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The Lectionary – a Different Kind of Reading List

Dear friends in Christ,

Think of the many reading lists that exist. Bestseller lists, summer reading lists, lists for courses and of course personal reading lists keep the reader pursuing knowledge, fictional adventures, and more. I have a book by Eugene Peterson (known for his translation of the Bible called *The Message*) titled “Take and Read”. The book is an annotated reading list. It’s a book about books.

The Church has a reading list called a “Lectionary.” An old Latin word for “reading,” a companion definition would be “to pick out words” to be read in worship. As a minister of Word and Sacrament, my calling is to pay close attention to the Word. Bible readings are assigned through a reading list called the “Revised Common Lectionary.” It takes us three years to complete the whole cycle; when we finish with Year C on Christ the King Sunday, we begin Year A the next Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent.

By choosing to use a lectionary, we are joining with many, many people we don’t see but who are also hearing the same verses. Gail Ramshaw, a professor of religion at La Salle University in Philadelphia, wrote in *A Three-Year Banquet*: “By committing ourselves to the discipline of the lectionary, we acknowledge that we are not Lone Rangers riding off on our own horse, but rather we join with Christians around the world in a common identity and a common purpose. We relinquish personal preferences for the greater goal of common practice. We stand together, wherever we meet, hearing the same gospel each week.” Also, “Always in the Sunday liturgy there is a balance between two things. The simplicity of the bread and wine is held next to the complexity of the three readings... there is far more than we can do justice to on any single hearing. We’ll have to feast at that banquet again, and again, and again.”

Here are a few things I encourage you to consider with the lectionary in mind.

1. The prayer of the day is meant to help get a sense of a theme for the day. It’s also a way to be opened up to receive the Word of God through the reading.
2. Consider just listening to the voice of the reader and letting the tone, tenor and tempo of the reader’s voice be part of your interpretation of the Word.
3. Be hungry for what God is prompting in you, in your faith community and in other circles through the Word. Seek out the gospel through the hearing of scripture.
4. Use the sermon as an opportunity for God to shape your faith and sharpen your sense of calling in the world.
5. Be ok with silence that you might experience around the readings, or at any time during worship.

My days off in November: Nov 5, Nov 12, Nov 19, Nov

26. Staff holiday Nov 22-23

Together! 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.

FAITH FORMATION

LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

November 4 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: Ten Commandments
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): We Want a King
High School: Grace Changes Everything
Rev. Will Starkweather
Adults: Duty and Delight

November 11 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: Battle of Jericho
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): Yahweh sends Prophets
High School: Grace Changes Everything
Elizabeth Peter
Adults: Duty and Delight

November 18 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: Naomi and Ruth
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): By the Waters of
Babylon
High School: Grace Changes Everything
Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber
Adults: Join High School class:
Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber

November 25 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: Thanksgiving - No Class
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): Thanksgiving - No Class
High School: Thanksgiving - No Class
Adults: To Be Determined

Summer of Service 2019

We will spend the summer of 2019 in the Wenatchee Valley. In 2017, our summer of service team traveled to San Francisco to learn first-hand how to support, love and serve those on the fringes. The wisdom of those that have been serving in San Francisco was priceless. The SFO Night Ministers, the Faithful Fools and our very own John Brett walked with us and opened our eyes to problems that plague cities and towns throughout our country.

We went to San Francisco to learn, and we did. We will now take what we learned and serve those on the fringes in our own community. There will be an informational meeting Sunday, November 18 following the 10:30am service, If you are interested in what the summer of 2019 has to offer please join us.



Grace Lutheran Christmas Gift Fair Saturday, December 8 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We will have local vendors selling handmade crafts, jewelry, woodwork, Mary Kay, Color Street nails, Stampin' Up! and more. Come do some Christmas shopping, check out the great raffle items and satisfy that sweet tooth with goodies from the youth bake sale. Don't miss all the fun!

Get Your Craft On

We are looking for donations of handmade craft items for our Christmas Gift Fair on December 8. All proceeds will support the 2019 Summer of Service. If you have items that you would like to donate, please contact Jen Gale at office@glcwen.org or 663-2189. Thank you for your continued support!

