

**Abundance** This summer's lectionary readings seek to remind us of all that God has provided us. As in the feeding of the 5000 and in the parable about how God clothes the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, so he also gives abundantly to us. It all seems to tie together so well with our study of the Sabbath and the journey that we are all on with Pastor Val on Sabbatical. In our abundance from God, we can take time to rest, time to be with God and each other in community. God's abundant gifts refresh and renew us for many things including a life of service to others.

The abundance of gifts and talents that God has given to the people of Amazing Grace is showing in all the ways that the congregation is stepping up to take on new roles during Pastor Val's Sabbatical. Thank you to everyone who has shared their gifts with the rest of the congregation.

AGLC's abundance is also showing in the 5 members on our congregation who have signed up to participate in PSALM (Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry). This is a two year program sponsored by the synod with formal study, mentoring and retreats to give a solid background in Biblical Studies, Lutheran Confessions, Church History, and Practical Theology. The program has 16 participants, 5 of whom are from AGLC, so you can see the abundance of gifts that God has given Amazing Grace! Please keep all these participants (Mike Hildreth, Joelle Buckman, Hank Bilderback, Joe Fernandez, and Diane Hanson) in your prayers as they begin classes this fall.

**Loss** The closing of the Youth Center this past month is a sad end to a long ministry of AGLC. For over 10 years the people of Amazing Grace have shared their abundance with the homeless youth of Grays Harbor County. Hundreds of youth were given a safe and clean place to sleep. Mike Curry, who helped start the center, has repeatedly told me what a great landlord AGLC was and how good it was to work with us in mission!

**Stewardship Opportunities** The end of our Youth Center ministry will open up opportunities to do other ministries with the abundance of space that we have. Grays Harbor County housing department and the Family Promise, an interfaith homeless outreach program, have both approached us about different possible uses of the Youth Center space. Council invites the congregation to join in a prayerful discernment about the next ministry use of that space.

**Stewardship Needs** The loss of the Youth Center also affects AGLC's budget. Catholic Community Services donated \$1800 per month (\$21,600/year) for the use of the space and to offset the increase in utilities. This will be a big hole in our budget. Member giving last year totaled \$141,000, so it will take a 15% increase in giving by all members to make up for this shortfall. This is not possible for everyone on fixed income or with family obligations. However, we ask that everyone prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give from the abundance that God has given you, to support our ministry at AGLC.

Mark Smalley, Council President



## Who Knows?

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Who knows? Perhaps you were born into power for just such a time as this!” (The Book of Esther 4:14)

Those were the words that Mordecai spoke to his niece, Esther, as she struggled to decide what to do in a difficult situation. Esther, who was Jewish, had just become the Queen of Persia. She was in a unique position to save her people, the Israelites, from the threat of extinction by their enemies. However, if she attempted to help her fellow Jews, she would be putting her own life at risk. That’s when Mordecai spoke to her his words of encouragement.

“Who knows? Perhaps you were born into power for just such a time as this!”

What were you and I born for? To what is God calling us in the particular setting and life-situation in which we find ourselves? God’s clear promise to us is that each of our lives has purpose and meaning. As sons and daughters of God, we can trust that we were born for something important. Martin Luther spoke about this as the vocation that is freely and equally given by God to each person, ...not just to kings and popes, but to everyone. However, discovering precisely what we are called to do is sometimes complicated.

I think of the high school and college graduates in our synod’s congregations who, at this time of year, are completing one stage of their life and taking an important step into their future. For graduates, “What should I do with my life?” is a huge and complex question. We congratulate and support them as they ask that question and we are excited to see what paths God is opening up for them!

But the question, “What should I do with my life?” becomes important at many other times in our life as well: during a job change, when we retire, when kids leave home, after an illness or death or divorce. Over and over in life, our circumstances often drive us to again ask the question: “Where is God calling me in all of this? What is God’s deepest dream for my life?”

Not only individuals, but church communities, cities and entire nations are pressed to ask these same questions. We are in a time of vast transition and change in the world right now. We can often feel alone in a scary and chaotic time as we face violence, abuse and environmental breakdown. But the deep hopefulness of Mordecai comes through to us again, “Who knows? Perhaps you were born into power for just such a time as this!”

