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LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

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*So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
(John 13:14)*

Dear People of Grace;

We have a tradition on Maundy Thursday where we come together to share food, celebrate Holy Communion, and observe the stripping of the altar. Maundy Thursday this year, the first of the Great Three Days of Holy Week, is April 2nd. We will include an opportunity to wash one another's feet.

There is a cultural hurdle to get over with this practice. We do not live in a place and time where we wash one another's feet as a sign of hospitality and welcome. In the time of Jesus, this was indeed common. The washing of feet was usually done by the servant class. Dusty, dirty feet were cleansed to help the guest feel comfortable and refreshed. When Jesus said his disciples should do this, I think these points can be made: 1) we can live our lives free from the class system of servant and master by serving all; 2) we can extend hospitality to guests who have been wearied along life's many paths; 3) by washing one another's feet, we can practice mutual vulnerability and acceptance.

It can also be a moment of spiritual renewal. When washing your feet, I plan to ask, "What do you need washed away?" You need not answer aloud, but if you do, I will lend a listening ear. Your feet will get a gentle washing, and my prayer is that the Spirit will carry those things away as water runs down into the basin.

"You also ought to wash one another's feet." This practice is almost sacramental. It comes to us as a command from Christ; there are the earthly elements of water and the person; it lacks one thing – an eternal promise. Foot washing is a good way to be in community with one another, to practice relying on the help of one another, to be of service to one another. We mean a lot to one another. Christ is the bond between us.

Please consider coming forward for this optional faith practice. Consider what you want washed away. Consider also how you might serve your neighbor in worship.

Blessed Lent to you,
Pastor James Aalgaard

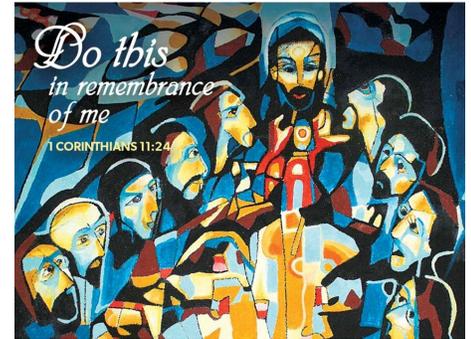
THE MISSION OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2
Supper: 6:00 p.m.
Worship: 7:00 p.m.

We gather in the fellowship hall for supper at 6:00 pm, with a Holy Communion service at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary including foot washing. The stripping of the altar after celebrating the Lord’s Supper will be a poignant reminder of the final hours of Jesus’ life. **The supper will be a coordinated meal.** Recipes will be provided ahead of time, and we hope you can bring your version of the dish to contribute to the meal. Recipes will be available in the fellowship hall, as well as a sign up for set up and clean up.



Good Friday
Friday, April 3
7:00 p.m.



We gather in the sanctuary for the beginning of the Good Friday worship, concluding with an opportunity to experience the stations of the cross with sketches by Frederick Franck. This centuries-old devotional practice draws on visual and scriptural images about the day of Jesus’ crucifixion that emerged over generations. The stations will be placed in the rear of the sanctuary and the narthex.

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 4
8:00 p.m.

We gather in our Memorial Garden at 8:00 pm, where we light the first “Easter Fire,” then move indoors to hear the story of God’s saving acts throughout history, rejoice in the gift of Holy Baptism by reaffirming our baptismal covenant, sing the first “Alleluias” of Easter, and celebrate Holy Communion.



Easter Sunday Sunday, April 5

Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.



We gather for a potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am. Watch for signups in the fellowship hall (for example: "baked goods," "fruits," or "breakfast casserole."). A drum circle in the narthex (with room for drop-in drummers) will provide a joyful accompaniment to our gathering from 8:45-9:15. Our festive Easter worship with Holy Communion begins at 10:30 am.

Come observe the Great Three Days to make your Easter celebration all the more glorious!

Easter Flowers

The worship team invites you to participate in Easter worship by bringing flowers to the church that can be added to the chancel and other areas of our worship space. We are asking for a variety of flowers, including single stem and potted flowers. We ask for a variety, as some people have strong allergic reactions to Easter lilies. Please bring the flowers to the church starting Maundy Thursday, April 2.



Lenten Soup Suppers Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.



