

THE SPIRIT

August 2022



"I listen to children describe their hopes, dreams and concerns for our Earth and their desire to be part of the change needed for a society of inclusion and love for all. I listen to their aching hearts while breathing in and taking in their worries and breathing out and handing it all to a God." Teresita L.

Watching the beautiful stained glass come down in the sanctuary I could not help but think of all the changes that have happened in the world and in this congregation in the 100 +/- years since they were first installed; the hopes and dreams that first generation held, many of which were never realized; some that were transformed and many that must have been discarded.



As we move into a changed world, redefined by pandemic, war, climate change and so many other forces beyond our control, we may long for the return of the windows when they are restored and repaired, gleaming with rejuvenated color, sturdy from repair and replaced structure, a sign of the return of the past and the long forgotten hopes of our ancestors: a church full of life, young people, fresh commitment and boundless possibility.

But the future is always dependent upon the past; upon the events that take place and upon the choices made by previous generations. So, my invitation in the coming weeks and months, as we live with the stark, unadorned light pouring in from all sides, light which has been filtered through the beauty of color and shape for all these years, let us live in THIS time, eyes wide open to what IS and to what MUST BE, given the reality of all that has happened in the last 100 years and all the challenges that lie ahead.

Martin Luther famously compared God and the church to a fortress in which the faithful could retreat and regroup and come out fighting. Today, it is more appropriate and perhaps even necessary that we sit in the reality of our time, the full light streaming in to reveal the accumulated assumptions, biases, and misplaced trust that have become so familiar that we are not longer even aware of them. Only then, may we be able to commit to a future that is led by and based only on the life and love of the one to whom the angel in our altar picture points, the risen Christ.

We do this hard work for the sake of the children described in the quote at the top of this page. The future is not a continuation of the past, nor can we count on it being like anything any of us can imagine. **We must sit in the stark light of reality, listen to the hopes, dreams and fears of those who must live in that future and will be responsible for living the faith, a faith that is based on the love and call of God as they will experience that.**

Please join me in this discipline of living in this time with eyes and hearts wide open. The prayer of Fr. Richard Rohr is a good place to begin:

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality everything and everyone is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as

Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

"I prayed with head bowed on my bosom, as though I grieved for a friend or a brother; I went about as one who laments for a mother, bowed down and in mourning" (Psalm 35:13b-14, New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition).

Dear Church,

Our prayers are with the family of Jayland Walker as they laid him to rest on Wednesday in Akron, Ohio, a place I know well and a community dear to my heart. We join all who gathered to mourn the brutal killing of their loved one. We remember also Daunte Wright, Sandra Bland, Philando Castile and Patrick Lyoya — just a handful of the multitude of other cases where a "routine" traffic stop ended with the death of a Black person. As we mourn, remember and await justice, so also must we act.

As people of hope, we must ask, when will such killings end? When will we no longer have to mourn the death of another like Jayland Walker, Breonna Taylor, Daunte Wright or George Floyd? As a church, we have acknowledged **that "rooted in slavery, racism is manifested through the history of Jim Crow policies, racial segregation, the terror of lynching, extrajudicial killings by law enforcement, and the disproportionate incarceration of people of color"** ("Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent," p. 2).

Sadly, we know this will not end until the system is reformed. Police forces throughout this nation are designed to protect and serve, but clearly the system does not protect and serve everybody. Police departments, like many institutions, including the church, sustain structural racism. We cannot fault the individual officer for their racist actions without also faulting the overall system for enabling, and even encouraging, those actions. Structural racism is the reason that, since 2017, nearly 600 people have been killed by police after routine traffic stops (MappingPoliceViolence.us). In 2021, 28% of innocent people whose deaths were caused by police

A STATEMENT ON THE KILLING OF JAY LAND WALKER

were Black, despite being only 13% of the U.S. population.

We must continue to educate ourselves about problems in policing and the police system today. Resources such as Campaign Zero show us that there are obstacles to effective reform but also that meaningful reform is possible and even necessary. For example, in Lansing, Michigan, changing the reasons for traffic stops reduces the chances of violence, but there is still a massive disparity between the number of Black and white drivers pulled over. In other words, the work must continue beyond learning about the problem, lamenting the problem and taking small steps toward reducing the problem. Long-term, meaningful action must be initiated and sustained.

