

THE SPIRIT

FEBRUARY 2016



KEEPING A HOLY LENT

The forty days of Lent are an opportunity for a season of renewal with Easter Sunday as its peak. Lent is a great time to experiment with a discipline for spiritual life in Christ. “Discipline” may seem like drudgery, but it’s what enables us to live with delight and dedication! Discipline is the border within which we can thrive. With no borders we don’t know where to begin. But, give us a clear guide and we can grow high, deep and wide in our faith. This year we’ll explore the most fundamental of Christian borders: PRAYER. Please **check the calendar and the schedule of events** this Lent. We’re offering 3 joint gatherings with our partners in other denominations and 3 gatherings at Amazing Grace focusing on prayer.

At our annual meeting I proposed that we all make a couple of commitments for the coming year; commitments we can make for the sake of being Christ’s church here, here in this time, ALWAYS REFORMING in the spirit of Luther’s Reformation. Two of those commitments are:

1. Using the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation as an organizing theme to spark our imagination to identify and accomplish some projects that continue the legacy of being ALWAYS REFORMING, always evaluating what we are doing as the church and how we are doing it to make certain that we are being faithful to the one we follow, Jesus Christ.

2. Committing to Stephen Ministries as a way to strengthen our caring ministry for one another and through that caring for our community and the world. This commitment includes 2-3 people attending a week long training and then returning to train more people here and it includes the financial support of sending those people to training.

If you would like to serve on the **Reformation 500 Committee** or if you’re interested in **Stephen Ministry** or if you need more information about either effort, please talk to me soon. If you’d like to contribute financially to either of those efforts, your donations of any size will be greatly appreciated. Please write in the memo line: Reformation or Stephen Ministry or talk with Mike Kupka, Mark Smalley or Theresa

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Of Grays Harbor

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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Kaufman. **As further commitment to our ongoing ministry and life together, you are invited to complete the following form and bring it to worship on Feb. 14th, Re-Commit Sunday.** If you did not receive the form please print this one, fill it out and bring it Sunday or mail it in if you can't be here. More forms will be available in worship on 2/7.

We are the church together and **YOU** are needed! Please let us know what you need to learn or do to grow in faith and understanding so that we can work together to make this place we love a place where God's grace is known by all.

NAME: _____

Our world is changing. Our culture is changing. How do we live as God's faithful people now?

RADICAL HOSPITALITY – Amazing Grace is great at welcoming people IN. How can we extend that hospitality to reach people who won't come IN? Maybe RADICAL hospitality means we go to the people that need to hear the message of God's love! What are your ideas?

1. Go out and meet our neighbors
2. Have worship somewhere other than our building
- 3.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT – What do you want/need in order to grow in mature faith? Here are some ideas. What are your ideas?

1. Bible or book study (any particular books of Bible? Or type of study? Or certain books?)
2. Issues study (Gay/lesbian and Christianity; Climate Change and Christianity; Genetic engineering; ...)
3. Lutheran study (in preparation for Reformation Commemoration in 2017)
4. Managing our money/time/talents/health Biblically
5. Prayer or Forgiveness – study and practice
- 6.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY – How do we move beyond generous living to extravagant generosity as shown in Jesus' life and death and in the abundance of God's creation? What are your ideas?

1. Increasing our tithe (currently 6% of undesignated offering)
2. Offering more ways for people to give of their time and talents. (What would that mean to you?)
3. What do you need to learn or do so you can live a life of extravagant generosity?
- 4.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP – How do we experience the holy even more deeply and more consistently in worship? What ideas do you have?

1. Music -
2. Drama/dance/arts / ? –
3. Offer other times for worship? Midweek? Sunday evening? Saturday evening? Or ?
- 4.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE – How do we move from mission and service to RISK-TAKING mission?

1. Learn about ways to incorporate mission/service into our own lives (fair trade; micro-lending; adult mission trip; ?
2. Learn more about the needs of the people in our community so that we can work WITH THEM and empower them to meet their needs.
- 3.



