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THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

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A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Grace Lutheran Church
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People of Grace;

I am writing to you on my first day back from sabbatical. I am so glad to have this place of worship and many other ministries. I am glad for you! I am glad to have memories from my time of renewal that will nourish me for a long time to come. It will take a while to sort out my experiences, but I would like to share my sabbatical with you sometime in the near future. Thank you again for the opportunity to be renewed. I trust it has been a time of renewal also for the congregation.

While on retreat, we were encouraged to begin a daily practice of gratitude. We were especially encouraged to reach out to people who we are connected to in any way – a coworker, family member, mentor, former teacher, the list goes on. When we take the time to write to, or phone, or visit face to face, someone who has left an impression on us, we are more whole and healthier in many ways. Give it a try! Commit to at least a week’s worth of simple and quick messages of gratitude to people who come to mind. It could be a text, a voicemail, a letter, whatever does not burden you as the sender. Just showing gratitude to one person a day is all you need to help you feel more connected.

Here’s a key thing to keep in mind: do not gauge your success on whether you hear back from that person. Your practice of gratitude is enough. If you reach out SO THAT you can be thanked, you are turning your relationship into a transactional thing, which is not helpful especially for the person you are first thanking.

From a theological point of view, we know that the God we know in Christ Jesus is about experiencing wholeness in relationship – with God and with neighbor. The design God has for all of creation hinges on these two easy-to-remember commands: Love God. Love neighbor. We can so easily slip into an attitude that (as an individual) we don’t mean much to someone else. That we don’t matter. Self-isolation leads to unhealthy internalizing and collapsing in on oneself. One remedy is a simple message of gratitude to someone connected to you in any way. One of the greatest comforts in our spiritual life is knowing that we are known. This is true between us, in our humanity, as well.

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.

Attention VBS Volunteers!

As of July 27, we have more than 80 youth signed up for VBS. We are still looking for assistance with classroom teachers and helpers, checking the children in and out, helping with movement and games, and so much more. If you are interested in becoming a part of the VBS experience, please contact Beth Smallbeck at youthandfamily@glcwen.org. We need your help!

For all those who are volunteering, we will be meeting **Sunday, August 7th at 6pm**, to train for and get a better scope of what VBS will be this year. Please contact Beth if you'd like to volunteer, or if you are no longer available.

Vacation Bible School

We're excited to announce the return of Vacation Bible School with Compassion Camp! Compassion Camp strives to cultivate compassion for each other, for ourselves, and for the world. We are partnering with First United Methodist, New Song, and St. Luke's Episcopal churches to offer VBS to more than 80 kids this summer. **All classes are now full and registration has been closed.**



Vacation Bible School is BACK!

Compassion Camp

August 8th - 11th

Pre-K & K 9am-12pm
1st - 5th Grades 9am-2pm
at Grace Lutheran Church

Hosted by the following churches:

**First United Methodist, Grace Lutheran,
New Song Community, & St. Luke's Episcopal**

All Classes are Full

ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

Anna Circle will not meet in August. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions, feel free to call Linda Sinnet at 509-699-8256 or Faye DeJong at 509-663-4590.

Miriam Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Linden Tree park. Please bring your own beverage and chair or blanket.

From the Desk of Intern Anna

I just wanted to say thank you Grace Lutheran Church! Thank you for an amazing year. There were some rough times with COVID and budgets and figuring out how to do church again. But there were even more joyous times, with coming back together, teaching, doing a healing service, meeting together for Wednesday Evening meals, going to Louisiana, being in community both in person and online, and getting to know this valley and the people who call it home. Thank you to everyone who has invited me for a meal, who came up to me after service to compliment or give some pointers about my sermon, and who has offered to help me in any way that you could. I can't believe that this year is already over and by the time you all are



reading this, my time with you is in its final days or has ended. I especially want to thank everyone who has participated in the services, dinners, and classes I have led, the Staff here who has supported me and pushed me to be the leader, my internship committee who was always there for me to share in my joys and frustrations and getting these evaluations done, Keith who filled in for James and really let me take the reigns here these last couple of months, and took over when I was away in Louisiana, and when I was recovering from COVID, and James who has been an amazing supervisor and teacher to me throughout this year.

I am going to spend August moving back to St. Paul, Minnesota with my fiancé Josh with the help of my parents, spend time with my family, and visit with folks who I've not seen since the pandemic began. Then its preparing for my last year of Seminary and for approval and first call.

