

THE SPIRIT

September 2023



Dear People of Amazing Grace,

Grace to you and peace from God who calls us into being the Body of Christ. My name is Doug Knutson-Keller and I am excited to join you as your interim pastor. We will journey together in faith as you look ahead to the future God has in store for you. I am looking forward to getting to know each and everyone of you, so let me start by sharing a little about myself.

I am a born and raised Washingtonian, born in Othello and raised in Olympia. I have 5 other brothers and sisters, and my mom was a teacher and my dad a pastor.

After graduating from PLU I worked several different jobs before ending up at Seminary in Berkeley CA. It was there I met my wonderful wife Molly who is also an ordained minister and now has her own coaching practice. We have two awesome adult children, Betsy and Dexter, and 3 scruffy rescue dogs.

I love the northwest with its endless opportunities to get out into nature. I like to sing and play the guitar, shop for and cook good food, and spend time with my family.

Over the past 26+ years I have had the privilege of serving congregations of all sizes in various settings, from urban, suburban and international.

I realize this can be a busy, hopeful and challenging time in the life of a congregation, to work toward calling a new pastor. I am called to walk along side you during this chapter, trusting that God is at work for the good of Amazing Grace.

I will begin my time with you all on September 1st. I will be at church on the 3rd and will preach on September 10th. My office hours will be posted soon, as I work with your leadership team in the days ahead.

Again, I am honored and humbled to be your interim and may God bless and keep us as we move forward together.

God's Peace,
Pr. Doug Knutson-Keller





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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WHO IS A “REAL” AMERICAN?

My husband and I live in Skokie, Ill., a diverse community. Our neighbors to the west are an octogenarian Taiwanese Evangelical couple who regularly order meals from Kosher to Go. Our neighbors to the east are a Ukrainian and Russian multigenerational family. Our grocery stores have both kosher and halal departments. As I drive past the elementary school on my way to work, I see moms and dads in jeans along with women in saris or hijabs and men in thobes or yarmulkes. More than 90 languages are spoken in the homes of our school district. We pay our taxes, mow our (tiny) lawns, worship, raise our children and pretty much get along in our little village of Skokie.

Late one afternoon a few years ago I was finishing up yard work. I had been weeding and trimming all day. I was tired and grass-stained. Just one more pile of leaves needed to be swept up. I noticed a woman walking toward me so I hurried to get the sidewalk cleared. She stopped and told me that she had seen me working all day and thought I might be too tired to prepare supper. She had made a meal for me and my husband. It was during Ramadan—the month when Muslims fast from food and water during the day and engage in prayer and acts of charity. This was her act of charity and generosity. She smiled and walked away. I was stunned.

There has been an alarming rise in hate speech and violence against religious and ethnic minorities in this country. At the same time, we've seen an increased polarization among us, even in our dear church. There is a movement to define what it means to be a “real American.” Some would define this as white, Christian and native born. When Lutheran immigrants first came to this country in the 18th and 19th centuries, they weren't considered real Americans. They didn't speak English or fit in with the Deist, Calvinist religious majority. They were “other” and therefore suspect. German Lutheran immigrants weren't considered white when they settled here. Neither were Irish, Italians or Poles. Catholics and Jews were considered an alien threat.

It's ironic that the Puritans fled religious persecution and that the First Amendment states “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free expression thereof,” yet an element in our country wants to legislate that the United

States is a Christian nation where Christianity should be privileged and only Christians should hold office. This is Christian Nationalism, which is neither Christian nor patriotic. There is no doubt that the Founders were Christian and that a majority of Americans identify as Christian. That is different from declaring Christianity as the established religion of the United States. And, dear church, let's be clear, a Christian Nationalist does not define Lutherans as “Christian.”

God knows I love my country. This beautiful, fragile, yet surprisingly resilient experiment in democracy and nationhood that's not predicated on shared ethnicity is unique among nations. My grandfather, father and uncles all served during World War I and World War II. I had the honor of placing a wreath on behalf of the ELCA at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. I won't have my patriotism questioned. Christian Nationalism is a perversion of the gospel and a threat to our democracy. It's precisely because I love my country that I warn against it.

