

GRACE



LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

October 2021

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of  
Grace Lutheran Church  
1408 Washington Street  
Wenatchee, WA 98801-2555  
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## Pastor's Message

Dear friends,

There are many “irons in the fire” as some of our grandparents would sometimes say. I pray that these short bullet points will be informative for you. Here at Grace, we try to get communication out to folks but sometimes drop the ball. The advertising people say effective communication means saying the same thing seven times, all through different means if we want to get the message across. That is a tall order!

- Church Council would like to be in conversation with the congregation about our core values and our mission statement. These statements can be helpful guides for the purpose of our congregation. As one consultant says: “These statements are a kind of compass heading, rather than a road map. Conditions change from year to year, but these statements help us understand our desired destination.”
- A Wenatchee resident (and student of Luther Seminary), Dane Breslin, has been serving a half-time internship at Lake Chelan Lutheran Church. He is at a transition point now, needing to have internship learning opportunities in our community. Grace will be involved in his internship, as will a few other local churches from other Christian traditions. I would like us to see Dane as our Valley Intern. Our current fulltime intern, Anna Ferro, will continue to be our traditional intern. It’s exciting to acknowledge that we are a learning community! Please welcome Dane and his family when you see them at Grace.
- We have hired a person to help with our music ministry for the Advent and Christmas season. Sean Burns is a local resident, recently moved to the area, and former music minister serving in California. I hope you have a chance to say hi to Sean soon! You can stay tuned for invitations and information on how you can be involved in that special church season. We are waiting until the congregation approves the 2022 budget next January to proceed with a search for a permanent part-time person.
- I have switched a few dates around related to my sabbatical for 2022. Next July, I will have an opportunity to be in Tanzania with our sister synod the UKD (Ulanga Kilombero Diocese). You may remember Pastor Moses Nwaka, who visited our church some years ago. I will spend some of my time at the Tumaini Lutheran School there.
- Intern Anna and I were planning to attend the Bishop’s Convocation in October, with Presiding Bishop Eaton as one of the keynote speakers. This event has been canceled because of the progression of the pandemic. It is sad to not have the opportunity to check in with and support (and receive the support and blessing of) colleagues in ministry from our synod.
- Regular offerings to our general fund for the ministries of the congregation are below what we planned; the drop from our planned deficit for 2021 is approximately \$45,000. The Holy Spirit is speaking to us through this financial information, but we who are in leadership are guessing about what the message is. I invite you to reach out to me or a church council member if you can help us with insights in this matter. As a follow up, I trust you are considering what your stewardship commitment will be for next year.

My days off in October: Oct. 8/9, (vacation Oct. 14 through 17) Oct. 22/23, Oct. 29/30

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.



# Reopening News

Thank you to all who have responded to our recent survey on vaccination status. As of this writing (9/21), 180 of us have returned either an email or hard copy survey. We are collecting surveys through 9/26. Intern Anna Ferro is compiling the results, and we will announce the results once all surveys have been processed. The committee is most grateful to Anna for making this important survey happen.

Thank you GLC attendees for your faithfulness in following guidelines that allow us to remain open for in-person worship and communion during this difficult time. The response to in-person worship has been gratifying as masked congregants fill our socially distanced pews and masked musicians offer choral and instrumental gifts. We encourage everyone to continue making reservations each week for the seventy-five seats available at worship. The delta variant has meant our hospital is full and our healthcare workers are challenged. We encourage everyone who can be vaccinated to be vaccinated.

Your reopening committee continues to meet twice monthly and to stay up to date on information available to us from the Chelan Douglas Health District, the Washington State Department of Health, and Confluence Health, as well as from the Northwest Intermountain Synod and Bishop Kuempel. The committee includes three MD's in addition to lay members, a staff member, our intern, and Pastor James. We pray for the good health of our community and congregation.



## Reminder: Sign Up for In-person Worship

It's easy to sign up on our website [www.glcwen.org](http://www.glcwen.org). If you need help, please call the church office at 663-2189. Just a reminder that masks and social distancing are required when inside the building.

## Congratulations, Pastor Jenna!



Jenna Bergeson, our 2019 - 2020 intern at Grace Lutheran, was ordained on Saturday, September 25, at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Jenna has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church & Schools (TLCS) in Lynnwood, WA. Installation details have not been announced yet, but we will share the information as soon as we have it.

## Summer of Service Update...

It has been two long summers of no activity and I, for one, am ready to get moving. The ELCA Youth Gathering 2021 was postponed to 2022 and now looks like it might be canceled. I have had Covid safety concerns with a gathering of that size and apparently many other congregations feel the same.

