

THE SPIRIT

October 2023

Amazing
Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF GRAYS HARBOR



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE

As I write this the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is preparing to gather in Kraków, Poland, for its 13th assembly. Delegates, observers, guests and staff from the 149 member churches in 99 countries representing 77 million people will gather for worship, Bible study and deliberation. We will sing and pray in hundreds of languages—a veritable Pentecost!

It's an amazing gathering of people from all over the globe—different cultures, geographies, cuisines, clothing styles, governments, weather. When we gather in September it will be the beginning of fall for those from the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of spring for those from the Southern Hemisphere. We come from mountains, deserts, plains, tropical and temperate rainforests, and six continents. Our political systems and realities are different. Many will come from war zones. Creation care is not theoretical for those coming from drought or from island homes sinking into the sea.

Imagine the diversity. We literally come from different worldviews. Homogeneity doesn't describe the LWF, nor is it a goal. Instead, we understand ourselves to be living in reconciled diversity, not uniformity.

The assembly's theme, **“One Body. One Spirit. One Hope,”** might seem to contradict our understanding of unity, not uniformity. It comes from Ephesians 4:4-6: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” But there is a difference between how the world is organized and understands things and the way God has established God's realm.

The world seeks to impose uniformity. “Unity” can be weaponized in order to control people and communities. “Unity” sets rigid and impermeable boundaries that keep some in and others out. In God's economy (from *oikos*—Greek for “house,” not the yogurt), unity in Christ is a gift, it is inclusive. It not only allows diversity but celebrates it. And it is reconciled diversity, which allows difference within a people because we are joined together in Christ by baptism. It has always intrigued me that at Pentecost the Spirit didn't reverse the confusion of language that God had

brought about to disrupt the hubris of those who sought to build the tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9). Instead, the rich diversity of language, beautifully distinctive for each culture, was maintained. This is how we understand “one body.”

The spirit of the world, particularly in 21st-century America, is one of radical individualism. The individual self is paramount. We are all to be self-made people. Well, no one came into this world by themselves—other people were involved. We are called to “test the spirits” (1 John 4:1). Are they spirits of division, exclusion and oppression or the Spirit of unity, inclusion and liberation?

The world's understanding of hope is something concrete and achievable. We are led to believe that we can make our own destiny, that what we hope for is actually what we need. Hope is based on what we can see, what we know. In God's economy, hope is a gift of the Spirit generated not from within but created when a promise is spoken from the outside. In Hebrews we read that “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Hope is eschatological—the goal and end of God's will for all of us and creation—and proleptic—already realized in Christ, the future that is present now.

It may seem foolish that the LWF will gather in all its diversity next door to the war in Ukraine and in the shadow of Auschwitz-Birkenau, a former Nazi concentration camp. That we will dare to live and witness as one body, one spirit, one hope in a world bent on division, engaged in war and proximate to the site of one of the greatest evils that humankind has perpetrated. But that is precisely where the church needs to show up.



Bishop Eaton

PASTORAL TRANSITION PROCESS UPDATE

September 24, 2023

Pastor Doug led a discussion about the transition at the Church Council meeting this last Tuesday, September 19th. He also presented a copy of the Transition and Call manual to each member of the Council.

Council has decided to put up a new bulletin board in the fellowship hall that is dedicated to the Transition and Call process. A copy of the manual will be posted on this board for the congregation to see and review.

The council will appoint a Transition team of 5 to 7 members to carry out the congregational self-study. The members of the team need to be good listeners and able to set aside their own opinions and agendas in order to hear the input of others. It is important to note that the transition team is not the Call Committee, they do the work that is passed to the Call Committee.

The three goals for the Transition team are:

1. Increase engagement by providing opportunities for input in the transition process.
2. Through a process of self-study, grow in clarity about the congregation's mission.
3. Complete the Ministry Site Profile to bring to the congregation for feedback and conversation and to bring to the Church Council for approval.

The Council will be prayerfully discerning who has the gifts to be on this team. If you feel called to serve in this way, please let a member of the Council know.

Mark Smalley



Judi Hubbard presents Vicki Mitchell a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of all her leadership on the Celebration 2023. THANK YOU Vicki! Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.

Pastor Doug inquiring about the lefsa? Eileen Schermer wouldn't think of having a Scandinavian party without lefsa! Photo taken Kathy Wehage and submitted by Diane Hanson.