Who is a “real American”? I say that my Muslim neighbor walking freely down the street in a hijab to offer a meal to her Christian neighbor during Ramadan is a real American. Motivated by her Muslim faith she acted as neighbor to me. She is not less American because she is Muslim. Because she is an American, she can be her authentic self and participate in building our community and country. What binds us together is not ethnicity but shared participation in our civic life springing out of our cultural heritages and working for the common good.

Bishop Eaton



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 to-

gether with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God's people join in prayer for Tobi Buckman, Monica Olden, Cheri, Dana, Susan Bylund, Dacey, Dean Christianson, Emmersyn, Josiah, Yvette Koerner, Mert Turner, Audra Wieler, Michael Silver, Helen Velling, Mike Barkstrom, Cher, Linda, Tom Plumlee and we pray for family and friends mourning the death of Raquel. May she rest in peace in rise in glory.



September BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

John Stephens, September 3
Michael Erickson, September 7
Annika Natwick, September 7
Kathy Wehage, September 8
Vicki Mitchell, September 12
Mike O'Connor, September 15
Martha Beeman, September 18
Coleman Carle, September 19

Linda Ebel, September 20
Bret Kaufman, September 21
Hannah Erwin, September 25

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dee & Michael Erickson, September 12
John & Dorothy Stephens, September 15
Craig & Jane Teveliet, September 18



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

Helpers who take food down to the Food Bank, Salvation Army and Cold Weather Shelter.

Kathy Wehage for volunteering to help out Brenda with the prayers.

Hank, Diane, Joelle, and Joe for leading Sunday services while we have no pastor/interim pastor.

Those who help out with regular Sunday services duties.

Diane, Michelle, Amy, Mark for helping Vicky with different aspects of office duties.

Welcome John Curtis Steinhauer
6 pounds, 9 ounces and 19 inches long.
Excited parents-Shayna and Curtis Steinhauer

Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg



Thanks to all those who made a special effort to make Pastor Val's retirement party such a wonderful event! Special thanks to the Fellowship Team for all their work and for their delicious food that Sunday. They were, Debby Colangelo, Chris Gienger, Vicki and Ken Mitchell and Theresa Kaufman.

And to those asked to contribute a special salad, many thanks go to Arlene Torgerson, Dorothy Stephens, Cynthia Johnstone, Carmon Shaw, Suzan Stegemoeller and Joni Hildreth.

And to all the others who brought

food to share, thank you for your generosity.

Special thanks to Dee Erickson and Diane Hanson for helping with the decorations. Your time and talents made the hall a beautiful area for Pastor Val to spend her last day with all of us.

Pastor Val mentioned that the party was "just perfect." Let us remember to keep her in our prayers as she moves forward in her journey of ministry.

Gratefully, Kathy Wehage

Photo submitted by Kathy Wehage



THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED

- **PLU** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$49.23
- **Habitat for Humanity** thanks Amazing Grace for donations of \$49.23 and \$90.67
- Dearest friends,

I wanted to personally write you and thank you for your continued support over the years. Your incredible & generous donations help us to complete God's mission of helping those in need, and we couldn't do it without you. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do for us.

You are all

-AMAZING-!!

-Kim- The Salvation Army

Dear Mark, Diane, Susan, Michelle, Tara, Sarah, Mike and Lynette,

I have so many happy memories of my years at Amazing Grace. My last day serving there, worship and the delightful party afterwards are among them.

Thank you for the beautiful wind chime! It reminds us every day of the beautiful people of Amazing Grace! Thank you for the gifts you organized from the congregation, the perfect backpack that will go with us down many trails, all the generous gift cards, and the other thoughtful gifts given with so many good wishes for my life in retirement. They mean so much to me!

It was truly a "good good-bye" for me. It is a rare gift to hear people tell what our time together meant to them. Thank you for making that possible!

Thank you for all that and for the dedicated, faithful service to the gospel of Jesus Christ that you live every day.

I will always hold you in my prayers!

