

THE SPIRIT

April 2023



4/6 7pm HOLY THURSDAY

We gather to remember Christ's last meal and his charge to us, his disciples: to give and receive love in humble service to one another. First Communion will be received by those who received instruction.

4/7 7pm GOOD FRIDAY

We join disciples of all times and places at the foot of the cross, praying for the whole world, trusting that the cross is the tree of life.

4/9 8:00 EASTER BREAKFAST

We will serve our usual Easter Breakfast from 8:00-9:30 Easter morning in the fellowship hall. All men are welcome and encouraged to participate. We will set-up Saturday, April 8 at 9:00. Please arrive by 7:00am on Easter so you can eat before serving. Help is also needed Saturday morning at 9am to set up. A free-will offering will be received to benefit the youth trip to Holden Village in May.

10am EASTER WORSHIP

We join in celebration and praise of God's faithfulness, power and love.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to share your lilies with the congregation, please drop them off at the church before Easter morning. If you are sharing them in memory of a loved one, please let the office know the name so that we can include it in the list on Easter.

On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
he stood and waited.

*How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.*

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.
+ Mary Oliver

The power of seeing from a new, perhaps unusual perspective can't be overstated. That is, after all, one of the countless themes of the resurrection story! Things are not what they appear. Life is contained within death. Power is in humility. Glory is hidden in the dirty, bloody, pain of living. Despair holds joy. Purpose may look like plodding.

I have to admit, I identify with the donkey more and more: "not especially brave or filled with understanding." I marvel at the horses and the doves, those beings who dazzle and delight in their freedom, while I feel the



need to walk, one step at a time, unsure of the way but mostly content to follow the one who has shown us the way, the truth and the life.

May we walk through Holy Week, attending to all that the darkness the tomb offers, allowing it to become for us a womb, birthing our new life held ever more closely in Christ's.

Pastor Val



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there (John 19:40-42).

Holy Saturday. A pause. A space between Good Friday and Easter. A full tomb and, except for the guard, an empty garden. Still. Silent. We don't pay a lot of attention to Holy Saturday other than as our day of preparation for Easter Sunday. The youth group needs to get ready for the Easter breakfast. The altar guild is busy arranging lilies and preparing the altar. Grocery stores are filled. Eggs are dyed. We are occupied with busy anticipation. We have moved on from Good Friday. Even the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night looks forward to and heralds the resurrection. We, of course, live after the first Easter. We do know how the story turns out, and it would be contrived to be in Holy Saturday as if we didn't know about the resurrection. But we are given this one holy day to pause.

We are given this holy space to grieve, to be empty, to realize that life, as we know it, is over. This is deeply uncomfortable in our culture. We see this on the news when people start to speak about closure immediately after a tragedy. This could be a well-meaning attempt to relieve the pain, but it doesn't heal. There is danger in moving too quickly from grief. It's important to resist the urge to usher the afflicted to "closure." Grief from the deaths of George Floyd and Tyce Nichols, mass shootings in California and Highland Park, Ill., and other tragedies can't be rushed. None of the Good Fridays in our lives can. The resurrection came after an actual death. The crucifixion wasn't a metaphor. A heart stopped beating. He breathed his last. A son died. Mothers in El Salvador, Ukraine and Chicago's South Side stand at the cross.

HOLY SATURDAY, HOLY SPACE

But Holy Saturday is more than the necessary and holy space to face death without denial and to grieve without the dulling anesthetic of sentimentality. There is something much deeper going on. It is an invitation to accept that life, as we know it, is over. All of our plans, all of our willfulness and all of our good intentions are over. On Holy Saturday we are invited to shed our life and enter the tomb. Our effort and righteousness as much as our sin bind us. Our effort to save our lives binds us. This is true as much for the church as it is for each member. I'm grateful for the faithful innovation and hard work of our people and congregations. I'm not so far removed from parish ministry that I don't remember its struggles as well as its joys.