We, as a church, must join in the call to reform our police forces to ensure that they not only continue to serve and protect but also serve everyone in our communities, regardless of skin color, ethnic background, gender identity, sexuality or creed. We call on the U.S. Senate, following the action already taken by the House, to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and for the enactment of similar police reform proposals under consideration at the state level, such as HB 1267, passed into law in 2021 in Washington state.

Jayland Walker's death could have been prevented if we had a police system that acted without prejudice in every instance, respecting each person's dignity.

Additional Resources:

ELCA criminal justice statement: download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Criminal_JusticeSS.pdf?_ga=2.162188796.1369034546.1656974946-639310046.1558039579

"Now Is the Time" study guide: download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/DECLARA-

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Legal Defense Fund statement: naacpldf.org/press-release/ldf-issues-statement-on-video-footage-of-police-shooting-of-jayland-walker/

Mapping Police Violence website: mappingpoliceviolence.us/

Campaign Zero: campaignzero.org

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop
ELCA



WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

God's people join in prayer : Matt Swanson, Loretta, Jessica, Mallory Mathews, Jim Hall, Mike Barkstrom, Kathy, Vicki Mitchell, David Shaw, Paul, Wilbur Neilson, Yvette Koerner, Susie Jacobson, Sherry McAllister, Ray and Jean Hodge, Don

Mackey, Cher, Linda, Melissa Murray, Loyd Gill, Jennifer, Leslie Prash, Jordan, Tom, Tanya Anderson-Bowers, Monica Wilson, Tiffany Powell, Joseph, Courtney, Adrienne, Carl Bender, Ginny Clark, Philip, Matthew Green and his family



BIRTHDAYS:

Annette Biornstad, August 2
Arvid Iverson, August 4
Nathan Gundersen, August 10
Ray Hodge, August 10
Jeff Gundersen, August 13
Erin Burns, August 17
Emily Penttila, August 18
Maggi Kupka, August 23
Gary Morean, August 23
Lynette Lile, August 29
Robyn Hidalgo, August 31

August BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Charles Scamman, August 31

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gary & Annette Biornstad, August 3
Hank & Gloria Bilderback, August 5
Val Metropoulos & Steve Swanson, August 11
Darrell & Elaine Lokken, August 12
Mike & Moonbeam Kupka, August 14
Rob & Kristine Burns, August 16
Ken & Vicki Mitchell, August 18
Gene & Eileen Schermer, August 23
Arlene & Mike O'Connor, August 24



Prayer Chain members who hold our needs, thanks and concerns faithfully before our compassionate God.

Joelle Buckman delivering food to the Food Bank.

Everyone who fills in or switches dates for those who need it, for Sunday worship.

Gene and Eileen Schermer for pulling weeds and cleaning up the flower pot by the office.

Roger and Mike for their continued work on the

kitchen and around the building.

Kala and Madison for helping out with janitorial duties for Judi while she was gone.

Everyone who is filling Lutheran World Relief

School Kits.

Pastor Val, Steve, Joelle, Jewitt-Teveliet family and Curtis and Shayna for all the hard work that went into planning the camping event.

June Fellowship-guest speaker was Rev. Bonnie Campbell from Chaplains on the Harbor.



Photo submitted by Diane Hanson.

THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED

- **Union Gospel Mission** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$168.70
- **Dear pastor Metropoulos,**

I would like the check of \$125 to go to the Quilting Club in memory of my two sisters, Signa Kolle Copeland, who died on 9-20-2020; and Mary Kolle who died on 11-23-2020.

Signa, born on 12-9-1936, is survived by her husband, Tom Copeland; son and daughter –in-law, Dale and Penny Copeland; and daughter and son-in-law, Tanya and Jack Elliott. She also is survived by three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mary was a single lady, and was born on April 6, 1943.

Our mother, Ellen Kolle was very active in the Quilting club, so it seems appropriate that this money go to the club where needed.

My parents were very active in Our Saviors Lutheran. My father, Einar, was an usher for many years; also a deacon. Mother as very active in Ladies Aid, Sunday School, Quilting and many other endeavors.

