

# *THE SPIRIT*

## *February 2022*

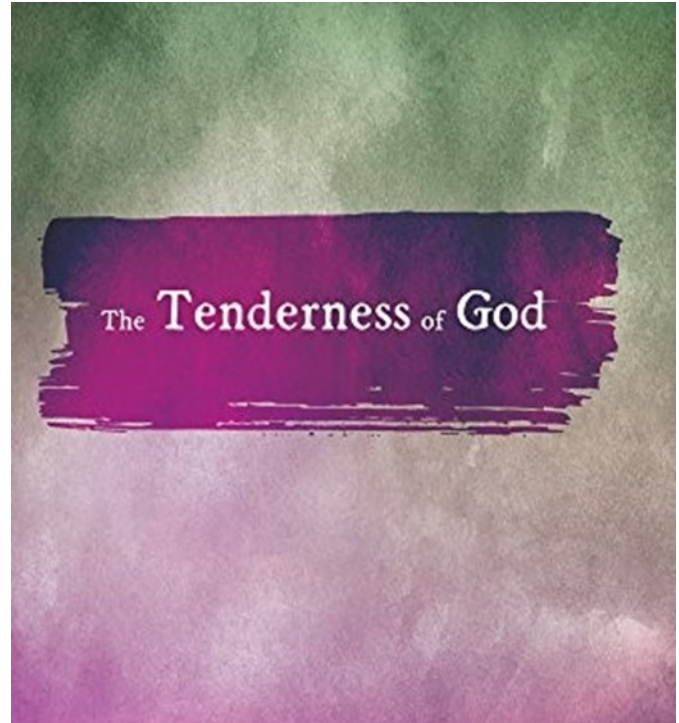


In this season of Epiphany, the season of what is hidden being revealed, we hear in Scripture that the Magi are told in a dream to “Depart by a different route.” The old way home was full of danger and deceit, lies and manipulative maneuvering and so they were advised to find a new way to their home, a new way that reflected their new understanding of truth and of God being revealed not in the ways of deceit or manipulation, but in the exquisite vulnerability of a baby. That exquisite vulnerability is God for you, they discovered. That is God for all humanity: vulnerable with us, and for us.

That is God and **that is who God calls us to be in this world with each other: vulnerable, trusting, hopeful and as Father Greg Boyle describes the life of those who follow Jesus, living with the same “extravagant tenderness” with which Jesus lived because that way of life expresses who God is to a world desperate for tenderness and truth.**

As Boyle says, “If we’re honest, **the world kind of yawns at “religion,”** but snaps to attention when offered the authenticity and authority of the fluent, mystical, nondualist view. We want to both hear and speak this whole language [the whole story of Gods extravagant tenderness], because, mostly, we only know the half of it. We get stuck in a partial view.

This mystical kinship, this speaking the whole language is the exact opposite of the age in which we currently live: tribal, divisive, suspicious, anchored in the illusion of separation – unhealthy, sad, fearful, other-izing, and demonizing. **Mystics [those who seek God, not an institution] replace fear with love, vindictiveness with openhearted kindness, envy with supportive affection, withering judgment with extra**



**tenderness.** Now is the time, as author Brian Doyle suggests, to embrace ‘something other than combat.’”<sup>1</sup>

Let us all, the mystics of Amazing Grace, the followers of Jesus who shows us this tenderness of God, “Depart by a different route.” With eyes wide open to division, suspicion and embrace of the illusion of separation, we choose to follow Jesus into those places most desperately in need of hope, knowing that is the only place we will encounter Jesus.

As we go, we pray together the prayer with which we ended the 2022 Amazing Grace annual meeting:

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Pastor Val*

<sup>1</sup>*The Whole Language: the Power of Extravagant Tenderness* by Father Greg Boyle.



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God's work. Our hands.