Enter Hurricane Ida – per my dear friend in Slidell, LA, “Southern Louisiana was wiped out. I would imagine it will take many months, if not years, to recover.” Grace will be taking a multi-generational, Ecumenical group to Louisiana in late June of 2022. We will be staying at Peace Mission Center, a ministry of Peace Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Slidell, LA. We will be worshiping and serving at Bethlehem Lutheran, in New Orleans, as well as serving with Peace Lutheran.

If you are interested in our Summer of Service trip, please contact [Beth](#) no later than October 20th.



## 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 October 10 and 24 on the north lawn of the property. We begin with a brief opening, followed by Bible story time, and playtime. This is open to youth (and adults) of all ages. We will follow all current Covid regulations for the safety of those unable to be vaccinated. Email [Beth](#) with any questions.



## Trunk or Treat

Grace Lutheran will be joining First United Methodist and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church for Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 31, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., at First UM Church (941 Washington Street.)

We would love for you and your trunk to join us, but understand Covid concerns. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate candy, we will have a box available in the narthex beginning this Sunday. Candy may be dropped off Tuesday – Thursday, 10 am – 2 pm, or Sunday mornings.



## Living Lutheran Subscriptions

If you would like to begin or renew your subscription to Living Lutheran at the discounted rate of \$9.71 per year (includes sales tax) vs. \$21.65, please contact Roxanne Reindl in the finance office (finance@glcwen.org or 663-2189) by October 25.

Include the name and address you would like the subscription mailed to. Payment of \$9.71 includes sales tax (checks only—no cash) can be mailed or dropped by the church office, put in Sunday offering, or put through the mail slot in the Finance Manager's Office door. Please be sure to indicate "Living Lutheran" on the memo line.



### Morning Prayer

Thursday mornings, at 7, 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.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Zanol	10/1	Carol Guenther	10/11	Monte Olson	10/20
Betsy Dudash	10/2	Daria Gausman	10/12	Rena Guerin	10/25
Pat Fitzgerald	10/2	Tanner Rookard	10/12	Wolf Mueller	10/26
Trina DeCamp	10/3	Grace Schauer	10/12	Cooper Redmon	10/26
Trish Ginty	10/6	Tim Zanol	10/13	Rob Salter	10/27
Tammy Kintner	10/7	Luke Westerman	10/16	Rachel Perry	10/28
Cathy Sweeney	10/7	Teigen Goller	10/18	Dee Ann Gregg	10/29
Kay Fisher	10/8	Anthony Russ	10/18	Soraya Martinez	10/29
Aubryn King	10/9	Annika Peterson	10/19	Kim Lobe	10/30
Janice Schettler	10/9	Maren Peterson	10/19	Dean O'Daffer	10/30
Ernst Bentsen	10/10	Diane Reed	10/19	Andy Sheets	10/30
Kieran Gale	10/11	Kathy Gavin	10/20	Sue Thompson	10/30

# SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

## Gods Work, Our Hands Sunday September 12, 2021



Grace, along with other Lutheran congregations, engaged in service in our community on Sunday, September 12th. We were one of over 9,100 congregations participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday performing service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God’s love.

We worked outside of the church and repackaged diapers for our pantry, collected items for the pantry, and handed out Packing Friendship bags to collect items for Packing Friendship.

A Big Thank You to everyone that Participated.



## Little Free Pantry

Pat Fitzgerald along with several members of the Social Concerns Team have taken over the responsibility of the Little Free Pantry. The Little Free Pantry is always looking for volunteers and if you are interested, please contact [Pat Fitzgerald](#).



Current needs of the Pantry are: women’s hygiene products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, pasta sauce, and granola bars.



## Make A Difference Day – Saturday, October 23rd, 2021

Make A Difference Day is Saturday, October 23rd, 2021. The Social Concerns Team is doing a couple of projects this year.

**1. Cold Weather Drive at Pybus Public Market** – We will be collecting new and used Adult Coats, boots, socks, Hats, Gloves, Hand and Feet Warmers, Reusable Water Bottles, Hand Sanitizers and Face Masks.  
*For your convenience, there will be collection bins in the narthex labeled “MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY – COLD WEATHER DRIVE.”*

**2. Repackaging coats after Make A Difference Day and distributing the coats to area schools.**

We will be working with Serve Wenatchee Valley. They will collect and sort coats on 10/23.

The GLC Youth will be sorting the coats into bags to take to the schools.

The Social Concerns Team will deliver the coats to the appropriate schools.