Your sister is Christ,
Pastor Val

Pastor Val gets ready to cut her festive retirement cake!

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



Dear people Amazing Grace,

Thank you for all the gifts, cards, hugs and good wishes on my retirement! I have so many happy memories of my years at Amazing Grace, not least of which was my last day there: worship and the party afterward! We will think of you as we use the thoughtful gifts but best of all are the memories



of the many moments of life we shared – good times and hard – life lived together in the body of Christ!

I hold you all in my prayers, giving thanks for your faithfulness and asking God’s Spirit to sustain and inspire you in the days to come.

You sister in Christ!

Pastor Val

Dear Amazing Grace Kids,

Thank you so much for the beautiful garden stones you made for me! I think of all of you every time I see them. I hope you will always remember the most important thing: God loves everyone of us, you, me,

and every one and God’s love for you will never end no matter what!

I love you!

Pastor Val



SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION

September 5

Dee Erickson, Leader

Jill Waite, Doris Tieder, Suzan Stegemoeller, Shawn Dickson

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 3-4:00.

If food needs to be heated up or cooked drop off earlier.

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

GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS

Sunday, September 10
After worship and fellowship
In the fellowship hall

We will put together the school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Sponsored by the AGL Quilters.

Please consider staying to do God’s work with your hands.

Direct questions to Arlene Torgerson or Suzan Stegemoeller

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Part of the care coordinated by the Fellowship Committee is to assure that our members who are homebound receive communion in person. We have about 5 members who would appreciate this ministry. In her last full day of work Pastor Val spent it doing just that. During this interim time this ministry is to be led by us, the members of the congregation.

Please prayerfully consider if this is something you would consider doing. There are many ways to do this. You could choose to bring communion to one

person and be consistent with that or you could choose more but you do not have to bring it to all 5.

Ideally you would bring communion at least once per month on whatever schedule works for you and the person receiving it. We have a short training so this is something you do not feel like you should already know how to do.

I would like to provide the training toward the end of September. Good news for us is that Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller is already a Visitation pastor part-time and can be a great resource for us! If you would like to serve in this capacity please call the church office or talk with me. Lynette Lile

SCHOOL KITS

Eileen Schermer shared the latest Lutheran World Relief Newsletter with me and by the time I was done reading the article about the value of a school kit, I was in tears. Here is just part of that story: *in a pre-school classroom in Tanzania, 4 & 5 years old boys and girls walked forward to receive a school kit. To mark the occasion, parents of the children lined the walls of the classroom joyously singing as each child came forward. They were singing a song that in Swahili means “the grace of Jesus”.*

The school kits weren't just filled with supplies. They were filled with the grace of Jesus, made real to these families and pre-schoolers by the love of Lutherans like you! With each kit we pack with supplies and love, it is felt in the lives of children and strengthened relationships between students and

teachers.

Your participation in helping send school kits to Lutheran World Relief matters. You are making a difference. Please consider, once again, sharing generously to provide children the opportunity to learn!!

Oh, and when the final student came forward in that preschool classroom to receive their new school kit, the parents began to sing a new song: “Let love persist.” Do I hear an amen?!

There are lists of needed supplies available in the parish hall. If you do not wish to shop and would like to give us funds to do it for you, just let us know. Please talk to Arlene Torgerson or Eileen Schermer if you have any questions. Thank you!

GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

IS IT TIME TO CHANGE THE QUESTIONS YOU ARE ASKING ABOUT YOUR CHURCH?

I was recently asked by my pastor, Melanie Vaughn-Colwell of Oakhurst Baptist Church, to be part of a conversation sermon. This is where two or more people sit in front of the congregation to discuss the scripture and themes together, instead of a more traditional pulpit sermon by one individual.

I was honored to be asked and was especially excited because of the topic she suggested: What questions should the Body of Christ be asking ourselves in 2023?

As a researcher, this is the kind of conversation that I have with churches all the time. These questions are ones that have been asked for decades:

- Why is our church shrinking?
- How can we get more people to come to church?
- How can we survive financially?
- How can we make hard decisions without people getting mad?
- How can we get back to the way things were when the pews and coffers were full?

