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Holy Spirit Time

“He breathed on them.” (from John 20:22)

Dear friends in Christ,

Microscopic droplets. Aerosolized breath. Terms like these have come into sharp focus for our global community. Sometimes I feel I want to be the class clown and try to insert some humor (like saying, “covid your mouth” when someone coughs, at which point my daughter says, “too soon, Dad, too soon”). I catch myself and realize the danger, the real and life-threatening risks of gathering together, of being too close, of sharing one another’s air. Gatherings across our communities are viral versions of the macabre old game Russian Roulette. My wife and I had been starting to make plans to drive to Minnesota this July so our family could bury my brother’s ashes together (he did not die from covid-related causes). We then decided, the trip and the opportunity to be with family didn’t outweigh the risks. We’re not going.

Jesus, in his resurrected form, breathed on his flock of disciples. Yes. Yes, he did. If you’re like me, you have an initially primal reaction to such words. You imagine how close he must have been to every face. You grieve that, were we not collectively in the middle of a pandemic in which we are specifically warned not to breathe on each other, this little resurrection episode would be nothing short of beautiful. Fear and uncertainty about the invisible have kicked you out of any way you can appreciate this Gospel episode, at this time. Maybe this story is beyond us. Maybe we are beyond this story. Sigh...

You know, theologically, we teach that a sacrament is an earthly element joined together with God’s word, and a promise. Microscopic droplets from the resurrected Jesus +plus+ “receive the Holy Spirit” +plus+ “forgive and don’t forgive, and you are doing the work of God” =equals= A Sacrament? Hmm.

I’m not about to get myself into trouble by people who know more than I. However, the very breath of Jesus right here at this point along the arc of the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John is the birth of a movement of human hearts. Plain, simple, misunderstanding, fearful-of-the-invisible, fearful-of-the-visible, dusty-footed, students of the Teacher inhaled something that day. The air they breathed in was the sweet, forgiveness-filtered, peace-purified, victory-through-death ventilated breath of heaven on earth. The air of the Spirit is the breath of heaven in the lungs of the earth. People of the resurrection can fess up to the fears that inhabit them, but they can also take another breath and say to the neighbor, “But, that’s not all. Together we have this hope that helps us better understand the limits of what threatens to take away life.”

Together, the season of the church is now about the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Time After Pentecost. I think back now to a mantra I heard many years ago (the story can be told later), “Forgiveness is the air we breathe.”

Be healthy, and safe, dear people of Grace!

My days off in June: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Vacation (probably “stay-cation”) June 23-26

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.



Senior Quilt Sunday

We weren't able to gather in person, but, via video, our 2020 graduates were still able share about their quilts and their future plans during worship on Mother's Day. You will find a link to the video on our website.



JOIN US FOR A PARKING LOT CELEBRATION

Congratulations Class of 2020!

Saturday, June 6 at 2pm

Please join us in the church parking lot on Saturday, June 6, at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate our graduating seniors. We will safely park in our cars and honk and wave at our seniors as they cruise the parking lot. Make signs, bring balloons ... be creative! We will have drive-up drop boxes available for cards and well-wishes. If you have any questions, please contact Beth at youthandfamily@glcwen.org

Graduate	School	Future Plans
Courtney Brown	Wenatchee	Central WA
Mackenzie Brown	Wenatchee	University of Idaho
Meghan Brown	Wenatchee	Gonzaga
Elizabeth DuLac	Wenatchee	WVC
Allison Fischer	Eastmont	Yakima Valley College
Alexa Hwang	Wenatchee/WVC	St. Olaf
Meghan Johnson	West Side	undecided
Mackenzie Mueller	Wenatchee	PLU
Ryan Paiva	Eastmont	Coast Guard
Erin Reed	Score Academy	WYO Tech
Anthony Russ	Wenatchee	UAT in Tempe

WOMEN'S (ZOOM) RETREAT

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold the women's retreat at the Grunewald Guild this year, but we are excited to hold a virtual gathering over Zoom sometime in June. If you are interested in participating, please contact Intern Jenna (intern@glcwen.org).

