

GRACE



LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

February 2019

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of  
Grace Lutheran Church  
1408 Washington Street  
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*“All the people of Israel gathered together” (from Nehemiah 8:1)*

## The Assembly – a Different Kind of Gathering

Dear friends in Christ,

I've been in gatherings of many types where I'm not sure if I fit or belong. How about you? There can be a feeling of awkwardness, sometimes also a feeling of being judged by strangers, or perhaps “sized up”. Whether it's a club, class or conversation circle, the same dynamic can be present. Groups are not often up-front enough to clearly communicate who they are expecting to be part of their group. This is something we are taking steps to accomplish as the people of Grace. I assume that we all “feel the room” to some extent until our comfort level rises and we can feel assured of our place. When there's a vacuum in the messaging, the newcomer is left to feel the room even more. Then of course, unspoken norms and rules are expressed and it is up to the newcomer to “get it.” As we practice community as a congregation, we have a responsibility to get underneath our spoken and unspoken expectations, for the sake of Christ and his mission, and be intentional.

When people enter the sanctuary at Grace they feel the room. Because we are a congregation, we gather at various times in order to worship. Because we believe that God has welcomed us, part of our natural movement is to turn toward old and new friends, all people, and represent God by also welcoming. But let's not lose sight of the fact that our reception of one another is “penultimate”, not quite the ultimate purpose for gathering:

*“When the assembly comes to the living Word, Jesus Christ, and to the gifts of baptism and the Lord's Supper, it discovers that the assembly itself is not doing the most important work at all. God is the one who above all is present and active in worship, working wonders among us and in us.” (from The Sunday Assembly, Evangelical Lutheran Worship).*

My invitation to you:

- Consider using the word “assembly” to mean the congregation gathered in worship. It highlights the sense of assembling and dispersing as part of the weekly flow of the congregation.
- Reflect a bit before you assemble with the rest of us. What are you releasing to God? Where is healing necessary? What about your world and your culture do you want God to address and make new?

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## 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.

- Consider this is one of the only places in society where people of a variety of financial ability, a variety of age levels, skill levels, personal schedules and challenges all come together to be a body, an assembly, in worship. Children are known and loved by grown-ups who are non-family members (and not paid to notice them). The bereaved receive a gentle touch from beloved friends. The lonely speak to individuals who are taking time to hear their story, with interest and love.
- If you are part of us, but from a distance, it's okay. The invitations and opportunities for assembling with us in worship will still be there, but please know you are loved anyway. You are a sibling in Christ.

My days off in February: 4, 11, 18, 25

Together! Pastor James Aalgaard

### **Lenten Series** **“Civil Discourse: From Separation to Engagement”**

Beginning Wednesday, March 13, you're invited to participate in a series of small group conversations with folks from a few of our neighboring faith communities, and we hope also from the broader community. The series has been created using materials from public radio's Krista Tippett and her program On Being. We will be exploring issues together with a goal of building a more understanding community of diverse people. Sessions will include listening to and reflecting on segments of the excellent On Being program. Two options: Wednesdays during Lent, noon at St Luke's Episcopal Church (bring your own lunch), and 6:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran, after vespers and soup and bread.

### **Lenten Soup Suppers**



Join us for our weekly Lenten Soup Suppers, each Wednesday during Lent, beginning March 13. Volunteers are needed to provide soup, bread/rolls and clean up. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex in mid-February for your convenience. Meals will be served at 5:45 p.m.



### **Valentines**

Each year we send valentines to college students, military personnel and other far-flung friends of Grace. The valentines will be in the narthex on Sunday, February 10, for you to sign. Please take a minute to add a greeting or simply sign your name. We'll add some treats and send the love to our siblings in Christ who are away from home.

# FAITH FORMATION

## LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

February 3 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Wise Men  
Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Gr): A Risen Jesus,  
A Risen People  
High School: Hope Changes Everything  
Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman  
Adults: Studies in Luke

February 17 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6<sup>th</sup> Grade: The Disciples  
Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Gr): The Danger of  
Pharaoh's Egypt Way  
High School: Jesus Changes Everything  
Savanna Sullivan  
Adults: Studies in Luke

February 10 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jesus' Baptism  
Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Gr): A Risen Jesus,  
A Risen People  
High School: Hope Changes Everything  
Jamie & Rebekah Bruesehoff  
Adults: Studies in Luke

February 24 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6<sup>th</sup> Grade: The Lord's Prayer  
Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Gr): The Risen People  
Share God's Dream  
High School: Jesus Changes Everything  
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton  
Adults: Studies in Luke



### The Problem:

1. Severe malnutrition disproportionately affects children under five.
2. It can lead to physical, social, and even cognitive developmental issues.
3. Many of the deaths caused by hunger are preventable.
4. Many poor families depend entirely on what they can grow, so they're never more than one disaster away from hunger.