The Way, the Truth and the Life

Bishop Rick Jaech

Dear Friends,

This last Sunday I preached on the Gospel lesson for Epiphany 4 in which Jesus creates an uproar in his home town. He tells his hometown crowd that the love and blessing of God, which certainly enfolds them, also extends far beyond them to include even the general of an enemy army.



“Remember in Elisha’s time when there were all kinds of lepers in Israel needing healing, but God chose to heal Naaman, the general of the army of Syria?” They were so offended that they tried to throw Jesus off a cliff.

Relationship with Syrians was a hot topic in Jesus’ day and it continues to be a hot topic in our day. Lutheran Community Services NW just announced that they will help settle 30 Syrian refugee families in Washington and Oregon this year. Do we support that or not? I would guess that throughout our synod there are many different viewpoints about whether to allow Syrians to enter the United States. Beyond the question of Syrian refugees is the broader issue of how we view Muslim people in general.

Given the terrorist activity carried out by a minority of Muslim extremists, there is a general fear and suspicion in our country against anyone who is Muslim. Muslim families walking through a store are hearing insults and threats. Islamic Centers are being defaced. We are even hearing a recommendation by some that no Muslims be allowed to enter our country. What is our response?

Let me tell you a story from my own Lutheran history that influences my thinking on this matter. My family comes from the German branch of the Lutheran church. I am thankful for my German Lutheran heritage in many ways. However, the most grievous and shameful chapter in the history of the German Lutheran church was when it did virtually nothing to stop the Nazi murder of 6 million Jewish people during WWII.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5	Pat Coram
	Maizie Jane Jewitt
6	Mike Barkstrom
	Jane Teveliet
	Kylie Weiberg
7	Krister Lile
11	Doris Tieder
	Joyce Smith
13	Joelle Dickson
17	Allison Dickson
	Emil Frafjord
	Darci Jewitt
	Amy Ostwald
18	Elaine Lokken
20	Donna Spere
22	Brady Green
23	Phil Penttila
25	Molly Leithold
26	Charlotte Kupka
	Mari Rabung

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

11	James & Jeannette Green
13	William & Joan Rabung
14	Phil & Cindy Penttila
23	Jim & Michelle Weiberg
26	Dave & Kim Edwards
27	Jim & Peggy Erickson

Following the First World War, the German economy was in shambles. German people were unemployed, starving and scared. Hitler promised to make Germany powerful again. Hitler also said, however, that the cause of Germany's problems were the Jewish citizens. Jewish people, he said, were untrustworthy, disloyal and dangerous. Therefore, they must be separated and eliminated.

It started with verbal attacks on Jewish people as they walked down the streets of their towns. Then synagogues were painted with insults, then store windows broken, then laws changed which severely limited the rights of Jewish citizens, then finally came the arrests and the trains that took families to Auschwitz and Dachau.

Except for a few Lutheran leaders who specifically spoke out in defense of their Jewish neighbors, the German Lutheran church went along with it. **Whether in disbelief or fear or outright support for Hitler, the church said and did nothing.**

I should add that German Lutherans were not the only ones who were silent. While the US government clearly fought against Hitler's military aggression and many Americans gave their lives to stop him, the US was silent about Jewish persecution. **Our government denied Jews the chance to escape and immigrate to the US.** For example, in the years leading up to the war, the family of Anne Frank applied for a visa to come to the US when they knew their lives were in danger. However, the commonly held belief in the US at the time was that Jewish people were dangerous and prone to violence. Therefore, the US State Department denied a visa to the Frank family and to thousands of other Jewish families, who then died in the camps.

Why do I bring up this piece of my German Lutheran history? **I tell this story because it shouldn't and can't happen again.** We, in the Lutheran church and the entire Christian church, cannot again let an entire group of people, this time the Muslims, be labeled evil and dangerous and then let them be subject to insult and violence and exclusion.

