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LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

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Grace Lutheran Church
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“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

(Romans 6:3-5)

Baptism – a Different Kind of Bath

Dear friends in Christ,

Occasionally, individuals come forward in the life of the congregation to be baptized. Water and Word are brought together, and the assembly celebrates the addition of a new member of the Body of Christ. This coming Easter Vigil (the night before Easter Sunday), a young girl named Morgan will receive this gift. Her family will be here to help mark this special, holy moment.

Baptism is one of our two sacraments in the church. A sacrament can be defined as a “visible word”. God’s promise is placed on the life of a person, often before that person can even respond to God’s gracious invitation, and the promise gives a new identity to the person. In his book “The Gospel of Baptism”, Richard Jungkuntz highlights that baptism is “a crossing-over from death to life”. The Old Eve or Old Adam in us is drowned in that bath, and the New Self arises as a kind of mini-resurrection. The cross of Christ and the resurrection of Christ then become a pattern for our life as Christian disciples.

Think of the power of these two images: According to the world we see around us, water gives life and the tomb is a symbol of the finality of death. In Christ, however, it’s *inverted*: baptismal water is about our dying, and the tomb is about the end of death and the beginning of eternal life.

In the earliest days of the Christian Church, baptism was the end of a long process of individual preparation, sometimes lasting three years. It was about being converted to a new and very different cultural norm that was a contrast to the dominant culture. Then, for many hundreds of years, baptism was done as a matter of citizenship into a dominant Christian culture. Today, evidence is pointing toward another version of the first ideas, in which commitments and decisions about being a Christian disciple are seen in contrast to the dominant culture.

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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.

My invitation to you:

- Use the baptismal water you find at church. Dip your finger and put the sign of the cross on yourself or a neighbor.
- Pray for Morgan, who will be baptized April 20th.
- If you have not been baptized, let's talk! Perhaps God has been stirring in your heart and leading you toward this.

My days off in April: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 15, 22, 29

Together! Pastor James Aalgaard



Holy Week

Community Holy Week Services

April 15 - 19 at 12:00 p.m.

Noon community services will be held at First United Methodist Church, 941 Washington Street. Grace Lutheran will not be involved in leadership this year, but we encourage you to join in Christian fellowship with your neighbors! The services will be Monday through Friday.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m.

We gather to remember the Last Supper of our Lord, and so we will share a potluck meal and celebrate Holy Communion. ***Please bring a main dish or salad to share (no desserts).*** We conclude in the sanctuary, witnessing the stripping of the chancel. In lieu of foot washing, we will be receiving a collection of hygiene kit items to share with the homeless in our community during our Summer of Service. A list of items is available on the next page. Bring a cup or glass from home to use for receiving Holy Communion!

Good Friday

Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.

We gather to hear scripture and ponder the crucifixion of Christ. Hymns appropriate for Good Friday will be sung throughout the service, and the congregation will witness the procession of the cross. We will each be invited to place a large nail on the floor before the cross as a sign of our own brokenness. Prayers and the Solemn Reproaches will be spoken and sung as we remember the suffering of God in Christ Jesus for the sake of the healing of the world.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 20 at 5:00 p.m.

We start our worship around a fire in our Memorial Garden, remembering the time after Christ's crucifixion. We process with candles into the sanctuary and welcome the joy of Easter through scripture, song and baptism. Our engagement with some of the scripture will be interactive, and toward the end of the service we will witness the redressing of the altar for Easter. Our worship service ends with sweet breads and a time of fellowship.

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 21 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

We gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Our worship will be supported with scripture, song and instrumental music, preaching and holy communion.

The word "alleluia" is written in a colorful, stylized font with each letter in a different color (purple, blue, green, yellow, orange, red, purple, blue, green). Below it, the text "THE LORD IS RISEN, INDEED!" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. A small "MS 11" logo is visible at the bottom right of the text.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS COLLECTING HYGIENE KIT SUPPLIES

Each year, Confirmation students choose a project to work on as a group. This year they have decided to help support the Summer of Service Project “Walking Together.” One part of the Summer of Service project will focus on outreach to members of the local homeless community. This will include distributing hygiene kits filled with personal items. This is where you can help - we need donations of items to fill the kits! We need the following items:

- Toothbrush
- Travel size toothpaste
- Travel size shampoo
- Deodorant
- Bar of soap
- White ankle socks
- Travel size sunblock
- Chapstick
- Small packages of feminine hygiene products
- Small packages of Band-Aids
- Gallon size Ziploc bags

Items will be collected during the Maundy Thursday meal on April 18, but a basket is also available in the narthex. If you would like to make a financial contribution to help purchase items, please note “hygiene kit” on the donation. Thank you for your support!



