

THE SPIRIT

FEBRUARY 2019

Not anyone who says, "I'm going to be
careful and smart in matters of love,"
who says, "I'm going to choose slowly,"
but only those lovers who didn't choose at all
but were, as it were, chosen
by something invisible and powerful and uncontrollable
and beautiful and possibly even
unsuitable —
only those know what I'm talking about
in this talking about love.
Mary Oliver



February, for me is the month of love. Sure, it's Black History Month and there are other observances as well: Groundhog Day, President's Day, Super Bowl Sunday. But, for me they are all eclipsed by Valentine's Day and LOVE. And since childhood memories are so powerful, Valentine's Day for me is a flurry of construction paper: pink and white and red. It's paper doilies and Elmer's glue, candy hearts and bad poetry late at night on Feb. 13th as my brothers and I made valentine themed mail boxes and a valentine for every single person in our classrooms including the teacher. We had visions of our own mailbox overflowing with the valentines we would receive and the cupcakes and ice cream we would have at the party at the end of the day.

It was a simple love we were celebrating, but love still. It was generous. It was inclusive. It was heartfelt as each valentine was constructed with a particular child in mind. It was important since even our parents jumped in to help so that we could finish the task without staying up all night since in our busy home we didn't plan ahead and Feb. 14th could not be postponed. My heart warms as I remember the photograph of my mother, looking exhausted after her long day, working with me and my brothers around the kitchen table, making small gifts of love and memories.

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways." *1 Cor. 13:4-11*

Valentine's day love may be childish but I'll embrace any reason to celebrate that mature love, that love that never ends, that love that is so primal that it can only have its source in divine love. **That** love is not childish, but child-like, simple, trusting, reliable. We, all humanity, all creation has been chosen; "chosen by something invisible and powerful and uncontrollable and beautiful and possibly even unsuitable" to be loved simply because we exist.

May you know how deeply you are loved!
May you receive that love deep within your spirit and share it extravagantly!
Pastor Val



What New Thing Will God Do in 2019?

Dear Friends,

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 49:13 ESV

What new thing will God do in 2019?

Someone said recently, **“We make the past our God.”** We act as though what happened yesterday controls all that will happen today. We begin to feel doomed to repeat again and again the current pain and chaos.

On the one hand, our scientific, linear, cause-and-effect mindset benefits us as we trace the origins and causes of important events, medical treatment or social developments. Tracing backwards can teach us. However, it can also trap us in the world-weary, cynical view found in Ecclesiastes 1:9

*What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun.*

The God we encounter in scripture and in our everyday life is not limited by anything, least of all the structures and constraints of the past. Our God bursts in among us from the opposite direction. God enters our world from the future, bringing us gifts, energy, awakenings and a new life that we had not even dreamed of, let alone experienced. As St. Paul says in our Imagine passage, “Now to God, who by the power at work within us is able to do far more that we can even ask or imagine, to God be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus now and forever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20

So, what will God surprise us with in 2019? The first glimmers of new things that God is doing in our midst are already appearing as we begin the New Year.

- Seventeen people from our Synod have begun the PSALM program (Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry), a two year program to deepen theological and spiritual understanding. This is just the first cohort of students.
- A third cohort of Synod congregations are now starting their two-year experience in the Imagine program to re-vitalize congregations in their ministry. This brings the total Imagine participation to twenty-two congregations from all around our Synod.
- Two new, innovative ministries have begun: Fear No Evil, under the guidance of Lauren Vignec, draws 120 young people to a dance ministry one Sunday evening each month. Sacred Movement, led by Michael Larson, has just begun two gatherings each week involving the yoga community in Olympia.
- Our Southwestern Washington Synod, together with the ten other Synods in Regions 1 & 2 of the ELCA, just Received a \$1 million dollar grant from the Lilly Foundation to support and strengthen the leadership of pastors and deacons. In a five-year program, pastors and deacons will form learning cohorts in order to deepen their leadership skills and increase their satisfaction in ministry.
- When they voted last summer to close their ministry of 50 years of faithful service, Family of God Lutheran Church in Bremerton dedicated the sale proceeds of their building to our Deep Roots, New Life campaign. Just this last week, this brought over \$500,000 to initiate the Steve and Susan Morrison Seminary Scholarship Fund, providing scholarship and debt relief for seminarians and new pastors. (Read more about this below in the newsletter.)

