

GRACE



LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)

Dear friends in Christ, here is a poem I wrote a few years ago. I have been feeling for a long time that if ever there were a time for the Lord to bind up wounds, now is a good time. May God do this inside us, between us, around us, and may every next day be more of the same.

God is Great at Threading Needles - 9 Oct 2018 – James Aalgaard

God is great at threading needles,
Patient, focused, one eye closed,
Tongue protruding slightly

Once threaded, gets to work
Patching, sewing, making new,
Restoring tattered threads
Piercing, disappearing, sometimes drawing blood
Rising to surface, shining by candlelight

Patient, focused, heart-by-heart
The world is resurrected
The Spirit is perhaps the thread
Binding close together all that had been rent

And weeping turns to dancing,
And joy comes in the morning
And peace and justice kiss
And life is righteousness

God is great at threading needles.

We continue to live with many restrictions. Please watch this newsletter and other communications for announcements related to Ash Wednesday and midweek services during Lent. We do not know when gathering in person will be as safe as we want it to be, and so we are still working through plans for the worship life of the congregation during the season of Lent and also Holy Week and Easter. We are doing what we can, even with many limits. Also, know that some people are struggling that they have not been able to just come and sit and pray in the sanctuary. We are putting plans together for how this can happen in an organized way.

My days off in February: 1, 8, 15, 22

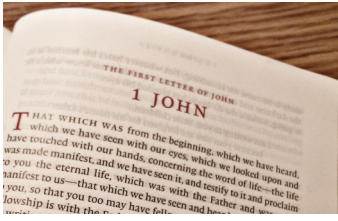
Together! Pastor James Aalgaard



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.

Upcoming Study on 1 John



Readings from 1 John will be Epistle readings in the Easter season in this liturgical (B) cycle. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on February 24, the second Wednesday in Lent, the Faith Enrichment team will offer a 5-session Zoom class on John's First Epistle. Taught by Jody Marquardt, the series will focus on what we know about the historical setting of the letter and how its emphasis on Christian love as the hallmark of genuine Christianity in action has been important in the Church for 19 centuries. 500 years ago, Martin Luther praised 1 John, writing, "This is an outstanding Epistle. It can buoy up addicted hearts. Furthermore, it has John's style and manner of expression, so beautifully and gently does it picture Christ to us." This short but power-packed New Testament letter still has many lessons for us in these difficult times. Please join us.

Racial Justice Discussion Group

We all need a better understanding of Racial Justice. Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. as we welcome a guest speaker sharing their honest thoughts on the subject. This month we will continue our conversation with Joseph Young.

Please join us on Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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LECTIONARY READINGS

February 7
Fifth Sunday after
Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 14
Transfiguration of Our
Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 21
First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 28
Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

Ash Wednesday



This year, Ash Wednesday is February 17. We will be livestreaming a worship service from our sanctuary at 6:30 pm. The service will be viewable on our homepage (www.glcwen.org) and on our Church Facebook page. Ashes will be prepared and available for you to pick up on that day (February 17) from 9:00-11:00 and 12:00-4:00. If you would like to have prayer and/or conversation with Pastor James or Intern Bergen, you are welcome to stop by during those times. You can also give yourself the sign of the cross with your ashes at the church entrance if you would like. We would love to see you stop by.

Lenten Midweek Services

Wednesdays during Lent, we will be livestreaming Holden Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm. The service will be viewable on our homepage (www.glcwen.org) and on our [Church Facebook page](#).

Lenten Soup Suppers

Although we cannot meet together around our soup bowls, many of our favorite recipes will be available for you to try out at home. Beginning Thursday, February 18, two recipes will be included in the What's Happening at Grace email. You can choose either recipe to make the following Wednesday. Hopefully, your favorite "Lenten Soup Supper" recipe will be included.

Prayer Time in the Sanctuary

If you would like to have individual or household time in the sanctuary, please let Pastor James know. It will be available while he is at the church offices with the following schedule: **Thursday 9:00-12:00** and **3:00-5:00**, **Sunday 2:00-4:00**. Please follow our guidelines by only coming if you feel well, by wearing masks and socially distancing from those who are not in your "bubble." We have an appointment page on our website [here](#), or you can [email him](#), or call the church (509)663-2189 and leave a message for Pastor James.



SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Valentines for Heroes



The Social Concerns Team would like to show our appreciation to the staff on the COVID floor of Central Washington Hospital. We would like to send a Valentine to each staff member – so that means we need 300 Valentines! We are asking all members of Grace (small babies to older adults) to write at least one thank you valentine to the staff at the hospital. If you can do more than one, that would be greatly appreciated. After you have written your Valentine, you can mail it to the church or drop it off in the red mailbox by the front entrance. Let's see how many thank you valentines we can do for the staff at CWH.

Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

This winter Grace Lutheran Church is teaming up with the City of Wenatchee, the Women's Resource Center, and First United Methodist Church to provide a low barrier shelter for families and single women that are homeless.

An area hotel has stepped up and is providing six rooms a night for these individuals. Due to the COVID pandemic this year, area churches were not able to provide a shelter as in years past. The Women's Resource Center is reviewing the potential candidates for this program before they are offered shelter. They also will be providing a staff member to be there nightly for security purposes. The rooms will be cleaned daily and are not used for storage by the clients. Clients have access to the bus for transportation. This program will run for sixty days.



Little Essentials Pantry

We are continuing to see a lot of activity at our Little Essentials Pantry, as are the other pantries throughout the community. We appreciate your continued support. The following is a list of items that are needed. Items with an asterisk (*) are needed the most at this time.

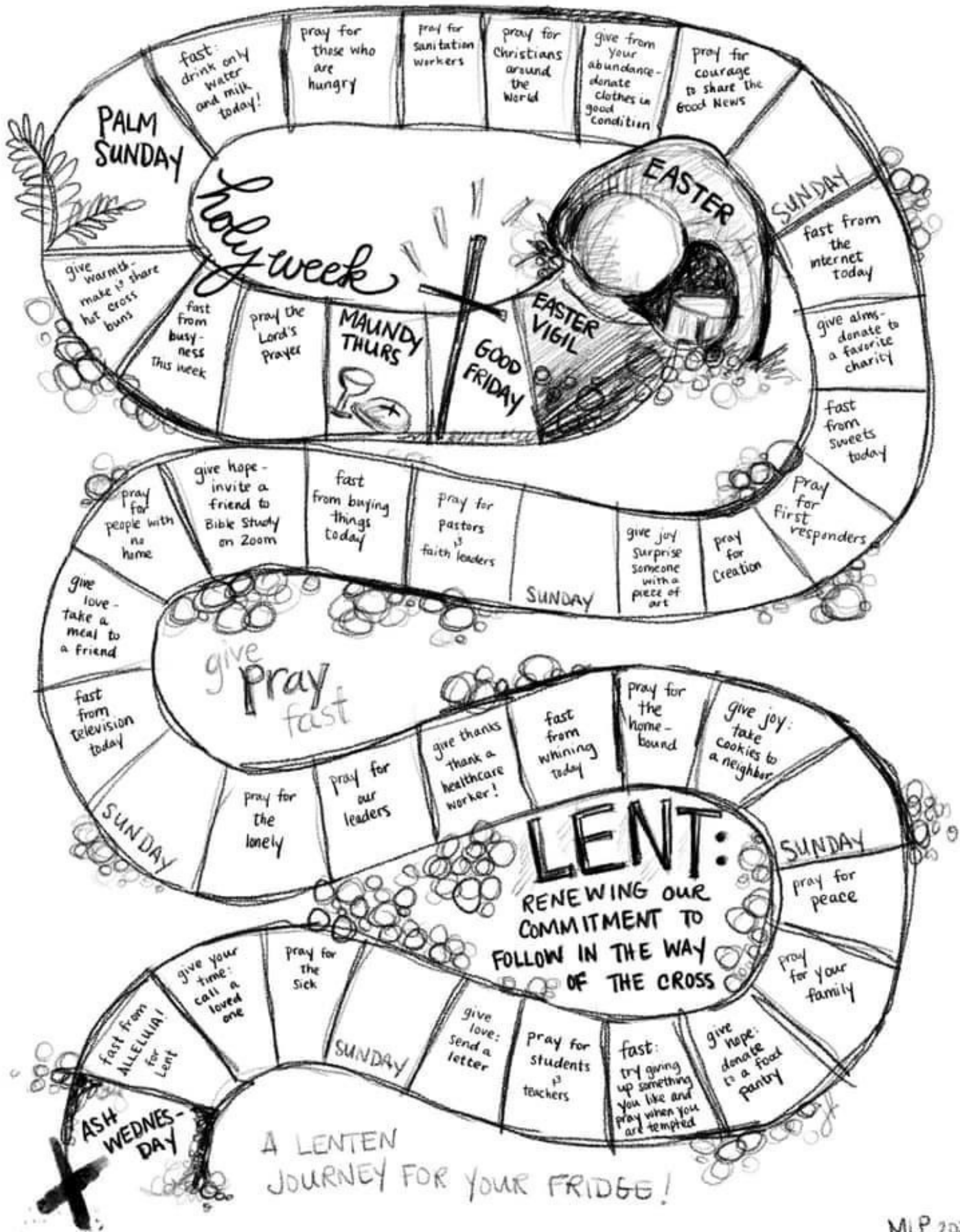
Cereal* (including oatmeal)
Milk products, including alternatives
Canned meats, tuna*
Dried beans* (not canned, please)
Rice* (small sizes are best)
Peanut Butter
Granola bars*
Flour, sugar, baking/pancake mix
Vegetable Oil
Boxed side dishes (noodles, rice, potatoes, etc.)
Macaroni and cheese*
Pasta sauces and pasta*
Hearty soups, canned pasta meals*, stew*, chili

