

GRACE



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THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

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Grace Lutheran Church
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Pastor's Message

People of Grace;

I would like to share a few lingering thoughts about our most recent Congregation Meeting. We held our meeting over Zoom on January 30, 2022 and it was a good turnout. Some of us learned much about the gift of technology; some of us effectively said “No thanks,” to being a congregation over the internet. It is difficult to do the business of the church in our time, but the plus side is that a handful of people were able to attend who otherwise would have been absent.

I would like to acknowledge and give thanks for the following people who had leadership and support responsibility during the meeting: Chad DuLac, Gwen Sparks, Robin Brown, Russ Speidel, Intern Anna Ferro, Intern Dane Breslin. No small thanks as well to Jen Pearson Gale who copied, collated, and posted our annual report and meeting materials. Thank you all so much for your willingness to rise to this occasion.

Here are three actions our congregation took at Sunday's meeting:

1. We adopted a budget for the current year that includes a deficit of approximately \$85,000. The deficit will be absorbed by some cash on hand, and by a probable Employee Retention Credit from the government to be dispersed sometime this year. Offering income is always a tricky thing to predict, but we hope the projections offered by our church leadership will give us confidence as we spend for the sake of ministry. I ask that you please continue to remember your church when you make your household decisions about the use of your resources.
2. We voted to rescind a decision we made in December 2021 which had committed our congregation to build small cottages on our property. That vote passed, needing a 2/3 majority of those present. This means our congregation is no longer committed to the cottage project on our property. Grace member Jean Speidel's letter to the congregation and subsequent presentation during the meeting listed reasons she supported this action. In the discussion and in follow up conversations, there were a myriad of reasons why individuals either determined to vote yes or no.
3. We had a motion to also rescind our December 2021 decision to commit funds for design and other professional consultation for a remodel of our church facility. That motion failed to achieve the 2/3 majority needed. This means the expenditures are still authorized. Once again if you voted, your reasons for your vote were your own.

That was some of the business of the church. The remainder of this article is simply a pastoral message to you, dear members of the congregation.



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.

During the meeting, we heard and shared many opinions. Post-meeting, we have an opportunity to reflect and observe our own hearts, the hearts of our siblings in Christ, the neighborhood, and the world into which we are called by Christ. There has been hurt expressed by people on all sides of these conversations. Sadness followed the meeting. It is certainly possible to be one who approves all the actions taken at the meeting and still come away generally sad. For others, it is a sadness that comes with an opportunity missed and energy wasted. The democratic process creates camps of winners and losers; this is a less-than-adequate picture of the makeup of the Body of Christ in the world, known locally to us as Grace Lutheran Church. Yet, it's the system we have the most practice in; an alternative method of congregational decision-making would feel awkward to us. We must make our decisions with up and down votes. How we care for one another after the votes, well, that's an opportunity for us to shine forth with the love of God.

Could it be that I am hyper-sensitive to the feeling of sadness? There are other sadnesses that have been part of my life recently, and they naturally leak into my work. Sadness and frustration have been the feeling throughout pandemic. Maybe you have been feeling this, too. It's okay for us to, as a congregation, acknowledge a common sadness. Our society pumps our senses with positivity... maybe acknowledging sadness is part of our calling as a congregation called to public witness. I know, it wouldn't sell the message very well as a bumper sticker, but I do think there are many who are longing for a safe space to just be real about their sadness.

Regarding how we do ministry as a congregation (and make decisions), here are just a few bullet-points I ask you to remember:

- Trust your leadership. Interpret everything they do in the best possible light (Martin Luther's explanation to the 8th Commandment). The leadership of Grace does not try to be sneaky or secretive. All leadership groups here work through a lot of information (and have a lot of conversation) and then communicate with the congregation in ways that are intended to inform without overwhelming.
- Be involved in choosing, thanking, and encouraging your leaders. Leading ministry takes a lot of time and energy. It's important work.
- Know that some decisions are made on the Council level, and some decision-making authority is also given by the Council to other committees.
- Trust your congregation. Remember there is a wealth of history and knowledge ready to be shared.
- Have an attitude of curiosity when you are invited to try something new.
- Rise to the occasion. The pandemic will not always be here. The challenge for all of us is managing our anxieties and our relationships with love and grace.