I hope for the very best for you all. I leave you all with this blessing.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious with you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

Sincerely,

Former Pastoral Intern Anna Ferro



August 2022 – A word from Pastor Keith

Mark 1:12-13

And the Spirit immediately drove him (Jesus) out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

This happened right after Jesus was baptized by John. Some see the baptism as Jesus' ordination. The time in the wilderness was a transition period before Jesus began his public ministry. Transition time is important and we all go through transitions.

August will be a time of transitions for all of us at Grace. Intern Dane has transitioned out of internship and looking at new roles for the rest of the summer as he awaits a call and then ordination.

Intern Anna is also transitioning out of internship as full-time intern at Grace to full-time student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She will be leaving sunny Wenatchee to head back to chilly winters in Minnesota. And along with her studies she will also be transitioning to a new life with her partner as they plan for a wedding in February.

Pastor James will also be transitioning as his sabbatical ends and he comes back to life in the congregation. Only as he comes back he has to say good-bye to two interns and there will be no intern for the next year. He will be transitioning from ministry with an intern to ministry without an intern and what will that look like?

And I will be transitioning to life back in the pew as member of the congregation. I have appreciated the support I have received from all of you and especially the staff who helped me learn about security systems and schedules and where to get my bulletin for Sunday mornings.

As all these transitions are taking place, please keep Dane, Anna and Pastor James in your prayers. Keep the whole congregation in your prayers as we make adjustments to how we will do ministry together in the coming year. It will be important that we all pitch in and work together to proclaim the gospel in this place and at this time. May God's Spirit work in us in this time of transition.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served you while Pastor James was on sabbatical.

Pastor Keith M Garness

August Worship Assistants

	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech
August 7			Joyce Owens	Tami Woolsey	
August 14			Karen Zanol		
August 21					
August 28		Tom Gausman	Kate Gregg		

Volunteers are integral to our weekly worship service. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Jen in the [office](#).

Fox Trust Visioning Committee Update – July, 2022

The Fox Trust Visioning Committee met Monday, July 18. The council has appointed a Building Visionary Team to address the specific plan for remodel of GLC. At this meeting, the Fox Visioning Committee gave direction to this team to proceed with building remodel recommendations with input from the congregation, staff, and standing committees.

The Fox Visioning Committee, working with the Building Visionary Team, will have a report for the semi-annual congregational meeting in the fall. The decision was made to table any expansion of the committee at this time.

Friends of Ukraine Refugees Update



Friends of Ukraine Refugees (“Friends”) met in the Fellowship Hall on July 26, to discuss financial matters. In attendance were Bob Bartlett, The Rev. John Coleman Campbell, Dee Ann Gregg, Phil Gregg, Candy Koch, Claudia Koch, Dr. Rev. Keith Madsen, Suzi Pitts, Oleg Plukchi, Jean Speidel, Russ Speidel, Barbara Tilly, Elisa Turner and Jon Volyn.

Friends is now helping stabilize 31 families who are refugees from the war in Ukraine, well over 100 people. More refugees are arriving weekly. These refugee families live in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Soap Lake and Moses Lake. There is no more money from the state to support these refugees. All state money was required to be spent by June 30.

Therefore, Friends of Ukraine Refugees is launching a fundraising campaign to raise One Million Dollars to support refugees from the war in Ukraine. This goal is to benefit the refugees who are here and the families who are still coming to North Central Washington.

At its meeting on Tuesday, the Board of Friends decided to pay the rent due August 1 for those 11 refugee families who have secured a lease. The other 20 refugee families still need to secure a lease. The payment by Friends for their August rent equals \$14,670. This payment will leave a balance in the bank account of Friends of \$34,688.

In order to stabilize those refugees from the war in Ukraine who are now residing in North Central Washington, more money will need to be raised. Otherwise, the bank account of Friends will be exhausted in a little over two more months. We don’t want that to happen.

Please pray for these refugees and their supporters as we seek to discern the best way forward. Thank you.

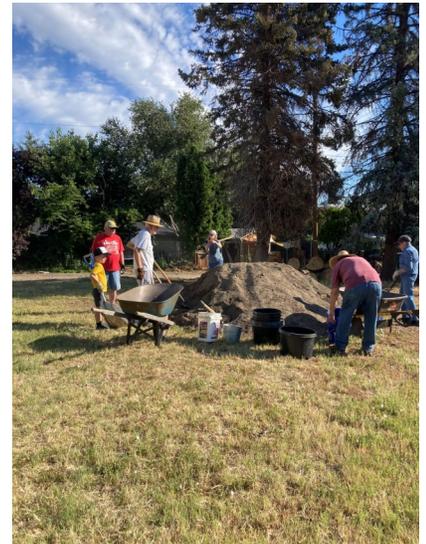
Happy Summer Grace Lutheran Church! 🌻

The Faithful Innovations Garden team has been hard at work in the process of installing a sustainable perennial food forest on the North end of our property. In June we broke ground planting beautiful beneficial native plants in our test area- these young plants are doing well despite the heat, but will benefit from further tending!

