

The Spirit

April 2021



Not to make loss
beautiful,
But to make loss the place
Where beauty starts.
Where the heart
understands
For the first time
The nature of its journey.
Love, yes. The body
of the beloved as the gift
Bestowed. But only
Temporarily. Given
freely,
But now to be earned.
Given without thought,
And now loss
Has made us thoughtful.
~ Gregory Orr

These words will arrive in your inbox on April 1st, Maundy Thursday, 3 days before Easter. Many of us heard the whole arc of the Holy Week story in brief on Palm Sunday in worship. A few of us will delve deep into the mysteries: waiting and watching through the quiet of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and the unearthly silence of Holy Saturday. Most of us will hurry by those confusing days and leap whole heartedly into Easter's pageantry of triumph and celebration. It's natural to want to avoid pain and loss if possible.

But, since you'll receive these words before the celebration, I offer Orr's poem as a beginning and an invitation to slow down, to pause, to wait and watch with Jesus. These Holy Days, remember the days of Jesus in the flesh on earth. But, as we live the mystery again, we embody them again. We become the flesh that makes them real and true here and now.

"Loss is the place where beauty starts." Without loss, beauty can't touch us. We resist letting it touch those deepest places. After a year of unimaginable loss of life, of security, of normalcy, of an understanding of who we thought we were, loss is our common language.

We can refuse to look at it. Refuse to name it. Or we can open our selves to it and let God's transformative love shape that loss into some kind of beauty.

Love was given freely on that first Good Friday and we can never earn what is already ours. But, "now to be earned", now to be understood, now to be received truly – that is our work of Easter.

May the losses of this year be clay in the hand's of the master potter, shaping you into the beautiful vessel of God's overflowing love.

Pastor Val

RISK-TAKERS FOR MISSION

Stories of churches that take a leap of faith

The congregation of Capitol Hill Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, is “so open and always willing to take risks for the sake of the good news. It isn’t always easy, or comfortable, but we trust that the Spirit is in the process, even if it doesn’t turn out how we hope or envision,” said Minna Bothwell, its pastor. Recently taking a risk led the congregation to help people who were struggling with unpaid medical bills.

It began in January 2020 when the congregation voted unanimously to increase the percentage of their annual budget for mission giving from 3.5% to 9.5% in order to “reclaim mission giving as a priority.”

The pandemic didn’t change their focus on outward mission, and the congregation moved on with its plan. The decision to increase giving wasn’t something they hoped to do, but something they felt strongly about and intended to do. As the year unfolded, the congregation council began looking for ways the gift could have a big impact in their community.

“Jesus reminds us that we aren’t called to simply pray with people and invite folks to worship—we are called to bear the good news for each other in real ways that transform lives... that set people free, Bothwell said.

After hearing the story of a member who struggled with unpaid medical bills, the congregation discovered a unique way to set people free from such debt. This led them to RIP Medical Debt, a nonprofit that helps the most vulnerable of those suffering under the weight of medical debt (ripmedicaldebt.org)

Research shows that in 2019 more than 130 million Americans faced financial hardship due to medical bills.

“As our community and nation suffered from a devastating pandemic, we thought partnering with RIP Medical Debt would have a significant impact,”

Bothwell said.

RIP uses funds from donors to wipe out medical debt starting from the neediest cases, focusing on those who live twice below the poverty line. Every dollar donated forgives \$100 of medical debt. A \$100 donation translates into \$10,000 debt forgiven.

“What if we took seriously our call as Christians to set people free from the things that are burdening and oppressing them—instead of judging them?” Bothwell asked. “If the church isn’t willing to step into these places of suffering and pain—in a very real way—then it will continue to exclude and dismiss the people that Jesus consistently sought out and called to be his disciples.”

The congregation started its campaign with the goal of raising \$15,000 initially shared in a video message that spread rapidly among members. As excitement grew, they decided to try raising more money by inviting others outside the church community to consider a gift to the campaign.

“We had dozens of contributions sent in from people who were simply grateful we chose to do something about the debt crisis affecting so many families,” said Bothwell...

By the end of the campaign, the congregation had raised \$42,000—nearly three times their original goal.

Through participation in this campaign ... we provided hope to people who needed to know that their lives matter and that they are beloved in the eyes of God and the church.

Bothwell said this has reinforced “our call to continue to take risks on behalf of the gospel. We can, and will, continue to find real and authentic ways to love, heal and forgive people.”

WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Dear God,

You know that we sometimes long to hide. We long to hide from the things which make our world and communities profoundly suffer. We long to hide from the people who hurt us and those we care about. We wish we could hide from the many demands on us and sometimes even from you.

