

It's Lent again, our yearly walk through the story of Jesus' last weeks and days on earth, reflecting on what it means for us. "Lent is the process of emptying our cups" as Joan Chittister says, drawing on a story of a man who desired wisdom but was so full of his own ideas and chatter that he could receive nothing. He was advised to empty his cup so that it could be filled. Lent invites us to empty ourselves of our illusions, preoccupations, whatever distracts us and prevents us from seeing God lovingly inviting us into relationship in each moment. Common Lenten practices meant to facilitate that emptying include fasting. Isaiah reminds us that even our attempts at emptying are often flawed. (God says to Isaiah)



And what God promises those who keep that Godly fast is nothing less than an image of what many of us long for, to feel deep Sabbath rest, to be fruitful, to live a meaningful life:

⁸ Then your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed quickly.

Your own righteousness will walk before you, and the LORD's glory will be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here."

If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;

¹⁰ if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the noon.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched places.

He will rescue your bones.

You will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water that won't run dry.

¹² **They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account; the foundations of generations past you will restore.**

You will be called Mender of Broken Walls, Restorer of Livable Streets. Isaiah 58:3-24

It's clear throughout scripture that God wants more of us than symbolic acts or spiritual exercises done for misguided reasons. God wants US! and as Father Greg Boyle says, "There is no us and them. There is only us."

We are all deeply connected, even belonging to each other. Father Richard Rohr offers this challenging assessment:

In Jesus we have an almost extreme example of God taking sides. It starts with one who empties himself of all divinity (see Philippians 2:6-7), comes as a homeless baby in a poor family, then a refugee in a foreign country, then an invisible carpenter in his own country which is colonized and occupied by an imperial power, ending as a "criminal," accused and tortured by heads of both systems of power, temple and empire, abandoned by most of his inner circle, subjected to the death penalty by a most humiliating and bizarre public ritual, and finally buried quickly in an unmarked grave. If God in any way planned this story line, God surely intended the message to be subversive, clear, and unavoidable. Yet we largely made Jesus into a churchy icon that any priestly or policing establishment could gather around without even blushing...

The "problem" of immigrants, welfare recipients, incarcerated, mentally ill, . . . disabled, and all who are marginalized by mainstream society, is a problem of the incarnation. When we reject our relatedness to the poor, the weak, the simple, and the unlovable we define the family of creation over and against God. In place of God we decide who is worthy of our attention and who can be rejected. Because of our deep fears, we spend time, attention, and money on preserving our boundaries of privacy and increasing our knowledge and power. We hermetically seal ourselves off from the undesired "other," the stranger, and in doing so, we seal ourselves off from God. **By rejecting God in the neighbor, we reject the love that can heal us.**" Richard Rohr

This Lenten season we're looking each Thursday night at a BIG IDEA presented in video format and followed by conversation to bring the big idea down to the local, community and personal level. The first one was Father Greg Boyle and the idea of Kinship as power of belonging to each other. In the weeks to come we'll look at other ideas that can help us understand that kinship better and help us begin to live it in our life together. Please give yourself this gift of time, thoughtful conversation and prayer as we journey together toward Sabbath rest, fruitfulness and a more meaningful life.

You are beloved!

CURRENT NEWS

LENT MID-WEEK

The Thursdays of Lent (2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, and 3/22) we'll gather for an AGAPE meal

between 5:15-6, view a BIG IDEA video at 6:15 followed by conversation around the big idea and at 7:30 we'll end our time with Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary.

An AGAPE meal is kind of like 'stone soup.' We each bring something simple, whatever we can, offering it in self-giving love to the community, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We bring simple food and our whole selves to share, listen, and grow.

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 at 5 pm! 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 Hubbard at 360-580-8024

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

The deadline for submitting your choice of recipients for your Thrivent choice dollars for this year is **March 31**. If you are a Thrivent member, please make that decision before then. Last year Amazing Grace received \$2500 in Thrivent Choice dollars. If you don't designate anyone to receive choice dollars the money is given to other recipients. Please go online or call Thrivent office for help. If you have questions or need help with that, please speak with Judi Hubbard or Kristine Finazzo.

WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:



Marek, Jim Roberts, Aubrey Terry Warwick, 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 Cindy Pentilla and her family mourning the death of husband and father, Phil Pentilla. May he 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

Serving at Amazing Grace

UNION GOSPEL MISSION

Reminder: Jill Waite's serves Tuesday, March 6th

Jill Waite, Leader Doris Tieder Suzan Stegemoeller Dee Erickson
Shawn Dickson Jeannette Green Annette Biornstadt



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.







HOLY WEEK AT AMAZING GRACE

Holy Thursday March 29 7pm

Good Friday March 30 7pm

Easter Breakfast 8:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt 11:15 am

Resurrection Sunday Festival Worship

April 1 10am



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You are invited to celebrate with us!



God's Irresistible Call

When first elected presiding bishop, I was often asked what it meant to be the first woman trusted with this call. I didn't like that question then. I'm still ambivalent about it now.

Why, in the 21st century, did my gender matter? Why, in 2013, was the election of a woman historic? I didn't understand all the fuss. My parents had raised me to believe that if I worked hard enough I could be whatever I wanted to be when I grew up. My maternal grandmother was a businesswoman in the 1930s. My pediatrician was a woman. My high school biology teacher had her doctorate. All in the last century. However, "the question" does draw me to reflect on my journey in Word and Sacrament ministry.

We had a faithful home. Church was an important part of our lives. Sunday school, Sunday worship, vacation Bible school (I'm pretty adept at illustrating salvation history with pipe cleaners and Popsicle sticks), the seasons of the church year all shaped my life. God was real and close. So, when asked by my junior high guidance counselor what I wanted to be when I grew up, I answered: "A Lutheran pastor." Women can't be pastors, he told me, and that was that.

During my senior year in high school, my father had open-heart surgery. In 1973 this was a serious and risky procedure. My faith was shaken, and it caused me to ask all of the existential questions: Why do bad things happen to good people? If God is omnipotent and loving, why is there suffering? Is there a God? What does life mean? I presented these questions to my pastor, John Evans, and waited for answers. Instead of lecturing me, he gave me the space and the grace to think even more deeply. Then I went off to college.

College isn't always conducive to church attendance. Having Sunday morning come after Saturday night on a college campus is not the best arrangement. I drifted, but I still had my list of questions. Then something unexpected happened—I went to a fine Presbyterian college and the assistant campus chaplain was a woman! So I sent her my list, and she also encouraged me to question, doubt and explore. I wasn't the only one. She invited several of us to meet with her. We called ourselves the Heretics Group.

By my senior year I knew I didn't want to be a band director. I applied to divinity school and was accepted! By now the Lutheran Church in America (an ELCA predecessor) had been ordaining women for seven years. By the end of my first year of div school I felt deeply called to Word and Sacrament ministry. I contacted my bishop and let him know. That's not how the process works. One meets with one's bishop before one attends seminary. Oops. Nevertheless, Kenneth Sauer, then bishop of the [Southern Ohio Synod](#), brought me into the fold and I was a model candidate after that. I was ordained in 1981.

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The 37 years I have served have been a blessing. I was encouraged by my pastors, supported by my church, and have been extended calls from congregations. But the 37 years have not been without difficulty. Early on I was often the only woman at clergy gatherings. The legitimacy of my call was challenged. My compensation was less than my male colleagues. In every congregation I served, people left because they couldn't accept a woman pastor. Once, while pumping gas in my clerics, a shocked man exclaimed, "I've never seen a woman before!" A pastor told me that I was no bishop of his.

In this issue of *Living Lutheran*, you have read the stories of remarkable women living out their baptismal vocation as laypeople, pastors and deacons. We didn't say yes to God's call because we wanted to be pioneers, or trailblazers or to make some kind of a statement. We said yes because God's call was irresistible, because of the joy of serving the gospel, because of the great privilege of walking with people as the deep love of Jesus becomes real for them. These are our call stories.