People of Grace, we will make it through this time. God will prove to be faithful to us and through us.

Pastor James Aalgaard

My time off in March: I am generally off Fridays and Saturdays. Please watch our weekly emails for any adjustments to that general schedule. By the way, please let our [office](#) know if you would like to be included in our weekly email. It's a good way to stay up to date.

From the Desk of Intern Anna

March begins the season of Lent. It is a time where we remember Jesus's Passover from death to life and where our life is renewed in Christ. For some, this takes form in giving something up for Lent, something of this world that distracts us from Christ or something that helps us take care of ourselves when we cut it out of our life. Growing up, Lent was a time of Fish Frys, where my congregation would host a Fish Fry twice during Lent and where you could do the circuit and go to a church fish fry every Friday. Two years ago, the pandemic and shut down it caused started very close to the beginning of Lent. And this year, we as a church are slowly restarting. We are rebuilding, knowing we are still in a pandemic, but are offering resources and events to help us come back together as a community and renew our lives in Christ.

- **March 2 at 6:30: Ash Wednesday** – We are gathering for worship and the imposition of ashes this evening to start off the season of Lent
- **Every Wednesday starting March 9th till Palm Sunday at 5:30-** We are gathering for soup supper and for vespers outside in the breezeway of the Church. We will have sign ups available soon for those who would like to help with the meal.
- **Invitation to Reinterpretation-** If you would like to walk with us in our meditation through Lent, we are offering daily scripture reading and reflections prompts to invite us to reinterpret some of these Lenten readings that we have read or heard before time and time again
- **Let Us Pray to the Lord: 40 Days of Lent Scratch-Off Prayers-** Every day, you can also pray with us using a scratch off calendar, an activity great for all ages and for families and individuals alike. Contact Beth if you would like a copy
- **Noisy Offering-** The social concerns team is putting together their noisy offering. See the Social Concerns Team article for further information.
- **April 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter day-** We will be offering worship services for all of these days. More information to come as we get closer.

We hope that you join us in our walk together through Lent in any way that you can. May God's blessing and peace be with you in this Lenten season.

My days off are 3/5, 3/7, 3/12, 3/14, 3/19, 3/21, 3/26, and 3/28.



Thank you for helping to fill Pastor James' office with donations for our Little Free Pantry!



Worship at Grace

In-person Worship Resumes February 27

Due to improved Covid numbers in our community, we are able to resume in-person worship on Sunday, February 27. Masks and social distancing are required. Worship will continue to be live-streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, March 2

6:30 p.m.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Mark your Calendars! Starting Wednesday, March 9th, we will be offering an opportunity for Midweek soup and meditation. Soup supper will be held outside starting at 5:30 p.m. with a meditation to follow at 6. Sign-ups for the soup supper will be available soon!



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.

Summer of Service 2022

Louisiana here we come! We will be taking a group of 25 children, youth and adults from First United Methodist and Grace Lutheran to Slidell and New Orleans, Louisiana in mid-June. While there, we will be working with Habitat for Humanity, Community Christian Concern, Peace Lutheran, and Bethlehem Lutheran. Our one and only fundraiser will be at Nason Creek Rest Area on Memorial Day weekend. We are planning to have the rest area open round the clock, which means that we need a lot of goodies . If you would be so willing to donate prepackaged treats (granola bars, chips, cookies, etc.) we would graciously accept them. As of right now, Covid restricts homemade yummy cookies. We will begin collecting the first week of May. Thank you in advance!

Side note: If anyone has a camper, RV, or motor home that we could park at the rest stop for the youth and families that are working long shifts 5/27-31, we would be eternally grateful. (we will not use the bathroom in it as we are working at a rest stop). Please contact [Beth](#) if you are able to help.