*From the desk of
Intern Wayne*

Welcome the Season of **Thinksgiving**

It hardly seems fair that November is here. I was just getting used to October-the crisper air and the changing leaves, the light falling just so on the mountains. The excitement of Halloween! Candy! Pumpkins! Oktoberfest! Now we await the change back from

Daylight Savings Time to plain old Pacific Time. We hold our breath and get ready to vote on November 6th. Of course, there are the Christmas decorations for sale in every store. November seems to be... in the way? Awkward? Unlovable?

In November, we approach the ending of the liturgical calendar, the finality of our church year. Ordinary Time is almost complete. We have Thanksgiving to look forward to, but that seems to be more about football game plans, food, and getting people home and then back again safely. Hardly a time to relax.

I propose that we change November to the Season of Thinksgiving. We ought to give ourselves time to stop and THINK about what we're doing and what we are supposed to be about as Kingdom people. I will say up front that it will be hard, very hard, to do this intentionally. The time will slip through our fingers as we will arrive in December wondering how we will get through "The Holidays" in one piece. Let's try, though!

For Thinksgiving, we might start with a few questions:

- Do we make the same choices as last year? Or Think about better ones?
- What will we value most this coming year?
- What will we change to make this coming time better and more meaningful?

I'll bring forward one problem that happened to my home congregation. Tradition said we had to collect food and make baskets to give to people at Thanksgiving. We got a late start on finding families to receive food baskets. It seems that every church, school, and community organization was trying to do the same thing at the same time. Stories emerged of needy families being inundated with too much good food as well-meaning folks from the church delivered yet another basket or box of food.

Jesus always asks us to think a bit differently. The church's solution was to address the issue of hunger in our community. We chose to act differently and not be nostalgic about Thanksgiving itself. There was a Noisy Offering for World Hunger all month, efforts to learn more about food programs in the area, and a collection of things like hats and coats that offer more lasting gifts to people in a colder climate. We could give thanks without giving food baskets when everyone else did. All we did was THINK about helping others instead of doing what made us feel good.

Tell me your stories! Let me know what you "THINK" can be done differently going into our new church year. Help me know about opportunities and needs in the community that might be overlooked or forgotten. Let's find new ways to do the things we know need to get done, serving others as we love and serve God.

The King's Garden

The kids have spent the month of October learning lessons from the story of David. They've learned about how God helps us do hard things, and how he helps us trust him.

We are hitting the neighborhood collecting socks to give to the homeless shelters with our annual Socktober mission project.

We had a great time at Annie's Fun Farm and are really enjoying learning about harvest and farms!

Miss Tina, The King's Garden, a ministry of Lighthouse Christian Ministries

Tinawagner@nwi.net, (509)670-5886



Worship Assistants

Please note: All worship assistants listed below are for the 10:30 service.

All Saints Sunday Sunday, 11/4 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	25th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 11/11 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	26th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 11/18 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	27th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 11/25 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.
<u>Scripture Readings</u> Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34	<u>Scripture Readings</u> 1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Acolytes Gavin Godfrey Molly Salter	Acolytes Conrad & Darren Lake	Acolytes Becca & Alex Henning	Acolytes Molly Salter Emily Aalgaard
Altar Guild Peggy Fenhaus	Altar Guild JuLee Fiebelkorn	Altar Guild Tami Woolsey	Altar Guild Denise Miller
Communion Assistants Riva Morgan, Beth Smallbeck, Abby Reed, Karen Zanol	Communion Assistants Sophie Feibelkorn, Rose Applegate	Communion Assistants Susan Hendrickson, Kate Gregg	Communion Assistants Colleen Smith, Peggy Fenhaus
Lector Beth Smallbeck	Lector Milt Herman	Lector Lindsay Henning	Lector Jim Caulkins
Sound Technician Phil Gregg	Sound Technician Rob Salter	Sound Technician Kent Heminger	Sound Technician Lynn Heminger
Ushers LaNita Williams Don Evenhus	Ushers Dave Richardson Wolf Mueller	Ushers Mark Woolsey Tim Zanol	Ushers Dave Coe Erling Rivedal
Flowers	Flowers	Flowers Bill and Linda Sinnett	Flowers Rhonda Stradling Lara

PRAYER AT THE FONT

The **first Sunday** of each month, Pastor Aalgaard will be at the baptismal font during the time of communion distribution. You are invited to meet him there for a blessing or short prayer. Please use the side aisles to help with traffic flow during communion distribution.