Mordecai’s reference to power might be surprising to us. Most of us often feel that the power of others is great and our own power is small. Other people control the world’s events, not us! However, in baptism God fills us with the Holy Spirit and with power. God gives to us skills, energy,

hopes and passionate dreams. Then, like the prophets and disciples, God places us in important times for important purposes. "Before I formed you in your mother's womb, I chose you. Before you were born I set you apart. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5)

Frederick Buechner once said, "Vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need." God continually breathes deep within us a gladness for life? God daily embraces each one of us as God's own daughters and sons, bringing us freedom and power. It is then that power, freedom and joy that we take into the world each day and bring healing to the world's deepest pains and needs.

Who knows? Perhaps we were born into power for just such a time as this! May God bless us; may Christ lead us; may the Holy Spirit fill us as we go

In Christ,

Bishop Rick Jaech

## **WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER**



**FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:** Conchita Murray, Linda Ebel, Rich Pacana, Phil Leithner, Marie Wehage, Tom Plumlee, Vince Huddard, Mary Ann Majar, Sam Spryznatyck, Sarah Robbins, Larry Murray, Nick and Judy Claussen, Nancy Neisinger, Penny Holbrook, Sammy, Terry Warwick, Melvin Thompson, Richard O'Neil and his family, Susie Kellendar, Kathleen Hollingsworth, Matthew Green, Penny Rae Johnson, Betty Schlaht, Maxine Cogburn, Danicka, Jeff Lacey, David Shaw, Jeff Miller, Amy, Mary Alice Walton, Don Rabung, Whitney Morean, Kaitlyn Brown, Sherry McAllister, Laura & Jacob and Jean and David Hansen.

**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 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 WORK FOR THE CARE OF THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Organizers of Family Promise, workers at the Salvation Army and Union Gospel Mission and those reorganizing the Aberdeen Food Bank.

## **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*

*We periodically update the prayer list, since we often don't hear about the needs of the people we're praying for. Please contact the office 360-532-8250 to update any prayer requests you may want to have included or deleted. Thank you.*

**Contact Brenda Grant for any prayer needs at: [brenda\\_k\\_grant@hotmail.com](mailto:brenda_k_grant@hotmail.com)**

- ♦ Thank you Amy Ostwald and Mark Smalley for helping Vicky with the Grace Notes for the month of August.
- ♦ Thank you Hiedi Seelke, Michael Hildreth, Joelle Buckman, Carmon Shaw, Amy Ostwald, Caroline Leithner, Judi Hubbard and Phil Stegemoeller for helping with the Sunday Morning Leadership.
- ♦ Thank you Hank Bilderback for leading Sunday morning worship
- ♦ Thank you Vicki Mitchell, Cynthia Johnstone, Judi Hubbard and Amy Ostwald for proofreading bulletins for the month of August.
- ♦ Thank you Vicki Mitchell and Carmon Shaw for helping Vicky assemble the bulletins for the month of August.
- ♦ Thank you Naomi Kraiger for helping Vicky assemble the newsletters for the month of August.



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

- **Union Gospel Mission** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$44.95
- **Pacific Lutheran University** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$44.95
- **Family Promise of Grays Harbor** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$1500.00
- **Habitat for Humanity** thanks Amazing Grace for the total donation of \$153.89 for the month of July





Photos from Idaho Mission project camp  
with our youth: Trace and Jared Erwin



The adults attending were Amy  
Ostwald and Mike Barkstrom

## MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

"Musicians and Singers!" Arise from your summer slumber and get ready to provide enhancement to our worship services. First rehearsals are as follows: Bells - Sept. 12 at 6:00 in the Parish Hall and choir - Sept. 16 at 9:00am at the piano in the Parish Hall. Anyone, and we mean anyone, interested in joining us will be welcomed with open arms. If you have any question or concerns, please talk to Kris or Hank.

## 4-F DINNER

The 4-F Kick-Off Dinner will be on September 9th. at 5pm at Amazing Grace Lutheran church. The Kabobs are \$20 per adult. More information to follow from your 4-F team. If you have any questions, please contact Judi Hubbard at [jhubbard1952@comcast.net](mailto:jhubbard1952@comcast.net).

## GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

### 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 fall 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.

### BOOK GROUP

Thursday night book group continues to meet throughout the summer at 7pm in the fellowship hall. If you're interested let the office know and we'll put you in touch with the group or just show up. We will be reading, *Falling Upward: a spirituality for the two halves of life* by Fr. Richard Rohr. Books are \$13.50.

### PILGRIMAGE

**Pastor Val will be co-leading a Women Only pilgrimage to the Holy Land next May 2019.**

**Other leaders are Rev. Heather Doss, founder of Progressive Pilgrimage and Rev. Katherine Willis Pershey. This will be a time of great learning and fun. Please consider signing up soon as the group is limited to 24 women and is open to people worldwide.**

For more information and to register, visit: <https://progressivepilgrimage.com/yogaretreat2019/>

During this nine-day pilgrimage for women only, you will experience the highlights of the Holy Land including the Temple Mount, Sea of Galilee, River Jordan, and more. Daily yoga and centering prayer meditation create space for pilgrims to reflect deeply on their experiences. Watch the Scriptures come to life as you walk in the wilderness and pray in Gethsemane. Experience

modern religious and cultural traditions as we celebrate Shabbat with Jewish Israelies and learn to cook with Palestinian women. All-abilities yoga will be led by Rev. Katherine Willis Pershey, Associate Minister at First Congregational Church in Western Springs, IL. Katherine is currently completing her 200-hour yoga certification and teaches a yoga class in her congregation. Centering prayer meditation will be led by Rev. Valyn Metropoulos of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, WA. Valyn has been practicing and leading centering prayer for many years and is currently completing a certificate in spiritual direction.

## **FAMILY PROMISE NEWS**

### **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 to get the benefit.

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

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)>

## **OPENING NEEDS LIST**

### **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)  
Note Pads (5x8)  
Note Pads (8x11)  
Tape and Dispenser  
Binder Clips (200 pack)  
Clip Boards  
Push Pins (box)  
Pens (8 or 12 Packs)

