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LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

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A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Grace Lutheran Church
1408 Washington Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801-2555
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People of Grace;

Thank you for the opportunity to have a time of sabbatical renewal. I do pray that my return to ministry July 25 will have a new energy and excitement for our congregation and our community. I also hope that these several weeks will be a source of renewal for the congregation as a whole.

Our congregation has a history of granting sabbaticals to ministry staff. Pastors Paul Lundborg, Jon Nelson, and Youth and Family Director Beth Smallbeck have all taken time for renewal. There may have been others, but these come to mind as I write. From our sabbatical policy: "Taking a sabbatical is an application of the scriptural principle of rest. As an act of faith, there is disengagement from regular work for the purpose of worship, rest, renewal, and realignment." Only the Holy Spirit knows what interactions I will have during this time. Travel with a new group of friends in Ireland, a couple retreat, and in-depth readings all promise to be a deep well of wisdom from God.

What possibilities for renewal are there for you, and the rest of the congregation? As we continue moving toward fewer covid-related restrictions, will the Holy Spirit give us all a sense of newness and fresh insight? You will have several opportunities to come together as a community of faith. As you feel comfortable and able, I encourage you to participate.

I would like to give you an update about our internship program. We were notified by Luther Seminary that they are not able to place a student with us for the 2022/23 year. We also learned recently that the intern townhouse will not be available for us to rent, starting September 1. I know that the intern program is an important part of the mission of the congregation, and so I am open to having conversation with other seminaries about options for us. There is a chance we can welcome an intern from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio. If you know of a housing solution for this program for the coming fall, please let church leadership know.

Blessed season of Easter to you, dear friends in Christ!

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.

Wenatchee Ukrainian Refugee Committee Update

The Wenatchee Ukrainian Refugee Committee met on April 19 in the Fellowship Hall. 45 people attended. Presentations were made by: Maria Hansen for the Welcoming & Local Orientation Team; Carolyn Bentsen for the Education & Language Team; Dee Ann Gregg for the Basis Necessities Team; Kay Fisher for the Financial & Fundraising Team; Ernie Bentsen for the Benefits & Healthcare Team; Russ Speidel for the Housing and Immigration Teams; and Jon Volyn for the Employment Team. State Representative Keith Goehner and Chelan County Commissioner Bob Bugert presented information regarding state money now available through the county from the state Department of Commerce to stabilize newly arriving refugees from Ukraine. The Committee formed a team to apply for a grant. The grant application is due for submission to Chelan County on April 21. The new family of five that arrived from Ukraine at midnight on April 14 is now housed with a family in Squilchuck. Members of the Committee have been instrumental in greeting this new family, providing gift cards for shopping, and most importantly, helping the three teenage girls of the family enroll in Wenatchee Public Schools.



Wenatchee Ukrainian Refugee Committee Upcoming Meetings

The Wenatchee Ukrainian Refugee Committee meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran Church. Weekly meetings are expected to occur on April 26 and May 3. Regarding May 10, 17 and 24, please watch for further notice as to location. All are welcome. Multiple churches are represented, including the Sunnyslope Church, First United Methodist Church, the Slavic Baptist Church, Faith Lutheran Church, and the Three Hierarchs Orthodox Christian Church. While this announcement is being published, Barbara Tilly and Kay Fisher are recruiting more churches. The Committee has raised over \$20,000 for the sole benefit of newly arriving refugees from the war in Ukraine. Contributions may be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church regarding Ukrainian refugees and delivered to Barbara Tilly or to the church office.

Benefit Concert for Ukrainian Refugees

On Sunday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m., there will be a by-donation benefit concert here at Grace Lutheran Church for the Ukrainian Refugees that are resettling in NCW. The Ukrainian Refugees have had their lives turned upside down due to the war in Ukraine. They left their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The monies raised will cover the costs of housing, food, medical needs, and clothes. Mark the date on your calendar.

Faithful Innovations (Potential) Garden

The **Faithful Innovations Garden Team** is exploring the possibility of revitalizing the historical garden space at Grace Lutheran church. If this garden is approved, it could include traditional garden beds along with a perennial food forest, a prayer walk, and other sustainable garden features. This garden could be a place to build the soil for future generations, start to address food insecurity in our region, and support populations of beneficial pollinators! Let's grow some food and gather as community on the land!