There is something noble and dear about saints who come week after week, year after year to hear and receive the gospel and, as a response to grace, participate in God's reconciling work in the world. But there comes a time to take to heart Jesus' teaching: "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25). The day between Good Friday and Easter can be seen as empty, a void, something to be resisted at all costs, something to be filled. It is the same reaction that many in our culture have to silence. It's as if sound and activity prove that we still exist. But I think the space between crucifixion and resurrection—truly terrifying and truly compassionate—beckons us from our life to life in Christ. After all, it wasn't all the noise and fireworks that got Elijah's attention, but the sound of sheer silence (1 Kings 19:11-13). When we shed our lives and enter the tomb, when silence is all around, then we see that Jesus is already there ahead of us, anticipating us, welcoming us to be still and to die in him and find our life in him. Rest, dear church.

A message from the ELCA
presider Elizabeth A. Eaton



COUNCIL RETREAT HELPS LAUNCH REBOOT for 2023

The new church council met in early March for a lively Saturday retreat. We shared our personal spiritual journeys and our personal call to serve on council. We reviewed what the constitution says about each position and discussed what we understood about our position and each other's roles. We also included how the congregation might view our roles. Pastor summarized her Letter of Call, what it means to her and the congregation. We developed a draft for council communication rules for our monthly meetings, and reviewed AGL's Vision, Mission, and Values. It was a productive and fruitful day; fun too!

Lunch was graciously prepared and served by Kathy Wehage!

Respectfully,

Diane Hanson VP

Kathy Wehage is using her gifts to prepare and serve council lunch for our Retreat.

Photo by Diane Hanson



AGLC COUNCIL: Back row: Mike Barkstrom, Mark Smalley, Sarah Channel, and Diane Hanson. Front row: Pastor Val, Michelle Weiberg, and Suzan Stegemoeller. Missing: Tara Main and Lynette Lyle.

Photo taken by Kathy Wehage and submitted by Diane Hanson.

WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality everything and every one is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as

Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God's people join in prayer for Peggy, Ardith Savoy, Mert Turner, Audra Wieler, Tim Garney, Michael Silver, Helen Velling, Mike Barkstrom, Don Mackey, Cher, Linda, Leslie Prasch, Tom Plumlee, Monica Wilson and we pray for family and friends mourning the death of Ronald Shaw. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



BIRTHDAYS:

Yvette Koerner, April 6
Nicholas Evanson, April 16
Chris Seelke, April 19
Mike Hubbard, April 19
Anneliese Kraiger, April 19
Pam Alstrom, April 20

April BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Sarah Channel, April 20
Luke Ostwald, April 22
Mark Ostwald, April 22
Kristine Burns, April 29
Stephen Natwick, April 29
Adam Sykes, April 29



Prayer Chain members who hold our needs, thanks and concerns faithfully before our compassionate God.

The volunteers for delivering food to the Food Bank.

Naomi, Carmon, & Ruth Ann for helping Vicky assemble materials.

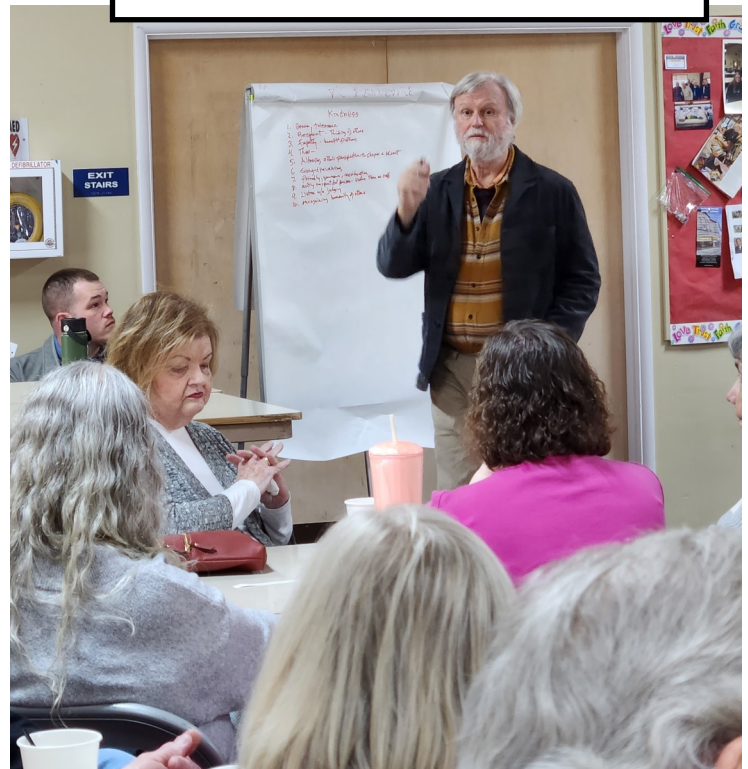
Diane Hanson for submitting newsletter photos.

