

# *THE SPIRIT — February 2018*

## *Amazing Grace Lutheran Church of Grays Harbor*



*... let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another... Hebrews 10:24-25*

You are beautiful, you know. God said so at creation, creation of the universe and at your own creation God said, "Very good!" So, we don't have to wallow in the mistakes we make but, before you read any further, go look at the headlines online or read the newspaper, or listen to the news... Ok, are you back?  
Good.



We are **very good**; humanity is very good (or at least began that way and so that potential remains!) but it doesn't take a genius to see how far from very good we often are, as individuals, as a society and as a species. Which **makes Easter very good news!** God refused to let us wallow in our mistakes and our sin, our inability to ever get it right 100% of the time. So Jesus was born to show us how to live in this broken world but live in a way that God promises will bring us all healing; even brings healing to society. And when we messed even that up and killed the messenger of boundless love God said, **"Nice try but NO! Love will ultimately win every time!"** Jesus was resurrected opening the way to resurrected life for us all.

But, that's not the end of the story. Resurrection life and love triumphant is not just a nice story for after we die. It is the reality that God desires for you and me and all creation RIGHT HERE AND NOW! Which is why **Lent is very good news!** Every year we get six weeks to reflect on our own need for God's healing love. We get six weeks to reconnect with these people God has given us to share this life and this journey with from death into new, resurrected life. We get a time set apart for connection and beauty and reminders of why God put us here and what we are called to be and to do in this place.

**But, only if you show up.** Just like the Christian faith, Lent isn't a solo sport. God doesn't force you to do anything so you get to choose to put yourself in a place where you can love and be loved; where you can grow and learn.



So, you are invited to begin Lent with **Ash Wednesday service Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm** and you are invited **every Thursday during Lent (2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, and 3/22)** for time set apart to delight in one another, to learn together, to share our lives and our hopes for our world. We'll begin with an AGAPE meal from **5:15 – 6:00**. Agape is selfless love best seen in God's love for us. We express agape love in this meal by keeping it simple, wholesome and keeping in mind those who will share it. (Think of stone soup with heart. So bring whatever

simple thing you can share with a loving heart, whatever that means to you. It will all be welcome and whatever is received will be sufficient.) In the spirit of selfless love, those who are able and willing will clean up and at **6:15 we'll watch a video** and join in conversation around whatever **BIG IDEA** the video offers. About **7:30** we'll move

into the sanctuary for Holden Evening Prayer, a 30 minute time of quiet, music and prayer.

The IMAGINE team will be engaging the willing in brief conversations as we share a meal on these evenings. **We invite you to commit during this six weeks to grow with us in the three primary relationships God calls us to, relationship with God, with each other and with our community.**

Please consider committing to these six weeks of Lent to grow in those relationships and in faith with our God who loves us with such selfless abounding love!.

In Christ's love, *Pastor Val*

## **CURRENT NEWS**

### **IT'S JOYCE SMITH'S 90th BIRTHDAY**

**On February 4th everyone is invited to the celebration. We'll start during fellowship time and invite community members to join us about 11:30.**

If anyone would like to help set up the tables with floral decorations and table cloths, offer coffee, tea, apple juice, small sandwiches, vegetable and fruit platters and a birthday cake please don't hesitate to ask. This is Super Bowl Sunday so they are hoping to be cleaned up and out of there by 1:30 or 2pm. If you have any questions contact Dolly at 206-729-0117.

### **CLAM CHOWDER COOK-OFF—YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER**

Do you love clam chowder? Do you love our youth?? Please consider cooking up your best pot of chowda to enter it into the cook-off **Feb 11th (NEXT SUNDAY)** during fellowship time. We also need some discerning judges! Please speak with Michelle Weiberg or Pastor Val if you have questions. And come ready to enjoy some soup next Sunday!

### **VALENTINE CARE PACKAGE**

Every year we celebrate Valentine's Day by sending Valentine care packages to our college age students.

In a few short weeks we will celebrate Valentine's Day! Once again we choose to remember our college age students with care packages. If you would like to contribute something to put in the care package please bring it to the Fellowship Hall. Ideas are hot chocolate packets, teas, candies, etc. You may also contribute money to help defray the postage costs. a box will be put in the Fellowship hall to collect the goods.