Top ramen, Cup of Noodles*
Laundry detergent*
Bar soap*
Cleaning products of all kinds*
Paper products (paper towels*, Kleenex, TP)
Feminine products*
Shampoo*, Conditioner
Toothpaste*, Toothbrushes*
Toiletries (deodorant* especially)
Diaper wipes, diapers

If you would like to make a financial contribution, please make the check out to Grace Lutheran and indicate "Little Essentials Pantry". Thank you!

Social Concerns Team Next Meeting:

Social Concerns Team's next meeting will be February 9th @ 6:30pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Kay Fisher at threefishers@nwi.net



COVID-19 and Reopening Update

The reopening committee is planning a second congregational survey. In preparation for the survey, we have invited GLC member and Confluence Health Chief Medical Officer Elect Dr. Jason Lake to answer congregational questions concerning Covid, Covid vaccine, and Covid-related issues for reopening. To that end, we are collecting and curating questions in advance of the meeting to insure that everyone has an opportunity to have their question(s) answered. Once plans are confirmed everyone will be notified of date, time, and details for our informational Zoom. We will archive the presentation for those who cannot attend. Please send your questions to Pastor James at pastor@glcwen.org or to reopening committee member Suellen Harris at suellenwa@mac.com.

Schedule a One-on-One with Intern Bergen

Intern Bergen Eickhoff would like to talk with you! Since we don't get to connect at the church or out in the community, we'll have to rely on Zoom calls to get to know one another better. If you would like to schedule a time to talk with Intern Bergen, just follow this link to his Calendly page.

<https://calendly.com/bergeneickhoff/one-on-one-with-intern-bergen>

On there, you will be able to reserve an available time in the coming months. Once you schedule a time, you'll receive an email confirmation with a Zoom link! These talks don't need to be serious, we can just talk about our interests, discuss the weather, and share about what's bringing us joy during these difficult times. I hope that you'll schedule a time for a One-on-One with me!

If you need help signing up, please call the office at 663-2189.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mary DeMarce	2/1	Kate Gregg	2/11	Dawn Aalgaard	2/21
Tony Fisher	2/1	Isaiah Banken	2/13	Pat Brown	2/21
Dorothy Thompson	2/1	Gabe Stefanides	2/13	Kathy Jo Evans	2/21
David Bentsen	2/2	Emily Tilger	2/14	Shannon Salter	2/23
Barry Heminger	2/3	Ted Crum	2/16	Rose Applegate	2/24
Lynn Heminger	2/3	Deborah Dormaier	2/16	Alan Olson	2/24
Monte Vogt	2/3	Alex Henning	2/16	Alora Martinez	2/25
Judy Johnson	2/6	Dorothy Dennis	2/17	Nancy Spurgeon	2/25
Sara O'Daffer	2/6	Sarah Kintner-Thorpe	2/18	Sarah Eisert	2/26
Collin Paiva	2/7	Cole Godfrey	2/19	John Applegate	2/27
Dee Griffith	2/8	Denise Miller	2/19	Tom Gausman	2/27
Matt Tilger	2/8	Patty Christensen	2/20	Debbie Lapo	2/27
Peggy Fenhaus	2/10	Joe Trowbridge	2/20	Jen Pearson-Gale	2/27

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.

2020 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

2020 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

GLC Staff Schedule

Until our community eases our current COVID restrictions, the staff at Grace has been staggering time working onsite at church. Here is the general outline of the weekly staff schedule.

