

# The Spirit

June/July 2019

Amazing  
Grace  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF GRAYS HARBOR

Over the years and in the last two Lenten seasons we've heard about and from Jean Vanier, the remarkable founder of L'Arche who died on May 7. L'Arche is a network of communities across the world, each consisting of adults with and without physical and mental disabilities living alongside one another.

Vanier's life reflected his theological understanding of the sacredness of belonging. The day after Jean Vanier's death, a JustFaith community member sent the staff the following note, which was posted in January 2015 on Jean Vanier's official site:

*I would like to share a prayer with you, written by my sister Thérèse when she was 80 years old. It is like a testament that she has left us:*

*May oppressed people and those who oppress them, free each other.*

*May those who are handicapped and those who think they are not, help each other.*

*May those who need someone to listen, touch the hearts of those who are too busy.*

*May the homeless bring joy to those who open their doors reluctantly.*

*May the lonely heal those who think they are self-sufficient.*

*May the poor melt the hearts of the rich.*

*May seekers be truth giving life to those who are satisfied that they have found it.*

*May the dying who do not wish to die be comforted by those who find it hard to live.*

*May the unloved be allowed to unlock the hearts of those who cannot love.*

*May prisoners find true freedom and liberate others from fear.*

*May those who sleep on the streets again, share their gentleness with those who cannot understand them.*

*May the hungry tear the veil from the eyes of those who do not hunger after justice.*

*May those who live without hope cleanse the hearts of their brothers and sisters who are afraid to live.*

*May the weak confound the strong and save them.*

*May violence be overcome by compassion.*

*May violence be absorbed by men and women of peace.  
May violence succumb to those who are totally vulnerable, that we may all be healed.  
Amen.*

*This prayer conveys well what L'Arche is, and reflects what Lytta Basset was saying a few weeks ago at Trosly. This Swiss theologian and psychotherapist came to tell us the importance for each human being looked on with tenderness. Someone then asked her how one could be tender toward Jihadists! She replied: "It is important to pray for each one, so that their true humanity can rise up, and so that they do not stay locked in mad violence." The important thing is that we be transformed and that we open our hearts to other people.*

*I hold you closely in my heart, and ask you to pray for me and for us all.*

*May God continue to transform us!*

*Jean*

In this summer time as the beauty and the abundance that the earth provides fills our senses, if we take time each day to read these words so dear to Jean we will be grounded in what matters and in our true identity as God's beloved sharing this life with all these others, also God's beloved!

May this time be rich and gentle, peace-filled and awakening your spirit to God's delight in you and in people and all of creation!

I echo Vanier's sentiments:

*I hold you closely in my heart, and ask you to pray for me and for us all.*

*May God continue to transform us!*

Pastor Val



Joyce Smith, Moonbeam Kupka, Martha Beeman



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God's work. Our hands.

## Questions in life

The good people at [Lenoir-Rhyne University](#)'s Living Well Center for Vocation and Purpose invited me to address the school on the topic "Lives Worth Living." Yikes! This is one of The Questions in life—right up there with "What is the meaning of life?" and "What is true, beautiful and good?" and "Where do socks go after you put them in the dryer?"

For me, this turned out to be a good, if slightly disturbing, time of reflection. Our lives can be consumed with busyness—all the stuff that we do or need to get done to make it through the day, week, year, life. A lot of this is necessary, some not so much. Even those called to public ministry get swept up in the endless round of meetings, reports and events. And some in this world don't have the luxury of carving out time for contemplation as they struggle to keep their families fed, clothed and safe from harm.

As I write this it is [Lent](#), a time of reflection and examination. I do have the privilege of time and, with the added incentive of a deadline, here are some thoughts.

We are inundated with messages of salvation, or at least better lives, through things. Ads for products as diverse as cars, toothpaste, brokerage firms, weed killers and more are carefully crafted to cast an aspirational vision of the good life. Sometimes this vision of the good life is presented in such a beguiling way that one forgets what product is being advertised. It's possible to get lost if you go down this road. There will always be a new thing, the promise of a more beautiful you. It's there—just beyond reach.

Jesus warns us about this in the parable of the rich man, who believed he had attained the good life. "And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' " ([Luke 12:19-20](#)).

So, what's the point? If materialism doesn't bring meaning, why not just give up?