What else will God surprise us with in 2019? What new thing will God do in our churches? In our nation? In the world? We fear that everything will stay the same or even worsen. **God bursts in from the future with God’s spontaneous, infinite love and Spirit, opening our hearts, relationships, churches and society to brand new beginnings.**

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

God bless you and surprise you in this New Year! Bishop Rick Jaech

WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER



FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING: Kiara, Ian, Philip, Tammy Mumaw, Johnny Russell, Bob Fenton, Tracy Rigsby, Gloria Bilderback, Jaimie Matisons, Bob Murray, Flora Schroeder, Conchita Murray, Phil Leithner, Tom Plumlee, Vince Huddard, Mary Ann Majar, Sarah Robbins, Nick and Judy Claussen, Penny Holbrook, Sammy, Terry Warwick, Melvin Thompson, Susie Kellendar, Matthew Green and family, Penny Rae Johnson, Betty Schlaht, Maxine Cogburn, Jeff Lacey, David Shaw, Jeff Miller, Amy, Mary Alice Walton, Don Rabung, Whitney Morean, Kaitlyn Brown, Sherry McAllister, Laura & Jacob, Jean and David

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

FOR THE WORLD: Console us, Redeemer God, when we are dismayed by the news of the world. Headlines of strife fan the flame of fear. News of tragedies triggers grief unresolved, and unbidden. However, those headlines don't tell the whole story; they don't capture the humanity of the people involved, they often don't tell of the countless joys, focusing instead on the multitude of sorrows. Though we may not know their names, though we may never hear their stories, we pray for the billions of people who call this planet their home. We pray that each person will sense your presence, marvel at the world around them, draw close to others who love and care for them. Help me, help us all, to have clean hands and a pure heart; so we might draw closer to you and receive your many blessings. **Amen**

FOR THOSE INACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE AND THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE PAST: especially Caleb Berken, Steven Kincaid, Maria Majar, John Kupka and Crystal Rojas

PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD: especially Stacie Evensen's Myanmar Mission.

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.

God of love, hear our prayer. Amen.

from Worldinprayer.org

We periodically edit the prayer list. Please contact the office 532-8250 to update prayer requests.)

Contact Brenda Grant with prayer requests at: brenda_k_grant@hotmail.com

BELL RINGING AND CAROLING FUN WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY



Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Jeannette & Jams Green
- 13 Joan & William Rabung
- 23 Michelle & Jim Weiberg

thank
you!

- ♦ Thank you to those who helped move furniture in the fellowship hall and sanctuary so the carpets could get cleaned.
- ♦ Thank you Naomi Kraiger for helping Vicky assemble the bulletins, and newsletters, and annual reports.
- ♦ Thank you Carmon Shaw for helping Vicky Assemble annual meeting letters and the annual reports.
- ♦ Thank you Joni and Annette for taking down the Giving Tree in the fellowship hall.
- ♦ Thank you Mike Barkstrom for fixing the sink in the woman's restroom of the fellowship hall.
- ♦ Thank you Mike Barkstrom, Mike Hubbard, Roger Shaw and John Tieder for fixing the Family Promise east and north doors.
- ♦ Thank you all to those who turned in your reports for the annual report.
- ♦ Thank you Doris Tieder and everyone who washes kitchen towels.
- ♦ Thank you to everyone who contributes needed kitchen items like coffee, cream, and sugar.
- ♦ Thank you Carmon Shaw for helping me assemble the contributor's statements.
- ♦ Thank you all who helped with preparing and cleaning up after the pot luck
- ♦ Thank you to Maurita White, Carmon & Roger Shaw, Mike & Dee Erickson & Naomi Kraiger for providing the beautiful flower arrangements on Sundays.
- ♦ Thank you to the maintenance crew for setting up for the quilters.
- ♦ Thank you Joelle for helping Phil with the contribution spread sheet.

THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED FROM OTHERS

- ♦ Thank you for being Amazing Grace's Kettle Captain. Your enthusiastic bell ringing helped raise over \$ 24,000. What a fun way to raise so much money for our local Salvation Army Social Services. Nancy Neisinger
- ♦ **Pacific Lutheran University** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$109.09
- ♦ **Union Gospel Mission of Grasy Harbor** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$109.09 in December and \$129.15 in January.



The last of the Holiday pictures of the Christmas performance done by the kids and the Christmas caroling when we shared the joy of music with friends.



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are Updating our Church Directory! We want YOU to be included!

Our church directory was last printed in October 2014. We are overdue for a revised edition! If you are new to our congregation, have changed your address or any contact information, please email or call the church office: amazing111@comcast.net or 360-532-8250 with your contact information. Last time we included name, mailing address, email and telephone number. Photo Options:

- 1) we can re-use your existing photo from the last directory
 - 2) send a jpg to Amy O.: aaostwald@gmail.com — Send a close-up photo of you/family (head & shoulders are preferred - but we can crop if needed).
 - 3) Amy O. can take a snapshot of you at church in the sanctuary or outside (there won't be formal photo sessions)
- As soon as we have all this complete we will get a copy to each of you! Thanks for your participation. Any questions, please contact Amy, Linda or Cynthia.

BOOK GROUP

Please join the Thursday night book group! We are reading *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris which is available in the fellowship hall. We meet at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome whether you've read the book or not!

SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM

We are forming a team or several teams of folks who might be interested in helping with funeral receptions and other events that come up in the life of the congregation. This would probably mean providing sandwiches, dessert, veggies etc. There may be other opportunities that we don't even know about yet! If you would like to be a part of this, please let me know. We can figure this out together. (Maybe if we put our heads together we can also think of a better name!) Please contact Judi Hubbard at Jhubbard1952@comcast.net or let's talk at church.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Time for Your first quarter choice dollars to be designated!! You may choose whatever charity you choose. Or you can designate Amazing Grace and the funds go to the maintenance account.

We will be having some brainstorming sessions of how to use your Thrivent Action Cards. We all have involvement with in our church family and outside, we can help you use this great opportunity Thrivent offers.

It's Free Money to kick start your projects! If you have any questions, please contact Judi Hubbard at Jhubbard1952@comcast.net.

REPORT ON THE CHURCH OVENS

It was brought to the attention of the maintenance team that the ovens were not working correctly. Bill B and Son, Appliance Repair, from Montesano was called into check them out. The end result is that both of them are properly functioning and need no repairs. Bob, the owner, was at the church for about one hour and said since no repairs were needed there would be no charge. You may want to keep this in mind the next time you need an appliance repaired.

Thanks, Mike Barkstrom

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION SUBSTITUTES

If you are interested in being available as a substitute on a Union Gospel team first Tuesday of the month, especially for the months of April and October, please contact Vicky at the church office. You may call 360-532-8250 or email at amazing111@comast.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

There is a volunteer opportunity at Grays Harbor Health and Rehab. You may come in and do one-on-one or group time with residents. You may do small activities such as arts and crafts, reading, writing letters to loved ones, or some woodcrafts or you may come in on a Sunday to lead a small bible study group. A volunteer packet will need to be filled out and a background check will need to be done. Any questions please contact Corrie Pratt at corrie.pratt@avalonhealthcare.com or 360-532-5122

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 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 to get the benefit. You're done....*Start Shopping!*

UNION GOSPEL MISSION February 5

Carmon Shaw, Leader Brenda Grant, Chrissie Kincaid, Amy Ostwald, Theresa Kaufman, Eileen Schermer, Joni Hildreth, Arlene O'Connor, Cynthia Johnstone, Joe Fernandez
Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon Shaw 360-532-294



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.

FLOWERS

A 2019 calendar for flowers for the altar each week will be posted in the skywalk. Please sign up to bring flowers. Commemorate a wedding, celebration, anniversary, remembrance or just because you wish to see flowers on the altar that Sunday.