Great turn out for the Celebration 2023 festivities! Everyone enjoying Scandinavian foods, displays, stained glass demonstration in fireside room, and joyful fellowship. Photo taken 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 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 Paul Staats, Randy Ford, Arlene O'Connor, 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



October BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

Eileen Schermer, October 3
Mike Hildreth, October 4
Keith Lile, October 4
Doug Schermer, October 9
Michelle Weiberg, October 12
Dee Erickson, October 15
Philip Stegemoeller, October 20

John Tieder, October 26
Arlene Torgerson, October 30

ANNIVERSARIES:

Walt & Linda Ebel, October 10
Bret & Theresa Kaufman, October 21



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.

Everyone who provided photos.

Everyone who helped out with all the hard work that went into

planning the 2023 celebration

Eileen Schermer and Arlene Torgerson thank you for organizing the school kit project.

Ken Mitchell for the illustrations used for the Anniversary cake. **Anneliese Kraiger** for donating the cake

Amy Ostwald & Arlene Torgerson-great work on the church directories.

Ken Mitchell's beautiful art work on display, including his stained glass window coloring book. *Photo by Diane Hanson*



Ruth Carlson, staples the last SPIRIT for September. She is part of the weekly group (Naomi Kraiger and Carmon Shaw) that faithfully puts our Sunday bulletins together.

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.

SCHOOL KIT UPDATE: Because of your generosity, we met our goal, and then some, for school kits!

Thank you to every one who donated supplies, money, and kits. Thank you to those who helped in making up the kits on *God's Work Our Hands* Sunday.

Over 150 children will now be able to attend school because the people of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church made it possible! The lives of those children will be blessed because of this gift and our congrega-

tion is blessed to be able to provide it.

Our hearts are full and we are profoundly grateful,

Eileen Schermer & Arlene Torgerson

Darci, MJ, Madison, and friend participate in God's Work.

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



Debby, Michelle, and Anneliese sort the school supplies God's Work, Our Hands.

This picture was taken by Arlene Torgerson and Submitted by Diane Hanson.



God's Work, Our Hands school kit project. Suzan Stegemoeller, Eileen and Gene Schermer, Tara Main, and Mark Smalley work diligently to tie the filled backpacks.

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION

October 3

Elaine Lokken, Leader

Marge Kelling, Carmon Shaw, Joni Hildreth, Amy Ostwald, Debby 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 3-4:00.

Team leaders need to contact Doug on cell phone prior so he can give current numbers.
360 888 6382

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.

AMAZING GRACE PIE AUCTION

The pie auction will be **Sunday, November 19th**. Please start thinking about what you will be

able to donate to the auction. Remember, it does not have to be a pie or even a food item. We will have a potluck followed by the auction. More information to follow!



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



Kris Gienger engages the young at heart on Sunday morning.

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.

GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

NEW MEMBER CLASS – SUNDAY, October 15th AFTER WORSHIP

NEW MEMBER CLASS – If you are interested in becoming a member of Amazing Grace with privileges to vote in elections and serve in leadership on council, please plan to attend class with Pastor Doug on Sunday, October 15th after worship. **Everyone is welcome to join these clas-**

ses! This is a great refresher course for what it means to be a Lutheran Christian at Amazing Grace! Please let the office or Pastor Doug know if you plan to attend so we can have plenty of materials.

The reception of new members will be at our Reformation celebration 10/29/23.

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 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"

Norwegian wedding cake made by Moonbeam Kupka for the Scandinavian dessert table. *Photo taken by Kathy Wehage and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



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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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth and families will meet Sunday, Oct. 1st following worship in the fireside room.

The youth and their families would like to invite the entire congregation to attend the pumpkin patch/corn maze along with them on Sunday, October

8th. We will enjoy a snack during fellowship, and then travel to Chapman Farms located in Brady. We would love for you to join us! Prayers accepted for nice weather!

MUSIC PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Handbells will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00.

Choir will meet every Sunday at 9:00. Additional rehearsals before performances.

Out with the old piano....Picture taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN BAZAAR

Saturday
October 21, 2023
10:00am to 1:00pm

Brunch will be available (Norwegian Pancakes, Ham, Fruit, Juice & Coffee) \$10 per person

Bake sale & gift items
Grays Harbor Sons of Norway
717 Randall St.
Aberdeen, WA
360.533.2827

Fir Tree Piano worker demonstrates his piano skills to Hank Bilderback on the new fellowship piano. Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



In with the new grand piano....Pictures taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.

