



THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

June and July 2023

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Grace Lutheran Church
1408 Washington Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801-2555
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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday morning worship service at **9:30 a.m., beginning June 4.**

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? (Psalm 42:1-2)

Rest, Renew, Recreate

People of Grace;

This newsletter covers the months of June and July. I hope you will read about opportunities for your faith to be nurtured through the summer. I also hope you will take note of opportunities to share in fellowship, and be in service to the world, even if it's to a relatively small part of the world.

Also, summer is an opportunity to change your pace of life. In Christ, God lifts us up to new life. In Christ, there can be unexpected and unexplained joy in simply "being." I ask that you notice those opportunities, those moments when the Spirit of Jesus is inviting you to rest, renew, and be recreated.

This is not resting time for all of us... some who are heavily involved in agriculture work at a feverish pace in the summer months. For others, the seasons do not change their working life. There are many "and how about" examples that pretty much negate the whole concept of summer rest. It's good for us all to be aware of that.

Yet, there is something that changes in us when the seasons change, and there are moments we can carry with us through the rest of our lives. One year ago (already? Yikes!) my wife and I were having a time of renewal in Ireland. A rejuvenating rhythm of learning, walking, conversing, and resting was just what we needed. I still reflect on that time and give God thanks for the chance to step out of some of my callings for the sake of being able to return to them with joy and new energy.

Here are a few ideas you might consider as you enter summertime.

Early morning, come to Grace and prayerfully walk our labyrinth.

Pick up a book you have been considering for a while, perhaps a book that helps your faith mature. Read slowly, meditatively, so that you are not trying to check another thing off a list, but rather, you are sitting in communion with the Holy Spirit.

Experiment with walking to worship. "What? Walk from my home to church? That's too far!" Good point!

Instead, park one block away from Grace, get a few steps in, and enjoy the beauty of the morning. You might even "bump" into a fellow member!

Try "Dwelling in the Word" at Grace during July and August. You'll find a longer introduction in this newsletter.

Be a helper for Vacation Bible School.

Have a stroll in our community garden.

Take time in our memorial garden. Pick a name you see printed there, give God thanks for the life that was lived in that person.

Spend time at a community gathering place (Pybus Market, for example), and walk people meditatively, praying for them as they pass by. Try something a little more extroverted and strike up a conversation where you intentionally represent the love of God to the neighbor.

With gratitude to God and to you, in this time after Pentecost,

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.

Jr/Sr High Youth Group

Youth group will be scheduled on a week-to-week basis during the summer months.



Wenatchee Youth Community will meet on Sundays, June 11 and July 9, at 6:00 p.m. at Washington Park.

Wenatchee Pride 2023

The Wenatchee Pride Festival will be held on Saturday June 3rd from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at Memorial Park. Grace Lutheran Church will have a table at the Festival and we are looking for people to help staff our table. We would like at least 2 people at the table at a time. We have many 2 hour shifts available (11:00 am to 1:00 pm, 1:00 - 3:00, 3:00 – 5:00 and 5:00 – 7:00 pm) If you would like to sign up for a time please email [Paula Salter](#).

We will have a small activity for attendees to do while visiting our table, this will provide a few minutes to visit and answer any questions they have about our church. We will have information about our church, what RIC means and the Ecumenical Youth Group at the table.

We are looking for yarn donations – we need all of the colors of the rainbow! There will be a box in the Narthex for the yarn.



Sunday Coffee Time Needs Volunteers . . .

There is a clipboard with a sign up sheet on the serving table in the Fellowship Hall. If you could serve but don't know how to use the coffee maker or run the dishwasher, stop in on a Sunday and talk with whoever is serving. Another way to become experienced in the kitchen would be to team up with someone who is knowledgeable. Serving is not a difficult task, we just need willing people. There are often treats in the freezer or on the counter that can be used. If you purchase treats, there is a voucher to fill out to be reimbursed, if desired. Please label and date any treats left in the kitchen or the freezer as "Sunday Fellowship."