Please remove the flowers after the service on Sunday. Take the flowers to someone who is ill or a shut-in if you wish. The removal of the flowers will help the custodian. The flowers or greens can be from your garden or plants. Any questions call Maurita White 360-532-2985

Wish List

of the Living Stones Praise Band Musicians

*If you would like to provide the funds to purchase any of these items,
please contact Sandi at LivingStonesAssistant@outlook.com.
Items may be viewed online at musiciansfriend.com.*

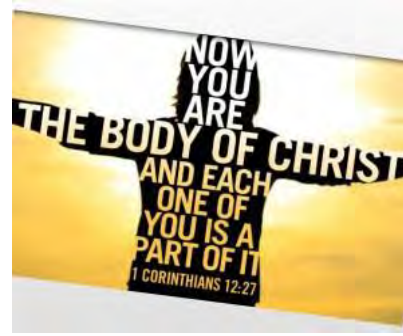
Thank you for your support of the gifts of our men!

Quantity	Item	Number	Price
1	Livewire Essential Dual MIDI Cable 9ft Black	J38981000001001	\$15.99
1	Vic Firth 3-pair American Classic Hickory Drumsticks Nylon 5B	H76494000002006	26.99
1	Vic Firth 3-pair American Classic Hickory Drumsticks Nylon 7A	H76494000002007	29.97
2	Dunlop Nylon Max Grip Guitar Picks 12 Pk 0.60mm	582854000139000	3.89
1	Vic Firth Gen 7 Articulate Timpani Mallets	447622	39.99
2	Tru Universal WR20 (Pair)	J21957	19.99
1	Ernie Ball 2221 Nickel Regular Slinky Electric Guitar Strings	584146	13.99
1	Tama Rhythm Watch RW30	J19669	34.99
1	Promark Hot Rod Sticks	443400	20.99
1	Yamaha FC4A Piano Style Sustain Foot Pedal	J19485	29.95



Erin, Anika and Jacob interviewed Lloyd Gill for confirmation class.

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 15, 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, Mark Smalley, Phil Stegemoeller, Pastor Val, Joelle Buckman, Judi Hubbard, Theresa Kaufman, Mike Barkstrom and Vicky Kolb

- I. Call to Order Mark Smalley 6:19
- II. Devotions – Stewardship – Holy Currencies – Finish Chapter 3 and 4 - Mark
 - The value of the currency of relationship, both internal and external for doing ministry.
- III. Establish Quorum
- IV. Review and Approve Agenda- **M/S/P**
- V. Review, correct and final approval of minutes for last meeting, December 18, 2018 **M/S/P**

VI. Financial Reports

a. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman

- Transfer \$500 from memorial to music account as per Helen Eklund's family direction.
- Theresa will amend the Income vs Expenses Breakdown report and resend.
- The van rental that was used to get to the PLU concert will come out of fellowship account.
- Approve transactions by accounts-**M/S/P**
 - i. Paid Family and Medical Leave program –Theresa
 - Theresa will talk to contact and get more details about it tomorrow.
 - ii. Audit Results - Theresa
 - Theresa will go back two months to look for \$30 that has gone somewhere.

b. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

- Phil will make an announcement about any adjustments to his Financial Secretary's Report at the annual meeting and will have copies available.
 - i. Help with Spreadsheet editing-Joelle has volunteered to help Phil with this.
 - ii. New Program for financial secretary -Phil will look for a new program that is easier to use.
 - iii. All 2018 donations are in and posted, Vicky will print them off before the end of January.

VII. 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 – January 27th - Mark

- Council members will give the highlights on their reports during the annual meeting on January 27th after worship.
- Mark will add items to the Agenda: PSALM, Imagine Team, Convent and Transformation
- Imagine team and PSALM will do a report.
- There will be a vote on the budget.
- New business: vote on becoming a host congregation for Family Promise

b. Council Retreat in March – Mark

- i. Schedule date –
 - April 13th is being look at for the council retreat.
- ii. Topics for the Retreat
 1. Role and purpose of council
 - Council members will talk about how things are run and how they do things.