My sisters and I were all confirmed there and were active until we moved to Seattle.

It was wonderful to see all the quilts a couple of weeks ago. It prompted me that I should get this check off to you! I know it will be put to good use.

I enjoyed watching the church service each Sunday. Thanks for the prayers for healing. No more falls, thank the Lord!

Cordially, Linda K Kolle

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Materials due Sept., 1. For many years, we have collected supplies for School Kits which are sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. This has been a project our church has participated in for decades. Unlike here, many children in the world cannot attend school without supplies, so this is an important gift that allows a child to get an education! It is time to start buying the items for our bags. Stores are beginning to have sales and specials on school supplies so now is the time to jump in and help out.

Here are three ways you can participate:

1) Pick up bag(s) to fill from the table in the Parish

Hall. The list of needed items is stapled to the front of each bag. Return the filled bag(s) to one of the boxes under the table.

2) Pick up a list of supplies from the table in the Parish Hall and buy whatever supplies you wish to. These should also be returned to the boxes under the Parish Hall table.

3) If you don't want to shop, you may provide money to Eileen Schermer or Arlene Torgerson and we'll do the shopping for you.

Here is a list of the needed items (goal 50 bags):
*Four 70-80 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x

10 1/2 "; no loose leaf paper.

*One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other. Wood rulers are preferred.

*One pencil sharpener.

*One pair of blunt safety scissors

*Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.

*Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); se-

GROWING TOGETHER
Synod event in Longview, WA.
Suzan Stegemoeller, Diane Hanson, and
Joelle Buckman

Photo submitted by Diane Hanson.

CHAPLAINS DINNER

The next Chaplains Dinner that we provide food for is on September 18.

We will need:

- 120 cookies or brownies (buy or bake)
- 120 rolls
- vegetables to feed 120
- 3 cooks to make 2 casseroles each. Recipe & foil pans are provided & the ingredients are shopped for by one person and divvied up. Food will need

REFUGEE RESPONSE
Lutheran Community Services
Northwest

I hope that seeing the sun shining reminds us all to hold onto hope as the news continues to be hard and heavy. Even when it feels overwhelming, together we are making a difference every day for our refugee neighbors.

As you know, LCS Northwest has been navigating two concurrent refugee crises.

The first began with swift withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan, prompting millions of Afghans to flee their country. **Since August 2021, we have resettled 720 Afghans in the Northwest**, quickly surrounding each family with basic needs like food, clothing, transportation, and monetary assistance. Then, as the war in Ukraine shook world stability, we knew that we would see another refugee crisis in

cure together with a rubber band.

*One box of 16 or 24 crayons.

*One 2 1/2" eraser

If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Schermer or Arlene Torgerson. Blessings.

* **Quilters are in need of flat sheets. Look in your linen closet and spread the word to your friends. All help is appreciated.**



to be delivered to our church kitchen on Sunday, September 18. Let Amy Ostwald (or the church office) know if you can help.

Amy: aaostwald@gmail.com or 360-482-2306.

Amazing Grace will provide food for Chaplains Dinner next on 11/ 20/22

If you're interested in helping/ donating, get in touch with Amy O. at aaostwald@gmail.com or simply send a donation to the church office marked for Chaplains Dinner.

our community. **Today, over 550 Ukrainians are seeking LCS Northwest services**, with more arriving daily.

The need is great, but we are committed to meeting this moment with the support of kind hearted partners like you.

Here are some ways you can help Afghan and Ukrainian refugees **right now**.

Financial assistance

- Supports ongoing case management
- Supports rent and food costs while refugees seek employment
- Assists with legal fees on their path to citizenship

In-kind donations

You can find current needs here: copy & paste links into web browser
Tacoma/Seattle

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/YFFYWACFKJHO?ref_=wl_share

Welcome kits

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18OYIwalmwO4oaDNtz456445kL9qQlRAB/view>

- Beds and mattresses
- Dining room sets
- Gently used couches

Volunteer Support

- Drivers to and from appointments

PLU CORPORATION MEMBER OPENINGS BEGINNING 2023

The Southwestern Washington Synod has 7 people that are members of our synod congregations that serve as members of the PLU Corporation. Beginning in 2023, we will have a few openings. Most

- English practice partners
- Cultural competency support (i.e. how to navigate a grocery store)
- Highly committed people to interview and prepare for interviews (to gain status of parolee)

We are so thankful for your engagement, support, and generosity as we continue to welcome and serve humans seeking safety in our community.