The curiosities and frameworks that lie beneath the surface of these questions are more accurately represented as:

- A church's growth or decline is based mostly on internal factors, so if we shrink we must be doing something wrong, and if we “fix” things we will grow.
- A “good” church has more people participating year over year, and certainly not less.
- A church's survival depends on traditional financial models (i.e. giving budget).
- A church is better off when things stay non-controversial and keep the peace.
- A church's survival in a form that looks like a glorified past is the ultimate goal.

I have to admit that when I started working with churches, I saw most of those frameworks as accurate and helpful for church health and vitality. I'm almost embarrassed to look back on that now. Melanie's brilliant question reminded me that new times call for new questions, and finding new ways forward means we must often leave old frameworks behind. Asking new questions generates alternate curiosities and evolves our understanding of what it means to be Christians together, whether or not we call it “church.”

As Melanie and I explored these questions together, and as I reflected afterward, I came away with a few new



questions and new frameworks to accompany them.

1. How is God calling a particular group of people to fellowship, break bread, learn, and serve together this month/quarter/year?
2. Together as a congregation, are we enough to truly build community and honestly know and be known (a favorite Oakhurst Baptist Church phrase)?
3. Is our church a learning lab for navigating life's changes and conflicts in healthy and transformative ways?
4. What kind of church does God need to heal the world in 2023, in 2053, and in 2123?

Having now asked these new questions, an updated framework goes something like this:

- Groups of people are called together by God to do Christian life together.
- The forms this will take are unique and local and will vary as much as the flora and fauna that surrounds us.
- Truly "doing life together" requires more than 1 hour per week in order to



THE AMAZING GRACE CHURCH DIRECTORY 2023 EDITION IS COMPLETE!

The printed booklets are in the fellowship hall on a table in the cozy couch



CHOIR & HANDBELLS

Choir will meet at 9am on Sunday Sept. 3, 10, 17.
Handbells will meet at 6pm on Wednesday Sept. 6 and 13.

share practice, build community, and truly know and be known.

- Christian life together should teach and model healthy communication, and transformational change skills, and must focus on the well-being of others more than ourselves.

It is plausible that this new framework will continue to evolve, if not fully change, over the course of the next decade. But I continue to feel it has great potential to change the way we model how people called by God are to do life together. Whether or not those groups look, sound, or act like old models of "church" is irrelevant.

We must ask new questions, lean into new curiosities, and build new frameworks to lean into the new things God is doing in and with us. It's okay if they are not perfect – now or never. We have room to get things wrong and try again. Because no matter what, God is with us in all of it, loving and holding us as we question, explore, and build.

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area. Please pick yours up and add your name to the list attached to the box so that we know every family has received one. Any contributions helping to cover the cost of the directories is appreciated. They cost approximately \$3.75 each to print. Thanks!

Dress rehearsal for all musicians will be on Thursday Sept. 21 at 6pm in the sanctuary.

Questions or concerns call Hank 360-589-3901

CELEBRATON 2023

Saturday, Sept 23rd-- "Celebration 2023". Celebrate our restored stained glass and our 20th Anniversary as a unified Amazing Grace Lutheran Church.

Celebration Service at 2:00 pm. In the sanctuary and displays, stained glass demonstration, Swedish and Norwegian food, video, etc. until 4:00pm or longer.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE REQUEST

Calling all our fabulous cooks and bakers to share their family's heritage recipes.



We are hoping to present traditional treats to our guests at the Celebration. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship hall. THANK YOU.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 WORSHIP

Please join us for our 20th Anniversary Worship on Sunday, Sept. 24th @ 10 am. We look forward to sharing highlights of our Outreach Ministries, our

Psalm Team, stewardship of our property and special music. This will be followed by our Fellowship Hour so we can share memories with each other!



Southwestern Washington Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

The Rev. Richard E. Jaech, Bishop



August 7, 2023

Dear Pastor and members!

