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THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

April 2021

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Grace Lutheran Church
1408 Washington Street
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Pastor's Message

Dear friends in Christ, we are walking together through an unsettling year. Now, we are beginning to add some gatherings back into our common life. I suppose you are having any of a number of reactions to these changes: “Finally!”, “I’m not sure”, “I’m not ready”, “I wonder what will be different”, “How much bigger will the children of the church be?” “Will there be music?” “How soon can we hug?” “What will the sharing of the Peace look like?” “I’ve moved on.” “What about Communion?”

One thing I know – I will be thinking about the pieces and parts of our congregation’s life, assessing their value to me as an individual follower of Jesus. We might see a need for a group conversation about the values and priorities of our congregation’s life. I think there will be a wall of emotion hitting our congregation. Some feelings may come to the surface that surprise us. We will need to be patient with one another.

There is comfort in rhythm and routine. After twelve months of interruption to our weekly rhythms, there are some things forgotten. Some names might be hard for you to recall. You might feel the need to reintroduce yourself. Habit is a powerful thing, and when the habits go absent, other habits have an opportunity to enter in. Some of them helpful, some harmful, some neither here nor there. It’s just a lot to take in, to live through, to think about.

Our worship life will, for a time, be a combination of livestream and outdoor gatherings. If you do not feel ready to gather with others, please tune into the livestream events. Use the same links as before, using Zoom or Facebook. All livestream services are archived on our YouTube channel. Find our YouTube link on our website: www.glcwen.org. Outdoor gatherings will be limited in number, and reservations are required so we can easily do contact tracing if needed. Reserve by calling the office at 663-2189 or clicking the reservations link on our homepage.

Many of you have been missing one another. I have been missing you, experiencing loneliness and some depression which has been ultimately good for me to work through. We are getting closer to being able to enjoy the many types of gatherings we have loved in the past, especially with vaccinations happening now. Hang tight, participate according to your comfort level, and be understanding of others around you, especially those who make decisions that are different from yours. As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, may we embody the resurrection spirit.

My days off in April: 5, 12, 19, 26. Vacation: April 6-11

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.

Racial Justice Discussion Group

Joseph Young led our Racial Justice zoom for 3 sessions. He is an intelligent young man that pushed us to take a look at ourselves and we appreciated him for it. He has sent a list of books and movies that he recommends we take a look at. He bolded the ones he thought would be impactful.

The Pact

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

Racism without Racists by Eduardo Bonilla-Silva

13th (Netflix) This film is an extension of "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander

Hidden Figures (Disney + or DVD/Blu Ray)

Pride (DVD/Blu Ray)

When They See Us (Netflix)

Roots (DVD/Blu Ray)

The Butler (DVD/Blu Ray)

I Am Not Your Negro (DVD/Blu Ray)

Birth of a Nation (DVD/Blu Ray)

Trevor Noah clips about race (stand-up routine "African American")

April Book Study: The Desegregated Heart

Patton Boyle will lead a six-week book study and discussion of his mother's book *The Desegregated Heart* on Zoom. It will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm starting April 7. The book is currently available on Amazon for download in electronic (Kindle eBook) version for \$4.99, or paperback for \$27.16. A review of the book that was posted on Amazon is below. To register for this free event, simply send your email address to Patton Boyle at pattonboyle@msn.com by April 2.

"The Desegregated Heart is one of the most emotionally transparent books I've ever read. It is the first person account of Sarah Patton Boyle, a white Southern woman and a writer, who championed integration - almost single-handedly - in the Commonwealth of Virginia during the 1950s. She recounts in painful detail her own self-discoveries of prejudice and her great disappointment in her city (Charlottesville) and state for not embracing African Americans. Her determination to be strong in the face of the most insidious kinds of rejection, from being ignored by friends and having crosses burned in her front yard, is explained in sometimes painful detail. The book turns racial animosity inside out and examines it from an entirely new perspective. It is no wonder that Martin Luther King recommended the book when it was first published in 1962. And it is an important read in examining the current state of race relations in the U.S."