### **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



## 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

Lotion  
Lysol (type) Wipes  
Hand Sanitizer(pump bottles)  
Razors

## CLEANING SUPPLIES

Vacuum  
Mop & bucket  
Rags  
Broom & Dust Pan

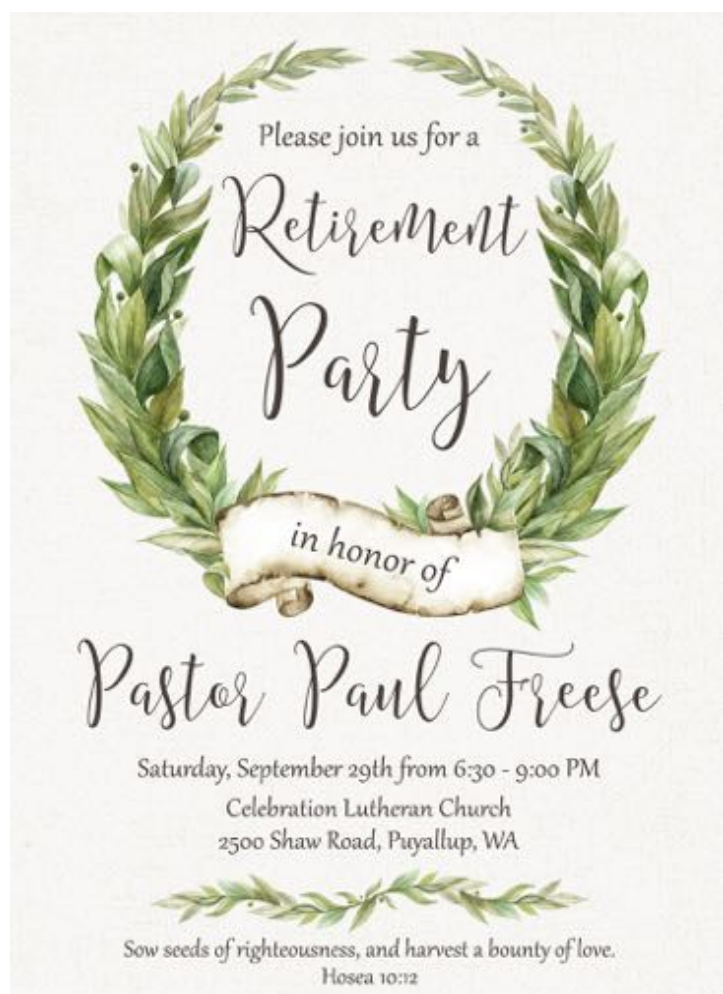


### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	John Stephens
5	Juli Kupka
7	Michael Erickson
7	Annika Natwick
8	Kathy Wehage
12	Vicki Mitchell
15	Mike O'Connor
16	Andrea Ostwald
18	Martha Beeman
19	Coleman Carle
19	Louise Paul
20	Linda Ebel
21	Bret Kaufman
25	Hannah Erwin

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8	John & Chrissie Kincaid
12	Michael & Dee Erickson
15	Dorothy & John Stephens
18	Craig & Jane Teveliet
21	Erik & Juli Kupka
24	Jesse Channel & Sarah Teveliet Channel





## SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

### UNION GOSPEL MISSION



**Reminder:** Jill Waite's team serves **Tuesday, September 4**

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 and other entities that serve Grays Harbor Youth.

#### **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.

### QUILTERS

The quilters have prepared a display in the parish hall for their next project to send with quilts to Lutheran World Relief in November. Now is the best time to buy the school supplies that are needed in the school kit as our big box stores are having good sales every week. Below you will find a list of items needed for one school kit. If you wish you may give any quilter a donation and we will do the shopping for you! Thanks in advance for supporting this project.

Include the following items in each school kit:

Four 70 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide or college-ruled paper ( NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER)

One 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One Pencil Sharpener

One pair of blunt scissors

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

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (NO GEL INK) secure together with a rubber band

One box of 16 or 24 crayons (Crayola is best)

One 2 1/2" eraser

## **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS**

**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS** Save the date! “God’s work, Our hands” Sunday will be Sunday, September 9, 2018. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America –one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: That all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018! **One of the projects for God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday this year will be a diaper drive. We are happy to accept donations of diapers or money to purchase diapers. The sorting and packaging will be held on September 9th after the service. We will also be doing a service project in our neighborhood. Thanks, Kristine.**

### **Stacie’s Myanmar Mission** *Update from Stacie Evensen*

#### **“Ministering through meaningful relationships”**

I’ve seen and been a part of many types of ministry and God has given me a vision of how to minister to those you won’t find at church. I believe ministering through meaningful relationships is key! I want to do ministry through the relationships built while helping with community needs. Needs like tutoring, English classes, and activities for youth and young adults. I also want partner with friends and run seminars to fight human trafficking, substance abuse and domestic violence which are all very prevalent in Myanmar. I believe that God can use the relationships built during these activities to minister to people wholistically: mind, body and spirit. I’m excited to have opportunities to build more relationships like this soon as I have been asked to teach an English speaking class through YWAM, Youth With A Mission. This class starts September 14th which means I have a departure goal of September 13th. This departure timeline seems so short, however I know the God we serve and I know he is willing and able to provide for all our needs when we obey whatever he calls us to do. Whatever God is calling you to do to serve Him, I encourage you to have the faith to step out in obedience and experience His faithful provision.

If you would like to support Stacie financially you may send a check to 4625 Wishkah Rd.,  
Aberdeen, WA 98520

**HYMNFEST! 9:45 a.m. — September 2nd** Come to sing some of your favorite hymns.

**Kris Burns provides the music. The Hymn Fest happens the first Sunday of each month.**

***“One who sings, prays twice.”***

**PLEASE JOIN US!**



**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 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: Dee Erickson, Joelle Buckman, Mark Smalley, Judi Hubbard, Phil Stegemoeller, Theresa Kaufman and Vicky Kolb

Call to Order 6:15

Devotions – Dee

Establish Quorum

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

Review, correct and Final approval of minutes for last meeting, July 17, 2018 **M/S/P**