We gathered Sunday, April 24th, after the service in the fellowship hall to present on this idea and gather support. We want to know if this is something Grace Lutheran church has energy for and would like to engage with? If you were unable to attend this gathering then please email Sue, Linda, or Intern Dane with your affirmations or questions about this exciting project.

Peace,

[Sue Garness](#)

[Linda Sinnett](#)

[Dane Breslin](#)

From the Desk of Intern Anna

GET CONNECTED (or RECONNECTED) WITH YOUR GRACE LUTHERAN FAMILY

Things are opening up. We are meeting in person more and more. It's time for some fellowship and a refresher on the ministries of Grace.

To help with this, we are putting on a series this May and June called Meeting the Ministries of Grace (MMG). Starting Wednesday May 4th, at 5:30 p.m., we are hosting evenings of food, fellowship, and learning. Each Wednesday night, a different team, committee, or ministry group will present who they are, what they used to do before COVID, what they have been doing since COVID started, and where they would like to see their groups move to as we move forward as a congregation. These Wednesday evening events are designed to provide fellowship opportunities and to reintroduce to the congregation the many ministries going on at Grace Lutheran.

Teams, committees, or ministry groups can contact [Intern Anna](#) or [Dave Coe](#) to get more details about what we are hoping to hear from you these nights and to sign up for an evening, or submitting information that can be presented. You can also do so here.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11ruTOdUWrM6bXzGJkSvEDjmFrebQbaxqTzRf7a1OqA/edit?usp=sharing>

We are excited about this opportunity to gather, learn, and reconnect. Hope to see folks there to see what is happening here at Grace.

**Reminder that Pastor James' last Sunday before sabbatical is May 8.
Sabbatical is May 9 - July 23**

Summer Worship Schedule

For the summer months, our worship service will be at **9:00 a.m.**, beginning **June 5**.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

YAY! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HAPPENING THIS SUMMER

“Compassion Camp”, Be Loved. Be Kind. Be you.

We are very excited to offer VBS again after a two-year break and hope that you will join us.

August 8-11, 2022

PreK – K 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Grades 1-5 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The following churches are working together to host “Compassion Camp”,
Be Loved. Be Kind. Be you.

First United Methodist
Grace Lutheran
New Song
St Luke’s Episcopal



Registration will be available next month both online and paper form. Any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Beth youthandfamily@glcwen.org

COVID UPDATE:

The Council approved a motion on April 26 to lift all covid restrictions for our congregation, citing the need to get back to food and fellowship, and that we will continue to offer online worship for those who choose to not be with us in-person.

Please note:

- If you feel most comfortable wearing a mask when you’re participating in the life of the congregation, you are welcome to do so.
- There are no restrictions on the number of people who can gather at worship or other events.
- There are no restrictions on eating together in a communal setting.
- There are no social distancing requirements.
- Your risk factors, and your consideration of risks outside your control should still be part of your decision-making when thinking about whether to be present at Grace.
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To learn more about this decision, we encourage you to reach out to one of our Church Council members: Chad DuLac, Suellen Harris, Gwen Sparks, Dave Coe, John McQuaig, Trina DeCamp, Riva Morgan, Sara O’Daffer.

Fox Trust Team Update

The Fox Trust Visioning Team met on March 30 for its monthly meeting. In preparation for a GLC building inspection, inspector Michael Hamilton provided an overview of the planned inspection and subsequent report. The team sees this as the “next step” in a church remodel project. We requested that Hamilton submit a contract for inspection services to the Church Council for approval, and once approved, to schedule the inspection.

Dane Breslin informed the team about work by himself and some congregation members investigating re-establishment of a historical garden on church property. This group is exploring design possibilities and congregation interest, and is planning to contact community members to gauge their level of interest. The Fox Team is supportive of this group’s initial efforts.

The Fox Trust Visioning Team is still seeking someone to fill an open position. If you are willing to consider serving, please contact one of the committee members: John McQuaig, Judy Connor, Karen Zanol, Bob Bartlett, Milt Herman, Gwen Sparks, Cheryl Salter, Joanne Dalinkus.

