



THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

September 2021

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

Worship schedule change is happening September 12. The new *worship time* on that day will be 10:30 am. Reservations, masking and distancing are required.

Starting September 12, there will be a twice a month “*Sunday Funday*” for our younger ages (and any others who want to join!) at 1:00 pm. The group will meet outside. This is part of our faith formation ministry.

New adult faith formation opportunities are not yet planned. This is a case of “if only”, if only we didn’t have to be so careful about sharing inside space together. Meeting outdoors as an adult group for thoughtful conversation and learning would be difficult, therefore we will need to consider Zoom as our meeting platform. Here are the current options: The *Wednesday lectionary Bible study* continues at 11:00 am Wednesday, over zoom. Please consider attending. Please be in touch with the church office if you would like to learn more about the *Miriam Circle* women’s study group. Thursday mornings at 7:00 am we continue to hold *First Prayer* in our sanctuary, which is a gathering around the hearing of scripture and prayer.

Please mark September 26 on your calendar for our next *congregational meeting*. The meeting will be held outside to accommodate for a larger crowd, and so we can communicate with one another without masks. The meeting will take place after our worship service. The following elected positions are being sought: Council Secretary, Council Vice President, Council Member at Large, (a second) Council Member at Large, (one position for) Grace Memorial Garden, (one position for) Mission Endowment.

The *Fox Visioning Committee* has been at work seeking input about possible building improvements, creative ministry possibilities, including potential community outreach projects.

We are part of a cluster of faith communities in the valley now working together to provide *gathering opportunities for local youth*, with a special focus on youth who are untrusting of churches and fear rejection. Those relationships require a loving, accepting attitude among the leadership.

There are people who cannot drive but want so badly to be able to worship in person. Can you volunteer to *provide a ride* from time to time? Please let us know at the church office.

We are people of prayer, and we are called to support our congregation and their loved ones, as well as the needs of the world, through prayer. We are looking for a *prayer ministry coordinator*. If you are an organizing-type who likes to communicate prayer needs to the congregation, please let us know.

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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.

The following people have *stepped down from the BeFriender Ministry*: Connie Saracino-Smith, Rebecca Lake, and Diane Fleming. We are so grateful for the caring and compassionate listening ministry they have done these past years. Our current BeFrienders are Gigi Shaw-Machtley, Jan Herman, Wolf Mueller, Colleen Smith, and Joanne Dalinkus.

The covid case numbers, plus the fact that winter will be here soon, make our reopening a slower process than anyone wishes. This also means that sabbatical for me next year seems tenuous.

My days off in September: 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25. Intern Anna Ferro and I will be at a Cluster Retreat at Holden Village September 27-29.

Together! Pastor James Aalgaard

Fall Worship Schedule

Our new schedule begins on Sunday, September 12. Sunday worship, both online and in-person, will be at 10:30 a.m.



Reminder: Sign Up for In-person Worship

It's easy to sign up on our website 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.

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.

ANNA AND MIRIAM CIRCLES

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

Miriam Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 21, details to be determined. Please contact Melanie McQuaig for further info (670-2733).

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.

Fall 2021 Faith Formation

In the past year and a half, we have had to become creative in our programming. For Faith Formation we have been somewhat successful with our zoom classes but have found that the relational part of learning is sorely lacking. This fall we will begin with a twice a month "Sunday Funday" (I believe Cara Henson chose the name) on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. We will meet on the south lawn of the property and begin with a brief opening, followed by Bible story time, and then play time. Believe it or not 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. Sun, wind, or snow will not stop us! Maybe smoke and rain will, we will have to see. Please let me know if you, your family and/or your youth are willing to try this new and slightly different option out. Email Beth at youthandfamily@glcwen.org with any questions.



