

# *THE SPIRIT*

## *September 2022*

Amazing  
Grace  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF GRAYS HARBOR



As August ends and we anticipate the inevitable change coming in the pace of life, we take time to savor the last few weeks of summer. I hope everyone of you will experience the peace, rest and renewal that only the beauty of God's creation can offer, whether it's a hike in the woods, an hour in the park or gardening in your own yard. **We need rest to remember that life is good, God is good, and that we are called to live this gift of life fully awake and with gratitude.**

At this hinge point in the year, the church focuses on discipleship, on what it means to follow Jesus in our own time and place and the Sunday readings are full of images and stories to help us do

that hard work. Discipleship implies discipline and there are real implications when we choose to follow a Christian way of life. But it's not just hardship or suffering, although that may be a part of the Christian life. **Because of God's unbounded love there is joy in living a life shaped by discipleship.** We know the goodness of God and so we know that redemption, grace and the promise of abundant life are **ALREADY** ours and will be always!

Part of discipleship is constant discernment about the choices we make; choices about how we live, how we speak to each other, how we spend our money and our time... **there is no part of our lives that is separate from the life we live as followers of Jesus.** This discernment is always done in fellowship with other be-



lievers so that we have companions to help us discern which choices are faithful and which are not. Our constant companion in this discernment is the Holy Spirit who is always leading us deeper into new life, never letting us comfortably settle for less than the real deal, the abundance we and all people were made for!

I offer Brian McLaren's observations as food for thought and, I hope, as a discussion starter as we enter this new season of discipleship. How can we better help each other to discern faithfully the paths the Holy Spirit is guiding us into, individually and as a community of faith?

Pastor Val

**"The Spirit leads us downward. To the bottom, to the place of humility, to the position and posture of service . . . that's where the Spirit, like water, flows. . .**

If you listen to the Spirit, here is what will happen to you. You'll be at a party and you'll notice on one side of the room all the beautiful people laughing and having fun together. In a far corner, you'll notice a person who is alone, feeling awkward, not knowing anyone. The Spirit will draw you to the person in need. **You may become the bridge** that connects the outsider to the insiders—and in that connection, both will be better off. . . .

**Here's what will happen to you if you listen to the Spirit.** You will realize that someone is angry at you or resentful toward you . . . or worked behind your back to do you harm. Everything in you will want you to write them off or get them back. But the Spirit will draw you toward them in **humility**. . . .



**The kitchen in the parish hall is fully functional, thanks to Roger and Mike's hard work and persistence. Please thank them next time you see them!**

**Cynthia and Greg enjoying good food and conversation!**

**Here's what will happen if you listen to the Spirit.** You will see a person or a group being vilified or scapegoated. Everyone is blaming them, shaming them, gossiping about them, feeling superior to them, venting their anxieties on them. . . . But the Spirit will draw you to differ courageously and graciously. . . . You will risk your reputation in defending the person or people being scapegoated. And in that risk, **both you and they will know that God's Spirit is alive** and at work in your midst.

**If you listen to the Spirit, here's what will happen to you.** It will be late. You will be tired. There will be dishes to do or clothes to pick up or trash to empty. *Someone else should have done this*, you will think with anger. You will rehearse in your mind the speech you will give them. And then you will think, *But I guess they're just as tired and overworked as I am. So maybe I can help.* You won't do this as a manipulative ploy but as a **simple act of service**. . . .

There is a prison near you. A hospital. A park or a bridge or an alley where homeless people sleep. . . . There's a country in great need or a social problem that few people notice. If you listen to the Spirit, **you will be drawn toward an opportunity to serve**. At first, the thought will frighten or repel you. But **when you let the Spirit guide you, it will be a source of great joy**—one of the richest blessings of your life."

