

THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

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Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 2

For the summer months, we will have one Sunday morning worship service at 9:30 a.m., beginning June 2.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35)

Dear friends in Christ,

Several of my recent conversations have revealed that religious trauma is pervasive. For many, painful memories result in scars that become lifelong challenges. It is a wonder that any who bear such trauma are interested in continuing to nurture a communal faith life. Many recede to very private, personal places in the heart to experience their connection with God. Although they could be helped by being in community, in sharing a faith life with others, they stay away in the interest of personal safety. One person shared a childhood memory just the other day about his father who was so bothered about the demands and condescending tone of the preacher, that he said "that's enough of that" and from that point forward, focused on his family and his livelihood.

The threat of judgement and judgementalism itself eat away at the joy and the hope for belonging that people have as they enter a faith community like a congregation. It's risky business to try out a church.

A distant, tense relationship with "the Church" can contribute to an uneasy relationship with the Creator, with the very God who breathed life into their physical bodies. This results in uncertainty and worry about what will happen for the person when they breathe their last.

The Church does its worst when it then blames the traumatized for being too sensitive, for having expectations that were too high, or for otherwise bringing it on themselves.

As pastor here, representing the congregation and the institution called the Church, I am sorry for religious trauma you have had to bear, whether I had a hand in it or not.

Here, the Gospel of John helps us. Jesus gives his disciples this great commandment which is more of a prescriptive observation than a demand. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The narrative flow of this passage has a "just before" and "just after" that are worth noting. Just before this commandment, we witness the departure of Judas, the one who shared bread with Christ at table. He was on his way to seal Jesus' fate, to corroborate with the temple officials. Just after this commandment, we hear Peter declare with such confidence that he will never desert Christ. Once again prescriptive, Jesus states that Peter will deny him just as sure as the rooster's crow at the break of dawn.

Jesus commands us to love one another in all our bracketed moments of betrayal and trauma. It does not mean we have to totally understand ourselves or the neighbor, but it does mean an extraordinary willingness to commit to gift of one another and the presence of Christ borne by each of us.

Yours.

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.

From the Desk of Intern Lynnette

Greetings from Intern Lynnette, who comes from Omak in the "Northern Kingdom"



Before anything else, I want to say how grateful I am for the incredibly warm welcome that you, as individuals and as a congregation, have extended to me. I have been pleasantly surprised at how quickly and solidly I have felt held in prayers and supported by love from you all. It is a joy. THANK YOU!

As we move into the liturgical time after Pentecost, which I often refer to as 'The Green Season', our Sunday Gospel scriptures will highlight the church's growing relationships with God, with one another, and with creation. During this summer season I look forward to seeing and hearing about the ways that God is present here in the growing relationships within Grace Lutheran Church, as well as the growing relationships between Grace and the surrounding communities within creation.

For my intern project during my time at Grace, I will be exploring stewardship as an expression of our context, shared mission, and our relationships with God and neighbor. I attended the NWIM synod gathering on 05/18 with a group from Grace. It was helpful to hear stewardship presented as a celebration of far more than money issues during lean times. Since then, I have been thinking of the offering prayer in the green LBW which includes "We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love."

During the summer I would love to gather with small groups of people for an hour for a devotion and a time of storytelling about when our lives have been a response to the goodness and generosity of God. If you are interested in helping an intern out and participating in one of these conversations, please let me know via email intern@glcwen.org, phone message, or sticky note. (I likely will not remember from a passing conversation.) I'm open to meeting at the church or elsewhere.

Quick background info on your new intern: My name is Lynnette Rose. I live in Omak with my husband Larry Witt and one of our adult daughters, Ilsa Rose-Witt. We have two other adult daughters, MaryEllen & Chiara, a son-in-law Marshall, and granddaughter Elyse in the Seattle area. I am entering ministry after a 30-year career in teaching in Omak. My internship is half-time (20 hours) at Grace. My typical weekly schedule will be Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. On other days I serve as an in-home hospice chaplain to patients and their caregivers in Okanogan County. During free time, you will find me outdoors hiking, kayaking, xc skiing, and gardening. I would love to meet up with the people of Grace to hear your stories.

Peace be with you all, Lynnette

Join Us for Handbells 101 in August

Experienced handbell ringers at Grace will offer an introduction to handbell ringing for beginners later this summer. Interested people from grade 9 – adult may attend the 45-minute sessions following Wednesday evening (5:30pm) worship on Aug. 14, 21, & 28 in the Rehearsal Room. Each session builds upon the previous week's material, so it is most advantageous to attend all three sessions, but not required.

Please contact Deacon Ruth at the church office to sign up. There is no obligation to join the choir after training, but we hope you will!

