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WORSHIP - A CORE VALUE FOR GLC

Dear friends in Christ, a few years ago, we came up with a one-page core value document that helps us describe to ourselves and others the way we think about our various ministries. If you're reading this article as a pdf (through email), click here if you'd like read the full document. Otherwise you can find it at www.glcwen.org on our "resources" tab.

I am encouraging you and others who plan ministry and represent the congregation to have a special emphasis on one core value each year, starting each fall.

Here we are at a transition time for our greater community. School years are finishing. Summer schedules are welcome breaks in a busy pattern. Summer projects such as our very ambitious Summer of Service are ramping up. Change is the word for us all. It's also a time to fade out of our special emphasis on worship, and begin fading into our emphasis for 2019-2020: Service.

Here are a few concluding thoughts about worship:

- → May 26th is the beginning of our summer worship schedule. Our Sunday morning worship time will be 9:00 am. This is an opportunity for you to reconnect with people you may not have seen when we had two Sunday morning services. It is good to be a loving support to one another! We will resume the two-service schedule in September.
- → An option for worship this summer is our midweek service, 5:30 pm Wednesdays, starting July 3. This will be a service which includes prayer and song, scripture and Holy Communion.
- → Starting June 16, which is the start of our Summer of Service, our sanctuary seating will be in a different configuration. We will be using that layout for the duration of our summer worship season. A draft picture will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office soon. Worshipers will get a new perspective on the sanctuary, and on fellow worshipers. We will be singing toward one another. We will have the altar table as a central focal point.
- → I wrote reflections each month for our newsletter with worship as the focal point. The experience of worship is the center of the hub of the wheel that makes GLC a vibrant congregation. If you'd like to delve even deeper and learn more about worship, please let me know and I would be glad to be in conversation with you.
- → I believe there is a logical order to our three core values. The Spirit creates the worshiping assembly; the assembly moves toward one another and the greater community with a common experience of Christ as a reference point; the church then becomes a congregation "offsite" in the world, bearing witness to God's movement to bring salvation, healing and justice.

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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.

Here is the part of our document that helps illuminate our core value "worship:"

As Grace Lutheran Church, our passions for ministry are centered in...

Worship

- Worship is a verb. We gather to worship the living God.
- Worshiping is rooted in God's Word, and is Gospel-centered.
- Worshipers of all generations are full participants.
- We come to worship with our whole selves, expecting that God meets us through the gifts of:
 - o Prayer; Preaching; Sacraments of the Table and Font; Music; and Relationship, where we belong to God and to one another.
- As we worship, we acknowledge our local and global community.
- Our worship helps us experience:
 - o Gratitude to God; A challenge to grow and mature in Christ; Comfort in the midst of pain or loss; and Healing and reconciliation, in ourselves and in our relationships.
- In all of this, we are being shaped and taught to be a living expression of the crucified and risen Christ.

My days off, etc.: I will typically be taking Mondays as my days off. I do not have summer vacation plans set as of yet. June and July will be somewhat fluid for me.

Together! Pastor James Aalgaard



9:00 a.m.

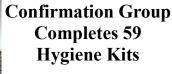
On Sunday, June 9, Grace Lutheran will be confirming **Andrew Fischer** during worship at 9:00 a.m.

Andrew has completed his studies and is now willing to accept the faith his parents proclaimed for him at his baptism.

Please join us in this celebration.



Thank you for your donations! The hygiene kits will be distributed to those in need as a part of the Summer of Service.







Lute Loop Bike Ride Sunday, June 9 3:00 p.m.



Members and friends of Grace are invited to bicycle the Riverfront Loop together. On Pentecost Sunday, we'll gather at the foot of 5th Street - bikers, joggers, walkers, spectators, and friends are welcome. We'll have cool treats at the finish. Call the McQuaigs (665-9000) if you have any questions or if you need a bike to borrow. See you on the Loop!

Summer Worship Schedule

For the summer months, we will have one Sunday morning worship service at **9:00 a.m.**Our summer midweek worship will begin July 3 and continue through August. Worship time will be 5:30 p.m.





RIC Meal and Conversation Wednesday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.

Plan to join us at Grace Lutheran for a potluck meal and conversation led by Aubrey Thonvold, the Executive Director of ReconcilingWorks. Aubrey will guide us in discussion about tools used throughout the RIC journey, including Graceful Engagement and One-to-One Visits. Please bring a dish to share, beverages will be provided.