Brian D. McLaren, *We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation*



# WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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 every thing and every

one 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



**Church picnic 2022!**



## **BIRTHDAYS:**

John Stephens, September 3  
Juli Kupka, September 5  
Michael Erickson, September 7  
Annika Natwick, September 7  
Kathy Wehage, September 8  
Vicki Mitchell, September 12  
Mike O'Connor, September 15  
Andrea Ostwald, September 16



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

**Joelle Buckman** delivering food to the Food Bank.

**Diane Hanson** for providing some photos for last month's newsletter.

**Laura Carle & Kathy Wehage** for providing photos for September newsletter.

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. **God's people join in prayer :** Helen Velling, Matt Swanson, Loretta, Jessica, 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, Philip, Matthew Green and his family and we pray for family and friends mourning the death of Ginny Clark. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

## **September BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

Martha Beeman, September 18

Coleman Carle, September 19

Linda Ebel, September 20

Bret Kaufman, September 21

Hannah Erwin, September 25

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Dee & Michael Erickson, September 12

John & Dorothy Stephens, September 15

Craig & Jane Teveliet, September 18

Erik & Juli Kupka, September 21

**Everyone** continuing to donate food for the Food Bank.

**Pastor Val** for delivering Newsletters, bulletins/sermons to the post office.

**Linda** for the donating fabric to the quilters

**Mike H.** for fixing the squeakiness on main door to the office and administrators chair.

**Arvid Iverson** for the cross he made that's hanging in the fellowship hall on the back wall.



## THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED

- **Pacific Lutheran University thanks** Amazing Grace for a donation of \$168.70
- **Union Gospel Mission thanks** Amazing Grace for a donation of \$159.96
- **Habitat for Humanity thanks** Amazing Grace for a donation of \$168.70

## SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

Quilters are in need of flat sheets. Look in your linen closet and spread the word



to your friends. All help is appreciated.

**Laura Carle, Ray & Jean Hodge.**

*Photo submitted by Laura Carle*



## UNION GOSPEL MISSION

**September 6**

Dee Erickson, Leader

Jill Waite, Doris Tieder, Suzan Stegemoeller, Shawn Dickson, Annette Biornstadt

Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon Shaw

360-532-2940

Doug from UGM says to plan on 35-45 dinner guests and to have food there between 3-3:30.

Masks and distancing are no longer required. If you're delivering to the back alley, call 360-533-1064 and they will come to the back door and pick up the food.



## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

**September 11**

After worship and fellowship, there are two projects you're invited to choose from:

1. Walk to the Friendship house and help organize their supply room

2. Stay in the Fellowship hall and work on organizing supplies for the Lutheran World Relief School kits.

Contact Suzan Stegemoeller for more information.  
360-249-6986 or 360-580-3407

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:aaostwald@gmail.com) or simply send a donation to the church office marked for Chaplains Dinner.





## REFUGEE RESPONSE

### Lutheran Community Services Northwest

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](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
- 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



## DEPOSITORS

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

# GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

## HANDBELL S START-UP

Greetings Fellow Ding Dongs, I mean, Ringers. Hope you have missed bells as much as bells have missed you. Not to worry we are going to begin again. Handbells meet two times, August 24 & 29.

- Next rehearsal will be Wednesday, Sep 7th at 6:00. We will begin working hard on learning our parts for knowledge and comfort level. At this time there will be time set aside to discuss it we should practice every other Wednesday night or every other Saturday.

If you have any questions or concerns, talk to either Kris or myself.

Blessings Upon Blessings

Hank



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The 15th annual dinner & auction will be on September 24th at 6:00pm at Hoquiam Grant Central. The proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Enjoy a night of Food, Fun, and great auction items.



Tickets are \$60 per person and can be purchased at the Habitat store or call the office at 360-533-8090

Trace was our head chef at the church picnic.



## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**Indigenous People's Sunday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** – Special worship with Salmon Bake to follow!

**20th Anniversary Celebration in early 2023** – A committee is forming to plan this important celebration. It's been 20 years since Our Savior's and Trinity were gathered to become Amazing Grace! We'd love a wide

cross section of people to be involved so that there is something for everyone in this celebration. If you would like to be a part of the planning, please let Carrie Erwin know. You can talk to her at Church, email her at [mcerwin@comcast.net](mailto:mcerwin@comcast.net), or call her at (360) 500-3767.