Liz Ellis for taking the cold weather items to Chaplains on the Harbor.

All Streamers for helping with Sunday and Lent Services.

The congregation participated in a 3 hour Listening Session with Pr. Laurin Vance on Sunday, March 26th.

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED

- **PLU** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$95.75
- **Habitat for Humanity** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$95.75

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION

April 4

Elaine Lokken, Leader

Marge Kelling, Carmon Shaw, Joni Hildreth, Amy Ostwald, Debbie Colangelo

Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon Shaw:
360-532-2940

Doug from UGM says to plan on 35-45 dinner guests and to have food there between 3-3:30.

You may deliver food to the door in the alley. Ring the bell by the door and they will come and get the food.

We also would like to share that the **Union Gospel Mission** is in need of additional bed frames for their clients. Please contact Laurel directly at lauriel@ugmgraysharbor.org if you would like to donate or if you are aware of ways to help. Thank you The Moore Wright Group for offering mattress donations to assist The Union Gospel Mission.



CITY OF ABERDEEN COMMUNITY SURVEY On- HOMELESSNESS

The City of Aberdeen is reaching out to the general public and would like to hear from Aberdeen residents on how homelessness has impacted you. Please provide responses before April 14th.

Addressing the homelessness issue in Aberdeen is one of the Mayor and City Council's greatest priorities. The Mayor appointed a Homelessness Response Committee that is tasked with developing and implementing a plan to enhance the community's current response to the immediate homelessness crisis as well as long-term prevention strategies.

The first step in developing immediate and long-term strategies is to gather information from different stakeholders throughout the community to build committed local and regional partnerships. The City will collect information from this survey to measure our progress and learn and adapt our actions based on what works. There are 24 questions in this survey. The survey closes on Friday, April 14.

Please note that your responses will be valuable in creating a community response and plan to address homelessness, however individual responses may be subject to a Public Information Request. You are encouraged to omit any sensitive information including your contact information if this helps you to complete and return your survey.

Thank you for taking the time to share your experience and thoughts.

Below is a link to the survey and an image to the QR code that goes directly to the survey.

The survey is also posted on the City of Aberdeen website

<https://aberdeenwa.gov/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=Survey-on-Homelessness-Now-Open-to-All-A-88>

Link to survey:

<https://forms.office.com/g/cG9eFczetK>



The City of Aberdeen also invites you to attend a Community Discussion Meeting on Homelessness. Here are the meeting dates and locations. You are encouraged to attend the meeting that best represents the Ward where you live. Unsure what Ward you live in? Find a map here: [Aberdeen-Ward-Map-PDF \(aberdeenwa.gov\)](#)

Wards 5 & 6, Tuesday, April 18, 2023 Aberdeen Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Unhoused Community, Thursday, April 27, 2023, Aberdeen Council, Chambers 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wards 1 & 2, Tuesday, May 2, 2023, Rotary Log Pavilion, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wards 3 & 4, Tuesday, May 23, 2023 Rotary Log Pavilion, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**FAMILY PROMISE
DINNER AND AUCTION**
Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 5pm
Morrison Rotary Log Pavilion 1401
Sargent Blvd Aberdeen, WA
Tickets \$25
Are you passionate about ending

homelessness, but genuinely don't know where to start? Start here. Buy a ticket. Invite a friend. It's gonna be awesome!

Please join us for a dinner & auction to celebrate and perpetuate Family Promise of Grays Harbor's mission to support children and families experiencing homelessness achieve sustainable independence.

A limited number of 100 tickets are available through Wednesday, April 12 for pre-sale by

visiting: familypromiseofgraysharbor.networkforgood.com/events/52316-there-s-no-place-like-home-dinner-auction.

