



THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

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

Dear friends,

We are at the ending and the beginning of another year of internship here at Grace. We were blessed to know Bergen and his spouse Clara, and we trust that our friendship and partnership in ministry will continue for many, many years to come. Soon, we will welcome Anna Ferro to our community. Like all pastoral interns at Grace, Anna will be a blessing to us. We will “do what we do” and provide for her the best learning experience possible. Here are a few things I want to say about the role of the internship site.

1. The intern is a student. Anna will be practicing leadership, will be in leadership roles, but always in the context of being a learner. You are one of her teachers. I am one of her teachers. She will have much to offer the community because the gifts she brings are unique to her, but some experiences will be quite new to her. Our internship site is part of her education.
2. Grace is something we practice. Pastoral interns are encouraged to be courageous in how they practice ministry. They are encouraged to be innovative and imaginative and try new ideas on for size. There will be times when the pastoral intern feels badly about how something went. We are people of Grace, and we are called to practice grace to provide emotional and spiritual safety for the intern as she continues her path of internship. Personally, I think the life of faith would be better off if the words “success” and “failure” dropped from its lexicon, but I know those words will be used. I simply encourage you to help Anna know that underneath every element of pastoral formation there is both the love of Christ and the love of the Body of Christ, which is you.
3. Ministry is work, and there are times the pastoral intern will need to unplug and rejuvenate. Anna will grow to love the congregation, and you will love her. These relationships will develop quickly, and many invitations will come her way. If she is hesitant about meeting up for a meal or outing, please do not be offended. She will want to be present for you emotionally, and that means caring for herself by creating blocks of time to be unavailable.
4. The internship committee exists to be a support system for the intern, to delve into topics that may be confidential in nature, and to generally reflect with the intern from the congregational point of view. The committee helps the intern feel welcome and oriented to the congregation and the community. They also write mid-year and final evaluations of the intern as part of the internship program.
5. As you introduce yourself to Anna, be sure to use your name often until she becomes more familiar with the whole congregation.

Thank you for being part of the ministry of internship at Grace! You have a role in helping Anna have a wonderful year here in our community.

My days off in August: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

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.



Reminder: Sign Up for In-person Worship

We are so happy to be having in-person worship in our Sanctuary again. In order to help with social distancing, we currently have an attendance cap of 75. It's easy to sign up on our website www.glcwen.org. If you need help, please call the church office at 663-2189.



Music Ministry Conversations

Sunday August 1, 10:30 a.m. (at Grace after fellowship)

Sunday August 8, 10:30 a.m. (at Grace after fellowship)

Thursday August 12, noon (at Grace)

We are seeking our next staff member for music ministry at GLC! We hope you can join any (or all) conversations so we can hear your input as we consider together the vision for our music ministry. We know that our music is a key part of our Christian worship and witness, and we plan to have our next person on board in early October.

Youth Event!

August 8th youth group will be at Washington Park! See below.

There will be a gathering of youth from the valley at Washington park at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 8. Join us for snacks, games, good conversation and good company. We will be celebrating acceptance and representation in our local church communities. No RSVP or entry fee necessary. We would love to have you there.

ANNA AND MIRIAM CIRCLES

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

Miriam Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 17, at **6:30 pm** (not 7) at the south end of Rotary Park. Miriams – please bring your own chair and beverage. If any women would like to experience our tasty treats, brilliant Bible studies, and fulfilling fellowship, please contact Melanie McQuaig (670-2733) for further info.

Morning Prayer

Thursday mornings at 7 you are invited to join us in the sanctuary. Our morning prayer will typically involve reading of scripture, then a time of prayer, then finish with the Lord's Prayer.

Get ready to call her “Pastor” Jenna!

We rejoice with former Intern Jenna Bergeson who has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church & Schools (TLCS) in Lynnwood (Northwest Washington Synod). She will be ordained in Minneapolis on Saturday, September 25. Watch for further details of her ordination and her subsequent installation at Trinity.