This is not **simply** an ethical matter, which it is. It is **not simply a political** matter, which it also is. **It is, at its heart, a matter of the Gospel.** It is connected to everything Jesus said and did as the incarnation of God's grace. Through Jesus, the heart of God opens wide to us with life and blessing, not on the basis of our accomplishments or color or what ethnic group we are, but out of grace. **God comes to each one of us and says, "You are mine. You are my dear ones."** That is the free gift God gives us. And then, as we receive that unearned grace, God calls us to extend that love and grace to all around us, particularly those who are persecuted and pushed to the outside. Jesus said to his Nazareth hometown neighbors, "You're going to need to open up your doors wider, including to the Syrians. That's how God's love works."

I am very grateful that **many people within our synod are already reaching out to our Muslim neighbors in support and speaking in their behalf.** Just this past month, Pastor Amy Hessel organized a visit to the Islamic Center in Olympia. A week later, Pastor Jan Ruud led a visit to the Islamic Center in Tacoma, in which our local Jewish rabbi, Bruce Kadden, also participated.

In both cases, the imams and members of the Islamic Centers were warmly hospitable and thankful for our words of support. It is understandably an anxious time for them, as it is for us. Yet, so much healing can come when we simply meet and hear each other's stories.

We live in a complicated time. We live in a time of suspicion, violence and terrorism. It is appropriate that we take those dangers seriously and ask the Spirit's guidance for how to best take reasonable precautions and create better safety for all people. Yet we must be watchful that our fear does not blind us to the vision and promise of God. It is by grace that we are each loved by God. It is by grace that the Holy Spirit gathers us together as God's children. Therefore, in grace Jesus calls us to open our hearts and homes to others. For that is the Way, the Truth and the Life to which Jesus calls us. Bishop Rick Jaech

Click on link below to view the SW Washington Synod Newsletter

<http://www.lutheranssw.org/pages/newsletters>



PRAYING FOR... Tracy Miner, Aaron, Kay Frogen and Family, Wayne Herron, Nita, Chrissie Kincaid, MacKenzie, Tim Leithold, Mitzi Ludwig, Molly Johnson Anne Haynes, Jack Bastin, Francis Beeman, Bryce Wilson, Dianne Rabung, Jason, Rene, Christopher Hinkle, Lynne Hanson, Beth Botting, Renee Quinn, Lynn Howerton,

Geri Stubb, Jim Coon, Ben Offrink, Nicole Claussen, Richard Kraiger, Doug George, Gwen, Don Stubb, Richard, Melvin Thompson, Kenny Broussard, Dana, Gene, Annie Eisele, those experiencing homelessness and addiction; for long-term caregiver Carol Stubb, and for the young people and workers at the Youth Center, for those incarcerated, for the young people attending Oshigambo High School in Namibia and for family and friends mourning the death and celebrating the life of Melissa Smiley. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for the family of Mary A. Koski who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



VALENTINES FOR COLLEGE YOUTH

It's time again to send Valentine packages to our college age youth! We put the edible things with a Valentine designed by our youth/children into a large flat envelope to send. **We will pack these after church on February 7th.** A donation box will be in the Fellowship Hall for your convenience or you may leave your donation with Amy Ostwald or Lynette Lile. Thank you for helping us send love to our college age students! **Please send your college student's address to the church office so they get a care package!**

Thanks We Have Received

- Thank you for your gift of \$25.00 to Catholic Community Services.
- Thank you so much for your January 9, 2016 gift of \$38.81, Living Stones Prison Congregation
- Thank you for your gift! \$38.81 from Pacific Lutheran University