Sunday Funday

*Join us for our first "Sunday Funday"!
We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of
each month at 1pm.*

*All ages invited to join us!
Opening/Bible Story time/play time*

Beginning 9/12

Time: 1:00pm

*Join us on the south lawn of Grace Lutheran.
1408 Washington, Wenatchee*

*We will follow all current Covid regulations for the
safety of those unable to be vaccinated.*

Questions?
youthandfamily@glcwen.org

Narnia Found at GLC

When the day comes that we can once again wander the halls of Grace Lutheran, you may find a piece of Narnia. The room at the end of the office wing on the west side has been called Narnia by the youth for 8-10 years. It received its name during set up for one of our massive yard sales. There was a clothes rack as you entered the room and you had to go through the clothes to enter the room – therefore – Narnia, and it stuck!

In the past few weeks the room has transformed, thanks to Emily Aalgaard and her helper Jayke Olson, we have a beautiful (in process) lounge/meeting/hangout room.





Welcome, Intern Anna!

Sunday, September 12

Please join the Intern Team on Sunday September 12, as we officially welcome Intern Anna Ferro.

A Note from a Former Intern

Dear friends at GLC in Wenatchee,

What an incredible surprise for me to receive your card and well wishes for me on the 25th anniversary of my ordination! I cannot believe that 26 years later, you still remember!

I remember, too – I remember your incredible love for me, and the many ways, big and small, that you gave yourselves to me and helped form and shape me as a pastor. I really am who I am today largely because of you! When I showed up at your door, I was really not altogether sure that I was cut out for this thing called being a pastor. But your love & grace gave me the space to learn and grow into my calling. You launched me, and I've been growing ever since.

It was such a joy for me to see your signatures and read your notes. It brought it all back to me.

Thank you, friends – you are always in my heart and prayers.

Denise Hanson (formerly McKennett)

(Denise served as the intern pastor at Grace in 1994-95, was ordained in 1996, and currently serves as an interim pastor north of the Twin Cities in MN.)

Get ready to call her “Pastor” Jenna!

We rejoice with former Intern Jenna Bergeson who has accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church & Schools (TLCS) in Lynnwood (Northwest Washington Synod). She will be ordained at Luther Seminary (St. Paul MN,) at 2 p.m. (CST) on Saturday, September 25. Please contact the church office if you would like livestream information.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dane Schmidt	9/2
Marina Heminger	9/3
Albert Rookard	9/4
Chad DuLac	9/5
Milt Herman	9/5
Bob Bartlett	9/6
Mike Kintner	9/6
Virginia Hwang	9/8
Darren Lake	9/8
Jane Rivedal	9/8
Greyson Zanol	9/8
Tom Redmon	9/9
Gerri Kern	9/10
Elsa Vogt	9/11

Jackie Carmichael	9/12
Asher Didesch	9/12
Pixieanne Kalcic	9/12
Sophie Fiebelkorn	9/13
Ron Koch	9/14
John Porter	9/14
Celia Gale	9/17
Olivia Weaver	9/19
Gary Otheim	9/20
James Aalgaard	9/21
Marjory Radford	9/21
Linda Sinnett	9/22
Jesson Vogt	9/22

Suzanne Helgersen	9/23
Wanda Ashcraft	9/24
Al Dalinkus	9/24
Della DuLac	9/24
Sue Garness	9/25
Melissa Herrick	9/26
Kris Paxman	9/26
Jackson Dunckel	9/28
Helen Morton	9/28
Mike Sweeney	9/28
Courtney Coe	9/29
Bill Reed	9/29
Tami Woolsey	9/29

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Gods Work, Our Hands Sunday September 12, 2021



Grace Lutheran, along with other Lutheran congregations, will engage in service in our community on Sunday, September 12. We are one of over 9,100 congregations participating in “God’s Work, Our Hands,” performing service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands!

Because of the pandemic, we are encouraging donation of items to four important local service efforts. This is an especially good way for families to be involved in God’s Work, Our Hands

in a safe and comfortable way. We’ve listed the organizations and their needs below so you can begin getting these items now. You can drop off the items at the Church on Sunday, September 12, from 12:00 to 2:00. Volunteers will be there to receive the items. Monetary donations are also welcome!