Tickets can also be purchased Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at The Day Center through Friday, April 7. We encourage you to get your tickets soon as there is a limited number availa-

ble and they will not be available for purchase at the door.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Family Promise and the children and families we serve! Help and home begin with you!

Please contact Darci at (360)986-3944 with any questions or if you'd like to donate an item for our auction. We appreciate your support!

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE NEWS



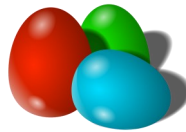
Dear Friends and Supporters of Family Promise,

Our Shelter Program has been at capacity for most of the last 9 months. The Day Center is filled with the joyful sounds of children and their families. We currently have two families, a mom and her 2-year-old son and a mom and her 5-year-old son. In January we celebrated the first Guest Family graduation of 2023. The family of five enjoys living in a home of their very own and is grateful that Family Promise was there to support them in their time of need.

In addition to the families currently staying in our shelter program, we are supporting several families with homelessness prevention and diversion, resources for housing, and employment search activities.

I am pleased to share that Cinderella Steinhauer recently joined Family Promise of Grays Harbor as our Family Support Coordinator providing case management. Cinderella is a lifetime local of Grays Harbor with 5 years of experience navigating local and state programs available in our area. She is passionate about helping people in crisis find stability.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY!!



Since the City of Aberdeen cleaned up the tent encampment near the Chehalis River bridge and items no longer deemed usable were taken to the dump, the homeless population needs items to replace those that were removed.

Sleeping bags

Fleece blankets

Coats

Cots and inflatable mattresses

Heavy black plastic – 6 mil. 20 X 100 foot – available at Home Depot

Donations can be brought to church and left in the fellowship hall.

Cash contributions can be given to any of the ad-hoc committee members.

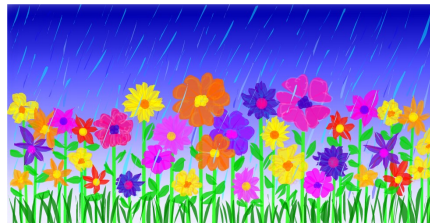
The Ad-Hoc Committee on Homelessness is open to ideas and suggestions as to how AGL can support and empower this population. Committee members are Liz Ellis, Curtis Steinhauer, Debbie Colangelo, Darci Jewett and Suzan Stegemoeller.

The City of Aberdeen is conducting a survey of city residents to ascertain information about the effects homelessness is having on you. Liz Ellis will have more information about this soon.

Thank you so much for continuing to support this vulnerable group of people.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

is in need of volunteers for their great tiny homes project. Their needs include help with cleaning up, paint and some other projects.



Please reach out to Darlene at director@graysharborhabitat.com if you would like to volunteer or if you are aware of ways to help.



EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY: YOUR LOVE IS NEEDED

The needs of our neighbors in Turkey are growing every hour. Lutheran World Relief is already working with their trusted local partners to reach children, women and men in desperate need.

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief’s emergency response fund will deliver urgently needed support and care, like:

- Food, water and other critically needed items
- Temporary shelter
- Medicine and supplies for clinics

At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist our neighbors who are injured, hungry and displaced from multiple earthquakes.

HOW TO GIVE

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/quake or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write “**QUAKE**” in the memo line. Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Write “**QUAKE**” in the memo line and we will rush a check from the church to Lutheran World Relief.

GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

SYNOD WORKSHOPS –MAY 5

The Synod Workshops will be at Messiah Lutheran in Auburn are open for registration. <https://web.cvent.com/event/2cc42d36-e65b-4c9a-934c-c81ade417e0c/summary>

They are free to 2023 Synod Assembly voting members, and \$10 for everyone else.

Doors open at 6pm; workshops are 6:30pm-8:45pm.

Workshop Session 1: 6:30-7:30pm

- Creating a Narrative Budget that Reflects your Congregation's Mission

- Disability Ministries
- How to Communicate in the Middle of Conflict

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People: What if it was your loved one that was missing and no one noticed?