### Where we come in:

30 Hour Famine isn't just about going hungry. It's about staying hungry for justice – finding the will, passion and faith to continue Jesus' work despite the odds. This year we will be doing the Famine February 22-23. Please support this amazing event with your prayer and financial donations. I am also looking for members who will become a "fasting buddy". Each buddy is given one student to pray for and encourage. Buddies write their student a letter that gets opened Friday night, and then join the Famine group for the Break Your Fast celebration Saturday evening. If you are interested in becoming a "Fasting Buddy" please contact Beth at [youthandfamily@glcwen.org](mailto:youthandfamily@glcwen.org).

## FEBRUARY 22-23

**Please support our youth in their 13<sup>th</sup> year of participation in the 30 Hour Famine.**

Sunday 12/30 Attendance .....	130
Weekly Offering .....	\$4,946.25
Sunday 1/6 Attendance .....	62 & 123
Weekly Offering .....	\$9,784.00

Sunday 1/13 Attendance .....	55 & 128
Weekly Offering .....	\$7,823.87
Sunday 1/20 Attendance .....	64 & 106
Weekly Offering .....	\$6,010.00

## Save the date! Pastor Ernie Memorial Fun Run and Walk



The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Pastor Ernie Collard Memorial Run to End Hunger is coming on April 13 at 9:00 a.m.. The event includes a 5K run or walk and a 1 mile walk.  
For more information contact Gary Otheim, 886-8667 or [garyotheim@gmail.com](mailto:garyotheim@gmail.com).

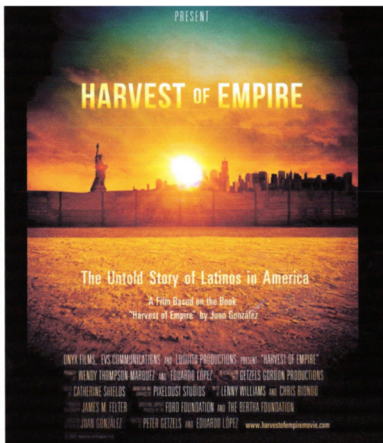


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### Calling for Palm Branches!

Ash Wednesday is March 6 this year, with services at noon and 6:30 p.m. If you have branches at your home from Palm Sunday 2018, we are now accepting them at Grace to help create the ashes for this year's services. A receptacle is in the narthex for your convenience. Our young kids' youth group helps make the ashes and learn about the day, so our due date to receive branches is Sunday February 10. Thank you!

### “Harvest of Empire: The Untold Story of Latinos in America” Community Viewing Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. Faith Lutheran, 224 Benton St., Leavenworth.



Eat dinner before coming and enjoy the desserts that will be provided. This critically acclaimed documentary examines the history of Latino migration into the United States. Over the last century, there have been significant waves of immigration in great part due to U.S. military, political, and corporate intervention. How have these events affected our immigration policies and attitudes? A must for individuals seeking a deeper understanding of this critical issue.

### The King's Garden

We have been busy learning about animals that love to live in the snow and ice as well as stories about Jesus! We learned that children are very important to God and Jesus always made time for them. We also learned about how he calmed the storm and he is always with us to calm our fears.

For letter O learning we talked about snow owls and even dissected owl pellets! It was fascinating!  
Tina Wagner, The King's Garden, a ministry of Lighthouse Christian Ministries