Youth Group Clam Chowder Cook-Off

Thank you to those of you who participated in the cook-off for the youth fundraiser. The food was great and your generosity raised about \$400 for our trip this summer.



Valentine care Package

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and packaged these gifts of love for our college students.

Joyce Smith's 90th Birthday

Thank you for making this special event possible and sharing it with all of us who love Joyce at Amazing Grace.

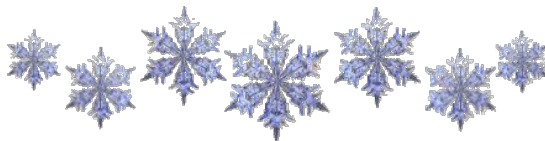
Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

Thank you to everyone who donated food, time and prayer that made this 5 nights of warmth possible.

Notes we received:

A great use of our warm facilities! God bless all who helped, listened and comforted, and glad the food contributions were used to feed our appreciative fellow human beings. Thank you so much Amazing Grace fellowship!

Vicki Mitchell



THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED FROM OTHERS

Thank you for your donation of \$191.18. **Pacific Lutheran University**

GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE **SYNOD EDUCATIONAL GATHERINGS**

"Who is my Neighbor And To Whom am I Being a Good Neighbor?"

Come join us and learn all about who your neighbors really are .

We have three sessions of 6-8 workshops each at three different locations across the synod (That's 18-23 different workshops at each site) *Almost all workshops will be offered at all locations, so choose which location is best for you.*

All are welcome! Registration begins soon

10am-4pm Cost: \$30 (includes lunch) Save the dates:

Saturday, April 21 at First Lutheran in Poulsbo

Saturday, April 28th at Christ Lutheran in Lakewood

Saturday, May 19th at St. Andrew Lutheran in Vancouver WA

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

If you order from Amazon, consider signing up for Amazon Smile and making Family Promise of Grays Harbor the recipient of your giving. 05% of most purchases goes to Family Promise of Grays Harbor. The following is a list of things Family Promise needs in order to open. Please donate only gently used or new items. They may need to be replaced later, but they'll help us start up. If you have any questions please contact **Linda Anderson** <liloander@comcast.net>

OFFICE

File cabinets that will lock

Desks

Desk chairs

Chairs, (Misc)

Computers

Printers

Copier

Book shelves

Dry Erase Boards

Bulletin Boards

Wastebaskets

First Aid Kit

Desk Lamps

Standing Lamps

Staplers

Printing Paper (Cases)

Paper Clips (boxes)

Tape and Dispenser

Push Pins (box)

Pencils (12 packs)

Pens (8 or 12 packs)

Binder Clips (200 pack)

Clip Boards

Note Pads (8x11)

Note Pads (5x8)

RECURRING NEEDS

Paper towels

Toilet Paper

Diapers

Feminine Hygiene

Trash Bags

Laundry Detergent pods

Bleach

Disposable Handler Gloves

All Purpose Cleaner

Hand Soap Dispenser

Liquid Hand Soap

Dish Detergent

Bathroom Cleaner

Bandages

Shampoo

Conditioner

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OPENING NEEDS LIST

FAMILY USE

Couches

End Tables

Coffee Table

Tables for Work area (folding)

Book Shelves

Toys (pre school)

Portable cribs

Changing Station

High chairs

Booster chairs

TV(for DVDs)

DVD/Bluray player

Family friendly movies

Kid DVDs

Children's Books

Waste baskets

Plastic tubs (for family items)

Laundry Bags

Drying Rack

Childproofing materials

Pantry/Cupboard (for food items)

Car seats (no expired or accident history)

Microwave

Coffee Pot

Lotion

Lysol (type) Wipes

Hand Sanitizer(pump bottles)

