

# *THE SPIRIT — MAY 2018*

*Amazing Grace Lutheran Church of Grays Harbor*



Technical difficulties in the office and with my technology while visiting my mother delayed the newsletter this month. I invite you to join me in letting ourselves be "marinated in" some wisdom: first, words of experience from a wise woman; second a poem that rings so true to me.

God's blessings are ours dear ones. May we know that deep in our bones and hearts.

Pastor Val

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"What is saving my life now is the conviction that there is no spiritual treasure to be found apart from the bodily experiences of human life on earth. My life depends on engaging the most ordinary physical activities with the most exquisite attention I can give them. My life depends on ignoring all touted distinctions between the secular and the sacred, the physical and the spiritual, the body and the soul. What is saving my life now is becoming more fully human, trusting that there is no way to God apart from real life in the real world." Barbara Brown Taylor

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"Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean-

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?

Mary Oliver



## CONSTITUTIONAL VOTE

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**, there will be a special congregational meeting at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church after worship. We will vote on the updated Constitution that guides the church's activities. All voting members are encouraged to participate. Copies of the constitution are available in the fellowship hall and posted on the church website.

## LIVING STONES PRISON MINISTRY ANNUAL RAFFLE

Thank you for supporting the Living Stones prison ministry through your prayers and visits, in gathering of items, and with financial gifts. Our annual raffle is one important way of helping to sustain this ministry and your participation is deeply appreciated. Last year almost \$15,000 was raised through this major fundraiser for us. We are excited to announce our **2018 raffle prize is a \$5,000 Costco travel voucher**. Tickets are now on sale through Thursday, May 31 for \$10 each or 6 for \$50. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Val.

## WALKING TOUR

**Save the date !** On August 26 we will do a historical walking tour of Aberdeen homes. We will set off from the Aberdeen Mansion and hear about the timber barons and historical homes. Al Waters will lead the group. If you are unable to make the walk, you can meet us at the Aberdeen Mansion for tea and cookies!

More to follow. Contact Judi Hubbard for any questions at 360-580-8024

## TATTOOS ON THE HEART

If you'd like to join the group that will be reading this inspiring and insightful book, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Some people will meet to discuss the book, or you can read it on your own. It's well worth your time! The book is \$8 or you can order it on Kindle for \$12

## Help Family Promise when you shop on Amazon!

If you shop on Amazon, a half a percent of your purchase can be applied to Family Promise of Grays Harbor. Here's how you do that:

Log into your Amazon account. Then type in [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) in the top white http address bar. Hit enter and it takes you to the charity page.

Where it says select a charity on the right, go to the bottom option of pick "your own" and type in Family Promise of Grays Harbor. Select Search. The next page will appear and you press "select".

Then hit "yes" you agree to start your shopping with [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to get the benefit.

You're done....*Start Shopping!*

## LISTENING SEASON

The ***LISTENING SEASON*** is a time to build relationships with each other, God and our Amazing Grace community. You will be contacted sometime this spring by a ***LISTENER*** and given an opportunity to share how you came to be a member of AGLC, parts of your faith journey, and your vision for the future of our congregation. A question to ponder; what Bible verse or story exemplifies your current picture and or experience of our church?

Perk up your ears and listen...one of the following ***LISTENERS*** wants to listen to you.

Suzan Stegemoeller – coordinator, Liz Ellis, Diane Hanson, Arlene Torgerson, Dee Erickson, Joelle Buckman, Carmon Shaw, Amy Ostwald, Carrie Erwin.

## HOSPITALITY AT AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace hosts several organizations in our building for regular meetings and they very much appreciate our hospitality. Showing hospitality means that we keep these groups' property safe and available for them to use when they meet. Please do not move or take any of the stuff in bins in the back room behind the fellowship hall or in the youth room downstairs. Your radical hospitality makes a difference in our community!

