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Welcoming Our New Intern

Dear friends in Christ,

Interns moving out and moving in is emotional whiplash for me, and for many in our congregation, I'm sure. We spent a year with Wayne and Janet, growing together in the community Jesus creates throughout our congregation. Wayne expressed a spirit of hospitality; recall his quilt with this message of blessing: "The table is set. The doors are open. People, get ready." Janet expressed both a joy for life and her free-flowing spirit. She hiked and "birded" and she played recorder with our member Mark Boersma (I believe, playing together weekly). She also sang with a number of groups in our community. We blessed one another as they transitioned away from our church. Now, we turn our minds and hearts toward the ministry of welcome for Jenna Bergeson.

Intern Jenna's family is from Iowa. In recent years, she has been a "distributed learning" student of Luther Seminary, while living overseas and being involved in God's work particularly in Asia. She was a Young Adult in Global Mission in Malaysia (an ELCA program for young adults), and worked as a teacher of English to students at the Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong.

It's important for all of us to start our relationship with Intern Jenna well. Here are a few tips I'd like to share, and I hope you take them to heart:

1. Intern Jenna is primarily a student, likely trying out some pastoral roles for the first time. Please be a sign of grace to her as she learns and practices ministry. Give feedback with the love of Christ in mind.
2. At first, you will probably need to remind her your name. As you share your name with her, help her know your connections at Grace, especially your family connections.
3. Please do your part to encourage her to take time for rest and renewal, for example days off. Let her know about some of your favorite places to visit in the Northwest.
4. Unless she says otherwise, please use "Intern Jenna" or "Pastoral Intern Jenna" when addressing her.
5. You will notice that Intern Jenna's duties will change and become more involved over time, where she will have more leadership and eventually a more active preaching schedule. Be an encouragement to her! This is of special note this year, because I will be taking sabbatical leave starting May 1, 2020, and Intern Jenna will be stepping into more leadership at that point.

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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.

I'm glad to have the duties of intern supervisor. These relationships are opportunities for me to continue to reflect on my own calling and the purpose and intent of my work. At this point in the summer, I always have gratitude for the people God places in my life. I hope the same is true for you.

My days off in September: Sept. 2nd (holiday), Sept. 3rd (comp. day off), Sept. 9, Sept. 16, Sept. 23. There will be a cluster retreat at Holden Village in September, dates not set.

Together! Pastor James Aalgaard



Fall Schedule begins September 8

Worship: Sundays at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Faith Formation: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Compline: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:00 p.m.

5th Sunday

Sunday, September 29

One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

TOGETHER AT GRACE

During the school year, we gather for a simple meal and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We are looking for someone who would like to help coordinate meals and provide some cooking support. Our "Together at Grace" (T@G) meals are a great way to keep connections going through the year. Let Pastor Aalgaard know if you're interested in learning more. ***Our first T@G Meal will be a potluck on Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.***

FAITH FORMATION

LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

September 8 ~ Rally Sunday!

Join us at 9:30 for fun activities and a light brunch as we kick off the new year!

September 22 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K: Joseph and his Brothers

1st Grade - Adult: Walking Together

Speaker: Dusti Mahoney, YWCA

September 15 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K: Adam and Eve

1st -5th Grade: Introduction to Walking Together

6th - 12th grade: Intro to our Neighbors' Faith

Adults: Saints of Grace Brunch

September 29 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K: Joseph Helps His Family

1st -5th Grade: Creative Corner

6th - 12th grade: Faith Community Visit

Adults: Introduction to Year of Service

Introduction to our Year of Service

Please join Pastor Aalgaard during our 9:30 a.m. faith formation time on Sunday, September 29th. We will consider together our core value of service and explore God's call to us as a community of faith to be engaged in the community and the world. Reminder, this is a one-service-Sunday with worship at 10:30 and congregation meeting to follow.

Music Ministry Rehearsals Begin Soon!

Please join us in building community and making music!

Starting Wednesday, September 4:

Catecheo (3rd-5th): Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00pm

(except 2nd Wednesday of the month)

Bells of Grace: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm

Voices of Grace: Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm

Starting Sunday, September 8:

Chancel Schola (6th-12th): Sundays, 5:30-6:30pm

Compline Choir also rehearses year-round on the first and third Sunday of each month, 8:00-9:30pm.