Music Reading Sessions Offered

Would you like to learn how to read music, or strengthen some of your music-reading skills? Deacon Ruth and other Grace musicians will provide the opportunity to gain a better understanding of this language, building competence and confidence. Our first sessions begin in the Rehearsal Room before Compline (7:30-8:00pm) on Sundays in August (4 & 18). Please contact Deacon Ruth at the church office to sign up.

Upcoming Congregational Activities

Hike and Seek!

Our next Hike and Seek will be June 1, leaving the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. This will be a wildflower hike of easy to moderate difficulty. All are welcome. Please bring good shoes and something to keep yourself hydrated. Trekking poles are also helpful, but not required. Thank you to Judy & Monte Olson for organizing our Hike and Seek group.

Take me out to the ball game . . . Mark your calendar.

Wenatchee Applesox Baseball Wednesday, July 10, 2024 Game starts at 6:35 p.m.



We have a block of tickets set aside for our GLC group. Get your family and friends together and join us for a fun evening of Applesox baseball and fellowship. Bonus! Prizes are given out during Wednesday games as well!

Group tickets for premium seating—\$13.50 adults, \$12.00 for seniors, military and veterans.

Watch for more information coming in weekly emails and sign-up sheets in the narthex.



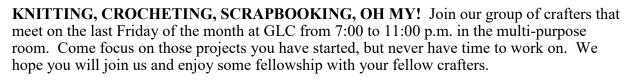
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

Billingsley Hydro Park <u>Sunday, June 30</u> 12:00—4:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite picnic dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Join us for good food, games to play, and great fellowship.

CRAFT NIGHT

Friday, June 28 and Friday, July 26 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.







GAME NIGHT

Friday, June 21 and Friday, July 19 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Do you like to play board games, card games, dominoes, etc.? Join us for Game Night in the Fellowship Hall. Do you have a favorite game? Bring it! Please bring an appetizer to share; beverages will be provided. **EVERYONE** is invited to an evening of fun and fellowship!

Volunteers Needed for Wenatchee Pride Festival!

Along with other open and affirming congregations from around the Valley, Grace will be hosting a table at the Wenatchee Pride Festival on June 22nd! This is an excellent opportunity to share with the wider community what it means for Grace Lutheran to be an RIC congregation, and your voice is part of that! Volunteers are needed to host the table from 10am set-up until 7pm – sign up to host for an hour or hang out for the afternoon! Reach out to Zoe for more information on signing up.

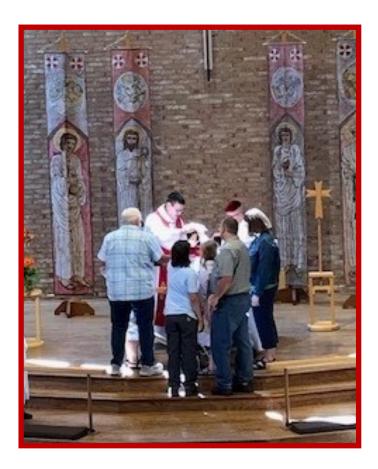




Affirmation of Faith Confirmation 2024

Nolan Bonwell Alora Martinez







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MAY GAME NIGHT











JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

Emily Aalgaard	6/3	Andrea Fischer	6/10	Harold Ostenson	6/24
Stephanie Coe	6/3	Gwen Sparks	6/11	Connie Smith	6/24
Michelle Didesch	6/4	Doug Eisert	6/12	Steve Stefanides	6/24
Courtney Brown	6/5	Suzanne Porter	6/14	Dave Peterson	6/25
Mackenzie Brown	6/5	Bonnie Howeiler	6/18	Larry DuVall	6/26
Meghan Brown	6/5	Beth Nierman	6/19	Vinny Lee	6/28
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 Dunckel	6/30
Joanne Dalinkus	6/10	Audrey Harper	6/24		
Robin Brown	7/2	Brent Cunderla	7/14	Karl Lapo	7/24
Annie Stefanides	7/2	Inku Hwang	7/14	Kristen Thorstenson	7/26
Molly Salter	7/3	Judy Lawson	7/17	Rachel Dymond	7/27
Elizabeth DuLac	7/4	Tony Gott	7/19	Andrea King	7/28
Ron Johnson	7/4	Donald Hatch	7/19	LaNita Williams	7/28
Abbey Fenhaus	7/7	Colt Melton	7/20	Pam Asan	7/29
Molly Gavin	7/10	Henrik Bentsen	7/21	Jane Hensel	7/29
Rebecca Lake	7/11	Alexa Hwang	7/21	Shirley Ostenson	7/29
Marilyn Schiefelbein	7/11	Cora Bruehl	7/23	Abby Reed	7/29
Kathy Fulkerson	7/13	John Evans	7/24	Brita Eisert	7/31



Summer Liturgies Change

Our festival season concluded with the observance of The Holy Trinity on May 26. As the Time after Pentecost ("Ordinary Time") begins, our liturgical music reflects this change. Our Canticle of Praise switches from the celebratory "This is the Feast" to the more ordinary "Glory to God." In June, we will use setting #12 in our ELCA's supplement All Creation Sings. In July, familiar liturgical texts will combine with music from a number of countries around the globe. In August, we will use ELW setting #5.

