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Milwaukee, Here We Come

Dear friends in Christ,

In 2018, I was elected to be a voting member of our Synod to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly (I'll call it the CWA in this article). I'm excited to see what the CWA is like. One friend shared with me that he has attended three such assemblies. At one of them, the person sitting next to him for the whole week was Dr. Martin Marty, one of the church's great historians. The CWA is an opportunity to share in community with many members of the Church, hear about God's work, and respond to God's prompting as a decision-making body. I will be at the CWA in Milwaukee August 4-10.

The CWA is part of the three major expressions of our life together as the ELCA. There is, of course, the congregational expression which is the most familiar to folks. The next expression is the synod, which is the partnership we have in our geographic area. Our synod covers mountains, plains, Palouse, small communities and cities. The next expression is the churchwide organization, which works on a national and international level. All expressions are valued and important.

Here's an incomplete list of agenda items for the assembly:

- We will elect a person to the position of ELCA Secretary.
- We will elect a person to the position of ELCA Presiding Bishop. I anticipate the re-election of Elizabeth Eaton, but I don't want to jinx it!
- We will consider a social statement titled "Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action".
- We will consider a statement titled "A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment".
- We will work alongside one another on the issue of diversity within the ELCA.
- Our synod name change (to Northwest Intermountain) will be considered for ratification.

Our work will be surrounded with worship experiences and good conversation about the local and global ways God is at work. We are blessed by the lives of one another, and we are challenged to understand ourselves more and more deeply as we feel the call to widen our circles of community. I'm honored to be part of the contingent from Northwest Intermountain.

My days off etc.: August 12, 19, 26. I may grab a vacation day or two, but don't have that settled yet!

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 Fall 2019

Some things change, and some stay the same! Faith Formation classes for all ages will again be at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. We will kick off the year with **Rally Sunday on September 8**. Join us at 9:30 a.m. on the 8th for some outdoor fun, including cornhole, ladderball and a bouncy house! Classes will begin the next week on Sunday, September 15.

We have a few exciting changes in our format this year!

Preschool/Kindergarten will again meet in the preschool classroom downstairs. We have set up a coffee maker in the youth room across the hall and we encourage parents to hang out, make a latte or cappuccino and visit with other parents.

1st grade thru ??* will meet in the Fellowship hall and participate in a new rotation. We are continuing the theme of Summer of Service, Walking Together.

- * The first Sunday in the rotation, we will have speakers from the agencies we worked with come in and share their stories and the needs of the people they serve. There will be time for questions and then we will come together to brainstorm a service project for that agency. (clothing drive, food drive, toy drive, etc.)
- * The second Sunday will be our Creative Corner. There will be craft supplies and ideas for items that can be given to the folks that the agency serves. (e.g. greeting cards, paper bouquets, duct tape wallets, etc.)
- * The third Sunday in the rotation our projects will be put together and prepared for delivery.

??* thru 12th Grade will meet in Narnia and be studying our neighbor's faith. Once a month we will visit a neighboring congregation or faith tradition. The following week we will be discussion on the service/traditions of the other congregation. This group will also be present for the guest speakers of the Walking Together class.

??* These groups are fluid. I would invite parents and other adults to participate in the Walking Together class. We will publish a list of upcoming speakers and agencies in September. Middle school youth are welcome to attend either class.

New to Grace: A Series of Faith Formation Retreats

Are you a sixth-grader or older? Would you love to be on retreat with others for the purpose of building community as we learn together about the Catechism, faith practices and the Bible? We are providing an opportunity for ANYONE age 6th grade through adult to be part of a series of retreats throughout the year. It's a two-year cycle, with three retreats each year, supported by small group and prayer-partner experiences. The two-year cycle culminates with Affirmation of Baptism, which occurs on Pentecost Sunday. For those who have been part of our confirmation programming, this series will replace the weekly classes. If you would like to learn more and consider signing up, join us for an information session after worship on Sunday, August 25. We will share the concept of retreat-style learning, details about accommodations, and more.

Men's Retreat

Men's Retreat registration is open! Please be in touch with Jim Caulkins (email: jncbees@applecapital.net, phone: 662-0130) to register for our Men's Retreat at Tall Timber September 20-22.



INTERN TEAM

August is a very busy month with our Interns!