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



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

Izumi Swanson, Betty Schlaht, Penny Holbrook, Sammy, Terry Warwick, Doreen Boettcher, Melvin Thompson, Erica Luzzi and her family, Richard O'Neil and his family, Jeannette Hawley, Jim Hall, 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, Don Rabung, Whitney Morean, Kaitlyn Brown, Sherry McAllister, Laura & Jacob, Bob, Jean David Hanson and for family and friends and the Hoquiam Middle School community mourning the death of Uriel, a student at the school. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**FOR THE WORLD:** for those in active military service and those who have served in the past: especially Caleb Berken and Steven Kincaid

**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-employed, 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 May 1**

Kristine Finazzo, Leader      Liz Ellis      Molly Leithold  
Michelle Weiberg      Lynette Lile

**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 with 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.

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP**

This workshop is an overview of what Stephen Ministry is and how it equips laypeople in your congregation to care for hurting people. There will be three sessions, which include an introduction to Stephen Ministry, experiencing a sample of Stephen Minister training, and learning practical grief ministry skills.

Saturday, May 5, 2018 9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Riverview Community Church  
4135 S 216th St  
Kent, WA 98032





## **Earth Day statement from ELCA presiding bishop**

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we share a deep love for all of God's creation and a profound responsibility for it. Made in the image of God, we are called to continue what God is already doing for the earth (Psalm 104), enabling it to flourish. God assigns humans to care for the earth as God does, in loving servanthood. (Philippians 2:7, Genesis 2:15).<sup>[i]</sup>

Daily we witness the evidence of a rapidly changing climate. At the same time, we also witness in too many instances how the earth's natural beauty, a sign of God's wonderful creativity, is defiled by pollutants and waste, resulting in ecological crisis. As a member church of The Lutheran World Federation, we affirm "that the global ecological crisis, including climate change is, human-induced. This is a spiritual matter. As people of faith, we are called to live in right relationship with creation and to not exhaust it."<sup>[ii]</sup>

The effects of the warming climate are felt in nearly every corner of the globe. These include increased migration, food insecurity due to changing agricultural landscapes, national security issues and health problems. As bad as it is for all creation, the most vulnerable people around the world are suffering the most. Yet they have contributed the least and, as noted in the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>[iii]</sup> are ill equipped to adapt to or mitigate the effects of a changing climate to build resilient communities.

An honest and credible look at the increasing environmental degradation and climate change names the neglect, carelessness and wrongs of industry, civil society and global governmental leadership. It also recognizes how human beings individually and collectively worsen the attacks on God's creation. As a church, we must confess our frequent lack of urgency in addressing environmental degradation and slow action to address a changing climate. We also must pledge to acknowledge the intersections of racial and environmental injustices and strive to involve the voices of those most affected in the process.

In grateful response to God's grace in Jesus Christ, this church carries out its responsibility for the well-being of society and the environment. Our "concern for the environment is shaped by the Word of God spoken in creation, the Love of God hanging on a cross, the Breath of God daily renewing the face of the earth."<sup>[iv]</sup> Our concern is, then, propelled by hope and guided by principles of justice.<sup>[v]</sup> We find our hope in the promise of God's own faithfulness to everything God has made. We seek justice for all of creation in concert with God's creative and renewing power. We do so understanding that we have the ability and responsibility to act together for the common good, especially for those who are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

As presiding bishop, I give thanks for all the ways this church embraces our common responsibility to care for all of God's creation. I call on us as individuals and congregations to continue efforts through stewardship, education and advocacy. I am reminded of the 2016 Churchwide Assembly resolution "Towards a Responsible Energy Future," among others, that urges members of the ELCA and its related institutions to exemplify personal and institutional responsibility. Such efforts could include practicing energy conservation, congregational energy audits, purchasing more energy efficient appliances and vehicles, and investing in renewable energy systems. These resolutions also urge advocating at all levels of government for public policies that support clean, renewable energy sources.

