



# THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

September 2026

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of  
Grace Lutheran Church  
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*"We will not hide (God's Word) from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might and the wonders that he has done." (Psalm 78:4)*

## Worship for All Generations – Kids Too

Dear People of Grace;

I've been doing some thinking and planning for our young children and their families as we welcome the start of another school year. Recognizing that learning happens in many ways, I would like to lift up the experience of worship as an opportunity to form and shape the faith of our younger members.

Others in our congregation who are educators can say this better, but here are some ways I know children learn in worship: watching people with whom they share a close relationship; using their bodies to mirror what older people are doing; speaking responses whether or not they can read text; singing alongside their fellow worshipers (once again regardless of their ability to read); tasting the Lord's Supper; also, as they grow, quieting themselves through breathing and physical stillness.

Parents and other non-family members of the worshipping community have many opportunities to engage young people during the service, while at the same time engaging in worship themselves. Watch for "Kids' Cues" in upcoming weeks. We will look for experimental ways to include such cues in the worship bulletin.

Our rich liturgical tradition draws from a long history of including several worship elements which can feel laborious, rote, or boring to some. For others, it is exactly what is longed-for and needed in a life filled with so many noises and distractions. I will admit there is a learning curve for people new to our worship, and there are ways to simplify from time to time, but I do also encourage everyone, of all generations, to continue to grow in being shaped by the Spirit of God through worship. Come with curiosity and longing. God will meet you here.

Please pray for our children, their families, their teachers and school support staff as they step into the learning environment of the classroom along with all areas of life.

Blessings to you,  
Pastor James Aalgaard

### THE MISSION OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission.

# Fall Worship Schedule Begins September 13

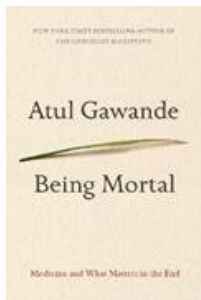
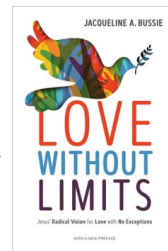
We will return to our Fall schedule on **Sunday, September 13**, with worship at **10:30 a.m.** Please join us!

## Together at Grace Meals Resume in September

All are welcome to our Wednesday “TaG” meals, starting September 9 at 5:15 p.m. For our first time back, please bring a potluck dish to share. Invite your friends! These mealtimes are a good way to check in with one another and enjoy a time of fellowship and great food. There is a calendar of meal plans being prepared, which you will find in the kitchen. We especially would love to have helpers for the cleanup. Please tell others about this opportunity so we can continue to get to know new people at TaG. Cash donations are appreciated but not required.

## Fall Book Studies

Starting on **September 9** after our **T@G (Together at Grace)** meal we will have a chance to engage in a book study of “**Love Without Limits**” by Jacqueline Bussie. In this book she shares her experience of an inclusive love for all people. It is a love without exceptions. The book study, led by retired Episcopal Priest Patton Boyle, will meet in the library. Donation for the book is \$15. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex - please let us know if you would like the church to order a copy of the book for you.



Grace and Celebration Lutheran Churches are coming together for a book study of “**Being Mortal**” on **Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.**, starting **September 9**. This resource will give us an opportunity to reflect together about meaning and significance in the final years of life. You may want to attend on your own behalf, or for the sake of a loved one who may be nearing death. From the publisher: “Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of childbirth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should. Through eye-opening research and gripping stories of his own patients and family, Gawande reveals the suffering this dynamic has produced.” Please sign up at the entrance to the fellowship hall. If you need the church to provide a book, please consider a donation of \$12. Location: Grace Lutheran Church library. Time: Wednesdays at 12:30 starting September 9. Other details: Bring a sack lunch if you would like. Beverages will be available. Facilitated by Pastor James Aalgaard.

## Monthly Evening Prayer Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Our next monthly service of prayer, meditation, song and readings will be Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (428 King St, Wenatchee ). The service is based on the worship format that was developed in Taizé, France. Taizé music is known for its easy-to-learn refrains and layered harmonies. It is often accompanied with guitar, flute, and other acoustic instruments. Time for quiet reflection and prayer will be offered. This prayer service will not include Holy Communion.