## Christmas Gift Cards for WHS Students

The Social Concerns Team will be collecting Gift Cards for the homeless students at Wenatchee High School for Christmas this year. Tags will be put on a Christmas Tree in the church foyer. There are 280 tags on the tree. Each tag lists a place of business where you can purchase the gift card and the amount of the gift card. You then can bring the gift cards back to the church and place it in a box labeled “WHS Homeless Gift cards.” We hope to have a WHS T-shirt, along with the gift cards purchased for seventy students. If you have any questions, please contact [Robin Brown](#) or [Kay Fisher](#).



## Attention All!

Don't know your APIs (Application Programming Interface) from your CDNs (Content Distribution Network)?

Don't know minification from GZip or know how TCP refines IP?

Not to worry! You don't need to!

Our Streaming for Worship Services Team is looking for more members.

Previous streaming experience is not required.

If you have ever asked yourself, how can I contribute more to our church community, this might be for you!

Contact Marlena after worship or at 509-884-5708.

# October Worship Assistants

	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech
<b>October 3</b>	Bob & Ann Bartlett	Barbara & Earl Tilly	Sue Garness	Peggy Fenhaus	Chad Dulac
<b>October 10</b>	Dave & Faye DeJong	Joyce Owens	Earl Tilly	Kathy Gavin	
<b>October 17</b>	Joe Trowbridge	Jim & Karlene Mayer	Dee Ann Gregg	Denise Miller	Chad Dulac
<b>October 24</b>	Jan Herman			JuLee Fiebelkorn	
<b>October 31</b>			Riva Morgan	Tami Woolsey	

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](#).

## ANNA AND MIRIAM CIRCLES

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

Miriam Circle plans to meet in October, date and time are TBA. Please contact Melanie McQuaig for further info (670-2733).

# COUNCIL CORNER

1. Congregational Meeting was September 26 after the 10:30 service. It was live-streamed on Facebook. There is one nomination for each open position of council.
  2. The council will be working with Dr Stu Freed to develop standard decision-making processes, establishing communication pathways, and move forward with visioning for GLC.
  3. Council approved the hiring of Sean Burns for the temporary Holiday Music Hire, November 1 through December 24, 2021.
  4. Council reviewed and approved the Grace Lutheran Members-in-Need Policy and Application, with minor clarifications and format changes.
  5. Council approved the hiring of Dane Breslin as a part-time Wenatchee Valley intern through GLC for 2021-2022
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## Endowment Team Distributions

Since the Endowment Fund was established in 2000, Grace Lutheran has been able to donate \$263,974 to God's work within our church, the NCW community, and around the world.

The Endowment Team is pleased to be able to make this report to the congregation this year after being inactive during 2020. On short notice, we were able to gather several applications and fund 10 of them, all but one being local. Our shortened process, due to COVID, involved a detailed review and thoughtful allocation by the Endowment Team, bypassing the congregational input we have used in the past. In order to keep things equitable & even per request, we actually bumped up the distribution amount to \$60,000. We thank each of the applicants for taking the time to make a fund request. To honor & recognize each project, may God use our grants to further these very worthy & deserving causes.

YMCA Ment2B Program for children, submitted by Judy Conner - \$12,000

Families in Need, submitted by Kay Fisher - \$5,500

Packing Friendship (grant fund), submitted by Jennifer Pearson-Gale - \$8,000

Quilts, sewing/ personal care/ school kits shipped to Lutheran World Relief, submitted by Dee Ann Gregg - \$1,500

LLC International University building project, submitted by John McQuaig - \$12,000

Brave Warrior Project, submitted by Erica Moshe - \$6,000

Alatheia Therapeutic Riding Center, submitted by Jan Romey - \$1,500

Ecumenical Inclusive Youth, submitted by Beth Smallbeck - \$8,000

Compassionate Friends, submitted by Carol Sunada - \$5,000

Reading with Rover, submitted by Tami Woolsey - \$500

Endowment Team

Karen Zanol, chair

Susan Salley

Shirley Wurl

## Fellowship Time

We are starting to organize for outdoor fellowship after worship. Sometime (hopefully!) soon, we would like to continue this important hospitality ministry. Shirley Leslie, the Fellowship Team Lead, is available to make sure the kitchen is stocked and clean, but will be away part of the fall. If you are able to help set up, serve, and clean up, please let Shirley know as soon as possible. If needed, please contact the church office for Shirley's contact information.

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## Treasurer's Report

September, 2021

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer

I am presenting the financial statement for the eight months ending August, 2021. Below are highlights.

**2021 General Operating Expense by Ministry** compares GLC approved 2021 budget to actual 2021 performance. Below table reflects: Total receipts are down, but likewise expenses were less than anticipated. Net deficit income for the eight months is (\$38,851). I have also included 8/31/20 financial numbers for comparison.