Sunday Funday - Faith Formation

Please join us for our twice a month “Sunday Funday” on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. This month we will meet on March 13 and 27 near the playground. We begin with a brief opening, followed by Bible story time, and playtime. Please contact [Beth](#) with any questions. All ages are welcome to join us!

March Worship Assistants

	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech
March 6			Bob Bartlett	Hollie Olson	Marlena La Paz
March 13			Milly Damish	Peggy Fenhaus	Chad DuLac
March 20			Riva Morgan		Phil Gregg
March 27			Dee Ann Gregg		Chad DuLac

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

After two long years It's Noisy Offering time!



For those individuals who still have their boxes from two years ago you can use those boxes. If not, the Social Concerns Team will be distributing boxes on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Boxes will also be available in the narthex during Lent. Decorate a box and start saving all your loose coins from your pockets, shoes, socks, drawers, underneath the bed, the sofa and car seats. Wherever you can find it, collect it and put it in your decorated loose change box and bring it back to the church on Palm Sunday, April 3. Please read the weekly updates for information. So, start collecting all those coins!!! For more information contact Jolane Guthrie at 509-669-9309 or [email](#) or Barbara Tilly at 509-679-3900 or [email](#).

Packing Friendship/ Little Free Pantry Food Drive

As part of Lent the Social Concerns Team will be collecting food items for GLC Packing Friendship and the Little Free Pantry.

Packing Friendship is a weekend backpack program for students who may rely on school lunches during the week and are at risk of hunger on the weekends. Grace Lutheran is currently serving 47 students from three schools in the Wenatchee School District on a weekly basis.

GLC Little Free Pantry is an emergency pantry that is stocked with food, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, and other essentials. We serve those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet. It is estimated that the pantry serves 20-30 families/individuals per week.



During Lent we will be collecting items for both groups before and after Sunday Church Service and before and after Wednesday soup dinners. Then on Palm Sunday there will be a blessing for all the items we have collected. There will be containers labeled in the foyer to put the items in.

These items include:

Little Free Pantry	GLC Packing Friendship
Cereal	Fruit cups
Peanut Butter	Applesauce cups
Rice	Canned pasta (ravioli, etc.)
Toothpaste	Tuna
Dish Detergent	Macaroni and cheese
Laundry Detergent	Chicken noodle soup
Canned green beans and corn	Tomato soup



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jody Marquardt	3/2	Jim Wurl	3/11	Nicholas Boersma	3/22
Michelle Harrison	3/3	Micah Florea	3/12	Langley Vertrees	3/22
Taylor Melton	3/3	Jan Herman	3/12	Vera Curtis	3/24
Gene Abel	3/4	Sylvia Henry	3/13	JoAnn Koch	3/24
Conrad Lake	3/4	Karen Zanol	3/13	William Neer	3/26
Annette Mueller	3/5	Sam Stevens	3/14	Joel Banken	3/27
Jan Romey	3/5	Gail DuVall	3/15	Jolane Guthrie	3/27
Silas Morgan	3/7	Wanda Rivedal	3/16	Betty Zielke	3/27
Kelli Ottley	3/7	Michele Sandberg	3/19	David Coe	3/31
Mike Mueller	3/8	Colleen Smith	3/19	Ruth Westby	3/31
Anna Guthrie	3/9	Erin Reed	3/20		

MIRIAM CIRCLE

Miriam Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Melanie McQuaig for location or further information (509-670-2733).

FOX TRUST TEAM UPDATE 2.08.2022

Fox Trust Team met Tuesday, February 8, and began follow-up to actions taken at January 30 Congregational Meeting. Immediate actions include passing a motion requesting Grace Lutheran Council to 1) Approve the Building Committee as lead team for GLC building remodel project and 2) Authorize Building Committee to use Fox Trust Funds to hire an engineering inspector to perform a comprehensive inspection of all building structures and systems, and provide report of inspection results to GLC.