# Worship Assistants

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

<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>  <b>Sunday, 2/3</b>  <b>Worship 8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Worship 10:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>  <b>Sunday, 2/10</b>  <b>Worship 8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Worship 10:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>  <b>Sunday, 2/17</b>  <b>Worship 8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Worship 10:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>  <b>Sunday, 2/24</b>  <b>Worship 8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Worship 10:30 a.m.</b></p>
<p><u><b>Scripture Readings</b></u>            Jeremiah 1:4-10            Psalm 71:1-6            1 Corinthians 13:1-13            Luke 4:21-30</p>	<p><u><b>Scripture Readings</b></u>            Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]            Psalm 138            1 Corinthians 15:1-11            Luke 5:1-11</p>	<p><u><b>Scripture Readings</b></u>            Jeremiah 17:5-10            Psalm 1            1 Corinthians 15:12-20            Luke 6:17-26</p>	<p><u><b>Scripture Readings</b></u>            Genesis 45:3-11, 15            Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40            1 Corinthians 15:35-38,            42-50            Luke 6:27-38</p>
<p><b>Acolytes</b>            Gavin Johnson</p>	<p><b>Acolytes</b></p>	<p><b>Acolytes</b></p>	<p><b>Acolytes</b></p>
<p><b>Altar Guild</b>            Hollie Olson</p>	<p><b>Altar Guild</b>            JuLee Fiebelkorn</p>	<p><b>Altar Guild</b>            Denise Miller</p>	<p><b>Altar Guild</b>            Peggy Fenhaus</p>
<p><b>Communion Assistants</b>            Abby Reed, Denise Miller,            Rose Applegate,            Faye DeJong</p>	<p><b>Communion Assistants</b>            Chad and Della DuLac</p>	<p><b>Communion Assistants</b>            Sophie Fiebelkorn,            Nancy Boersma</p>	<p><b>Communion Assistants</b>            Kathy Gavin,            Kate Gregg</p>
<p><b>Lector</b>            Milly Damish</p>	<p><b>Lector</b>            Diane Senn</p>	<p><b>Lector</b></p>	<p><b>Lector</b></p>
<p><b>Sound Technician</b>            Chad DuLac</p>	<p><b>Sound Technician</b>            Monte Olson</p>	<p><b>Sound Technician</b>            Dane Schmidt</p>	<p><b>Sound Technician</b>            Mackenzie Mueller</p>
<p><b>Ushers</b>            Beth &amp; Rich Smallbeck</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b>            Wolf Mueller</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b></p>	<p><b>Ushers</b>            Tom Gausman</p>
<p><b>Flowers</b>  <i>The family of Bea Tait            and Della Brett</i></p>	<p><b>Flowers</b></p>	<p><b>Flowers</b></p>	<p><b>Flowers</b></p>

## 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

My family and I would like to thank the People of Grace for their prayers and support during Lo's illness and passing. I ask for your continued prayers and support. May God bless the family of Grace.

Thank you, Don Ball

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help with fellowship time. The congregation appreciates all we do. As the leader of the band, I so much enjoy working with all of you and feel extremely blessed. We do still need a few more to help with the first service. If anyone is interested, please contact me. Sincerely, Shirley Leslie (888-3505)

## Congratulations to Donna Putney!



Former Intern Donna (Giese) Putney was installed as Pastor of Hope Lutheran in Powell, WY on Sunday, January 13. Grace Lutheran was represented at the installation by Beth Smallbeck, Jameson Varpness, Roxanne Reindl and Jen Pearson-Gale.



Donna and Mike's new address:

**Donna Putney and Mike Giese**  
**505 Ave A**  
**Powell WY 82435**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Tony Fisher	2/1	Suzanne Sorom	2/13	Dawn Aalgaard	2/21
Dorothy Thompson	2/1	Gabe Stefanides	2/13	Pat Brown	2/21
David Bentsen	2/2	Emily Tilger	2/14	Kathy Jo Evans	2/21
Barry Heminger	2/3	Ted Crum	2/16	Shannon Salter	2/23
Lynn Heminger	2/3	Deborah Dormaier	2/16	Rose Applegate	2/24
Monte Vogt	2/3	Alex Henning	2/16	Alan Olson	2/24
Judy Johnson	2/6	Dorothy Dennis	2/17	Delores Richmond	2/24
Hal Lyons	2/6	Sarah Kintner	2/18	Alora Martinez	2/25
Sara O'Daffer	2/6	Trish Simmons	2/18	Nancy Spurgeon	2/25
Collin Paiva	2/7	Cole Godfrey	2/19	Sarah Eisert	2/26
Dee Griffith	2/8	Marit McQuaig	2/19	John Applegate	2/27
Matt Tilger	2/8	Denise Miller	2/19	Tom Gausman	2/27
Peggy Fenhaus	2/10	Patty Christensen	2/20	Debbie Lapo	2/27
Kate Gregg	2/11	Joe Trowbridge	2/20	Jen Pearson-Gale	2/27
Isaiah Banken	2/13				

# 3rd - 5th Grade Youth Group Celebrating National Spaghetti Day!



## Council Corner

January 22, 2019

1. Grace will hold the semi-annual meeting this coming Sunday, January 27 after 10:30 worship.
2. As Council strives for transparency, we will initiate the posting of the monthly treasurer's report on the information bulletin board. One can also always ask Colleen Smith or Gwen Sparks for this information.
3. Council would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of our outgoing leadership. We so appreciate your dedicated time, love and spiritual giving.
4. Council will be starting a new book this month by Dave Daubert, "Living Lutheran-Renewing Your Congregation."
5. December giving was a blessing for our faith community. Grace to all that live through Christ at Grace. We are a blessed family.