Eagle Scout Project – Trace Erwin

- Trace Erwin and Liz Ellis attended the council meeting and updated the council on his Eagle Scout project. Trace shared with the council members the overview, timeline and supply list for his project; he also showed sketch plans of his project. Any church member who would like to help Trace with his project is always welcomed and greatly appreciated. There will be an announcement about his Eagle Scout Project in the bulletin, newsletter and facebook. Please keep an eye out if you want to volunteer.
- Approve project with Reformation funds-**M/S/P**

Fellowship Hall Door – Mike Hubbard

- Mike talked about the doors to the fellowship hall and Sanctuary being not very secure. The door to the fellowship hall was put in wrong and is easy to get into. Mike proposed that a dead bolt lock be put into the door leading to the fellowship hall as a backup for when the door gives out. The cost of the dead bolt is \$113, which would come out of the maintenance fund.

**Financial Reports**

a. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman

- The Youth Center has closed, which means we have lost the income that was provided by them.
- PSALM classes- all 5 people were accepted. Classes are \$250 per person per quarter. Theresa will watch for invoices from those attending the class.
- Bank of Pacific- minimum balance. Theresa is still trying to get that settled.
- Do not continue to fund sabbatical fund-**M/S/P**
- Approve transactions- **M/S/P**
  - i. Vanco – ability to give \$ thru website

- System is user friendly. You have the option of being a onetime user or you can create an account. Members can check into their own accounts history. Theresa will find out more information about the card reader and costs.

b. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

- Phil fixed the budget amount that Mark mentioned last month.

## Mid Year giving statements

-Phil needs to let Vicky know when he would like to send out the giving statements.

**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. Sabbatical Check-in – Mark
- b. Church Secretary's time sheet sign off – Mark
- c. Youth Center - Mark
  - If the building is rented again, don't depend on it as a source of income.
  - Family Promise is interested in using the youth center.
  - Mike is meeting with youth center and will be asking them to leave the furnishing in the kitchen and bedrooms.
  - Grays Harbor County is interested in applying for grants to use the shelter.
- d. Facilities Use request – Girl Scout Troop 44420 M/S/P
  - The Girl Scout Troop would be using the building the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month starting at 4:30-6:30. They would bring everything they would require themselves. In order for them to get into the building they will be given the key code.

## Ministry Reports

- a. Worship – Dee Erickson
  - Dee has nothing to report and things are going well.
- b. Outreach – Joelle
  - God's Work, Our Hands project will be a diaper drive. Joelle would still like to do some smaller projects if there are any. After the project is done everyone can just meet for dinner.
- c. Youth & Family – Amy Ostwald
  - Servant Trip – July 29-Aug. 4th Idaho Mission Project in Rathdrum, ID – Amy & Mike
    - Idaho Mission Project camp went very well overall. We had only 2 kids; Trace and Jared Erwin. The camp was in a nice location on Twinlow Lake near Rathdrum, Idaho. On our first day we did yard work at an elderly widows house. The 2nd thru 4th days we worked on replacing a rotted deck for another widow in Coeur d'Alene. Both women were extremely appreciative and were hospitable with cold drinks, home baked cookies, etc. Free time was spent at the lake, mostly. I spent the first half of the week with the kids and Mike Barkstrom stayed the last half. Mike had an unfortunate fall Thursday night. We pray his recovery from that is speedy. It was a privilege and a delight to spend the time with our two youth and serve thru the IMP camp.
    - Sunday School kick-off will be September 16.
- d. Fellowship – Judi.
  - The cross is still missing from the sanctuary, so we will wait until Pastor Val gets back and ask her about it. We may just buy a new cross.
  - Twenty-two people have signed up for the walking tour of the timber baron homes on August 26. Joan volunteered to provide snacks.
  - The council members decided that on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a welcome back party for Pastor Val. Dee Erickson and Suzan Stegemoeller will work on banners.
  - Kick-off Sunday potluck will be on September 16

## Task Assignments

- Vicky will send Joe Fernandez's email to Joelle Buckman
- Vicky will see who's on fellowship duty for Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and email to Judi Hubbard
- Phil needs to talk with Vicky about when mid-year giving statements will go out.
- Theresa will get more information about the Startup program and let council members know next month
- Mark Smalley will do cover article for September
- Joelle will talk with Diane about God's Work, Our Hands project
- Theresa will talk with Mike about the Youth Center