## Contemplative Prayer

Our contemplative prayer group meets on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the library. This prayer time focuses on shared silence combined with a short scripture reading, prayer, other reading, or an occasional song that aids the group in contemplative practice. For those who would like to speak, there will usually be an opportunity to share our experience. Bring your prayerful heart and a willingness to notice the Spirit's presence in community.

# Join a Music Group

A month, a season, a year, a lifetime.  
You'll be glad you did...

## Group Music Rehearsals Resume in September

We are grateful for Grace's musicians. Members faithfully lead us as we worship, teach us new ways to pray, and inspire us to follow Christ. Choir members learn about scripture and theology as well as music as they prepare meaningful anthems. They also develop new friendships, supporting one another in and out of the rehearsal setting. Each of our ensembles eagerly welcomes new and returning participants. Training is available. Please contact Deacon Ruth for further details.

Voices of Grace (teens/adults) meets in the balcony on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9pm and leads in worship weekly.

Bells of Grace (teens/adults) meets in the Rehearsal Room on Wednesday evenings, 6:15-7:15pm and leads in worship monthly.

Growing in Grace (children) meets occasionally before/after worship on Sunday mornings and leads in worship with vocal/instrumental offerings periodically (schedule varies).

Drum Circle (all ages) meets twice a month (schedule varies), playing in worship/community venues occasionally.

Ukulele Group (all ages) meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 5:00-6:00pm and plays in worship/community venues occasionally.

Recorder Ensemble (teens/adults) meets periodically on Thursday afternoons (4:00-5:00pm) and plays in worship occasionally.

Brass Ensemble (teens/adults) plays for festival worship services (schedule varies).

**Rehearsals resume after Labor Day.**



We are thankful to seamstress Natalee Aalgaard Baunach for designing and creating new handbell table covers for Bells of Grace. They will serve us well for many years to come!

## Why a Deacon?

Several years ago, a gathering of ELCA bishops asked me why a congregation would consider an ordained deacon for ministry rather than a hired employee or contractor. My response to them came from decades of experience and serves as the basis for this article. It also includes the valued perspectives of other deacons and pastors.

In general, deacons

- receive formal training similar to that of ordained Lutheran pastors. Certain religion course requirements often lead to a shared language, understanding and appreciation with pastors and our fellow lay leaders.
- may better enable congregation members for ministry. We empower the baptized to serve as we model and lift up to the whole church what it means to be faithful disciples of Christ.
- embrace the ability and responsibility to connect to the wider church, networking with ELCA and ecumenical partners to help congregation members understand their ministry role as part of a greater expression in faith.
- are equipped to bring to our ministry a maturity of faith – a discipline, gravity and depth that often goes beyond superficial “fire.”
- are expected to attend synod assemblies, conference gatherings, professional leaders’ conferences and other continuing education opportunities that help enliven our parish ministries and maintain healthy connections with the wider church.

Psychological evaluations, mentoring, retreats and conversations with candidacy committees help the Church vet a potential candidate for deacon and ultimately provide an ELCA “stamp of approval.” This provides peace of mind to many congregations in the search process. The Church equips deacons to be good colleagues and effective bridge builders between congregation members, pastors, and other mission partners. In our daily work, we are trained to prayerfully consider the congregation as a whole (including members and non-members), and not simply focus on maintaining standards and procedures for our specific areas of programmatic ministry.

Speaking strictly in terms of church musicians (having served as one for nearly five decades), deacons

- are encouraged to bring a theological and historical understanding to our ministry.
- lead worship with integrity as we develop relationships between 1) people and God, 2) people and the church’s music, and 3) people within and outside of the community.

- partner with other leaders to help make worship engaging and increasingly meaningful, nurturing and employing talent from a wide array of abilities, backgrounds and ages.
- cultivate ways to connect a wide variety of messages to the Church’s story through the past into present and future pathways.
- dedicate our musical endeavors as offerings to God rather than as performances, and help others to understand what it means to offer gifts in the presence of God.
- often intersect our ministry with other areas of faith formation and communal life, so we consider our work to extend beyond a music-making silo.