In Ecclesiastes we hear: "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be



done; there is nothing new under the sun” ([Ecclesiastes 1:9](#)). Nihilism, oddly enough, can provide a frame for meaning. “Who cares?” can quickly become “Don’t care.” Protected from disappointment by withdrawing from this world of care is as tempting as a frenzied life in pursuit of self-made happiness.

I believe there is another way, a different way, of shaping our lives. The cruciform life is the life worth living. The cruciform life delivers us from our constant striving to make our lives have meaning through our own efforts. It saves us from the exhausting pursuit of self-justification and worth, from the loss of our true selves in all of our posturing.

Jesus, crucified and risen for the sake of the world, breaks through all of that. He breaks down all pretense on our part and all claims of salvation that the world offers. God comes to us, cherishes us, bids us to come to God’s life and peace.

Augustine, an early Christian theologian, knew this when he wrote: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you.”

The cruciform life also breaks through nihilism. Free from the necessity of saving ourselves, and from the numbness of the pointlessness of all that, the cross breaks us open to others, to the world. The rush of feeling back into a self that has cut itself off from circulation is painful. But it is also a sign of life. We can feel, we can touch and be touched by others. The cross sets us free to serve the neighbor. Here is the life worth living that God gives us.

Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Eaton



## WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER



**FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:** Mike O'Connor, Joseph, Deidre Turner, Mary Ann Majar, Catherine, Jeani Shofner, Kevin, Coleen Brown, Ginny Clark, Paula Elder, Kiara, Philip, Tammy Mumaw, Tracy Rigsby, Bob Murray, Flora

Schroeder, Conchita Murray, Tom Plumlee, Sarah Robbins, Nick and Judy Claussen, Penny Holbrook, Sammy, Terry Warwick, 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 Hanson. We pray for comfort for family and friends mourning the death of Dirk Vandiver and for family and friends mourning the death of Bob Biornstad, Gary Biornstad’s dad. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

**FOR THE WORLD:** Console us, Redeemer God, when we are dismayed by the news of the world.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY IN THE PAST AND FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN** especially Caleb Berken, Steven Kincaid, John Kupka and Crystal Rojas

**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.

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](mailto:brenda_k_grant@hotmail.com)

## WOMEN'S TEA

Arlene Torgerson spoke about Women's Superpowers and not being afraid to use them to empower and lift others.

Judy's friend Glinda spoke about different teas and teas that are good for our health.



(left to right) Caroline Leithner, Pastor Val, Liz Ellis & Benda Grant



(top left) Mari Rabung, Madison Green, Madison Winter & Molly Rabung



(back row) Jeannette Green, Joan Rabung & Carmon Shaw





## June/July Birthdays and Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS:

Tim Alstrom, June 1  
Chrissie Kincaid, June 1  
Stephanie Gundersen, June 3  
Ardith Savoy, June 3  
Shelby Kincaid, June 7  
Andrew Penttila, June 9  
Diane Hanson, June 17  
Gene Schermer, June 21  
Betty Schlaht, June 25  
Pr. Val Metropoulos, June 27  
Lauri Paulsen, June 29  
Mike Kupka, July 6  
Evelyn Ellingsen, July 7  
Calvin Evanson, July 8  
Donna Morrisette, July 8

Nicole Evanson, July 19  
Suzan Stegemoeller, July 22  
Amanda Kaufman, July 23  
Arlene O'Connor, July 23  
Joan Rabung, July 31

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Tim & Molly Leithold, June 21  
Hayley & Adam Sykes, July 12  
Lynette & Keith Lile July 23  
Judi & Mike Hubbard, July 24  
Doris & John Tieder, July 25  
Laura & Coleman Carle, July 26  
Tim & Pam Alstrom, July 27  
Anneliese Kraiger & Stephen Natwick, July 29



To Naomi Kraiger for helping Vicky assemble bulletins in April and to Carmon Shaw who also helped assemble bulletins and the May newsletter.

To the maintenance crew for all the work they do

To those who have helped volunteer at Family Promise with the different duties

To Mary Ellen for donation of sheets to the quilters.

To Mike Hubbard and Roger Shaw for refinishing and painting the doors to the sanc-

tuary located by street entrance.

To Judi Hubbard, Naomi Kraiger & Marti Debandt for doing some deep cleaning in the kitchen.

