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A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Grace Lutheran Church
1408 Washington Street
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Wait!

Dear friends in Christ,

We begin the next church year on November 29. That day will be the first Sunday in Advent. The first words of scripture on the first day of Advent will be from Isaiah 64. This will be our introduction to God's Word for the Year of Mark:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down!

Yep.

Have faith, dear people of Grace. Have hope. Have love. God is close by.

Some of us can't wait for that big shiny ball to drop New Years Eve. The racket, the noise, the bluster, the contagiousness and contentiousness of 2020 have been, we hope, a once in a lifetime experience. Certainly, there will be more to do in 2021, more waiting, more diligence, more sacrifice, but at least we get a new wall calendar to look at.

That opening phrase of the Year of Mark feels so needed. You might be interested to note that the Greek word for "tear open" is schizo. It's okay to really claim that word. I know I have been schizo in 2020. You have had your own experiences, which are many, of feeling schizo in recent days.

And, this word "wait!" has theological punch. It can come to us like law and gospel: You walk into a store and forget your mask. The clerk cries out, "Wait! Let me get you a mask." You're a 5th-grader and you've been watching your teacher on an iPad, and many boxes that represent your friends. Everyone else has turned off their video camera and you want so badly to be with them again in the same space. Mom says wait. You need a break from the intensities of life, so you sit in the back yard and wait for more leaves to fall. Coronavirus has taught you that some things aren't as urgent as you had once thought, and in your waiting, you can pay closer attention to your breathing.

Here's how you can pray with me this month: that a way to economic security can be found for business owners who can no longer wait, as their life's work is fading away. That the God of peace will be a constant companion to persons and their loved-ones who are waiting for death from the coronavirus. That all medical staff can have strength for each day as they wait for the next surge to pass. That patients can have good courage as they wait for their symptoms to dissipate. That our elected leaders would acknowledge the desperation felt among the citizenry, waiting for an example of cooperation and compromise and common love for the country.

Be healthy, and safe, dear people of Grace!

My days off in November: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Vacation Nov 24, 25, 27

Together! 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.



PICK UP YOUR
*Make-at-Home
Advent Wreath Kit*

Sunday, November 22
1 - 3 PM
Grace Lutheran Church

Reserve your kit today! office@glcwen.org

Your kit will include materials to make an
Advent wreath as well as devotional
materials for you to use throughout Advent.

We are so excited to offer you an at-home Advent kit this year! We will have a drive-through kit distribution on the Sunday before Advent begins - November 22. We need to know how many kits to prepare, so please email Jen and let her know if you would like one. If you would like to give one to friends or family that is great - just let us know how many you would like.

Little Essentials Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our Little Essentials Pantry. The pantry, along with 5 others throughout the Wenatchee and Cashmere area, have been a blessing to our neighbors. Here are a few testimonials that our partners at First United Methodist gathered:

"We have a lot of families in our community who need a little extra help during these tough times and your cart really helps them out a lot. It helps make their day a lot brighter!"

"I am really happy about the cart by Washington Elementary, because I am used to my kids getting lunch there and even some food was sent home on the weekends. It helps a lot to be able to go there and get food and supplies!"

"The Little Essential Pantries are getting emptied out a lot, but they are helping a lot of people in the community."

We have a special "Reverse Advent Calendar" planned for next month - please see page 9. In the meantime, your donations are always appreciated. We could always use any of the items that are on the Advent Calendar list. A green tote is available next to the pantry for donations. **Thank you again for your support!**

Racial Justice Discussion Group

We all need a better understanding of Racial Justice. Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. as we welcome a guest speaker sharing their honest thoughts on the subject. Rachel Kurtz will be our speaker November 1st, followed by C.J. Clark on November 15.

Rachel Kurtz was raised in the small Minnesota town of Cokato, MN. She had no reason to worry about racial issues as a white kid raised around predominantly white people. As she got older and met other people, she began to recognize the disparities in the life experience of those people of color she became friends with. This education around race has been life-long ever since. Now a single parent of three biracial kids, there is a deeper and deeper investment in not only the conversation, but in systemic change in this country.



Through the uprising this last summer in Minneapolis, Rachel and her kids not only participated in protests, but witnessed the things that were happening in this city that the news was not reporting.

Certainly Rachel doesn't have answers, but is deeply invested in the conversation, and also a call to action.