Relationally, deacons

- can more easily develop a trust relationship with the congregations they serve than many contractors or hired employees.
- nurture emotional bonds among congregation members, having the potential to develop more deeply and to take root, fostering a healthy interdependence and strong alliances.
- require a formal call to ministry through a vote of the congregation. This engages the two parties in a different kind of committed relationship, much like a marriage. This generally provides a kind of safety net for the rostered leader in the assurance of the fair conclusion of a call (requiring a congregational vote whenever necessary). It also reassures the congregation that their money is well spent on a trained person who can offer leadership, collegiality and knowledgeable stewardship over congregational assets.

As I consider my role at Grace, I (among other things)

- strive to fulfill the musical expectations outlined in my call.
- see myself as one who enables Pastor James to focus on his call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by covering menial tasks that could be distractions. (For a Biblical reference to this diaconal role, please see Acts 6:1-6.)
- look for ways to support and encourage our pastor and congregation leaders.
- seek out ways to connect with our wider community through outreach and learning opportunities, shared worship experiences and ecumenical experiences.

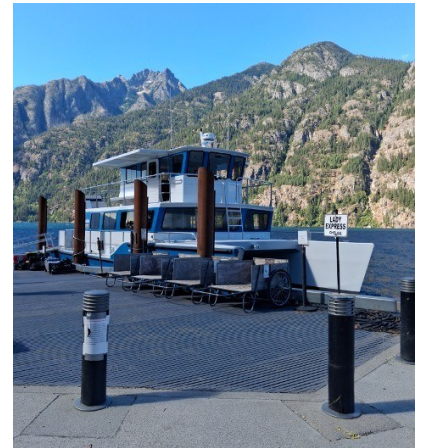
It is my privilege to serve God with you at Grace. I look forward to exploring how the Holy Spirit will guide us into a fourth season together! Soli Deo Gloria.

In Christ’s love,  
Deacon Ruth

## End of the Year Intern Trip



A hearty crew woke up bright and early on August 1 to join Intern Laura for her end-of-the-year trip. They caught The Skipper at 7:45 a.m. for the trip to Stehekin. They had several hours to explore the town and visit sites like Rainbow Falls and The Buckner Homestead before returning home. It was a fun day for all!



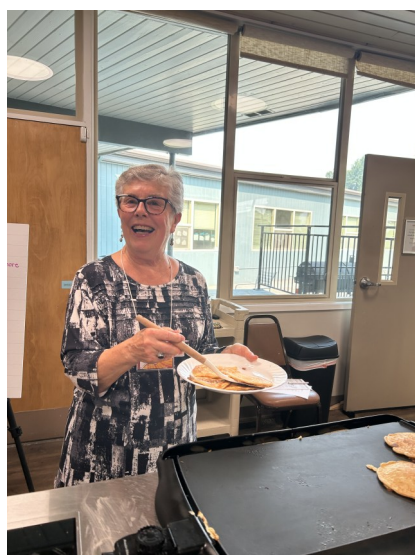
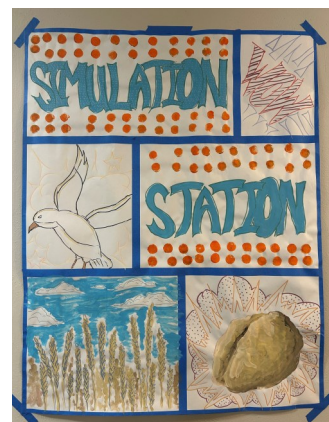
## Farewell Brunch for Intern Laura

On Sunday, August 9 we said “farewell” to Laura. Over a brunch with a lot of delicious food we reflected on her year with us - a fun, busy, & serious year of planning, learning, creating, writing, and exploring. Laura may be moving on to new ventures but she will always be a part of the Grace family!





This year's Vacation Bible School "At the Table" invited children to discover how storytelling can make a difference in their neighborhood and around the world. Throughout the week, kids learned that everyone has a place at God's table and that every story matters. They heard stories and sampled breads from around the world. In the Simulation Station they threshed their own wheat that they used to make bread and pancakes later in the week. They also created fun art projects, learned new songs, and made new friends. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the week a success!



Upcoming Game Nights:

September 18  
October 16

## *Congregational Game Night*

**3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY MONTHLY**

**6:00-8:30 PM**

All are invited to play board games, card games, dice games, dominoes, etc.

