa Kaufman & Phil Stegemoeller for getting their financial reports done in time for the combined Mission/Administrative meeting on Dec. 8th.

Hank Bilderback for leading services while Pastor was on vacation

Liturgists for faithfully leading the people's song every week.

Giving Tree contributors for money and other items that shared God's love to those who needed help.

Joelle Buckman for being available while Pastor Val was on vacation.



GIVING TREE THANK YOUS

We were able to make Christmas a little brighter for 34 families this year thanks to everyone who contributed to the Pie Auction and afterward to the Giving Tree. Connections with families in need were made by Molly Leithold, Michelle Weiberg, Curtis Steinhauer, Darci Jewitt and Sarah Channel. Gift bags were put together by Joni Hildreth, Michelle Weiberg and Amy Ostwald

Donations were made by everyone who donated to the Pie Auction and many AGLC members who donated additional money, gift cards, or holiday food items (I could mention some names here but am sure to leave some out as I really don't know where all the donations came from). Also we received a donation from St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Montesano for the Giving Tree families.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MY AMAZING GRACE KETTLE KLASH

With the help of Gene and Eileen, Darrell and Elaine, Dorothy and John, Jim Erickson, Judi and Mike and other outside donators, we raised \$2799 for our local Salvation Army. All funds raised through the Kettle Klash stay on the Harbor to help with family and personal needs.

This was the first year of virtual klashing, so I think we did well!

Thanks again

Judi Hubbard



THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED

- **Pacific Lutheran University** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$116.87
- **Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$121.75
- **Pastor Val,**

I participated in the first Advent Service and I just wanted to let you know that you all did a great job and I really enjoyed it. Thank you for all the work you do.

Heather Colwell

- Warm wishes from the **Sisters in Recovery**

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION

January 5

Maurita White, Leader

Vicki Mitchell, Paula Elder, Dorothy Stephens, Pam Alstrom, Rich & Cindy Thompson

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

Kitchen manager, Doug, would like to have food there at **3pm** if possible.

When you deliver, drive into the back alley, then call the Union Gospel office at 360-533-1064 and they will come out to the back alley to carry the food in for you.



MINISTRY REPORTS FOR ANNUAL REPORT

All reports need to be into the office by **January 8th**

so that the office can compile them into the booklet for distribution to the congregation on January 17th.

CHAPLAINS DINNERS

Dates have been set for providing food for future Chaplains Dinners in 2021:

Jan. 17, 2021
March 21, 2021
May 16, 2021
July 18, 2021

September 19, 2021

November 2, 2021

If you are interested in cooking, providing some of the food or donating to one of these meals, get in touch with Amy O. at aaostwald@gmail.com or simply send a donation to the church office marked for Chaplains Dinner.

COMPOST

Please take note that until further notice, there will be no compost drop offs at Amazing Grace. Please compost at home if you can. Liz Ellis



TASK FORCE for resuming in-person worship has recommended that we **SUSPEND in-person worship** for awhile since Covid cases in the county and

the state are increasing. The Task Force will reassess the situation weekly. **If you feel you need to be in worship IN-PERSON, please contact Pastor Val.**



Please let Pastor Val or a council member know of any concerns or needs that arise for you AND ways you'd like to help others. We are figuring this out together. None of us has ever been the church in a pandemic! **What we know is that we are called to love God and Jesus told us that loving our neighbors (all of them, especially the marginalized) is how God wants us to show that love! So, what does that look like here, today in Aberdeen, WA?**



FOOD BANK

Food bank is especially in need of baby wipes, peanut butter, mac & cheese and diapers sizes 2,4,5, & 6. Please leave donations [when the office is open](#) Tues., Wed., Thurs. or Friday between 8-1

in the box outside the office. If it's raining or at other times, please leave them in the parish hall. If you prefer to send a monetary donation that may be sent to: P.O. Box 444 Aberdeen, WA 98520

OFFICE HOURS

Church office is open: **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8-1.** **No one** should be in the office while Vicky is there. You can drop mail in the mail slot or drop Food Bank donations in the box. If you need help, talk to Vicky through the door or call her: 360.532.8250.

Pastor Val is staying home and stay safe as we all are. You can usually reach me most any time. If I can't answer, please leave a message and I'll get back to you asap.