We will be putting together the packages on Sunday, Feb. 4 to send out that week. Thank you for your continued support!

**If we don't have your students mailing address, please call or email the office.**

### **5TH ANNUAL 4-F ST. PATTY'S DINNER**

Save the Date— Sunday, March 18th for our 5th annual 4-f St Patty's Day dinner ! There will be corned beef and all the trimmings, chicken for those that choose. Come and enjoy Food-Fellowship -Fun-Fundraising!! \$20 for adults \$10 for children under 12. For any questions, please contact Judi



## WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

### FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Doreen Boettcher, Melvin Thompson, Lynn Tangvald, Erica Luzzi and her family, Richard O'Neil and his family, Ginny Clark, Jeannette Hawley, Jim Hall, Nicole Zea, Susie Kellendar, Kathleen Hollingsworth, Matthew Green, Penny Rae Johnson, Danicka, Pastor Jeani Shofner, Jeff

Lacey, David Shaw, Mary Ann Majar, Sarah, Jeff Miller, Amy, Mary Alice Walton, Richard Kraiger, Don & Diane Rabung, Whitney Morean, Kaitlyn Brown, Sherry McAllister, Laura & Jacob, Bob, Jean David Hanson and Kelly Williams and his family mourning the death of his mother, Marilyn Hutchings. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**FOR AMAZING GRACE:** that all we do in fellowship and service would be done, humbly following the Holy Spirit's guidance.

**FOR THE WORLD:** for those in active military service, and those who have served in the past. especially Steven Kincaid May they know God's security and God's peace. May they be whole in mind, body, and spirit. May God's plan for justice and peace be reality for all people everywhere.

#### **For those who live on the margins in our own community:**

Those who live outside, in cars, or in unstable housing; those who live with food insecurity; those who are unemployed or under-employment, for those who receive services at the Youth Center.

**for those who work for the care of the vulnerable in our community.** Organizers of Family Promise, workers at the Youth Center, Salvation Army and Union Gospel Mission.

#### **We give thanks for signs of hope in our world:**

*Lord of all hopefulness, as people suffer from natural and human caused disasters and violence we trust that you are working through people in every situation, every day to make this world better. Lord, sustain us in our efforts to be your hands and feet. Teach us humility so that we see each person as your beloved child. Open our hearts and minds, and fill our lives with the fruit of the Holy Spirit: Help us love everyone the way You love us.*

**God of love, hear our prayer. Amen.**  
*from Worldinprayer.org*

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 Jane Maizie Jewitt
- 6 Mike Barkstrom
- 6 Jane Teveliet
- 6 Kylie Weiberg
- 7 Krister Lile
- 11 Joyce Smith
- 11 Doris Tieder
- 15 Carrie Erwin
- 17 Emil Frafjord
- 17 Darci Jewitt
- 17 Amy Ostwald
- 18 Elaine Lokken
- 22 Brady Green
- 23 Phil Penttila
- 25 Molly Leithold
- 26 Charlotte Kupka
- 26 Mari Rabung
- 28 Isabell Evanson

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11 James & Jeannette Green
- 13 William & Joan Rabung
- 14 Phil & Cindy Penttila
- 23 Jim & Michelle Weiberg



## *Serving at Amazing Grace*

### UNION GOSPEL MISSION

**Reminder: Carmon Shaw's team serves Tuesday, February 6th**

Carmon Shaw, Leader      Brenda Grant      Chrissie Kincaid      Amy  
Ostwald

Theresa Kaufman      Eileen Schermer      Joni Hildreth  
Arlene O'Connor      Cynthia Johnston



**The director of UGM says that we can expect to serve about 50 people. They need food delivered before 5PM 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 Center**—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.





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God's work. Our hands.