**Ronda, Ray & Keith**

*Photo submitted by Laura Carle*



**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 28, 2022**

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Attendance: **In-person:** Pastor Val, Joelle Buckman, Curtis Steinhauer, Carrie Erwin, Tara Main, Theresa Kaufman. **Zoom:** Phil Stegemoeller, Suzan Stegemoeller, Dee Erickson, Joe Fernandez

**I. Review of vision, mission, values and council purpose; Discuss Healthy Congregations (20 min)**

**II. Call to Order by Pres. Joelle Buckman 6:09**

**III. Establish Quorum**

**IV. Review and Approve Agenda**

**V. Approve minutes from meetings: May 24 (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 – Reading Healthy Congregations book
  - The purpose of Mutual Ministry is making sure the church is functioning in a healthy way and fulfilling its mission.
- B. Gift Policy- Has been sent to the endowment committee. It will be presented to congregation for approval once it's been finalized.
- C. Endowment Fund Committee
  - i. Appoint new member – Phil Stegemoeller
    - Motion to appoint Phil Stegemoeller as new member for Endowment Committee. **M/S/P**
  - ii. By-laws revision- later
  - iii. Proposed endowment spending- The request needs to be sent to council in writing.
  - iv. Audit report- Will discuss with church audit topic.
- D. Council Retreat – June 11 – assessment and next steps (2<sup>nd</sup> retreat?)
  - Great discussion. Did an overview of June 11 council retreat for those that were absent. Committed to future meetings to continue discussing the Healthy Congregations book.
- E. Treasurer position – report on progress; deadline for transition?
  - Tara has started the transition. Theresa is getting Quickbooks cleaned up. A new laptop is available for Tara to use. Deadline for transition is by next month's council meeting.

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

- A. Worship – Dee Erickson and Pastor Val
  - i. Task Force report- still assembled but has not needed to meet.
  - ii. Native American Sunday – 9/25 – coordinate w/ fellowship
    - Linda Smith who is on the Native American task force for the Synod will be preaching on Sunday, September 25. Will be working with fellowship to plan a salmon bake and potluck. Two singers from the Quinault Indian Nation will be attending this Sunday.
- B. Outreach – Suzan Stegemoeller
  - i. Family Promise-No update. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the meal train.
  - ii. Chaplain's dinner- July 17<sup>th</sup> is the next time Amazing Grace is scheduled.
  - iii. Synod Affordable Housing Initiative – Pastor Val/Curtis No news.
- C. Youth & Family – Curtis Steinhauer
  - i. Sunday School- Working on plans for next year.
  - ii. Adult group study- No group right now. It was suggested that there





- be a study group before church on Sundays.
- iii. Synod Educational Gatherings – reports to congregation
  - Those who attended are more than happy to speak about the topics if anyone is interested.
- iv. Youth outing – July 16<sup>th</sup> at Quinault Lake. Everyone of all ages is invited. We'll meet at Falls Creek campground at noon. The day will include hiking, pot luck and canoeing or kayaking.
- v. Confirmation Class
  - 2-3 youth for next year's class.

**D. Fellowship** – Carrie Erwin

Carrie and Pastor Val are meeting to make plans.

- i. Fellowship resuming
- ii. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration? – a time to celebrate the past (PSALM students graduation; other highlights of 20 years and commit to the future.)
- iii. Stephen Ministry Training

**E. Property** – Joe Fernandez

- i. Kitchen repairs- Final payment due soon. A few more weeks until it's all done, and everything is put back in.
- ii. Fellowship Hall floor- Consider looking into the floor to deal with the squishiness.
- iii. Chaplains on the Harbor – request to serve meal in the parish hall
- iv. Bid for A/V system- Presentation to congregation will be made on July 17.
- v. Stained glass windows project- Joe will be heading the project in coordination with Mike B.
- vi. Workday - A workday will be scheduled in August at the church. Joe will get in touch with Carrie about this.