PreK/K Faith Formation via Zoom



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Fleisher 6/1
Emily Aalgaard 6/3
Stephanie Coe 6/3
Michelle Didesch 6/4
Courtney Brown 6/5
Mackenzie Brown 6/5
Meghan Brown 6/5
Mike Buck 6/5
Liz Henning 6/5
Amea Tilger 6/5
Ann Bartlett 6/7
Jennifer McMahon 6/8

Myra Hoane 6/9
Joanne Dalinkus 6/10
Andrea Fischer 6/10
Gwen Sparks 6/11
Doug Eisert 6/12
Melvin Welton 6/12
Suzanne Porter 6/14
Bonnie Howeler 6/18
Charlotte Caulkins 6/19
Lindsay Henning 6/19
Beth Nierman 6/19
Mark Boersma 6/22

Kay Stevens 6/22
Scott Thompson 6/22
Alycia Williams 6/22
Audrey Harper 6/24
Orville Schettler 6/24
Connie Smith 6/24
Steve Stefanides 6/24
Dave Peterson 6/25
Samantha Miller 6/28
Riva Morgan 6/28
Carrie O'Donnell 6/28
Bennett Dunckel 6/30

Virtual Worship

Facebook

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

Zoom

Grace Lutheran Sunday Worship (and coffee fellowship)

Time: 9:00 am, with fellowship following worship (This change is for our summer worship schedule)

To join Zoom on a computer/tablet/smartphone, click here:

<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/271972685>

Meeting ID: 271 972 685

To call in for Zoom (listen only):

- Dial the number for your area (highlighted number for Wenatchee)
- When prompted, dial 271 972 685 #
- You may be asked to press # one more time
- That's it! You should be in after that.

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) <- use this number for Wenatchee

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 253 215 8782 US

+1 301 715 8592 US

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Find your local number: <https://luthersem.zoom.us/u/adxhTqiFHY>



Virtual Coffee Fellowship

Sign onto Zoom (following the instructions above) 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!

ANNA AND MIRIAM CIRCLES

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

Miriam Circle plans to have a virtual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 16. Please contact Melanie McQuaig (melanie@mcqw.com or (509) 665-9000) for more information.



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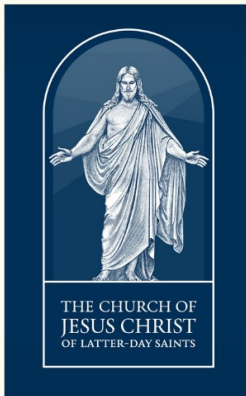


FREE potatoes, apples & onions!

**3 Saturdays
through June!**

9:00 A.M. - NOON

AT THESE LOCATIONS:



- 1621 Maiden Lane, Wenatchee
- 667 10th St NE, East Wenatchee
- 10170 Titus Road, Leavenworth
- 195 W. Manson Hwy, Chelan
- 417 4th Street, Brewster

DATES: MAY 23 JUNE 6 JUNE 20

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Members in Need Fund:



With current events regarding COVID-19, we acknowledge that some of our members will experience financial difficulties. There is a confidential process for financial help for our members and people who are involved in our faith community. The Members in Need Fund can help a household with up to \$300 per calendar year to help meet expenses. Forms are available on the resource tab of glcwen.org. The form can be printed, filled out, and mailed to the church. You can also email a copy to pastor@glcwen.org.

Applications are reviewed by a small committee consisting of the Pastor, Council President, and team leader of the Social Concerns Team.

Food Drive Challenge:

As many of you know, the Social Concerns Team started a food drive the first of March.

Unfortunately, with the COVID 19 virus we were forced to postpone the event until a further date.

Fortunately, with the help of Earl Tilly, Dave DeJong, Bob Bartlett, Mike Sweeney, Jim Mayer, Kay Fisher, and the Social Concerns Team, that date has arrived. It will start on June 1st, 2020 and end on September 13th, 2020 (GOD's Work. Our Hands Day).