**“LOVE MEANS NEVER HAVING TO SAY YOU’RE SORRY” (*LOVE STORY*).  
“FORGIVENESS GUARANTEED. REPENTANCE OPTIONAL” (SIGN IN FRONT OF  
A LUTHERAN CHURCH).**

This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day fall on the same date. It seems like an odd pairing—Ash Wednesday, a day of solemn repentance and honest reckoning of our brokenness, and Valentine’s Day, a lighthearted celebration of love. **Do we fast and pray and commit to rigorous spiritual disciplines, or do we dive in to Champagne and chocolate? Is it a day of contrition or of abandon? Do we abstain or do we indulge?**

It’s strange how our culture divides up human experience and the way it puts a premium on happiness, self-fulfillment and conflict avoidance, particularly in personal relationships. The good life is untroubled. There should be no worries and certainly no cause to acknowledge pain or wrong. It’s a life of endless possibility fueled by positive thinking and affirmation. It should be perky, upbeat and fun. And somehow love needs to be shaped the same way. Certainly there is no room for Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day in the same space.

**The two quotes above are the manifesto for this worldview.** They hold out the promise of pain-free, investment-free, responsibility-free relationships. They encourage an unexamined life, a kind of Teflon existence to which consequences don’t stick. They sound like the real thing but are as poor a substitute as the sentiments printed on the little sugar valentine hearts are for a real expression of love. In this world, Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day make no sense together. But here we are. **This Feb. 14 will hold two holy days. And, in our life in Christ, they aren’t incompatible but inseparable.**

The history of salvation is one extended love story between God and God’s creation, between God and humankind, between God and God’s people. **We were created in love for love. Real love. Love that is solid and deep and unflinching. Love that is true enough to be honest.**

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God’s work of reconciliation in Christ is **God’s eyes-wide-open acknowledgment of human rebellion and sin, the undeniable fact that all is not well no matter how hard we try to fix it or deny it.** The remedy was the all-in, complete love of the incarnation, crucifixion and death of Christ. Jesus meets us right in the middle of our pain—the pain we feel and the pain we cause others—and without minimizing the depth of our offense, offers forgiveness and new life. **Love does *not* mean never having to say you’re sorry—love means being *able* to say you’re sorry.**

Lutherans point out that grace is a gift, but sometimes we get a little carried away. I believe the sign in front of one of our congregations that claimed “Forgiveness guaranteed. Repentance optional” was trying to announce good news. Instead, it sent passers-by in the wrong direction. **Our reconciled new life in Christ not only makes it possible for us to strip away any illusion of a whole and holy life that we bring about by ourselves, it compels us to repent.**

Theologian and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer warned us about this cheap grace. He wrote: “Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession. ... **Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate**” (*The Cost of Discipleship*).

**So, Ash Wednesday is a valentine from God, one that invites us to enter deep into the mystery of true love, honest examination of our lives and the possibility of real repentance.** The Ash Wednesday valentine starts us on the journey to the cross, to the passionate love of God shown in the Passion of Christ. And after the cross, the resurrection. No more pretense, freedom.

Bishop Eaton

## TALENT/NO TALENT SHOW

Thank you to all of those who participated and provided great dinner entertainment and had a chance to show off your talent. It was especially entertaining to those who watched it. And A big thank to Thrivent for sponsoring the event.

Thank you to Hank Bilderback for everything.



## ***THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED FROM OTHERS***

Thank you for your donation of \$66.92. **Habitat for Humanity**

Thank you for your donation of \$45.02 & 79.24. **Habitat for Humanity.**

Thank you for your donations of \$66.92. **Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor**

Thank you so much for your recent participation in the "Hawaii Vacation" raffle fundraiser" Your raffle ticket sales of \$210 were very much appreciated. **Living Stones Prison Congregation.**

Thank you so much for your October and November 2017 gifts of \$47.40 and \$39.30. **Living Stones Prison Congregation**

Thank you for your donation of \$230.00. **ELCA**







## ENDOWMENT FUND– YOUR MONEY MATTERS

You may have heard about it, may have read the bulletin, may have seen the Endowment Report in the Annual Report. But, what is it? where did it come from? what does it do?, and most importantly where is it going?