We are looking forward to welcoming Jenna Bergeson. She is back from Hong Kong and is making the journey from Des Moines, Iowa stopping at National Parks on her way to Wenatchee. She plans on spending a couple of weeks at Holden Village before she joins us the last week in August.

It is bitter sweet to be seeing Wayne and Janet return to New York, they both have become such a great part of our church community. Wayne will be spending the fall and spring semesters, completing his seminary work and then is anxious to take his first call. We are looking forward to 2 fun events as we wish Wayne and Janet the very best in their journeys and to thank them for their special time with us.

Many of you may know that Wayne has come to appreciate the fine wines of our valley and we will have a special no-host event on **Tuesday, August 6**, at the Norwood Wine Bar from 4-6 p.m. Come when you can and join us at 23 S. Wenatchee Ave. There is a sign-up in the church lobby - we will be providing light snacks.

Sunday, August 11, will be Wayne's last service with us. Join us for a potluck brunch following the service. We also have a sign-up for this and are asking those who are able to bring a breakfast casserole. The Fellowship Team will be providing fruit, rolls and drinks.

Hope you can join us wishing God's Blessings on both Wayne and Janet.



POWERHOUSE MINISTRIES

Powerhouse Ministries operates a day shelter in East Wenatchee. They provide food, rest, showers, laundry and clothing for those in our community who do not have a permanent home. Powerhouse, one of our Summer of Service partner agencies, could use our help. In addition to volunteers and financial donations, they could use donations of clothing (especially men's clothing). If you are interested in volunteering or contributing, contact Dave Kleinfeldt at 509-393-9230 or talk to Candy Koch. The website is powerhousewenatchee.com. Clothing donations may

be brought to Grace Lutheran. The Powerhouse is located at 1052 Valley Mall Parkway in East Wenatchee in the basement of the Shalom Church. Financial contributions can be mailed to the above address. Thank you!

Week of 6/30 Attendance..... (Sun) 121 & (Wed) 21
Weekly Offering \$ 3,476.85
Week of 7/7 Attendance..... (Sun) 149 & (Wed) 17
Weekly Offering \$12,517.00

Week of 7/14 Attendance..... (Sun) 128 & (Wed) 23
Weekly Offering \$6,075.42
Week of 7/21 Attendance..... (Sun) 137 & (Wed)
Weekly Offering 9,691.20

Grace Lutheran Church

Elected Positions Needed

For 2020

Responding to God's mission in Jesus Christ, our passions for ministry are centered in worship, community and service. The Nominating Committee is seeking the congregation's input for leadership positions which are elected by the congregation at its next regular meeting in September. We are seeking names of individuals for leadership in our congregation. The following positions are open. Please share your nominations with us and the Nominating Committee will follow up with them. Nomination forms are on the bulletin board by the church office. Thank you!

Vice President – Term: Two Years

- *Preside at all meetings in the absence of the president.*
- *Coordinate the work of the ministry teams.*
- *Carry out other such duties as requested by the president, or specified in the bylaws or continuing resolutions.*
- *Complete the term of the president in the event of a presidential vacancy.*

Secretary – Term: Two Years

- *Record minutes of every meeting of the Executive Committee, the Congregation Council, and this congregation and make such minutes available in the church office.*
- *Oversee the retention of legal documents and archives of this congregation.*
- *Carry out other such duties as specified in this constitution, its bylaws, or the continuing resolutions.*

Council Member-At-Large – Term: Two Years

- *Participate in monthly Council meetings and other special meetings of the Council.*
- *As a Council member, participate in the Council's responsibilities as described in the GLC Constitution, chapter 12.*

Grace Memorial Garden – Term: Three Years

- *Administer the Memorial Garden Fund.*
- *Oversee long term planning of the Memorial Garden.*
- *Oversee general care of the Memorial Garden.*

Mission Endowment – Term: Three Years

- *Administer the Mission Endowment .*
- *Plan and execute an annual sharing of earnings to where God is at work in the world, per the discretion of the Mission Endowment Committee .*

August Newsletter – from the almost empty desk of Intern Wayne

Taking Leave

As you read this, I'll be packing up my desk, my things, the mementos that I've acquired. I'll be going through the box of stuff, trying to make sense of all that has happened in a year. That this year has been a significant one in my life is a 100% true understatement.

Life events have a certain weight to them; things like births, deaths, weddings, big number events like career milestones or anniversaries, all have gravitas as they mark the changes. There are doorways that we pass through or significant changes that stop something and begin something else.