GLC Congregational Game Night is held in the Fellowship Hall.

-  Bring your favorite game or use one of ours.
-  Bring your family and friends.
-  Bring a snack to share.

Beverages are provided.

Young, old, and in between, **EVERYONE** is invited to an evening of fun and fellowship.



### **Craft Night** **Friday, September 25** **7:00 p.m.**

Our next Craft Night is Friday, August 28. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of crafting fun! All are welcome - bring a project to work on and a snack to share, if you want. We meet on the last Friday of each month. Please join us!



**Beth Smallbeck Celebration of Life**  
**Saturday, September 12, 1 – 4 pm at Grace Lutheran Church**

Please join us as we remember Beth and celebrate her life in Christ. We will gather in the Memorial Garden at 1:00 for a time of prayer and remembrance, followed by a reception and time of sharing in our Fellowship Hall. The Smallbeck family will be with us as we remember and celebrate Beth. If you would like to help with the reception, please contact Cheryl Salter or Jen Pearson Gale.

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM**



Grace Lutheran Church  
Wenatchee, WA  
Fire Relief



### **God's Work, Our Hands – Fire Relief**

Thank you for the many school supply donations. We have met our goal, and the Social Concerns Team is pivoting to support those impacted by Okanogan County Wildfires. We are collecting the following items through Sunday, September 13:

- Adult diapers: Sm/Med/Lg
- 4T & 5T pull ups and underwear
- Youth socks
- Underwear (5/6, 7/8)
- Clothes Hangers
- Laundry Detergent
- Air mattresses
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Hairbrushes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper towels
- Deodorant



# Packing Friendship



**Packing Friendship** is a weekend backpack program that provides food for students who are at risk of going hungry over the weekends. This school year, Grace Lutheran will provide food bags for students at Pinnacles Prep, Washington Elementary, and Foothills Middle School. This is a congregation-wide project and we encourage everyone to participate! The school year begins with a food drive. You will find a list of items needed below. You can also pick up food lists and bags at Grace beginning September 13. We will bless the food and the Packing Friendship program on Sunday, October 4, during worship at 10:30 a.m. .



## Packing Friendship Food Drive

We are asking for donations of the following items:

- cans of raviolis, spaghetti or spaghetti and meatballs
- cans of tuna
- macaroni and cheese
- cans of chicken noodle, tomato, or other kid friendly soups
- 6 oz. 100% juice boxes or 100% juice Capri Sun
- instant oatmeal packets
- 4 oz. applesauce cups
- 4 oz. fruit cups
- "Stretch Island" fruit leather
- breakfast bars or granola bars (no nuts, please)

If you would prefer to make a financial contribution, please make the check out to Grace Lutheran and note "Packing Friendship" in the memo line.

For more information about the program, or to learn how you can volunteer, please contact [Jen Gale](#).

**Thank you for your support!!**



*How is Grace responding to some of the 2025 discernment meetings regarding our mission? Here is one way the Arts Team is attending to mental health concerns.*

**Some artists carry more than their art and visions...**

**They carry silence, pressure, doubt, anxiety - often alone, often unseen.**

Our Workshop exists to create a quiet, dignified space for artists to breathe, to reflect, and to grow—both creatively and personally. Rooted in the compassion’s long tradition of cultivating beauty, wisdom, and care for the whole person, we offer thoughtfully designed workshops, masterclasses, and private sessions that honor the artist *and* the human being behind the work.

This is not therapy disguised as art, nor art diminished by struggle.

It is a place where excellence and well-being meet.

Through guided conversations, skill-building, and mentorship, artists are invited to:

- Reconnect with purpose and creative joy
- Navigate career pressures and life transitions with clarity
- Address stress, anxiety, and isolation in a respectful, confidential setting
- Find community without obligation or exposure

No labels. No performances of strength. No need to explain what’s hard.

Just space—carefully held—for artists to be supported as they refine their voice, their path, and their life.

If you are an artist who has been managing more than you might let on, you are welcome here.

*Celebrating artists. Supporting the whole life behind the work.*

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**September Workshops:** 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th of SEPTEMBER, 6-8pm (Each session is different.)