Please call, text, or email if you want to pray together or talk. Let me know what you need. I pray for you all constantly, but I miss you! I would love to connect in some way with each of you!

HEALTHY COMMUNICATION IN TOUGH TIMES

Healthy communication is important in the best of times. Throw in a pandemic and political turmoil and things can get messy. In the church we are especially careful to express our love for each other and for all our neighbors by practicing healthy communication skills. Some basics that are helpful in all relationships include the following.

- Everyone speaks for themselves. Each of us needs to take responsibility for expressing our own feelings or concerns.
- When there is a concern, we go directly to the

person involved. Honest, direct, loving communication is the basis of all healthy relationships.

- If the concern is not resolved after direct communication, we ask a neutral person to join us in that conversation for the sake of understanding and healing.
- We avoid triangulation. Triangulation occurs when one person does not communicate directly with another person, instead using a third person to relay communication to the second. Triangulation distorts relationships and makes clear communication difficult.
- We pray for each other trusting that God loves us all and in prayer can heal our hurts and restore relationships.

Photo by: Diane Hanson

Loyd Gill turned 99 years old on December 10th. Church members drove by and honked and sang Happy Birthday while Lloyd and his daughter Pam waved from the porch. Pastor Val delivered a special birthday treat, little, wild blackberry pie, Loyd's favorite!



COUNCIL MEETING CHANGES

As we continue to adapt to a changing world, your church council has found new ways to meet and continue its' work, concisely stated as: ensuring that **“the purpose of the church is fulfilled (Love God and Love Neighbor) and managing the property and finances of the congregation so that purpose #1 can be fulfilled.”**

We have found Zoom meetings to be useful but exhausting and challenging. So, we divided the work of council into two parts: Mission and Administration. The first council meeting each month, on the second Tuesday, focuses on the mission of the church., hearing reports from ministry leaders and addressing mission needs. The second council meeting each month, on the fourth Tuesday, focuses on administrative responsibilities, including financial, hearing reports from the treasurer and financial secretary. Each meeting is scheduled to last one hour. We do our best to stay within that hour, honoring the reality of the stress and exhaustion many of us are feeling during this time.

In addition to those changes we do as much of the work ahead of time as possible, communicating via email, submitting reports far in advance so there is time for questions to be answered before we meet.

As has always been the case, congregation members are invited to join council meetings. If you have an agenda item you want included at the meeting or if you would like to sit in on a meeting, send those requests to council president, Joelle Buckman. She can be reached at: joelle_buckman@email.com or 360.589.6111. Please submit those requests far enough in advance that she can determine at which meeting they would be most appropriate.

Zoom meetings require a link which must be kept secure to avoid being “zoom bombed.” (I know! For every new technology there a new way to make things difficult. Zoom bombing is when unwanted people join the meeting sometimes flooding it with inappropriate or disturbing photos or video.) Joelle will provide you with that link so you can join the meeting. There will be time at the end for you to comment if you wish to do that. **It is most appropriate to contact the council member that your question addresses outside of council meeting.** They are always available to answer questions. Their contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

Please pray for your church leadership, including Pastor Val. These times are challenging for all of us. The leadership of the church feels that challenge personally as well as the need to faithfully listen to God's Spirit leading the church into an unknown future.



Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Mission and Administrative Council Meeting Minutes Dec. 8th, 2020

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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Attendance: Joelle Buckman, Theresa Kaufman, Dee Erickson, Pastor Val, Curtis Steinhauer, Phil Stegemoeller, Amy Ostwald, Carrie Erwin,