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 May 22 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!

May Worship Assistants

	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech
May 1			Dee Ann Gregg		
May 8			Riva Morgan		
May 15			Sue Garness		
May 22			Dee Ann Gregg		
May 29			Suellen Harris		

Volunteers are integral to our weekly worship service. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Jen in the [office](#).

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Wow - Thank you!



The Social Concerns Team wants to thank everyone that contributed to the Noisy Offering. We collected approximately \$1,700. A special thank you to those of you that saved your coins and boxes for two years.



Lutheran World Relief – Personal Care Kits

The Social Concerns Team would like to thank all that participated in making 120 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. A special thank you to Dee Ann Gregg and all the quilters that came and helped. We could not have completed the project without your help. On Quilt Sunday, May 1, we will be blessing the quilts the quilters are making and the personal care kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. We will be tracking where the quilts and kits will be going. Most likely they will go to Ukraine.

Next fall we hope to assemble School Kits to send to Lutheran World Relief.



Packing Friendship/ Little Free Pantry Needs



Little Free Pantry	GLC Packing Friendship
Dry Beans	Fruit Cups
Peanut Butter	100% Juice Boxes/Pouches
Rice	Instant Oatmeal Packets
Toothpaste	Granola Bars
Dish Detergent	Canned Pasta
Laundry Detergent	Applesauce Cups

Social Concerns Team delivers flowers to the homebound

On Saturday, April 16th, members of the Social Concern Team and the congregation delivered flowers to those in the congregation that are homebound. A special thank you to Jolane Guthrie and Joyce Owens for arranging this project!



Sip and Create with Anna

Are you interested in learning to make fused glass? The intern committee has reserved Inspirations Ceramics studio (400 9th Street,) and an instructor to help us make fused glass projects from 2 to 4 on the afternoon of Sunday, July 24. This will be an opportunity to spend some time with Anna, create something beautiful, and share some time with others from our church family.

The cost to participate will depend on the project you choose to make. We will ask for \$10 to secure your place; this will be applied to the cost of your project. The balance will be due at the time of the class. Registration is available to people 8 and older. Registration details will be available in June.

We will supply light snacks and there is a cafe on site featuring ice cream treats and beverages.

To see a list of projects, their prices, and the cafe menu visit <https://www.inspirationsceramic.com>

Celebrate the Summer Together!

We are excited to offer a new resource for families to use throughout the summer! *Families Celebrate Summer* is a colorful deck of 56 cards, each featuring a faith-based ritual, reflection, or other activity for families with kids ages 3-12. Color coding shows a range of fun ideas to try at home and on the go. Please contact Beth youthandfamily@glcwen.org for more information or to get a set of cards.



28th Annual Lute Loop Sunday, June 1 3:00 p.m.

Each year we celebrate the holy breeze by bicycling the Riverfront Loop on Pentecost. On Sunday, June 5, we'll gather at the foot of 5th Street - bikers, joggers, walkers, spectators, and friends are welcome. More details coming soon!



Summer of Service Nason Creek Fundraiser

News Flash! According to the Washington State Department of Transportation, Grace Lutheran will be the first group hosting coffee at the Nason Creek Rest area since the onset of Covid! We were chosen to host Memorial Day weekend this past winter and have been looking forward to it as our only fundraiser for Louisiana. That almost didn't happen, so thankfully we are on. We would love your assistance with donations of prepackaged treats, (granola bars, chips, cookies, Rice Krispie bars, etc.) cans of coffee, creamer, tea bags etc. **Collection starts now!** If you are out and about May 27 – May 30, stop by and say hello.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Susan Hendrickson	5/1	Jeffrey Redmon	5/10	Vickie Cunderla	5/23
Kyrie Blue	5/6	Ross Miller	5/11	Noah Heminger	5/23
Denise Coppock	5/6	Stephanie Johnson	5/13	Caroline Tilger	5/23
Jayke Olson	5/6	Julie Banken	5/14	Megan Hunt	5/25
Bailey Henson	5/7	Dan Luke	5/14	Doug Miller	5/26
Rob Magnussen	5/8	Brion Salter	5/16	Grady Gausman	5/29
JuLee Fiebelkorn	5/9	Sylvia Lyons	5/19	Marcia Fall	5/31
Oliver Zanol	5/9	Beth Smallbeck	5/19	Ruth Flanigan	5/31
Andrew Redmon	5/10	Hilary Martinez	5/20		

ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

Anna Circle meets on Wednesday, May 11, in the multi-purpose room. We use the Bible study lessons from the Gather magazine. We warmly welcome anyone who enjoys discussion and fellowship. If you have questions, feel free to call Linda Sinnet at 509-699-8256 or Faye DeJong at 509-663-4590.