The present moment is a critical and urgent one, filled with both challenge and opportunity to act as individuals, citizens, leaders and communities of faith in solidarity with God's good creation and in hope for our shared future. We claim God's promise in Revelation 21 for "a new heaven and a new earth" as we pray together:

"Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us coworkers in your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."<sup>[vi]</sup>



- Thank you to Judi Hubbard and niece Madison who keep the church in tiptop shape.
- Thank you John Tieder, Roger Shaw and Gregory Johnstone for setting up the tables for the quilters. It's appreciated.
- Thank you Mei Le Smith for playing beautiful music on the violin during the Easter Service.
- Thank you Hannah, Jared and Trace Erwin who provided special music during the Easter Service.
- Thank you to those who donated to the Noisy Offering during Lent. Your generosity is always appreciated.
- Thank you Pastor Val for all you did during Lent.
- Thank you to Mike Hubbard who has been working on small projects around the church to make things better.
- Thank you to those who donated materials and helped with the Easter egg hunt for the kids.
- Thank you to those who helped set up for Easter Breakfast.

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

Thank you for your donation of \$89.31. **Pacific Lutheran University**

Thank you for your donation of \$89.31. **Living Stones Prison Congregation**



## ***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 one more session of 6-8 workshops at one last location 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 date:

**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](mailto:liloander@comcast.net)> . Continued on next page.

### **OPENING NEEDS LIST**

#### **OFFICE**

File cabinets that will lock  
Desks  
Desk chairs  
Chairs, (Misc)  
Computers  
Printers 6  
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)

## FAMILY USE

Couches	Coffee Pot
End Tables	Microwave
Coffee Table	Car seats (no expired or accident history)
Tables for Work area (folding)	Pantry/Cupboard (for food items)
Book Shelves	Childproofing materials
Toys (pre school)	Drying Rack
Portable cribs	Laundry Bags
Changing Station	Plastic tubs (for family items)
High chairs	Waste baskets
Booster chairs	Children's Books
TV(for DVDs)	Kid DVDs
DVD/Bluray player	Family friendly movies

## RECURRING NEEDS

Paper towels	Liquid Hand Soap	
Toilet Paper	Disposable Handler Gloves	
Diapers	All Purpose Cleaner	
Feminine Hygiene	Hand Soap Dispenser	
Trash Bags		Lotion
Laundry Detergent pods		Lysol (type) Wipes
Bleach		Hand Sanitizer(pump bottles)
Dish Detergent,		Razors
Bathroom Cleaner		
Bandages		
Shampoo		
Conditioner		



## MARCH BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Name	Date	Total
Checking		\$ 51,318.60
-Caring Cupboard		\$ 316.78
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve		\$ 2,800.00
-Bells		\$ 1,264.99
-Friends in Need		\$ 228.70
-Reformation Fund		\$ 2,874.75
-Outreach Funds		\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore		\$ 386.83
-Grace Fund		\$ 220.00
		<b>TOTAL</b> \$ 59,910.65
Fundraising Checking		\$ 259.00
Maintenance Checking		\$ 693.46
Youth Checking		\$ 857.62
Memorial Savings		\$ 2,597.43
Mikkel Thompson Savings		\$ 817.63

4/10 bal including insurance refund and St Patty's dinner is \$5702.53

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Al Kelling
2	Molly Gundersen
2	Kari Ann Penttila
6	Janice Frafjord
6	Hiedi Seelke
8	Sophie Kupka
9	Hank Bilderback
9	Eilidh Channel
14	John Pellessier
17	Kristine Finazzo
20	Mark Smalley
23	Cindy Penttila
24	Tessa Buckman
27	Joelle Buckman
28	Madison Winter

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

26	Jeff & Stephanie Gundersen
27	Al & Marge Kelling



## **FAMILY PROMISE FUNDRAISING DINNER**

During the past year the committee to bring Family Promise to Grays Harbor has been meeting regularly once a month at our church. They have made progress with finding host and support churches. Most exciting is the gifting of a day center building by the Hoquiam Methodist Church. The center will be housed in their education building located behind the church. Now, we are in the process of making it usable by upgrading the electrical and plumbing to serve the residents with computers, washers and dryers, showers and an area for the onsite coordinator.