April 1: Maundy Thursday

Online Livestream Worship at 7 pm

Watch it on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or the church's [website](#).

This will be a live-streamed worship from the church's sanctuary where Pastor James and Intern Bergen celebrate Jesus' institution of Communion during the Last Supper. They will read the passage in which Jesus washes his disciples' feet and gives them a new commandment. Though we'll have to celebrate Communion from a distance, a great emphasis will be placed on sharing the sacrament from our respective homes. The service will conclude with a stripping of the altar.



April 2: Good Friday

Online Pre-recorded Worship at 7 pm

Watch it on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or the church's [website](#).

This will be a pre-recorded worship service provided by the Region 1 (Northwest USA and Alaska) Bishops of the ELCA. Though it will be a bit different from a local service, this will surely be a deep and meaningful worship service as our church leaders guide us to commemorate Jesus' death on the cross which changed the entire universe.

April 3: Easter Vigil

Online Livestream Worship at 7 pm

Watch it on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or the church's [website](#).

During the Easter Vigil service, we will proclaim our hope in Jesus' resurrection and promise of new life even as we sit in the grief of Good Friday. We will hear readings of God's deliverance throughout the Old Testament, watch as Asher Didesch is baptized and welcome him into the Christian life, and pray as we await the good news of the empty tomb on Easter morning. We hope that you'll join us for a unique but beautiful worship on Saturday!

April 4: Easter Sunday!!!

Online Communion Worship at 9 am

Watch it on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or the church's [website](#).

It's Easter Worship, one of the most celebratory days of the church year! Together we'll proclaim Christ risen from the dead through music, scripture, a sermon, and the sacrament of Communion. We'll be singing some favorite hymns on Easter morning, including a special rendition of "Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today" from the American Association of Lutheran Church Musicians! Though we'll be apart, we hope that you'll join us to celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

In-Person Outdoor Communion Worship at 2 pm

Register for this worship on the GLC website: <https://glcwen.org/reservations>

Our Outdoor Easter Worship! Though there will be less singing, it will still be a wonderful celebratory worship service centered on Jesus' resurrection. As a reminder, we will still be sitting socially distanced and masked during the service. But we plan to once again offer Communion for those who would like to commune. The attendance limit is capped at 60, and a lot of people have already signed up, so be sure to sign up soon if you'd like to attend!

From the Desk of Intern Bergen

I Could Still Laugh

So as I mentioned way back in the first newsletter I ever wrote, I love writing poetry. It's wonderfully cathartic for me, and helps me explore the thoughts and feelings I carry inside my body throughout the week. This is a poem that I wrote about the first livestream Sunday worship that Pastor James and I led together on March 21st, 2021. It was a surreal experience, and this is my way of remembering the awkward joy that came from the worship. The title of this poem is, "I Could Still Laugh."

Pastor James and I
Entered the parking lot
At the same time:
Both stunned to be at church
On a Sunday morning.

We fumbled our way
Into our offices,
Trying to remember
A routine no
Longer present.

I ate a doughnut
To prepare for worship,
To give myself caloric courage
To recite liturgy
To a camera in real time.

It was eerie
To see the faces of people
I still haven't met
In the camera lens.
The pews felt full.

Before worship I prayed
For the spirits of
Over 500,000 people
Who would never attend
Worship again.

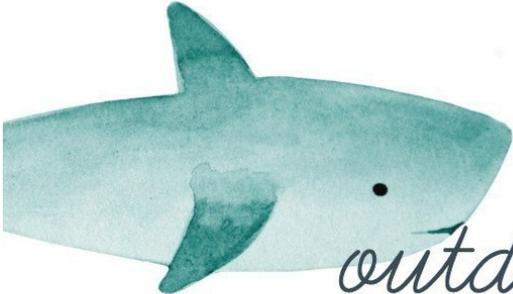
I asked for forgiveness,
And for blessing,
And for safety,
And to learn how
To trust in God again.

And we worshipped.
I messed up the Kyrie,
Christ have mercy,
But the rest
Was like riding a bike.