Concert and Auction



Coming Sunday, April 28- join the youth for an evening of musical entertainment, delicious desserts, and bidding fun! People of all ages are encouraged to participate in the concert! If you would like to sign up, or have questions, please contact Sylvia Hwang at slvhwang6121@gmail.com or 423-9972.

This event is a fundraiser for Summer of Service 2019 – Wenatchee. We are hosting four other congregations and will be feeding approximately 70 people daily.



Pastor Ernie Memorial Fun Run and Walk

The 6th 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



Sunday 2/24 Attendance	43 & 95	Sunday 3/10 Attendance	35 & 107
Weekly Offering	\$2,697.50	Weekly Offering	\$11,986.00
Sunday 3/3 Attendance	53 & 101	Sunday 3/17 Attendance	54 & 106
Weekly Offering	\$19,543.05	Weekly Offering	\$9,948.60

FAITH FORMATION

LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

April 7 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: Jesus Heals 2 Blind Men
Confirmation - Adults: RIC Presentation

April 14 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: The Sower
Confirmation - Adults: Intro to Spring Project

April 21 - **No Classes ~Easter**

April 28 - May 19 - 9:30 a.m.

All ages: Cross-generational project (see below)

May 26 - 9:30 a.m.

Project Show Off Day

Spring Faith Formation - All Ages!

Please join our cross-generational spring faith formation time. On April 14th, we will be introducing the project and then April 28th classes will begin. Drum roll please....our project involves stained glass! We will be sharing the stories of our beautiful windows and the people who created them. We will be creating a necklace with shades of flame colors to hand out to all who attend worship on Pentecost. By doing this we are taking our light out into the world, teaching a new generation a craft, learning how to find beauty in brokenness, and building relationships with one another.



*From the desk of
Intern Wayne*

And Then There Is...Spring

*“Hope springs eternal in the human breast;
Man never Is, but always To be blest.
The soul, uneasy, and confin'd from home,
Rests and expatiates in a life to come.”*

So says Alexander Pope in his “An Essay on Man”. Pope, one of the great poets of the English language from the eighteenth century, observes that we are always on our way to be blessed, almost but never quite arriving at our destination in this life, at least. This seems like a good quote to carry us through Lent and into Holy Week and Easter.

I had to look up the word, ‘expatiates’, as it doesn’t come up too often in everyday talk and for good reason, as it means “speak or write at length or in detail”. As a person who has been accused of expatiating and causing the pain and suffering of others, I can hear what Pope is suggesting: our souls are waiting, not patiently, for what is to come in God’s kingdom.

Lent is that time of waiting expectantly, a time of hearing all about our sins, our falling short of God’s intentions for us, of hearing Jesus in our Gospel readings call us out for our indecision, our hesitation, our lack of trusting in Him. It could really bring us down.

For Christians, we look forward, always, to the Easter experience. Since Easter moves dates, sometimes it’s when the ground is covered with snow and not fresh flowers, but we always hunger for the warmth and freshness of Easter, the renewal of our baptismal moment, the promise of New Life in Christ Jesus. This makes sense for us in the Northern Hemisphere, but I believe that Christians in the Global South still make it work! As their days grow shorter, ours grow longer, but the Easter message just grows, in us and with us.

Lent moves us from the darkness into the bright sunshine of our future lives, culminating in the brightest of days, Easter. All our work of reflection, penitence, and fasting becomes the foundation for living into our new selves. Like the choirs of angels, we sing:

“Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!” May your fervent Lent unfold into the joys of Easter living.

Intern Wayne

Plan to join us for our RIC Faith Formation Class:

April 7: Who is our all?

This class will offer time for discussion about the church’s welcome. The RIC process encourages an expansive vision of community. When we say we welcome all, what does that really mean? Who is our all? Explore a deeper, broader sense of inclusion and affirmation.



Together @ Grace Bible Study

Starting April 24, join us Wednesdays after our T@G meal for a six-week series we are calling “Studies in Acts”. This biblical document is an accounting of the days of the early Christian Church. The Day of Pentecost, the formation of Christian communities, and the Church’s engagement with the dominant culture will be part of our conversation during the series. The sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be taught by Pastor James and Intern Wayne. Join us!