In the LIBRARY at 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee, WA

**FREE** | Refreshments served

If you have the means, a donation can be made to: BUILDING BETTER TOMORROWS FOUNDATION

A non-sectarian presentation, underwritten by the 7 Arts Foundation

Dr. Marshall Thomas, Moderator

**Bonus!**

Proceeds benefit BBT’s mission

## Endowment Team News

The Endowment Fund has grown steadily this year, and we are pleased to be able to offer distributions totaling about \$40,000! Applications are available in the narthex and on the [resource page of our website](#). This fund disburses earnings only on an annual basis if there are enough to disburse. Project requests have ranged the full spectrum from (non-operating budget) needs within our own church & community to synodical & churchwide, as well as worldwide. Be thinking of how best to use this precious gift from God to promote giving & ministering to others while carrying out our mission. **The deadline for submission is September 20.**



### Friendship Bridge Art Group

**First and Third Thursday of each month, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Foothills Community Center**

**Everyone is welcome.**

Friendship Bridge “links seniors and residents in care facilities with their communities. We create and share art, poetry, and greeting cards, and we build pen-pal and in-person connections between seniors and other adults and children.” The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month from 1-3 p.m. at Foothills Community Center. If you would like to learn more, please contact [David](#) Belcher.

### Volunteers Needed – Cancer Care/Our House

We are always looking for those special people who enjoy giving of themselves by volunteering in some capacity. If you have been looking for a chance to make a difference in the lives of people facing challenging times, please consider spending some time at Our House as a host or hostess. Four hours a month is all it takes! You would be offering support and companionship to our guest and doing other minor tasks to help make the house run smoothly.

Another need is for a person with handyman skills to assist when needed with minor maintenance. Also, someone with IT knowledge would be helpful.

If you can join our special teams of volunteers, please call Becky Elwell at 509-663-6964 between 9a.m. and 1p.m. on weekdays.

### Walking with Grief Support Group:

**The walk of grief is lonely, painful, and confusing, but you do not have to walk alone.**

This group will help you:

- understand the contours of your grief.
- connect with others on a similar journey.
- feel less alone and less crazy.
- imagine a way to continue living after your loss.

**People of any faith or no faith are welcome!**

**When:** Wednesdays at 6pm, beginning September 2, 2026

**Where:** Celebration Lutheran Church at 801 8th St NE in East Wenatchee

**Cost:** Free! Suggested donation of \$25 to cover the cost of books is appreciated, but not necessary.

Register online at <https://clcewen.org/grief> or contact Bernadette at the church office at [office@clcewen.org](mailto:office@clcewen.org) or 509-884-3817.

# ***No One Dies Alone (NODA)***



## **Volunteer Orientation**

September 19, 2026

9:00 am -12:00 pm

Grace Lutheran Church

1408 Washington St, Wenatchee, WA

\$10 donation for materials

## **Please register by September 12, 2026**

To register, please contact:

Danna Bozick or Michelle Lindell

[NODAwenatchee@gmail.com](mailto:NODAwenatchee@gmail.com)

## **No One Dies Alone - NODA**

Are you interested in being a compassionate presence for another at the time of their death? *No One Dies Alone* believes that small acts of compassion can have a profound impact on the lives of hospice patients and their loved ones. A goal is to understand the emotions and confusion when people die and to create support.

The presentation is being offered in Wenatchee and surrounding areas, and will be hosted at Grace Lutheran Church. If interested, a Volunteer Orientation will be held on September 19, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm here at Grace. After the orientation, should you decide to volunteer, you would have an extensive training program by a bereavement chaplain so you are prepared and comfortable before you begin working with a patient.

To register please contact Danna Bozick or Michelle Lindell at [NODAwenatchee@gmail.com](mailto:NODAwenatchee@gmail.com).