May we all find refreshment and renewal as we worship and grow in God's grace this summer!

Grace Choirs Hit the Road

As our choirs prepare for their summer hiatus, members will share music outside of Grace's walls. Voices of Grace will sing for residents of Blossom Valley on May 29 and Bells of Grace will ring at Colonial Vista on June 2. We rejoice in the generosity of these musicians to share the Good News with our community. Prayers for their ministry are greatly appreciated.

Choirs Take a Summer Break

Grace's choirs enjoy a well-deserved break from their leadership duties after Pentecost. Along with many other Grace worshipers, I greatly appreciate the many ways in which Growing in Grace, Bells of Grace, the Brass Ensemble and Voices of Grace enhance our worship together. They proclaim, inspire, challenge, teach, uplift and delight us. They work hard to do their best as they glorify God and edify the assembly. They freely share their time and abilities in worship and outreach experiences. My heartfelt thanks extends to each and every one who contributes to our music ministry.

Your prayerful support and encouragement is also highly valued. THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL.

With deep gratitude, Deacon Rath

ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 18, and Tuesday, July 16, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace. If you have questions, feel free to contact <u>Linda Sinnet</u> or <u>Faye DeJong</u>.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Joyce Fisher's home.



Ladies Salad Potluck

The women of Miriam Circle invite all of the women of Grace to a salad potluck in the church **Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, July 16**. No program is planned, just good food and pleasant company. Please bring a salad to share. Beverages, bread, and dessert will be provided.

June Worship Assistants

	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech	Communion Assistant
6/2			Riva Morgan		Marlena La Paz	Riva Morgan Nancy Gradwohl
6/9			Gary Otheim		Phil Gregg	Gary Otheim
6/16					Marlena La Paz	
6/23			Karen Zanol		Phil Gregg	Karen Zanol Nancy Gradwohl
6/30			Dee Ann Gregg		Chad DuLac	

Seeking Worship Helpers

Volunteer helpers make our worship run smoothly. We would love to expand our volunteer pool. <u>Here is a link to a "google sheet"</u> where you can put your name on an open slot. If you are having a hard time navigating the google sheet, please call (509-663-2189) or email our church office or Pastor Aalgaard and we can help.

Please note! The google sheet is a single document that can be changed (and added to) by anyone who has the link. You are very welcome to add your name to a slot that's empty, but please do not remove others' names or otherwise change the form.

LECTIONARY READINGS

	June 2
2 nd	Sunday after
	Pentecost

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Psalm 81:1-10 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23—3:6 June 9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Cor. 4:13—5:1 Mark 3:20-35 June 16 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34 June 23 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41 June 30 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43



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.

Generations in Grace Join Us for Faith Formation and Community Building

June 20, July 18, and August 22 6-7 pm

This summer we build upon our foundation with Growing in Grace families and invite people of all generations to come together one Thursday each month. We will share Bible stories, prayers, music, and playful connections with God's Word and one another from 6-7pm, including a light supper. A sign-up sheet in the narthex will assist us in knowing approximately how much food to prepare. Meet in the Fellowship Hall June 20, July 18 and August 22. It's a great time to introduce a friend to our community of faith!

PRAYERS OF GRACE

- The Family of Barbara Tilly Barbara died at home May 20 with her husband Earl and son Bart at her bedside.
- The Family of Bill Sinnett Bill died on May 30.
- Terry Lust cousin of John Hergert diagnosed with throat cancer, receiving hospice care
- Devin Olsen and his father as they remember the passing of Devin's Nana.
- *Sophie Fiebelkorn* for recovery from a recent stroke.
- Glenn Liner and Sue Marshall for God's peace and loving presence as Glenn enters hospice care.
- *Cathy Eggers*, close friend of Milt and Jan Herman, is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer. Please pray for comfort and healing.

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.