Miriam Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy Jo Evans. Please contact Melanie McQuaig for further information (509-670-2733).



This month's Prayer Shawl meeting will be hosted by Anna Ferro at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26.

TREASURER TALK:

3/31/22 Results.

Offerings for three months total \$97,068. This is (\$2,932) under budget. Expenses were \$114,485, (\$7,310) under budget. Resulting Net Operating Deficit (\$17,417); projected budget deficit for the three months is (\$21,794).

	Jan-March 2021	Jan-March 2022	2022 Budget	Variance
Total Offerings, Misc.	\$102,328	\$97,068	\$100,000	(\$2,932)
Operating Expenses	<u>(110,555)</u>	<u>(114,485)</u>	<u>(121,794)</u>	<u>7,310</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$8,226)	(\$17,417)	(\$21,794)	\$4,377

Cash on hand \$119,729 includes Treasurer Reserve \$40,500.

	1/1/22	3/31/22
Cash Surplus Position	\$96,646	\$79,229
Treasurer Reserve	<u>40,500</u>	<u>40,500</u>
Total	\$137,146	\$119,729

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. 630-4239.

Gwen101@nwi.net

COUNCIL CORNER

- Council accepted a project proposal to re-institute the GLC community garden
- Council reviewed and updated continuing resolution to support our Constitution
- GLC is seeking bids for building heating and cooling repair/ replacement
- Council approved removal of all church COVID restrictions allowing meals at Grace and unmasked singing

2022 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts: Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds: *Open*
Endowment: Karen Zanol
Faith Enrichment: *Open*
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 for continued healing*
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

Ken Machtley - *healing after heart surgery*
Curt Gavin - *for healing*
June Bright - *sister of Linda Sinnett - thanksgiving that June is adjusting well to long-term care*
Jay Widby - *for healing*
Roxanne Reindl - *for healing*
Della DuLac - *for healing*
Dan Hutchison - *for healing from severe back pain*
Matthew Richerzhagen - *son of Judith Richerzhagen - for continued healing as he enters rehab for injuries sustained in a serious car accident*
Kelsi Davis - *for peace and healing*
Mick Marquardt - *healing from a complicated ankle surgery*

Global/National/Local Concerns

Global - *for all those affected by the war in Ukraine*
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.*

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 1 3 rd Sunday of Easter	May 8 4 th Sunday of Easter	May 15 5 th Sunday of Easter	May 22 6 th Sunday of Easter	May 29 7 th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-- 22:5 John 14:23-29	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Quilt Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	2 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	3 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Social Concerns Team 7:00 p.m. Wenatchee Ukrainian Refugee Committee	4 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 5:30 p.m. MMG 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	5 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	6 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	7
8 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth @ YWCA	9 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	10 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Youth Team 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group	11 9:00 a.m. Intern Team 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 5:30 p.m. MMG 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	12 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	13 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	14
15 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Recital 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	16 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends	17 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Recital 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	18 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 5:30 p.m. MMG 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	19 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:00 p.m. Recital	20 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 5:00 p.m. Recital Confirmation Retreat	21
22 10:30 a.m. Worship 1:00 p.m. Sunday Funday 3:00 p.m. Recital 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth 7:00 p.m. Ukrainian Benefit Concert	23 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 - 5:00 Piano Guild 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 7:00 p.m. Recital	24 9:00 - 5:00 Piano Guild 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Council	25 9:00 - 5:00 Piano Guild 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom) 5:30 p.m. MMG 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	26 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl	27 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 6:30 p.m. Recital Nason Creek Rest Area Fundraiser	28
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m. - online and in-person worship

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
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