We long to hide and yet we know we can't. We know that we simply cannot hide, because there are people acutely hurting, there are relationships to be nurtured, things which you are calling us to do—that we are meant to do.

We ask you Lord for strength as we long to hide. We ask for your healing, Lord. We ask for your rectifying work in the **USA** where people are choosing to hurt and kill Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. We ask for your presence among the Uyghur Muslims in **China** who are experiencing serious human rights abuses because of who they are and what they believe.

Help us not to stand by silently as we see your people being hurt physically and emotionally. We pray that this hate be stopped – that healing happens and that only love might blanket your dear children who are being mercilessly hurt because of the racism so entrenched in our world.

We lift in prayer the families of the shooting victims in Georgia, **USA** and Colorado, **USA** who were so violently murdered. Lord, we pray for the protection and comfort of all your children around the world who are experiencing violence of many kinds and in need of your presence. We pray for those in **Myanmar**, where hundreds of Burmese citizens, including police officers, government officials and civilians, are fleeing as violence over last month's military coup worsens.

We pray for our siblings in **Brazil** where hospitals are near collapse and there are reports of spiking Covid-19 case numbers. We ask for your presence in **India** where they also are seeing a significant increase in infections. We pray for the peoples of **So-**

malia as Covid-19 surge and deaths are reported. We pray for our siblings in **Australia** as the Australian government has declared a natural disaster as heavy rains batter the state and force thousands to evacuate. Lord, as we lift in prayer our siblings around the world, we ask that you be with all communities.

As many celebrate Holy Week journeying through the final days in the life of Christ, before he would die and rise again. As we long to be physically together again. As we struggle with violence in our world. As we struggle with devastating racism and bigotry quite literally killing our siblings. As we each make a difference in our communities and world. As we do these things, Lord we ask that you walk with us and that we will never hide from you. Guide us Lord. Give us courage to do your will today and always.

Amen.

Worldinprayer.org





April BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

Yvette Koerner, April 6
Ginny Clark, April 13
Walt Ebel, April 16
Nicholas Evanson, April 16
Chris Seelke, April 17
Mike Hubbard, April 19
Anneliese Kraiger, April 19

Pam Alstrom, April 20
Sarah Channel, April 20
Luke Ostwald, April 22
Mark Ostwald, April 22
Kristine Burns, April 29
Stephen Natwick, April 29
Adam Sykes, April 29

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ray & Jean Hodge, April 20



Mike Hubbard & Ken Mitchell for hanging pictures by Vicki and Ken creating a beautiful “art gallery” in our entryway.

Keith Lile and Joe Fernandez for hours spent setting up and figuring out our new LiveStream system.

Mike Hubbard & Roger Shaw for building the fabulous A/V platform. It’s beautiful!

Mike Hubbard & Roger Shaw for replacing the hot water tank in the kitchen of the church.

Amy Ostwald and Joni Hildreth for picking up the Food Bank items and delivering them to the Food Bank.

Kristine Finazzo & Mike Barkstrom for making deposits.

Everyone who contributes food and diapers to the

Food Bank.

Everyone who helped out with the 4-F St. Paddy’s diner. (See the pictures through out newsletter.)

Kristine Finazzo for delivering March Newsletters.

Beate Wahl for one of her bags for the door prizes for the 4-F St. Paddy’s dinner.

Liturgical Arts Team: Amy, Dee, Diane, Lynnette, and Marti for our beautiful Lent décor.

Amy Ostwald for Palm Sunday ferns.

Mark Smalley for leading the committee recommending the sale of the Bel Aire property.

Prayer Chain for faithfully holding the people of Amazing Grace and all those they love in God’s compassionate care.

ST. PADDY’S 4-F DINNER THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting our drive through- pick up St Paddy dinner. It was another success The weather co-operated so you were able to greet each other through your masks!

We thank our soda bread bakers: Eileen, Beate, Carmon and Pastor VAL. I think Madison sampled each one. Mike and Karen cooked up the corned beef and veggies to perfection again. Kristine, Jill and Judi

made the bread pudding, we hope you enjoyed each bite. Mike H, Pastor Val and Madison delivered the meals with a smile under their mask. Thank you Dee and Joan for putting the door prize baskets together. Darrell, Ray, Jill, Mike B and Karen Davison were the lucky winners. Your grace was provided by Jolle and Kristine.

We were able to obtain Thrivent Action cards so everything was profit !!!