In order to accomplish this we are having a fundraising dinner at Amazing Grace Parish Hall on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. You will be able to meet the committee members and get an in-depth knowledge of the program by sampling an appetizer table along with a drink. This time will be followed by a sit down dinner that will feature lasagna, green salad and bread, plus dessert and coffee. The cost will be \$20.00 per person and tickets can be purchased in advance from Arlene Torgerson, Joni Hildreth, Gene or Eileen Schermer. Only 80 tickets will be available so **NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.**

We hope you will be able to join us as we work to “OPEN THE DOOR” of the day center for the homeless families on the harbor. This program is a “hand-up” approach to helping families find a job and stable housing plus keep children in their own schools!





## **YOUR ENDOWMENT FUND**

The Endowment Committee is now accepting scholarship applications and proposals for expenditure of Outreach and Missions endowment funds. AG church members who are college students and HS graduates planning to attend college this fall are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Please contact the church office for an application.

We are also requesting suggestions from the congregation for expenditure of the Outreach and Mission and Community Outreach funds. Total distributions toward these areas are expected to be \$4,000 during 2018. Applications for these funds are also available in the church office.

The endowment committee understands that there are many worthwhile charities and programs on the Harbor which are worthy of being funded. Unfortunately, we may not be able to fund all requests, or fully fund a request, but I assure you, all suggestions will be considered seriously.

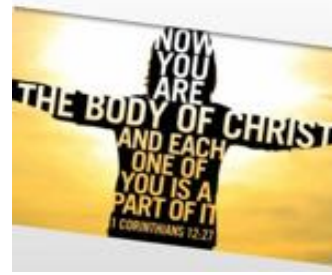
We know that some may not feel comfortable completing an application- please don't worry. We will not make our decisions based on proper spelling, sentence structure, or grammar. Try to be concise and if you want help, please contact any Endowment Committee member: Dennis Morrisette, Darrell Lokken, Brenda Grant and John Tieder

**All scholarship and applications for funds must be received at the church office before Friday June 1, 2018.**

Examples of programs/charities funded in the past include: Family Promise, Deep Roots New Life, music stand lights, Salvation Army Food Bank, AG Quilters and silverware for 4-F dinners.



**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 10, 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: Amy Ostwald, Pastor Val, Dee Erickson, Mike Barkstrom, Theresa Kaufman, Phil Stegemoeller, Mark Smalley, Joelle Buckman and Vicky Kolb

Call to Order 6:15 Mark Smalley

Devotions – Pastor

- Spiritual gifts- what they mean for each of us. What our strengths and weaknesses are and that we all receive spiritual gifts no matter who we may be and it's those gifts that unify us. We also need to think about how we use the gifts we have been given.

Establish Quorum

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

Review, correct and Final approval of minutes for last meeting, March 13, 2018 **M/S/P**

- Amended Joelle Buckman's last name in Part VI, Financial Reports letter "a"

**Financial Reports**

a. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman

- Theresa will amend the Treasurer's report and re-send to council members.
- Approval of transactions will be discussed in more detail at next month's council meeting.

i. New Signer update

b. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

- Running a little behind on percentage because of budget changes.

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

a. Annual Meeting Review minutes– January 28th – Mark **M/S/P**

b. New Constitution and bylaws Vote – May 6th – Mark

- Walt and Linda Ebel have asked if using proxy votes is allowed when traveling during times when votes are scheduled. Research will be done into constitutional requirements for voting. Mark to check if proxy votes are allowed in the ELCA's model constitution

c. Next steps to help the Homeless – Amy

- Amy has updated the poster board in ways that you may either volunteer your time or donate to an organization. Some are the Union Gospel Mission, Donations, Under the Bridge Ministry, Chaplains on the Harbor and the Dream Team. Any questions or ideas, please contact Amy Ostwald.

d. Website – Vanco Donation Area – Amy

- Vanco suggests that someone who works day to day with the church finances needs to apply for a Merchant Services account. There is no cost to do this. Once we get set up with merchant services,

10 people will be able to donate with credit or debit card through our website. There will be a small per

transaction cost and a small percentage taken off the donation as well. My notes say 45 cents per transaction and 2.95% of the total donation goes to Vanco.

e. Sabbatical Tasks – Mark

-May 1st Pastor Val will have a list of tasks ready so that people can sign up to serve while she is on sabbatical.