2. Stewardship-Using the book-“Holy Currencies”. Mark needs to look through the book and see what chapters council needs to read.

c. Emergency Shelter Ground Rules- Mark

-Council members talked about the rules for Revival for when Amazing Grace hosts as an emergency Shelter: They need to clean up afterwards, time they need to be in, volunteers need to be sure that the rules are being followed and if they can't follow the rules or directions they will not be allowed back, There needs to be a maximum of people that are able to stay but last year they had around 40 people and it wasn't too crowded, and they need to be out by a certain time. The emergency shelter can only be hosted at Amazing Grace if Revival can get together enough volunteers that can be counted on, if this doesn't happen the emergency shelter can't happen.

-Mark will look up last email and add items and re-send to council members and Pastor Val will give that list to the Revival team.

d. Thrivent Cards-Judi

-Judi will write an announcement about what a Thrivent Card will cover and find someone to be in charge of it. She will check with Kristine and Carrie if this is something they might be interested in doing.

VIII. Ministry Reports- absent from council meeting

a. Worship – Dee Erickson

- i. Altar Guild

b. Outreach – Joelle

-Joelle will be setting up a meeting with Dream Big Team after the annual meeting and it's a work in progress.

c. Youth & Family – Amy Ostwald

-Amy has received 1/3 of the Christian Education family surveys she sent out and is still waiting for more responses to come in, so she will be encouraging people to get theirs turned in as soon as possible. Judi suggested to Amy about sending the survey as a text message for better results.

-The Faith ConneX wrap up is in progress and will be asking for feedback from the congregation about their experience during the 12 months that we had Faith ConneX worship.

- i. Parent Outreach

d. Fellowship – Judi

-Judi is planning to set up a “Spring May Tea” either in April or May; she is working on the details. Judi is also in contact with Phil from the college about scheduling a historical walk.

e. Property – Mike Barkstrom

-There were a couple of things that were fixed: The faucet in kitchen of Family Promise and that cost about \$80, the emergency exit sign was replaced with a cost of about \$100. There was an error made during the installation of the furnace which was fixed by Actionaire at no charge.

-The roofing fund is at about 80%.

-\$3000 to fix breeze way-M/S/P

-Mike Barkstrom will talk to Charles about who he needs to contact in case of an emergency and who will be the back-up contact in case he can't get a hold of Mike.

- i. Review of priorities

IX. Pastor's Report

X. Task Assignments

-Vicky will check family promise folder for agreement.

-Vicky will send out selected contributor's donations to individuals in January.

-Church council members will need to fill out the External and Internal Currency of Relationship Inventory and have ready by next month's council meeting.

-Theresa will amend the Income vs Expenses Breakdown report and resend.

-Theresa will have the budget analysis available during the annual meeting if anyone has any questions

-Mark will add items to the Annual Meeting Agenda: PSALM, Imagine Team, Covenant of Transformation.

-Mark needs to look through the book and see what chapters council needs to read.

-Mark will speak with Theresa about payment for the hours she works.

-Pastor Val will get Mike a copy of agreement for Family Promise.

- Theresa will get together with Joelle for a check run.
- Mike will email to Theresa a copy of the Family Promise agreement that shows the determination of charges for the use of the facility. As well as a description of how the funds from the pie auction are to be distributed.
- Mark will look up last email about cold weather shelter, add items and re-send to council members and Pastor Val will give that list to Revival.
- Judi will talk with Theresa about fundraising money.
- Judi will write an announcement about what a Thrivent Card will cover and find someone to be in charge of it. She will check with Kristine and Carrie if this is something they might be interested in doing.

XI. Adjournment and closing prayer 8:09pm.

PASTOR’S REPORT – REGULAR ACTIVITIES – December 2018

WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHP Sunday worship – Plan and lead
 Plan 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 PSALM – mentor; spiritual direction
 Prayer Chain – coordinate w/ Brenda Grant
 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
 Monthly local Pastor’s group
 Facebook page – outreach through social media.
 Coordinate with others to support homeless and fragile people
 Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

YOUTH AND FAMILY Adult study: plan and participate
 Confirmation: plan and lead
 Sunday School: coordinate with ministry leader

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM Study and integrate into sermons

OFFICIAL ACTS –

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: Spiritual Direction program year two; Spiritual Direction monthly; Reading: The Divine Dance.