## WHAT MASKS DO WE ALL WEAR?

Getting ready to leave the house—for work or errands—takes a couple extra steps during a pandemic. Do I know how crowded my destination will be? Did I remember to take a mask? Of all the annoying things about this pandemic, I find remembering to take and to wear a mask is one of the most irksome. Masks aren't comfortable, they make it more difficult to understand conversations, and they are a daily reminder that we are not out of the woods yet.

Let me be clear—masks are an effective way to stop the spread of this terrible virus, and I will wear one for as long as it takes. I urge all of us to do the same. This isn't about personal choice, but it is a physical manifestation that in baptism “we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” (Romans 12:5). Wearing a mask is as much for our protection as it is for protecting others. I will continue to mask up.

I always thought it was silly that bandits and robbers are depicted wearing only a mask from just below the eyes down. How could that possibly be a disguise? One's eyes, hair and ears are all visible. You can hear the voice. You can figure out a person's stature. What's the point?

It turns out that sighted people get an enormous number of nonverbal cues from someone's face. Infants can read faces even before their eyesight is fully developed. An amazing amount of communication is possible even when interacting with someone who speaks a different language.

I don't think I'm unique in this, but I mentally fill in what a person looks like behind the mask. I make determinations about a person's age and disposition, not to mention physical characteristics. When I do see someone's unmasked face, it turns out that I am always wrong. This could be as benign as not imagining a person had a moustache to more significant assumptions about the person's character.

I mask people even when they aren't wearing an actual mask. This person is white, or this person is young, or this person is Black, or this person is Asian/Pacific Islander, or this person is Arab/

Middle Eastern, or this person is Latinx, or this person is old, or this person is a farmer, or this person is urban, or this person is Lutheran. You can fill out the list. I ascribe characteristics to all of these people without really seeing them.

And then, I wonder about the masks I wear. Wife, daughter, mother, sister. Pastor, friend, the PRESIDING BISHOP (yikes!). When interactions are fraught, the staff have identified what they call my “Queen Face.”

What masks do we all wear? Some are appropriate—we don't have to emote all over everyone all the time. It's good to have boundaries—some are needed for safety. But none of these is who we truly are, and all of these take energy.

As we have been returning to in-person worship and once again celebrating communion, I've witnessed a beautiful phenomenon. When people come forward to receive the host, they momentarily remove their masks. One by one, in the face of our Lord's body, they reveal themselves and are revealed. Their faces appear. No mask. No covering. No defense. No need for defense. For that instant they no longer carry the burden of wearing the mask of their demographic, heritage or ethnicity. They are no longer called upon to be stoic.

At that moment they realize on earth what we shall know in heaven—God sees us. God loves us. In God we find our true selves. We find rest.

*For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known (1 Corinthians 13:12)*

Bishop Eaton



## WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

### God's people join in prayer for:

Curtis Steinhauer, Suzan Stegemoeller, Mari Rabung, Wilbur Neilsen, Doris and Phil Ostwald, Cher, Linda, Hank Bilderback, Melissa Murray, Leif Tangvald, Loyd Gill, Joyce Smith, Ingrid Fackrell, Paul Hanson and family, Jennifer, Leslie Prasch, Barb Stensgard, Jordan, Tom, Cheron and Tanner Stanley, Tanya Anderson-Bowers, Monica Wilson, Tiffany Powell, Joseph, Courtney, Adrienne, Carl

and June Bender, Ginny Clark, Philip, Matthew Green and his family and for family and friends mourning the death of Betty Mitchell. May she rest in peace in rise in glory. We pray for friends and family of Larry Osborne. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



## February BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS:

Maizie Jane Jewitt, February 5  
Mike Barkstrom, February 6  
Jane Teveliet, February 6  
Kylie Weiberg, February 6  
Krister Lile, February 7  
Joyce Smith, February 11  
Doris Tieder, February 11  
Carrie Erwin, February 15  
Emil Frafjord, February 17  
Darci Jewitt, February 17  
Amy Ostwald, February 17

Elaine Lokken, February 18  
Zachary Krenz, February 20  
Brady Green, February 22  
Molly Leithold, February 25  
Charlotte Kupka, February 26  
Mari Rabung, February 26  
Isabella Evanson, February 28

### ANNIVERSARIES:

James & Jeannette Green, February 11  
William & Joan Rabung, February 13  
Jim & Michelle Weiberg, February 23





**Everyone** who contributes to the Food Bank.  
**Task Force** for keeping everyone up-to-date on Covid conditions concerning Sunday worship or any

other safety issues that may come up.

