

GRACE



LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

May 2020

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Grace Lutheran Church
1408 Washington Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801-2555
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How do we describe this time?

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

Dear friends in Christ,

The Gospel reading for May 3 includes this encouraging purpose statement of the mission of Christ. Jesus contrasts his arrival in this world to the arrival of a thief. Here’s a list of assumptions we can make:

<u>The thief</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -comes suddenly -impacts the community -raises our anxiety -makes the community a victim 	<u>Jesus</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -comes suddenly -impacts the community -raises our anxiety (before we know him!) -makes himself a victim for the community
<u>The virus</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -comes suddenly -impacts the community -raises our anxiety -makes the community a victim 	<u>Jesus</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -(look above!)

May 3 is our “Good Shepherd Sunday”. In the scripture, it’s made clear that Jesus is the one **through whom** we have life. We are going through a time of COVID-19, but we are also going through Christ. What good does this do?

We’re not so happy about surprises. We don’t like to get caught flat-footed. We don’t want to be thrown into a situation where we feel ill-prepared. Even if the surprise is something that turns out good, we are uncomfortable about the lack of control we have about our surroundings, and our situation. That’s what has made this time traumatic for us. We can list so many parts of our communal life that have been stolen, killed and destroyed. We have used metaphors to try to get a handle on this pandemic: wartime language, invisible enemy, apocalypse. We can add “thief” to this list.

Dear friends, Jesus is not AWOL. He’s not asleep on his watch. Jesus is the gift of God through whom we continue to have abundant life. Certainly we can have gratitude for the surprising new things that enter our lives, not making us victims but rather reminding us of the death he died for our life and the abundant life he is eager to pour into ours. We can do this. Our faith doesn’t need to be a shield around us, or a weapon of mass destruction, or a padlock and security system. Our faith is made sure and reliable rather because of the Suffering Servant, Christ Jesus who dies and promises resurrection. From the abundance of God’s life, we love the neighbor and give, and pray, and worship, and listen for wisdom around us.

Be healthy, and safe, dear people of Grace!

My days off in May: 4, 11, 18, 25

Together! Pastor James Aalgaard

P.S. My sabbatical is postponed. I have no idea of the new dates.

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.



Seeking Pictures and Video and other media!

We love to include pictures and video from our community that fit the theme of the day for worship! Here are some ideas for specific content:

- Pictures and videos of your household taking Holy Communion. intern@glcwen.org, pastor@glcwen.org
- Video or audio recordings of musical offerings. Coordinate with Jameson: music@glcwen.org
- Video of our Easter greeting "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" intern@glcwen.org, pastor@glcwen.org

Thrivent Members can Help Local Food Banks

Members of Grace,

Due to our current condition in our valley and surrounding communities, the need for food to feed those in need is in very high demand. Local food banks and shelters for the homeless are searching for donations of food to distribute to those in need within our community. If you are a Thrivent Financial Benefit Member with either a Life, Health, or Annuity product, you have the opportunity to help fill those shelves and still maintain the Social Distancing that is required of us to keep yourself and others safe. By applying for a Thrivent Action Team, you could qualify for \$250 to use to purchase food and have it distributed to a local food bank or Homeless shelter of your choice. Consider yourself as a "Neighbor helping a Neighbor" and never leaving your couch, and suppling much needed food to help those in our community Stay Healthy. Please contact Earl Tilly by phone 663-3390 or by [email](#), or myself Jim Mayer by phone 884-9777 or by [email](#) for help in applying for Your Thrivent Action Team in these trying times for all of us to help our Neighbors in Need.

Council Corner

1. Recommended Fox Trustee sell East Wenatchee Property at best value
2. Approved blinds replacement request in Admin wing of Grace
3. Approved revised GLC Employee Handbook
4. Approved revised GLC Memorial Garden Rules and Reg.

Thank you for your continued financial support!

Have you considered giving your offerings electronically? [Here's a link](#) to our secure provider, Vanco.

If you prefer to donate via check, please mail checks to:
Grace Lutheran Church
1408 Washington Street
Wenatchee WA 98801

If you are dropping a check off in person, please put it in our mailbox by opening the door on the front of the mailbox and dropping it through the slot. (The shelf is for outgoing mail.) Thank you!