Thank you for your continuing strong support for the ministry of the Southwestern Washington Synod and your partnership with us. I have seen you carry out your own ministry with so much creativity and courage as you care for one another and reach out in ministry to your neighbors!

In addition to financially supporting your congregation's ministry, you are sending a percentage of your offerings to the Southwestern Washington Synod as Mission Support, so that we can together carry out important ministries. Here are some of the ministries that we are doing as a Synod right now.

- The Synod is assisting 14 congregations who are in the process of calling a new pastor.
- The fourth cohort of our PSALM students is just beginning to meet. PSALM (Path to Strengthening Active Lay Ministry) provides training and spiritual formation for lay members from around our Synod.
- The Synod's Candidacy Committee currently provides guidance, mentoring and support for fifteen people from our Synod who are attending seminary and preparing to become pastors or deacons.
- Our First Third of Life Committee supports the youth and young adult ministries of Synod congregations and the ALYVE Board.
- The Synod brings together Work Teams made up of members of our congregations, who work together to address important justice issues, including Hunger, Racism, and ministry with the Native American and Reconciling in Christ communities.

The Synod passes on 40% of your Mission Support to our national ELCA ministry, which carries out such vital ministries as:

- Supporting the work of 150 missionaries around the world
- Training new pastors and deacons in seven ELCA seminaries
- Providing food and agricultural training to hungry people.

Enclosed you will find the statement for your congregation's Mission Support during this last fiscal quarter. Please contact us if you have any questions or corrections to make.

Thank you for your support, prayers and daily ministry. It is a privilege and honor to be walking this path with you!

In Christ,

Bishop Rick Jaech

Giving Statement Totals			328	ELCIN (Namibia)	\$364.95
300	SWWA Mission Support	\$5,310.16	705	PLU	\$364.95
325	Living Stones Prison Min	\$364.9	2013	May Youth Weekend	\$795

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes July 18, 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: Pastor Val, Michelle Weiberg, Lynette Lile, Mike Barkstrom, Diane Hanson, Mark Smalley, Tara Main

I. Call to Order – Mark Smalley 6:15

Appointment of time keeper and **start recording**

II. Prayer and Devotions

Opening Prayer & Devotions – Michelle

Sign up for Devotions

Sarah- August

III. Establish Quorum

IV. Review and Approve Agenda M/S/P

V. Approve minutes from meetings: June 29th 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. Review of membership roster – Pastor Val

Michelle, Sarah, and Pastor Val met and reviewed the membership roster list, using several resources with a time frame from 2013 to present to see who should be removed, contacted, or added.

Motion to accept membership roster list as presented **M/SP**

B. CTC Update – Mark

i. Schedule meeting in August for the congregation

The meeting will be scheduled for after Sunday service. Tentative dates scheduled are August 20 or September 10

VII. Ministry team reports: (30 min)

A. Worship – Sarah absent

i. Candle lighter and bell snuffer

-Sarah will be asked to provide prices for next month's council meeting.

B. Outreach – Suzan absent

C. Youth & Family – Michelle

Youth and family meeting July 2nd was rescheduled for July 9th and made garden stones for their family gardens.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 6th. Michelle will be on vacation so Kris Gienger and Sarah Teveliet will co-lead.

i. Larger Family Friendly Sanctuary Space

The congregation will be invited to a meeting TBD in August or September. Mark will be contacting Pastor Vance for either August 20th or Sept. 10th date following worship. Using his 4-2-1 discussion model, Pastor Vance will guide the group through a mediation process in order to come to a collective decision on an acceptable plan to improve our worship space for families.

D. Fellowship – Lynette

-Gave fellowship committee transparency talk to congregation on July 20, 2023

-Coordinated Steinhauer baby shower with fellowship hosts

-Vicki updated the congregation on 2023 celebration on July 2. The plan is ongoing with lots of participation. Ken Mitchell is drawing a coloring book featuring stained-glass windows.