Thank you for considering serving in this important community gathering time.

LECTIONARY READINGS

June 4 The Holy Trinity

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

June 11 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15--6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

June 25 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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

July 2 5th Sunday after Pentecost

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

July 9 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19,
25-30

July 16 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:1-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9,
18-23

July 23 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43

July 30 9th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33,
44-52

JUNE AND JULY BIRTHDAYS

Emily Aalgaard	6/3	Andrea Fischer	6/10	Audrey Harper	6/24
Stephanie Coe	6/3	Gwen Sparks	6/11	Orville Schettler	6/24
Michelle Didesch	6/4	Doug Eisert	6/12	Connie Smith	6/24
Courtney Brown	6/5	Suzanne Porter	6/14	Steve Stefanides	6/24
Mackenzie Brown	6/5	Bonnie Howeler	6/18	Dave Peterson	6/25
Meghan Brown	6/5	Beth Nierman	6/19	Larry DuVall	6/26
Amee Tilger	6/5	Mark Boersma	6/22	Samantha Miller	6/28
Ann Bartlett	6/7	Kay Stevens	6/22	Riva Morgan	6/28
Jennifer McMahon	6/8	Scott Thompson	6/22	Carrie O'Donnell	6/28
Myra Hoane	6/9	Alycia Williams	6/22	Bennett Dunkel	6/30
Joanne Dalinkus	6/10				

Robin Brown	7/2	Kathy Fulkerson	7/13	Olivia Morgan	7/21
Annie Stefanides	7/2	Brent Cunderla	7/14	Cora Bruehl	7/23
Molly Salter	7/3	Inku Hwang	7/14	John Evans	7/24
Elizabeth DuLac	7/4	Judy Lawson	7/17	Karl Lapo	7/24
Ron Johnson	7/4	Tony Gott	7/19	Andrea King	7/28
Abbey Fenhaus	7/7	Donald Hatch	7/19	LaNita Williams	7/28
Helen Hunter	7/8	Colt Melton	7/20	Jane Hensel	7/29
Molly Gavin	7/10	Henrik Bentsen	7/21	Abby Reed	7/29
Rebecca Lake	7/11	Alexa Hwang	7/21	Brita Eisert	7/31
Marilyn Schiefelbein	7/11				

ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 20, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace. If you have questions, feel free to contact [Linda Sinnet](#) or [Faye DeJong](#).

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Grace. We will be having a “mystery dessert” – everyone is asked to bring a single serving dessert to trade.



Ladies Salad Potluck

The women of Miriam Circle anticipate hosting a salad potluck on July 18. Watch future announcements for more details.

Bishop Meggan Manlove, recently elected to the office of Bishop for our synod, will be in Wenatchee July 2, 2023. Grace Lutheran Church will be hosting a lunch and conversation with Bishop Manlove. More details to come, but please plan to join the rest of the North Central WA Cluster of the ELCA at 12:30 pm, July 2, 2023 in the Grace Lutheran Church fellowship hall. We will be requesting people sign up so we can plan accurately for the lunch.



Guest Preacher July 16: University of Washington Campus Pastor Chelsea Globe will be our preacher on July 16. We hope you can attend and help us extend a welcome to her. Please see the accompanying bio for more information about Pastor Chelsea Globe from UW Lutheran Campus Ministry to chat about campus ministry, young adult ministry in your context, and how you can support this vital work happening in our Church!

Pastor Chelsea Globe joined the Lutheran Campus Ministry team at UW in November 2020. A lifelong Washingtonian, she grew up in Enumclaw, WA, right by Mt. Rainier. She graduated from Whitworth University in Spokane in 2005 and earned her Master's of Divinity at Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry. She was ordained in the ELCA in 2014. She served in parish ministry in Federal Way, WA, for 5 years before coming to campus ministry. She lives in West Seattle with her husband Bill and two rambunctious kids and spends summer at their home in Manson, WA. She loves working with college students and supporting them during this intensely formative time of their lives. She also finds great joy in speaking and preaching at ELCA congregations around the state to promote this important ministry and encourage congregations to support young adults in their own contexts. To check out what campus ministry has been up to, visit our website (www.uwlutherans.org) or social media pages (@UWLutherans). If you'd like to support this ministry financially, you can give anytime online at <https://www.uwlutherans.org/give.html>.