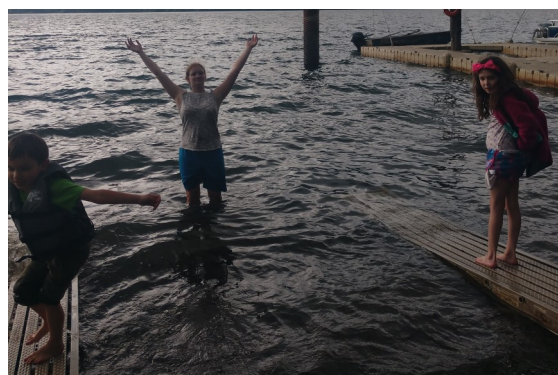
LCS Northwest Advancement Team

positions are 3-year terms, but in 2023, we will have a couple partial terms available. If you are a member of a synod congregation, and are interested in serving PLU, please complete an interest form and let us know about you. The positions are appointed by the Synod Council. Contact the Synod Office at swwsynod@plu.edu if you are interested in serving.

DEPOSITORS

If you are interested in helping out with depositing on Sundays, please contact the church office by email: amaz-ing111@comcast.ent or by phone: 360-532-8250

Playing in the lake was one of the fun events at the family gathering at Lake Quinault!



FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise's current guests is a mom and her almost 2-year-old son and are actively seeking a second family to fill the new opening.

If you are interested in volunteering to bring meals, please sign up using the meal train at <https://mealtrain.com/k09ew0>. You may also contact Darci or email at fpgchasemanager@gmail.com.

We ask that volunteers provide meals that can be warmed up or cooked by the families at their discretion to meet the needs of both families' busy schedules.

If you would like information on the Community Impact Report, please contact Darci.

Please do not bring meals that contain any of the following: crab, lobster, crayfish, shrimp, prawns, squid, snails, clams, oysters, or scallops. One person has a life-threatening, airborne allergy to crustaceans, mollusks, and squid. The allergy is severe enough to cause anaphylaxis if these items are brought into the building.



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.

At this time, the Food Bank especially needs:

Enfamil or Simlac infant formula, size 2 diapers, canned corn, green beans, and peas, breakfast bars or cheese & crackers or peanut butter & cracker packets, or packets of peanuts.

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

GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

PSALM REGISTRATION –OPEN

The Synod's **Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry** is open for Cohort #4, which will start with their first retreat September 30-October 1, 2022 at Seabeck Conference Center.

The Registration application is due by September 8.

The Southwestern Washington Synod seeks to form and support trustworthy, inclusive lay leaders who are grounded in Christian faith and in a Lutheran expression of faith. The Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry (PSALM) is designed for congregation members who have discerned a call to more intentional and public lay leadership in their congregation and community.

PSALM is a two-year program that takes place over

four terms. Each term is approximately 6 months long and begins with an overnight retreat. The coursework for the term is introduced at the retreat by a variety of presenters who bring expertise to the topics. In addition to course assignments each term, students will work on practical ministry projects in their congregation or ministry setting. They will have an opportunity to share these projects with each other as part of the retreats.

Questions? Please email **Pastor Rebecca Shjerven** at shjervr1@plu.edu from the Bishop's Associate, Southwestern Washington Synod.

Download the 2022-2023 PSALM Application at <https://swwasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/PSALM-Application-2022-23-fillable.pdf>

Complete and attach to an email to apply to PSALM to **Pastor Rebecca Shjerven**.

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS

Amazing Grace Church Council and the Mutual Ministry committee are reading *Healthy Congregations: a systems approach* by Peter Steinke. YOU are invited to read along with us. If you would like a book, please let us know by calling or emailing the office 360.532.8250, amazing111@comcast.net.

Here is an excerpt from the book:

“Personal responsibility, which is to say responsible and enlightened behavior by each and every individual, truly is the key to good health.” Health is promoted by personal activity. Health comes from measures that each person can affect.