-Lynette will write an announcement for the September Spirit inviting members to be part of a team that visits shut-ins/homebound members with communion



E. Property – Mike

- i. Family Promise Use agreement-amend to say:
 - Darci and Mike have agreed to AGLC and FPGH Maintenance and Upkeep Responsibilities and this document needs to become an amendment to the main agreement.
 - The main agreement needs to be updated.
- ii. No Trespassing signs- Discussed where the signs would go and if they should go up. Motion to put up No trespassing signs on church property. Motion died for lack of a second. More information was requested.
- iii. Child Locks on fellowship hall windows – how to cool the fellowship hall on hot days
 - Discussed various options

VII. Financial Reports: (30 min)

- A. Treasurer’s Report –Tara
 - ii. Approve June bills paid M/S/P
 - ii. Financial Secretary’s Report – Tara

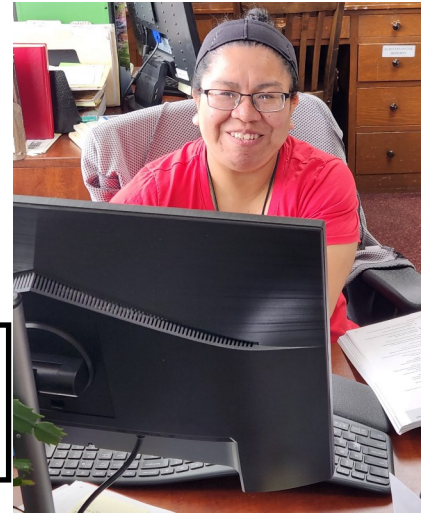
IX. Pastor’s Report (IX – XI 15 min)

-Provided council with office expenses

- A. Leaving Well – Pastoral Transition

X. Task Assignments

XI. Adjournment and closing prayer - Michelle 7:43



Office administrator, Vicky Kolb, is busy at work supporting Amazing Grace.
Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.

OFFICE HOURS

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

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Mark Smalley 360.249.1955

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.

Mike Barkstrom: mkbarks1@gmail.com- (360) 589-1393

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JULY BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH INCOME STATEMENT Month Ending July 31, 2023 General Fund	AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL BALANCE SHEET July 31, 2023
Revenue	ASSETS
General Fund \$ 22,734.87	General Fund \$ 9,759.72
Youth Fund \$ -	Youth Fund -
Memorial Fund \$ -	Memorial Fund 2,356.65
M Thompson/Piano \$ -	Thompson/Piano Fund 11,704.52
Total Revenue <u>\$ 22,734.87</u>	Prepaid Insurance 2,618.42
	Prepaid Website 96.00
	Total Assets <u>\$ 26,535.31</u>
Expenses	LIABILITIES
Pastoral \$ 9,700.22	Accounts Payable \$ -
Payroll \$ 2,550.74	Salaries Payable \$ -
Payroll Taxes \$ 2,322.39	Federal Taxes Payable \$ 1,855.98
Worship \$ -	WA State Taxes Payable \$ 391.37
Supplies \$ 301.32	Total Liabilities \$ 2,247.35
Utilities \$ 1,081.46	CHURCH EQUITY
Software \$ 117.46	Church Equity \$ 24,287.96
Misc \$ 114.56	Total Liabilities and Equity <u>\$ 26,535.31</u>
Insurance \$ 804.75	
Piano Deposit \$ 8,000.00	
Total Expenses <u>\$ 24,992.90</u>	
Net Income <u>\$ (2,258.03)</u>	
AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH General Church Equity Month Ending July 31, 2023	
Beginning Equity \$ 27,751.85	
Net Income \$ (2,258.03)	
Benevolences \$ (1,205.86)	
Church Equity July 31, 2023 <u>\$ 24,287.96</u>	



Income statements continued on next page.