We're hopeful this report will equip the Building Committee and Congregation with needed basic information as GLC gather details from individual members and worship teams about what a remodeled building needs to provide.

Open Position on Fox Trust Visioning Committee

The Fox Trust Visioning Committee is seeking someone to fill an open position. If you are interested in being nominated for this position, please contact Joanne Dalinkus by email at dalinkusjo@hotmail.com or at 509-679-6797.

A Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing.

May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. Amen.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Faith Vigil for Peace in Ukraine



COUNCIL CORNER

1. GLC will reopen for in-person worship beginning February 27, with masks and social distancing required
2. GLC will seek bids for a new furnace system
3. GLC will investigate hiring a security company for a nightly patrol of building grounds

2022 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts:	Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds:	<i>Open</i>
Endowment:	Karen Zanol
Faith Enrichment:	<i>Open</i>
Fellowship:	Shirley Leslie Jan Romey
Intern:	Nancy Boersma
Pastoral Support:	Julie Banken
Staff Support:	Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns:	Kay Fisher
Worship:	Kathy Gavin
Youth:	Cheryl Salter
Memorial Garden:	Jane Dunbar

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Chad DuLac
Vice President:	Dave Coe
Treasurer:	Gwen Sparks
Secretary:	Suellen Harris
Members-at-Large:	Riva Morgan John McQuaig Trina DeCamp Sara O'Daffer

PRAYERS OF GRACE

We are seeking a new coordinator for our prayer ministry. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor James at pastor@glcwen.org.

Long Term

Bonnie Howeler - *continued adaptation to visual impairment, and isolation*

Carol Sunada (Dir. of The Compassionate Friends) - *illness, and recent death in her family*

Tony Fisher - *cancer diagnosis and related seizures*

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

Don Evenhus - *continued prayers for health*

Jackie Carmichael - *for comfort and strength with a chronic health issue*

Jared Senn (Diane Senn's son) - *metastasized colon cancer*

Sarah Jones (Mary Henson's sister) - *prayers as she undergoes radiation and chemo treatments, and prayers that she and her husband are able to find child care for their young son*

Kris Durr - (nephew of Linda and Bill Sinnett) - *extended and aggressive treatment for cancer*

Mim Schwich (mother of Jody Marquardt) - *debilitating ailment, now in a care facility in the Chicago area*

Lillian Welton - *chronic back pain, and grieving the death of husband Mel*

Leslie Hole - (daughter-in-law of Nancy Hole) - *for healing*

Martha Ann Hames - *Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma*

Susan Salley - *for healing as she lives in long term care*

Short Term/Other

Kyrie (Smallbeck) Blue - *son of Hannah Smallbeck - prayers for continued healing*

Ken Machtley - *healing after heart surgery*

Curt Gavin - *for healing*

Eija Beebe Boyle - *for healing from knee surgery*

June Bright - *sister of Linda Sinnett - entering fulltime long term care*

Global/National/Local Concerns

Global - *for all involved in mounting tensions between Ukraine and Russia*

Our country and region - *for our communities to seek reconciliation with one another*

For the Wenatchee Valley - *for all trying to fill in the gaps that COVID has left in the workforce and those who are caring for the sick.*

Graveside Service for Dorothy Dennis

The family of Dorothy Dennis would like the congregation to know that all are invited to her graveside service of committal on March 19, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Wenatchee Cemetery. All are welcome.

LECTIONARY READINGS

March 6 First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

March 13 Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17--4:1
Luke 13:31-35

March 20 Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 27 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 - 6:00 Piano Adjudications 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	2 9:00 - 3:00 Piano Adjudications 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	3 9:00 - 6:00 Piano Adjudications 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	4 9:00 - 6:00 Piano Adjudications 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	5
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13 Daylight Savings 10:30 a.m. Worship 1:00 p.m. Sunday Funday 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth @ YWCA	14 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	15 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Youth Team 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	16 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Vespers	17 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	18 9:00 a.m. Quilters 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	19
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10:30 a.m. - online and in-person worship

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