Vacation Bible School 2021

ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, & WALK HUMBLY

Thursday evenings at 6 pm July 29 - August 19

We are excited to offer in-person VBS for children and their families starting Thursday, July 29, from 6 - 7 pm. Our theme is Micah 6:8 – ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, AND WALK HUMBLY. Each week we will explore a different verse, have story time, craft time, and play time. Our hope is to meet on the church grounds and work in family groups, therefore, we encourage you to sign up as a family group. If for some reason we cannot meet in person, supplies will be delivered to households and a zoom link will be set up.

Please sign up via email youthandfamily@glcwen.org.

2021 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts:	Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds:	<i>Open</i>
Endowment:	Karen Zanol
Faith Enrichment:	Jody Marquardt
Fellowship:	Shirley Leslie
Intern:	Nancy Boersma
Pastoral Support:	Julie Banken
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:	Robin Brown (interim)
Members-at-Large:	Riva Morgan
	Ann Bartlett
	Trina DeCamp
	Sara O'Daffer

Save the Date to Welcome Intern Anna!

Sunday, September 12

The Intern Team invites you to help officially welcome Intern Anna Ferro on Sunday, September 12. They will have a basket for greeting cards and gift cards to help welcome Anna to our community. Please watch for more details later in August.

Diaper and Wipe Drive

Help us celebrate the upcoming birth of Kara and Taylor Melton's new baby by participating in a diaper and wipe drive during the month of August. We will be collecting diapers and wipes at Grace to benefit our Little Free Pantry. You may bring items on Sunday mornings or during open office hours, Tuesday through Thursday, 12 - 4 p.m. Thank you!



Caregiver Needed

Susan Salley is seeking a caregiver who is able to come into her home 3 to 4 times per day. For more information, please contact Susan at 509-221-8451.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Don Ball	8/1	Milly Damish	8/12	Ron Fleisher	8/20
Andria Hwang	8/1	Logan Florea	8/12	Miles Thompson	8/24
Mark Kulaas	8/3	Landyn Rookard	8/12	Aubree Hill	8/25
Mackenzie Mueller	8/3	Keith Garness	8/13	Zachary Banken	8/26
Lisa Foster	8/4	Meghan Johnson	8/15	Bill Gale	8/26
Kathy Otheim	8/4	Liam Schmidt	8/17	Cheryl Salter	8/26
Brian Vertrees	8/5	Beth Florea	8/18	Joyce Owens	8/28
Susan Salley	8/6	John McQuaig	8/18	Gregg Romey	8/29
Hannah Smallbeck	8/6	Beth Buehn	8/19	Jay Widby	8/29
Scott Buehn	8/8				

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Lithuanian Christian College



One of the Benevolences that the Social Concerns Team chose to accept this year is LCC International University (LCC), commonly known as the Lithuanian Christian College, located in Lithuania. The following is a summary of the College and what they do.

LCC International University (LCC) is a nationally and internationally recognized Christian liberal arts university located in Klaipeda, Lithuania, a port city on the Baltic Sea. Established in 1991 — as a result of the Soviet Union's collapse — by a joint venture of Lithuanian, Canadian and American foundations, LCC has distinguished itself in the region by offering a unique style of education that is based on American educational practices and values. Nearly 1,000 students, faculty, and staff from over 50 countries come together within our learning community — speaking the common language of English — while

learning to accept their cultural differences through Christ's love.

The mission of LCC is *to provide Christian liberal arts education within a diverse learning community that transforms people for servant leadership*. We are committed to the historic Christian faith, which is expressed in the ecumenical creeds. These creeds were formulated in the early centuries of Christian history, prior to the division of the church into Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant (or evangelical) branches. They are shared expressions of our common Christian faith. This is a statement that is affirmed by all faculty.

As a university that connects to various Christian communities in the city and the region, we have become known as a safe place for conversation across Christian traditions. We've hosted church leaders' forums and conferences in which leaders from a variety of Christian traditions come together in community. We continue to host the Global Leadership Summit (now in our 11th year), again providing a place for open dialogue, often in the follow-up sessions to the conference.