**Adjournment and closing prayer 8:30 pm**



## AUGUST BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Name		Date	Total
Checking			\$ 30,866.56
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 322.38
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 3,080.00
-Bells			\$ 812.14
-Friends in Need			\$ 275.98
-Reformation Fund			\$ 2,874.75
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 386.83
-Grace Fund			\$ 220.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 39,338.64</b>
Fundraising Checking			\$ 215.90
Maintenance Checking			\$ 1,747.45
Youth Checking			\$ 354.99
Memorial Savings			\$ 3,008.17
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 1,736.06

**Notes:**

\*bal does not include some unreconciled expenses; partial July payroll (\$1,206.16), and recent VISA (\$1,050.90) payment. These relevant expenses bring checking balance closer to \$28,609.50.

# VBS FUN



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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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**Musicians:** Kristine Burns, Heidi Seelke, Jeni Kaufman

# SEPTEMBER 2018 Worship Assistants



## September 2

Liturgist:	Laura Carle
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Greg Johnstone
Communion Assistant:	Molly Leithold & Arlene Torgerson
Ushers/Greeters:	Paula Elder & Dorothy Stephens
Depositors:	Mark Ostwald & Pete Majar
Fellowship:	CLARK, KAUFMAN, BIORNSTAD

## September 9

Liturgist:	Jeannette Green
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Theresa Kaufman
Communion Assistant:	Mark Smalley & Dee Erickson
Ushers/Greeters:	Erwin family
Depositors:	Joe Fernandez & Carmon Shaw
Fellowship:	<b>GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS</b>

## September 16

Liturgist:	Keith Like
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Michelle Weiberg
Communion Assistant:	Judi Hubbard & Diane Hanson
Ushers/Greeters:	Green, Jeannette & Madi
Depositors:	Maurita White & Darrell Lokken
Fellowship:	<b>KICK-OFF SUNDAY POTLUCK</b>

## September 23

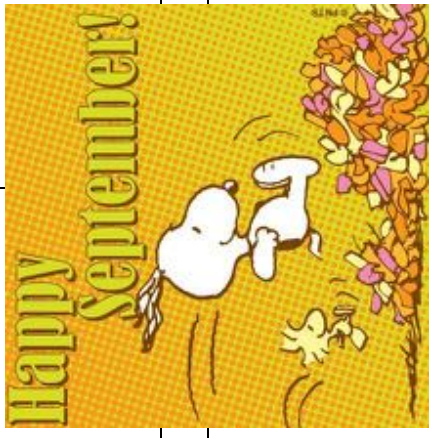
Liturgist:	Jeannette Green
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Joelle Buckman
Communion Assistant:	Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller
Ushers/Greeters:	Kaufman, Theresa, Amanda, Jenifer
Depositors:	Roger Shaw & Gene Schermer
Fellowship:	OSTWALD, RABUNG, GUNDERSEN

## September 30

Liturgist:	Laura Carle
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Gene Schermer
Communion Assistant:	Carrie Erwin & Sarah Channel
Ushers/Greeters:	Mike & Arlene O'Connor
Depositors:	Mike Barkstrom & Ray Hodge
Fellowship:	MAJAR, LILE, MORRISETTE, D. ERICKSON



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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17						7 PM AA
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP	4:30 PM GIRL SCOUT TROOP		9 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE  5:30 PM AA	7 PM BOOK GROUP	6 PM SCRAPBOOK & CRAFTS	7 PM AA
	LABOR DAY					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP			5:30 PM AA	7 PM BOOK GROUP		7 PM AA
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS  GRANDPARENT'S DAY						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10 AM WORSHIP/HEALING 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.	4:30 PM GIRL SCOUT TROOP	6:15 PM COUCNIL MEETING  7 PM FAMILY PROMISE	9 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE  5:30 PM AA	7 PM BOOK GROUP	6 PM SCRAPBOOK & CRAFTS	7 PM AA
KICK-OFF SUNDAY POTLUCK						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP			5:30 PM AA	7 PM BOOK GROUP		7 PM AA
FALL BEGINS						
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10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP						





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