BEFRIENDER INFOBYTE

The BeFriender Ministry at GLC is a special way to reach out to those who might benefit from a listening ear. BeFrienders care about others and offer their time by being present through life's difficulties. We are a pastoral care ministry of companionship.

As a BeFriender, I have had very meaningful experiences. I have had the honor of hearing others' life stories. I have listened to, hugged and cried with the newly bereaved. I have read books to someone in their last months. I have prayed and held hands with people near death. Most often, I sit with others and enable them to share.

BeFrienders are compassionate, confidential and nonjudgmental active listeners doing God's work in being with and supporting others.

If this is a ministry you feel called to learn more about and possibly become a BeFriender candidate, we are offering a training on July 26, 27 & 28. There are brochures in the narthex and a sign up-sheet outside of Jen's office.

Blessings and peace,

Rebecca Lake

THE KING'S GARDEN PRESCHOOL

The King's Garden Preschool would like to thank you, Grace Lutheran Church, for allowing us to be here! We had another awesome year that flew by. Kids learned their letters, numbers, how to take turns, etc. but more importantly, they learned that Jesus loves them and has special plans for each of them. They learned to be an active part of the body of Christ, by sharing God's love with others. It will be quiet for a few months while we enjoy summer vacation, but new little voices, fingerprints and footsteps will be back in September!

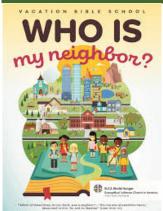
Thanks again,

Tina,

The King's Garden, a ministry of Lighthouse Christian Ministries



Summer of Service 2019



Vacation Bible School June 17, 19 & 21 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Wenatchee Community Center (504 South Chelan Ave)

This year, our Vacation Bible School will be incorporated into our Summer of Service project. Please join us for a light lunch, story time, crafts and games. We will begin at noon with a light lunch and do our closing at 3pm. Registration forms are available on our website under the Resources tab and on the Youth Bulletin Board across from the office. There is no charge and we encourage families of all ages to attend. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Beth (youthandfamily@glcwen.org) or Jen (office@glcwen.org).

Craft Supplies Needed for VBS

We need donations of the following items for Vacation Bible School:

Plastic tablecloths
Plastic cups
Small plastic plates
White coffee filters
Magazines (to be cut up)
Acrylic Paint

Googly eyes
Duct tape (various colors & patterns)
Sheets of colored felt
Toilet paper & paper towel tubes
Medium Styrofoam plates

Please bring donations by Sunday, June 9. Thank you!



Summer of Service Worship in the Park

Saturday, June 22, our Summer of Service team will be leading worship in Centennial Park (130 S. Wenatchee Ave) at noon. Throughout the week, we will be inviting those we interact with to join us for worship and a meal. We hope that you will join us as well. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and help us celebrate those around us. Thank you to the Fellowship Team for providing lunch for us.





Nason Creek Rest Area Fundraiser Thank you to everyone who supported us!



From the desk of Intern Wayne

Oh, No! It's Summer

It has come to our attention that Summer is approaching. Although officially it's not in effect until the solstice event on June 21, 2019, some of the folks might be enjoying the nicer weather and not notice that they are celebrating prematurely. They have also neglected to wear sunscreen, so they are easy to pick out of the crowd on Sunday mornings. Tsk, tsk.

Summer makes for an interesting time in the church, as we mess with the schedules, the behaviors, and the rhythms of "normal" time. After Pentecost, we enter a time called Ordinary, which is the green season for liturgical colors, garments, and coincidently, outdoors. At least the beginning of summer is green. Soon the heat will wither even the toughest grasses and plants, unless they are well watered through irrigation.

Summer is also a time where our faithful attendance "withers". We hope that you will be in church at 9:00 am each Sunday – we're planning on it! Knowing that vacations are planned, and weekends are precious in so many ways, it's hard to make attendance a priority for some folks. God, however, doesn't take the summer off.

We are hosting Summer of Service this June, which is an exciting and heavy effort for our congregation to manage. Your help will be vital to the hosting of students from other churches, and your support for this community effort will be felt for long after the final meal is served and the vans take off for home.

There is also an experiment with our sanctuary as a flexible worship space, beginning with the Summer of Service but to be maintained throughout the summer. Don't miss the chance to experience worship as a different space and give it a chance to help make your summer special.