C.J. Clark is husband to Amanda, father to Logan, and serves as Executive Director of Living Water Ministries in New Era, MI. Living Water Ministries is an ELCA and Episcopal organization that provides youth ministry and summer camp experiences. Best known for their leadership and anti-racism training camp program for high school youth called Bridge Builders, and their Multicultural Youth Leadership Academy week of camp for youth ages 13-16, Living Water Ministries has prioritized diversity as a response to Christ's call to love our neighbor. A graduate of Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN, C.J. received a BA in Art with a minor in Physics and enjoys both the creative and analytical.

Please join us on Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84209762920?pwd=cWtldWNraWpBUiVZY3Vqd2ovbkZlZz09>

Meeting ID: 842 0976 2920

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Congratulations to our 2020 Confirmands!

Virginia Hwang and Liam Schmidt affirmed their baptism during our virtual worship on Sunday, October 25. If you missed worship on the 25th, you can view it on Facebook by clicking [here](#) or on our YouTube channel by clicking [here](#).



Liam Schmidt with parents Beth and Tory, and brother Dane.



Virginia Hwang with parents Michele and Inku.

FAITH FORMATION

Classes for children Pre-K through 5th grade are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

If you would like information about the classes, please contact Beth at youthandfamily@glcwen.org. Shannon Salter teaches the Pre-k through 2nd grade class, and Pastoral Intern Bergen teaches the 3rd through 5th grade class. We hope you will join us!



Thank you!

A thousand thanks to Gary and Peggy (Herman) Ike for their gift of a piano to the GLC Vicarage, and to Jan and Milt Herman for making it happen - including the transport from Portland. Hitting a high note indeed!



Directory Update

We've been waiting so long for our new directory, but we hope the wait will be over soon! This project has been slowed down due to COVID and a slowdown at Lifetouch, the company that produces the directory. They have dramatically reduced their staff and our directory was almost lost in the shuffle, but we are back on track. We expect to receive the proof any day. Jen is checking for the email every day so we can get it turned around ASAP and get our directories printed. We will be mailing them out as soon as they arrive. Thank you Shirley Leslie for helping with this project!

This is our last chance to make any changes. **If you have any updated info that you would like included (new address, phone number, etc.) please let Jen know so she can make the appropriate changes. Thank you for your patience!**

ANNA AND MIRIAM CIRCLES

Please stay tuned for information regarding future Anna Circle meetings once we are able to gather together.

Please contact Melanie McQuaig (melanie@mcqw.com or 509-665-9000) for more information about Miriam Circle.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ross Gavin	11/1	Daniel Hutchison	11/12	Bob Sparks	11/21
Sheri Rookard	11/1	Peggy Johnson	11/12	Jennifer Collins	11/22
Martha Ann Hames	11/3	Nancy Boersma	11/13	Andrew Fischer	11/22
Bill Mooney	11/3	Beatrice Tait	11/13	Kai Mueller	11/22
Rick Schiefelbein	11/3	Jordan Gilman	11/15	Rich Smallbeck	11/22
Paul Arndt	11/4	Rich Williams	11/15	Angela Gott	11/23
Jameson Varpness	11/4	Judy Olson	11/16	Alaina Morgan	11/23
Dave DeJong	11/5	Bob Curtis	11/17	Diane Senn	11/24
Bradyn Rookard	11/6	Erik DuLac	11/17	Susan Marshall	11/25
Raymond Gott	11/7	RaNita Gebers	11/17	Susan Coe	11/27
Linda Luke	11/7	Renee Morgan	11/17	Kent Heminger	11/27
Angie Redmon	11/8	Nate Smallbeck	11/17	LaVerne Amend	11/28
Glenn Liner	11/9	Kristen Boyer	11/18	Allison Fischer	11/28
Steve Johnson	11/11	Earl Tilly	11/19	Ina O'Connor	11/29
Casey Vogt	11/11	Marty Levine	11/21	Grace Miller-Tran	11/30
Jane Dunbar	11/12	Tory Schmidt	11/21	Evan Mueller	11/30

Virtual Worship

Facebook

Click [here](#) and watch for the "Facebook Premiere" which will show "live" on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and remain on our page afterwards for viewing anytime.

Zoom

Grace Lutheran Sunday Worship (and coffee fellowship)

Time: 9:00 a.m., with fellowship following worship

To join Zoom on a computer/tablet/smartphone, click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81304421918>

Meeting ID: 813 0442 1918

For connecting with a phone (audio only):

+1 669 900 6833 US

Meeting ID: 813 0442 1918

- When prompted, dial 813 0442 1918 #
- You may be asked to press # one more time
- That's it! You should be in after that.