With the help of this team of individuals, our food drive will support the Wenatchee Valley Area Food Banks. The Social Concerns Team has committed up to \$10,000 to match all monies raised by the congregation. If the congregation can raise \$10,000, that would mean \$20,000 will be raised for the Food Bank. Currently the Food Banks are in need of food items (except onions & potatoes). The monies from the Federal Government will not kick in for a while and with the COVID 19 crisis the need is great. The following food banks are under consideration:



- 1) Lighthouse Ministries
- 2) Community Action Council
- 3) Serve Wenatchee
- 4) St Vincent De Paul
- 5) Packing Friendship & The WHS Panther House

How this will work:

For current Thrivent Members, Thrivent Action Team Cards make it easy to live generously. It starts with a simple question: "Who can I help and how?" In this particular case, you can help the Wenatchee Valley Area Food Banks by logging into your account and filling out the online application for the \$250 Action Team Card to support this event.

For Non-Thrivent Members there are two options:

1. Become a member of Thrivent. You can do this by going online to <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/>. First, you decide on whether you want to be a Full Benefit Member or an Associate Member. From there, you can fill out an application online, download an application, or contact Jim Mayer at 509-669-8978. Once you receive your membership card you can set up an account and login. You will then fill out the application for the Thrivent Action Team Cards.
2. If you choose to donate monetarily, you can make your check out to Grace Lutheran Church with a notation of Wenatchee Valley Area Food Banks, and mail your check to the church.

Thrivent is a member organization serving Christians. As a member, you will get financial guidance, exclusive offers and opportunities to help others. When you join Thrivent, there is more to membership than you realize. Thrivent helps our community of more than 2 million members be wise with money while giving them access to exclusive member benefits and opportunities to give back – across town and around the globe.

GOD'S Work Our Hands: GOD's Work Our Hands Day will take place on September 13th, 2020. This year's projects are Packing Friendship and The Wenatchee High School Panther House. More information will be available in upcoming newsletters.

ELCA NWIM Synod:

The Social Concerns Team has applied for a Northwest Intermountain Synod COVID 19 Block Grant. The grant application consists of three major components all based on Food Insecurities here in the Wenatchee Valley. The first and second section focuses on Packing Friendship and The Wenatchee High School Panther House. The third section emphasizes Families in Need. The Families in Need component has been awarded \$2,500 and notice will be given the first couple weeks of June on the first and second component.



Helping Lucia Update:

The Social Concerns Team has been working with the Wenatchee Valley Follies Guild in giving Lucia help financially, buying food and other staple items for her home, finding legal assistance, getting her in contact with the appropriate individuals at DSHS, getting the county and city to repair her lot from the flood damage of August 2019 and giving financial guidance when appropriate.



The team has been working hard to help her become more self-sufficient once we leave. One of the ways is tutoring Lucia on the computer and giving her resources to obtain her GED.

If anyone at Grace knows of someone or a family in need, please contact a team member or Pastor James.

Noisy Offering:



Collection of Noisy Offering Boxes will start August 1st and will end on Sunday, September 13th, 2020, which is GOD's Work, Our Hands Day. So, start saving your coins and take part in the Noisy Offering.

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, 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom, contact Beth)
- ◆ Compline, 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday

- ◆ 10@10, 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Lectionary Study (via Zoom, contact Intern Jenna), 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ 3rd - 5th Grade youth Group, 3:00 p.m. (via Zoom, contact Beth)

Thursday

- ◆ First Prayer, 8:00 a.m.

Friday

- ◆ 10@10, 10:00 a.m.

TREASURER TALK:

GRACE'S GENEROUS GIVINGS – APRIL 2020

	Jan-April 2020	Jan-April 2019		3/31/20	3/31/19
Total Offerings, Misc	\$147,546	\$174,746	Cash Position	\$34,761	\$88,761
Operating Expenses	<u>(165,216)</u>	<u>(174,860)</u>	Treasurer Reserve	<u>44,500</u>	<u>51,968</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$17,670)	(\$114)	Total	\$79,261	\$140,729

Just a reminder-Cash position was reduced by \$40,000 at year-end and Special Projects fund established, thus the large variance in cash available between 2019 and 2020.

Comparing January through April 2019 and January through April 2020, total offerings are down \$27,200. Expense comparison does reflect reduction of \$9,644 for the same time period. Overall the 2020 year-to-date deficit is (\$17,670). This compares to budget estimate of (\$11,573).