Thank you

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank my GLC family for your prayers and support toward me and baby "Mia" over the past 15 months. She has returned to her birth mom for the next few months. We ask for your continued prayers that God wraps His arms around her to keep her safe while she's away from us, and that He brings her back home to the Zanol family permanently very soon. ~ Lisa Zanol



This month's meeting will be on Thursday, November 15 at Jane Dunbar's home. Please contact Jane (662-6295) for more information.



PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Colleen Smith with any prayer requests, either by phone at 679-1742 or by email at glcprayerpartners@gmail.com. We welcome all prayer requests.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ross Gavin	11/1	Jane Dunbar	11/12	Tory Schmidt	11/21
Sheri Rookard	11/1	Daniel Hutchison	11/12	Bob Sparks	11/21
Lilian Olson	11/2	Peggy Johnson	11/12	Kai Mueller	11/22
Martha Ann Hames	11/3	Nancy Boersma	11/13	Jennifer Paiva	11/22
Bill Mooney	11/3	Beatrice Tait	11/13	Rich Smallbeck	11/22
Rick Schiefelbein	11/3	Jordan O'Donnell	11/15	Alaina Morgan	11/23
Paul Arndt	11/4	Judy Olson	11/16	Diane Senn	11/24
Jameson Varpness	11/4	Bob Curtis	11/17	Susan Marshall	11/25
Dave DeJong	11/5	Erik DuLac	11/17	Susan Coe	11/27
Bradyn Rookard	11/6	RaNita Gebers	11/17	Kent Heminger	11/27
Angie Redmon	11/8	Renee Morgan	11/17	LaVerne Amend	11/28
Glenn Liner	11/9	Nate Smallbeck	11/17	Allison Fischer	11/28
Bill Haupt	11/10	Kristen Boyer	11/18	Ina O'Connor	11/29
Steve Johnson	11/11	Earl Tilly	11/19	Grace Miller	11/30
Casey Vogt	11/11	Marty Levine	11/21	Evan Mueller	11/30

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 18 will be Commitment Sunday at Grace! During worship on this special day, we will have an opportunity to celebrate our commitment to Christ and to Grace Lutheran Church. We invite and encourage everyone to participate by turning in pledge cards indicating financial giving plans for the year ahead. You will receive a pledge card from us in the next couple of weeks. Would pledging be a new step for you? Please give it a try, at any amount. We also have secure automatic withdrawal available for people interested - please see below for more information. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Thanks for being a cheerful giver!

SIMPLY GIVING

Simply Giving is an automatic offering method provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It is open to anyone and **YOU WILL NOT BE CONTACTED BY THRIVENT**. Vanco Services is the company that administers the plan and Thrivent's only connection is to pay the administrative fee for us. Thrivent has no access to the names of people who are signed up for the service.

And it is easy to sign up. Just see Roxanne, the Finance Manager, and she will help you fill out and sign a simple form. Please bring a voided copy of one of your checks and she will do the rest. You can make monthly payments on any day of the month except the 31st since not every month has 31 days. You may also make weekly, biweekly, quarterly, and annual payments if you wish. Your payment can be credited to the budget and other accounts that you may wish to fund. The charge can be made to either your checking or savings account, or to a credit or debit card.

So, it's quick, it's easy, and it allows you to give regularly as you have pledged to give. If you are interested or have further questions, please feel free to call Roxanne at anytime. Her regular office hours are Monday 8-9, Wednesday W 10:30-4, Friday 8-12.

A note for all current Simply Giving/Vanco givers,

Please submit your commitment/pledge cards. Even though you are set up on regular giving, we can't fill out your pledge/commitment cards for you. This helps in our budget planning for the coming year.

Quarterly Statements

Quarterly statements were sent out via email on Friday, Oct 26. It will show up in your inbox as Automail@360members. The subject line is Grace Lutheran Church Contribution Statement. If you haven't received one check your junk mail. If it's not there, it may be that we don't have your correct email address. Send a valid email address with your name to finance@glcwen.org so that we can get it updated.