Nason Creek Rest Area

May 10-12



The youth and adults that make up the 2019 Summer of Service Team will be serving coffee and cookies May 10-12. We did this last summer and enjoyed serving weary travelers much needed coffee or tea and listening to their adventures, while they in turn listened to ours.

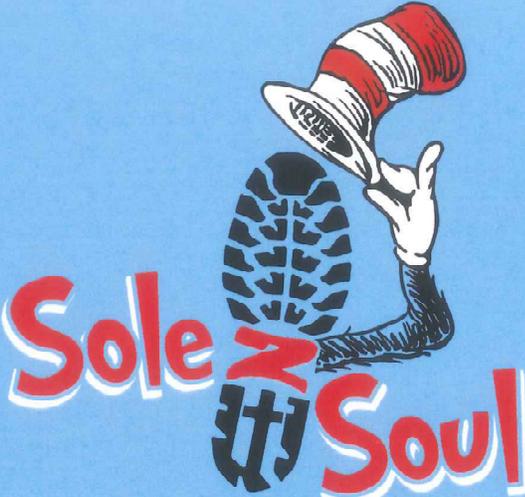
We are hoping that you will support us in this fundraising effort. We are in need of donations of cookies, pastries, coffee, creamer, or anything else that might be needed in a rest area. Items may be store bought or homemade. If you are able to make cookies and freeze them until you bring them to church on May 9th that would be appreciated. Our freezer space at Grace is limited.

We also hope that you will stop by and visit us, as well as spread the word with friends and family to do the same. You will find hot fresh coffee and great conversation awaits you.

Worship Assistants

All worship assistants listed below are for the 10:30 service, except as noted.

5th Sunday in Lent Sunday, 4/7 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	Palm/Passion Sunday Sunday, 4/14 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Sunday, 4/21 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday, 4/28 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.
<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14--23:56	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31
Acolytes	Acolytes Annika & Maren Peterson	Acolytes Jeffrey & Andrew Redmon (8:30)	Acolytes
Altar Guild Tami Woolsey	Altar Guild Peggy Fenhaus	Altar Guild Denise Miller (8:30)	Altar Guild Hollie Olson
Communion Assistants	Communion Assistants	Communion Assistants	Communion Assistants
Lector Jim Caulkins	Lector Dave Peterson	Lector Gary Otheim (8:30) Ernie Bentsen (10:30)	Lector
Sound Technician Ken Matchley	Sound Technician Chad Dulac	Sound Technician Kent Heminger (8:30) Rob Salter (10:30)	Sound Technician Dane Schmidt
Ushers Brent & Vickie Cunderla	Ushers Bob & Gwen Sparks	Ushers Tom, Angie, & Cooper Redmon & Joyce Owens(8:30)	Ushers Wolf Mueller
Flowers <i>No Flowers during Lent.</i>	Flowers <i>No Flowers during Lent.</i>	Flowers	Flowers



Sole 2 Soul
Storybook 5K

June 8, 2019

**Proceeds to benefit:
The King's Garden
Christian Preschool**

To register visit:
<http://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=168951>

Please join us for the **7th Annual Sole 2 Soul at Pybus Market**. All proceeds will benefit the King's garden Christian preschool, a ministry of Lighthouse Christian Ministries.

Please come dressed as your favorite Storybook character!

Description:

5k run will start and finish at Pybus Market's north parking lot. There will be an out and back course on the loop trail. There will be a fully staffed hydration station at the turn around point at Walla Walla Point Park. There will be a kids race (less than 1k) for young children to participate in prior to the 5k. The 5k race will be timed with Webscorer.

Start Time:

The Kids 1k race will start at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by the 5k upon their return.

Packet Pickup:

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 7, inside Pybus Market by the south parking lot.

Runner Swag:

All paid participants who register before May 31 will receive a race t-shirt. There will be awards given to the top 5k participants as well as awards for best storybook character costumes! All children participating in the kid's race will receive a ribbon.

Race Fee:

Registration is \$20. Children 10 and under are free (a race shirt is not included). Additional race shirts may be ordered for \$10 by emailing Tina Wagner: tinawagner@nwi.net.