And after selecting
The last slide
And turning the livestream off,
I looked around the sanctuary
And I laughed.

It felt impossibly good
To be in one place
After so many months
Of being everywhere.
And I could still laugh.

After all that has happened,
All of the deaths we experienced,
We could still worship,
We could still show up for each other,
We could still laugh.



outdoor baby shower

IN HONOR OF

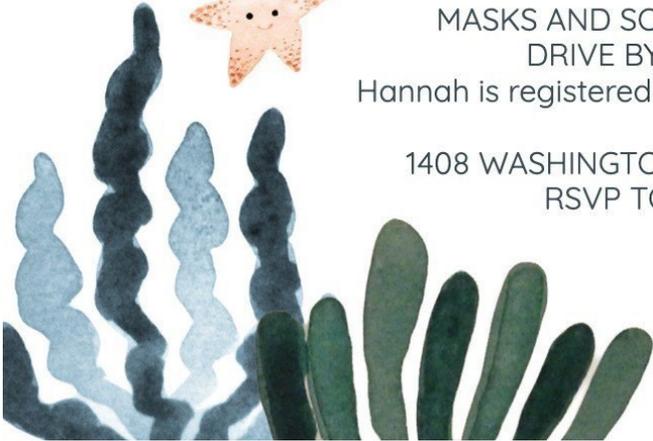
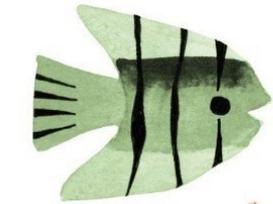
Hannah Smallbeck

SATURDAY | APRIL 17 | 1PM - 3PM

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED
DRIVE BY DROP OFF AVAILABLE

Hannah is registered at TARGET, gift cards are welcome

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RSVP TO BETH 509-860-8149



Greetings
ISLANDS

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Thrivent Action Team Cards Food Drive



The Social Concerns Team, in coordination with Thrivent Members in our congregation, is holding a Food Pantry Drive for area Food Banks and our own GLC Little Essentials Food Pantry. They are using the Thrivent Action Team Cards and any cash donations to help people facing food insecurity.

If you would like to use your Thrivent Action Team Card, please contact Bob Bartlett, Dave DeJong, Mike Sweeney, or Earl Tilly. They will be coordinating the Thrivent Action

Team Cards to ensure that each organization receives similar amounts. They will also help you fill out the application and determine which food bank and date to use for the Thrivent Action Team Cards. Below is their contact information. When filling out the application, they will also help you with your statement to ensure your application is approved.

If you wish to donate cash to our own Food Pantry, you can do so by writing a check to Grace Lutheran Church and writing *GLC Food Pantry* in the memo line of your check. If you want to donate cash to a Food Pantry other than the GLC Little Essentials Pantry, you can do so by sending the check directly to the organization. Look for more information in the weekly updates.

Contact:	Mike Sweeney	sweence@gmail.com	360-533-4486
	Bob Bartlett	bobbartlett1@outlook.com	425-890-3926
	Earl Tilly	etilly@nwi.net	509-679-9998
	Dave De Jong	jddejong@aol.com	509-885-6732

Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry Drive.

Social Concerns Team 2021 Benevolences

This year, the Social Concerns Team Selection of the 2021 Benevolences began in mid-December and ran through January 31, 2021. The Social Concerns Team received fifteen applications. The team then vetted each organization and graded each application. The Social Concerns Team then chose eight organizations to receive a quarterly distribution of \$525 from the operating budget, and three organizations receiving monies from the Mission Ministry Fund.

The following is a list of the organizations that will receive \$525 per quarter or \$2,100 annually.

WHS Panther House	Chelan Douglas Community Action Council	Powerhouse Ministries	Haven of Hope
Women's Resource Center	Tanzania Companion Synod	Alatheia	Wenatchee for Immigrant Justice

The following organizations will receive a one-time contribution from the Mission Ministry Fund.