Much of the life at Grace Lutheran Church is about 'starts and stops'. Seasons change, the colors marking liturgical seasons change, the light on the foothills change each day, and the ebb and flow of church life and the lives within and without are in constant states of flux. The building is alive with activity most days of the week. There is energy and ministry that happens in an organized and often organic, spontaneous way. It is beautiful to watch and more beautiful to be a part of it. Beginnings and endings. Time to change interns.

Janet and I have been blessed by you and by the trust that you have extended to us, in ministry and life. The changes that have occurred in me and my sense of ministry have been amazing to experience. Sometime during this year, the scale tipped from "Intern" to "Pastor" and I can never go back to being the old me. Each and every one of you have contributed to my becoming a pastor more and an intern less.

I will soon stop being "the intern" and become the former intern, or the last intern, or THAT intern. In order to be called as a pastor, I must complete a few more classes (four) and get approved by the faculty and the candidacy committee of Upstate New York Synod (in December). First, though, I have to stop being an intern completely. It means letting go of a happy and wonderful experience, having a few good cries, and maybe a few glasses of shared wine.

It's not exactly what the apostle Paul meant when he wrote it, but this verse carries a special meaning and place in my heart.

“¹⁸ I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. ²⁰ Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children.” – Romans 8:18-21 CEB

Thank you, one and all. You have shown me what a congregation can be, and what being committed to living in the Gospel can mean. I am grateful and will remember you always.

Peace and God's Blessings,

(Formerly Intern) Wayne

A Note from Pastor James

Please reach out to Intern Wayne Shipman and his wife Janet, as they begin to bid farewell and look toward their next chapter. We will God's blessings for Wayne as he finishes preparations for Word and Sacrament ministry. I have greatly enjoyed this past year and wish him God's blessings!

Worship Assistants

8th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 8/4 Worship 9:00 a.m.	9th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 8/11 Worship 9:00 a.m.	10th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 8/18 Worship 9:00 a.m.	11th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 8/25 Worship 9:00 a.m.
<u>Scripture Readings</u> Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29--12:2 Luke 12:49-56	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
Acolytes Evan & Kai Mueller			
Altar Guild Denise Miller	Altar Guild JuLee Fiebelkorn	Altar Guild Hollie Olson	Altar Guild Tami Woolsey
Communion Assistants Sophie Fiebelkorn Abby Reed	Communion Assistants Chad & Della Dulac	Communion Assistants Colleen Smith Rose Applegate	Communion Assistants Susan Hendrickson Kate Gregg
Lector Kate Gregg	Lector Milly Damish	Lector Gary Otheim	Lector Faye DeJong
Sound Technician Chad Dulac	Sound Technician Monte Olson	Sound Technician Dane Schmidt	Sound Technician Joanne Dalinkus
Ushers Pat & Robin Brown	Ushers Paula & Molly Salter	Ushers Bob & Gwen Sparks	Ushers Mark Woolsey & Wolf Mueller
Flowers	Flowers	Flowers Wanda and Erling Rivedal	Flowers
Wednesday, 8/7 Worship 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday, 8/14 Worship 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday, 8/21 Worship 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday, 8/28 Worship 5:30 p.m.
Altar Guild Denise Miller	Altar Guild Denise Miller	Altar Guild Denise Miller	Altar Guild Denise Miller
Lector	Lector	Lector	Lector

A Big Thank You

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

On behalf of our Columbia families, I would like to thank you for everything you do for our kids. The food bags have been helping our most needy families. As of today, we hand out thirty bags per week. Your generosity towards our community and students makes it possible for many of our kids to have a snack after school and during the weekend. The staff and I at Columbia cannot thank you enough.

We send lots of love, Nancy Sanchez - Family Advocate



My Life Changing Trip

Thomas Poegel, a member of our Summer of Service team from Lowry, MN, wrote about his Summer of Service experience for the Pope County Fair. He will be presenting his 2019 Grand Champion Pope County 4-H paper at the Minnesota State Fair. We are so proud of Thomas and thankful for his ministry and his words. An excerpt is below - you will find the complete essay posted on the youth bulletin board.