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|                 |      |                   |      |                   |      |
|-----------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Dane Schmidt    | 9/2  | Elsa Vogt         | 9/11 | Suzanne Helgersen | 9/23 |
| Marina Heminger | 9/3  | Jackie Carmichael | 9/12 | Wanda Ashcraft    | 9/24 |
| Al Rookard      | 9/4  | Asher Didesch     | 9/12 | Al Dalinkus       | 9/24 |
| Chad DuLac      | 9/5  | Hailey Melton     | 9/14 | Della DuLac       | 9/24 |
| Milt Herman     | 9/5  | John Porter       | 9/14 | Sue Garness       | 9/25 |
| Bob Bartlett    | 9/6  | Marshall Thomas   | 9/16 | Corinna Nelson    | 9/25 |
| Mike Kintner    | 9/6  | Celia Gale        | 9/17 | Dave Brushwood    | 9/26 |
| Virginia Hwang  | 9/8  | George Asan       | 9/20 | Kris Paxman       | 9/26 |
| Darren Lake     | 9/8  | Gary Otheim       | 9/20 | Helen Morton      | 9/28 |
| Jane Rivedal    | 9/8  | James Aalgaard    | 9/21 | Mike Sweeney      | 9/28 |
| Greyson Zanol   | 9/8  | Jackson Dymond    | 9/22 | Courtney Coe      | 9/29 |
| Tom Redmon      | 9/9  | Linda Sinnett     | 9/22 | Tami Woolsey      | 9/29 |
| Gerri Kern      | 9/10 | Jesson Vogt       | 9/22 |                   |      |

## PRAYERS OF GRACE

- ♦ *Angela Banker and family* - We pray for Angela and her family as they grieve the sudden death of her husband Eric. Angela serves as the Youth Ministries Director for Wenatchee First United Methodist Church. We pray also for God's comfort for the whole congregation of First UMC as they mourn together.
- ♦ *Lana (Evenhus) Tarr* - recovering from a major stroke. Prayers for healing.
- ♦ *Connie and Eric Brubaker* (Hilary Polivka's mom and dad) - Connie will have a partial cranial dissection for a brain tumor in December. Eric has been struggling with Parkinson's progression and has been experiencing an increase in pain. Prayers for Connie and Eric for comfort and healing.
- ♦ *Kitty Besel* (DJ Valdez's mom) - Kitty recently had a heart attack. Prayers for health and healing.
- ♦ *Oscar* (Kristen Thorstenson's father) - Prayers for healing as he goes through treatment for anemia. Also, prayers for his wife who had surgery for a fractured hip and is experiencing multiple medical complications post-surgery.
- ♦ *Dan Hutchison* - Dan has started a new medical treatment. Prayers for comfort for Dan and for a successful course of treatment. Also, emotional support for Joe Trowbridge as he navigates this time for Dan.
- ♦ *David Thomas* (Marshall Thomas' brother) - prayers for healing as he faces serious health issues.
- ♦ *Paul Arndt* - pulmonary fibrosis, which is untreatable.

To submit a prayer, please call (509-663-2189) or email our [church office](#) or [Pastor Aalgaard](#). Please share with us details that are pertinent to the request. If you are asking us to pray for a person other than yourself, please seek that person's permission. Prayer requests are published for four weeks. You are welcome to resubmit your request if you would like it to remain on the list longer. Updates are welcome, also. We will do our best to help your request have a balance of privacy protection and sharing information. The ministry staff at Grace reserves the right to edit requests.

# September Worship Assistants

|      | Greeters            | Assisting Minister | Lector       | Altar Guild      | Tech           | Communion Assistant |
|------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 9/6  |                     |                    | Joyce Owens  | JuLee Fiebelkorn | Marlena La Paz |                     |
| 9/13 |                     | Kate Gregg         | Kristi Lee   | Rose Applegate   | Phil Gregg     |                     |
| 9/20 |                     |                    | John Hergert | Denise Miller    | Adam Dunbar    |                     |
| 9/27 | Russ & Jean Speidel |                    | Joyce Owens  |                  | Dane Schmidt   |                     |

## Seeking Worship Helpers

Volunteer helpers make our worship run smoothly. We would love to expand our volunteer pool. [Here is a link to a "google sheet"](#) where you can put your name on an open slot. If you are having a hard time navigating the google sheet, please call (509-663-2189) or email our [church office](#) or [Pastor Aalgaard](#) and we can help.