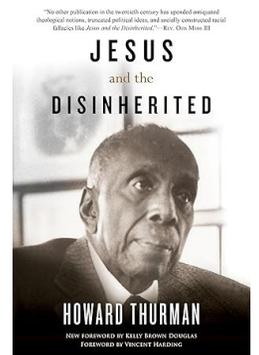
Join us for our weekly Lenten Soup Suppers, each Wednesday during Lent. Volunteers are needed to provide soup and bread or rolls. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Meals will be served at 5:15 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Series

Each Wednesday during Lent we will have an evening prayer service on the theme "Open My Life, Lord." Seems appropriate for the completion of our renovation! Scripture, song, and prayer will support the worship. Please arrive ahead of time for soup and bread at 5:15 p.m. (fellowship hall), then worship at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Book Study

Lenten Book Study: Please join us in the library (just inside the main doors to the left) for a study of Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited*. Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., following our evening prayer service. A second offering of the same study is on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. (also in the library). All are welcome for this time of reflection and conversation.





**Friday, March 20
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Fellowship Hall

Do you like to play board games, card games, dominoes, Bunco?

We invite you to join us for **Family Game Night** on **Friday, March 20, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack and your favorite game to share. **EVERYONE** is invited to an evening of fun and fellowship!

All are welcome!

Future Game Nights:

Friday, April 10

Friday, May 8



Craft Night
Friday, March 27
7:00 p.m.

Craft Night is back on! Let's get together the last Friday of the month at 7:00 pm to work on our projects together! Bring snacks to share if you want to, and we'll have a good time together.

Grace Lutheran Quilters

Grace Lutheran Quilters meet on Fridays from 9-11:30. All are welcome to join in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Dee Ann Gregg: 503-801-4048.





Friday Night Out Concerts Resume

We are pleased to announce our first concert of 2026: The Caulkins Guitar Duo. Come hear Tamara and husband Neil present an entire program of music written for them, including the recently premiered *When Flowers Sleep*, a hauntingly beautiful free-flowing and magical botanical muse. Also included on the program: Michael Young's *Prelude Music*, a majestic and playful four movement work, *Pentamerisms*, a suite by R. Michael Daugherty that explores the number five, Bruce Reiprich's impressionistic *When Flowers Sleep* and *Dry Falls*, co-commissioned with Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee, evoking the Missoula Floods, with still water motifs and crashing waves.



The concert on **March 13, 7:00pm** is free and open to the public. A suggested donation of \$20/household – which goes directly to the artists – is greatly appreciated. Enjoy refreshments and a time to meet the artists following the concert.

State Contest-bound Students Present a Concert

Students of Eastmont and Wenatchee High Schools will present a concert of fine music at Grace on Sunday, March 29 at 3:00pm. Those preparing for state solo-and-ensemble contest are invited to perform in preparation for this acclaimed event.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations to Building Better Tomorrows Foundation will benefit underserved/underprivileged music and arts students in the area.

Easter Day Drummers



You are invited to an Easter celebration like no other in town -- if you can keep a beat. Come join a special Drum Circle presentation from 8:45-9:15 in the narthex on Easter morning. We'll accompany a portion of the breakfast, adding a festive energy to the morning.

We rehearse Tuesday, March 10 at 4pm and Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 in the Rehearsal Room for 45 minutes to make preparations. Drop-in drummers are also welcome Easter morning. Marlina La Paz serves as our leader. Please contact Deacon Ruth by March 8 if you are interested in participating.

Let's make happy memories!

Dementia Day
Program
and
Family Caregiver Support



Doris's Place is a space of friendship and belonging for people living with brain change and memory loss. It's a social respite program that provides caregivers time for self-care.



This specialized senior activity center promotes a fuller, more joyful life through enjoying a meal, conversation, music, art, cognitive stimulation and exercise.



Fridays 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
at the Family Life Center in the
Wenatchee Seventh Day Adventist Church
Membership Fees \$400/month
Financial assistance available

Call Program Director Tamara Steffen for more
information to volunteer or



to reserve a spot for your loved one

(509) 670-6740



an affiliate of the Old Friends Club network

Learn About Contemplative Prayer

Join us at Grace Lutheran Church Saturday March 21 for a workshop on contemplative prayer. Pastor James and Ina O'Connor are organizing the event, and we are excited to invite all participants into experiences of contemplative prayer. Saturday March 21, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30. Look for a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or in the narthex.



SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Noisy Offering



It's that time of year again. Look underneath the couch, inside your drawers, pockets, in between the seat cushions, and inside your car. We are collecting coins for World Hunger. We will start handing out the piggy banks on Wednesday, February 18th. Then through Lent you can collect the coins and put them in your piggy bank. On Palm Sunday, March 29th, you can bring your piggy banks and put the coins in the big



container and help bring them to the altar to be blessed. The monies we collect will help those affected by hunger in the world. This is not an event just for children. All ages are encouraged to participate!