“What makes you happy? Eating ice cream? Catching a big bass? Hitting a homerun? This summer I experienced true happiness when I decided to serve others. My trip to Washington State was a life changing experience because it taught me new things. It taught me to think more deeply, have a better listening ear, and remember that we aren't the only ones on this planet. Life is not perfect yet we dream that it can be. What really makes me happy is not money, fancy clothes, or a nice house. It's seeing other people laugh and smile. I don't know what makes you happy, but I hope that whatever it is brings you great joy and that my report will inspire you to serve others. “

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Don Ball	8/1	Scott Buehn	8/8	Beth Buehn	8/19
Andria Hwang	8/1	Ike Edwards	8/11	Becca Henning	8/19
Mark Kulaas	8/3	Ann Black	8/12	Ron Fleisher	8/20
Mackenzie Mueller	8/3	Milly Damish	8/12	Miles Thompson	8/24
Genevieve Crosby	8/4	Logan Florea	8/12	Aubree Hill	8/25
Lisa Foster	8/4	Landyn Rookard	8/12	Zachary Banken	8/26
Kathy Otheim	8/4	Sylvia Loudon	8/14	Bill Gale	8/26
Bob Black	8/5	Meghan Johnson	8/15	Cheryl Salter	8/26
Brian Vertrees	8/5	Liam Schmidt	8/17	Joyce Owens	8/28
Susan Salley	8/6	Beth Florea	8/18	Gregg Romey	8/29
Hannah Smallbeck	8/6	John McQuaig	8/18	Jay Widby	8/29

Endowment Grant Applications Available

The Endowment Team is excited to begin the process of disbursing funds for this year. The amount for this year is projected to be approximately \$10,000 pending final 2nd quarter report. We will start accepting applications from Sunday, 7/28/2019 with all completed applications due by midnight on Sunday 9/1/2019. The forms will be available in paper form in the narthex or via email starting Sunday, 7/28/2019. Any questions can be addressed to any of the members of the Endowment Committee (Karen Zanol, Susan Salley or Inku Hwang) or they can be emailed to inku.hwang@gmail.com.

Treasurer Talk...

GRACE'S GENEROUS GIVINGS – JUNE

	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2018		6/30/2019	6/30/2018
Total Offerings, Misc	\$251,243	\$233,480	Cash Position	\$83,114	\$42,121
Operating Expenses	<u>(257,255)</u>	<u>(265,662)</u>	Treasurer Reserve	<u>51,968</u>	<u>54,054</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$6,012)	(\$32,182)	Total	\$135,082	\$96,175

It's hard to believe first half of 2019 is in the books!!! Total Offerings are at par with anticipated receipts for the six month period. Likewise, expenses are in line at 50% of budget. All good trends. God at work and my gracious thanks for my first six months of being Treasurer!!!! Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. (509) 630-4239

Your generous gifts have made a difference:

- Meyers fund provided \$2,637 for three new computers for Administration. This was necessary since new software was not compatible with older computers.
- Successful Summer of Service project done in June. Contributions were \$8,619 with expenses totaling \$7,499.

Giving Statements

Annual statements are distributed to all donors in January. Quarterly statements will be available for those who choose to receive them. Please use the form below to let us know 1) how you want to receive your statement(s) and 2) whether or not you want a quarterly statement. Please return completed forms to Roxanne Reindl, Finance Manager. If you have any questions, please contact Roxanne at finance@glcwen.org

We need updated preferences for how people would like to receive their yearly statements. Please indicate your preference for receiving statements.

Email _____

postal mail

Please put in current email address if different than directory

Name _____

So many of the quarterly statements have not been picked up. To prevent the waste of paper, please indicate if you would like quarterly statements.

Yes

No

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, August 20, at Linden Tree (in the park) at 7 p.m.

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 13, 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, August 22, at Tracy Gausman's home. Please contact Tracy (884-4484) for more information.

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
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

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer	2	3
4 9:00 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	5	6 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Piano Teachers Workshop 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group	7 9:30 a.m. Intern Team 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. Worship	8 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 11:45 a.m. Staff Support Committee	9 6:30 p.m. Bingo	10
11 9:00 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Senior High and Middle School Youth	12	13 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group	14 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. Worship	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 4:30 p.m. Arts Team 7:00 p.m. Team Leaders Meeting	16	17
18 9:00 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	19 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends	20 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	21 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. Worship	22 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl	23	24
25 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Information Meeting 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth	26	27 6:00 p.m. Council	28 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. Worship	29 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer	August 23-24 3 rd - 6 th Grade Lock-in	
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

(July and August)

5:30 p.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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