



THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

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A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Grace Lutheran Church
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Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." Luke 19:40

Messages From Our Surroundings

People of Grace;

One area of focus during a retreat this last summer was that of hearing from one's surroundings. We were invited to be willing to be in communication especially with nature... listening for what nature might be trying to say. We are encouraged to have an attitude of interdependence with nature. Even the mind and body are in communication. As was mentioned by our presenter, "The body believes the mind".

Our industrial and post-industrial mindset toward nature has become transactional and extractive. We take what we need for the short term and believe there will always be more. Being intentional about our interrelatedness with nature is one way toward healing and wholeness.

It sounds odd to suggest that we have a communicative relationship with the non-human world. However, we know that a home or a special spot in the natural world communicate something to us. We hear in scripture that "the trees of the fields clap their hands", and "all creation groans in birth pangs". Christ Jesus, in his entry to Jerusalem, knew that even the stones underfoot could sing their own versions of "hosanna in the highest".

It may feel somehow wrong to think that the non-human world is speaking. I do not think that God is nature, or that nature is God, nor do I pray to nature. I do think God communicates through all of nature, including through fellow humans. It certainly makes me think more deeply about the ways I expect the world to support me and my livelihood. I know I have some growing to do in my relationship with my surroundings. There's a strand of thinking here that connects me to my childhood, growing up on a farm – the things we steward have a relationship with us.

As a congregation, we have been wondering what priorities we should have for our building. I think we have also been wondering what programmatic ministry we should be pursuing now that there are changes in our staff. Would it help for us to ask the building what it needs (I know... strange question)? Would it help for us to ask the Wenatchee Valley what it needs? Is God speaking from those places, and are we open to hearing?

Something you might want to think about: find a place outside that could become your favorite "sit spot". It can be a place where you can let the world simply support you and (dare I say) love you. Also, simply consider what it might mean to you that the things you steward (the things you care for) have a relationship with you. We are called beyond resource management; we are called to resource relationship.

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.

A Message from Beth Smallbeck

What does Ecumenical mean? Promoting or relating to unity among the world's Christian Churches.

In early 2021, concern arose in our area churches regarding Vector Academy at Grace City Church. My concern was for the youth of our valley particularly, marginalized youth. I reached out to open and affirming congregations in our area to meet and discuss what we can do to reach out to the youth of our community in a safe non-threatening way.

Our first meeting (I believe) was held in February of 2021. Five area congregations were represented at that meeting. Grace Lutheran, New Song Community Church, First United Methodist Church, St Luke's Episcopal Church, and Celebration Lutheran.

We have been meeting monthly since that time. The Wenatchee Youth Community grew out of that meeting... WYC meets monthly on the 2nd Sunday of the month. The WYC is now led by a group of invested youth who plan the monthly events.

Last fall our ecumenical group hosted Trunk or Treat at First United Methodist Church and had nearly 500 youth and their families come through.

This spring our congregations represented at PRIDE. We hosted booths for GLC, New Song, FUMC, St Luke's, and The Wenatchee Youth Community. Visitors were astounded by the row of Christian support.

In August, four of our Ecumenical partners joined together to host VBS at Grace Lutheran. We had an amazing week!

Our combined efforts are growing! Sunnyslope Church of the Brethren and Wenatchee Brethren Baptist Church have asked to join us. We may not all follow the same doctrine, but we all believe that the Triune God loves and accepts all people, and we all have a special place in our hearts for the youth of our valley.

Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation:

October 2 - join leaders of our Packing Friendship program as they share about this vital food security program.

October 9 - join Carol Sunada, director of the local Compassionate Friends chapter as she talks about the grief support work of this organization.

October 16 - How is our faith connected to work for justice in the world? Join Jess Ingman on October 16th for a conversation about Faith Action Network (FAN), a multi-faith, non-profit organization through which over 160 faith communities across Washington State (including Grace Lutheran!) partner for the common good. From housing to immigration to food security, FAN communities are making a difference through their advocacy and action. Jess is a new regional organizer for FAN and excited to get to know the Grace Lutheran community and support our work for justice!

Sunday Funday: 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:15 - lunch is provided. The primary age focus for Sunday Funday is pre-K to 5th grade, but it's also a great multigenerational opportunity. Our next meeting will be on October 9 - lunch will feature Dooly Dogs.

Nursery Attendant Needed

If you love children and are interested in working in our church nursery, please contact Beth.
Hours are 10am – noon Sunday mornings. You must be at least 16 to apply.