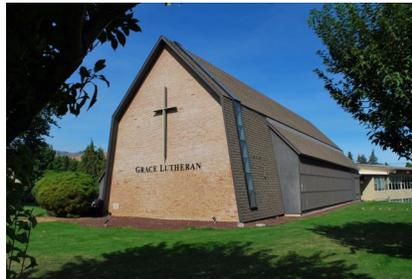
LCC International Fund - \$4,000	Faith Action Network - \$1,800	WRC Street Ministries - \$1,800 – Fall 2021	Packing Friendship & Food Pantry – Summer 2021 - TBD
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Outdoor Worship

Outdoor worship services are now available on Sunday afternoons at 2 at Grace Lutheran Church. We ask that you sign up before arriving, since we are limiting attendance to 60 people per service. You can sign up on the church's website: www.glcwen.org/reservations.

Please bring your own chair if possible. Chairs will be available if you don't have one that you can bring. It's also important to note that we'll be socially distancing by household, and that masks will be required. As of now, we are not planning to sing. But we will be able to gather together in word and prayer to worship God in physical community with one another. Since we will be meeting outdoors, the weather can become a factor and cancellations may occur. Also, we will need to be open to responding if the COVID case count warrants restrictions to gatherings.

If you have any questions about these outdoor services, please reach out to [Pastor James \(pastor@glcwen.org\)](mailto:pastor@glcwen.org) or [Intern Bergen \(intern@glcwen.org\)](mailto:intern@glcwen.org).



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

Virtual Worship

Facebook

Click [here](#) and watch for the "Facebook Premiere" which will show "live" on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and remain on our page afterwards for viewing anytime.

Zoom

Grace Lutheran Sunday Worship (and coffee fellowship)
Time: 9:00 a.m., with fellowship following worship

To join Zoom on a computer/tablet/smartphone, click here:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81304421918>

Meeting ID: 813 0442 1918

For connecting with a phone (audio only):

+1 669 900 6833 US

Meeting ID: 813 0442 1918

- When prompted, dial 813 0442 1918 #
- You may be asked to press # one more time
- That's it! You should be in after that.



Virtual Coffee Fellowship

Sign onto Zoom (following the instructions for worship) following worship for virtual coffee fellowship! Pour yourself a cozy beverage and call or sign in to meet and catch up with the Grace community. People will be randomly put into smaller virtual "rooms" for more intimate conversation. All are welcome!

Tune in for Our Weekly Virtual Gatherings (on Facebook unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday

- ◆ Worship, 9:00 a.m. (also via Zoom, contact GLC office)
- ◆ Fellowship Time via Zoom, following worship
- ◆ Jr./Sr. High School Youth group, 6:30 p.m. (via Zoom, contact Beth)

Wednesday

- ◆ 10@10, 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Lectionary Study (via Zoom, contact Pastor James), 11:00 a.m.

Friday

- ◆ 10@10, 10:00 a.m.

ANNA AND MIRIAM CIRCLES

Please stay tuned for information regarding future Anna Circle meetings once we are able to gather together.

Please contact Melanie McQuaig (melanie@mcqw.com or 509-665-9000) for more information about Miriam Circle.

COUNCIL CORNER

1. Council elected Monte Olson and Jody Marquardt as delegates to the virtual April 24 Synod Assembly: Sara O'Daffer and Chad DuLac were elected as alternates.
2. The subcontractors have begun constructing the valances in the sanctuary for the new lighting.
3. A new PPP loan to GLC for \$55,000 was funded by the federal government.
4. GLC will receive word from Luther Seminary on our intern for 2021-22 sometime in April.

TREASURER TALK

	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2021	Jan-Feb 2021 Budget	Variance To Date
Total Offerings, Misc.	\$75,541	\$62,085		
PPP Loan Forgiveness	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Total	\$75,541	\$62,085	\$73,333	(\$11,248)
Operating Expenses	<u>(88,452)</u>	<u>(70,943)</u>	<u>(89,710)</u>	<u>18,767</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$12,911)	(\$8,858)	(\$16,377)	\$7,519

Above compares January and February results year over year. 2020 January and February results are actually before the COVID shutdown. GLC has been approved for the 2nd round of Payroll Protection Program loans. Total PPP loan amount is \$56,244.