Razors

CLEANING SUPPLIES

Vacuum

Mop & bucket

Rags

Broom & Dust Pan

*Birthdays &
Anniversaries*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Jared Erwin
1	Trace Erwin
4	Francis Beeman
5	Jim Erickson
6	Lana Lile
7	Hayley Sykes
9	Eileen Audett
9	William Rabung
10	Thomas Evanson
10	Steven Kincaid
15	Laura Carle
20	Mary Ann Majar
20	James Roberts
21	Jesse Channel
22	John Kincaid
22	Craig Teveliet
24	Tim Leithold
24	Josie Weiberg
26	Moonbeam Kupka
27	Jordan Weiberg
28	Michael Pellessier

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

11	Dennis & Donna Morrisette
15	Trish Safstrom & Mark Smalley
20	Gregory & Cynthia Johnstone

ENDOWMENT FUND– YOUR MONEY MATTERS

Last year (2017) was a very good year for the growth of your AG Endowment Fund. The fund started the year with \$143,104 of invested funds, these funds grew to \$164,105 at year's end. This is a growth of \$21,001 or 14.7%. Plus a very generous donor made a gift of \$10,000.

The really good news is because of the funds growth, the committee has decided to distribute **\$10,000** during 2018. This money will be distributed as described by our constitution's By-Laws:

30%	outreach and mission
30%	capital improvements
10%	outreach into our community
10%	youth activities and scholarships
20%	any or all of the above

Remember, this is an endowment fund so only earnings from invested funds are used for distribution. This allows the Endowment Fund to grow and continue giving year after year.

Hint: Did you know that if you are receiving "required minimum distributions" from your IRA, you can have a portion of this distribution given directly to a charity of your choice tax free. The charity must have 501-C3 status and the distribution must go directly from the IRA to the charity. Your IRA may not provide a record of the charity distributions, therefore it's important that you keep a record so you can calculate your taxable IRA distributions when completing your 1040 tax forms. Ask your IRA representative for the forms necessary for this type of distribution.

It's important to remember, that money 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

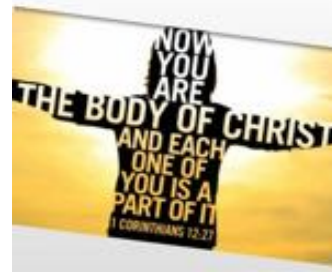




JANUARY BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Name		Date	Total
Checking			\$ 53,589.93
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 251.92
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 2,660.00
-Bells			\$ 1,454.99
-Friends in Need			\$ 140.85
-Reformation Fund			\$ 2,874.75
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 386.83
-Grace Fund			\$ 220.00
		TOTAL	\$ 62,079.27
Fundraising Checking			\$ 200.00
Maintenance Checking			\$ 10,262.24
Youth Checking			\$ 468.47
Memorial Savings			\$ 2,597.43
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 817.63

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2018 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 Mark Smalley, Phil Stegemoeller, Mike Barkstrom, Dee Erickson, Pastor Val Metropoulos, Joelle Buckman, Theresa Kaufman, Amy Ostwald and Vicky Kolb

Call to Order Mark Smalley 6:15

Devotions – Pastor

Establish Quorum-parking request are dee and Kristine

Review and Approve Agenda M/S/P

Review, correct and Final approval of minutes for last meeting, January 9, 2018 **M/S/P**

-One item was amended

-VII Financial Reports Part A, numeral 3. Sentence was taken out.

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman

-At least 2 new check signers are needed. Joelle Buckman has agreed to be one. When Judi Hubbard gets back she will be asked.

-Donations will change overstated by \$4000, due to donations being overstated, benevolences were overstated. Theresa will make adjustments and resend to everyone.

-Transfer \$1500 from memorial to general fund. **M/S/P**

-Financial group meeting will be on April 9th

Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

-Giving Statements are being worked on and should be done by Friday.

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 Review minutes– January 28th – Mark

-No minutes were available-review next month.

New Constitution and bylaws Vote – Mark

-Will give notice about the voting in two ways: In writing and an announcement. Voting on the New Constitution will be done twice. Voting on the Bylaws will be done only once.

-The meeting for voting on the New Constitution and Bylaws will be done at the same time, which will be on May 6th.