- I. Prayer & Highs and Lows
- II. Call to Order by Pres. Joelle Buckman 6:28
- III. Establish Quorum (I – III: 15 min)
- IV. Review and Approve Agendas (IV: 2 min)
- V. **Business items** (these are generally items that are beyond any one ministry or don't fit under any ministry, special requests from the community) (10min)
 - A. Mutual Ministry Update – Joelle
 - Continue to meet via zoom. Will not meet in December.
 - B. Synod Affordable Housing Initiative – Pastor Val/Curtis
 - Work continues on ways congregations can partner with the synod using property owned by congregations to address the housing shortage in our communities.
 - C. Bel-Aire Property – Latest offer
 - A low offer was made on the property so there was a discussion about that and about how the Bel-Aire property can be used to benefit the community.
 - Motion to reject the offer on the Bel-Aire property **M/S/P**
 - Motion to relist Bel-Aire property as it was before **M/S/P**
 - D. Vice-President for 2021
 - 1st - Amy Ostwald
 - 2nd - Dee Erickson
 - 3rd - Carrie Erwin
 - 4th -Phil Stegemoeller
 - E. Annual reports into office by 1/8/21
 - Included in annual reports are the number of hours each council member put into their ministry. Annual meeting will be January 31st via zoom. Ministry leaders were encouraged to write about their actual experience this year, not try to duplicate previous years since this year has been very different.
- VI. **Ministry Reports** (25 min)
 - A. Worship – Dee Erickson and Pastor Val
 1. Resuming in-person worship Task Force – report
 - The readers will be taken out of the Sunday services. The singers will be wearing special masks as soon as they come in. All precautions are taken to keep people safe.
 2. Report on audio/video updates
 - progress is being made
 3. Advent & Christmas worship schedule
 - Advent service on Wednesday night at 7pm. Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 will be at 7pm. Christmas Day Service will be at 10am, both will be on Facebook live.
 - B. Outreach – Amy Ostwald
 1. Family Promise
 - Does not have a family right now and are continuing to look.
 2. Chaplains dinner
 - Amazing Grace is scheduled to cook the 3rd Sunday, every other month, through 2021 starting with January. Chaplains Dinner continues to serve meals to-go—every Sunday afternoon from our Parish hall.
 3. Giving Tree
 - This week the bags will be put together. There are 17 or 18 families so far.
 - C. Youth & Family – Curtis Steinhauer
 1. Sunday School



-Curtis hopes to get Sunday school started soon with the new curriculum. Sent out a survey and got results from the survey. Parents wanted Sunday school lessons every other week. Each family with children living at home received an Advent bag.

2. Confirmation

-Pastor Val and Madison continue to meet.

3. Adult group study

-Will not start until February.

D. Fellowship – Carrie Erwin

1. Pie Auction- was fun and raised substantial funds to help in community. Thank you to Amy for managing the silent auction and to Gary and Nicole, Sarah and Arlene for the on-site auction.

E. Property – Mike Barkstrom

VII. Pastor's Report

VIII. Task Assignments

-Pastor Val will get in contact with Mike about the Bel-Aire property.

-Pastor Val will get in touch with Mike about the Bel-Air property documents and Joelle will be one of the signers.

-Joelle will get together with Carrie and Judi about the hours for Fellowship for the Annual report.

-Pastor Val will get together with Theresa and Joelle to discuss on how the audit for this year will be done.

-Theresa and Phil will get together to make sure Financial reports match.

-Carrie will get together with Pastor Val to discuss Care Teams.

-Council: Any ideas for property manager contact Pastor Val or Joelle.

IX. Adjournment and closing prayer 7:21

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Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
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Attendance: Joelle Buckman, Theresa Kaufman, Dee Erickson, Pastor Val, Curtis Steinhauer, Phil Stegemoeller, Amy Ostwald, Carrie Erwin,

I. Call to Order-Continuing from Mission Meeting Minutes by Pres. Joelle Buckman 7:02

II. Review & approve minutes of last meeting – Nov. 24th

-Will go over during January meeting.

III. Financial Reports - 30 minutes (30 min)

A. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman

-In the Monthly Benevolence worksheet, the account for Giving Tree will be changed to Friends in Need.

-Bills to be paid **M/S/P**

B. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

-Phil will make an adjustment in his report.

1. New Program for financial secretary

IV. Business items (30 min)

Budget proposal

-The budget has been reviewed and discussed. The budget will be presented to the congregation in the annual report and discussed at the annual meeting.

-motion to approve budget as emailed to everyone **M/S/P**

V. Task Assignments

-Joelle and Phil will get together and decide about the new financial secretary program.