1. The Pantry committee needs volunteers to repackage diapers for the pantry that were collected during the diaper drive campaign. They will be working outside of the church and practicing COVID protocols. Contact Pat Fitzgerald for more information at 509-699-9267 or by [email](#).
2. Grace Lutheran Little Free Pantry needs: toiletries, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, paper towels, and baby food.
3. We are collecting gift cards to Target and Walmart for the family that lost everything in a fire at the end of July. The family has found a new apartment and several organizations are working together to set the family up in a new apartment. Contact Kay Fisher at 669-3220 or by [email](#) if you would like to donate items or monies to assist the family.
4. Packing Friendship - Please see below & page 6 for more information.



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 Foothills Middle School. This is a congregation-wide project and we encourage everyone to participate! The school year begins with a food drive. You will find a list of items needed on page 6 of this newsletter. You can also pick up food lists and bags during “God’s Work, Our Hands” on Sunday, September 12. We will bless the food and the Packing Friendship program on Sunday, October 3, 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 or 4gales@gmail.com.**



Packing Friendship Food Drive

Packing Friendship is an outreach program of Grace Lutheran Church. We provide food for students who are at risk of going hungry over the weekend during the school year.

Each week during the school year, we deliver food to students at Washington and Columbia Elementary Schools and Foothills Middle School.

We are asking for donations of the following items:

- cans of raviolis, spaghetti or spaghetti and meatballs
- cans of tuna
- macaroni and cheese
- cans of chicken noodle, tomato or other soups
- 6 oz. 100% juice boxes
- instant oatmeal packets
- 4 oz. applesauce cups
- 4 oz. fruit cups
- small boxes of raisins
- "Stretch Island" fruit leather
- breakfast bars or granola bars

If you would prefer to make a financial contribution, please make the check out to Grace Lutheran and note "Packing Friendship" in the memo line.

For more information about the program, or to learn how you can volunteer, please contact Jen Gale at 393-8897 or 4gales@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!!

COUNCIL CORNER

1. The audit committee is in process and on target to deliver results in an estimated 3 months.
2. The Congregational meeting is slated for September 26, outside, after the 10:30 service.
3. Council approved the receiving of \$10,000 of gifts (\$7000 restricted to "Packing Friendship" and \$3000 unrestricted from the Chuck Graves Memorial Fund).
4. Council tithed 10% of the \$3000 gift from the Chuck Graves Memorial Fund to the Lutheran Disaster Relief for earthquake response in Haiti

TREASURER TALK

Highlights for 7 months ending 7/31/21:

- Audit Team has met and beginning efforts to prepare for audit.
- Social Concerns Team has distributed monies to various Missions totaling \$49,451.
- Fox Trust Bequest monies total \$2,724,403 at 7/31/21.
- To Date Givings \$211,833 compared to budget \$256,665, down (\$44,834).
- To Date Expenses \$253,580 compared to budget \$290,346, down (\$36,766).
- Cash position \$81,319 down from year end \$123,066 as we fund year to date deficit of (\$41,747).
- Approved PPP SBA loan \$56,244 in place to support cash flow. Loan is available for forgiveness.

Please contact me with any questions.

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. Phone: 630-4239 or [e-mail](#)

2021 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts:	Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds:	<i>Open</i>
Endowment:	Karen Zanol
Faith Enrichment:	Jody Marquardt
Fellowship:	Shirley Leslie
Intern:	Nancy Boersma
Pastoral Support:	Julie Banken
Staff Support:	Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns:	Kay Fisher
Worship:	Denise Miller
Youth:	Cheryl Salter

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Chad DuLac
Vice President:	Cathy Sweeney
Treasurer:	Gwen Sparks
Secretary:	Robin Brown (interim)
Members-at-Large:	Riva Morgan
	Ann Bartlett
	Trina DeCamp
	Sara O'Daffer

PRAYERS OF GRACE

We are seeking a new coordinator for our prayer ministry. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor James at pastor@glcwen.org.