The Amazing Grace Endowment Fund was formed by the adoption of our constitution and merger with Trinity Lutheran in 2002. The Endowment Fund is governed by By-Laws within our constitution and the Endowment Committee is the custodian.

As spelled out in the constitution: the purpose of the fund, is to enhance the mission outreach of the church; that income generated by the fund shall be used only as described in the By-Lays.

- 30% outreach and missions.
- 30% capital improvements.
- 10% out reach into our community.
- 10% youth activities and scholarships.
- 20% any or all of the above.

The Endowment Committee (4 members) decides annually how much of the fund's earnings will be distributed during the year, and to whom the funds will be distributed. Last year the committee distributed \$7,700 to the following: \$1,000 to Deep Roots/ New Life, \$1,200 Family Promise, \$2,400 Capital Improvements, \$500 AG Quilters, \$200 hand bell lights, \$2,400 Youth Scholarships. Currently the fund's value is approximately \$168,000.

It is important to remember, the monies distributed from the Endowment Fund come only from fund earnings. Which is why we like to say: AG Endowment Fund- the fund which will keep on giving...

Additional information about the Endowment Fund and how you can help it grow are coming, look for additional articles in the Spirit and weekly bulletin. If , you would like more immediate information, please contact: Pastor Val, Gene Schermer or committee members; Darrell Lokken, John Tieder, Brenda Grant, Dennis Morrisette.

Submitted by John Tieder

*For with  
God nothing  
shall be  
impossible.*

*-Luke 1:37*





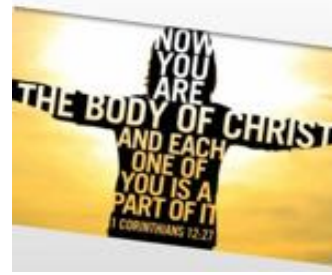
## DECEMBER BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Name		Date	Total
Checking			\$ 46,391.47
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 251.92
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 2,590.00
-Bells			\$ 354.65
-Friends in Need			\$ 140.85
-Reformation Fund			\$ 2,874.75
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 386.83
-Grace Fund			\$ 220.00
		TOTAL	\$ 53,710.47
Fundraising Checking			\$ 100.00
Maintenance Checking			\$ 13,725.49
-Furnace (sub of Maintenance)			\$ 4,031.44
Youth Checking			\$ 468.47
Memorial Savings			\$ 4,097.43
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 817.63

# Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting Minutes

### January 9th, 2017 6:15 pm



*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.

Attendance- Dee Erickson, Chris Seelke, Amy Ostwald, Mark Smalley, Mike Barkstrom, Phil Stegemoeller, Theresa Kaufman, Pastor Val Metropoulos, Kristine Finazzo and Vicky Kolb

Call to Order Mark Smalley 6:15

Devotions -Faith Five based on next Sunday's reading – Pastor

Establish Quorum

Special report from Trace Erwin regarding his Eagle Scout project

Trace Erwin- is doing a 3 step Eagle Scout project:

1. Removing and putting new plants in strip near alley.
2. Remove cherry trees and either plant some new trees or plant some raised flower beds. Plants will need to be low maintenance.
3. Adding a hand rail by steps.

-He is in the process of doing a fundraiser but he also has funds available.

-Trace will report to council when plans are finalized. **M/S/P**

Review and Approve Agenda **M/S/P**

Review, correct and Final approval of minutes for last meeting, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 **M/S/P**

There were two items that were amended:

-VI Financial Reports part B. Item was removed

-IV Furnace

- Furnace will cost about \$ 8600-\$8800 so move \$1600 from memorial fund to furnace fund. **M/S/P**