PACKING FRIENDSHIP



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 students at Columbia and Washington Elementary Schools and Westside High School. This is a congregation-wide project and we encourage everyone to participate! The school year begins with a food drive. Look for bags and lists of food beginning Sunday, September 15. We will bless the food and the Packing Friendship program on Sunday, September 29, during worship at 10:30 a.m. Financial contributions are also welcome, just please note "Packing Friendship" in the memo line. We also need volunteers to help shop for food, organize the supply room, and pack bags. **If you would like more information about the program or would like to volunteer, please contact Jen Gale at 393-8897.**



GLC Youth Faith Formation and Social Concerns Team Partner Up for Year of Service

As part of Grace Lutheran's Year of Service, the GLC Youth Faith Formation and the Social Concerns Team is partnering up for a year of service. Each month there will be different service projects that the Youth Faith Formation and the Social Concerns Team will sponsor. These projects will coincide with the Benevolences that our church contributes to each month. For example, the month of September we will be sponsoring a Rally Day/Gods Work Our Hands YWCA Food and Supply Drive. In October, there will be a Make A Difference Day Project that will include working with Powerhouse Ministries. More information will follow in next month's newsletter.

Rally Day/Gods Works Our Hands YWCA Food and Supply Drive Items Needed:

Canned meat- tuna, chicken, etc.
Cold school lunch foods would be useful as well
Toiletries- shampoo, conditioner, loofahs
Ready to heat and eat meals
Feminine hygiene products- especially pads
Pillows

There will be boxes available in the Narthex for the items.

THE KING'S GARDEN PRESCHOOL

The King's Garden is looking forward to another fun-filled school year. We start school on September 3rd. We have a back to school day on August 28th. We are looking forward to another great year and are grateful for your partnership with us!

Blessings,
Tina, The King's Garden, a ministry of Lighthouse Christian Ministries
Tinawagner@nwi.net
(509)670-5886

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

- Thank you to Pastor James for leading us in a very successful team building and goal setting session for our team. We discussed many positive ideas which we hope will allow us to be more present and visible at Grace, include the congregation more and invite more ideas for how we share your offerings with those in need, and plans for reviewing our evaluation process for choosing the charities we support financially.
- Did you know? Currently Grace sets aside 7% from its annual budget to give to those outside of our own walls, 4% of that goes directly to our local synod, and 3% goes to supporting local charities and urgent needs in the community and the ELCA which supports larger global needs. Our team decides which organizations to support annually as well as facilitates supporting urgent needs as they arise. We also organize service projects throughout the year, such as...
 - God's Work Our Hands Day will be on Rally Sunday, September 8th. ELCA churches across the country join today on this day in a wide variety of service projects. This year Grace will be supporting (both financially and physically) a local family impacted by the Boodry mudslide. The congregation was extremely generous in offering \$1897, including \$250 from Social Concerns Team, when a special collection was made. The family is now in search of housing. Another project will be in the fellowship hall following worship, we will be assembling school kits for 3rd World students. Finally, we will be collecting items for the YWCA. Please see the list on the previous page. We hope you can join together in service for one or more of these projects.
 - Make A Difference Day will be on October 26th, please save the date! We'll have two service project options; one for PowerHouse Ministry and another will be visiting local assisted living facilities. More information to come!
- Our team now meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 in the church library. If you are interested in joining our team, or if you have an idea for a service project or organization to support, please come to a meeting or contact Annette Mueller annette.muellers@gmail.com or 509-607-4991.

September Featured Benevolence YWCA of North Central Washington

YWCA of North Central Washington is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Their vision is to empower women and families through assistance, support, and education.

YWCA NCW is a resource for women, individuals, and families through a comprehensive continuum of homeless housing services, economic empowerment programming, and social justice advocacy efforts. The YWCA is a non-religious organization committed to serving the NCW community and improving the lives of women and families. Their longstanding commitment, along with their unique combination of programming and advocacy, makes the YWCA the oldest and most accomplished multiracial organization in the fight for social justice in North Central Washington.

Each month GLC gives \$150.00 to the YWCA to support their programs.

**eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca
North Central Washington**

Worship Assistants

Please note: All worship assistants listed below are for the 10:30 service.
(September 8 - 29)

<p>12th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 9/1</p> <p>Worship 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>13th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 9/8</p> <p>Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>14th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 9/15</p> <p>Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>15th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 9/22</p> <p>Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>16th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 9/29</p> <p>5th Sunday <i>All Congregational Worship</i> Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p><u>Scripture Readings</u> Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14</p>	<p><u>Scripture Readings</u> Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33</p>	<p><u>Scripture Readings</u> Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10</p>	<p><u>Scripture Readings</u> Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13</p>	<p><u>Scripture Readings</u> Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31</p>
<p>Acolytes Jeffrey & Andrew Redmon</p>	<p><i>Acolytes first Sunday of the month only.</i></p>	<p><i>Acolytes first Sunday of the month only.</i></p>	<p><i>Acolytes first Sunday of the month only.</i></p>	<p><i>Acolytes first Sunday of the month only.</i></p>
<p>Altar Guild Kathy Gavin</p>	<p>Altar Guild JuLee Fiebelkorn</p>	<p>Altar Guild Denise Miller</p>	<p>Altar Guild Tami Woolsey</p>	<p>Altar Guild Peggy Fenhaus</p>
<p>Communion Assistants Gary & Kathy Otheim</p>	<p>Communion Assistants Beth Smallbeck Nancy Boersma</p>	<p>Communion Assistants Riva Morgan Kate Gregg</p>	<p>Communion Assistants Kathy Gavin Sophie Fiebelkorn</p>	<p>Communion Assistants Chad & Della DuLac</p>
<p>Lector Gary Otheim</p>	<p>Lector Jim Caulkins</p>	<p>Lector Earl Tilly</p>	<p>Lector Kate Gregg</p>	<p>Lector Phil Gregg</p>
<p>Sound Technician Rob Salter</p>	<p>Sound Technician Phil Gregg</p>	<p>Sound Technician Kent Heminger</p>	<p>Sound Technician Lynn Heminger</p>	<p>Sound Technician Ken Matchley</p>
<p>Ushers Helen Morton & Tom Redmon</p>	<p>Ushers Dave Richardson & Tim Zanol</p>	<p>Ushers Barbara & Earl Tilly</p>	<p>Ushers Beth & Rich Smallbeck</p>	<p>Ushers Dave & Sue Coe</p>
<p>Flowers</p>	<p>Flowers</p>	<p>Flowers</p>	<p>Flowers</p>	<p>Flowers <i>Woolsey</i></p>

Thank you

Dear People of Grace,

Janet and I would like to thank you for the many gifts, wishes, and send-off

on our last Sunday. 2020 will be a spirited and Spirit-filled year. We take all you have taught and shared with us forward, as I finish the last semester of seminary and look forward to call and ordination. God has surprises in store for all of us! Be well and keep in touch.

Blessings and Happy Trails!

Janet and Wayne

Directory Updates - Stay in Touch!

Gene & Marilyn Abel
12421 W. Eveningside Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Erik Olson
PO Box 38
Electric City, WA 99123

Janet & Wayne Shipman
76 West Avenue
Fairport, NY 14450

Jordan (O'Donnell) & Greysen Gilman
1420 W. 8th St. Apt. 2
Alamosa, CO 81101

Welcome Intern Jenna

Our new intern, Jenna Bergeson, will arrive in Wenatchee soon and will join us in worship on Sunday, September 1. A basket is available for greeting cards and gift cards to help welcome her to our community. The internship program is an integral part of our ministry at Grace and we appreciate the continued support of our congregation.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dane Schmidt	9/2	Jackie Carmichael	9/12	Suzanne Helgersen	9/23
Marina Heminger	9/3	Pixieanne Kalcic	9/12	Wanda Ashcraft	9/24
Albert Rookard	9/4	Sophie Fiebelkorn	9/13	Della DuLac	9/24
Chad DuLac	9/5	Ron Koch	9/14	Della Brett	9/25
Milt Herman	9/5	John Porter	9/14	Melissa Herrick	9/26
Bob Bartlett	9/6	Celia Gale	9/17	Kris Paxman	9/26
Mike Kintner	9/6	Olivia Weaver	9/19	Jackson Dunckel	9/28
Virginia Hwang	9/8	Lorraine Jarstad	9/20	Helen Morton	9/28
Darren Lake	9/8	Gary Otheim	9/20	Mike Sweeney	9/28
Jane Rivedal	9/8	James Aalgaard	9/21	Courtney Coe	9/29
Tom Redmon	9/9	Marjory Radford	9/21	Bill Reed	9/29
Gerri Kern	9/10	Linda Sinnett	9/22	Tami Woolsey	9/29
Elsa Vogt	9/11	Jesson Vogt	9/22		