GARDEN TEAM REPORT

The Garden Team: Sue Garness, Judy Olson, Dean O'Daffer and Linda Sinnett hope everyone takes time to check out the progress on the garden. All 8 boxes are prepared for planting and the area on the west side of the garage/shop has been weeded. The native bushes that were planted last year are thriving. The plan was to plant vegetables in the boxes in late May but unfortunately our supplier was unable to deliver the plants for our last work party. We now have a planting work party scheduled for June 10th, 8:00 to 11:00.

[Sheila Wellman, a student at Wenatchee Valley College](#), has been hired as the Garden Manager. Sheila has been taking classes in Agriculture/Natural Resources for a few years. Her knowledge and experience have already proved to be very beneficial to our project.

More than a project this is a mission. The garden will support our Little Free Pantry with fresh produce, as well as provide vegetables to members of the congregation. We plan to reach out to immediate and valley-wide neighbors and collaborate with other local community gardens. We hope to learn and teach more about food security, food justice and care of the earth. The garden will be used for education of Wenatchee area elementary students and to supplement Agriculture classes at Wenatchee Valley College. This is also a constructive use of a large area of church property that was otherwise not utilized. To be sustainable volunteers are needed to share the work with the garden team.

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES



Sunday, June 25

Walla Walla Point Park

2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

It's summer picnic time. The Youth and Community Team invites you to join us for some good old summertime picnic food, lawn games, and good fellowship.

Bring your favorite picnic dish to share. Beverages will be provided.

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL!



Take me out to the ballgame

Who doesn't enjoy the fresh summer air, the sound of a bat hitting a ball, and supporting our local baseball team? Now you have a chance to have a fun evening doing all those things.

The Youth and Community Team invites EVERYONE to join us at a Wenatchee Applesox game on Wednesday, July 19. We are getting a group rate for the game, so bring your family and invite your friends.

The Applesox will be playing the Bend Elks. Game starts at 6:35 p.m.

Premium seating ticket prices are \$12.50 for adults and \$11.50 for kids under 12.

In order to get the group rate, we need to know how many to order. To sign up, please contact Cheryl Salter ([email](#) or call 509-293-1570) or sign up in the narthex.

Watch for updates in weekly announcements. **BATTER UP**



Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages 3 years to 5th Grade

6th Graders— leaders in training

Grace Lutheran Church

This year we will again be hosting an ecumenical Vacation Bible School, working with First United Methodist Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, The Sunnyslope Church, and New Song Community Church.

Registration is available online at: <https://vbsmate.com/events/operationrestoration2023/27087>

Volunteers are needed! Sign up at: <https://vbsmate.com/events/operationrestoration2023/27087> or fill out a volunteer form that is available in the narthex. Please contact Sue Garness if you have any questions or need any help.

New Member Class

Would you like to join Grace as a member? We would love to officially welcome you and affirm your baptismal identity. An online sign-up form is available on our website. A sign-up sheet is also available in the church narthex (entryway).