The same could be said for a larger organism, such as a congregation. Like healthy people, congrega-

tions promote their health through “responsible and enlightened behavior.”

“Health is wholeness. Health means all the parts are working together to maintain balance. Health means all the parts are interacting to function as a whole....”

“Thus health is the capacity for life, what an organism must do to persevere. Health is the ability of a living system to respond to a wide assortment of challenges to its integrity.”

Please join us in reading and talking about this book together so that we nurture health within our congregation!



Liturgical Arts Team (LAT). Pictured from left to right are Diane Hanson, Amy Ostwald, Marti Debandt, Lynette Lile, Joelle Buckman, Steve Swanson and Pastor Val. Missing: Dee Erickson.

Photo submitted by Diane Hanson.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Fellowship is excited to announce that we will be having a **Church Picnic** this year. We will have the picnic after church on August 21st. If weather cooperates, we will have it at a local park. If weather is

not cooperating, we will have the picnic at Church. Please plan to attend. We will have a potluck lunch. We look forward to this event.

We also want to remind everyone that the **Pie Auction** is coming up in a few months. Please start

thinking about what you will be able to donate to the auction. Remember, it does not have to be a pie or even a food item. This is a big fundraiser for our outreach. I personally know several families who were able to have a great Christmas because of the support they received from this fundraiser.

Fellowship will be forming a group to plan a **20th Anniversary Celebration in early 2023. It's been 20 years since Our Savior's and Trinity were**



Be sure to check out the beautiful crucifix that now hangs in the Fellowship Hall. Arvid Iverson carved and painted this beautiful art and donated it to Amazing Grace.

gathered to become Amazing Grace! Everyone is invited to be a part of this group. If you would like to be a part, please let Carrie Erwin know. You can talk to her at Church, email her at mcwin@comcast.net, or call her at (360) 500-3767. This group will start working on the event at the beginning of September.

If you have any ideas for a Fellowship event, please let Carrie Erwin know.

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes May 24, 2022

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: 1st Qtr.: Dee; 2nd Qtr.: Joe Fernandez; 3rd Qtr. Suzan, 4th Qtr. Phil

Attendance: Joelle Buckman, Pastor Val, Joe Fernandez, Curtis Steinhauer, Phil Stegemoeller, Suzan Stegemoeller, Dee Erickson, Carrie Erwin

- I. Review of vision, mission, values and council purpose; Discuss Healthy Congregations, ch. 2** (20 min)
- II. Call to Order by Pres. Joelle Buckman 6:32**
- III. Establish Quorum**
- IV. Review and Approve Agenda**
- V. Approve minutes from meetings:** April 26 (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 - Continuing with Healthy Congregations book.
 - B. Gift Policy
-Policy has been sent to the Endowment Fund.
 - C. Endowment Fund Committee
-Council discussed the options for the By-laws, endowment spending and Audit report.
 - i. Appoint new member- Joelle and Phil will meet.
 - ii. By-laws revision- Will be done after Gift Policy is finalized.
 - iii. Council needs to approve endowment spending per bylaws
 - iv. Audit report
-Phil will get the audit report from the Endowment Committee and he will send it to the auditor who does the church's books.
 - D. Council Retreat – June 11 Potluck lunch and snacks. More to follow by email.
 - E. Treasurer position- Tara Main has been selected as new treasurer. Motion to hire her, with a 90-trial

period for her discernment as well as council's. **M/S/P**

VII. Ministry team reports:

(30 min)

A. Worship – Dee Erickson and Pastor Val

- i. Task Force report- Not meeting but has not disbanded.
- ii. Audio/video – update - Pastor Val
-Joe worked with Tom to get the cost down. Will present proposal details at council retreat.
- iii. Native American Sunday in fall – coordinate w/ fellowship
-Curtis let council members know that he reached out to a singer in Quinault but has not heard back yet. Joelle will be meeting with Diane about the Native American study.

B. Outreach – Suzan Stegemoeller

- i. Family Promise
- ii. Chaplain's dinner- Rev. Sarah Monroe will be speaking during fellowship on June 5th about Chaplains in general and specifically about the Chaplains dinner provided at the church.
- iii. Synod Affordable Housing Initiative – Pastor Val/Curtis
- iv. Union Gospel- Need two new participants and one leader for Union Gospel groups. Suzan will provide a little "want ad" in the Grace Notes. Suzan will visit the new housing agency about addressing needs in our community which line up with our ministry.