October Worship Assistants

	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech	Communion Assistant
10/2		Tom Gausman	John Applegate	Rose Applegate	Chad DuLac	
10/9			Dee Ann Gregg	Marsha and Kate	Marlena LaPaz	
10/16			Jim Caulkins		Phil Gregg	
10/23		Dave & Sue Coe	Karen Zanol		JJ Dippel	
10/30			Gary Otheim		Marlena LaPaz	Gary Otheim

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.

Seeking Worship Helpers

Volunteer helpers make our worship run smoothly. We would love to expand our volunteer pool. [Here is a link to a "google sheet"](#) where you can put your name on an open slot. If you are having a hard time navigating the google sheet, please call (509-663-2189) or email our [church office](#) or [Pastor Aalgaard](#) and we can help.

Here are some of the ways you can step in to help: **Usher**, **Lector** (reading scripture), **tech** (streaming), **altar guild** (preparing communion) and **communion assistant**.

Please note! The google sheet is a single document that can be changed (and added to) by anyone who has the link. You are very welcome to add your name to a slot that's empty, but please do not remove others' names or otherwise change the form.

All-Congregation Conversation

Sunday, October 23

12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

We welcome Laurin Vance, director of the pan-Lutheran organization Consultation to Clergy, October 23, from 12:00 – 5:00 pm in the Grace Lutheran Church fellowship hall, for an all-congregation conversation. Lunch is provided.

We intend to use this time to reconnect with one another through small group and large group work, facilitated by Pastor Vance.

- Our work will help us highlight the talents and good work of our congregation.
- We will also note the challenges that are before us as a faith community.
- We will also work toward a common vision for the near-term future for our church.

Everyone – please plan to attend. Your voice, listening ear, and input are important for Grace Lutheran Church. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex (main entrance).

Get ready for another garden party!

Our next Innovations Garden work party is planned for **Sunday afternoon, October 9, after lunch until about 3:00 p.m.** We have been collecting more large sheets of cardboard, and still have plenty of mulch and wood chips. We are thinking volunteers would attend worship at 10:30 a.m. and return home for lunch afterwards, and come back to Grace to put in some productive time preparing the area on the east side of the maintenance building. Please wear good work shoes, gloves, and bring shovels and 5-gallon buckets if you have some. Thankfully, it should not be as hot as it was at our first work party! There will be root-beer floats again at the break time!



There have been some changes in the leadership of the garden project; since he has finished his internship and graduated from the seminary, Dane Breslan is interviewing for a full-time job here in the Wenatchee valley. The Garden team is working to put together a job description for a garden manager, to be presented to the church council, so we can continue moving forward with plans for the garden, even though Dane will probably be functioning as a volunteer along with the rest of us.

Come join us on Sunday afternoon, October 9!



CARING MEALS

A group is now organized to assist with meals for individuals, couples, or families in our Grace congregation. If you are aware of a need due to illness, injury, surgery, etc., please notify Linda Sinnett (phone: 509-699-8256 or [email](#))



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 30 | 4-5:30 pm

1st United Methodist Church | 941 Washington St

*Hosted by Grace Lutheran, First UMC
New Song, Wenatchee Brethren Baptist,
and St. Luke's Episcopal*

Trunk or Treat

Grace Lutheran will be joining First United Methodist, St. Luke's Episcopal, and New Song Community Church for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30, 4pm – 5:30pm, at First UM Church (941 Washington Street).

Deck your trunk out in any Fall/Halloween design, bring treats to hand out, and join the fun! Plan to set up by 3:30 p.m. and be ready for all of the trick or treaters to arrive by 4:00 p.m. **You can still help even if you can't join us on the 30th - we need donations of candy!** Candy donations may be left in the "Candy Basket" in the Narthex. This is a great opportunity for us to be a part of our community and we appreciate your support. For more information, contact [Beth Smallbeck](#).



Our 10th Annual Oktoberfest Celebration is **Sunday, October 16**, following worship. German sausages and beverages will be provided—please bring your favorite side dish or dessert (enough for 10-12 people) to share.

Bingo night for Developmentally Disabled Adults is starting up again at Grace!



October 7th will be our first one after a layoff of almost 3 years due to Covid. This event will take place on the first Friday of each month in the fellowship hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We have plenty of prizes for now, and we have enough pretzels for several months. We serve cookies at our break time, but again, we're good for this first month. If you know of an adult or adults who would like to join us for an evening of fun, please let them or their caregiver know about it. Also, we can always use volunteers to help participants read the numbers. If you have questions, email [Pat Fitzgerald](#)

PLU Christmas Concert

Pacific Lutheran University presents its annual Christmas concert, Peace. Works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Dan Forrest, Rosephanye Powell, and Cecilia McDowall mix with traditional carols and other seasonal favorites as we seek Peace, renewal, and joy in this Christmas season. Grace Lutheran will take a bus to Tacoma on Saturday evening, December 10, for the concert. Youth tickets and transportation for all will be covered by the Ted and Vera Zacher Music Fund. Prices are as follows:

\$40.00 General Admission

\$35.00 Senior (60+), Alumni, and Military

\$20.00 Children (12 and under).