Sessions: June 4 & 11, brunch and session after 9:30 am worship

New Member Sunday: June 18 during worship

PRAYERS OF GRACE

- *Wendy Burke (sister of Dawn Aalgaard)* – prayers for healing after intestinal surgery
- *Barbara Tilly*—prayers for healing from a broken femur
- *The Family of Bette Bayes* (a former member of Grace) - prayers for peace and comfort. Bette passed away on May 2.
- *Gail DuVall* – prayers for a speedy recovery from hip replacement surgery
- *Susan Hendrickson* - prayers for recovery from a severely broken ankle
- *Judy Reed* (Bill Reed's mom) - prayers for healing from a recent cancer diagnosis
- *Ben (great-nephew of Joe Trowbridge) and Jacob (Joe's nephew) Crosby and family* - prayers for Ben as he manages anxiety and depression, for Jacob to heal from pneumonia, and for peace for the whole family

To submit a prayer, please call (509-663-2189) or email our [church office](#) or [Pastor Aalgaard](#). Please share with us details that are pertinent to the request. If you are asking us to pray for a person other than yourself, please seek that person's permission. Prayer requests are published for four weeks. You are welcome to resubmit your request if you would like it to remain on the list longer. Updates are welcome, also. We will do our best to help your request have a balance of privacy protection and sharing information. The ministry staff at Grace reserves the right to edit requests.

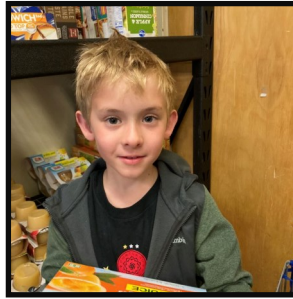
Morning Prayer

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.

THANK YOU TO OUR PACKING FRIENDSHIP COORDINATORS AND VOLUNTEERS



**Packing Friendship Coordinators:
Jen, Rebecca, Barbara, Kay, and Karen**



Josh



Caroline, Tammy, and Pat

We couldn't do it without you.



Alyssa & Seeley



Bowman & Sara



Jan



Dan



Diane

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Packing Friendship program this year. **Volunteers contributed more than 400 hours of their time during the 2022 - 2023 school year, providing more than 1600 bags of food to local students. THANK YOU!**

Our church serves students at 3 schools: Washington Elementary, Foothills, and Pinnacles Prep. We will take a break for the summer, but will start again in the fall with a food drive to kick off the school year - watch for more information in the September newsletter. Thank you again for your continued support!

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Social Concerns Team Looking for New Members



The Social Concerns Team is looking for new members. The team meets monthly during the school year and takes the summer off for the most part. Some of the projects the team does include: Packing Friendship, Pantry, Caring Meals, 1000 Coats 4 Kidz, Families in Need, Noisy Offering, Gods Work Our Hands Sunday, and Christmas Gift Cards for WHS students that have that are homeless. If you are interested in serving on the committee contact Kay Fisher ([email](#) or 509-669-3220) or Mike Sweeney ([email](#) or 360-533-4486).

Bingo Prizes Needed

Clean out your cupboards, look under the bed, open the closet, and find all those items that are no longer being used. We are in desperate need of prizes for the Bingo night. Old jewelry, and stuffed animals, are excellent items, along with small sports items. There is a container in the foyer where you can leave the items. Thank you in advance for helping us out!!



The next Bingo night will be held both Friday, June 2nd and Friday, July 7th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to volunteer or participate, please come and enjoy the fun.

The purpose of BINGO is to give young adults/older teenagers that have a developmental disability an outlet to go enjoy themselves one Friday night per month.

Little Free Pantry



The Little Free Pantry could not operate without our wonderful volunteers. These folks have put in countless hours stocking the pantry, sorting donated items, and purchasing items for the pantry. A Big Shout Out to Pat Fitzgerald, Gloria Forster, Mike Sweeney, Bob Bartlett, Jan Herman, and Monte Olson.

Quilt Update



We loaded 4,514 pounds of things onto the truck today to go to Spokane on its way to the warehouse in St Paul, Minnesota. There were 155 boxes from 6 churches containing 584 quilts, 250 school kits, 189 personal care kits, 16 fabric kits and 4 baby kits.