#### Financial Reports

##### Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman

- i. Elway Plumbing invoice- Plugged up toilet. Pay bill
- ii. Actionaire Invoice- for youth center furnace repair.
- iii. Elway Plumbing- Smilely Plumbing was called because of a backed up shower and washing machine in the youth center. We were unable to contact Elway Plumbing and Smilely was called and a message was left. Gene Schermer responded and a determination was made to wait until Monday to avoid weekend charges and the center would have been fine. However, when Smilely called back and the person on duty in the youth center told Smilely to come in and fix the problem. If there is a building problem, whether it's at the youth center or the church please contact Mike or Gene Schermer and one of them will make a decision on how to proceed. If one of them is not available, please contact John Tieder next and then Mark Smalley. One of the four should be available and if they don't find a solution to the problem then call a professional.
- iv. PLU tickets – Mikkell Thompson account-\$918 should have come out of that account.
- v. Money not needed for the furnace was put into the maintenance account. -
- vi. \$1000 donation was made to endowment fund.
- vii. Negative \$1000 in music; money was transferred from general into music account. Bills to be paid **M/S/P**
- viii. One more signer is needed for checks. Waiting for new council members
- ix. Theresa was directed to seek help from Easter and Stoney regarding bookkeeping.

##### Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

-Big month for building maintenance and donations

-Fundraising to help bell choir and choir is coming up. \$1500 in donations was made.

-Ask donor specifically where they want their money to go to. One place would be for the piano that needs to be tuned

- Bells/music fund piano tuned- \$125 from budget, the rest from designate music funds. **M/S/P**

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

Annual Meeting – January 28th – Mark

-Follow agenda. Add IMAGINE Team to list. (Amy and Dee)

-Narrative budget

New Constitution Vote – Mark

-Notify people a vote is coming: approving a new constitution.

Council Installation – February 4th – Pastor Val

-New council Recognition of people who are leaving council.

Council Retreat in February/March – Mark -March 10

**Next steps to help the Homeless** – Amy

- Revised sheet. Sarah Monroe do Sunday meal 1 Sunday a month. 100-120 people served.
- Revival-remove from benevolence M/S/P
- In the process of coming up with a team that does special projects.

Nominating Committee – Kristine and Chris  
 -Report about progress by Kristine

Rivercity Funds transfer – Pastor Val  
 -Amazing Grace is holding onto some money for the Hoquiam Presbyterian Church until a plan is made when Pastor Jeani is well enough to plan  
 -River City holding fund can only be discharged by approval by council M/S/P

Parking lot use request, Friends In Need issue – Pastor Val.  
 -Dee's cousin has a repair place that she will call to see if the oil leak can be fixed.

Revival of Grays Harbor – fitness for benevolence – Pastor Val/Mark

Bel Aire real estate commission – Mark-explanation from Mike O'Conner.

Coastal Harvest mobile van  
 - Seeking permission to distribute food in the parking lot one Tuesday a month until the new food bank is functioning. **M/S/P**  
 Website  
 -The website is being Updating. New one will work with mobile phones and tablets. Any questions or concerns contact Amy. Feedback is welcomed.

Giving statements will go out quarterly, with a note about stewardship.

### **Ministry Reports**

Fellowship – Chris Seelke  
 Worship – Dee Erickson  
     Lent starts February 14th  
     Easter is April 1st

### **Outreach – Kristine Finazzo**

Baby Shower for Jesus  
 – Gifts were taken to DSHs foster kids (Skeeter Moore is the coordinator). They were delighted to receive them.  
 Giving Tree  
 -This project was done by Joni and Annette. It was well received and appreciated.  
 Bell ringers  
 -The volunteers for bell ringing had fun doing it. People gave generously. Hoping to support both doors next year and hopefully have more volunteers. We are thinking about using bigger bells next time but first check in with who's in charge.

Youth & Family – Amy Ostwald  
 -Sunday school took a break but resumed Jan. 7

### **Youth Group**

-Pastor Doug from the Presbyterian Church asked if Amazing Grace youth group is interested in going sledding at Packwood.  
 Christmas Program – Thanks to Chrissy Kincaid for coordinating.

### **Property – Mike Barkstrom**

-Windows downstairs and upstairs in the sanctuary need to be worked on. Bids are being prepared by Joel Cole Construction and ARO Glass.  
 - Water leaked into new bathroom on the north side louvers. Will get an idea on how to fix this issue and report back later.  
   - Dishwasher/Sanitizer - did not fix issue. Ordered parts and the issue was not resolved. The machine was left on and the timer was burned out including a major plug that would result in rewiring the machine. Parts are being returned for a full refund. Mike is researching options.  
 -Next 4F dinner March 18  
 -A discussion was had about youth center. The funding that they are given is not limitless. They are billed about \$1500 a month. They pay \$1500 per month in donation and \$300 per month in utilities.  
 Review of priorities

Youth Center agreement – review edits new wording. Copies have been sent to all council members.