To Register Visit:

<http://webscorer.com/register?raceid=168951>

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Brooke Palmer	4/1	Carolyn Bentsen	4/11	Alyse Goller	4/21
Michael Buehn	4/3	Emily Boersma	4/11	Katie Stefanides	4/23
Melanie McQuaig	4/3	Dick Smith	4/11	Ryan Paiva	4/24
Mary Ann Arndt	4/7	Rhonda Stradling Lara	4/12	Sloan Westerman	4/24
Marcus Foster	4/7	Candy Koch	4/15	Faye DeJong	4/29
Phoebe Nelson	4/7	Gavin Johnson	4/18	Ken Fulkerson	4/29
Shirley Wurl	4/8	April Babcock	4/19	Tracy Gausman	4/29
Don Evenhus	4/9	Jim Caulkins	4/19	Cheryl Hatch	4/29
Jackie Jaspers	4/9	Phil Gregg	4/19	Melinda Johnson	4/30
John Brett	4/10				



Noisy Offering - Sunday, March 31!

Please remember to bring your noisy offering to worship on Sunday, March 31. The money we will collect supports ELCA World Hunger. The noise from the offering reminds us that in our giving, we can praise God with a joyful noise!



Council Corner

1. Rich Smallbeck, our Facilities Maintenance Manager, was a guest at the March 26 Council Meeting. He presented a concise overview of projects that he would like to begin soon, including “Pick a Project” for families to choose a Spring- clean up duty, sprucing up the outdoor lighting and clearing the parking lot of sand.
2. Annette Mueller and several other members from the Social Concerns Team brought forward their concerns regarding their cut budget for 2019. The Council will continue to have mindful discussion on this matter and work with the team towards a solution.
3. Gwen Sparks, our treasurer, will be putting together a small group for an upcoming audit and address the need for a consistent reserve fund of income.

02/28/19 GLC FINANCIAL UPDATE:

\$28,023 Total Income from offerings, gifts, and misc.

(51,755) Total Operating Expenses

(\$23,732) Deficit

Above represents February Financial Activity. For January and February 2019, deficit is (\$29,029); this compares to January and February 2018 deficit of (\$15,586). Cash position at 12/31/18 was \$89,126; current cash position is \$60,096. Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. (509) 630-4239

2019 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts:	Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds:	Phoebe Nelson
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

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, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Melanie McQuaig's home (665-9000).

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 9, 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. We welcome all prayer requests.



This month's Prayer Shawl meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 25. Please contact Ruth Westby (886-0375) for more information.

Lenten Soup Suppers



Join us for our weekly Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesday April 3 and Wednesday April 10. Volunteers are still needed to provide soup, bread/rolls and clean up. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Meals are served at 5:45 p.m.



SONGS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

Friday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. - Grace Lutheran Church

This Official 2019 Washington State Apple Blossom Festival event features folk tunes, madrigals, stage pieces and classical works by well-known composers from England, Ireland and Scotland. A wide variety of music, from the renaissance to the modern day, will tickle your earbones and leave your Irish eyes smiling! Tickets are available through the Performing Arts Center (663-ARTS or www.numericapac.org) or at the door.

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	2 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group	3 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:15 p.m. Vespers 5:45 p.m. Soup Supper 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	4 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer	5 9:00 a.m. GLC Quilters	6
7 **See below 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	8 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	9 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 6:00 p.m. Youth Team 7:00 p.m. B&G Team 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group	10 9:30 a.m. Intern Team 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th grade Youth 5:15 p.m. Vespers 5:45 p.m. Soup Supper 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	11 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth	12 6:30 p.m. Bingo	13 9:00 a.m. Pastor Ernie Fun Run
14 *See below for Sunday Morning Schedule 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth	15 7:00 p.m. Appleaires 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends	16 Newsletter Deadline 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 6:30 p.m. Worship Team 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	17 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:15 p.m. Catecheo 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	18 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday	19 7:00 p.m. Good Friday	20 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
21 Easter Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. <i>Worship</i> (No Faith Formation) 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	22 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	23 5:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk 6:00 p.m. Council	24 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:00 p.m. New member orientation 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal	25 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth 7:00 p.m. Chorale Rehearsal	26 7:30 p.m. Columbia Chorale	27
28 Quilt Sunday **See Sunday Morning Schedule at right 6:00 p.m. Auction/Concert	29 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	30	Sunday Morning Schedule Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation: 9:30 a.m.			

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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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