Workshop Session 2: 7:45-8:45pm

- The Bottom Line (Alternative funding)
 - Engaging Younger Generations
- Seeking Shalom through one-to-ones

STAINED GLASS WINDOW MEETING

Next Stained Glass and 20th year Unification Meeting is April 13, 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Interested persons please attend.



ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Committee is accepting request proposals, especially those from our local budget. Remember all requests must pass through the committee for review.

The scholarship requests must be returned by June 1st.

Request forms are available in the church office or from Darrell Lokken at 360.532.0615

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

Your participation is needed to put together a new photo directory for Amazing Grace. We will need a photo and new or updated contact info for you or your family. Thanks for submitting these items or showing up for a photo after church on Sundays.



From the directory team:

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Diane Hanson
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Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes February 28, 2023

Vision: A welcoming place where grace happens.

Mission: To Experience and share God's love through worship, education, and community.

Values: Radical Hospitality; Passionate worship; Intentional faith development; Risk-taking mission and service; Extravagant Generosity.

Attendance: Mike Barkstrom, Mark Smalley, Tara Main, Pastor Val, Diane Hanson, Phil Stegemoeller, Suzan Stegemoeller, Sarah Channel, Michelle Weiberg

- I. Call to Order** – In the fireside room by Pres. Mark S. 6pm
 - A. Appointment of time keeper. Diane
- II. Prayer and Devotions**
 - A. Opening Prayer – Mark
 - B. Devotions – Mark
 - Council discussed what Hope means to them.
 - C. Sign up for Prayers and Devotions for the rest of the year.
- III. Establish Quorum**
- IV. Review and Approve Agenda** M/S/P
 - Under Business items added: F. Kristine Finazzo-Newspaper article on windows
- V. Approve minutes from meetings:** January 24th M/S/P
- VI. Business items** (these are generally items that are beyond any one ministry or don't fit under any ministry, special requests from the community) (30 min)
 - A. Celebration Planning for church anniversary/refurbished stained- glassed windows. Vicki Mitchell to share some ideas that she has thought of and research that she has done on the history and meaning of the church windows.
 - Vicki Mitchell would like to do a celebration for the windows combined with celebrating the anniversary of the merger of Trinity and Our Saviors. Vicki to form a committee, including Carrie.
 - B. New Accrual Accounting method and new software – Phil S.
 - Removed all sub-funds. Discussed the new financial format and the accounts that donations go into.
 - C. How to make Council an opportunity to grow in faith and have fun too!
 - One suggestion was that council members host council meetings.
 - D. Synod Assembly
 - Suzan and Diane will go as voting members. Joelle will go as a non-voting member. They will report to the congregation about their experience.
 - E. Update from Loren Vance
 - Discussed when Loren can come speak to council and congregation
 - Mark Smalley will notify the congregation that congregational reports were received and a meeting is being set to discuss reports with Loren.
 - F. Kristine Finazzo-Newspaper article on windows-Decision to post on bulletin board.
- VII. Ministry team reports:** (30 min)

- A. Worship – Sarah
Sarah has met with LAT and some members of Altar Guild. Sarah will meet with Worship Committee in March and Altar Guild after Easter.
After Easter Sarah will meet with Altar Guild.
There are 3 potential openings for bread baking, Sarah will make an announcement on Sunday.
- B. Outreach – Suzan
Committee will meet on homelessness next week and discuss how AGLC can engage with the population.
Friends in Need- Pastor will resume oversight of the Friends in Need Fund which Suzan was in charge of it while Pastor was on leave.
- C. Youth & Family – Michelle
-Michelle met with Pastor Val and Curtis. Michelle will meet with parents.
- D. Fellowship – Carrie
-New Fellowship member for council to fill out Carrie’s term
- E. Property – Mike
-Discussed Family Promise agreement.
Motion to spend up to \$1200 for a fire system to be put into the church. If it exceeds that cost, Mike will come back to council. The cost will come out of the maintenance fund. **M/S/P**
 - i. Family Promise Use agreement
 - 1. Is AGLC ok with FP being a static shelter?
 - 2. Need a checklist of responsibilities
 - 3. Need a phone tree of who to call for emergencies and repairs
 - 4. FP to create a list of items that belong to FP
 - 5. Tara has averaged one year of expenses - \$824.85/month.
 - a. Need to look into website costs
 - 6. Smoke alarm discussion
 - a. Not inspected since 2018.
 - b. FP will pay for the install (\$795) of the new Pioneer system and split 50% of monthly costs (\$35), inspections (\$395), and repairs.
 - c. AGLC will separately review cost of system for Sanctuary.