**Judi Hubbard** for providing pictures.

**Joelle, Amy, Joni** for delivering food to the Food Bank.

**Maintenance crew members** who set up the tables for the quilters.

**Mike Hubbard and Roger Shaw** for continuing to work on church.

## 4-F DINNER POT ROAST DRIVE THROUGH THANK YOUS

Our 2022 drive through pot roast dinner was a great success!

Kristine and Judi took the challenge of cooking. We prepared 77 meals of pot roast, garlic mashed potatoes and honey glazed carrots. Thank you Eileen for again being our bread baker, always a treat. Mike, Karen and Jill made the dessert. We all took part in delivering the meals and having the chance to greet folks. Madison was our youth helper.

Thank you Kristine for stepping up and including a Grace with the meal.

With your generosity and support we raised \$1415.00!!! We were fortunate to have two Thrivent Action Cards that covered all the food expenses. With the increase of food and meat prices, we were very happy to have the cards.

Our 10% tithe was divided between LWR, LD and Altrusa.

70 % was allocated to the stain glass window fund

30 % to maintenance

Again, thank you for your support and appetites!

Watch for information about our annual St Patty's dinner.

Your 4-F team

Mike, Karen, Kristine, Jill and Judi

**71 pot roast meals ready for pick up**

*Photo submitted by Judi Hubbard*



## JUDI'S KETTLE FOR A CAUSE THANK YOUS

Thank you everyone for contributing to my "kettle for a cause" on-line.

As a kettle group, we raised \$30,539.00!!! All this

money stays on the Harbor for people in need. Your contribution certainly made a difference.  
 Judi Hubbard

## THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED

- **Amazing Grace:**

Thanks so much for all you do at Amazing Grace. While Dad goes thru this journey—the next of his many “life chapters,” he wants to continue to give thanks to all of you. Here’s an expression of his appreciation for all you do.

Sandy Gill

- **To the Quilters:**

Just wanted to pass on thanks from Mark’s parents to the quilters. Phil and Doris were so surprised and pleased with the lovely quilts you sent. The day they opened the box they were sitting in their new senior independent living apartment anticipating their first night there.

They had made up the bed, but didn’t have any blankets yet. The gift was so timely and needed! Slowly they are gathering what they need for their new apartment. Most of us can hardly imagine the effort it takes to replace everything and set up a home again, especially after living in the same home for over 50 years (and at an advanced age).

Following the fire they spent a month with Mark’s sister in a nearby town, then found this apartment. Losing their home in the fire was devastating, but your gift added comfort, wrapping them in God’s love as you do for so many people every year.

With gratitude, Amy & Mark

## SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

### VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE AGE YOUTH

Parents please contact the church office to update your child for current address or to put on or take off the list for this year's Valentine packages. We typically send these to traditional age college students (post high school) for about 4 years. Times have

changed and it's difficult to keep up with our current list. Thank you for doing this in a timely manner. We will send out packages the week before Valentine's Day. There will be a box in the parish hall for any donations that members may use to contribute to show our ongoing support and love for our youth. Thank you!! Lynette Lile



### ST. PATRICK'S PICK-UP DINNER

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 19 for our annual St Patrick's pick up dinner. The menu will be corned beef and all the trimmings. If you would like an alternate, chicken can be requested. Due to the increase cost of meat and other food

items, the cost will be \$25.00.