We encourage our students to be involved in local churches of every Christian tradition. We ensure that the information regarding these churches is readily available to students, and we work at building relationships with the faith leaders so that LCC is known to them. We regularly involve local church leaders in our large events, such as graduation, often asking them to participate from the stage. Our professors are regular contributors to the local churches, regularly preaching and teaching there as well.

We have a robust Spiritual Life program, which includes up to 20 Bible Studies at any given time (about half led by faculty/staff, and half led by students), weekly chapel as well as worship nights, and a highly active Alpha class (conversational introduction to Christian principles). In addition, this year we have placed students as Discipleship Assistants on each floor of the residence halls, thereby engaging students in spiritual dialogue where they live. We are very clear, as a Christ-centered university, that we engage in an invitational approach to faith conversations, not a coercive approach. While all students (no exceptions) take 4 classes from the Theology Department, no student is required to accept the professors' words or claim certain theological beliefs to pass the courses. We believe that these 4 years of university life are the best incubator for students as they begin to ask the big questions of life and we are privileged to walk alongside them as they do so. And we are deeply grateful for each student, no matter what stage they are at in their faith journey.

Thank you for your support of the LCC mission. Although there are many Christian colleges and universities spread throughout North America, LCC is the only liberal arts Christian university in Europe and therefore the only link that many students have with a Christian community and the Word of God. The support of Grace Lutheran Church is deeply appreciated in our efforts to continue in this important work.

Smoke Removal Fans

Members of Grace Lutheran Church along with the First United Methodist Church is helping to distribute fans to homes that need wildfire smoke removal. We are providing Box Fans with a filter system. These fans can pull smoke out of a house, without HVAC, when there are fires/ smoke. The most vulnerable population is our migrant workers as well as our immigrant population. They are often overlooked or cannot afford such things.



If you are in need of a box fan or know of someone that could use a fan please contact Bob Bartlett at bobbartlett1@outlook.com, Mike Sweeney at Sweence@gmail.com, or Kay Fisher at threefishers@nwi.net.

Lutheran World Relief – Border Crisis

At the June 1st Social Concerns meeting, committee members decided to sponsor a special money drive at GLC during the months of July and August to help ELCA AMMPRO with their work with immigrants at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Working with Lutheran Social Services, this group is mainly helping get family foster care sponsors for the many children left alone at our borders. They also are volunteering at the shelters, right now at the San Diego Convention Center. Families crossing the border are also being helped by sponsoring Lutheran congregations.



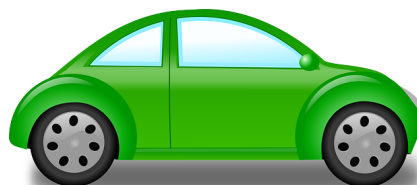
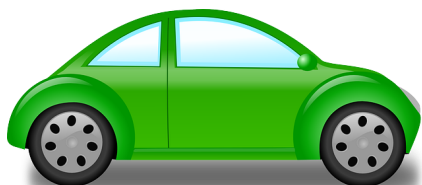
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The best way that our congregation can help is by raising funds for food, clothing, and phone cards.

We urge you to donate by making checks out to Grace Lutheran Church--and put ELCA AMMPRO on the memo line.

Little Free Pantry Volunteers

The Little Free Pantry (formerly Little Essentials Pantry) is looking to expand their pool of volunteers. We are seeking individuals who can open and close the pantry and help stock donated items. If you are interested, please contact Pat Fitzgerald at 699-9267 or Kay Fisher at 669-3220,.



Would You Like to Help Someone Get to Church?

We are looking for a few individuals who can help drive members of our church family to and from worship on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact us at office@glcwen.org or 663-2189.

COUNCIL CORNER

1. Audit committee has met and is working on establishing a timeline to produce the 2021 audit
2. Lighting project is complete
3. Council approved the Pastoral sabbatical plan for late spring 2022. Specific dates are being finalized.