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
INCOME STATEMENT
 Month Ending July 31, 2023
Maintenance Fund

Revenue	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 17,443.97
Deposits	\$ -
4F Dinner	\$ -
Thrivent	\$ 2.00
Family Promise Maint Fund	\$ 100.00
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 17,545.97</u>
Total in FP Maint Fund	<u>\$700.00</u>

Expenses	
Home Depot	\$ 394.20
	\$ -
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 394.20</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 17,151.77</u>

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Maintenance Equity
 Month Ending June 30, 2023

Beginning Equity	\$ 17,443.97
Net Income	\$ 102.00
Less Withdrawals	\$ 394.20
Equity July 31, 2023	<u>\$ 17,151.77</u>

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN
MAINTENANCE BALANCE SHEET
 July 31, 2023

ASSETS	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 17,151.77
Total Assets	<u>\$ 17,151.77</u>

LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	
Total Liabilities	\$ - \$ -

CHURCH EQUITY	
Maintenance Equity	\$ 17,151.77
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 17,151.77</u>

THANK YOU, Pastor Val and Steve for 10 years of faithful service. Daughters Megan and Abby joined Pastor Val's retirement party along with their oldest granddaughter, Eloise.

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.





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Pastor			

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



Many hands decorated and prepared a special retirement lunch for Pastor Val.
Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

September 3

Preach/Preside: Hank Bilderback
Liturgist: Laura Carle
Reader: Sarah Teveliet Channel
Ushers/Greeters: Mike Hubbard & Madison Winter
Depositors: Anneliese Kraiger & Kathy Wehage
Fellowship Hosts: Hanson, Erwin, Seelke, Main
Communion setup: Joelle Buckman
Stream Team:

September 10

Liturgist: Greg Johnstone
Reader: Theresa Kaufman
Communion Assistants: Darci Jewitt & Mark Smalley
Ushers/Greeters: Roger & Carmon Shaw
Depositors: Ruth Ann Carlson & Joelle Buckman
Fellowship Hosts: Finazzo, Evanson, Hubbard, Waite, Winter
Communion setup: Laura Carle
Stream Team: Keith Lile

September 17

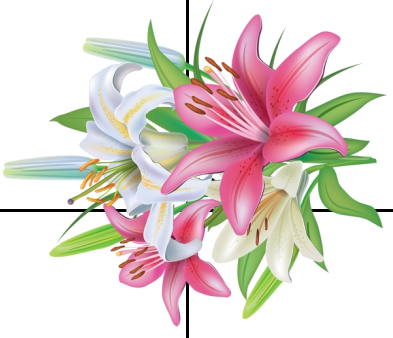
Liturgist: Hank Bilderback
Reader: Kristine Finazzo
Communion Assistants: Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller
Ushers/Greeters: Joan & William Rabung
Depositors: Mike Hubbard & Mark Ostwald
Fellowship Hosts: Barkstrom, Hildreth, Buckman
Communion setup: Carmon Shaw
Stream Team: Xander Johnstone

September 24

Liturgist: Keith Lile
Reader: Arlene Torgerson
Communion Assistants: Theresa Kaufman & Diane Hanson
Ushers/Greeters: Tim and Pam Alstrom
Depositors: Greg Johnstone & Carmon Shaw
Fellowship Hosts: Beeman, N. Kraiger/A. Kraiger, Debandt
Communion setup: Tara Main
Stream Team: Amy Ostwald



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 CHOIR WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP	4 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	5 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3	6 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30 BELLS 6	7 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	8	9
10 CHOIR WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS— AFTER FELLOW- SHIP— SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR	11 OFFICE CLOSED PEO SCHOLARSHIP DINNER 4-9:30	12 HANDSEWERS 9-3 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3 FAMILY PROMISE BOARD MTG 6	13 AA 5:30-6:30 BELLS 6	14 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	15	
17 CHOIR WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3 COUNCIL MEETING 6:15	20 QUILTING 9-12 AA POTLUCK & MEETING 4:30-7:30	21 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3 CELEBRATION MUSIC DRESS REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY 6	22	23 UNIFICATION ANNIVERSARY & STAINED-GLASS WINDOW DEDICATION 2-4 OR LONGER
24 20TH ANNIVER- SARY WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 HANDSEWERS 9-3 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3	27 AA 5:30-6:30	28 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	29	30



SEPTEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS
 Indigenous People's Day—October 9
 Reformation Day—October 31



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- Passionate worship
- Intentional faith development
- Risk-taking mission and service
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