VIII. Financial Reports: (30 min)

- A. Treasurer’s Report –Tara
-Tara will amend reports
-Motion to close youth account and move money to general account **M/S/P**
 - a. Approve January bills paid **M/S/P**
 - b. Family Promise finances related to A.G. and Maintenance budget – Tara
 - c. New Check Signers: Mike Barkstrom, Diane Hanson & Mark Smalley
- B. Financial Secretary’s Report – Tara
- C. Discussion of Pastor’s underpayment – Tara
There was no underpayment; Housing allowance was reduced by Pastor so that money shows up as salary. This is only a tax issue for Pastor not a salary issue.

IX. Pastor’s Report- Thank you, Previous and New council members for the expressions of caring (IX – XI 5 min)

XI. Adjournment and closing prayer - Mark Smalley 8:13



AGLC COUNCIL RETREAT 2023

Ground Rules for Discussion

Proverbs 29:9. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Respectful listening:

- 1. Make space for everyone’s opinion, (appoint opinion taker?)
- 2. Practice respectful listening, don’t interrupt. (ok to lift hand or inform someone you are not done)
- 3. Speak for yourself, using “I” statements.
- 4. Once you have given your opinion, please allow the rest to speak.

5. Be civil, it is okay to agree to disagree
6. Okay to ask for time to process, pray, or think about the subject discussed
7. Assume best intentions
8. Once a decision is made, support the final decision, even if you don't agree
9. Follow through on commitment (if you are unable to get an assigned task done, for whatever reason, please notify council)
10. Healthy communication is asking for what you need.
11. Respect confidentiality
12. Avoid Triangulation in and outside of council
13. No LOUD eye rolling

NOTE: There were other suggestions for healthy communication, however, these would apply more towards how council communicates with church members:

Not accepting "anonymous" information.

"Have you spoken to council/individual about that?"

"What would you like me to do with that information?"

Thank you to Sarah for her first draft she sent out from our council retreat.

I reworked the rules due to numerous redundancies. Often we were saying the same thing in a different way.

We will review at next council meeting.

Thank you to our wonderful new council for this important work! Practicing new communication can also be fun.

Blessings,

Diane Hanson

Vice President Report

Ashlynn and Joe Fernandez smiling with joy. Here and page 13, they pose with one of the many gifts they received during the Baby Shower. They await the arrival of ANNIE MABLE.
Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



PASTOR'S REPORT February 2023

Activities that are part of pastor's work most months.

WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP

- Sunday worship – Plan and lead
- Plan seasonal and special worship services
- Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing
- Prayer
- Meet with ministry leader as needed

ADMINISTRATION

- Liturgical Arts team
- Reports: congregational; synod; ELCA
- Conference deans – meet bi-annually & as needed
- Recordkeeping: updates to documents; church ledger
- Work with office administrator: bulletins, newsletter, etc.
- Council meeting & Exec. Comm. meeting monthly
- Newsletter - writing, editing
- Meet with treasurer as needed
- Mutual Ministry meeting monthly
- Endowment Committee advisor

FELLOWSHIP/PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING

- PSALM – mentor; spiritual direction

Prayer Chain – coordinate w/ Brenda Grant
 Grace notes weekly or as needed
 Pastoral care as needed
 Coordinate with ministry leader as needed
OUTREACH Facebook page – outreach through social media.
 Coordinate with others to support homeless and marginalized people
 Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

YOUTH AND FAMILY Intergenerational events
 Adult study: plan and participate
 Confirmation: plan and lead
 Sunday School: coordinate with ministry leader
 Young people’s message

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM Study and integrate into sermons

OTHER ACTIVITIES in February

Activities specific to this month

OFFICIAL ACTS: None

PASTORAL CARE: Calls, texts, messaging as needed

ADMINISTRATIVE: Annual report to ELCA
 Work with consultant and president and vice-president