Furnace- Will be replaced the second week of January.

Altar area roof.

-Altar end of church- gutter in rooflines were not done right. It was a \$3000 job. This stems from the roof being dome some 15 plus years ago. The repairs have been made and to date (January 31 there do not appear to be any leaks).

Fellowship Hall roof-are working on bids. Temporary repairs have been made to the roof.

Reformation Landscape Project in the hands of Liz Ellis who is working with Trace Erwin.



Pastor Val requested that she be the contact person with Catholic Community Services since she has a working relationship with the Director of CCS. She will discuss the costs of utilities with CCS and attempt to reach some resolution as to where the cost of shared utilities should fall out and the new wording of the lease agreement. At this meeting she is also to discuss the cost responsibility of the call out of Smiley on the weekend for the clogged drains.

Stewardship – Pastor Val

Pastor’s Report- part of packet

Task Assignments

Rachel Pritchett -Jan. 21 talk about Namibia.

-Youth fundraiser. Clam chowder cook off. Jan. 9

Phil-adjust pie chart

Council-everyone review website for Amy

Adjournment and closing prayer

## **PASTOR’S REPORT – REGULAR ACTIVITIES – December 2017**

### **WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHP**

Sunday worship – Plan and lead  
Plan and implement themes with Liturgical Arts Team  
Plan & participate in adult education  
Plan seasonal and special worship services  
Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing  
Prayer  
Meet with ministry leader as needed

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Reports: congregational; synod; ELCA  
Coordinate Imagine Process w/ Synod D.E.M.  
Conference Pastors meeting monthly  
Conference deans – meet bi-annually & as needed  
Recordkeeping: updates to documents; church ledger  
Work with office administrator: bulletins, newsletter  
Council meeting & Exec. Comm. Meeting monthly  
Newsletter - writing, editing  
Meet with treasurer as needed  
Mutual Ministry meeting  
Endowment Committee advisor

### **FELLOWSHIP/PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING**

Prayer Chain - coordination  
Healing monthly  
Grace notes weekly or as needed  
Pastoral care as needed  
Coordinate with ministry leader as needed  
Hospital visits; homebound & assisted living visits

### **OUTREACH**

Food Bank reorganizing meetings  
County housing meetings  
Monthly Local Pastor’s group  
Facebook page – outreach through social media.  
Coordinate with others to support homeless and fragile people  
Coordinate with Youth Center supervisor  
Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

### **BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE**

Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

### **YOUTH AND FAMILY**

Youth Group coordinate activities monthly and summer trip  
Message for young people weekly  
Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

### **STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM**

Study and integrate into sermons

### **OFFICIAL ACTS – None**

### **VACATION – Dec. 26-Jan 1 (including 1 Sunday)**

### **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH:** Listening w/the Spirit – class for spiritual direction

Spiritual Direction monthly

Reading: Spiritual direction articles; Spirit of Christmas - Thurman, Prayer Seeds – Rupp

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

#### **WORSHIP:**

Advent and Christmas decorating with Liturgical Arts Team

Plan, lead 4 Advent services, Christmas Eve service and plan New Year’s Eve Lessons and Carols Service led by Hank B

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

Admin. Assist. - training

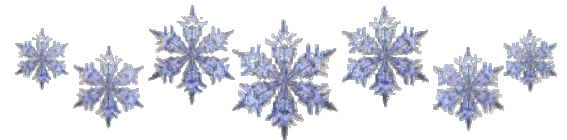
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Weekly bulletins; monthly newsletter while training new admin. assist.