We began the sheet mulching process in the strip of land between the shed and the neighbors' property with a work party in July. We had great turnout and were able to accomplish our goals in less than two hours. Don't worry if you missed this first work party- there will be more this fall once the weather cools a bit.

Please email grace.garden.coordinator@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Peace, Dane Breslin



SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

God's Work Our Hands Sunday – September 11th, 2022

School Supplies Drive – The Social Concerns Team will be collecting school supplies this year for our Packing Friendship Schools. During the school year students run out of their school supplies. When this happens, some families do not have enough money to go purchase more and the teacher at times is forced to use their own monies to help purchase the school supplies. The Social Concerns Team goal is to assist those students in need by having a box of items at Columbia Elementary, Foothills Middle School, and Washington Elementary where the teachers can go to pick out some needed supplies. This is a new program and if it works, we will try to incorporate it into other Packing Friendship Churches and Schools.



We will be collecting the school supplies after church on Sunday, September 11th, 2022. This is God's Work Our Hands Sunday.

Below is a list of items, taken from the school supply lists, that each school needs. We encourage people to look for ads to find the best items. This is the time of year to buy the items while they are on sale.

#2 wood Pencils (Ticonderoga)	Pink Pearl Erasers	Highlighter pens
24 Crayola Crayons	“Fiskars” Scissors	Pencil Box or Bag
24 Colored Pencils twistable	Folders w/Pockets at Bottom	Washable Markers
Glue Sticks	Ruler (cm. & Inches)	Dry Erase markers
Pencil Sharpener w/lid	1” Binder	1.5” Binders
Binder dividers	Wide ruled lined paper	Stylus Pens
Red Ball Point Pens	Reusable Water Bottle	Hand Sanitizer
Containers of Disinfectant wipes (Clorox/Lysol)	Kleenex boxes	Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
Quart Size Ziploc Bags	Calculator (I.E. TI30xa or Ti-30X IIS)	
Headphones	Composition Books (wide ruled/college ruled/graph)	

Packing Friendship

Packing Friendship is a weekend backpack program that provides food for students who are at risk of going hungry over the weekends during the school year. Grace Lutheran serves students at Columbia and Washington Elementary Schools and Foothills Middle School. During the 2021-2022 school year, we delivered more than 1400 bags of food. We'll start the next school year with a food drive in September, so be sure to look for the list needed items in the next newsletter. Also, we can always use volunteers to help shop for food, organize the supply room, and pack bags. **If you would like more information about the program or would like to volunteer, please contact Jen Gale at 393-8897 or 4gales@gmail.com.**

Little Free Pantry Needs

The GLC Little Free Pantry is a busy place! We have many visitors every day, and we provide them with needed items for their families. In addition to food, we supply cleaning and hygiene items such as deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, and wipes. With inflation, low-income people are getting less with the limited dollars they have and are in need of more assistance.

How does Grace Lutheran get the food and other items we provide? People from Grace and occasionally other community people drop off donations. Some go to Grocery Outlet, Costco, or their usual grocery store and purchase a cart full of items for our pantry. Others clean out cupboards and bring just a few items, or add a certain dollars' worth of groceries to their cart when they do their own shopping. We appreciate every item. We also have a budget and purchase food in bulk as needed, and Community Action gives a carload occasionally too.



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Some of us have gardens or fruit trees in our yards. These items are especially helpful as they can be expensive in stores and are healthy food choices. We've had bags of lettuce lately. Some of us have access to cherries and apricots now through friends or neighbors. Perhaps pick a few extra pounds to bring to the pantry. We can keep things in the fridge and just put them out as needed.

We are thankful for our volunteers and donors. If you have questions, please email Pat Fitzgerald at ppfitz@aol.com.

Mark your Calendars

- Make a Difference Day – Saturday, October 22nd, 2022 – We will be collecting coats at Pybus.
- Make a Difference Day – Sunday, October 23rd, 2022, to Friday, October 28th, 2022 – We will be sorting approximately 1,000 coats that Serve Wenatchee collects and delivering them to area schools.
- End of October to Early December—WHS Christmas Bags for Unaccompanied Youth.