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

Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 24



Our worship schedule will be changing Memorial Day weekend. Starting May 24, our worship will be at 9:00 a.m. It is likely that we will still be having online worship rather than gathering together in our sanctuary. Please continue to watch for updates on our website.

Lute Loop via Zoom!

Just kidding; we're not going to try that. But – after 25 years of celebrating the holy breeze by bicycling the Riverfront Loop on Pentecost, we're not about to stop this year. So, on Pentecost Sunday, May 31 - or any time in the following week - we invite you to do your Lute Loop. IF the Stay at Home order is still in place – please choose a loop that is bike-able from your residence. Of course, we'll still offer cool treats at the finish – but you'll need to email us a photo (melanie@mcqw.com) in order to receive yours. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Susan Hendrickson	5/1	Stephanie Johnson	5/13	Noah Heminger	5/23
Denise Coppock	5/6	Julie Banken	5/14	Caroline Tilger	5/23
Jesse Olson	5/6	Dan Luke	5/14	Megan Hunt	5/25
Robert Magnussen	5/8	Brion Salter	5/16	Doug Miller	5/26
JuLee Fiebelkorn	5/9	Sylvia Lyons	5/19	Grady Gausman	5/29
Andrew Redmon	5/10	Beth Smallbeck	5/19	Ruthella Skagen	5/30
Jeffrey Redmon	5/10	Hilary Martinez	5/20	Marcia Fall	5/31
Ross Miller	5/11	Vickie Cunderla	5/23	Ruth Flanigan	5/31

Virtual Worship

Facebook

Click [here](#) and watch for the "Facebook Premiere" which will show "live" on Sunday at 10:30 and remain on our page afterwards for viewing anytime.

Zoom

Grace Lutheran Sunday Worship (and coffee fellowship)

Time: 9:45-10:25 fellowship; 10:30 worship

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) from 9:45-10:25 for virtual coffee fellowship before worship! 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

Anna Circle will not meet during the month of May, we hope to be able to meet in person in June.

Miriam Circle plans to have a virtual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 19. Please contact Melanie McQuaig (melanie@mcqw.com or (509) 665-9000) for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt at Home

The youngest members of our congregation had fun hunting eggs supplied by the 3rd - 5th Grade Youth Group and the Youth Ministry program of Grace.



*From the desk of
Beth Smallbeck*

Last week I went into my office to pick up some “work at home” supplies I needed. I looked up at my whiteboard and saw the list of activities that were no longer going to happen. I would be lying if I said it didn’t bother me to erase the board. My heart is grieving the loss of learning opportunities, fellowship, fun, laughter and growth, but I am in support of the stay at home order as I don’t want to be grieving the loss of those I love.

I pray that you are finding ways to stay healthy and safe and I look forward to being together again soon. I am available by phone, email, text, Zoom, Instagram and Snapchat and would love to talk to anyone and everyone (oh, and snail mail, I love snail mail).

Beth

PreK/K Faith Formation via Zoom!

Shannon Salter and Mackenzie Mueller are offering a Faith Formation for the PreK and Kindergarten class via Zoom. The class is meeting at noon on Sunday mornings. If you would like more information, please contact Beth Smallbeck at youthandfamiy@glcwen.org . Thank you Shannon and Mackenzie for helping to keep our youngest members connected!



3rd - 5th Grade Youth Zoom Hangout

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 in a calendar year to help meet expenses. Forms are available [here](#) on our website, under the resources tab. We can also send a form via email. (office@glcwen.org) Please mail completed forms to the church, attention Members in Need: 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Applications are reviewed by a small committee consisting of the Pastor, Council President and team leader of the Social Concerns Team. We will try our best to respond in a timely fashion.

COVID-19 Response:

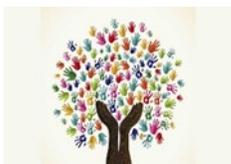
In response to the COVID-19 economic crisis, the Social Concerns Team has voted to use Mission Ministry Funds to help local organizations with their food drives. The Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council Food Bank received \$1,500 to go toward food items that are desperately needed for their food drive. Currently, they have the National Guard helping disperse food boxes throughout the community. The Social Concerns Team also voted to give Lighthouse Ministries \$3,000 for distribution of 500 to 600 food boxes on a weekly basis. Both of these organizations have seen an increase in individuals needing help with the basic need of food and are having an extremely difficult time keeping up with the demand.