2023 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts:	Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds:	Dave Coe, Tom Gausman
Endowment:	Karen Zanol
Faith Formation:	<i>Open</i>
Fellowship:	<i>Open</i>
Pastoral Support:	Julie Banken
Staff Support:	Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns:	Kay Fisher
Stream Team:	Marlena La Paz
Worship:	Kathy Gavin
Youth & Community:	Sue Coe
Memorial Garden:	<i>Open</i>

2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Suellen Harris
Vice President:	Dave Coe
Treasurer:	Jody Marquardt
Secretary:	Chad DuLac
Members-at-Large:	Riva Morgan
	John McQuaig
	Paula Salter
	Tami Woolsey

Dwelling in the Word

Starting July 2, Pastor James will be facilitating “Dwelling in the Word”. This is an opportunity for participants to engage with a portion of the scriptures of the day. Together, we hear verses and meditate on questions such as “What is a word or phrase that gets your attention in this reading?” “What is God inviting you to do or be?” We will gather at 8:30 am and meet for approximately 45 minutes, then gather with the congregation for 9:30 am worship. All are welcome. Dwelling in the Word will meet Sunday mornings during July and August.

June & July Worship Assistants

	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech	Communion Assistant
6/4			Karen Zanol	Rose Applegate		
6/11			Jim Caulkins	JuLee Fiebelkorn		Riva Morgan
6/18			Joyce Owens			
6/25						
7/2						
7/9			Gary Otheim			Gary Otheim
7/16			Riva Morgan			Riva Morgan
7/23			Jim Caulkins			
7/30						

COUNCIL CORNER

- Hiring Team will be performing interviews for possible music minister and youth and family minister May 2023.
- Pastor received \$5,000 grant from Synod SHARE Grant to support a Spiritual Director Program.
- Grace RIC team is supporting/ hosting a table at the 2023 Pride Festival June 3, 2023.
- Council appointed establishment of a Constitution and By-Laws (revision) Ad Hoc Committee to update Grace’s Constitution.



Flower Chart

Please note that we have a flower chart in the narthex. If you wish to share a flower arrangement for Sunday worship, please sign up. You can specify that the chosen date is a memorial, anniversary, birthday, etc. if you wish. Thank you for participating with your flower offering.

Not Afraid

June 11, 6:30pm
Grace Lutheran Church

*A triumphant return home,
celebrating self-acceptance and love!*



FREE CONCERT – Suggested donations to The Trevor Project for LGBTQ suicide prevention.

Brendan Bassett, pianist, grew up in Wenatchee and now lives in Colorado where he is the Director of Music at First Baptist Church of Denver.

2023 Lute Loop



AFTER

AN INVITATION TO FAMILY & FRIENDS

30 YEARS

OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

PASTOR DAVE IS RETIRING

**SUNDAY
JUNE 25**

worship 10:00am
party 11:00am-1:00pm

**CELEBRATION
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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**ALL ARE
INVITED!**

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June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 7:00 p.m. Recital	2 6:30 p.m. Bingo	3
4 9:30 a.m. Worship New Member Brunch 1:00 p.m. Recital	5 5:00 p.m. Recital 6:30 p.m. Recital 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	6 6:00 p.m. Recital	7 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study	8 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:15 p.m. Recital	9	10 8:00 a.m. Garden Work Party
11 9:30 a.m. Worship New Member Brunch 6:00 p.m. Wenatchee Youth Community Washington Park 6:30 p.m. Concert: <i>Not Afraid</i>	12 6:30 p.m. Recital	13 3:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Team 6:00 p.m. Youth and Community Team	14 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study	15 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Recital	16 11:00 a.m. Sylvia Knighton Memorial Service	17
18 9:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Recital	19	20 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 5:30 p.m. Recital 6:00 p.m. Social Concerns 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	21 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study	22 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	23	24
25 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Retirement Party for Pastor Dave Haven at Celebration Lutheran Church 2:00-5:00 p.m. Church Picnic at Walla Walla Point Park	26	27	28 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study	29 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	30 7:00 p.m. Craft Night	
<div>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.</div>						
				VBS Dinner at First United Methodist Church		

July 2023

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