Long Term

Bonnie Howeler - continued adaptation to visual impairment, and isolation
Carol Sunada (Dir. of The Compassionate Friends) - illness, and recent death in her family
Tony Fisher - cancer diagnosis and related seizures
Dale Olson (Hollie Olson's father-in-law) - prayers for health and peace
Don Evenhus - continued prayers for health
Jackie Carmichael - for comfort and strength with a chronic health issue
Thelma Allen (Linda Luke's mom) - prayers for health issues
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.
Angie Delvo (friend of Robin Brown) - for healing
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 need surgery this fall
Mark Boersma - for healing
Martha Ann Hames - diagnosis of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
Ken Machtley - healing after heart surgery

Global/National/Local Concerns

Global - for the people of Afghanistan taken over by Taliban rule; for Haiti as they struggle to recover from a recent earthquake.
Our country and region - that we see the value of loving the neighbor and the community, and for a willingness to reconcile.
For the Wenatchee Valley - for families seeking housing, and for children and school employees as they begin a school year.

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 5
15th Sunday after
Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 12
16th Sunday after
Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 19
17th Sunday after
Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 26
18th Sunday after
Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,
24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	2 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. Worship	6	7 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	8 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	9 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	10	11
12 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. God's Work Our Hands 1:00 p.m. Sunday Funday 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth @ Washington Park	13 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	14 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Youth Team	15 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	16 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	17	18
19 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	20 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	21 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Miriam Circle	22 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	23 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	24	25
26 10:30 a.m. Worship Semi-annual Meeting Following worship 1:00 p.m. Sunday Funday 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	27 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB)	28 3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Council	29 10:00 a.m. 10@10 (FB) 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study (Zoom)	30 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	31	

THIS JUST IN FROM THE ENDOWMENT TEAM!!!

We are pleased to facilitate a distribution from the Endowment Fund this year for up to \$58,000. It has been 2 years since this took place. Last year was not only Covid-restricted, but the Fund actually did not have earnings from which to make a distribution. The official application is on the last two pages of this newsletter and [here on our website](#). Please return it, naming your qualified project, to the church or the Endowment Team chair, [Karen Zanol](#) by September 15. We look forward to reviewing your projects, which may be local, regional, national or worldwide. Be prepared to substantiate the need. **Think BIG!!**

Endowment Team

Karen Zanol
Susan Salley
Shirley Wurl

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 5:
9:00 a.m. - online and in-person worship

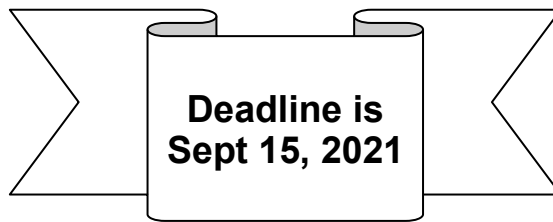
Beginning September 12:
10:30 a.m. - online and in-person worship

please sign up on our website or by calling the office

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PHONE
(509) 663-2189

WEBSITE
www.glcwen.org



Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund **GRACE IN ACTION**

2021 Project Proposal Application

The Endowment Team is excited to begin the process of disbursing funds for this year. The amount will be \$58,000. Since the Endowment Fund was established, our church has been able to donate \$263,974.36 to God's work within our church, our NCW community and around the world.

This is the official "Project Proposal Application" for the 2021 Endowment Fund disbursement process. Please read the below information on how projects will be evaluated, and then completely fill out the questionnaire regarding your proposed project. All projects will be reviewed by the Endowment Team for selection this year. Please plan to prepare and give a follow-up report on your project's progress/status/use of funds if it is selected to receive funding.

Application Deadline: SEPTEMBER 15th – Please turn all applications into the church office, or email to [Karen Zanol](#).

Proposal Criteria:

- 1) Must be for programs or people outside of your family.
- 2) Should promote giving and ministering to others.
- 3) Projects without existing congregational support will be given preference.
- 4) Can include programs / projects for Grace Lutheran Church, but they must be for items outside of the normal GLC operating budget.

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

**Name of organization
or project:** _____

Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

State or Country: _____ **Website:** _____

Amount Requested: _____

Please describe the organization or project that this money will be given to.

Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

GRACE IN ACTION

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How will the funds you are requesting be used within the organization or project?

How many people will be impacted by this organization / project?

Any other final comments regarding why this organization / project should be considered to receive the amount requested this year?