To Amy Ostwald who helped Vicky with changes to newsletter and bulletins.

To the Polish club for donation all those egg shells to Liz Ellis.

To John Aakre for leading a presentation about Estate Planning on May 5th.

To those who have donated flowers to enjoy during worship.

To those that went and worshipped at Living Stones Prison.

To Judi Hubbard and Jeannette Green for planning the Women's Tea on May 11th, fun was had for all those that came.

To Kristine Finazzo for supplying paper supplies for the kitchen.

To Joelle Buckman for preaching the Sunday Pastor Val was gone and for doing a nice job.

To the confirmation class for making the graduation blankets for Jared, Trace & Jenifer who are graduating this year.

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

- **Pacific Lutheran University** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$103.70

- **Friendship House**

Thank you for bringing us dinner. It was delicious. The women enjoyed it so much.

God Bless you

- **Union Gospel Mission** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$103.70

- **Amazing Grace**

I wanted to be able to express my gratitude for all the wonderful people that I have had the opportunity to meet through the time, thoughts and provision your fellowship has provided as a whole! Words are inadequate to describe what this time has begun to build for myself and Trevor! Elizabeth (Family Promise guest)

- Eileen Audett sends her greetings. She loves being remembered, wishes she could worship with us and is appreciative of the communion visits, prayers, cards and other visits. Eileen lives on the second floor at Grays Harbor Convalescent across from Grays Harbor Community Hospital.

### **DARLENE NESLSON MEMORIAL COFFEE HOUR**

On Sunday June 2nd we will honor the memory of Darlene Nelson by hosting Fellowship hour in her name. For those of us lucky enough to have known her we cherish her rich musical contributions to Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, her positive attitude, vibrant family and her honest faith. If you would like to make any donation (which can be made out to Amazing Grace) we will receive it and ask the family how they would like it to be used.

#### **4-F DINNER**

Last 4-F dinner before summer!! Saturday June 15. 5pm. Chicken (Gluten Free) and the trimmings by the Barkstrom chefs!! Adults \$20 children under 10, \$10. Proceeds to the roof replacement fund. Contact Judi Hubbard. Jhubbard1952@comcast.net. or church office, watch for further details.

#### **GARAGE SALE**

Time for spring cleaning! As you clean and sort out your stuff! We will be having a sale, **July 20th 8-3**. So start saving— more details to follow, contact Judi Hubbard to help. No Adult clothes.

## PSALM

A new group of PSALM students (Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry) is forming this Fall. If you are interested in deepening your understanding and your faith and discerning where God may be calling you to use your gifts, consider this opportunity. If you have questions about the program you may speak with Pastor Val or any of the current PSALM participants: Joelle Buckman, Joe Fernandez, Hank Bilderback, Mike Hildreth or Diane Hanson. Applications may be requested from the church office and are due back to Pastor Val By **August 1st.**

## 2019 FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

Join us Sunday, August 4th at 7pm at CenturyLink Field for Seattle Sounders FC vs Sporting Kansas City. Join us to create unique memories and bring communities of faith together through Sounders FC! An event for the whole family kicking off at 4:30pm with music, lawn games, speakers and more! Featuring Jesse Bradley of Grace Community Church. Only \$26 per ticket with this exclusive offer.

## HISTORICAL WALK

Judi has scheduled a historical walk on August 10th, from 12-2:30. The cost is \$15 a person, only the first 10 that sign-up gets to go.

## 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.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to get the benefit. You're done....*Start Shopping!*

## OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS GETTING CLOSER TO COMPLETION!

Our directory is a great tool to help us learn each others names, become closer as a community of believers and is especially helpful for new people! There are a few of you out there that still need to be added to the directory with a new or updated photo, or updated contact info. You don't have to be a member to be in our directory. Please contact Amy Ostwald at [aaostwald@gmail.com](mailto:aaostwald@gmail.com), 360-482-2306, or at church on Sundays.



## 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](mailto:Jhubbard1952@comcast.net) or let's talk at church.



Jane Teveliet  
& Darci Jewitt

## KITCHEN CLEANING

Thanks to Naomi and Marti, spring cleaning has tackled the kitchen. We worked very hard cleaning and

organizing! So, when you find what you are looking for, please put it back in same spot. If anyone has a labeling gadget, could we borrow it? Thank you. Judi

## SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

### UNION GOSPEL MISSION June 4



Judi Hubbard, Leader Mike & Karen Barkstrom, Pastor Val, Trish Safstrom, Sarah Channel, Darci Jewitt


### UNION GOSPEL MISSION July 2

Maurita White, Leader Vicki Mitchell & Virginia Clark, Joyce Smith, Paula Elder, Dorothy Stephens, Pam Alstrom

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.