Carmon will be giving you a call for your reservation. Please send or drop off payment at the office. We look forward to seeing you in the alley!  
Your 4-f team



### URGENT NEED FOR CONGREGATIONAL ACCOMPANIMENT OF AFGHAN REFUGEES

In this season of Epiphany, as we remember our

refugee Savior who was forced to flee his birthplace as a tender baby, ELCA congregations are urged to help resettle these vulnerable people.

Across the country, many congregations have already begun working with their local resettlement agencies and are sponsoring Afghan individuals and families, in addition to the many asylum-seekers currently being sponsored within the AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) network. **But the need is huge and right now. We call on congregations to see how they can engage in this important effort.**

**An information session entitled Boldly Serving Our Neighbors, will be held Feb 8, 2022, at 6 p.m. Central time,** where ELCA congregations and synods can get questions answered about Afghan congregational sponsorship, regardless of location. **Look for a link soon.**



## **GIVE NOW FOR WILDFIRE RELIEF**

**While all disasters are tragedies and connect us with God's people wherever they occur, the Boulder County, CO wildfires affect us more closely since Mark Ostwald's parents, Doris and Phil Ostwald's home was one of the houses destroyed. We join in prayer and tangible signs of our concern as we are able.**

On Dec. 30, the Marshall Fire ignited in Boulder County, Colo. Over 6,200 acres burned quickly, forcing the evacuations of 35,000 people. The fire spread throughout suburban neighborhoods, destroying at least 500 homes. While December wildfires are rare, the severe drought in the western United States created hazardous conditions that allowed the Marshall Fire to spread rapidly. This unusual fire is one of the impacts of a changing climate and will become increasingly more common.

Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with the Rocky Mountain Synod and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains to respond to the impact of the fires. We anticipate that immediate needs will include emotional and spiritual care, temporary shelters, food and other necessities. With local partners, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany survivors throughout the years of long-term recovery.

**In this Epiphany season, we urge all ELCA congregations to follow our Lord's call to welcome the stranger by joining this important effort and taking steps to welcome refugees.**

**Alternate ways to give through Amazon Wish List:**

**copy links and paste to browser page.**

Puget Sound: Amazon Wish List in addition to beds, mattresses, kitchen tables/chairs, couches.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/YFFYWACFKJHO?ref=wl\\_share&fbclid=IwAR2ltERfON-2AWG8GIA6AbIcBhS6M0jLT-KeraI96rVXgBeLR04CtCD9iiUw](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/YFFYWACFKJHO?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR2ltERfON-2AWG8GIA6AbIcBhS6M0jLT-KeraI96rVXgBeLR04CtCD9iiUw)

Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "U.S. wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires, until the response is complete. Or make a gift to "Lutheran Disaster Response" so we can respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

### **WAYS TO GIVE:**

#### **By Mail:**

Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response. Write "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line and send to:  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**P.O. Box 1809**  
**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

#### **By Phone:**

Call **800-638-3522** to make a donation with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.

#### **Online:**

Go to [www.ELCA.org](http://www.ELCA.org) and under News and Events the Relief for Wildfires news will show. Click Give Now for Wildfire Relief to go to the donation page.



**Kristine and Rich Vroman**

*Phone submitted by Judi Hubbard*



### **FOOD BANK FEEDS HUNGRY FAMILIES!**

The Grays Harbor Food Bank continues to feed people in need in our community. Please bring your donations of food to the fellowship hall. They will be

delivered to the food bank weekly. The Food bank always needs **baby wipes, peanut butter, mac & cheese and diapers sizes 4,5, & 6.** If you prefer to help with a financial contribution, it may be sent to: Grays Harbor Food Bank P.O. Box 444  
Aberdeen, WA 98520



**Marge Kelling and Madison**

*Photo submitted by Judi Hubbard*



## OFFICE HOURS

Church office is open: **Tuesday & Thursday 8-2, Wednesday 8-1 & Friday 8-11.** AGLC Office  
360.532.8250 [amazing111@comcast.net](mailto:amazing111@comcast.net)

**Pastor Val: I'm mostly working from home to minimize Covid exposure but I'd love to safely get together.** Please call, text, or email so we can set up a time to do that! Pastor Val: 360-580-8977 [vmetropoulos001@luthersem.edu](mailto:vmetropoulos001@luthersem.edu).