GLC was able to participate in the SBA Payroll Protection Program. Total amount was \$56,244 with funds used to stabilize staffing compensation. Because GLC has not received forgiveness at this time from the Payment Protection Program, the amount has been manually included below.

	Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2021 Budget	Variance
Total Offerings, Misc.	\$258,858	\$247,533	\$293,333	(\$45,801)
Operating Expenses	(316,694)	(286,384)	(331,824)	45,440
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$57,836)	(\$38,851)	(\$38,491)	(\$361)
Anticipated Forgiven PPP Loan	72,300	\$56,244		
Net Margin	\$14,464	\$17,393		

**Balance Statement** - Comparisons between 12/31/2020 and 8/31/2021. Cash on hand including Treasurer's Reserve is \$84,215. We continue to fund operating losses of (\$38,851). The Payroll Protection loan, once forgiven, will fund \$56,244 of the operating losses.

	12/31/2020	8/31/2021
Cash/Dedicated Funds	\$3,329,479	\$3,362,498
Endowment Funds	555,869	607,065
Total Assets	\$3,885,349	\$3,969,563
Credit Card/Payroll Taxes	\$ 3,633	\$ 5,193
Payroll Protection Program	0	56,244
Dedicated Funds	3,177,782	3,216,846
Endowment Funds	555,869	607,065
Total Liabilities/Dedicated Funds	\$3,737,283	\$3,885,348
Net Equity / Treasurer Reserve	\$148,066	\$84,215

**Internal Ministry Funds Report** - Significant other activities include:

Social Concerns. To date, Social Concerns Team has funded \$60,407 towards various projects.

Memorial Accounts. Fox Trust current balance is \$2,737,703. GLC has graciously accepted new memorial funds totaling \$4,784. To date, Fox Trust funded \$70,000 towards the lighting project in sanctuary. Total cost of the lighting project is anticipated to be approximately \$80,000.

Special Projects. There is \$26,674 left to be funded for the 2020 Special Projects - \$3,500 update nursery and \$23,000 purchase church van. 2021 Special Projects was \$25,000. Activity is: 1) \$1,596 for computer upgrades, and \$2000 food pantry; 2) \$2,000 for youth room and playground upgrades of which \$1,023 has been funded; and 3) Available monies \$19,403.

**Miscellaneous.** Audit Committee has begun to review financial records. 2022 Operating budget procedures will begin soon. God continues to bless GLC. GLC in turn has blessed others through our missions. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions/concerns.

Sending God's Blessings and Prayers.

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer

630-4239; gwen101@nwi.net





# TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 31 | 4-5:30 pm

1st United Methodist Church | 941 Washington St

*Hosted by Grace Lutheran, First UMC*

*and St. Luke's Episcopal*

# 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](mailto: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*  
Heidi (Colleague of Beth Smallbeck with the ELCA) - *cancer diagnosis*  
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*  
Mel and Lillian Welton - *Mel is struggling with a serious sudden illness, Lillian has chronic back pain*  
Susan Salley - *for physical healing and successful therapy for her hip*  
Leslie Hole - (daughter-in-law of Nancy Hole) - *for healing*

## Short Term/Other

Ryan McNeice - (Nephew to Suellen Harris) - *diagnosis of multiple cancers*  
Kyrie (Smallbeck) Blue - son of Hannah Smallbeck - *for healing, peace and wisdom as he has been diagnosed with a tethered spine and will have surgery the first week of November*  
Mark Boersma - *for healing*  
Martha Ann Hames - *diagnosis of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma*  
Ken Machtley - *healing after heart surgery*  
Curt Gavin - *for healing, recent diagnosis of double pneumonia*

## Global/National/Local Concerns

Our country and region - *for health care workers who are exhausted, grant them peace and rest.*  
For the Wenatchee Valley - *for the youth and young adults of our valley that they may find safe and welcoming spaces.*

# LECTIONARY READINGS

October 3 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	October 10 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	October 17 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	October 24 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	October 31 Reformation Day
Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52	Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

# October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship  6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> Staff Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 10@10 (FB)  <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lectionary Study (Zoom)	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship  <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Sunday Funday  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Jr./Sr. High Youth @ Washington Park	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 10@10 (FB)	<b>12</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> Staff Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 10@10 (FB)  <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lectionary Study (Zoom)	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 10@10 (FB)	<b>19</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> Staff Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter                      Deadline</b>  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 10@10 (FB)  <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lectionary Study (Zoom)	<b>21</b> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship  <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Sunday Funday  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Jr./Sr. High Youth	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 10@10 (FB)	<b>26</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Council	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 10@10 (FB)  <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lectionary Study (Zoom)	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship  <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Trunk or Treat @ First UMC						

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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

*please sign up on our website or by calling the office*

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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