## EXPLORATORY INTERNSHIP TEAM

Amazing Grace is an exceptionally nurturing community that could contribute to God's mission in the world by raising up leaders. In addition, the Aberdeen area is ideal for new leaders learning how to bring God's love to hurting people in tangible ways. For these reasons, and following the stirring of the Spirit, an exploratory team is forming to discern whether this ministry, hosting a seminary intern for a year at Amazing Grace is where God is leading us. If you are interested in being a part of this discernment process, please let Pastor Val know.

## ABERDEEN FOODBANK

Aberdeen Foodbank needs a person willing to serve on the board of directors. The board is made up of 1 clergy and 1 lay person from each congregation. It is a prayerful process, that lasts for 3 years and meets on Tuesday

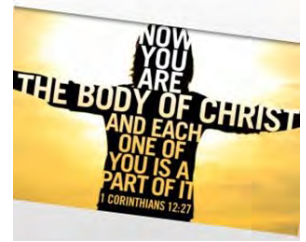
## GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

### SUMMER WORSHIP

This summer we're experimenting of-fering another time for us to gather as disciples of the living God. This does not replace Sunday morning worship, since the gathering of the whole body of Christ here is of central importance. On Wednesdays, July 10th—Aug. 28th, we'll offer another opportunity for those who could not be in worship on Sunday. The message will be the same as the one from the previous Sunday. This would be a great time to invite someone who has not worshipped with us before! Please contact Pastor Val if you'd like to help plan this worship time.



**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 21, 2019 6:15 pm**



Vision: A welcoming place where grace happens.

Mission: To Experience and share God's love through worship, education, and community.

Values: Radical Hospitality; Passionate worship; Intentional faith development; Risk-taking mission and service; Extravagant Generosity.

Attendance: Mark Smalley, Dee Erickson, Phil Stegemoeller, Judi Hubbard, Pastor Val, Amy Ostwald, Mike Barkstrom and Vicky Kolb

Call to Order Mark Smalley 6:15

**Devotions** – Holy Currencies, Chapters 10 & 11

-Serve the neediest and those who are worse off before you serve yourself. Currency of time: Currency of relationships to form work groups. Good stewards will maximize the use of their facilities in creative ways. The ways that Amazing Grace has used the facility in different ways are by letting groups, whether they are part of the church or members of the community use the building, such as Family Promise. The Parish hall has been used for AA, Girl Scout, the Driftwood Theater, scrapbook and many other groups. If a church facility is not being used for other things, it becomes buried treasure.

**Establish Quorum**

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

-Added items under Business items: C. Loggers Playday Parade and D. Family Promise-Charles Review, correct and final approval of minutes for last meeting, April 16, 2019 **M/S/P**

**Financial Reports**

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

-Transactions by Account- will go over and wait to vote on next month.

b. **Financial Secretary's Report** – Phil Stegemoeller -

-Phil will amend his report in the amount of \$1065 once he talks with Theresa.

i. New Program for financial secretary

ii. Estate Planning – John Aakre's presentation

-John did a good job on the Estate Planning presentation he did on May 5th. He was able to answer the questions that people had for him. Phil will get in touch with John about the next time he is available to come to the church again. The next time he comes there will be a sign- up sheet for those who want to come and be sure to have any questions you may have ready.

**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 Minutes**– January 27th - Theresa

-Will hold until next month's council meeting.

b. **Directory** – Amy

-It's still progressing. Amy will be working on the activities pages and is thinking about putting in a memorial section for those who have passed. She is hoping to have it done before the next council meeting.

c. **Loggers Playday Parade**

-Amazing Grace was sent a form from the Hoquiam Elks Lodge to see if we were interested in joining the parade this year. Mark asked council members if this is something that we would want to do and asked if anyone on council would like to take charge of it. Council will revisit this subject at a later time to see if anyone is interested in doing this.

d. **Family promise**- Charles

-Charles contacted Mark Smalley about the possibility of Amazing Grace being used as a host site for Family Promise, if they don't have a church scheduled as the next hosting site. Charles has told Mark that

he will find the volunteers himself. Amazing Grace is scheduled to host Family Promise 3 times; Charles wanted to know if we were interested in scheduling another time to host Family Promise.