- *Thank you Amy Ostwald for the art work in the newspaper; for the beautiful Silhouettes and art that enhanced worship through Advent-Christmas*
- *Appreciation to Kathy and Diane for the beautiful Christmas décor. Your hours of work made worship space beautiful for us all.*
- *Thanks to everyone who shared special music on Christmas Eve; Walt Ebel, Mai Lei, Edward Lapanawan*
- *Special thanks to our tech support during Christmas Eve: Hannah and Jared Erwin and Tessa Buckman*
- *Nice work Council Members for all your work at the Annual Potluck! Special thanks to all council members that have served and those who are beginning their service on Council.*
- *Thanks to Gene and Ray for monitoring the water in the basements and for dealing with the mess. We so appreciate that!*
- *Way to go Maintenance Crew!—Thank you for all the repairs at the church you do, and we appreciate the new key lock and keys provided to the Parish Hall. We also love the fresh paint in the office bathroom and Pastor Val appreciates the warmth of her office thanks to the drywall repairs.*
- *A special note of appreciation to all the worship assistants for volunteering your time to make Sunday worships meaningful and keep them flowing smooth.*
- *Thank you to everyone who makes the effort to learn about Islam and create a more inclusive community by showing caring to our Muslim Community during this very difficult time for them.*
- *Thanks to all who prepared and brought meals to the Kincaid Family. She appreciated the help during her medical restrictions.*
- *Thanks to Judy, Kristine, Jill, Mari and Madi and all the behind the scenes folks who planned, cooked, cleaned and served at the 70+ Dinner making this dinner so special for everyone who attended.*
- *Thanks to Hank and Richard for leading worship so beautifully when Pastor Val was gone.*
- *Thanks to the Choir and Bell Choir for making Pastor DeBeauchamp's installation service very special.*
- *Thanks and welcome to our newest liturgist, Charles Scamman.*
- *Thanks to Susan Troy for the hours of work put into making the Annual Report so*
6 readable.



UNION GOSPEL MISSION

Reminder: Carmon Shaw's Team

serves Tuesday, February 2nd

Carmen Shaw, Leader Kim Edwards Amy Ostwald

Theresa Kaufman Eileen Schermer Amanda Kaufman

The director of UGM says that we can expect to serve about **50 people**.

They need food delivered well before 7 p.m. so that they know what is coming. Thank you!!!

Helping Grays Harbor's at-risk Youth

The 1st Sunday of each month we highlight the needs of the at-risk youth in our community. Our Caring Cupboard is a one-stop donation site for the Gravity Center, Youth Center and other entities that serve Grays Harbor Youth.



Youth shelter needs include:

pudding cups, fruit cups, granola bars

snack size bags of chips or pretzels

Peanut butter or cheese crackers

individually packed bags of veggies and/or ranch, Lunch meat

G.R.A.V.I.T.Y. Program

Typical Gravity Center kids are experiencing poverty and neglect. The kids are always hungry and can always use:

Cup of Noodles, Instant cocoa packets

Bread, peanut butter and jelly, Canned tuna, Cookies and fruit

In addition the teen parents need:

Diapers Size 1 or larger; Baby Wipes, Soaps or lotions, clothes, bottles, children's Tylenol, diaper rash creams. These items may be left in the basket in the Parish Hall for pick up and delivery by Vicki Mitchell.

UNDER THE BRIDGE MINISTRY

Paula Elder has faithfully served this ministry for well over a year (maybe two). The sandwiches served under the bridge are a tangible expression of love of God for people that our community has in many ways given up on. You can help by bringing sandwich making materials: bread, lunchmeat, and condiments to the church by February 14, or you could offer Paula some help by making sandwiches one month.

Please contact the office or talk with her about how you can help. Sandwiches will be served on February 17 .

Thank you!





ISLAMIC CENTER VISIT—FEB. 21ST

A delegation of folks from the Olympia Islamic Center will be visiting us, making a presentation after worship in the Parish Hall about Islam. Please join us for this time of learning and growing in understanding, developing relationships that make our world and our country a safer and more humane place for us all. Please read the excellent study, “My Neighbor is Muslim” so that you have a basic understanding of the faith and our questions can be substantive. Copies are available in the Parish Hall. The group will only answer questions submitted by Thurs. Feb. 11th. This is an attempt by them to have time to research any questions that they are unsure of.