We served 103 meals to friends, neighbors and members. With extra donations and even a tip, we raised \$2150!!!! After our 10% tithe divided to Lutheran Disaster, Salvation Army food bank and Altrusa, the restoration of the stained glass window fund will receive 70% and the remaining 30% will be put in the maintenance fund.

The Methodist Church has been so generous to let us use their ovens over the past years of dinners, so \$100 will be sent to them from the Grace Fund.

THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED FROM OTHERS

- **Union Gospel of Grays Harbor** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$182.15
- **Habitat for Humanity** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$182.15

We appreciate your support, keep your eyes and ears open for another drive through meal, hopefully before summer.

Mike, Karen, Kristine, Jill and Judi

P.S. the one thing we missed most was hearing you sing the fun Irish songs !!!!



SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION

April 6

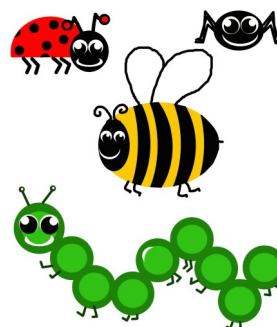
Mary Ellen Salmon, Leader

Elaine Lokken, Marge Kelling, Carmon Shaw, Sandra Windell, Amy Ostwald, Joni Hildreth

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.



USHERS NEEDED

We need more ushers while we're following safe Covid protocols, two at each service. Please sign up if you are vaccinated and able to help.

Contact the church office at 360-32-8250 or amazing111@comcast.net

TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Covid-19 task force has decided that it's time to invite a few people into in-person worship. 15-20 people are invited to participate in-person Sunday morning. **If you would like to attend, please con-**

tact the church office. Masks and social distancing are required. Ushers will seat and dismiss everyone. Visiting after worship will be outside with distancing required.



THE FOOD BANK HAS A HOME!!!

The new address is 2120 Commerce St. in Aberdeen. Drop off day is Tuesday from 8:30 – 3. You may drop off donations at the new address Tuesdays from 8:30-3 or at the church.

Amy Ostwald and Mike and Joni Hildreth will transport donations left at the church. If you'd

like to help with that, please let Amy or Pastor Val know Food bank is especially in need of baby wipes, peanut butter, mac & cheese and diapers sizes 2,4,5, & 6. If you prefer to send a monetary donation, it may be sent to: P.O. Box 444 Aberdeen, WA 98520

GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

HOLY WEEK-

Please join Pastor Val in praying throughout this Holy Week for our world and for all its needs. We gather for **Maundy Thursday worship April 1 and Good Friday worship on April 2, both at 7pm. On**

facebook live with 15-20 people invited to join in person. Please let the church office know if you would like to be in person.

EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP

We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in person and on facebook live at 10:00am. All in-person spots are filled but everyone can join us on facebook live! Please share this link and invitation with friends, neighbors and family. Even those who don't normally attend worship may want to be with

us in this unique time! Click this link: or find us on facebook: Amazing Grace (in Aberdeen, WA) https://www.facebook.com/Amazing-Grace-Lutheran-Church-14570725233786/?eid=ARB1mh2QJuB9stTE8H6_5E27O6YRX_dh4dAX2XKH5XtFL1IAHXYrRYvWpFK2UUd0oDY11Qye3lLsipHP

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to share your lilies with the congregation, please drop them off at the church before Easter morning. If you are sharing them in memory

of a loved one, please let the office know the name so that we can include it in the list on Easter. Thank you!



ENDOWMENT FUND

The budget for 2021 has increased up to \$12,000. Scholarship applications and endowment fund requests are available in church office or from Darrell Lokken.

Applications are due June 1st. There will be more information on this later. All completed forms can be returned to the office or to a committee member.



INFaITH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Dear Partners in Faith,

We are thrilled to announce scholarship opportunities available to students in your area and invite you to share this news through church bulletins, newsletters and other communications to supporters.

InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship – Two \$5,000 scholarships

The InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship was established in 2013 to benefit students who are members of churches that have an active church endowment fund held at InFaith Community Foundation.

Eligibility: To be eligible, candidates must:

- Be a high school graduating senior and a member of a congregation that holds an active organizational endowment fund at InFaith;
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Plan to attend an accredited college or university and seeking a four-year degree; and,
- Be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants must be high school graduating seniors seeking a four-year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university. Through this scholarship award, we hope to provide educational op-

portunities to two individuals who demonstrate financial need, high academic achievement, and a commitment to serving their community. Thanks to the generosity of InFaith donors, this scholarship program is made possible through an InFaith Field of Interest Fund to benefit our shared community.