-Amazing Grace Day Center as Host Site: Family Promise may use the day center at Amazing Grace as a host site whenever it is needed, but Charles needs to inform the church office soon as possible with the dates. **M/S/P**

-Amazing Grace hosting Family Promise: Amazing Grace has agreed to host the week of November 24-December 1st. Since it's during the week of Thanksgiving, we will need help in finding volunteers.

**M/S/P**

e. Kitchen Supplies

-There was a discussion among the council members about kitchen supplies, who should be buying them and what budget item it is coming out of? Kristine F. has been buying paper supplies. Mike Barkstrom suggested that they have a container out so people can donate money that will go towards kitchen supplies. Any money that would be collected would go in the general fund under miscellaneous. An announcement about volunteers buying coffee will be in the newsletters.

**Ministry Reports**

a. Worship – Dee Erickson

- i. Altar Guild- having a good time with altar guild. They are still looking for another helper to team up with Laura for second Sunday of communion.
- ii. Summer Worship- The summer worship will be from July 10th-August 28th on Wednesday at 7pm. The summer worship schedule will be announced in the bulletin and newsletters. Pastor Val will accept any help she gets to make this summer worship a success. Amy will look into locating a sidewalk sign that would be as an announcement board and that could be used for other things too.

b. Outreach – Joelle

- i. Family Promise-
- ii. Homeless outreach –Joelle will be scheduling a meeting with the Outreach Committee soon

c. PSALM report - Joelle

-The Sunday that Joelle preached council members said she did a nice job. Mike Hildreth will preach on June 2nd. A new group will be starting in the fall, so if you are interested, please let Pastor Val know

d. Imagine Team- no news

- i. Faith ConneX Survey

e. Youth & Family – Amy Ostwald

- i. Sunday School- last day of Sunday school is June 9th.
- ii. Easter Egg Hunt-
- iii. Graduation- It will be the usual recognition that we hold for our seniors, which will be on June 9th. The three graduates are Jared Erwin, Trace Erwin and Jenifer Kaufman
- iv. Confirmation- The class met through Lent. They also worked on graduation blankets as gifts for those graduating.
- v. VBS - St. Andrew's was the church to lead VBS this year, but they are no longer able to. The people from the churches involved that were organizing VBS are going to get together to figure out if they can come up with an event.

f. Fellowship – Judi

-Judi has scheduled a historical walk on August 10th, from 12-2:30. The cost is \$15 a person, only the first 10 that sign-up gets to go. There will be an announcement in the newsletter and bulletin.

- i. Communion Ministry
- ii. Welcome Committee
- iii. Garage Sale, July 20th
- iv. Special Events Team

g. Property – Mike Barkstrom

- The glass windows came in on Monday and will be put in on Friday, if the job is not complete by Friday, they will return on Tuesday to finish the job.
- Mike Hubbard and Roger Shaw are refinishing the inside of the door and painting the outside of the door of the sanctuary, street side entrance.
- Mike will be meeting with a fence contractor from, Ocean Shores, tomorrow morning (5/22/19) to keep people from camping out in the cove located on the right side of the entrance to the sanctuary on the street side entrance. When Mike gets a bid he will let council members know what the bid is to get the ball rolling so problem is taken care of.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- Food bank: Still working on trying to find a location. Presbyterian Church is still hosting food bank for now.
- Synod assembly – June 7 & 8 in Vancouver –Joelle Buckman and Curtis Steinhauer are attending.
- Internship possibilities – Pastor Val will start working on this in June with people that volunteered to help.

#### **Task Assignments**

- Theresa- Financial questions:
  - Grace fund \$160- where is it?
  - \$120 pd in May for Caroline L (page 3) should have come from budget item 2.115 supply Pastors.
  - \$1065 in bldg/maint- where did it come from? page 2
  - budget analysis needs to be updated, it only went through March.
  - account balance for Family promise and break down of expenses?
- Dee will email Pastor Val with questions.
- Council members will be working on inventory from Holy Currencies on pages 162-163
- Mark will email Charles about Family Promise request.
- Pastor Val will get together with Dee to talk about the summer worship.
- Amy will look into locating a sidewalk sign that would be an announcement board and that could be used for other things too.
- Joelle will be scheduling a meeting with the Outreach Committee soon
- When Mike gets a bid he will let council members know what the bid is to get the ball rolling so problem is taken care of.
- Vicky will get in contact Simple updates and be sure that the next she pays to write down the domain name.
- Judi will talk with Kristine about kitchen supplies.