OTHER ACTIVITIES in December

ADMINISTRATION: Budget meeting; narrative budget

OUTREACH: Living Stones worship

With ministry leader: planned for Christmas giving
 Food Bank work to reorganize and find new site
 Food Bank Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets contribution coordinated
 Coordinate with social media volunteer

PASTORAL CARE: Group spiritual direction for PSALM participants; advise and coordinate their process

WORSHIP: Faith ConneX meeting – evaluation of last year's program

Planning with ministry leader

Planning: Advent; Children' program; Christmas eve; 1st Sun. after Christmas; Epiphany

YOUTH AND FAMILY: Confirmation class weekly: 3 youth, parents and mentors

Advent gathering – Cross generational activities to prepare for Advent/Christmas

SYNOD: Hosted Bishop's Eucharist for 2 conferences of pastors at Amazing Grace

VACATION: December 26- January 1

UPCOMING: Bishop's Convocation Jan. 22 & 23 at Seabeck

IMAGINE team meets w/ Director Evangelical Mission 1/29

Holden Women's Retreat 2/7 – 2/11 2/10 PSALM participant will preach; Hank will lead

DECEMBER BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNT

Name	Date	Total
Checking		\$ 37,553.96
-PSALM		\$ (500.00)
-Caring Cupboard		\$ 322.38
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve		\$ 2,620.00
-Bells		\$ 1,312.14
-Friends in Need		\$ 512.70
-Reformation Fund		\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds		\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore		\$ 386.83
-Grace Fund		\$ 220.00
	TOTAL	\$ 43,999.21
Fundraising Checking		\$ 215.90
Maintenance Checking		\$ 9,150.47
- Roof sub account of maint		\$ 15,650.00
Youth Checking		\$ 195.75
Memorial Savings		\$ 4,089.01
Mikkel Thompson Savings		\$ 1,178.51

You're Invited
To
Family Promise
Day Center Open House
Sunday - February 17
11:00 am — 3:00 pm
Amazing Grace Church
111 E. 4th St.
Aberdeen



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BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

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

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FEBRUARY 2019 Worship Assistants



February 3

Liturgist:	Keith Lile
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Steve Swanson
Communion Assistant:	Diane Hanson
Ushers/Greeters:	Mike & Karen Barkstrom
Depositors:	Mark Ostwald & Pete Majar
Fellowship:	Kraiger, Natwick, Schermer

February 10

Liturgist:	Laura Carle
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Vicki Mitchell
Communion Assistant:	Mark Smalley & Dee Erickson
Ushers/Greeters:	Erwin, Carrie, Trace, & Jared
Depositors:	Joe Fernandez & Roger Shaw
Fellowship:	Barkstrom, Hildreth, Buckman


February 17

Liturgist:	Hank Bilderback
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Suzan Stegemoeller
Communion Assistant:	Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller
Ushers/Greeters:	Green, Jeannette & Madi
Depositors:	Maurita White & Darrell Lokken
Fellowship:	Beemans, Kraiger, Debandt

February 24

Liturgist:	Jeannette Green
Worship Assistant/Reader:	Liz Ellis
Communion Assistant:	Joan & William Rabung
Ushers/Greeters:	Kaufman, Theresa, Amanda, Jenifer
Depositors:	Roger Shaw & Gene Schermer
Fellowship:	Weiberg, Leithold, Channel, Teveliet, Jewitt



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					6-10 PM SCRAPBOOK	7-8 PM AA
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S. 1 PM PSALM STUDY GROUP	4:30-6:30 PM GIRL SCOUTS		9-12 AM QUILTING 5:30-6:30 PM AA 6-7 PM BELLS	7-8:30 PM BOOKGROUP		7-8 PM AA
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.	4:30-6:30 PM GIRL SCOUTS OFFICE CLOSED	6:15 COUNCIL MEETING	9-12AM QUILTING 5:30PM AA 6-7 PM BELLS	7-8:30 PM BOOKGROUP		7-8 PM AA
24	25	26	27	28		
9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.			5:30PM AA 6 PM BELLS	7 PM BOOKGROUP		

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