TREASURER TALK

The Audit Team will begin efforts to review financial processes. Kudos out to the Auditors: Mark Boersma, Linda Sinnett, and Mike Sweeney. I am also looking for those that might be interested in helping on the Financial Advisory Committee. Please contact me to discuss.

The chart below reflects comparisons between, actual 6 months, prior year 6 months, and projection based on approved 2021 budget for 6 months. 2021 is in line with 2020 as well as budget projections. Income is down, but so are expenses.

	Jan-June 2020	Jan-June 2021	Jan-May 2021 Budget	Variance To Date
Total Offerings, Misc.	\$203,242	\$186,192	\$220,000	(\$33,808)
Operating Expenses	<u>(240,367)</u>	<u>(219,666)</u>	<u>(253,122)</u>	<u>33,456</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$37,125)	(\$33,474)	(\$33,122)	\$ 352

Reduced cash position considers the year to date loss of (\$33,474). GLC was successful in obtaining the second round of PPP loan - \$56,244. This will help fund 2021 losses if necessary.

	1/1/21	6/30/21
Cash Surplus Position	\$103,566	\$48,092
Treasurer Reserve	<u>44,500</u>	<u>41,500</u>
Total	\$148,066	\$89,592
2021 Special Projects	<u>(25,000)</u>	
Adjusted YE Cash	123,066	

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. 630-4239.
Gwen101@nwi.net

PRAYERS OF GRACE

We are seeking a new coordinator for our prayer ministry. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor James at pastor@glcwen.org.

Long Term

Bonnie Howeler—*continued adaptation to visual impairment, and isolation*
Carol Sunada (Dir. of The Compassionate Friends) - *illness, and recent death in her family*
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) - *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 child care for their young son*
Kris Durr - (nephew of Linda and Bill Sinnett) - *extended and aggressive treatment for cancer*

Short Term/Other

Mim Schwich (mother of Jody Marquardt) - *debilitating ailment, now in a care facility in the Chicago area*
Susan Salley - *for physical healing and successful therapy for her hip*
Joanne Hanson - *for healing from a broken ankle*
Leslie Hole - (daughter-in-law of Nancy Hole) - *for healing*
Mel and Lillian Welton - *Mel is struggling with a serious sudden illness, Lillian has chronic back pain*
Peter Machtley—*son of Ken Machtley and stepson of Gigi Shaw Machtley, recovering well after surgery.*
Ryan McNeice - (Nephew to Suellen Harris) - *diagnosis of multiple cancers*
Kyrie (Smallbeck) Blue - *son of Hannah Smallbeck - for healing, peace and wisdom as he has been diagnosed with a tethered spine and will need surgery this fall*
Mark Boersma - *for healing and a favorable pathology report*
Angie Delvo (friend of Robin Brown) - *for healing*
The family of Chuck Graves *as they mourn his death.*

Global/National/Local Concerns

Global - *for affordable access to vaccines*
Our country and region—*for political leadership to work together with respect for the dignity of all*
For the Wenatchee Valley - *for covid infection rates to continue to decline*

LECTIONARY READINGS

August 1
10th Sunday after
Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8
11th Sunday after
Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25--5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15
12th Sunday after
Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22
13th Sunday after
Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29
14th Sunday after
Pentecost

Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-23

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Music ministry Conversation 10:30 a.m. PreK - 2 nd Grade Story Time 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	2	3 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	4 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	5 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:00 p.m. VBS	6 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	7 1:00 p.m. Della Brett Memorial Service
8 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Music ministry Conversation 10:30 a.m. PreK - 2 nd Grade Story Time 2:00 p.m. Chuck Graves Memorial Service 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	9	10 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Youth Team	11 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	12 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:00 p.m. VBS	13 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	14
15 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. PreK - 2 nd Grade Story Time 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	16	17 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Miriam Circle	18 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	19 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:00 p.m. VBS	20 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	21
22 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. PreK - 2 nd Grade Story Time 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	23	24 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Council	25 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	26 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	27 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	28
29 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. PreK - 2 nd Grade Story Time 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	30					

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