2018 TEAM LEADERS

Arts:	Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds:	Phoebe Nelson
Endowment:	Inku Hwang
Evangelism:	Robin Brown
Faith Enrichment:	Jody Marquardt
Fellowship:	Shirley Leslie
Intern:	Jan Herman
Pastoral Support:	Micah Florea
Personnel:	Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns:	Annette Mueller
Stewardship:	Melinda Johnson
Worship:	Denise Miller
Youth:	Jen Pearson-Gale

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Chad DuLac
President Elect:	Lindsay Henning
Past President:	Bob Black
Treasurer:	Dick Craven
Secretary:	Colleen Smith
Members-at-Large:	Jody Marquardt
	Shirley Leslie
	Rebecca Lake
	Andy Sheets

Holden Evening Prayer During Advent

Come eat with us “Together at Grace!” The meal starts at 5:30 pm, but please arrive for Holden Evening prayer, which will begin at 5:15 pm. The dates for the Advent vespers services are December 5, December 12, and December 19. We are looking for help with leadership. There’s a sign-up by the office. Do you feel led to be a cantor for one of these services? Do you like to read for the assembly during worship? We would love to hear from you. Please use the sign-up on the bulletin board by the church office.



Labyrinth Walk Tuesday, November 27 5:30 p.m.

Please join us for our monthly Labyrinth Walk. We will begin by briefly setting forth the history and purpose of the Labyrinth. We will then be invited to walk the Labyrinth. The hour will conclude with sharing our experiences of walking the Labyrinth. If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Jim Caulkins, coordinator, at jncbees@applecapital.net. Thank you.

Council Corner

1. Jameson brought to Council insightful thoughts regarding Grace and Reconciling in Christ (RIC). Faith Formation will host several sessions of RIC for more complete information to the congregation and looking for those that wish to provide leadership in this area.
2. Council voted and approved the given Team Leadership list with the addition of the 3 Team Leader vacancies to be filled in the near future.
3. Council will hold a Budget workshop on December 1 from 11:00-2:00.
4. November 18, 2018 will be Grace’s Commitment Sunday.

2018 GLC FINANCIAL UPDATE: (through 9/30/2018)
 \$349,590 Total Income from offerings, gifts, and misc.
 \$376,605 Total Operating Expenses
 \$ -27,015 Shortage
 September’s income was the highest for 2018 at \$51,193.
 This reduced our shortage by \$8,388.

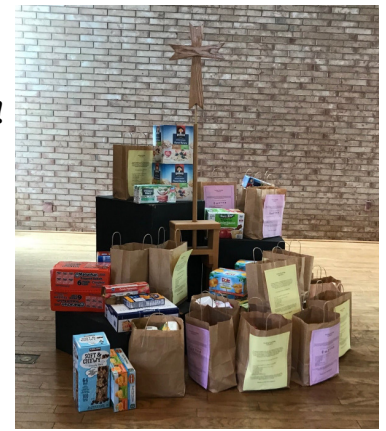
Sunday 9/30 Attendance 159
 Weekly Offering..... \$11,007.00
 Sunday 10/7 Attendance 41 & 122
 Weekly Offering..... \$16,199.75

Sunday 10/14 Attendance 35 & 144
 Weekly Offering..... \$6,674.00
 Sunday 10/21 Attendance 54 & 122
 Weekly Offering..... \$6,945.37

Packing Friendship Update

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Packing Friendship program! Our initial food drive was a huge success - you helped to fill our pantry shelves and get our year off to a great start!

Each week, Grace Lutheran provides food for students who are at risk of going hungry over the weekends. We serve students at Washington Elementary, Columbia Elementary, and West Side High School. Throughout the Wenatchee Valley, 26 churches and community groups provide food for more than 450 students per week. We pack bags each Wednesday during T@G (5:30 p.m.) - please join us! This is a great way to help our community!



During November we especially need:

Fruit cups



Cans of Soup



Bags with complete lists of needed foods are available in the narthex - feel free to take one and fill it up!