For the ministries we support outside of the church, summer is fraught with problems, especially money problems. When kids are out of school, they don't get the consistent meals that they need, people who are challenged with no housing are subjected to difficult weather and scorching heat. The ministry that is done during the summer might be the most important of the entire year. Please continue to support the church financially and keep the ministry that is done supported through the summer drought of cash flow.

Remember: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8 May your summer be bright and glorious! Alleluia!

Save the Date!

Sunday, August 11 will be Intern Wayne's last Sunday with us - please save the date and join us for a church potluck brunch following the service - look for more details to come.

PACKING FRIENDSHIP



Daniel Hutchison Packing Friendship Volunteer

Many volunteers help keep our Packing Friendship program going throughout the school year. One of our volunteers, Dan Hutchison, delivers bags to West Side High School every week. We'd like to say thank you to everyone who helped with our Packing Friendship program this year. Whether you shopped, packed or delivered bags or supported us financially, you made a difference in the lives of students right here in your community. This year Grace Lutheran delivered over **1200** bags of food to local students and we couldn't have done it without all of you - THANK YOU!

Our church serves students at 3 schools: Washington and Columbia Elementary Schools and West Side High School. 25 other churches provide food for students at the rest of the schools throughout the Wenatchee and Eastmont School Districts. Together, by the end of the school year, we were distributing more than 500 bags of food per week.

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!

Worship Assistants

Ascension of our	Day of Pentecost	1 st Sunday after	2 nd Sunday after	3 rd Sunday after
Lord		Pentecost	Pentecost	Pentecost
Sunday, 6/2	Sunday, 6/9	Sunday, 6/16	Sunday, 6/23	Sunday, 6/30
Worship 9:00 a.m.	Worship 9:00 a.m.	Worship 9:00 a.m.	Worship 9:00 a.m.	Worship 9:00 a.m.
Scripture Readings Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Scripture Readings Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 [25-27]	Scripture Readings Proverbs 8:1-4, 22- 31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	Scripture Readings Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	Scripture Readings 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62
Acolytes	Acolytes	Acolytes	Acolytes	Acolytes
Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Kathy Gavin	Peggy Fenhaus	Denise Miller	Tami Woolsey	Hollie Olson
Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
Assistants	Assistants	Assistants	Assistants	Assistants
Lector	Lector	Lector	Lector	Lector
Jim Caulkins	Dee Ann Gregg	Kate Gregg	Ernie Bentsen	Gary Otheim
Sound Technician	Sound Technician	Sound Technician	Sound Technician	Sound Technician
Monte Olson	Phil Gregg	Lynn Heminger	Kent Heminger	Rob Salter
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Flowers	Flowers	Flowers Wanda and Erling Rivedal	Flowers	Flowers

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Fleisher	6/1	Andrea Fischer	6/10	Kay Stevens	6/22
Emily Aalgaard	6/3	Gwen Sparks	6/11	Scott Thompson	6/22
Stephanie Coe	6/3	Doug Eisert	6/12	Alycia Williams	6/22
Courtney Brown	6/5	Melvin Welton	6/12	Audrey Harper	6/24
Mackenzie Brown	6/5	Dick Foss	6/14	Orville Schettler	6/24
Meghan Brown	6/5	Suzanne Porter	6/14	Connie Smith	6/24
Mike Buck	6/5	Edith Larkin	6/16	Steve Stefanides	6/24
Liz Henning	6/5	Bonnie Howeiler	6/18	Dave Peterson	6/25
Amee Tilger	6/5	Charlotte Caulkins	6/19	Samantha Carroll	6/28
Ann Bartlett	6/7	Lindsay Henning	6/19	Riva Morgan	6/28
Jennifer McMahon	6/8	Beth Nierman	6/19	Carrie O'Donnell	6/28
Myra Hoane	6/9	Mark Boersma	6/22	Bennett Dunckel	6/30
Joanne Dalinkus	6/10				

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Paul Ford	7/1	Marilyn Schiefelbein	7/11	Olivia Morgan	7/21
Robin Brown	7/2	Kathy Fulkerson	7/13	Kaden Nestor	7/22
Annie Stefanides	7/2	Brent Cunderla	7/14	John Evans	7/24
Molly Salter	7/3	Inku Hwang	7/14	Karl Lapo	7/24
Elizabeth Dulac	7/4	Judy Lawson	7/17	Shirley Houghland	7/28
Ron Johnson	7/4	Donald Hatch	7/19	Andrea King	7/28
Mel Radford	7/5	Joanne Hanson	7/20	LaNita Williams	7/28
Abbey Fenhaus	7/7	Colt Melton	7/20	Jane Hensel	7/29
Helen Hunter	7/8	Henrik Bentsen	7/21	Abby Reed	7/29
Molly Gavin	7/10	Alexa Hwang	7/21	Brita Eisert	7/31
Rebecca Lake	7/11				



Saturday, June 15 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Nancy & Mark Boersma's home 1312 Love's Court, Wenatchee

Please RSVP lynncaulkins@hotmail.com or (425) 640-2183

You are cordially invited to a 90th Birthday Celebration for Charlotte Caulkins!