Adjournment and closing prayer -8:20

#### **PASTOR'S REPORT – REGULAR ACTIVITIES – April 2019**

##### **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** – Funeral – Pete Majar

**PROFESSIONAL GROWTH:** Spiritual Direction program year two; Spiritual Direction monthly  
 2 Day silent retreat at St. Placid Priory before Holy Week.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES in April**

**ADMINISTRATION:** Council retreat

**OUTREACH:** Met with Family Promise team to coordinate mission emphasis  
 Food Bank work to reorganize and find new site

**PASTORAL CARE:** Met w/ Majar family  
 Group spiritual direction for PSALM participants; advise and coordinate their process

**WORSHIP:** Dinner Church weekly during Lent – coordinating food, worship, set-up and leadership  
 Holden Evening Prayer weekly during Lent  
 Maundy Thursday – Last Supper re-creation  
 Good Friday – Stations of the Cross for our times – noon and 7pm  
 Work with PSALMist – Hank on his project – developing an Amazing Grace liturgy  
 LAT – Preparation of sanctuary for Easter

**YOUTH/FAMILY/Education:** Write and distribute devotions via email and facebook page from A Way  
 Other Than Our Own for Lent  
 Confirmation class 3 youth, parents and mentors – participated in Dinner  
 Church  
 Writing recommendations for graduating seniors

**VACATION:** April 26-28 – one Sunday

**UPCOMING:** New member reception May 26<sup>th</sup>: Curtis and Shayna Steinhauer, Arvid Iverson, and  
 Pam Paulin  
 Vacation May 27 – June 2 (1 Sunday – Mike H. will preach; Hank will preside)  
 Synod Assembly in Vancouver June 7 & 8; representatives: Joelle Buckman and Curtis  
 Steinhauer  
 VBS – June 24-27 Episcopal church cancelled; we're researching other possibilities  
 Summer Worship – Wednesdays 7pm beginning July 10 through Aug. 28



Having a great time chatting with old and new friends during the Women's Tea on May 11th. Hope to see you all again next time!



## APRIL BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Name	Date	Total
Checking		\$ 39,568.29
-PSALM		\$ (116.00)
-Caring Cupboard		\$ 388.75
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve		\$ 2,500.00
-Bells		\$ 547.09
-Friends in Need		\$ 667.86
-Reformation Fund		\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds		\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore		\$ 386.83
-Grace Fund		\$ 220.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 45,734.02</b>
Fundraising Checking		\$ 215.90
Maintenance Checking		\$ 14,393.37
- Roof sub account of maint		\$ 16,853.30
Youth Checking		\$ 295.75
Memorial Savings		\$ 4,114.68
Mikkel Thompson Savings		\$ 1,906.75



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## BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTANCE

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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We don't have hats but we are Amazing Grace Women♥

Suzan Stegemoeller, Carmon Shaw & Amy Ostwald



Us too! Beate Wahl, Eileen Schermer, Doris Tieder

## JUNE 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Sunday, June 2

**Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Kristine Finazzo; **Communion Assistant:** Elaine Olsen; **Ushers/Greeters:** Dee Erickson & Naomi Kraiger; **Depositors:** Karen Barkstrom & Hiedi Seelke; **Fellowship:** Lile, Lokken, Bilderback, Hubbard  
(Darlene Nelson memorial coffee hour)

### Sunday, June 9

**Liturgist:** Greg Johnstone; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Molly Leithold; **Communion Assistant:** Diane Hanson & Laura Carle; **Ushers/Greeters:** Kaufman, Theresa, Amanda, Jenifer; **Depositors:** Maurita White & Darrell Lokken; **Fellowship:** Alstrom, Tieder, Schermer, Johnstone