Men's Retreat



Time is fast approaching. Yes, the Men's Retreat, Friday September 20 to Sunday, September 22, is just below the horizon, about to come into full view. It is now time to get ready to climb on board. The retreat, as in past years, is to be held at Tall Timber Ranch. We will gather there after supper, Friday evening, September 20. We return home following Brunch on Sunday, September 22. Pastor Alex Schmidt will be our facilitator. The theme will be around the topic "Sacrificial Service". We are in for a real treat. The cost for the two nights and four meals is \$125.

To register, write out your check for \$125, earmarked "Men's Retreat", payable to Grace Lutheran Church and get it into the hands of Grace's Financial Secretary, Roxanne, either through the offering plate or by mailing it to Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington St., Wenatchee, WA. It would be very helpful if the registrations could be in by Friday, September 6.

This is a beautiful time at Tall Timber. The foliage is beginning to turn, showing off the variety of fall colors, the salmon are spawning in the rivers, the trails are perfect for hiking, the "bugs" are all gone. It is a great time to come away from the business of daily life, regroup, relax, remember and consider our baptismal vows and how they include "Sacrificial Service".

Scholarships available. Contact either Pastor James or myself for that information.

Now is the time to register. I will be getting another email out to the registrants with details concerning transportation, what to bring, etc. I look forward to our being together.

Grace and Peace,

Jim Caulkins, Coordinator

Treasurer Talk...

GRACE'S GENEROUS GIVINGS – JULY

	Jan-July 2019	Jan-July 2018		7/31/2019	7/31/2018
Total Offerings, Misc	\$293,721	\$269,347	Cash Position	\$85,335	\$56,461
Operating Expenses	<u>(297,511)</u>	<u>(287,540)</u>	Treasurer Reserve	<u>51,968</u>	<u>54,054</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$3,790)	(\$18,193)	Total	\$137,303	\$110,515

Grace Lutheran Church makes a difference!! Benevolences: Synod \$12,225; Social Concerns \$10,600. Thank you, thank you. July was another good month. Above reflects recap for 7 month period. Net deficit is at (\$3,790) for 2019 compared to (\$18,193) for 2018 – almost \$15,000 improvement. Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. 630-4239.

Sunday 7/28 Attendance (Sun) 123 & (Wed) 13
 Weekly Offering \$10,541.20
 Sunday 8/4 Attendance (Sun) 118 & (Wed) 26
 Weekly Offering \$10,873.50

Sunday 8/11 Attendance (Sun) 173 & (Wed) 19
 Weekly Offering \$6,597.59
 Sunday 8/18 Attendance (Sun) 137 & (Wed)
 Weekly Offering \$13,992.00

Women's Fellowship

"Circles" are groups of women that meet monthly for Bible study and mutual support.

YOU are invited to attend. Please contact the church office or the monthly host (listed at right) if you would like more information.

Miriam Circle meets Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Ann Bartlett's home (509-888-7991).

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.



Prayer Partners

Please contact Colleen Smith with any prayer requests, either by phone at 679-1742 or by email at gleprayerpartners@gmail.com. We welcome all prayer requests.



This month's Prayer Shawl meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, at Trish Ginty's home. Please contact Trish (541-212-1448) for more information.

2019 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts:	Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds:	Phoebe Nelson
Endowment:	Inku Hwang
Evangelism:	
Faith Enrichment:	Jody Marquardt
Fellowship:	Shirley Leslie
Intern:	Trish Simmons Andy Sheets
Pastoral Support:	Micah Florea
Staff Support:	Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns:	Annette Mueller
Worship:	Denise Miller
Youth:	Jen Pearson-Gale

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Chad DuLac
Vice President:	Monte Olson
Treasurer:	Gwen Sparks
Secretary:	Colleen Smith
Members-at-Large:	Jody Marquardt Shirley Leslie Rebecca Lake Andy Sheets

Pastor Aalgaard and Gwen McQuaig were among eight voting members from our synod (newly named Northwest Intermountain Synod) to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. Here are a few notes from the ELCA regarding actions taken. It was a busy week, filled with good work for the sake of the Gospel.