WomenLead Scholarship - Two \$3,000 scholarships

WomenLead recognizes the need for diverse leadership in ministry, nonprofits and civic organizations, and seeks to accelerate the extraordinary leadership of women to lead change using their talents to *educate, advocate, and activate*. The Chris Andersen WomenLead Scholarship was established in 2017. Two educational scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded to women of Christian faith seeking a Masters or Doctoral level degree that will prepare them to serve in public service, non-profit leadership and/or in Christian ministry. Women of diverse backgrounds (race/ethnicity, age, faith) eager to lead through bold action, innovative vision and faith-inspired passion are encouraged to apply.

Applications for these scholarships are due on April 30, 2021. More information is available on [our website](#). If you have any questions about the scholarships or the application process please don't hesitate to contact our team at scholarships@infaithfound.org or call (800)-365-4172.

OFFICE HOURS

Church office is open: **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-1 & Friday 11-4. No one** should be in the office while Vicky is there. You can drop mail in the mail slot. 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 commu-

nication 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.



Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Administrative Council Meeting Minutes Feb 23, 2021

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.

As Church Council, we 1. Ensure that the mission of the church is fulfilled (Love God and Love Neighbor) and 2. Manage the property and finances of the congregation so that purpose #1 can be fulfilled.

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

- I. Call to Order by Pres. Joelle Buckman 6:05
- II. Review & approve minutes of last meeting – Jan. 26 & Feb. 9
- III. Financial Reports - 30 minutes (30 min)
 - A. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman
 - Bills to be Paid **M/S/P**
 - B. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller
 - Procedure to be developed to have church financial information ready for annual audit.

New Program for financial secretary – Phil & Joelle

- Giving Statements for 2020 Will be going out soon. Pastor Val will include a letter.

IV. Business items (30 min)

A. Bel-Aire Property-Mike O'Connor & Gene Schermer

An offer was presented for the property. A committee to study options for the property at this time will be formed and a recommendation made to the congregation.

B. Synod Affordable Housing

-The Synod group continues to meet. Pastor Val will include a report in the March newsletter.

V. Task Assignments

-Phil needs to let Pastor Val know what he is asking Vicky to do with Audit information.

-Theresa needs to provide Mike with a break down on the maintenance account and Family Promise.

-Joelle & Phil will meet to discuss new program for Financial Secretary.

-Joelle will contact brother about new financial secretary program.

-Pastor Val will provide a letter when giving statements go out.

-Theresa will look into any Financial questions.

-Curtis and Pastor Val will meet and discuss Synod Affordable Housing.

-Pastor Val will contact Synod attorney about options for financing sale of Bel-Aire property.

-Joelle will send out committee request for a meeting for Bel-Aire property within the next 7 days

VI. Adjournment and closing prayer 7:13

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Mission Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2021**



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

I. Prayer & Highs and Lows

II. Call to Order by Pres. Joelle Buckman 6:13

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) (20min)

A. Mutual Ministry Update – Joelle

-Good meeting and continue to meet monthly

B. Recommendation from Bel-Aire Property committee

-The revised offer of \$70,000 cash with Amazing Grace paying the closing costs. The committee met twice and made two recommendations. The first was to council to accept the cash offer for the Bel-Aire property and the second recommendation was that the congregation strongly consider putting the proceeds of the sale toward property working with the Synod Affordable Housing Initiative. Doing that would require a congregational meeting to re-consider the allocation of the money.

-Motion to accept the cash offer of \$70,000 less closing cost, estimated between \$2500 & \$3,000 for the sale and transfer of the Bel-Aire Property **M/S/P Motion carries**

-Motion to follow the committee recommendation to hold a congregational meeting at a date in early May to be determined after the informational meeting **M/S/P Motion carries**
There will be in informational meeting on the Affordable Housing Initiative on April 11 at noon, the Sunday after Easter. A committee will gather information for the meeting and make it available by Palm Sunday.

VI. Ministry Reports (25 min)

A. Worship – Dee Erickson and Pastor Val

-Midweek Lent services and Sunday services are going fine. Keith is doing a great job on the Streaming effort and the building of the platform. Keith is making a Stream Team schedule.

1. Resuming in-person worship Task Force – report

-Limit for attending in-person worship is still 10. As things get better on the Harbor the Task Force will talk about expanding. Task Force continues to meet weekly. If anyone has any questions, contact anyone on the Task Force.

2. Report on audio/video updates – platform is being built; research being done on a screen in the sanctuary so that in person worship and livestream worship can see the same thing.