	1/1/21	2/28/21
Cash Surplus Position	\$103,566	\$72,708
Treasurer Reserve	<u>44,500</u>	<u>41,500</u>
Total	\$148,066	\$114,208

GLC Council has approved \$25,000 for 2021 Special Projects based on excess cash position. Teams have been requested to submit proposed projects for Council review and approval. Any member of GLC can also submit projects to me directly. The requests will be reviewed at the April Council meeting.

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. 630-4239

Gwen101@nwi.net

2021 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts: Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds: *Open*
Endowment: Karen Zanol
Faith Enrichment: Jody Marquardt
Fellowship: Shirley Leslie
Intern: *Open*
Pastoral Support: Micah Florea
Staff Support: Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns: Kay Fisher
Worship: Denise Miller
Youth: Cheryl Salter

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Chad DuLac
Vice President: Cathy Sweeney
Treasurer: Gwen Sparks
Secretary: Jody Marquardt
Members-at-Large: Riva Morgan
 Ann Bartlett
 Trina DeCamp
 Sara O'Daffer

PRAYERS OF GRACE

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.

Long Term

Della Brett - receiving hospice care
Genevieve Crosby - strength while living in long-term care
Chuck Graves - living in long-term care
Bonnie Howeler—continued adaptation to visual impairment, and isolation
Carol Sunada (Dir. of The Compassionate Friends) - illness
Tony Fisher - cancer diagnosis and related seizures
Dale Olson (Hollie Olson's father-in-law) - prayers for health and peace
Don Evenhus – continued prayers for health
Jackie Carmichael—for comfort and strength with a chronic health issue
Thelma Allen (Linda Luke's mom) - prayers for health issues
Heidi (Colleague of Beth Smallbeck with the ELCA) - recent cancer diagnosis
Jared Senn (Diane Senn's son) - metastasized colon cancer
Sarah Jones (Mary Henson's sister) - prayers as she undergoes radiation and chemo treatments, and prayers that she and her husband are able to find childcare for their young son

Short Term/Other

Kris Durr - (nephew of Linda and Bill Sinnett) - cancer diagnosis
Mim Schwich (mother of Jody Marquardt) - debilitating ailment, and needing a place to live with skilled nursing
Charlotte Caulkins - for hope and courage
Family of Bob Curtis
Bette Bayes - for God's healing presence throughout and following a surgical procedure
Family of Beatrice Tait

Global/National/Local Concerns

People of Tanzania - For just and equitable leadership as the country mourns the death of their president.
Communities of Central America - for safety and just government in these home countries, and for those seeking asylum to be received with dignity and respect.
Our country and region—Healing from recent mass shootings in Atlanta and Boulder.
For the Wenatchee Valley - for wisdom and safety as restrictions are relaxed for schools, gatherings and businesses. That officials and leaders who make decisions about reopening would be treated with respect and dignity.

LECTIONARY READINGS

April 4
Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

April 11
Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 18
Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 25
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship	3 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (livestream)
4 Easter 9:00 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship	5	6 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	7 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 7:00 p.m. Book Study	8	9 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	10 4:00 p.m. Alumni Youth Zoom Hangout
11 9:00 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout	12	13 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Youth Team	14 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 3:45 p.m. 3rd - 5th Youth 7:00 p.m. Book Study	15	16 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	17 1:00 p.m. Baby Shower
18 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. PreK - 5 th Grade Faith Formation 2:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout	19	20 Newsletter Deadline 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	21 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 7:00 p.m. Book Study	22	23 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) Confirmation Zoom Retreat April 23-24	24 4:00 p.m. Alumni Youth Zoom Hangout
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

As of this publication date, church offices are closed due to COVID-19. We are working from home and checking voicemail and email messages regularly.

Please don't hesitate to contact us.

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