Together at Grace

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for our Together at Grace (T@G) Meal. This is a great opportunity to share a meal and get to know one another. Donations are accepted to help defray the cost. Volunteers prepare the meal each week. A signup sheet is available if you would like to cook, or help with set up and clean up. Contact Jen in the office (office@glcwen.org or 663-2189) if you have any questions.

Winter Weather Policy

Midweek programming for our congregation should be a safe experience for all participants. At times, we must consider road conditions. When Wenatchee schools cancel activities due to inclement weather, Grace Lutheran Church will respond in kind and cancel or postpone all activities. We will communicate these decisions to the congregation and the public to the best of our ability.

Women's Fellowship

"Circles" are groups of women that meet monthly for Bible study and mutual support.

YOU are invited to attend. Please contact the church office or the monthly host (listed at right) if you would like more information.

Miriam Circle meets Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Vickie Cunderla's home (662-4419).

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Sylvia Lyons (663-6729) is this month's hostess.

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Morning Schedule Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation: 9:30 a.m.				1 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth	2	3
4 **See above for Sunday Morning Schedule 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	5 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	6 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 3:30 RIC 6:30 p.m. Social Concerns Team	7 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:15 p.m. Catecheo 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	8 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 1:00 p.m. Evangelism Team 7:00 p.m. Infant Loss Support Group	9 6:30 p.m. Bingo	10
11 **See above for Sunday Morning Schedule 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth	12 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	13 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 6:00 p.m. Youth Team 7:00 p.m. B&G Team 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group	14 9:30 a.m. Intern Team 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:15 p.m. 3rd - 5th grade Youth 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth 7:00 p.m. Team Leader Meeting	16	17
18 **See above for Sunday Morning Schedule 12:00 p.m. Summer of Service 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	19 7:00 p.m. Appleaires 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends	20 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 5:30 p.m. Worship Team 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	21 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study *No T@G meal or music rehearsals*	22 Thanksgiving Offices Closed	23 Offices Closed	24
25 **See above for Sunday Morning Schedule No Youth Faith Formation 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola	26 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	27 6:00 p.m. Council 5:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk	28 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:15 p.m. Catecheo 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	29 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer	30	

Walking Together



An exploration of the Christmas story through community, art and music making, and the sharing of local traditions. Please join us for a collaborative project with local artist, Terry Valdes, Pastor Misael Fajardo Perez, the Wenatchee Valley Lutheran Latino Ministry, and Grace Lutheran Church. Each of these events are connected, free, and open to the public.

Shared Meal and Community Art Project,
Grace Lutheran Church
Wednesday, November 14, 5:30 - 7:00pm

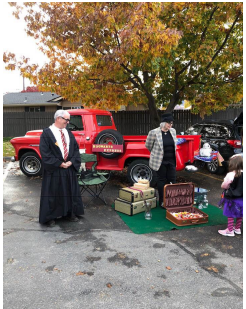
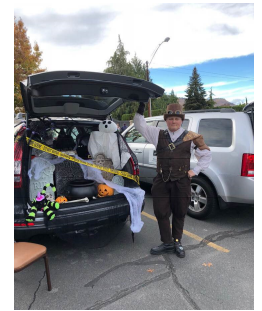
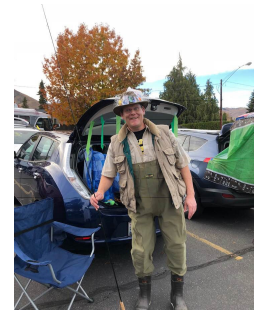
Shared Meal and Community Art Project,
Celebration Lutheran Church
Saturday, November 17, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Grace Christmas Concert,
Grace Lutheran Church
Sunday, December 2, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Las Posadas,
Wenatchee Community Center
Sunday, December 16, 6:00 - 8:00pm



We had a great turnout for Trunk or Treat - 27 trunks and more than 500 Trick-or-Treaters! If you weren't able to join us this year we hope you will plan on it next year - it's fun for everyone! Thank you to everyone who supported this event - whether you brought your trunk or donated candy - we couldn't have done it without you!



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FAITH FORMATION

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

COMPLINE

1st and 3rd Sundays, 9:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday- Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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