### Sunday, June 16

**Liturgist:** Laura Carle; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Joelle Buckman; **Communion Assistant:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Usher/Greeters:** Dennis & Donna Morrisette; **Depositors:** Joe Fernandez & Carmon Shaw; **Fellowship:** Clark, Kaufman, Hildreth

### Sunday, June 23

**Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Mark Smalley; **Communion Assistant:** Steve Swanson & Judi Hubbard; **Ushers/Greeters:** Erwin, Carrie, Trace, & Jared; **Depositors:** Joelle Buckman & Mark Ostwald; **Fellowship:** Ostwald, Rabung, Gundersen

### Sunday, June 30

**Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Sarah Channel; **Communion Assistant:** Darci Jewitt & Joni Hildreth ; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mike & Arlene O'Connor; **Depositors:** Mike Barkstrom & Ray Hodge; **Fellowship:** Lile, Morrisette, D. Erickson



Judi Hubbard &  
Jeannette Green



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>JUNE</b>						1 7-8 PM AA
2  9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.	3	4  6:30-8 PM FAMILY PROMISE BOARD	5  9-12 AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE-- LAST DAY  5:30-6:30 AA  6-7 PM BELLS-- FINAL PRACTICE	6  7-8:30 PM BOOK GROUP	7  6-10 PM SCRAPBOOK	8  7-8 PM AA
9  9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 FELLOWSHIP/GODLY PLAY S.S.-LAST DAY  HONORING GRADUATES   PENTECOST	10  4:30-6:30 PM GIRL SCOUTS-CEREMONY	11	12  5:30-6:30 AA	13  7-8:30 PM BOOK GROUP	14	15  7-8 PM AA  5 PM 4-F DINNER
16  10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP   FATHER'S DAY	17	18  6:15 PM COUNCIL MEETING	19  5:30-6:30 AA	20  7-8:30 PM BOOK GROUP	21  6-10 PM SCRAPBOOK   SUMMER BEGINS	22  7-8 PM AA
23  10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP	24	25	26  5:30-6:30 AA	27  7-8:30 PM BOOK GROUP	28	29  7-8 PM AA
30  10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOWSHIP	UPCOMING EVENTS: SUMMER WORSHIP: WEDNESDAYS 7 PM IN JULY & AUGUST					



## JULY 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Sunday, July 7

**Liturgist:** Greg Johnstone; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Hank Bilderback; **Communion Assistant:** Carrie Erwin; **Ushers/Greeters:** Arlene Torgerson & Marge Kelling; **Depositors:** Karen Barkstrom & Hiedi Seelke; **Fellowship:** Carle, Torgerson, Smalley/Safstrom, Ellis

### Sunday, July 14

**Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Dee Erickson; **Communion Assistant:** Joan & William Rabung; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mike & Karen Barkstrom; **Depositors:** Judi Hubbard & Gene Schermer; **Fellowship:** Shaw, Green, O'Connor, Lokken, Fernandez



### Sunday, July 21

**Liturgist:** Laura Carle; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Diane Hanson; **Communion Assistant:** Vicki Mitchell & Joelle Buckman; **Ushers/Greeters:** Paula Elder & Dorothy Stephens; **Depositors:** Joe Fernandez & Carmon Shaw; **Fellowship:** Hanson, Erwin, Hodge, Seelke

### Sunday, July 28

**Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Darci Jewitt; **Communion Assistant:** Kristine Finazzo & Molly Leithold; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mark & Amy Ostwald; **Depositors:** Maurita White & Darrell Lokken; **Fellowship:** Finazzo, Evanson, Steinhauer, Hubbard, Waite, Winter



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2 6:30-8 PM FAMILY PROMISE BOARD	3 5:30 AA	4	5 6-10 PM SCRAP- BOOK	6 7-8 PM AA
7  10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW- SHIP	8	9	10 5:30 AA  7 PM SUMMER WOR- SHIP	11 7-8:30 PM BOOK GROUP	12	13 7-8 PM AA
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28  10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW- SHIP	29	30	31 5:30 AA  7 PM SUMMER WOR- SHIP	UPCOMING EVENTS: SUMMER WORSHIP: WEDNESDAYS 7 PM July 10- AUGUST 28 		

**Please join us for worship**  
**Sundays at 10am and Wednesdays 7pm July 10—Aug. 28.**  
**Fellowship group is Thursdays at 7pm**

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A welcoming place where grace happens!

**MISSION**

To experience and share God's love through worship,  
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