(Imagine someone asking you the details of your faith. It might take a little time to research.)

This will NOT be a fellowship time.

This will be an educational opportunity. Thank you for warmly welcoming our guests.

QUILTERS ANNUAL SOUP LUNCHEON—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, February 14th is the Quilter’s Annual Soup Luncheon
Soup, bread, fruit, and cookies will be served. Donations accepted for the personal health kits sent to Lutheran World Relief

2015 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

These are available in the parish hall.

Please pick yours up so that we can saving on mailing costs!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Mary A. Koski Saturday, Feb. 27th
at the Log Pavilion at 1 p.m. All are welcome.



Caring for someone with memory loss? Do you need information and support?

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month 1:00-2:30pm at

First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen—420 N. Broadway St

Contact Group Facilitator: Helen Morning Star 360.533.2277



GREETINGS WASHINGTON COAST ENTREPRENEURS!

Apply for up to \$10,000 in funding – www.wacoastworks.org

Do you have an idea for a small business that makes money, builds community, and protects the environment? Take a step to move your idea forward.

Contact Coast Works team at <mailto:info@wacoastworks.org>
if you have questions about the competition.

The competition is being presented by the
The Nature Conservancy in partnership with Enterprise for Equity
(with support from a USDA Rural Business Development Grant),
Pinchot University's Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship and the Ta'ala Fund.
Mike Skinner, Coast Works Competition Administrator
O: 206.780.6228, C: 206.235.6029

Get Your Tax Refund...FAST and FREE

for low-income families

Newrizons Federal Credit Union

Make an appointment call: 360.533.4760

(Financial Counseling available upon request)



Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016 6:15 pm



Call to Order

Devotions – Diane Hanson

Assign Prayer Task

Thanksgiving -Kristine, Intercession -Mark, Petition -Jeannette, Praise -Diane

Assign Time Keeper and Opinion Collector Tasks - Val

Establish Quorum - Yes

Review and Approve Agenda - MSP

Review, correct and approve minutes of last meeting, December 8th, 2015 - MSP

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report – Chrissie Kincaid/Theresa Kaufman - MSP –

Approved bills as presented

New Signature cards – Cards will be updated because of council changes

Office Credit Card – MSP to open a new credit card in new Office Administrator's name

The Employee Pay Date Church Policy (that was signed by church employees last year) was reviewed for clarification. Time sheets are due by the 1st, pay dates are by the 7th and 22nd

Water Bill – the recent statement from City of Aberdeen was discussed and concern was expressed for amount and it possibly due to a leak

Val requested a copy of the visa charges be provided while reviewing Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary's Report – Mike Kupka

Mike provided reports showing all contributions for December and the 2015 cumulative report

A Thrivent representative will be invited to council to discuss financial management.

Mike also provided Designated Contributions Report for the Annual Report on 01-08-16

Business items

Endowment Committee Report – Keith Lile – A report was provided to the members showing funds invested and total allocations. Musical stands will be paid for out of this fund. Keith will verify participation from committee members and share names with Mark.

Review of Benevolence Groups for 2016 – Mark

Audit Committee – Mark (Received from Darrell and Gene 1/12/16)

Annual Meeting Planning – Mark, Annual meeting will be arranged by Council.

Hearing assistance box and charging station – Kristine – More information was given.

Kristine informed council that rechargeable batteries and charging station were purchased from Costco. The men's group will be asked to consider building a way to hang the equipment.

Unfilled Council Position - Property – Mark

Council position descriptions and expectations will be developed in the near future

Council Retreat February 27th 9-3pm

Reformation 500 year Anniversary – 2017 – Pastor

Ministry Reports

Fellowship – Chris Seelke

Worship – Diane Hanson – Diane reported feedback was positive from the holiday season.