C. Youth & Family – Curtis Steinhauer

- i. Sunday School- Continuing to send out S.S. material to families. No in-person Sunday school until next school year. Will try to do one outdoor outing. The agenda is still in the works.
- ii. Adult group study
- iii. Synod Educational Gatherings – open to everyone
-June 4th is the last date available. Joelle, Diane and Suzan will be attending on this date.

D. Fellowship – Carrie Erwin

- i. Fellowship resuming – team revisions. A positive note on the kitchen being redone is that fellowship hosts are back to bringing simple snacks.
- ii. 20th Anniversary celebration? – a time to celebrate the past (PSALM students graduation; other highlights of 20 years and commit to the future.
-Carrie will begin getting with people to start planning the celebration.

iii. Stephen Ministry Training

E. Property – Joe Fernandez

- i. Joe is looking into increasing involvement in maintenance projects so that more people are involved in caring for our property. A "Worship in Work Clothes Sunday" is in the works.
- ii. Joe brought a suggestion to put a lock on the garbage bin. After discussion it was decided that we will monitor the problem to see how bad it is and who may be leaving a mess.
- iii. Kitchen repairs- Work continues. Mike Barkstrom will be helping Joe Fernandez with the actual flooring. Joe is expecting a call from Mike about the timeline for the floor.
- iv. Chaplains on the Harbor – request to serve meal in the parish hall
- v. Replaced amplifier for sound system
- vi. Bid for A/V system
- vii. Stained glass windows project - Joe will find out from Mike Barkstrom when the project will start, so that congregation members are aware.
 1. The company that Phil works at is donating \$5000 a month to the project. A thank you letter will be sent from council.
 2. Stained-glass window tithe – The Endowment committee will receive an official request from council, written by Joelle, for the tithe.

VIII. Financial Reports:

(30 min)

A. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman

- i. Approve April bills paid **M/S/P**
- ii. Questions?

B. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

- i. New Program for financial secretary – Joelle
-Theresa is implementing her part. Joelle and Phil will meet with Vicky and start her part in the next couple of weeks.
- ii. Audit of congregation's finances after tax season – books are with an auditor



IX. Pastor's Report

(IX – XI 10 min)

X. Task Assignments

- Joelle will get the Agenda out earlier next month
- Joelle and Phil will discuss the people who are interested in the Secretary position for the Endowment Fund Committee.
- Phil will get audit report from Darrell and Phil will send it to the auditor.
- Joelle will get in contact with Tara Main about the Treasurer position and will also notify Theresa.
- Curtis will email Joelle about activity for Council retreat
- Joelle and Pastor Val will form an Agenda for the council retreat
- Joe and Curtis will talk about the iMac issue.
- Council will hear from Joe at council retreat on video/audio issues
- Curtis and Suzan will discuss involving the youth in God's Work Our Hands project in September.
- Joe and Carrie will discuss ways for people to help out with fellowship and work for the maintenance department.
- Joe will contact Mike about stained-glass window start date.
- Joelle will write an official request for stained-window project payment to Endowment Committee
- Joelle and Phil will at some point go over money that's in checking account.

XI. Adjournment and closing prayer 7:47

PASTOR'S REPORT MAY 2022

OFFICIAL ACTS: None

PASTORAL CARE: Visits to home bound, dying and grieving
Visits, calls, texts, messaging as needed

WORSHIP: Pentecost planning

YOUTH/FAMILY/EDUCATION: Young People's message
Sunday School – consult; find curriculum

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: Reading: Healing Ceremonies: Creating personal rituals for spiritual, emotional, physical and mental health by Hammerschlag Nonviolent Communication: a language of life by Rosenberg

VACATION: None

UPCOMING: Youth Camping Trip July 16th
God's Work. Our Hands Sept. 11th
Native American Sunday Sept. 25th
To be scheduled: Congregational picnic
20th Anniversary celebration
Worship in Work Clothes



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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.