Food Drive:

Collection of food items for the food drive has been delayed due to the COVID-19 Virus. We encourage everyone to continue saving your food items. All food that had already been donated was delivered to the food bank at Town Toyota Center in early April. If individuals would like to donate monetarily, checks can be made out to: CDCAC with a notation of Food Distribution Center. The mailing address is: CDCAC, 620 Lewis St., Wenatchee, WA 98801.



Helping Lucia :



Veronica Mendoza, Family Advocate at Mission View Elementary School, spoke with Social Concern Team Member, Rhonda Lara, about a mom, Lucia, that was in great need. Lucia has two boys at home, ages 8 and 13.

Lucia had been working as a waitress at Denny's, but she had serious health problems that required two intestinal surgeries. The two surgeries required Lucia to be away from work and now that she is healthy Denny's is closed due to the COVID-19 response. Her boss says that she will have a job when they can reopen.

In February, Rhonda notified the Social Concerns Team and asked that we help by giving her a \$100 food gift card. That led to many other people in our congregation and community stepping in to help. Barbara Tilly, along with other Packing Friendship coordinators, helped Lucia contact various food banks and community agencies. Holy Apostles Church paid her April rent (Lucia currently lives on Boodry Street, the neighborhood where the August 2019 floods occurred) and Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council paid half of her Chelan Co. PUD bill. The Social Concerns Team voted to help Lucia with the removal of an old car and a gift card to Walmart. Lucia's sister helped her fill out an unemployment and food stamp forms and is working with Kay to fill out an application for Emergency Cash Assistance from the State of Washington in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

A young employee at Chelan Co. PUD, who is a friend of Kay Fisher's daughter, asked if there was anything that she could do to help a family in need. Kay found out that she is a member of the Wenatchee Follies Guild. The Follies Guild has set up an account to help families in need during these hard times.

So, Rhonda and Kay filled out the application and they have just found out that the Follies Guild is going to pay Lucia's May and June rent, plus give her a \$300 food card-WOW!! They also want to help her get her \$600 a month car payment refinanced and help with some home repairs (deck replaced, insulation and new fence).

The Social Concerns Team continually is looking for those in our church or the community that needs assistance. If you know of anyone please contact a Social Concerns Team Member.



Grant Monies:

During this time of crisis, various team members have been assigned a benevolence to keep in contact with and to make sure their needs are being met. Several of the benevolences we sponsor have applied for and received monies from the Helping Hands Community Foundation Grant that disperses monies to non-profits affected by the COVID-19 crisis. One in particular the team would like to give a shout out to is the Powerhouse Ministries, Candy Koch and Pat Fitzgerald. With the monies received, Powerhouse will be able to afford cleaning supplies.

Noisy Offering:

Collection of Noisy Offering Boxes has been delayed due to the COVID-19 Virus. We encourage everyone to continue to save your coins.



2020 Benevolences Chosen:



The Social Concerns Team received 14 applications from organizations on an international, national and local level for Benevolences to support during the 2020 year. Criteria for selection included the areas of emphasis the Social Concerns Team wanted to focus on, how well the organization is run, what their long- and short-term goals are and the current financial need. The team chose to emphasize poverty and homelessness as issues to address this year and selected the following organizations to receive \$375 on a quarterly basis: Women’s Resource Center, Powerhouse Ministries, Haven of Hope, Tanzania Companion Synod, WHS Panther House and YWCA of Wenatchee. We will be asking these organizations to come and give a presentation between church services when we are able to meet again. We will also be working with these organizations to develop in-kind support.

The Social Concerns Team will discuss following organizations for further support from the Mission Ministry Funds (monies received from the Fox Trust): Packing Friendship, LCC International, and Alatheia.

The Social Concerns Team chose to support the Women’s Jail House Ministry with a one-time gift of \$300 from the Needs Account (formerly the discretionary funds account).