Benevolences

| <u>Benevolence</u> | <u>Quarterly Amt</u> | <u>Annual Amt</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| LCC International University | 1,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Pantry | 450.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Tanzania | 450.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Panther House | 450.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Families in Need | 450.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Lutheran World Relief | 450.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Misc/Christmas | 450.00 | 1,800.00 |
| YWCA Voucher | 450.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Doris's Place Respite | 450.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Quilters | | 500.00 |
| Total | 4,600.00 | 18,900.00 |



The Social Concerns Team would like to thank the congregation for their ongoing support as we support those in need.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Jody Marquardt | 3/2 | Micah Florea | 3/12 | Nicholas Boersma | 3/22 |
| Michelle Harrison | 3/3 | Jan Herman | 3/12 | Cliff Dymond | 3/22 |
| Taylor Melton | 3/3 | Karen Zanol | 3/13 | Langley Vertrees | 3/22 |
| Conrad Lake | 3/4 | Sam Stevens | 3/14 | Vera Curtis | 3/24 |
| Jan Romey | 3/5 | Wayne Herman | 3/16 | William Neer | 3/26 |
| Silas Morgan | 3/7 | Wanda Rivedal | 3/16 | Joel Banken | 3/27 |
| Kelli Ottley | 3/7 | Michele Sandberg | 3/19 | Jolane Guthrie | 3/27 |
| Anna Guthrie | 3/9 | Colleen Smith | 3/19 | Dave Coe | 3/31 |
| Jim Wurl | 3/11 | Erin Reed | 3/20 | Ruth Westby | 3/31 |



Generations in Grace

All generations of Grace are invited to a time of food, learning through song, scripture and activity on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Come build relationships across the generations together! Our Generations in Grace gatherings are scheduled for the following Sundays at 9:30 a.m.: March 1 and 15. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars!

March Worship Assistants

| | Greeters | Assisting Minister | Lector | Altar Guild | Tech | Communion Assistant |
|------|----------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 3/1 | | | Lisa Zanol | Rose Applegate | Marlena La Paz | Karen Zanol |
| 3/8 | | | Dee Ann Gregg | Denise Miller | Adam Dunbar | |
| 3/15 | | | Joyce Owens | Denise Miller | Asher Campbell | |
| 3/22 | | | | | Phil Gregg | |
| 3-29 | | | Dee Ann Gregg | | Erik Olson | |

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.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 8 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 15 4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Sunday, March 22 5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Sunday, March 29 Sunday of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66

ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 17, 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, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

PRAYERS OF GRACE

- ◆ *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.
- ◆ *Valerie (Chapman) Burgett (Kristen Thorstenson's cousin) and family* - for peace after the loss of their husband/father Richard Burgett who passed following a long courageous battle with colon cancer.
- ◆ *The family of Fern Keith* – for peace and comfort after Fern's death on February 13.
- ◆ *Jenny Cooper and family (friends of Jen and Bill Gale)* – Jenny has been admitted to a clinical trial for pancreatic cancer. Thank you for your continued prayers for Jenny, her family and her medical team as they hope for positive results.
- ◆ *Beth Smallbeck* – Beth had surgery to remove a benign tumor on her cochlear nerve on February 17. Prayers for her continued recovery.
- ◆ *Dan Martinson (Ann Martinson-Bartlett's brother)* - please continue to keep Dan in your prayers for healing.
- ◆ *David Thomas (Marshall Thomas' brother)* - prayers for healing as he faces serious health issues.
- ◆ *Elizabeth Revelise (Chris Prince's wife)* - for healing, strength and the rebuilding of immunity as she continues chemotherapy.
- ◆ *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.

Children Leading Worship at Grace

We are thankful for the ways our young people lead us in worship. At this writing, there are 3 opportunities to gather as a group and make musical offerings this Spring term: March 8, April 26 and May 10. Watch for details in bulletin inserts, emails, and upcoming newsletters, or see Deacon Ruth for more information.

Graceful Garden News

Eighty plus Washington School 2nd graders are scheduled to plant radish seeds on March 26th. Teachers will begin walking their classes across at 9:00 AM to learn about gardening and plant their seeds, which they will return in May to harvest. This will be the third year the team has hosted this fun and educational event. Tami Woolsey will present the tutorial again this year.

Several raised beds will be available for rent again this year. Paperwork will be available from mid-March on. In prior years most of the renters have been members of Grace. In addition, the team would like to have more community participation this year. If you know someone who would be interested, please encourage them to contact the church for information. The rental fee for the season is \$15 per plot. Irrigation water will not be available until early April so renters need to be aware that beds won't be ready for planting until then.