2024 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts: Phil Gregg

Building & Grounds: Dave Coe, Tom Gausman

Endowment: Karen Zanol

Faith Formation: Open **Fellowship:** Open

Graceful Garden: Linda Sinnett **Intern Team:** Mark Woolsey Julie Banken **Pastoral Support: Staff Support:** Ernie Bentsen **Social Concerns:** Kav Fisher **Stream Team:** Marlena La Paz Kathy Gavin Worship: Youth & Community: Sue Coe Memorial Garden: Open

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Suellen Harris **Vice President:** Dave Coe

Treasurer:

Secretary: Chad DuLac Members-at-Large: Tory Schmidt

John McQuaig Paula Salter Tami Woolsey

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Little Free Pantry News

Thanks to the congregation for participating in the Dipes & Wipes drive. There is still time as May isn't over yet!



This summer we will be concentrating on fresh produce, so as your garden starts to produce fresh vegetables and you have some to spare, we would like you to consider gifting some of your excess to the Little Free Pantry. We have purchased a refrigerator to store the vegetables, or you can put them

directly in the pantry. It usually works best to put them in plastic produce bags from the grocery

store if you have extras, otherwise baggies work.

When fruit starts to ripen, we would love to have your excess also. Our budget has decreased significantly, so fresh produce will be our area of concentration for the summer months.

Thank you for all you do to support the Little Free Pantry! Our volunteers are faithful and dependable, so they deserve our thanks. Deacon Ruth, Mike Sweeney, Bob Bartlett, John Hergert, Jan Herman, Monte Olson, and Linda Sinnett as our sub, are there 5 days a week to stock the

shelves, put away groceries, order and pick up, shop, and break down the large quantities. Our recipients always express their gratitude, so our work is appreciated.

Packing Friendship

Packing Friendship is our weekend backpack program, which began at Grace Lutheran in the spring of 2011, all due to Barbara Tilly and her desire to help those in need in our community. Barbara's death has left a huge hole in our lives and our hearts, but she will continue to be an inspiration to all.



Barbara Tilly Founder of Packing Friendship

2023-2024 School Year: Many volunteers help keep our Packing Friendship program going throughout the school year. We'd like to say thank you to everyone who helped with our Packing Friendship program this year. Whether you shopped, packed, delivered bags, or supported us financially, you made a difference in the lives of students right here in your community. We would especially like to thank the following volunteers who gave of their time every week, or every other week, to pack and deliver food to schools: Dan Hutchison, Tammy Beschen, Carolyn Bentsen, Pat Strand, Alyssa Bones, and Jan Romey. This year Grace Lutheran delivered almost **1,500** bags of food to local students and we couldn't have done it without you - THANK YOU!

Our church serves students at 3 schools: Washington Elementary School, Foothills Middle School, and Pinnacles Prep. More than 20 other churches and services organizations provide food for students at the other schools throughout the Wenatchee and Eastmont School Districts. 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!

Thrivent Clients: Real Money for Your Community!

Did you know that if are a Thrivent client, you can provide \$500 each year to a local service project at no cost to you through a Thrivent Action Team?

A Thrivent Action Team is a group of community members led by a Thrivent client to complete a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. You submit your project idea through a simple online application. Once approved, Thrivent sends out your Thrivent Action Kit, which can include:

- A Community Impact Card with up to \$250 in seed money.
- A personalized webpage and other digital tools to promote your activity.
- "Live Generously" T-shirts.

Thank you cards, name tags, stickers and more.

For starters, you can help Packing Friendship, the Little Free Pantry, and other worthwhile endeavors at Grace. Clients are allowed to apply for 2 grants each calendar year. Just think what a difference this could make if a number of us applied! For details, check out Thrivent Action Teams on the company website and/or see Deacon Ruth.



Midweek Worship this Summer

During the summer months, we offer an abbreviated service of Holy Communion on Wednesday evenings. We gather in the front of the sanctuary (much like Advent & Lent midweek services), fostering an intimate feeling amid the assembly. A brief homily in dialogue-style draws us into a time of sharing insights. A congregational hymn supports the texts taken from the readings for the upcoming Sunday. What a great opportunity to invite someone new to worship with us, or to gather at Grace if you are away for the weekend. Weekly services begin June 12 at 5:30pm.

You Can Be an Assisting Minister!

Interested in serving as an assisting minister? Worship leadership comes in many forms. The assisting minister can serve as cantor and lector, lead prayers of intercession, speak an offering prayer, help with communion distribution, and give the final dismissal. This list may seem daunting, but training will be provided and if there are any responsibilities that do not fit for you, we will accommodate as needed. From "The Sunday Assembly" by Brugh and Lathrop, "Assisting ministers arise from the assembly and are representatives for the entire assembly. The assisting minister is one with gifts for leading the assembly. There are varieties of assisting ministers; not only those who carry out the functions assigned in the rubrics to 'the assisting minister,' but also readers, altar guild members, musicians, ushers, acolytes, ministers of hospitality, and more. Understood together, these people come from the assembly's midst to help the assembly worship." If you would like to serve in this capacity, please sign up in the narthex and we will reach out to you with next steps. We plan to begin a rotation of assisting ministers this September.