**VIII. Financial Reports:**

(30 min)

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

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

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

-Memorial money will be used as back up money. We need to begin planning for stewardship teaching and planning for the future.

Motion to move \$10,000 from memorial fund to general checking for ordinary expenses. **M/S/P**

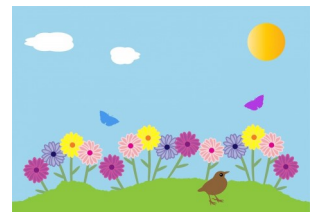
- i. New Program for financial secretary – Joelle
- ii. Audit of congregation's finances – report
  - Theresa sent in trial balance and Phil will contact them about quote. Theresa will need to know what they're looking for, so she has everything ready.

**IX. Pastor's Report**

(IX – XI 10 min)

**X. Task Assignments**

- Council members need to submit corrections to minutes in timely manner.
- Phil will discuss Gift Policy with Darrell.
- Joelle will request in writing the Proposed Endowment Spending from Endowment Committee.
- \$30,000 Tithe approved by congregation will be discussed next month.
- Tara and Theresa will go over Treasurer material.
- New check signers will be added to next month's agenda council meeting under Financial Secretary.
- Joelle will get in touch with the Synod about Native American Sunday banners.
- Suzan will discuss Chaplain's dinner via email.
- Curtis, Shayna, and Pastor will go over Sunday school plans.
- Pastor Val and Suzan discussing about having a study group before Church on Sundays.
- Pastor Val and Curtis will talk about the lesson part of the youth event day.
- Pastor and Carrie will discuss Fellowship topics.
- Pastor Val and Joe will speak about expanding maintenance committee.





- Joe and Carrie discussing workday in August.
- Joelle will go over the Fellowship Hall floor with Joe on Sunday.
- Joe will contact Mike about Stained-glass window details and send to council via email.
- Theresa will send out detailed projects list to council.
- Theresa will email report of memorial funds to council.
- Items added to next month's agenda. God's Work Our Hands, Congregational picnic, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and worship in work clothes.
- Curtis and Suzan discussing Gods Work Our Hands.

#### **XI. Adjournment and closing prayer 7:15**



**Church picnic at Steward Park was time to connect!**

#### **PASTOR'S REPORT June 2022**

##### **WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHP**

Sunday worship – Plan and lead  
Plan adult education  
Plan seasonal and special worship services  
Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing  
Prayer

##### **ADMINISTRATION**

Meet with ministry leader as needed  
Liturgical Arts team  
Council Retreat  
Synod Dean's meeting  
Reports: congregational; synod; ELCA  
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  
Coordinate with ministry leader as needed

##### **OUTREACH**

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**

Intergenerational events  
Adult study: plan and participate  
Confirmation: plan and lead  
Sunday School: coordinate with ministry leader

**STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM** Study and integrate into sermons

**OTHER ACTIVITIES in June**

**OFFICIAL ACTS:** None

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

**WORSHIP:** Planning for summer and fall

**YOUTH/FAMILY/EDUCATION:** Family hiking, camping at Quinault  
Young People's message  
Sunday School – consult; find curriculum

**PROFESSIONAL GROWTH:** Reading Healthy Congregations w/ Council & Mutual Ministry

**VACATION:** None

**UPCOMING:** Picnic – All Congregation August 21<sup>st</sup> after worship  
God's Work. Our Hands Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Native American Sunday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>  
To be scheduled: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
celebration Worship in Work  
Clothes



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  - III. Establish Quorum**
  - IV. Review and Approve Agenda**
    - Added under VI. Business items: C. Cross placement
    - Added under VIII. Financial Reports: ii. New Check Signers
  - V. Approve minutes from meetings: June 28 (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
      - Working through Healthy Congregation book
    - B. Gift Policy
      - Policy has been sent to Endowment Fund.
- Endowment Fund Committee
- i. By-laws revision- On hold
  - ii. Proposed Endowment Spending-Joelle will make contact
  - iii. Audit report- Financial Secretary

C. Cross placement

-Council discussed places to put the cross made by Arvid Iverson. Placement of the cross will be in the parish hall above the exit sign at the entrance leading to the back room. Thanks was expressed for Arvid's beautiful contribution to the community.