VI. Adjournment and closing prayer 7:21

PASTOR'S REPORT November 2020 - regular activities during pandemic; all meetings on Zoom

WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHP

Sunday worship – Plan and lead
Plan adult education
Plan seasonal and special worship services
Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing
Prayer

ADMINISTRATION

Meet with ministry leader as needed
Reports: congregational; synod; ELCA
Conference Pastors meet with Bishop weekly

Conference deans – meet bi-annually & as needed
Recordkeeping: updates to documents; church ledger
Work with office administrator: bulletins, newsletter, etc.
Council meeting & Exec. Comm. meeting monthly
Newsletter - writing, editing
Meet with treasurer as needed
Mutual Ministry meeting monthly
Endowment Committee advisor

FELLOWSHIP/PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING

PSALM – mentor; spiritual direction

Prayer Chain – coordinate w/ Brenda Grant
Grace notes weekly or as needed
Pastoral care as needed
Visits at homes or parks during good weather
Coordinate with ministry leader as needed
Affordable housing Synod meeting
Facebook page – outreach through social media.
Coordinate with others to support homeless and

OUTREACH

marginalized people

Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Meet w/ ministry leader as

needed

YOUTH AND FAMILY

Adult study: plan and participate
Confirmation: plan and lead
Sunday School: coordinate with ministry leader

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM Study and integrate into sermons

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: Spiritual Direction Supervision Group

OTHER ACTIVITIES in November

OFFICIAL ACTS Funeral for Betty Schlaht

ADMINISTRATIVE: Task Force for resuming in person worship

PASTORAL CARE: Schlaht family

40 Days of Prayer as Our Nation Prepares for an Election – prayers to congregation and on facebook

Visits, calls, texts, messaging as needed

WORSHIP:

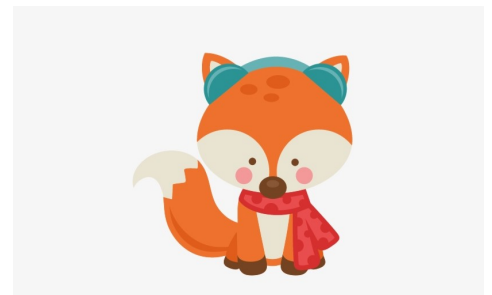
Planning for in-person worship, Advent and Christmas

Purchasing A/V equipment

Weekly text study with synod pastors

YOUTH/FAMILY/Education:

Assembled and distributed Advent bags to families with children at home



Confirmation

OUTREACH: Synod Affordable Housing Initiative meeting
PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: Christ, Covid, Christmas - webinar
VACATION: None in November
UPCOMING: Christmas Eve 12/24 7pm Facebook live
 Christmas Day 12/25 10am Facebook live
 1st Sun. after Christmas Hank will lead
 Vacation 12/26 – 1/1
 Annual Reports due into office 1/8
 Annual Meeting 1/31/2001

Upcoming events:

- Star Words and our Hopes from January 2020 will be mailed the week of Jan 3rd.
- Annual Meeting 1/21/2021
- Lent begins Feb. 17th



NOVEMBER BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Name		Date	Total
Checking			\$ 20,685.33
-PSALM			\$ 100.00
-Technology			\$ 3,364.89
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 433.51
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 2,620.00
-Music			\$ (13.54)
-Bells			\$ 465.95
-Friends in Need			\$ 439.93
-Reformation Fund			\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 386.83
-Altar Guild			\$ 367.00
-Noisy Offering			\$ -
-Family Promise Maintenance Holding			\$ 2,200.00
-Chaplain's Dinner			\$ 76.25
-Grace Fund			\$ 340.00
		TOTAL	\$ 33,037.35
Fundraising Checking			\$ -
Maintenance Checking			\$ 14,042.50
-Roof			\$ -
Youth Checking			\$ 295.75
Memorial Savings			\$ 2,306.36
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 1,907.82



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Worship	Dee Erickson	(360) 533-7948	deekayel@comcast.net
Fellowship	Carrie Erwin	360-500-3767	mcerwin@comcast.net
Property	Mike Barkstrom	(360)532-3319	mkbarks1@gmail.com
Endowment	Darrell Lokken	(360) 532-1615	delokken@comcast.net
Pastor	Val Metropoulos	(360) 580-8977	vmetropoulos001@luthersem.edu
Church Secretary	Vicky Kolb	(360) 532-8250	amazing111@comcast.net

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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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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