The gift of your presence is all we seek. We hope that you will be able to join us June 15 to mark this exciting milestone!

Welcome new members!

On May 5 we received the following new members:

Cathy & Mike Sweeney 1715 Brandi Terrace Wenatchee, WA 98801 (360) 268-4202 (360) 533-4486 Alycia & Rich Williams 8840 Nahahum Canyon Rd Cashmere, WA 98815 (509) 881-1336

Samantha Carroll 924 Millerdale Heights Dr Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509) 630-3964 Ruth Flanigan 1450 Castlerock Ave #48 Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509) 670-3099

Endowment Grant Applications Available July 28

The Endowment Team is excited to announce that the applications for this year's funding requests will be available on July 28. Due to the volatile nature of the stock market, there is a chance that we may not have enough funds to distribute this year. Further announcements will be made as soon as we have June Endowment Fund data. Please stay tuned!

Treasurer Talk...

January thru April financial reports reflect a breakeven position – which is FABULOUS!! Comparing 2018's first four months – 2019 offerings have increased while expenses are in line with previous year. Financial Advisory Group has met and has recommendations in regards to "Cash Reserve Guidelines" to present to Council at May's meeting. Monthly Financial Flyer is on the Bulletin Board – check it out. This will be updated monthly. All Good News and Exciting Times at Grace!!!!

	Jan-April 2019	Jan-April 2018
Total Offerings, Misc	\$174,746	\$157,487
Operating Expenses	175,110	172,772
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$364)	(\$15,285)
Cash Position	\$88,761	\$58,996

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. (509) 630-4239

Sunday 4/28 Attendance	48 & 105	Sunday 5/12 Attendance	40 & 135
Weekly Offering	\$9,413.50	Weekly Offering	\$6,545.35
Sunday 5/5 Attendance	38 & 121	Sunday 5/19 Attendance	50 & 103
Weekly Offering	\$18,548.00	Weekly Offering	\$6,975.62

Women's Fellowship

"Circles" are groups of women that meet monthly for Bible study and mutual support.

YOU are invited to attend. Please contact the church office or the monthly host (listed at right) if you would like more information. Miriam Circle meets Tuesday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Janet Shipman's home (585-465-1720).

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.



Prayer Partners

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.



This month's Prayer Shawl meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, at Janet Shipman's home. Please contact Janet (585-465-1720) for more information.

2019 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts: Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds: Phoebe Nelson
Endowment: Inku Hwang
Evangelism:

Faith Enrichment: Jody Marquardt
Fellowship: Shirley Leslie
Intern: Trish Simmons
Andy Sheets

Pastoral Support: Micah Florea
Staff Support: Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns: Annette Mueller
Worship: Denise Miller
Youth: Jen Pearson-Gale

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Chad DuLac
Vice President: Monte Olson
Treasurer: Gwen Sparks
Secretary: Colleen Smith
Members-at-Large: Jody Marquardt
Shirley Leslie

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2 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Summer of Service Meeting 2:00 p.m. Recital 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	3 7:00 p.m. Recital	4 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 6:30 p.m. Recital	5 9:30 a.m. Intern Team 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:30 p.m. Bells of Grace 5:30 p.m. Potluck & RIC Conversation	6 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth	7 6:00 p.m. Recital	1 Confirmation Retreat
9 9:00 a.m. Worship Rite of Confirmation 2:00 p.m. Recital 3:00 p.m. Lute Loop Bike Ride 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth	10 6:00 p.m. Recital	11 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 6:00 p.m. Youth Team 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group & Compassionate Friends	12 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 6:30 p.m. Recital	7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 5:30 p.m. Recital	14 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Summer of Service set-up 6:30 p.m. Bingo	15 Summer of Service begins
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July 2019

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

(July and August) 5:30 p.m.

COMPLINE

1st and 3rd Sundays, 9:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday- Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday

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

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