Bailey and Cara Henson served as Organist's Assistants on Pentecost Sunday. They did a great job pushing/pulling stops, turning pages and changing couplers.

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 a.m. Summer Spruce- up Work Party 10:00 a.m. Hike & Seek Wildflower Hike
9:30 a.m. Worship Following worship Helen Hunter Memorial Reception 2:00 p.m. Recital 8:30 p.m. Compline	3 5:00 p.m. Recital 7:00 p.m. Recital	5:00 p.m. Faith Formation Team (via Zoom) 6:00 p.m. Recital	5 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 1:00 p.m. VBS Planning	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:00 p.m. Recital	7	8:00 a.m. Irrigation Workshop
9:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Gladsong Concert/ Mobile Meals Fundraiser	10 6:30 p.m. recital	3:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Team 4:00 p.m. Arts Team 6:00 p.m. Youth & Community Team 6:30 p.m. Ukulele Group 6:30 p.m. Social Concerns Team 7:00 p.m. Recital	11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. Worship	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:00 p.m. Garden Team 5:15 p.m. Worship Team 5:30 p.m. Recital 7:00 p.m. Brass Rehearsal	14	1:30 p.m. Barbara Tilly Memorial Service
9:30 a.m. Worship 8:30 p.m. Compline	17	18 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 5:15 p.m. Drum Circle 6:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. Worship	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:00 p.m. Generations in Grace	21 6:00 p.m. Game Night	11:00 a.m. Pride Festival @ Memorial Park
9:30 a.m. Worship 30 9:30 a.m.	7:00 p.m. Recital	6:30 p.m. Ukulele Group	26 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. Worship	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:00 p.m. Garden Team	7:00 p.m. Craft Night	29
Worship 12:00 p.m. Church Picnic						

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. Worship	4	5	6
7 9:30 a.m. Worship 8:30 p.m. Compline	8	3:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Team 6:00 p.m. Youth & Community Team 6:30 p.m. Ukulele Group	11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:35 p.m. AppleSox Game	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:00 p.m. Garden Team	12	13
9:30 a.m. Worship	15	16 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 6:00 p.m. Church Council 6:15 p.m. Ladies' Salad Potluck	11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. Worship	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:00 p.m. Generations in Grace	6:00 p.m. Game Night	20
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TREASURER TALK:

4/30/24 Results

January thru April offerings total \$205,405, over budget by \$55,405. This does include \$24,390 interest income. Expenses are \$179,838, (\$6,480) under budget. Resulting Net Operating Margin \$25,578 compares favorably to projected budget deficit (\$36,317).

1st quarter results for 2023 are not included. During this period Cordell Neher was updating their system and getting corrections completed. It would be my best guess that year to date 2024 results are continuing all positive trends.

	Jan-April 2023	Jan-April 2024	2024 Budget	Variance
Total Offerings, Misc.	\$	\$205,405	\$150,000	\$55,405
Operating Expenses	Q	(179,838)	(186,317)	<u>6,480</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	\$	\$25,578	(\$36,317)	\$61,885

Cash on hand \$160,548 includes Treasurer Reserve \$40,000.

	12/31/23	4/30/24
Cash Surplus Position	\$ 80,789	\$147,998
Treasurer Reserve	40,000	40,000
Deficit Reserve	41,500	
Total	\$162,289	\$187,998

Gwen Sparks.

COUNCIL CORNER

- * Building Visioning Committee reported on remodeling project updates.
- * Grace has invited Scholar Mark Brocker to present a Saturday/ Sunday Dietrich Bonhoeffer adult education event at the end of September.
- * Diane Senn and George Asan were appointed by Council as interim Memorial Garden Committee members.
- * Grace will be hosting a composting cart from Winton Compostables in the near future.

Morning Prayer

We invite you to Morning Prayer, meeting Thursday mornings at 7:00 am (as an effort to accommodate people's work schedules). The following is a description of our typical morning prayer routine:

- + a time of reflecting/sharing together about the upcoming scripture for Sunday
- + lighting candles during a time of informal prayers, which can be offered aloud or silently
- + light refreshments and fellowship afterward at approximately 7:40 a.m.

It's a great way to start the day! Hope to see you there.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Return Service Requested

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

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Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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