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Keith Lile, Laura Carle,
Curtis Steinhauer, Greg Johnstone

Musicians: Kristine Burns and Hiedi Seelke



Joe Fernandez, our new church council member for property, is checking out the maintenance equipment.
Photo submitted by Diane Hanson.

MAY BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Checking			\$ 3,080.21
-PSALM			\$ 100.00
-Technology			\$ (64.55)
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 433.51
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 2,620.00
-Music			\$ (393.54)
-Bells			\$ 865.95
-Friends in Need			\$ 734.78
-Reformation Fund			\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 286.83
-Altar Guild			\$ 367.00
-Noisy Offering			\$ -
-Family Promise Maintenance Holding			\$ 2,677.94
-Chaplain's Dinner			\$ 265.54
-Grace Fund			\$ 340.00
		TOTAL	\$ 12,884.87
			\$ -
*Maintenance Checking			\$ 14,588.59
-*Stained Glass Windows			\$ 43,678.10
Youth Checking			\$ 295.75
Memorial Savings			\$ 13,854.30
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 1,909.35

OFFICE HOURS

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

Pastor Val's Sabbath is Mondays. Her office hours change so please call or email to arrange a time we can get together. 360-580-8977 ymetropoulos001@luthersem.edu.

The repair and renovation of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary of Amazing Grace has begun. Cathedral Crafts is taking extraordinary care to remove each section, label it and pack it for shipment back to their facility in Winona Minnesota. When the windows are completed, in mid to late autumn the workers will return to install them



AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

AUGUST 7

Liturgist: Laura Carle; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Arlene Torgerson; **Communion Assistants:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Ushers/Greeters:** Joan & William Rabung; **Depositors:** Mark Ostwald & Karen Barkstrom; **Fellowship Hosts:** Elder, Schermer, Rabung; **Communion setup:** Laura Carle; **Stream Team:** Amy Ostwald

AUGUST 14

Liturgist: Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Vicki Mitchell; **Communion Assistant:** Mark Smalley & Steve Swanson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mark & Amy Ostwald; **Depositors:** Carmon Shaw & Joelle Buckman; **Fellowship Hosts:** Alstrom, Tieder, Johnstone; **Communion set-up:** Dee Erickson; **Stream Team:** Joe Fernandez

AUGUST 21

Liturgist: Keith Lile; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Michelle Weiberg; **Communion Assistant:** Joan & William Rabung; **Ushers/Greeters:** Naomi Kraiger & Joelle Buckman; **Depositors:** Mark Ostwald & Ruth Ann Carlson; **Fellowship Hosts:** Kaufman, T. Buckman, Colangelo; **Communion set-up:** Carmon Shaw; **stream Team:** Steve Swanson

AUGUST 28

Liturgist: Curtis Steinhauer; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Dee Erickson; **Communion Assistant:** Theresa and Jenifer Kaufman; **Ushers/Greeters:** Roger & Carmon Shaw; **Depositors:** Greg Johnstone & Hiedi Seelke; **Fellowship Hosts:** Ostwald, Gundersen, Stegemoeller; **Communion set-up:** Tara Main; **Stream Team:** Keith Lile

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 AA 5:30-6:30	4 QUILTERS 9-3	5	6
7 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP CHAPLAIN'S DINNER 1-6	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 HANDSEWERS 9-3	10 AA 5:30-6:30	11 QUILTERS 9-3	12	13
14 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP CHAPLAIN'S DINNER 1-6	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16	17 AA 5:30-6:30	18 QUILTERS 9-3	19	20
21 10 WORSHIP 11 CHURCH PICNIC CHAPLAIN'S DINNER 1-6	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 HANDSEWERS 9-3 COUNCIL MEETING 6	24 AA 5:30-6:30	25 QUILTERS 9-3	26	27
28 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP CHAPLAIN'S DINNER 1-6	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30	31 AA 5:30-6:30			

Upcoming events:

Gods Work, Our Hands– Sept.11

Indigenous People's Sunday– Sept. 24 Worship and Salmon Bake

Scrapbook resuming (1st and 3rd Fridays) beginning Sept. 2 6-10

Quilters resuming (1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays) beginning Sept.7 9-12 .





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
AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
of Grays Harbor



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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