### Lokken's pick up

*Photo submitted by Judi Hubbard*



## PRO TIPS FOR HEALTHY COMMUNICATION AT AMAZING GRACE

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.**



**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 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.**

President: Joelle Buckman; VP: 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. Amy, 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. Dee; 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. Carrie; 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. Phil

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

**I. Devotions** (15 min)

**II. Call to Order by Pres. Joelle B. 6:16**

**III. Establish Quorum**

**IV. Review and Approve Agenda**

-Added under Property: ii. Sunday School room

**V. Approve minutes from meetings:** Oct. 26 and Nov. 23 (II-V: 5 min) M/S/P

**VI. Business items** (these are generally items that are beyond any one ministry or don't fit under any ministry, special requests from the community) (20min)

A. Mutual Ministry Update – Joelle

-No December meeting.

B. Gift Policy

-The draft went out today to council for review and corrections due by Sunday. It should be ready for congregation to approve at the annual meeting.

C. Endowment Fund Committee

-Phil sent out an email highlighting the main points. Phil, Joelle, and Pastor Val met with Beth Adams from the ELCA foundation to discuss the role and procedures for endowment funds. Beth is willing to come to A.G. to help with plans for the Endowment Fund.

**VII. Ministry team reports:** (30 min)

A. Worship – Dee Erickson and Pastor Val

- i. Task Force report – ongoing meetings monitoring the situation
- ii. Audio/video – update - Pastor Val - no news.
- iii. Advent & Christmas

-Last Sunday of Advent is Dec. 19. Christmas Program is Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

B. Outreach – Amy Ostwald

- i. Family Promise
  - New family soon. Charles asked for permission to have more than one family in residence, which Task Force approved, following all safety protocols.
- ii. Chaplain's dinner - in January.
- iii. Synod Affordable Housing Initiative – Pastor Val/Curtis
  - No meeting since last month.
- iv. Christmas Outreach
  - ELF which helps families by providing gift cards and goodie bags
- v. Food Bank-Thankful for all the diapers and wipes being donated.

C. Youth & Family – Curtis Steinhauer

- i. Sunday School
  - Main event is the Christmas program. Curtis contacted parents about what they want to do in Sunday school for the new year. Some families would like to start meeting in person.
- ii. Adult group study- JustFaith Groups
  - Tomorrow night is the last meeting for the JustFaith class finishing course 1, led by the

PSALM group. It's proposed that in January the PSALMists do course 2 and in Lent the PSALM group lead a new group in course 1.

**D. Fellowship – Carrie Erwin**

- i. Stephen Ministry Training -Will discuss in January.
- ii. Advent Devotional book – Good response received.

**E. Property – Mike Barkstrom**

- i. Stained glass windows proposal
  - There has been one informational meeting and another one on 12/19. More to follow after the first of the year. Joelle proposed the stained-glass window discussion be tabled until Thursday evening when council will gather for a working meeting.
- ii. Sunday school room – It was decided that having that space for children is important for families use as well as to emphasize A.G.'s commitment to children.

**F. January Council Meeting - scheduled for Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**G. Annual Reports - Reports due in the office Jan. 7.**

**VIII. Financial Reports: (30 min)**

**A. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman**

- i. Approve November Bills Paid **M/S/P**

**B. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller**

- i. Budget 2022
  - Verify Pastor's and other salaries. Budget meeting is Thursday at 6pm in fellowship hall.
- ii. New Program for financial secretary – Joelle
  - Up and running in January

**IX. Pastor's Report**

(IX – XI 10 min)