Virtual Coffee Fellowship

Sign onto Zoom (following the instructions for worship) following worship for virtual coffee fellowship! 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!

How are you doing? Listening Sessions Available Every Thursday

If you would like to check in with one another over Zoom, Pastor James is facilitating a regular listening session every Thursday at noon. Here's the Zoom link, along with the phone number for the audio. Everyone is welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83596386508>

Meeting ID: 835 9638 6508

Dial-in for audio

+1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 835 9638 6508

Council Corner

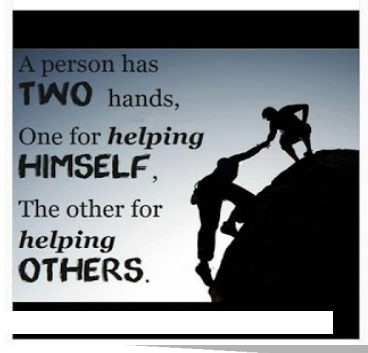
1. Council approved a motion to offer all GLC full-time staff members a family health care policy as part of their compensation package.
2. The exterior surveillance system will be installed at GLC by Keyhole Security in late November.
3. The Fox Trust Visioning Committee has begun meeting again to consider ways that GLC could use the gift in our ministry and mission.

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

SCT 2021 Projects:

The Social Concerns Team at their October 6th Meeting adopted the following list of projects for 2021: Major emphasis was put on resources available and what was realistic to do during COVID. As the year progresses and needs continue, adjustments can be made to the list.

- A. **Essential Pantry - Advent Food Drive**
- B. **Families in Need**
- C. **Shut in Visits**
- D. **Food Drive**
- E. **Noisy Offering March**
- F. **Gods Work Our Hands Sunday**
- G. **Make A Difference Day**
- H. **WHS Homeless – Christmas Gift Cards**



WHS Homeless Gift Cards for Christmas:



In lieu of an Advent Tree this year, the Social Concerns Team will be collecting monies for the homeless students at Wenatchee High School. Checks can be written to Grace Lutheran Church with WHS Homeless Students in the memo line and mailed to the church. We hope to have a Wenatchee High School T-shirt, a hat, and a couple of gift cards for each student. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Fisher at threefishers@nwi.net.

Make A Difference Day:

Saturday, October 24, was Make A Difference Day in the Wenatchee Valley. This year's project was the Cold Weather Drive. We collected items such as sleeping bags, mats, tarps, boots, men's and women's clothing, hand, and foot warmers, plus reusable water bottles. The Social Concerns Team then distributed the items to the Women's Resource Center (Street Ministries) and Powerhouse Ministries.



The Social Concerns Team received a \$2,500 grant from the Synod and contributed \$2,000 from the Mission Ministry Fund/Fox Trust. The \$2,500 will be used to buy sleeping bags, socks, and hand and foot warmers for both the Women's Resource Center (Street Ministries) and Powerhouse Ministries. The \$2,000 will be used to buy additional items that the Women's Resource Center and Powerhouse identify as a need.

The Social Concerns Team would like to thank **Hooked on Toys** for a 20% discount on items we purchased for the project, the Wenatchee High School Girls Swim and Dive Team for volunteering to help, and all those individuals that donated items. You made **Make A Difference Day** a Success!

TREASURER TALK: GRACE'S GENEROUS GIVINGS – SEPTEMBER 2020

It is Budget time for 2021. With the many unknowns moving forward, it will be a difficult process. The table below is based on the financial statement ending September, 2020. As comparison shows below through September, offerings are down (\$101,191) from budget. Likewise expenses are reduced by \$49,328.

	Jan-Sept 2019	Jan-Sept 2020	9 month 2020 Approved Budget	Variance To Date
Total Offerings, Misc	\$368,761	\$285,059	\$386,250	(\$101,191)
Operating Expenses	<u>(380,277)</u>	<u>(353,586)</u>	<u>(402,914)</u>	<u>49,328</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$11,516)	(\$68,527)	(\$16,664)	(\$51,863)

Net loss for the nine months is (\$68,527). Funding the loss through cash reduces cash position including Treasurer Reserve to \$28,403. With the successful forgiveness of the SBA Payment Protection Program, cash position will be restored. Hopefully this will be completed before year-end.

	1/1/20	9/30/20
Cash Surplus Position	\$52,432	\$0
Treasurer Reserve	<u>44,500</u>	<u>28,403</u>
Total	\$96,932	\$28,403
SBA PPP Loan		<u>72,300</u>
Adjusted Cash Surplus		\$100,703

I would love to hear from you with suggestions or recommendations as we begin to look at 2021. Council will be preparing budget proposal over the next several months based on Team requests. Focus as always through prayer and guidance is God's Missions for GLC.