-There are copies of the Constitution on the church website, parish hall and the church office.

Council Retreat March 10 – Mark

i. At AGLC, 9 -3:

-Council Retreat will be on March 10 at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church.

ii. Based on "Sabbath Book", develop themes for the congregation for Sabbatical.

-When the Pastor goes on Sabbatical the council members want to make sure that things are taken care of, what the council is responsible for while Pastor is on Sabbatical.

iii. Breakfast & Lunch

-Dee Erickson and Joelle Buckman have volunteered to do lunch. The rest of the council members have volunteered to bring or prepare different items for the retreat.

Next steps to help the Homeless – Amy

-The episcopal dinner that the church is putting on always welcomes any help it can get every 3rd Sunday of the month

-Revival is asking for money to fund their programs caring for those experience homelessness.

Parking lot use request – Dee & Kristine

- Dee's cousin is still looking.

Nominating Committee – Mark

- Steve Swanson was nominated and elected but declined due to conflict of interest.
- It's a 1 year term.
- A discussion was had about filling this position. It was tabled until fall.

Website Donation Options – Amy

- there will be a donate option on the Amazing Grace Lutheran Church website.
- there was a discussion about the 3 different ways you could donate using the website. They were PayPal, Vanco, and Simple updates. Amazing Grace will be going with Vanco.
- Amy will work on a letter about the donation tab on website and send out to council members.

Active Assailant Training -February 17th – Mark

Ministry Reports

Fellowship – Judi

- We will hear from her next month.

Worship – Dee Erickson

- Faith ConneX had a good response for having it in the sanctuary.
- Liturgical Arts Team removed the advent stars and is in the process of preparing for Lent.
- Lent services are on February 22, March 1, 8, 15 and 22
 - Lent starts February 14th
 - Lent Schedule – Pastor Val
 - Easter is April 1st

Outreach – Joelle

- Joelle met with Kristine and got a tutorial on how things work. Her statement is she wants to know what's going on and be able to give support.
- Joelle is happy to be part of this group and is willing to try new things.

Youth & Family – Amy Ostwald

- The youth group clam chowder Cook -off raised about \$400.
- Youth Group did not meet in January.
- The sledding trip that was planned for Feb. 2 the youth from Amazing Grace did not go.

Property – Mike Barkstrom

- There was a discussion about what the maintenance crew from the church is responsible for and whether or not the Youth Center should keep up with some of the maintenance.
 - 3 main items were discussed
 - Plugged up toilet in the youth center. Cost was \$117
 - Hair clog in the shower. Cost was \$530.
 - Main sewer line got clogged 60 feet down the line. No cost yet.
 - Motion: Youth Center pays \$117. Amazing Grace pays for other two. Youth Center needs to keep up with monthly maintenance. **M/S/P.**
 - Gutters on the Northside of church need to be repaired. Bid from Lupo Construction is \$1000.
 - Church building facing 4th street has galvanizing on the peak but it needs some more.
 - \$1600 for roof and gutters **M/S/P**
 - Windows in the parish hall need to be upgraded ARO Glass has a better bid so the church will go with them when the time comes for replacement.
 - Review of priorities
 - Youth Center agreement – review edits

Stewardship – Pastor Val

Pastor's Report

- stewardship will become part of pastor's report
- lent services will be starting next week. Bring what you can for the AGAPE supper.

Task Assignments

- Vicky will be sending council minutes to council members before we meet each month.
- Mark and Mike will work on lease for youth center
- Mark will email Phil, Mike and Theresa about financial meeting in March
- Phil will work on giving statements with Vicky

-Council members will be reading chapters in new book
Adjournment and closing prayer 9:00 pm

PASTOR'S REPORT – REGULAR ACTIVITIES – January 2018

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, etc.
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
Hospital visits; homebound & assisted living visits
Coordinate with ministry leader as needed

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 Youth center emergencies; Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

YOUTH AND FAMILY Youth Group coordinate activities monthly and summer trip; VBS; S.S.
Message for young people weekly
Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM Study and integrate into sermons