To purchase tickets, please contact [Judy Olson](#) by Sunday, October 16.



Together at Grace

Please join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for our community meal!

- October 12, 6:00 pm - Irish Stew hosted by Pastor James, followed by his sabbatical presentation
- November 9, 6:00 pm - Meal hosted by Sara and Dean O'Daffer
- December 14, 6:00 pm - Meal hosted by Joyce Owens and the Gregg Family

ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

Anna Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the multi-purpose room at Grace. 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 at Joyce Owens' home on Tuesday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m.

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

God's Work Our Hands Sunday – September 11th, 2022

School Supplies Drive – The Social Concerns Team would like to thank all that donated and helped with the school supply drive this year. School supplies were collected for Washington and Mission Elementary Schools, our Packing Friendship Students, and the Pantry. We hope to help these students throughout the year, so if you would like to donate there will always be an opportunity through Amazon, a local store such as Fred Meyer, or you can write a check to GLC and put School Supply Drive in the memo line. We will have a list of the items needed in the Narthex. You can always go to Amazon and choose a custom list called GLC School Supply List.



Make a Difference Day – 1,000 Coats for Kids

We will again be working with Serve Wenatchee Valley in the 1,000 Coats for Kids on Saturday, October 22, in the Albertsons parking lot. Then we will be sorting and distributing the coats to schools in the Wenatchee, Eastmont, and Orondo School Districts from Sunday, October 23rd, 2022, to Friday, October 28th, 2022. If you would like to get involved, please contact [Robin Brown](#) or [Kay Fisher](#).

WHS Unaccompanied Youth Christmas Gift Cards

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 tags that have \$65.00 to Fred Meyer or \$10 to Dutch Bros on the tree. You can then bring the gift cards back to the church and place them in a box labeled WHS Homeless Gift cards. We hope to have a WHS T-shirt, along with the gift cards, purchased for fifty students. If you have any questions, please contact [Robin Brown](#) or [Kay Fisher](#).

Helping Ukrainian Families during the Holidays

The Social Concerns Team – along with Anna and Miriam Circle will be collecting gently used holiday ornaments for the Androsova and Musevyeh families. The Androsova family has a mother and 15-year-old daughter and the Musevyeh family has a mother and a four-year son. There will be a labeled bin in the Narthex where items can be placed. We will give further updates as the holidays get closer.

Little Free Pantry

The Little Free Pantry is running smoothly and there are faithful volunteers who make that happen. Mike Sweeney, Gloria Foster, Monte Olson, Jan Herman, Bob Bartlett, and Linda Sinnett keep the shelves stocked outside. Kay Fisher and Pat Fitzgerald help by picking up food from Community Action about twice a month and an occasional pickup of an order from Walmart.

This is a time when many of you have excess produce in your gardens or on your fruit trees, and when it is dropped off at the pantry, it goes very quickly. There are many families who supplement their food supply with food, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies from our pantry, and they express their gratitude whenever we talk to them.

Thank you to those of you who donate food regularly. You make a big difference to the people who use our pantry.



Packing Friendship

Thank you for your support in our food drive - we will be blessing the program during worship in October 2.

Packing Friendship is a weekend backpack program that provides food for students who are at risk of going hungry over the weekends. This school year, Grace Lutheran will provide food bags for more than 50 students at Columbia and Washington Elementary Schools and Foothills Middle School. Our program is completely run by volunteers, and we could always use an extra helping hand! Volunteer opportunities include:

- Packing bags - Tuesday mornings at 10
- Delivering bags - Thursdays during the day
- Shopping for food - as needed

If you would like to learn more about how you can be a part of Packing Friendship, please contact [Jen Gale](#).

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Rite of Confirmation

Sunday, October 30, **Cruz** and **Cortez Martinez** and **Raider Liesch** will be confirmed during worship. They have completed their studies and are now willing to accept the faith their parents proclaimed for them at their baptism. Please join us in this celebration.

Thank you to everyone who has been willing to be on the Fellowship Team, and thank you to the congregation for so many coming into the Fellowship Hall to enjoy the offerings from the team. An especially big thank you to Jan Romey for co-chairing with me. – Shirley Leslie

LECTIONARY READINGS

October 2
17th Sunday after
Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4;
2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9
18th Sunday after
Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16
19th Sunday after
Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14--4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23
20th Sunday after
Pentecost

Jer. 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8,
16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30
Reformation Sunday

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,
11-12
Luke 19:1-10

TREASURER TALK

8/31/22 Results

Offerings through August total \$236,594. This is (\$30,093) under budget. Expenses are \$301,211, (\$22,741) under budget. Resulting Net Operating Deficit (\$64,617) compares to projected budget deficit (\$57,285).