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. 630-4239.

Tune in for Our Weekly Virtual Gatherings

(on Facebook unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday

- ◆ Worship, 9:00 a.m. (also via Zoom, contact GLC office)
- ◆ Fellowship Time via Zoom, following worship
- ◆ Jr./Sr. High School Youth group, 6:30 p.m. (via Zoom, contact Beth)

Wednesday

- ◆ 10@10, 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Lectionary Study (via Zoom, contact Pastor James), 11:00 a.m.

Thursday

- ◆ Listening Session, 12:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Friday

- ◆ 10@10, 10:00 a.m.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY PUT AN ITEM INTO A BOX FOR OUR
LITTLE ESSENTIALS PANTRY

December 1 – box of cereal

December 2 – jar of peanut butter

December 3 – jar of jam

December 4 – bar of soap

December 5 – cleaning product (Comet, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc.)

December 6 – bag of rice

December 7 – bag of dried beans

December 8 – toothbrush

December 9 – toothpaste

December 10 – can of green beans

December 11 – can of corn

December 12 – shampoo/conditioner

December 13 - deodorant

December 14 – flour, sugar, corn meal or other baking item

December 15 – roll of paper towels

December 16 – package of pasta

December 17 – jar of spaghetti sauce

December 18 – baking mix (pancake mix, Bisquick) or other baking item (baking soda, salt, etc.)

December 19 – can of fruit

December 20 – can of soup

December 21 – canned tuna or chicken

December 22 – snack item (granola bars, fruit cups, crackers, small packages of nuts, etc.)

December 23 – roll of toilet paper

December 24 – baby item (food, wipes, formula, diapers, etc.)

Watch for more information about a drive-through
drop off in December!

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*

Della Brett - *overall health*

Walter Brooks

Patty Christensen - *thanks for healing and prayerful support*

Genevieve Crosby - *for help with problems with isolation*

Vera Curtis - *thanks for healing and recovery*

Eric DeJong - *recovery from cancer*

Marv Dunbar - *prayers for health*

Anne Erdmann

Don Evenhus - *continued prayers for health*

Chuck Graves - *recovery from recent surgical procedure*

Anna Guthrie - *support while in Indonesia*

Shirley Houghland - *healing*

Bonnie Howeiler - *continued adaptation to visual impairment*

Gerri Kern - *continued health and peace of mind at this time of life*

Stephanie Olson - *peace and comfort*

Carol Sunada - *prayers for health*

Beatrice Tate - *for her daughter*

Wanda Rivedal - *prayers for patience and strength*

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

Ruthella Skagen - *peace as she begins hospice care*

Thelma Allen (Linda Luke's mom) - *prayers for health issues*

Tony Fisher - *for ongoing health issues*

Kay Fisher - *for recovery from surgery*

Gary Nelson - *prayers for healing*

Barbara Tilly - *prayers for healing*

Bob Curtis - *health support*

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

Judy Olson - *recovery from knee replacement surgery*

Susan Salley - *beginning heart treatment for A-Fib*

Jackie Jaspers - *recovery from knee replacement surgery*

Friends of Ann and Bob Bartlett whose newborn twin boys were born prematurely on September 3. They are doing great and are both over 3lbs. *Prayers please for their continued growth and development and strength for the family*

LECTIONARY READINGS

November 1
All Saints Sunday

Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
1 Thess. 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

November 8
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thess. 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
1 Thess. 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22
Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16,
20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 29
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. PreK - 5 th Grade Faith Formation 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout	2	3 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	4 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	5 12:00 p.m. Listening Session	6 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)	7
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15 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. PreK - 5 th Grade Faith Formation 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Zoom Hangout	16	17 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	18 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	19 Newsletter Deadline 12:00 p.m. Listening Session	20 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook)	21
22 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. PreK - 5 th Grade Faith Formation 1:00 p.m. Advent Wreath Kit Pick-up	23	24 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Council	25 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (Facebook) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28 4:00 p.m. Alumni Youth Zoom Hangout
29 9:00 a.m. Worship	30					

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

FAITH FORMATION

PreK - 5th Grade: Sundays at 10:30 a.m. via zoom
6th Grade - Adult: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

As of this publication date, church offices are closed due to COVID-19. We are working from home and checking voicemail and email messages regularly. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

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