Following the recap of the Churchwide Assembly you will find a document summarizing what "sanctuary denomination" means and does not mean. In this matter, the assembly was reminded of our unique church polity of one church, three expressions. Congregations, synods and the Churchwide organization are all separate legal entities that are networked together to be the ELCA. Therefore, how congregations address (or not) being "sanctuary" will look very different, depending on the context.

2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly summary of actions

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CHICAGO — Gathering under the theme "We are church," voting members of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) made a number of key decisions to further the mission and ministry of this church. The assembly, the chief legislative authority of the church, met Aug. 5-10 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee.

More than 900 voting members:

- Reelected on the first ballot the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton to a six-year term as ELCA presiding bishop.
- Elected Deacon Sue Rothmeyer to a six-year term as ELCA secretary. Rothmeyer, currently serving as executive for administration with the Office of the Secretary, was installed during the assembly's closing worship on Aug. 10 and will begin her term Nov. 1.
- Approved the social statement "*Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action*" and its implementing resolutions. The social statement, in part, names patriarchy and sexism as sins and calls the church to action on a range of issues, including gender-based violence, workplace discrimination and economic inequality.
- Adopted "A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment," which will serve as church policy for inter-religious relations. The policy statement was adopted with the witness of 39 ecumenical and inter-religious guests in attendance.
- Approved the triennium budget for 2020-2022, which includes a current fund spending authorization of \$68,378,325 for 2020, a current fund income proposal of \$68,442,034 for 2021 and \$68,507,018 for 2022; and an ELCA World Hunger spending authorization of \$21.5 million 2020, and an income proposal of \$21.5 million for 2021 and for 2022.
- Adopted the "Strategy Toward Authentic Diversity in the ELCA," which consists of a report and recommendations on how the ELCA exhibits authentic diversity and formulates goals for racial diversity and inclusion.
- Witnessed the presentation of the "Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent," which was accepted by the Rev. Lamont A. Wells, president of the African Descent Lutheran Association (ADLA), and members of ADLA.
- Adopted 26 memorials en bloc, ranging in topics from gun violence to engagement in the Holy Land and gender identity to seminary tuition.
- Adopted a memorial that affirms the ELCA's long-standing commitment to migrants and refugees and declares the ELCA a sanctuary church body.
- Adopted a memorial that calls for the development of a social statement and social message on the relationship of church and state.
- Adopted a memorial to encourage all synods and congregations to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ELCA's ordination of women in 2020, the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of color in the Lutheran tradition and the 10th anniversary of the ELCA's decision to remove barriers to ordination for people in same-gender relationships.

- Adopted a memorial to support the vision and goals of the Poor People's Campaign that align with the ELCA's social teachings.
- Adopted a series of amendments to the "Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America," including one that makes ordination the entrance rite for ministers of Word and Service, and an amendment to no longer count deacons as laypeople for representational principles.
- Adopted a resolution that committed the ELCA to support the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign toward a world without rape and violence.
- Adopted a resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance in the ELCA for the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9—the nine people who were shot and killed June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.
- Adopted a resolution to condemn white supremacy, calling all ELCA congregations to engage in a "study of the structures and rhetoric that empower and fuel racism and white supremacy and to take to heart the teaching of Scriptures, so we may all be better equipped to speak boldly about the equal dignity of all persons in the eyes of God."
- Celebrated the end of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, which concluded June 30 with nearly \$250 million raised in cash, multiyear commitments and planned gift commitments. At the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members approved the \$198 million campaign to help sustain and grow ministries of the church.
- Elected members to serve on the ELCA Church Council, churchwide committees and churchwide boards, including Portico Benefit Services, the Mission Investment Fund and 1517 Media.

Here is the text from the Churchwide Action regarding the ELCA becoming a Sanctuary Church as well as some talking points.