There have been two projects approved by Council with funds to be used from the Special Projects designated funds: 1. Lake Chelan Internship program \$5,000; and 2. Nursery Improvements \$3,500.

Continue to be safe and healthy. God's Blessings.

Council Corner

1. Approved \$3,500 from Special Projects Fund to upgrade Nursery.
2. Lake Chelan Lutheran Church has accepted Grace's offer of \$5000 to help fund a two-year internship.
3. Grace's Church Council sends a special thank you to the dozen or so volunteer callers on our "phone tree" who have been faithfully checking in with GLC members during this stay-at-home period when we have had no in-person worship. Each caller has been contacting from 8 to 30 households every week or two. Such a wonderful service they are providing!
4. Established "Reopen Grace Committee" to decide strategies, milestones and stages of integrating members back to Grace following COVID-19.
5. We invite members of Grace to contact Council with ideas for how to celebrate the Fox Trust Gift as a Congregation (i.e. a meal, party, outreach event, etc.)

2020 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

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

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Chad DuLac
Vice President:	Cathy Sweeney
Treasurer:	Gwen Sparks
Secretary:	Jody Marquardt
Members-at-Large:	Riva Morgan Monte Olson Ann Bartlett Andy Sheets

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.

George Aalgaard (Pastor Aalgaard's father) - comfort and strength through a chronic health issue

Della Brett - overall health

Walter Brooks

Patty Christensen - thanks for healing and prayerful support

Genevieve Crosby - prayers for Genevieve and for her son and grandson

Bob Curtis - continued health support

Vera Curtis - thanks for healing and recovery

Eric DeJong - recovery from cancer

Marv Dunbar

Anne Erdmann

Don Evenhus – continued prayers for health

Chuck Graves

Anna Guthrie - support while in Indonesia

Shirley Houghland - healing

Bonnie Howeler - continued adaptation to visual impairment

Gerri Kern - continued health and peace of mind at this time of life

Judy Olson - recovery from surgery

Monte Olson - continued recovery

Stephanie Olson - peace and comfort with the death of her mother and aunt

Carol Sunada

Beatrice Tate - for her daughter

Josh (Wanda & Erling Rivedal's great-nephew)

Katrina and Daphne - Prayers of thanksgiving for Intern Jenna's friends Katrina and Daphne, who each gave birth to healthy baby girls (Ariella Ruth Ramage born March 20 in Spokane, WA and Lauren Chia born March 25 in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia)

Jeanne - Prayers of thanksgiving for Mary Henson's mom Jeanne as her surgery went well and she is cancer free

Wanda Rivedal - prayers for patience and strength

James Hodgson (Shirley Leslie's brother-in-law) - prayers as he starts cancer treatment

Charlene Hodgson (Shirley Leslie's sister) - prayers for ongoing heart problems as well as other health issues

Thank you to our Grace Family for your recent prayers for my mom Jeanne and sister Sarah.

~ Mary Henson and Family

LECTIONARY READINGS

June 7
Holy Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Cor. 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 14
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

June 21
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28
4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 3:00 p.m. 3 rd - 5 th Grade Youth Zoom Hangout	4 8:00 a.m. First Prayer	5 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)	6 2:00 p.m. 2020 Graduate Celebration
7 9:00 a.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout 9:00 p.m. Compline	8	9	10 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 3:00 p.m. 3 rd - 5 th Grade Youth Zoom Hangout	11 8:00 a.m. First Prayer	12 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)	13 4:00 p.m. Alumni Youth Zoom Hangout
14 9:00 a.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout 9:00 p.m. Compline	15	16 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	17 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 3:00 p.m. 3 rd - 5 th Grade Youth Zoom Hangout	18 8:00 a.m. First Prayer	19 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)	20
21 9:00 a.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout 9:00 p.m. Compline	22	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 3:00 p.m. 3 rd - 5 th Grade Youth Zoom Hangout	25 8:00 a.m. First Prayer	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.

COMPLINE
Sundays at 9:00 p.m.

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As of this publication date, church offices are closed
due 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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