Tune in for Our Weekly Virtual Gatherings

(on Facebook unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday

- ◆ Worship, 10:30 a.m. (also via Zoom, contact GLC office)
- ◆ Jr./Sr. High School Youth group, 6:30 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 – MARCH 2020

	Jan-March 2020	Jan-March 2019		3/31/20	3/31/19	
Total Offerings, Misc	\$114,877	\$109,864		Cash Position	\$39,626	\$62,673
Operating Expenses	<u>(127,682)</u>	<u>(136,316)</u>		Treasurer Re- serve	<u>44,500</u>	<u>51,968</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$12,806)	(\$26,453)		Total	\$84,126	\$114,641

Quite interesting times we are in. Isolation, social distancing, stay at home – all daily words we are using that we weren't using three months ago!!!

Cash position was reduced by \$40,000 at yearend and Special Projects fund established, thus the large variance in cash available between 2019 and 2020. January through March results reflect positive trends over 2019. The COVID impact will be reflected in 2nd quarter with April closure of all GLC social group activities.

GLC was successful in participating in the Payroll Protection Program available through the SBA in the government stimulus package. Total amount is \$72,300 with monies available to fund staffing payroll and rent/utilities. This will guarantee staffing payroll for the eight weeks. This loan will be forgiven if funds are used as allocated.

Fox Trust proceeds are starting to be transferred to GLC. Brokerage account is now transferred with March 31, 2020 balance of \$1,299,894. One year certificate of deposit for \$1,000,000 was set up at ELCA Mission Investment Fund. Additionally \$100,000 was distributed to: ELCA churchwide \$30,000, ELCA Northwest Intermountain Synod \$30,000, and \$40,000 to GLC Social Concerns Team. Condo has been sold; East Wenatchee property in process of selling.

It is convenient to continue to support the GLC mission and budget. With access limited, your contribution can be mailed in or set up electronically to be deposited to GLC account. Please contact Roxanne at finance@glcwen.org or GLC phone number 663-2189 to leave message.

Stay safe and healthy. Missing all and hope to see you soon. God's Blessing.

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. 630-4239.

March Income (offerings & other income)	\$ 39,337
March Expenses	<u>39,232</u>
March General Operating Net Income	\$ 105

Offerings for April	
Sundays up to 4/13/20	\$ 15,860
Vanco to 4/20/20	<u>7,770</u>
Total Offerings to 4/20/20	<u>\$ 23,630</u>

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, cash/check offerings are only being counted every two weeks.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Reindl
Finance Manager

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

The family of Nathan Aalgaard (Pastor Aalgaard's brother)

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

The family of Joe Fall

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

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)

Rey Vertrees

Joyce Owens - prayers for comfort as she mourns the loss of her father, Warner Owens

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 and Sarah - Prayers for Mary Henson's mom Jeanne as she recovers from surgery and for Mary's sister Sarah and her newborn son, Easton

Arlene Pearson - Prayers of healing for Jen's mom as she recovers from a fall

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 24 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Pet. 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 31 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Cor. 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All events will be conducted via Facebook and/or Zoom until further notice. Please visit our website www.glcwen.org for more updates.</p>					<p>1 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)</p>	<p>2 4:00 p.m. Alumni Youth Zoom Hangout</p>
<p>3 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Compline</p>	4	5	<p>6 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade Youth Zoom Hangout</p>	<p>7 8:00 a.m. First Prayer</p>	<p>8 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)</p>	9
<p>10 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Compline</p>	11	12	<p>13 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade Youth Zoom Hangout</p>	<p>14 8:00 a.m. First Prayer</p>	<p>15 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)</p>	16
<p>17 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Compline</p>	18	<p>19 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle</p>	<p>20 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade Youth Zoom Hangout</p>	<p>21 Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>8:00 a.m. First Prayer</p>	<p>22 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)</p>	<p>23 4:00 p.m. Alumni Youth Zoom Hangout</p>
<p>24 9:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Compline</p>	25	26	<p>27 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade Youth Zoom Hangout</p>	<p>28 8:00 a.m. First Prayer</p>	29	30
<p>31 <i>Pentecost</i></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Compline</p>						

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

Summer Worship Schedule, beginning May 24
9:00 a.m.

COMPLINE

Sundays at 9:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

As of the 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.

PHONE: (509) 663-2189

WEBSITE

www.glcwen.org