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To receive with gratitude the memorial from the Metropolitan New York Synod concerning sanctuary; To reaffirm the long-term and growing commitment of this church to migrants and refugees and to the policy questions involved, as exemplified most recently in the comprehensive strategy Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO);

To recognize that the ELCA in congregations, synods and the churchwide organization are already taking the actions requested by this memorial; and

To request that appropriate staff on the AMMPARO team, LIRS and the Domestic Mission, Global Mission, and Mission Advancement units review the existing strategies and practices by the five current sanctuary synods and develop a plan for additional tools that provide for education and discernment around sanctuary; and

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America declares itself a sanctuary church body; and

To request the ELCA Church Council, in consultation with the appropriate churchwide units and offices, provide guidance for the three expressions of this church about what it means to be a sanctuary church body and provide a report to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

What does becoming a sanctuary denomination mean for the ELCA?

- In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.
- We have a broken system regarding immigration, refugees and asylum-seekers. To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system.
- Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors. While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith.
- Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts. It may mean providing space for people to live; providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or supporting other congregations and service providers. We cannot mandate or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.
- While we don't yet know the full scope of the work that this declaration will open for the church, we do know that our faith communities are already doing sanctuary work. Sanctuary for a congregation may mean hosting English as a second Language (ESL) classes, marching as people of faith against the detention of children and families, providing housing for a community member facing deportation, or, in some of our congregations, having thoughtful conversations about what our faith says about immigration. All of these are a step closer to sanctuary in our faith communities and sanctuary in our world for people who must leave their homes.
- Except for our members whose ancestors were here before European settlement or others who were forced to come to the U.S. against their will, the ELCA is an immigrant church. Our decade's long work with immigrants and refugees is how we practice our faith in the world. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, one of the nine refugee resettlement agencies in the U.S.
- At our last assembly, we also committed to walking alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities by passing the AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities).
- Through the AMMPARO strategy, we are also working through our global partners in Central America to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate. We support organizations and faith communities that work with deported migrants in Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico. In the U.S., we have a network of 151 welcoming and sanctuary congregations that are committed to working on migration issues and a welcome for immigrant communities. The church also has five sanctuary synods (our regional structures), all of which do work with immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers.
- In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. As a church, we have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades. We have spoken out against family separation, sought a pathway to citizenship for community members that have lived in the U.S. for many years, and have taken steps to address the root causes of migration in a way that honors the humanity in people who must flee.
- Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work. At the same time, we will have conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members and discern future action and direction. Welcoming people is not a political issue for us, it is a matter of faith.

Grace Memorial Garden

The Grace Memorial Garden Committee would like to remind the congregation that there are still niches available in our lovely Columbarium. We would like to share some thoughts with you about making this decision. No one really wants to think about designating a spot for their cremains. However, it does take a burden off of family members when such a decision has been made early and everyone is thinking clearly, rather than when emotions are involved, and questions come up about the wishes of the loved one who has passed. It leads to a sense of peace for families if all has been arranged in advance. So please be thinking if you or your family would like to be among those whose final resting place is in Grace Lutheran Church's Memorial Garden. There are informational packets available in the copy room. Blessings to you as you consider this important decision! Please visit our sacred garden anytime you wish to remember a loved one or friend interned there, or when you need a peaceful place for prayer.



Council Corner

August 27, 2019

- Had 'next steps' Fox Trust discussion with Trustee
- Will begin Fox Trust vision discussion with Congregation starting in October
- Meyer fund request approved for Men's Retreat
- Discussed planning for Congregational Meeting on September 29

Congregational Meeting September 29

Our Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting is Sunday, September 29, following our 10:30 a.m. worship. More details are coming soon. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Finance managers days and hours will change starting September 1st.

New hours –

Monday 8 am – 1:30 Please remember the office closed.