## **Ministry Reports**

a. Fellowship – Judi

1. Jeannette and Judi have met. Carrie Erwin also made some suggestions. Our first scheduled event will be August 26. Al Waters will do a walking tour on the historic homes in Aberdeen, for any that could not do the walk; they can meet us at the Aberdeen Mansion for a tour then tea and cookies. Steve and Joe are working on a date to hike the Lake Sylvia area, more information to follow. We are working on other family events.
2. The book *Sharing is Caring* is no longer available from Thrivent.
3. Judi has made attempts with the local Rotary president to get information about service trips. He said he would get back to her. Judi-- thinks this is off the table.

b. Worship – Dee Erickson

-Dee would like to thank Pastor Val for everything she did during Lent.  
-Amazing Grace Lutheran Church has had 6 Faith ConneX worships services so far. The plan was to do it for a year, ending in September of 2018. The Faith ConneX team will be meeting to assess our goals and priorities and how to meet them.

c. Outreach – Joelle

-Everything is fine

d. Youth & Family – Amy Ostwald

-The egg hunt that the kids did Easter Sunday was great and they had a good time. Thanks to Michele Weiberg and others that helped or donated eggs.  
-Vacation Bible School that Amazing Grace is hosting is coming up. Dates are June 25-28  
-The youth summer trip is coming up. Amy and Pastor Val are finalizing plans.

e. Property – Mike Barkstrom

i. Review of priorities

-Normal maintenance is being done on the building and there is also some painting being done down stairs and in the sanctuary. If anyone sees anything that needs to be done, please contact Mike Barkstrom.  
-The gutters on the north side of the church need to be replaced-cost about \$1000 plus WSST. But before doing that the north side of the church roof needs to be pressure washed and have zinc strips installed-cost about \$5000 plus WSST. Therefore we have this project on hold until we have the money to do the job properly.  
-Refugees and Immigrant sign on the side of the building needs to be reattached.  
- Liz and Trace have met about the landscaping/ Eagle project and the planning is proceeding as reported by Pastor Val.

**Pastor's Report**– Reminder that everyone is to bring their Spiritual Gifts Inventory to the next council meeting.

- Pastor Val's last Sunday before sabbatical will be July 1st. She returns Oct.1. Her first Sunday preaching will be Oct. 7.
- 11 -Food Bank: continue to look for building. The specific building needs make it difficult to find one. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Pastor Val.

## Task Assignment

- Add April treasurer's report to next month's council meeting packet
- Vicky will help Phil with spreadsheet
- Theresa has some edits to do and will talk with Bank of Pacific about new signers
- Amy will email Joelle about poster board
- Amy will email Phil and Theresa about new signer process.
- Mark is looking at constitution about the rules of proxy voting
- Council Members need to read pages 88-119 in Sabbath book for next month's council meeting. They will need to bring spiritual assessments and any questions that they may have.