Prayer and conversation discerning potential council members

Incorporating new members in life of church

#### **FELLOWSHIP** Coordinate Caroling visits



**OUTREACH**

Christmas Community Potluck – coordinate  
 Youth Group served at Feast for All at Presbyterian church  
 Food Bank/Revival/Youth Center donations coordinated  
 Food Bank board transition and reorganization

**PROPERTY**

Set up for Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas potluck

**YOUTH AND FAMILY**

Support for Christmas program leader  
 Confirmation class – once during December  
 Consultation with confirmation curriculum writer by phone  
 Youth Group – second and third Sundays; 1<sup>st</sup> Presb and St. Andrews continue to express interest but have not been involved much

**UPCOMING:**

Faith ConneX – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday cross-generational worship continues  
 Annual Meeting 1/28 w/ annual report ready for distribution 1/14  
 Namibia synod representative speaks 1/21  
 Bishop's Convocation at Seabeck 1/23-24  
 IMAGINE retreat 2/9-10  
 Fat Tuesday Youth Fundraiser 2/11(?)  
 Ash Wednesday 2/14; Lent midweek services: 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22  
 Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday 3/29, Good Friday 3/30, Easter 4/1

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### BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

Please notify Mike Barkstrom or send a message to the church office if there are any repairs needed at the church. Sometimes members or visitors notice things that need to be fixed that the committee is not aware of. Your input is helpful in these matters.

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# FEBRUARY 2018 Worship Assistants



## **February 4**

Liturgist: Laura Carle  
Worship Assistant/Reader: Arlene Torgerson  
Communion Assistant: communion at the Rail  
Ushers/Greeters: Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller  
Depositors: Pete Majar & Mark Ostwald  
Fellowship: **CELEBRATING JOYCE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY**

## **February 11**

Communion Assistant: Mark Smalley & Carmon Shaw  
Ushers/Greeters: Ray & Jean Hodge  
Depositors: Carmon Shaw & Maurita White  
Fellowship: CLAM CHOWDER COOK-OFF - Weiberg, Leithold, Channel, Teveliet, Jewitt

## **February 18**

Liturgist: Keith Lile  
Worship Assistant/Reader: Jill Waite  
Communion Assistant: Richard Kraiger & Jeannette Green  
Ushers/Greeters: Dennis & Donna Morrisette  
Depositors: Mike Barkstrom & Darrell Lokken  
Fellowship: White, Elder, Stephens, J. Erickson, Ellis

## **February 25**

Liturgist: Hank Bilderback  
Worship Assistant/Reader: Arlene Torgerson  
Communion Assistant: Dee Erickson & Carrie Erwin  
Ushers/Greeters: Gene & Eileen Schermer  
Depositors: Carmon Shaw & Ray Hodge  
Fellowship: **QUILTER'S SOUP LUNCHEON**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
15					6 PM SCRAP- BOOK & CRAFTING GROUP	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CARING CUPBOARD 8:45AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:45 AM HYMN FEST 10 AM WORSHIP 10 :15AM SUNDAY TIMES 11:15 FELLOWSHIP: JOYCE SMITH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION		7 PM UNION GOSPEL MISSION TEAM	9 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE CREW  6 PM BELLS PRACTICE			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:45AM CHOIR PRACTICE 10AM WORSHIP 11:15 FELLOWSHIP & CLAM CHOW- DER COOK-OFF (YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER) / SS		6:15 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	6 PM BELLS PRACTICE  7PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE		6 PM SCRAP- BOOK & CRAFTING GROUP	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:45AM CHOIR PRACTICE 10AM FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT WORSHIP 11:15 FELLOWSHIP / SS 6 PM YOUTH GROUP		6:30 PM FAMILY PROMISE	UNDER THE BRIDGE MINISTRY  9 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE CREW  6 PM BELLS PRACTICE	5:15—6:00 AGAPE meal 6:15—7:15 BIG IDEAS VIDEO & CONVERSATION  7:30 HOLDEN EVE PRAYER		
25	26	27	28			
8:45AM CHOIR PRACTICE 10am WORSHIP 11:15 FELLOWSHIP & QUILTER'S LUNCHEON / SS			6 PM BELLS PRACTICE			





**Please join us for worship  
Sundays at 10am with coffee and fellowship  
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A welcoming place where grace happens!

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To experience and share God's love through worship,  
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