Property – Coleman Carle –

John Lupo addressed skywalk leak which ended up being a masonry issue

The lock at the entrance by the office will be looked at by the men's group

Outreach – Kristine Finazzo

Valentine greetings and fun surprises will be purchased for college students. It was suggested that Thrivent Action Team may be a great option for help in buying items and postage. Donations from the congregation are appreciated also.

Youth and Family—Feast for All and Chili Feed – Jeannette expressed appreciation for the involvement from Presbyterian Church and all who assisted in the kitchen. Jeannette requested PLU scholarship information to Jeannette. (Done 1/14/16)
Camps are being researched for youth trips

Pastor's Report was received

Upcoming Studies – “Understanding our Muslim Neighbor” – The attendees conversed on the planning for the visitors from the Muslim church community and have decided to announce their discussion time as an event followed by serving food and refreshments in the parish hall.

Task Assignments February Devotions - Kristine

Adjournment and closing prayer

Respectfully submitted by Susan Troy

January 14, 2016

PASTOR'S REPORT – December 2015

WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP 3 Sunday worship services 2 including healing prayer; -
Chose hymns and liturgy
2 Sunday worship – planned for while I was on vacation
Christmas Eve service – develop and plan
Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing
Prayer
Bible Study based on upcoming weekly readings weekly
Meet with ministry leader as needed

ADMINISTRATION Work with office administrator: bulletins, newsletter, other as needed
Council meeting monthly; Exec. Comm. Meeting
Newsletter - writing, proofing, editing
Mutual Ministry committee
Meet with treasurer as needed

FELLOWSHIP/PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING Surgery - prayer & wait w/spouse
Pastoral care as needed
Individual counseling
Rivercity support
Coordinate with ministry leader as needed
Meet with quilters 2 times a month

PASTOR's REPORT Cont'd

OUTREACH/VISITATION Kettle Klash – Salvation Army fundraiser

Coordinated outreach to Islamic Center in Olympia

Hospital visits

Coordinate help for homeless family

Wrote letter of recommendation for individuals turning life around

Facebook page – outreach through social media.

Meet with homeless individuals, CCS support staff and pastors to plan

Coordinate with Youth Center supervisor

Homebound & assisted living visits

Local pastors meeting – monthly, hosted at A.G. looking for ways to partner and support ministry

Outreach ministry meeting of all interested

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE Set up for Bible study Clean up from Christmas Eve

YOUTH AND FAMILY Message for young people weekly Planning/leading Youth Group with 1st Presb and alone

STEWARDSHIP Study and integrate into sermons

OFFICIAL ACTS (Baptisms, funerals, weddings) None during December

VACATION 5 days in December

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Reading: The Story; My Bright Abyss; Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel.

Classes: None

Synod Events: Bishop's Advent Eucharist in Port Townsend

UPCOMING EVENTS: Prayer Retreat and Bishop's convocation 1/25 – 1/27

Study of Islam 1/17, 1/24, 2/7 & 2/14

Islamic Center Visit 1/29

Women's Retreat 2/5-2/7

Living Stones Prison worship at Shelton prison 2/13

Muslim guests at Amazing Grace after worship 2/21



Living Stones Prison Ministry

We're All in This Together!

c/o The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

1601 North Street SE

Olympia, WA 98501

Rev. Norm Arnold - Pastor

livingstones@gsolympia.org

Sandi Nolte- Pastoral Ministries Assistant - malivingstones@gsolympia.org

Donations needed for the LS 180 Project Transition Program

These items provide the newly-released men with a simple sign of care by providing a few necessities as they return to society.