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

A. Worship – Dee Erickson and Pastor Val

-Dee made an announcement on Sunday about people signing up for communion set-up and bread baking and had a good response.

i. Task Force report-Status quo

ii. Indigenous People's Sunday in Fall - 9/25 - coordinate w/ fellowship

-The service for *Indigenous People Sunday* is scheduled for September 25 and Pastor Linda Smith will be preaching. There will also be a salmon bake. Curtis has a friend from Quinault that will lead the singing and will also do an activity with the young people. It is a time of celebration and acknowledgement of the historic ownership of the land we occupy.

B. Outreach – Suzan Stegemoeller

i. Family Promise

ii. Chaplain's dinner- There was a meeting that gave people a chance for their input. Suzan will develop some procedures for those using the kitchen to follow.

iii. Synod Affordable Housing Initiative – Pastor Val/Curtis

iv. God's Work Our Hands Sunday – 9/11

v. Tithe Project

-Discussion is beginning to identify a project using the tithe from the Erickson estate, authorized by the congregation at the annual meeting.

C. Youth & Family – Curtis Steinhauer

i. Sunday School

-It was decided that Sunday school will continue on Sunday mornings after worship so that families are supported in passing on the faith and parents are able to attend fellowship. The same curriculum as the one mailed to families during pandemic, (Illustrated Ministry) will be used. Curtis and Shayna are contacting all the families.

ii. Adult group study- No group at this time

iii. Confirmation 2-3 new people for this year's class.

D. Fellowship – Carrie Erwin

i. A picnic is scheduled for August 21 at Sam Benn Park. Carrie will coordinate.

ii. Pie Auction is coming up.

iii. A meal train was organized for Hodges.

iv. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It was suggested that it should be held after the stained-glass window project is done. A committee is being formed to coordinate this.

v. Stephen Ministry Training - on hold until a leader is found.

E. Property – Joe Fernandez

i. Kitchen repairs- Maintenance meeting on July 31.

ii. Chaplains on the Harbor – request to serve meal in the parish hall-On hold for now

iii. Bid for A/V system- Work in progress. Next step would be to present to congregation.

iv. Stained glass windows project- On track to start August 1.  
Sierra Pacific will be donating the lumber.

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

A. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman/Tara Main

-Thank you, Theresa, for all the work you've done as Treasurer.

i. Approve June bills paid- **M/S/P**

ii. New check signers

A separate special meeting will occur at the end of the regular council meeting to assign and approve the new Treasurer and check signers. Minutes will be approved via email.

B. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

- Tara and Theresa went over all 2022 reports when moving into the new pro-





gram and there were some discrepancies which will be fixed. Corrected reports will be ready for the 2022 audit that will happen in 2023.

i. New Program for financial secretary – Joelle

- There will no longer be two separate reports (Giving and Financial) that need to match up. The new program enables data to be entered only once.

ii. Audit of congregation's finances

A new company has agreed to take over the audit

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**X. Task Assignments**

-Phil will contact endowment fund about the Gift Policy

-Joelle will email the Proposed Endowment Spending to council

-Joe will work on getting the cross up

-Pastor Val, Carrie, and Dee working out the fellowship end of things on *Indigenous Peoples Sunday*.

-Suzan will write a draft proposal for kitchen use

-Pastor Val, Suzan, and Carrie will discuss God's Work Our Hands

-Joelle will include Little Pantry to the agenda for next month

-Carrie will reserve Sam Benn Park and do all paperwork for scheduled picnic

-Joe will find out when stained-glass window will be done.

-Theresa will verify Cathedral Crafts payment from Endowment Fund.

-Joe will contact Cathedral Crafts to let them know that lumber has been donated for the window project.