**X. Task Assignments**

- Pastor Val will send out exhibit A, which is part of the Gift Policy, to council
- Joelle will make an announcement on Sunday about specific donations for the food bank in addition to what is already being donated.
- Task Force will discuss kids in Sunday school meeting in person.
- Council should watch 12/12 worship service on the website for topic on stained-glass window project.
- Phil will make a financial announcement on Sunday.
- Pastor Val will discuss with Theresa the percentages from pie auction going to groups.
- Theresa will forward the L and I inspection invoice from the state to Mike along with past yearly payments. Mike will research it.
- Phil and Theresa will amend financial reports for October.
- Theresa and Joelle will go over the new program for financial secretary.
- Amy will speak with Carrie about the ELF

**XI. Adjournment and closing prayer 7:13**



**PASTOR'S REPORT December 2021**

**WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHP**

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  
Liturgical Arts team

**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

**OUTREACH**

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

**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:** Sabbath rest

**OTHER ACTIVITIES in December**

**OFFICIAL ACTS:** Memorial service – Jim Erickson  
 Funeral – Tim Lalka (Lutheran; not AGLC affiliated)

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** New council members  
 Hosted Bishop's Eucharist at Amazing Grace  
 Gift Policy  
 Stained Glass project meetings  
 Task Force for resuming in person worship

**PASTORAL CARE:** Visits to dying and grieving  
 Visits, calls, texts, messaging as needed  
 Christmas cards to congregation

**WORSHIP:** Christmas and Epiphany

**YOUTH/FAMILY/EDUCATION:** Story Time in Worship – the story for all ages, targeting children who cannot be vaccinated and so are not in person in worship  
 Sunday School – consult; find curriculum

**OUTREACH:** ELF planning, distribution of gifts

**FELLOWSHIP:** Advent – Epiphany devotional

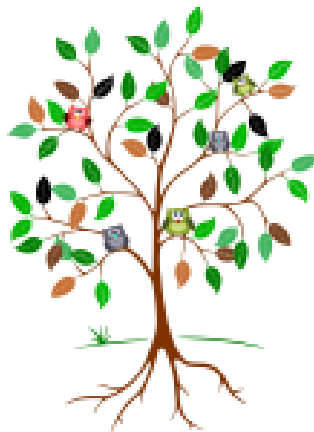
**VACATION:** 12/21 & 22; 12/27 – 12/31

**UPCOMING:** Annual Meeting Jan. 30th





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## EVENTS AT AMAZING GRACE

Sunday Worship at 10am

Handsewers: February 8th & 22nd from 9am-3pm

Wednesday Quilters: February 16th from 9am-12pm

Scrapbook: February 4th & 18th from 6pm-10pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Lent begins March 2 with Ash Wednesday

Chaplains Dinner– next date to provide food is March 20



## BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTANCE

Please notify Joe Fernandez 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.

Joe Fernandez: Joseph.m.fernandez@gmail.com- (206) 372-7901

### Ministers: The People of Amazing Grace

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**Office Administrator:** Vicky Kolb

**Liturgists:** Hank Bilderback, Keith Lile, Laura Carle,  
Curtis Steinhauer, Greg Johnstone

**Musicians:** Kristine Burns and Hiedi Seelke

## NOVEMBER BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Checking			\$ 23,425.07
-PSALM			\$ 100.00
-Technology			\$ (64.55)
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 433.51
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 2,620.00
-Music			\$ (393.54)
-Chairs			
-Bells			\$ 965.95
-Friends in Need			\$ 1,260.49
-Reformation Fund			\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 386.83
-Altar Guild			\$ 367.00
-Noisy Offering			\$ -
-Family Promise Maintenance Holding			\$ 2,342.68
-Chaplain's Dinner			\$ 215.54
-Grace Fund			\$ 340.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 33,570.18</b>
			\$ -
*Maintenance Checking			\$ 12,225.63
-*Stained Glass Windows			\$ 30,806.56
Youth Checking			\$ 295.75
Memorial Savings			\$ 13,850.31
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 1,927.53



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

**Or anytime at: [amazinggraceaberdeen.org](http://amazinggraceaberdeen.org)**  
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***of Grays Harbor***



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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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