Freedom Backpack Program

provides backpacks to men as they are released

- ☐ Toiletries/hygiene items (*toilet paper, travel-size shampoo, soap, comb, brush, toothpaste, toothbrush, tampons and feminine pads*)
- ☐ Ziploc-type bags (*quart and gallon-sized*)
- ☐ Ponchos—☐ Tarps (*approx. 8'x9'*)
- ☐ Hand towels—☐ Socks
- ☐ Underwear— ☐ Used plastic grocery sacks

(used to make bedding mats)

(Note: women's items will be sent to the women's corrections facilities at Mission Creek and Washington Corrections Center for Women.)

Clothing Locker

For this program we need serviceable clothing –
shirts, jackets, pants, underwear, shoes and socks

Please bring your donations to church and place in the designated box.

Thank you for being part of this ministry!



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FEBRUARY 2016 Worship Assistants

February 7

Liturgist:	Charles Scamman
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Naomi Kraiger
Communion Assistant:	None, Communion at the Rail
Ushers/Greeters:	William and Mari Rabung
Depositors:	Carmon Shaw & Gene Schermer
Fellowship:	Carle, Torgerson, Smalley and Safstrom

February 14 (Valentines Day)

Liturgist:	Keith Lile
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Kathy Wehage
Communion Assistant:	Jenifer Kaufman
Ushers/Greeters:	Theresa Kaufman & Family
Depositors:	Karen Barkstrom & Maurita White
Fellowship:	Quilter's Soup Luncheon

February 21

Liturgist:	Hank Bilderback
Worship Assistant/Reader:	_____
Communion Assistant:	_____
Ushers/Greeters:	Tim & Molly Leithold
Depositors:	Mark Ostwald & Pete Majar
Fellowship:	Lokken, Shaw, Green Visit from Islamic Center

February 28

Liturgist:	Jeannette Green
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Arlene Torgerson
Communion Assistant:	Jill Waite
Ushers/Greeters:	Karen & Mike Barkstrom
Depositors:	Mike Kupka & Gene Schermer
Fellowship:	Hanson, Wehage, Hodge, Seelke





LENT – 40 DAYS OF RENEWAL

- 2/10 7pm ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP at A.G.**
- 2/17 5:30-7 COMMUNITY LENT GATHERING @ Saron (soup-5:30; study-6)**
- 2/24 5:30-7 Amazing Grace (soup-5:30; study-6)**
- 3/2 5:30-7 Amazing Grace (soup-5:30; study-6)**
- 3/9 5:30-7 COMMUNITY LENT GATHERING Aber Methodist (soup-5:30; study-6)**
- 3/16 5:30-7 Amazing Grace (soup-5:30; study-6)**
- 3/23 5:30-7 COMMUNITY LENT GATHERING @ United Christian Church (soup-5:30; study-6)**
- 3/24 7 pm Amazing Grace MAUNDY — THURSDAY WORSHIP**
- 3/25 7pm Amazing Grace GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**
- 3/27 10am EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP**

*Amazing
Grace*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	3	5	6
17		Union Gospel Mission meal	9 am Quilting Maintenance Crew		Women's Retreat 2/5-7	
7	8	9	10 ASH WEDNESDAY	11	12	13
9:45 am Hymn Fest 10 am Worship SUNDAY TIMES 11 am Fellowship Valentine packages Caring Cupboard NOON ISLAMIC STUDY Choir @ Saron 6pm Youth Group at AG	6-9PM Women's Group	Noon Bible Study 6:15 Council Meeting	7:00PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP -BELLS PLAY			Living stones Prison Ministry Visit
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10 am Worship RECOMMIT and healing prayer; Council Installed 11 am Fellowship QUILTERS SOUP LUNCH-EON 6 pm Youth Group at A.G.	PRESIDENT'S DAY—OFFICE CLOSED	Noon Bible Study	9 am Quilting Maintenance Crew COMMUNITY LENT GATHERING AT SARON (SOUP 5:30, SVC 6:00) Choir rehearsal 7:15 Saron Under the Bridge Sancwiches	6:00pm Bell Rehearsal @ AG		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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