-Joe will write a A/V proposal and send to council

**XI. Adjournment** and closing prayer 7:14



**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's Sabbath is Mondays. Her office hours change so please call or email to arrange a time we can get together.** 360-580-8977 [vmetropoulos001@luthersem.edu](mailto:vmetropoulos001@luthersem.edu).

**Picnic fun with Carrie and Suzan!**

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Everyone Belongs to God by Blumhardt

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**UPCOMING:** God's Work. Our Hands Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

Indigenous Peoples Sunday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

Reformation Sunday – Reception of new members Oct. 30

To be scheduled: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration – Feb. or March; committee forming



**Darrell, Jim and Michelle  
at the Church picnic.**



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## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

### **SEPTEMBER 4**

**Liturgist:** Greg; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Darci Jewitt; **Communion Assistants:** Suzan Stegemoeller; **Ushers/Greeters:** Darrell & Elaine Lokken; **Depositors:** Carmon Shaw & Kristin Finazzo; **Fellowship Hosts:** Lile, D. Erickson, Bilderback, Burns; **Communion setup:** Cynthia Johnstone; **Stream Team:**

### **SEPTEMBER 11**

**Liturgist:** Hank; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Mark Smalley; **Communion Assistant:** Dee Erickson & Steve Swanson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Depositors:** Mark Ostwald & Ruth Ann Carlson; **Fellowship Hosts:** Carle, Torgerson, Smalley/Safstrom; **Communion set-up:** Laura Carle; **Stream Team:** Amy

### **SEPTEMBER 18**

**Liturgist:** Keith; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Diane Hanson; **Communion Assistant:** Sarah Channel & Arlene Torgerson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Jenifer & Theresa Kaufman; **Depositors:** Hiedi Seelke; **Fellowship Hosts:** Shaw, Green, O'Connor, Lokken, Fernandez; **Communion set-up:** Carmon Shaw; **Stream Team:** Joe

### **SEPTEMBER 25**

**Liturgist:** Curtis; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Joelle Buckman; **Communion Assistant:** Joe Fernandez & Darci Jewitt; **Ushers/Greeters:** Tim & Pam Alstrom; **Depositors:** Joelle Buckman & Ruth Ann Carlson; **Fellowship Hosts:** Hanson, Erwin, Seelke; **Communion set-up:** Tara Main; **Stream Team:** Steve

## 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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## JUNE BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Checking			\$ 2,127.87
-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			\$ 636.21
-Reformation Fund			\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds			\$ 360.00
-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	\$ 11,693.96
			\$ -
*Maintenance Checking			\$ 13,347.59
-*Stained Glass Windows			\$ 49,153.10
Youth Checking			\$ 295.75
Memorial Savings			\$ 13,854.30
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 1,909.35



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 QUILTERS 9-3	2 SCRAPBOOK 6-10	3
4 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP CHAPLAINS DINNER 1-6	5 OFFICE CLOSED  LABOR DAY	6	7 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30 HANDBELLS 6-7:30	8 QUILTERS 9-3	9	10
11 10 WORSHIP & BACK TO SCHOOL BLESS- ING 11 POTLUCK & GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS CHAPLAINS DINNER 1-6	12 OFFICE CLOSED PEO CHAPTER BC SCHOLARSHIP MTG. 4PM-10PM	13 HANDSEWERS 9-3 F.P. BOARD MTG. 6:30	14 AA 5:30-6:30	15 QUILTERS 9-3	16 SCRAPBOOK 6-10	17
18 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP CHAPLAINS DINNER 1-6	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20	21 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30	22 QUILTERS 9-3	23	24
25 10 INDIGENOUS SUNDAY PEOPLE WORSHIP 11 SALMON BAKE- FELLOWSHIP CHAPLAINS DINNER 2-6	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 HANDSEWERS 9-3 COUNCIL MTG. 6	28 AA 5:30-6:30	29 QUILTERS 9-3	30	



Upcoming events:  
New member class- October 16 & 23 After worship  
Reformation Sunday & reception of new members- October 30



**Please join us for worship**  
**Sundays at 10am in person or on our Facebook page:**  
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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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