OUTREACH: Consulted with team leader
WORSHIP: Preparing for Holy Week and Easter season

Coordinate with streamers for video use
 Consulted with team leader
 Moved all candles, etc. back up to behind back altar

YOUTH/FAMILY/EDUCATION: Coordinated with Pr. Michelle – Confirmation

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: Centering Prayer/Christian Meditation study
 28-day online course in Christian Meditation
 Reading: *Reflecting the Glory: Meditations for Living Christ’s Life in the World.* By N.T. Wright
Just This by Fr. Richard Rohr

VACATION: None; Leave continued through Feb. 6.

UPCOMING: To be scheduled: 20th Anniversary celebration –committee forming
 Worship in Work Clothes – Spring before Easter
 Vacation – April 10-12



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Financial Secretary-This position unfilled. To be managed on a non-council basis and report to President..

OFFICE HOURS

Church office is open: **Tuesday & Thursday 8-2, Wednesday 8-1 & Friday 8-11.** AGLC Office
360.532.8250 amazing111@comcast.net

Pastor Val— Please call, text or email to set up a time to meet. 360.580.8977, vmetropou-
los001@luthersem.edu

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

April 2

Assisting Minister: Diane Hanson; **Liturgist:** Laura Carle; **Reader:** Gene Schermer; **Ushers/Greeters:** Carmon Shaw & Dee Erickson; **Depositors:** Ruth Ann Carlson & Carmon Shaw; **Fellowship Hosts:** Beeman, N. Kraiger/A. Kraiger, Debandt; **Communion setup:** Cynthia Johnstone; **Stream Team:** Keith Lile

April 6-Maundy Thursday

Liturgist: Greg Johnstone; **Reader:** Joelle Buckman; **Streamer:** Steve Swanson

April 7-Good Friday

Liturgist: Keith Lile; **Reader:** Carmon Shaw; **Streamer:** Curtis Steinhauer

April 9

Assisting Minister: Joelle Buckman; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Reader:** Greg Johnstone; **Communion Assistants:** Joni Hildreth & Steve Swanson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Jim and Michelle Weiberg; **Depositors:** Kathy Wehage & Anneliese Kraiger; **Fellowship Hosts:** MEN'S EASTER BRUNCH; **Communion setup:** Laura Carle; **Stream Team:** Curtis Steinhauer

April 16

Assisting Minister: Hank Bilderback; **Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Reader:** Dee Erickson; **Communion Assistants:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Ushers/Greeters:** Joelle Buckman & Theresa Kaufman; **Depositors:** Kristine Finazzo & Greg Johnstone; **Fellowship Hosts:** Weiberg, Leithold, Channel, Teveliet, Jewitt, Steinhauer; **Communion setup:** Carmon Shaw; **Stream Team:** Steve Swanson

April 23

Assisting Minister: Diane Hanson; **Liturgist:** Greg Johnstone; **Reader:** Theresa Kaufman; **Communion Assistants:** Carmon Shaw & Darci Jewitt; **Ushers/Greeters:** Suzan Stegemoeller & Naomi Kraiger; **Depositors:** Joelle Buckman & Mark Ostwald; **Fellowship Hosts:** Schermer, Rabung, Carlson, Stephens; **Communion setup:** Tara Main; **Stream Team:** Amy

April 30

Assisting Minister: Joelle Buckman; **Liturgist:** Curtis Steinhauer; **Reader:** Arlene Torgerson; **Communion Assistants:** Joan & William Rabung; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mark & Amy Ostwald; **Depositors:** Carmon Shaw & Ruth Ann Carlson; **Fellowship Hosts:** Alstrom, Tieder, Johnstone; **Communion setup:** Dee Erickson **Stream Team:** Keith