**Adjournment and closing prayer 8:15 pm**

## PASTOR'S REPORT – REGULAR ACTIVITIES – March 2018

### WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP

#### **Sunday worship – Plan and lead**

Plan and implement themes with Liturgical Arts Team

Plan and 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 and 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

Memorial service: Phil Pentilla at Fern Hill

Wedding: Michelle Beck and Tim Schlaht

### VACATION – None

**PROFESSIONAL GROWTH:** Listening w/the Spirit – class for spiritual direction  
 Spiritual Direction monthly  
 Reading: Spiritual direction articles; The Day the Revolution Began by Wright;  
 Monastery of the Heart by Chittister; Pilgrimage, eds.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

**WORSHIP:** Mid-week Lent services – 3 in March; Holy Thursday Service; Good Friday service; Faith ConneX worship; LAT decorate for Easter; order/print/distribute music for Easter

**RENEWAL:** Faith ConneX worship; Council Retreat

**ADMINISTRATION:** Admin. Assist. - training  
 Weekly bulletins; monthly newsletter; Congreg. Meeting letter

**YOUTH AND FAMILY:** Youth Group; Confirmation; VBS planning

**OUTREACH:** Food Bank work to find new site; Worked with homeless woman to secure housing

**UPCOMING:** Faith ConneX – cross-generational worship continues  
 Regional Synod Educational Gatherings: April 21, April 28, May 19<sup>th</sup> (more info in newsletter)  
 Vacation: April 30 – May 4

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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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# MAY 2018 Worship Assistants



## **May 6**

Liturgist:	Laura Carle
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Molly Leithold
Communion Assistant:	Molly Leithold
Usher/Greeters:	Kaufman, Theresa & Girls
Depositors:	Ray Hodge & Joe Fernandez
Fellowship:	SCHERMER, HILDRETH, BUCKMAN

## **May 13**

Liturgist:	Hank Bilderback
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Joelle Buckman
Communion Assistant:	Carmon Shaw & Mike Barkstrom
Usher/Greeter:	Carrie & Hannah Erwin
Depositors:	Karen Barkstrom & Maurita White
Fellowship:	BEEMANS, OSTWALD, KUPKA

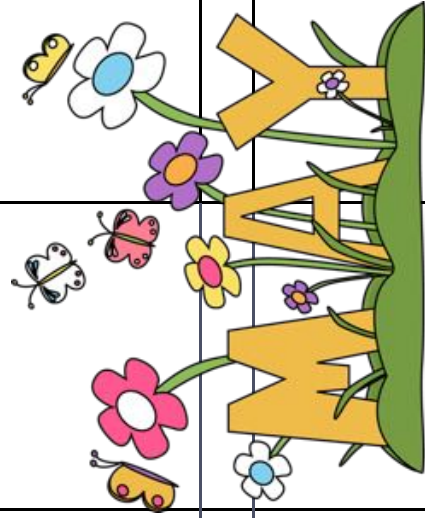
## **May 20**

Liturgist:	Keith Lile
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Sarah Channel
Communion Assistant:	Dee Erickson & Phil Stegemoeller
Usher/Greeters:	Dennis & Donna Morrisette
Depositors:	Judi Hubbard & Eileen Schermer
Fellowship:	CHANNEL, TEVELIET, JEWITT

## **May 27**

Liturgist:	Jeannette Green
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Mark Ostwald
Communion Assistant:	Steve Swanson
Usher/Greeters:	Molly & Tim Leithold
Depositors:	Hiedi Seelke & Gene Schermer
Fellowship:	WHITE, ELDER, STEPHENS, J.ERICKSON, ELLIS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.			9 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE 6 PM BELLS PRACTICE	7 PM BOOK GROUP	6 PM SCRAPBOOK & CRAFTING	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP		6:15 PM COUNCIL MEETING		7 PM BOOK GROUP		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP/HEALING 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.		7 PM FAMILY PROMISE	9 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE 6 PM BELLS PRACTICE	7 PM BOOK GROUP	6 PM SCRAPBOOK & CRAFTING	
MOTHER'S DAY						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.				7 PM BOOK GROUP		
5 PM FAMILY PROMISE- FUNDRAISING DINNER						
PENTECOST						
27	28	29	30	31		
9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.	MEMORIAL DAY		9 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE 6 PM BELLS PRACTICE	7 PM BOOK GROUP		





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

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**VISION**

A welcoming place where grace happens!

**MISSION**

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Passionate worship

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