The first garden work party is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th. The team always welcomes extra help. We hope to start at 9:00 AM unless it is extremely cold, then we will start at 10:00. We will be preparing the beds and irrigation.

Current team members are: Sharon Bolz, Dianne Gillin, Sherry Krebs, Dean O'Daffer and Linda Sinnett. There is an open invitation for new members. We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month (March through September) for an hour meeting and usually have one work party per month during the growing season. If you are interested please contact Linda Sinnett.

Thanks for the many hands that made construction progress in February!



Juan and Edgar work on restroom stalls.



This is truly a multi-purpose room!



The music office and Narnia carpets are removed.



Intern Laura's desk is dismantled.



Deacon Ruth's office gets a fresh coat of paint.



The administrative hallway and office floors are prepared for carpet/tile installation.

TREASURER TALK :**1/31/2026 Results**

Offerings for the 1st month were \$31,302 and Interest Earned was \$0 for a total of \$31,302.

Budgeted Offerings for the 1st month were \$31,440 and Budgeted Interest was \$1,300 for a total of \$32,740.

Offerings for the 1st month were (\$138) of Budget and Interest was (\$1,300) of Budget.

Operating Expenses for the 1st month were (\$34,202) compared to a budget of (\$46,416).

Net Income for the Current Year is (\$2,901) versus Budgeted Net Income of (\$13,676).

| | Prior Jan | Current Year | Budgeted | Variance |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Offerings & Misc. | \$ 35,591 | \$ 31,302 | \$ 31,440 | \$ (138) |
| Interest | \$ 9,017 | \$ - | \$ 1,300 | \$ (1,300) |
| Total Income | \$ 44,608 | \$ 31,302 | \$ 32,740 | \$ (1,438) |
| Operating Expenses | \$ (49,187) | \$ (34,202) | \$ (46,416) | \$ 12,213 |
| Net Income (Deficit) | \$ (4,579) | \$ (2,901) | \$ (13,676) | \$ 10,776 |

| AS OF | Prior Year | Prior Month | Current Month | Difference |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Cash Surplus Position | \$ 121,223 | \$ 128,670 | \$ 125,770 | \$ (2,901) |
| Treasurer Reserve | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ - |
| Total | \$ 161,223 | \$ 168,670 | \$ 165,770 | \$ (2,901) |

[Dennis Burgett](#)

2026 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS**2026 CHURCH COUNCIL**

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

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

MARCH 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:30 a.m. Generations in Grace 9:30 a.m. Book Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Gathering | 2 6:00 p.m. Recital 7:00 p.m. Appleaieres | 3 7:00 p.m. Arts Team 7:00 p.m. Wenatchee Circle of Men | 4 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:15 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bells of Grace 6:30 p.m. Book Study 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace | 5 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:30 p.m. Intern Team | 6 9:00 a.m. Quilters 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Young Musicians Competition | 7 |
| 8 9:30 a.m. Confirmation 9:30 a.m. Book Study 10:30 a.m. Worship | 9 7:00 p.m. Appleaieres | 10 3:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Team 4:00 p.m. Drum Circle 5:00 p.m. Ukuleles 7:00 p.m. Wenatchee Circle of Men | 11 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:15 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bells of Grace 6:30 p.m. Book Study 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace | 12 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. BeFrienders 5:30 p.m. BBT Board | 13 9:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Caulkins Concert Friday Night Out | 14 11:00 a.m. Erling Rivedal Memorial Service |
| 15 9:30 a.m. Generations in Grace 9:30 a.m. Book Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Gathering | 16 7:00 p.m. Appleaieres | 17 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 6:00 p.m. Social Concerns Team 6:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle 7:00 p.m. Wenatchee Circle of Men | 18 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:15 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bells of Grace 6:30 p.m. Book Study 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace | 19 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer | 20 9:00 a.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Game Night | 21 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Workshop |
| 22 9:30 a.m. Confirmation 9:30 a.m. Book Study 10:30 a.m. Worship | 23 7:00 p.m. Appleaieres | 24 5:00 p.m. Ukuleles 6:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Wenatchee Circle of Men | 25 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:15 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bells of Grace 6:30 p.m. Book Study 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace | 26 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:00 p.m. Graceful Garden 6:30 p.m. Drum Circle | 27 9:00 a.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Craft Night | 28 9:00 a.m. Garden Work Party |
| 29 Palm Sunday Noisy Offering 10:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. High School State Finalists Concert | 30 7:00 p.m. Appleaieres | 31 7:00 p.m. Wenatchee Circle of Men | | | | |

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

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