	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2022	2022 Budget	Variance
Total Offerings, Misc	\$247,533	\$236,594	\$266,667	(\$30,093)
Operating Expenses	(286,384)	(301,211)	(323,952)	22,741
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$38,851)	(\$64,617)	(\$57,285)	(\$7,352)

Cash on hand \$72,529 includes Treasurer Reserve \$40,500. Cash position decline (\$64,617) is attributed to funding of operating deficit.

	1/1/22	8/31/22
Cash Surplus Position	\$96,646	\$32,029
Treasurer Reserve	<u>40,500</u>	<u>40,500</u>
Total	\$137,146	\$72,529

Financial position was discussed further at the September Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

[Gwen Sparks](#), Treasurer. 630-4239.

COUNCIL CORNER

- Synod Representative Laurin Vance will meet with GLC congregation on Sunday, October 23. Details soon
- A refurbished church sign is under consideration.
- The Community Garden Project is flourishing.
- Trinity United Methodist has gifted \$10,000 to Packing Friendship Community Grant Fund.

2022 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts: Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds: Open
Endowment: Karen Zanol
Faith Enrichment: Open
Fellowship: Shirley Leslie
Jan Romey
Intern:
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

Mim Schwich (Jody Marquardt's mother) - in long term elder residential care

Helen Hunter (member of GLC living in Arizona) – in memory care

Sandi Owens (Joyce Owens's sister-in-law) - for healing as she undergoes radiation treatment

Sherrie McDonald (Joe Trowbridge's cousin) – healing from a head injury and double vision

Mark McDonald (Joe Trowbridge's cousin) – recovering from COVID

- How do I submit a prayer? Please call (509-663-2189) or email our church office (office@glcwen.org) or Pastor Aalgaard (pastor@glcwen.org). Please share with us details that are pertinent to the request. If you are asking us to pray for a person other than yourself, please seek that person's permission.
- How long will my prayer be on the list? We will publish your prayer request for four consecutive weeks. You are welcome to resubmit your request. We will start counting four weeks upon your resubmission. We do appreciate updates when they are available.
- How should my request be worded? We will do our best to help your request have a balance of privacy protection and sharing information. The ministry staff at Grace reserves the right to edit requests.

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.

Midweek Lectionary Bible Study

Our weekly Lectionary Bible Study is back on Wednesdays. We begin with brief devotion at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary, followed by the lectionary study at 11 in the library. All are welcome! Want to attend the devotion time but not the study? Or vice-versa? Not a problem. Hope to see you there.

Flower Chart

Please note that we have a flower chart in the narthex. If you wish to share a flower arrangement for Sunday worship, please sign up. You can specify that the chosen date is a memorial, anniversary, birthday, etc. if you wish. Thank you for participating with your flower offering.



Let's
Make a Difference
in our Washington Street
neighborhood!
Washington Street Wash

Saturday, October 22
9:00 am-12:00 noon

Bring a bag and help clean up
Washington Street!

Coffee and muffins, bags and gloves will be
available at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Contact

Hollie, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
509 662-5636 stlukes@nwi.net



October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	3 7:00 p.m. Apples	4 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Social Concerns Team 7:00 p.m. Apollo Club 7:00 p.m. Friends of Ukraine 7:00 p.m. Wen. Youth Community	5 10:45 a.m. Lectionary Study	6 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 1:00 p.m. Befrienders 6:00 p.m. Book Study	7 6:30 p.m. Bingo	8
9 9:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Sunday Funday 1:00 p.m. Garden Party 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth @ Washington Park	10 7:00 p.m. Apples	11 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group 6:00 p.m. Youth Team 7:00 p.m. Apollo Club	12 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 10:45 a.m. Lectionary Study 6:00 p.m. Together at Grace (TAG)	13 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:00 p.m. Book Study	14	15
16 9:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	17 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends 7:00 p.m. Apples	18 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle 7:00 p.m. Apollo Club	19 Newsletter Deadline 10:45 a.m. Lectionary Study	20 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:00 p.m. Book Study	21 Friday 10/21 - Sunday 10/23 Youth Retreat	
23 9:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. All Congregation Conversation	24 7:00 p.m. Apples	25 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Apollo Club	26 10:45 a.m. Lectionary Study	27 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:00 p.m. Book Study	28	29
30 Reformation Sunday 9:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat	31 7:00 p.m. Apples					

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