Please note! The google sheet is a single document that can be changed (and added to) by anyone who has the link. You are very welcome to add your name to a slot that's empty, but please do not remove others' names or otherwise change the form.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

| Sunday, September 6<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost           | Sunday, September 13<br>16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost          | Sunday, September 16<br>17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost            | Sunday, September 23<br>18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ezekiel 33:7-11<br>Psalm 119:33-40<br>Romans 13:8-14<br>Matthew 18:15-20 | Genesis 50:15-21<br>Psalm 103:1-13<br>Romans 14:1-12<br>Matthew 18:21-35 | Jonah 3:10—4:11<br>Psalm 145:1-8<br>Philippians 1:21-30<br>Matthew 20:1-16 | Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32<br>Psalm 25:1-9<br>Philippians 2:1-13<br>Matthew 21:23-32 |

## ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

**Anna Circle** will meet on Tuesday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace. If you have questions, feel free to contact [Linda Sinnett](#) or [Faye DeJong](#).

**Miriam Circle** will meet on Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m.

**TREASURER TALK:**    7/31/2026

Offerings & Misc. for July were: \$26,223 and Budgeted Amount was: \$31,161.

Offerings & Misc. for the first 7 months: \$273,668 and Interest Earned: \$11,986 for a total of \$285,654.

Operating Expenses for the first 7 months: (\$312,223) for a Net Income of (\$26,569) .

Offerings & Misc. for the first 7 months: \$48,309 over Budget. Total Income: (\$18,434) compared to prior year.

Net Income for the Current Year is (\$26,569) verses Budgeted Net Income of (\$91,152) .

Total Offerings & Misc. for 2025 were \$397,477.27 Budget for 2026 is \$400,000.

|                              | Prior Year   | Current Year | Budgeted     | Variance  |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| <b>Offerings &amp; Misc.</b> | \$ 256,699   | \$ 273,668   | \$ 225,359   | \$48,309  |
| <b>Interest</b>              | \$ 47,389    | \$ 11,986    | \$ 6,600     | \$ 5,386  |
| <b>Total Income</b>          | \$ 304,089   | \$ 285,654   | \$ 231,959   | \$ 53,695 |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>    | \$ (299,073) | \$ (312,223) | \$ (323,112) | \$ 10,888 |
| <b>Net Income (Deficit)</b>  | \$ 5,016     | \$ (26,569)  | \$ (91,152)  | \$ 64,583 |

| AS OF                        | Prior Year | Prior Month | Current Month | Difference  |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Cash Surplus Position</b> | \$ 130,818 | \$ 118,765  | \$ 102,314    | \$ (16,452) |
| <b>Treasurer Reserve</b>     | \$ 40,000  | \$ 40,000   | \$ 40,000     | \$ -        |
| <b>Deficit Reserve</b>       | \$ -       | \$ -        | \$ -          | \$ -        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | \$ 170,818 | \$ 158,765  | \$ 142,314    | \$ (16,452) |

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**2026 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS**

**Arts:** Marshall Thomas  
**Building & Grounds:** Dave Coe, Tom Gausman  
**Endowment:** Karen Zanol  
**Faith Formation:** *Open*  
**Fellowship:** *Open*  
**Graceful Garden:** Linda Sinnett  
**Pastoral Support:** Julie Banken  
**Staff Support:** *Open*  
**Social Concerns:** Kay Fisher, Mike Sweeney,  
Bob Bartlett  
**Stream Team:** Marlena La Paz  
**Worship:** Kathy Gavin  
**Youth & Community:** *Open*  
**Memorial Garden:** Ernie Bentsen

**2026 CHURCH COUNCIL**

**President:** Suellen Harris  
**Vice President:** Tom Gausman  
**Treasurer:** Dennis Burgett  
**Secretary:** Jody Marquardt  
**Members-at-Large:** Tory Schmidt  
Kristen Thorstenson  
Tami Woolsey