**2018 GLC FINANCIAL UPDATE:** (through 12/31/2018)  
 \$503,748 Total Income from offerings, gifts, and misc.  
 \$494,452 Total Operating Expenses  
 \$ 9,296 Surplus  
 WOW! Record high income for December at \$60,150.  
 Record high total annual income. Record support from GLC Congregation.

### 2019 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

**Arts:** Phil Gregg  
**Building & Grounds:**  
**Endowment:** Inku Hwang  
**Evangelism:**  
**Faith Enrichment:** Jody Marquardt  
**Fellowship:** Shirley Leslie  
**Intern:** Trish Simmons  
 Andy Sheets  
**Pastoral Support:** Micah Florea  
**Staff Support:** Ernie Bentsen  
**Social Concerns:** Annette Mueller  
**Stewardship:**  
**Worship:** Denise Miller  
**Youth:** Jen Pearson-Gale

### 2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

**President:** Chad DuLac  
**Vice President:** Monte Olson  
**Treasurer:** Gwen Sparks  
**Secretary:** Colleen Smith  
**Members-at-Large:** Jody Marquardt  
 Shirley Leslie  
 Rebecca Lake  
 Andy Sheets

**Duke Ellington Sacred Concert**  
**Friday, February 1**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Duke Ellington, American composer, pianist, and big band leader, stated that his Sacred Concerts were the most important things he had ever done. The premier concert was held at the newly constructed Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in 1965, featuring Ellington leading his big band from the piano, vocal soloists, and percussive tap dancing. You have the opportunity to enjoy this concert on Friday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m. here at Grace Lutheran. This concert features vocal soloist, Rhia Foster, the Wenatchee Big Band, and the music ministry of Grace Lutheran Church. It is presented in recognition of Black History Month and is free and open to the public.

**Duke Ellington Sacred Concert**

Featuring:  
Rhia Foster, vocal soloist  
Grace Orallo, tap dancer  
Wenatchee Big Band  
Music Ministry of Grace Lutheran

**Friday, Feb 1, 2019 7pm**  
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**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, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Sue Coe's home (665-0872).

**Anna Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.



**Prayer Partners**

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



This month's Prayer Shawl meeting will be hosted by Ruth Westby at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 28. Please contact Ruth (886-0375) for more information.

**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](mailto:office@glcwen.org) or 663-2189) if you have any questions.



# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Morning Schedule</b> <b>Worship: 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Faith Formation: 9:30 a.m.</b>					<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. GLC Quilters 7:00 p.m. Ellington Sacred Concert	<b>2</b> Men's Retreat 2/1-2/3
<b>3</b> **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	<b>4</b> 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	<b>5</b> 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 6:30 p.m. Social Concerns Team	<b>6</b> 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	<b>7</b> 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth	<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. GLC Quilters 6:30 p.m. Bingo  --- Women's Retreat --- 2/8 - /2/10	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> **See above for Sunday Morning Schedule 11:30 a.m. Summer of Service Meeting 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth	<b>11</b> 6:30 p.m. Recital 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	<b>12</b> 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	<b>13</b> 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	<b>14</b> 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer	<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. GLC Quilters  Silverdale Lutheran Youth Winter Retreat <i>Staying at GLC</i> 2/15- 2/17	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> **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	<b>18</b> Newsletter Deadline 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Strings Adj. 7:00 p.m. Appleaires 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends	<b>19</b> 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	<b>20</b> 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	<b>21</b> 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth	<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. GLC Quilters  --- 30 hour Famine --- 2/22 - 2/23	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> **See above for Sunday Morning Schedule 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth	<b>25</b> 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Piano Adj. 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	<b>26</b> 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Piano Adj. 6:00 p.m. Council	<b>27</b> 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Piano Adj. 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	<b>28</b> 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Piano Adj. 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. Girls Small Group		

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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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