Tuesdays 11:30 am – 5:00 pm

Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sincerely, Roxanne Reindl

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	2	3 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group	4 9:30 a.m. Intern Team 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:15 p.m. Catecheo 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	5 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth	6 9:00 a.m. Reconfigure Sanctuary	7
8 Rally Day 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth	9 7:00 p.m. Appelaaires	10 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 6:00 p.m. Youth Team 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group	11 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th grade Youth 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	12 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 11:45 a.m. Staff Support Committee	13 6:30 p.m. Bingo	14 4:00 p.m. Terry Sorom Memorial Service
15 **See below for Sunday Morning Schedule 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	16 7:00 p.m. Appelaaires 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends	17 Newsletter Deadline 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	18 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:15 p.m. Catecheo 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	19 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth	20 Men's Retreat September 20 - 22	21
22 **See below for Sunday Morning Schedule 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Middle School & Senior High Youth	23 7:00 p.m. Appelaaires	24 6:00 p.m. Council	25 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:15 p.m. Catecheo 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	26 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl	27	28
29 5th Sunday 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation 10:30 a.m. One Worship Service <i>Semi-Annual Meeting following worship</i> 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth	30 7:00 p.m. Appelaaires	Sunday Morning Schedule (September 8, 15, & 22) Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation: 9:30 a.m. 5th Sunday: September 30 ONE Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.				

"Walk To Remember"

Our Children and Loved Ones

Saturday, September 14, 2019



The Compassionate Friends

Wenatchee Valley Chapter

Join us in the HOPE, HEALING and LOVE of our FAMILIES.
YOU DO make a difference.

- Place:** Walla Walla Point Park, Shelter #1, Wenatchee
- Pre-Registration** Download form at: www.tcfwenatcheevalley.org complete and return via mail.
- Admission:** Admission is free. (Donations gladly accepted)
- Registration:** Opens at 9:00 AM. Per insurance requirements, all participants are required to register. Included with the registration packet is a race style bib to place the name of the child/children, or a loved one in whose memory we are walking. Event T-Shirts will be available for \$20.00 each.
- Memorial Wreath** We will be honoring all of our loved ones with a Memorial Wreath.
- Course:** Starts at 10:30 AM. The two mile route will begin & finish at Walla Walla Point Park. Participants are welcome to walk as little or as much as they like.
- Balloon Release:** Following the Walk we will have an awesome balloon release.
- Lunch :** Your registration includes a delightful catered lunch.
- Dessert Table:** We encourage you to bring your child's or loved ones favorite dessert to share.
- Quilt Raffle:** We will be pulling the winning ticket to our stunning handmade queen size QUILT.
- Closing Remarks:** About 1:30-2:00pm

For information, contact Carol at (509) 860-3620 or Elaine at (509) 663-6727.



**The
Compassionate
Friends**
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

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The mission of The Compassionate Friends: When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.

Walk With Us.....

On Saturday, September 14, 2019, at 10 a.m., our volunteers will carry the names of children loved, missed, and remembered in our **Walk to Remember.**



To see more photos of previous walks visit www.tcfwenatcheevalley.org

You can be a part of this heartfelt event by sending us the names of the children and/or loved ones whose memory you wish to honor. Your generosity will help us support all bereaved families who have reached out to TCF, as well as those who today don't know they'll need our help tomorrow.

Our Chapter serves a very large area of North Central Washington as is shown on our newsletter. We know that due to many constraints that you may really want to come, but will not be able to do so. If you can't attend the Walk To Remember, you can still have those children and loved ones you love and remember included. All you have to do is fill out the names using our **Walk To Remember Name Submission Form** below, and our volunteers will include them on a banner which will be carried on the Walk and for display during the Walk. There is no charge to submit a child's name to be carried, although donations are gratefully accepted.

To find out more about the Walk or if you have any questions, feel free to call me at (509) 860-3620 or visit our website at www.tcfwenatcheevalley.org.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Carol Sunada
Carol Sunada
Chapter Leader

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**I wish to have my child(ren) and/or loved ones listed on the September 14, 2019
Walk To Remember banner.**

Name of Child(ren) and/or loved ones _____
Print clearly the child(ren) and/or loved ones name(s) as you would like it to be carried on the banner.

Your Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Enclosed please find my donation of \$10.00 - \$20.00 - \$50.00 or (\$_____) (Please circle amount) given to the Wenatchee Chapter of The Compassionate Friends. All donations are tax deductible. You may send cash, or write your check to **The Compassionate Friends.**

Mail to:

TCF Walk To Remember
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This completed form must be received by
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 to guarantee
they can be carried during the Walk.

We Need Not Walk Alone ~ We are The Compassionate Friends.

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FAITH FORMATION

Sundays at 9:30

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

COMPLINE

1st and 3rd Sundays, 9:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday- Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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