OFFICIAL ACTS - None

VACATION -None

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: Bishop's Convocation-Dr. Moe-Lobeda on Resisting Structural Evil
Listening with the Spirit - class for spiritual direction
Spiritual Direction monthly
Reading: Spiritual direction articles; Barking to the Choir - Boyle,
Nonviolent Communication - Rosenberg, The Misunderstood Jew-Amy Jill Levine.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

RENEWAL: IMAGINE Team; Faith ConneX worship

ADMINISTRATION: Annual report- Produce with office administrator
 Admin. Assist. - training
 Weekly bulletins; monthly newsletter while training new admin. assist.
 Prayer and conversation discerning potential council members
 Incorporating new members in life of church

YOUTH AND FAMILY Youth Group-didn't meet in January; Servant Trip planning

UPCOMING:

Faith ConneX - 2nd Sunday cross-generational worship continues

Ash Wednesday 2/14; Lent midweek services: 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22

5:15-6 AGAPE meal; 6:30 Big Idea video, conversation, spiritual practice; 7:30
 Holden Evening Prayer

Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday 3/29, Good Friday 3/30 both at 7pm; 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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MARCH 2018 Worship Assistants



March 4

Liturgist:
 Worship Assistant/Reader: Diane Hanson
 Communion Assistant: Diane Hanson
 Ushers/Greeters: Mark & Amy Ostwald
 Depositors: Karen Barkstrom & Hiedi Seelke
 Fellowship: WHITE, ELDER, STEPHENS, J. ERICKSON, ELLIS

March 11

Communion Assistant: Richard Kraiger & Theresa Kaufman
 Usher/Greeters: Joan & William Rabung
 Depositors: Judi Hubbard & Carmon Shaw
 Fellowship: MITCHELL, CLARK, KAUFMAN, BIORNSTAD

March 18

Liturgist: Keith Lile
 Worship Assistant/Reader: Vicki Mitchell
 Communion Assistant: Molly Leithold & Theresa Kaufman
 Ushers/Greeters: Paula Elder & Dorothy Stephens
 Depositors: Ray Hodge & Gene Schermer
 Fellowship: OSTWALD, RABUNG, GUNDERSEN

March 25

Liturgist: Laura Carle
 Worship Assistant/Reader: Steve Swanson
 Communion Assistant: Carrie Erwin & Sarah Channel
 Ushers/Greeters: Weiberg, Jim & Michelle & Family
 Depositors: Maurita White & Darrell Lokken
 Fellowship: MAJAR, LILE, MORRISETTE, D. ERICKSON

Saturday
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Friday
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Thursday
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Wednesday

Tuesday

Monday

Sunday

							5:15 PM AGAPE MEAL 6:15 PM BIG IDEA VIDEO/CONVERSATION 7:30 PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER	6 PM SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING	
4	9:00 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/ GODLY PLAY S.S.	5	6	7	8	5:15 PM AGAPE MEAL 6:15 PM BIG IDEA VIDEO/CONVERSATION 7:30 PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER	9	10	
11	8:45 CHOIR PRACTICE 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/ GODLY PLAY S.S.	12	13	14	15	5:15 PM AGAPE MEAL 6:15 PM BIG IDEA VIDEO/CONVERSATION 7:30 PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER	16	17	
18	9:00 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/ GODLY PLAY S.S. 5 PM ST. PATTY'S 4-F DIN- NER	19	20	21	22	5:15 PM AGAPE MEAL 6:15 PM BIG IDEA VIDEO/CONVERSATION 7:30 PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER	23	24	4-6:30 BECK/ SCHLAHT WEDDING
25	9:00 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/ GODLY PLAY S.S.	26	27	28	29	5:15 PM AGAPE MEAL 6:15 PM BIG IDEA VIDEO/CONVERSATION 7:30 PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER	30	GOOD FRIDAY	





**Please join us for worship
Sundays at 10am with coffee and fellowship
afterward.**

***AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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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