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	Eli Henson	8/29
Hannah Smallbeck	8/6	Beth Buehn	8/19	Gregg Romey	8/29
Scott Buehn	8/8	Becca Henning	8/19	Jay Widby	8/29

TREASURER TALK

Offerings for the six months total \$180,002. This is (\$19,998) under budget. Expenses are \$219,666, (\$14,611) under budget. Resulting Net Operating Deficit (\$48,476) compares to projected budget deficit (\$43,089).

	Jan-June 2021	Jan-June 2022	2022 Budget	Variance
Total Offerings, Misc	\$186,192	\$180,002	\$200,000	(\$19,998)
Operating Expenses	<u>(219,666)</u>	<u>(228,478)</u>	<u>(243,089)</u>	<u>14,611</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$33,474)	(\$48,476)	(\$43,089)	(\$5,387)

Cash on hand \$88,670 includes Treasurer Reserve \$40,500. Cash position decline (\$48,476) is attributed to funding of operating deficit.

	1/1/22	5/31/22
Cash Surplus Position	\$96,646	\$48,170
Treasurer Reserve	<u>40,500</u>	<u>40,500</u>
Total	\$137,146	\$88,670

Council is beginning efforts to analyze and prepare for 2023 budget. There will be opportunities available over the next several months for Congregation to discuss.

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. 630-4239

COUNCIL CORNER

1. Parking lot lines and handicap spaces were repainted
2. Dead tree at back of the property removed
3. Building Visioning Committee established for repair, rehabilitation planning and proposal for GLC facility
4. Reviewed current income vs. expenses for 6 months. and Financial Advisory Group budget recommendation options for 2023

2022 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts: Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds: *Open*
Endowment: Karen Zanol
Faith Enrichment: *Open*
Fellowship: Shirley Leslie
 Jan Romey
Intern: Nancy Boersma
Pastoral Support: Julie Banken
Staff Support: Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns: Kay Fisher
Worship: Kathy Gavin
Youth: Cheryl Salter
Memorial Garden: Jane Dunbar

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Chad DuLac
Vice President: Dave Coe
Treasurer: Gwen Sparks
Secretary: Suellen Harris
Members-at-Large: Riva Morgan
 John McQuaig
 Trina DeCamp
 Sara O'Daffer

PRAYERS OF GRACE

Long Term

Bonnie Howeler - continued adaptation to visual impairment, and isolation
Carol Sunada (Dir. of The Compassionate Friends) - for healing
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
Jared Senn (Diane Senn's son) - Metastasized colon cancer
Sarah Jones (Mary Henson's sister) - prayers for continued healing
Kris Durr - (nephew of Linda and Bill Sinnett) - Extended and aggressive treatment for cancer
Mim Schwich (mother of Jody Marquardt) - debilitating ailment, now in a care facility in the Chicago area
Lillian Welton - chronic back pain
Leslie Hole - (daughter-in-law of Nancy Hole) - for healing
Martha Ann Hames - Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
Susan Salley - for healing as she lives in long term care

Short Term/Other

June Bright - sister of Linda Sinnett - prayers for healing and comfort
Jay Widby - for healing
Della DuLac - for healing
Dan Hutchison - for healing from severe back pain
Kelsi Davis - for peace and healing
Mick Marquardt - healing from a complicated ankle surgery
Kay Fisher - for healing
Nancy Boersma - for healing
Candy Davison - for healing
Jim Wurl - for healing from knee replacement surgery
Beth, Micah, Logan, and Austin Florea - Logan (who has Kleefstra Syndrome) is now in a residential living facility on the East Coast - for a peaceful transition for Logan and his family.
Family of Sylvia Lyons - Sylvia died July 25, 2022

Global/National/Local Concerns

Global - for areas of the world suffering under extreme heat conditions
Our country and region - for those whose lives have changed with the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade
For the Wenatchee Valley - that people and property be kept safe from the effects of wildfire

LECTIONARY READINGS

August 7 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29--12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 28 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Morning Prayer

Thursday mornings, at 7:00, 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.

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	2 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	3 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	4 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 1:00 p.m. Befrienders	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. VBS Training	8 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	9 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group	10 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	11 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	12	13
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14 9:00 a.m. Worship 1:00 p.m. Sunday Funday 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth @ Washington Park	15 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	16 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Miriam Circle @ Linden Tree 7:00 p.m. Friends of Ukraine	17 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	18 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	19	20
21 9:00 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Recital 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	22 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	23 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council	24 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	25 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	26	27
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

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