Monday	Roxanne (Finance)	morning until 11:30	
	Rich (Facilities)	1:00-3:00	
	Judy (Organ)	3:00-5:00	
Tuesday	Beth (Youth & Family)	all day until 4:00	
	Jen (Office)	12:30-4:00	
	Rich	1:00-3:00	
	Judy	3:00-5:00	
Wednesday	Roxanne	morning until 11:30	
	Jen	12:30-4:00	
	Rich	1:00-3:00	
	Judy	3:00-5:00	
Thursday	Pastor James	all day until 5:00	
	Jen	12:30-4:00	
	Rich	1:00-3:00	
	Judy	1:00-3:00	
Friday	Intern Bergen	morning until noon	
	Roxanne	morning until 11:00	
	Rich	1:00-3:00	
	Judy	3:00-5:00	
Saturday	Rich	9:00-1:00	
Sunday	Pastor James	2:00-4:00	

Please note, there are interruptions to the schedule from time to time. Program staff (Pastor James, Intern Bergen, and Beth) work from home to fill out their full-time hours. If you would like to visit with any of the staff, please reach out and we will find a time that works for you.

TREASURER TALK

	Jan-Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2020	12 month 2020 Approved Budget	Variance To Date
Total Offerings, Misc.	\$500,007	\$439,059		
PPP Loan Forgiveness		<u>72,300</u>		
		\$511,359	\$515,000	(\$3,641)
Operating Expenses	<u>(\$505,848)</u>	<u>(460,222)</u>	<u>(534,718)</u>	<u>74,496</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$5,838)	\$51,138	(\$19,718)	\$70,855

God continues to bless GLC. 2020 year-end financial report reflects a profit of \$51,138. This does take into consideration the forgiveness of the SBA PPP loan. Expenses were down due to COVID restrictions.

	1/1/20	12/31/20
Cash Surplus Position	\$52,432	\$103,566
Treasurer Reserve	<u>44,500</u>	<u>44,500</u>
Total	\$96,932	\$148,066

There have been several opportunities for reviewing and discussing 2021 proposed budget. Final budget approval will be voted by Congregation shortly.

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

COUNCIL CORNER

1. Council said goodbye to Monte Olson and Andy Sheets and thanked them for their faithful service.
2. Council welcomed new at-large members, Trina DeCamp and Sara O'Daffer.
3. Council approved a 2021 congregational budget which will now be submitted to the voters.
4. Council approved a Special Projects fund of \$25,000 for 2021.

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.



Congratulations!



Welcome, Adaline!

Adaline Rae was born on January 14 to Jordan (O'Donnell) and Greysen Gilman. Jordan and Adaline are both doing well. Congratulations to the O'Donnell and Gilman families!

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 - overall health

Genevieve Crosby - continued healing from broken clavicle

Chuck Graves - memory issues (living in adult care home)

Bonnie Howeler - continued adaptation to visual impairment

Carol Sunada (Dir. of The Compassionate Friends) - illness

Tony Fisher - cancer diagnosis and related seizures

Bob Curtis - dementia

Dale Olson (Hollie Olson's father-in-law) - prayers for health and peace

Short Term/Other

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

Anna Guthrie - prayers for travel and transition back to the U.S. to go smoothly and to enjoy her last 2 months in Indonesia

Barbara Tilly - gratitude for healing

Sarah Jones (Mary Henson's sister) - prayers for successful surgery, and for safe travel for Mary as she goes to help provide care

Kris Durr - (nephew of Linda and Bill Sinnett) - cancer diagnosis

Shirley Houghland - healing from a recent fall

Family of Ruthella (Tiny) Skagen - deceased January 12
Gratitude to God for the birth of Adaline Rae Gilman to Greysen and Jordan (O'Donnell) Gilman, January 14, 2021

Global/National/Local Concerns

Residents of poor and unstable countries - for vaccinations and economic recovery to be readily available.

For Los Angeles County - for a slowdown of the spread of COVID-19 and for respite for all medical staff.

For the Wenatchee Valley - for vaccination site organizers to easily coordinate with all related agencies for the sake of community health.

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	3 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	4 6:00 p.m.. Book Study	5 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)	6
7 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. PreK - 5 th Grade Faith Formation 1:00 p.m. Racial Justice Discussion Group 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout	8	9 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Youth Team	10 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 3:45 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade Youth	11 6:00 p.m. Book Study	12 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)	13 4:00 p.m. Alumni Youth Zoom Hangout
14 9:00 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout	15	16 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	17 Ash Wednesday Newsletter Deadline 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship <i>(livestream)</i>	18	19 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)	20
21 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. PreK - 5 th Grade Faith Formation 1:00 p.m. Racial Justice Discussion Group 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout	22	23 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Council	24 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 6:00 p.m.. Holden Evening Prayer <i>(livestream)</i> 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)	25	26 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)	27 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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