# SEPTEMBER 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                            | Monday                                                                                                | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Thursday                                                                                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                                                                          | Saturday                                                                                          |
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|                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                       | <b>1</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Arts Team                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>2</b><br><b>11:00 a.m.</b><br>Lectionary Study                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>3</b><br><b>7:00 a.m.</b><br>Morning Prayer<br><b>1:30 p.m.</b><br>Contemplative Prayer                                                                       | <b>4</b><br><b>11:00 a.m.</b><br>Alice Evenhus Memorial Service<br><b>4:00 p.m.</b><br>Wedding Rehearsal<br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Artist Workshop | <b>5</b><br><b>4:00 p.m.</b><br>Tilly/Wiersma Wedding                                             |
| <b>6</b><br><b>9:30</b><br>Worship<br><b>6:30 p.m.</b><br>Young Adults                                                            | <b>7</b><br><b>Labor Day</b><br>Office Closed                                                         | <b>8</b><br><b>3:00 p.m.</b><br>Building & Grounds Team<br><b>5:00 p.m.</b><br>Ukulele Group<br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Wenatchee Circle of Men                                                                                        | <b>9</b><br><b>11:00 a.m.</b><br>Lectionary Study<br><b>12:30 p.m.</b><br>Book Study<br><b>5:15 p.m.</b><br>Together at Grace Meal<br><b>6:15 p.m.</b><br>Bells of Grace<br><b>6:15 p.m.</b><br>Book Study<br><b>7:30 p.m.</b><br>Voices of Grace  | <b>10</b><br><b>7:00 a.m.</b><br>Morning Prayer<br><b>11:00 a.m.</b><br>BeFrienders<br><b>1:30 p.m.</b><br>Contemplative Prayer<br><b>5:30 p.m.</b><br>BBT Board | <b>11</b><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Artist Workshop                                                                                                | <b>12</b><br><b>1:00—4:00 p.m.</b><br>Beth Smallbeck Celebration of Life                          |
| <b>13</b><br><b>10:30</b><br>Worship                                                                                              | <b>14</b><br><b>6:30 p.m.</b><br>Evening Prayer at St. Luke's<br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Appleaires       | <b>15</b><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Anna Circle<br><b>10:30 a.m.</b><br>Cluster Meeting<br><b>5:00 p.m.</b><br>Social Concerns<br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Church Council<br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Miriam circle<br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>WCM | <b>16</b><br><b>11:00 a.m.</b><br>Lectionary Study<br><b>12:30 p.m.</b><br>Book Study<br><b>5:15 p.m.</b><br>Together at Grace Meal<br><b>6:15 p.m.</b><br>Bells of Grace<br><b>6:15 p.m.</b><br>Book Study<br><b>7:30 p.m.</b><br>Voices of Grace | <b>17</b><br><b>7:00 a.m.</b><br>Morning Prayer<br><b>1:30 p.m.</b><br>Contemplative Prayer<br><b>5:15 p.m.</b><br>Worship Team                                  | <b>18</b><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Game Night<br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Artist Workshop                                                              | <b>19</b><br><b>9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b><br>NODA Training                                       |
| <b>20</b><br><b>10:30</b><br>Worship<br><i>Following Worship</i><br>Water Cooler Conversation<br><b>6:30 p.m.</b><br>Young Adults | <b>21</b><br><b>4:00 p.m.</b><br>Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting<br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Appleaires | <b>22</b><br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br><b>5:00 p.m.</b><br>Ukulele Group<br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Wenatchee Circle of Men                                                                                                        | <b>23</b><br><b>11:00 a.m.</b><br>Lectionary Study<br><b>12:30 p.m.</b><br>Book Study<br><b>5:15 p.m.</b><br>Together at Grace Meal<br><b>6:15 p.m.</b><br>Bells of Grace<br><b>6:15 p.m.</b><br>Book Study<br><b>7:30 p.m.</b><br>Voices of Grace | <b>24</b><br><b>7:00 a.m.</b><br>Morning Prayer<br><b>1:30 p.m.</b><br>Contemplative Prayer<br><b>5:00 p.m.</b><br>Graceful Garden                               | <b>25</b><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Artist Workshop<br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Craft Night                                                             | <b>26</b><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Nancy Bratz Interment<br>Organ Scholarship Auditions (Time TBA) |
| <b>27</b><br><b>10:30</b><br>Worship<br><i>Following worship</i><br>Congregational Meeting                                        | <b>28</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Appleaires                                                           | <b>29</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Wenatchee Circle of Men                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>30</b><br><b>11:00 a.m.</b><br>Lectionary Study<br><b>12:30 p.m.</b><br>Book Study<br><b>5:15 p.m.</b><br>Together at Grace Meal<br><b>6:15 p.m.</b><br>Bells of Grace<br><b>6:15 p.m.</b><br>Book Study<br><b>7:30 p.m.</b><br>Voices of Grace |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                   |

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