FEBRUARY BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH INCOME STATEMENT MONTH Ending February 28,2023 General Fund	AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH INCOME STATEMENT month ending February 28,2023 Maintenance Fund
Revenue	Revenue
General Fund \$ 13,186.71	Maintenance Fund \$ -
Youth Fund \$ -	4F Dinner \$ -
Memorial Fund \$ -	Thrivent \$ -
M Thompson Fund/ <i>piano</i> \$ -	Family Promise Maint Fund \$ -
Total Revenue <u>\$ 13,186.71</u>	Total Revenue <u>\$ -</u>
	Total in FP Maint Fund <u>\$200.00</u>
Expenses	Expenses
Pastorial \$ 9,529.09	
Payroll \$ 2,712.59	
Payroll Taxes \$ (191.12)	
Worship \$ 193.03	Home Depot \$ -
Supplies \$ 310.72	
Utilities \$ 1,921.45	
Software \$ 133.81	
Misc \$ 192.90	
2021 Bill \$ 1,090.80	
Total Expenses <u>\$ 15,893.27</u>	Total Expenses <u>\$ -</u>
Net Income <u>\$ (2,706.56)</u>	Net Income <u>\$ -</u>
AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH General Church Equity Month Ending January 31,2023	AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Maintenance Equity Month Ending January 31,2023
Beginning Equity Nov 1,2022 \$ 34,031.81	Beginning Equity Nov 1,2022 \$ 16,378.30
Net Loss \$ (2,706.56)	Net Income \$ -
Benevolences \$ (2,539.93)	Less Withdrawals \$ -
Church Equity 1/31/2023 <u>\$ 28,785.32</u>	Maint. Equity 1/31/2023 <u>\$ 16,378.30</u>

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AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL BALANCE SHEET February 28,2023		AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MAINTENANCE BALANCE SHEET February 28,2023	
ASSETS		ASSETS	
General Fund	\$ 28,090.19	Maintenance Fund	\$ 16,378.30
Youth Fund	295.75		
Memorial Fund	3,856.02		
M. Thompson Fund / <i>piano</i>	1,048.42		
Prepaid Insurance	-		
Prepaid Website	192.00		
Total Assets	<u>\$ 33,482.38</u>	Total Assets	<u>\$ 16,378.30</u>
LIABILITIES		LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ -	Accounts Payable	
Salaries Payable	\$ 2,389.43		
Federal Taxes Payable	\$ 1,916.26		
WA State Taxes Payable	\$ 391.37		
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,697.06	Total Liabilities	\$ - \$ -
CHURCH EQUITY		CHURCH EQUITY	
Church Equity	\$ 28,785.32	Maintenance Equity	\$ 16,378.30
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 33,482.38</u>	Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 16,378.30</u>

BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTANCE

Please notify Mike Barkstrom or send a message to the church office if there are any repairs needed at the church. Sometimes members or visitors notice things that need to be fixed that the committee is not aware of. Your input is helpful in these matters.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ST. PATTY DINNER DINING IN 5PM MEAL PICK-UP 6PM
2 9 HANDBELLS 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP PALM SUNDAY	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 SENIOR ART GROUP 9-2	5 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30	6 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3 HOLY THURSDAY 7PM	7 GOOD FRIDAY 7PM	8
9 9 EASTER CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 EASTER EGG HUNT EASTER SUNDAY	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 SENIOR ART GROUP 9-2 HANDSEWERS 9-3	12 AA 5:30-6:30	13 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3 CELEBRATION MEETING-FIRESIDE ROOM 7PM	14	15
16 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 SENIOR ART GROUP 9-2 COUNCIL MEETING 6	19 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30	20 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	21	22
23 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 SENIOR ART GROUP 9-2 HANDSEWERS 9-3	26 AA 5:30-6:30	27 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	28	29
30 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP						

APRIL



Please join us for worship
Sundays at 10am in person or on our Facebook page:
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Or anytime at: amazinggraceaberdeen.org

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VISION

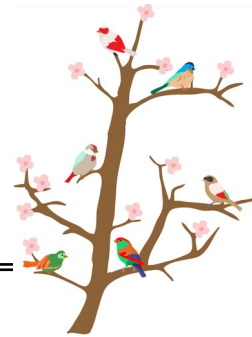
A welcoming place where grace happens!

MISSION

To experience and share God's love through worship,
education and community

VALUES

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate worship
- Intentional faith development
- Risk-taking mission and service
- Extravagant generosity



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