B. Outreach – Amy Ostwald

1. Family Promise - Looking for a family.

2. Chaplains dinner - Cooking on March 21st and have a great group of volunteers.

3. Food Bank

-Two household (Ostwald's, Hildreth's) that are sharing the responsibilities of bringing food bank items from the church to the Food Bank on Tuesdays.

3. Synod Affordable Housing Initiative – Pastor Val/Curtis

C. Youth & Family – Curtis Steinhauer

1. Sunday School

-The first Sunday school zoom meeting on Sunday had a few technical difficulties. There were at least 6 families participating. Sunday school is meeting every other week through Spring. Curtis & Shayna Steinhauer, Amy Ostwald and Carmon Shaw are the Sunday school teachers.

2. Confirmation - Continues to meet.

3. Adult group study

D. Fellowship – Carrie Erwin

-Nothing new to report. Open to any idea's others may have.

E. Property – Mike Barkstrom

-The lightening is done in the church and Family Promise. The platform (15 inches by 8ft and 20 inches off the ground) is coming along with Mike and Roger doing the work. The pew in the back of the sanctuary will be taken apart because that is where the platform will be going.

There are a few issues with the hot water tank in the kitchen. Mike will make sure there is hot water for the St. Paddy's dinner on Sunday. If the issue is not resolved, the water tank will be replaced next week.

VII. Pastor's Report

VIII. Task Assignments

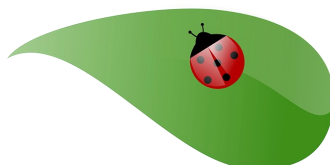
-Joelle will send an email to Endowment committee members to see who would like to be part of group presenting information to the congregation about the Affordable Housing Initiative.

-Pastor Val asked council to consider giving a gift as a thank you to Mike and Arlene. Council approved.

-Amy will contact Mike about Chaplains dinner

-Mike will send Pastor Val a link on where to buy web cam.

IX. Adjournment and closing prayer 6:50





PASTOR'S REPORT February 2021 - regular activities during pandemic; all meetings on Zoom

WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP Sunday worship – Plan and lead
 Plan adult education
 Plan seasonal and special worship services
 Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing
 Prayer
 Meet with ministry leader as needed

ADMINISTRATION

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 marginalized people
 Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

OUTREACH

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 February

OFFICIAL ACTS: None in February

ADMINISTRATIVE: Stewardship letter out with giving statements
 Task Force for resuming in person worship

PASTORAL CARE: Visits, calls, texts, messaging as needed

WORSHIP: Planning for in-person worship, Lent

YOUTH/FAMILY/Education: Sunday School – curriculum assessment; send to families; coordinate with teachers
 Confirmation

OUTREACH: Food Bank meetings
 Synod Affordable Housing Initiative meeting

VACATION: February 5 - 7

UPCOMING: Lent mid-week Holden Evening Prayer with theme: Created for Community 2/24-3/24
 Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday 4/1 7PM
 Good Friday 4/2 7PM Easter Sunday 4/4 10AM

FEBRUARY BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Name		Date	Total
Checking			\$ 29,191.93
-PSALM			\$ 100.00
-Technology			\$ (64.55)
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 433.51
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 2,620.00
-Music			\$ (393.54)
-Bells			\$ 965.95
-Friends in Need			\$ 1,501.18
-Reformation Fund			\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 386.83
-Altar Guild			\$ 367.00
-Noisy Offering			\$ -
-Family Promise Mainte-			\$ 2,070.22
-Chaplain's Dinner			\$ 416.25
-Grace Fund			\$ 340.00
		TOTAL	\$ 39,505.98
			\$ -
Maintenance Checking			\$ 15,256.10
-Windows			\$ 10,000.00
Youth Checking			\$ 295.75
Memorial Savings			\$ 13,848.93
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 1,908.53

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School meets at NOON Sunday 4/11 and 4/25 Zoom. Watch for an email from the church for more information. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89503235721>

Informational meeting about sale of the Bel Aire Property on FACEBOOK LIVE and IN PERSON (20 people) April 11 at 11AM.





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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.

Mike Barkstrom: mkbarks1@gmail.com - (360) 589-1393

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Liturgists: Hank Bilderback, Keith Lile, Laura Carle,
Curtis Steinhauer, Charles Scamman

Musicians: Kristine Burns, Heidi Seelke





**Please join us for worship
Sundays at 10am on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Amazing-Grace-Lutheran-Church-114570725233786/>**

**Or anytime at: amazinggraceaberdeen.org
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of Grays Harbor***



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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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