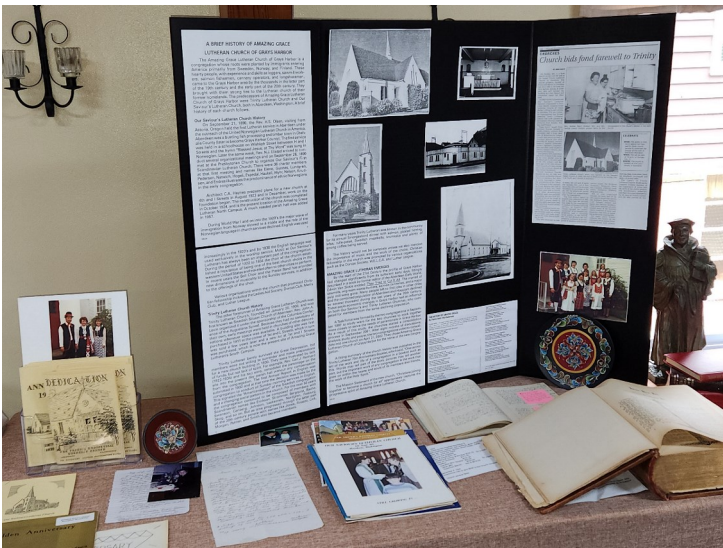




Stained glass renovation process display was put together by John and Doris Tieder. It included a picture in memory of Jim and Peggy Erickson. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Kristine Finazzo displays the Norwegian dress made for her by her grandmother. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Trinity Lutheran history display included pictures of their popular Smorgasbords, hand written stories by Joyce Smith and Martha Bee-man, Sunday school song book from the 1950's, and much more! *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



The Celebration 2023 cake had Ken Mitchell's stained glass art work replicated by cake decoration artist at Thriftway in Montesano. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Top left. Chair of the Celebration 2023, Vicki Mitchell, gives Diane Hanson last minute instructions. *Photo taken and submitted by Kathy Wehage.*



Guest scripture readers: Left to right. Ms. Mindy Sperline-Swedish. Ms. Pirjo Tuoninen-Finnish. Ms. Ella Seely-Norwegian. Keith Lile translated scripture reading to English. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Dr. Vicki Mitchell welcomes guests to Celebration 2023. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Bishop Richard Jaech, ELCA, Southwest, WA Synod, speaks on the importance of the Liturgical Arts, dedicates renovated stained-glass windows and gives a blessing. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Hank Bilderback directs the joint choir of Amazing Grace and Saron Lutheran of Hoquiam. Grand piano played by Kris Burns who also directs the Bells of Amazing Grace. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Hank Bilderback directs the children in singing Amazing Grace while the youth accompany them on their instruments. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes August 15th, 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: Mark Smalley, Sarah Channel, Diane Hanson, Tara Main, Suzan Stegemoeller, Michelle Weiberg, and Lynette Lile

I. Call to Order – Mark Smalley 6:15

Appointment of time keeper and start recording

II. Prayer and Devotions

A. Opening Prayer & Devotions – Sarah

Sarah did a land acknowledgment of the first (indigenous) people of Grays Harbor County of past and present, before prayers and devotions.

Change. Forget former things, don't dwell on the past. August is a month of change, recognizing that nothing stays the same. A question was asked: Do you remember how you felt the night before your first day of school?

B. Next Month Lynette

III. Establish Quorum

IV. Review and Approve Agenda

Added to Business Items: F. Children's bulletin/ coloring pages, Sundays and Seasons, Feasting on the Word- Diane, G. Namibia-Diane, H. Thank you note from Pastor Val- Mark

V. Approve minutes from meetings: June 29th M/S/P

included in tonight's minutes that the executive committee did an evaluation (exit interview) for Pastor Val when she left.

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)

Motion to move Financial Reports to before Ministry team reports just for tonight. **M/S/P**

A. CTC meeting August 20th – Mark

Laurin is all set for the meeting. Laurin notified Mark that he has someone in training who would like to come and observe the process. Council members agreed that it was fine.

B. Carpet for Fellowship Hall – Mark

Motion to get a second bid (even if it costs money to get the bid) and then go to the congregation with affirmation with whatever we decide. **M/S/P**

Motion that lines out a process to have an official proposal to the congregation by the maintenance committee; we have a signed donor letter, and we have a second bid given to council (in first motion) and council approves recommendation bid. Maintenance will present to the congregation an informational meeting about the chosen bid along with color choices after it's been approved by the council, to give a chance to voice any questions and feedback. **M/S/P**

C. Interim Report from Rebecca – Mark

An interim Pastor will be hired for a year or until a new Pastor is called.

Rebecca has found candidate, Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller, for Amazing Grace as an interim Pastor. He is interested and willing to meet with the council. The council was provided with Doug's Bio. and Letter of Agreement. Rebecca proposed Doug serve as a half-time Pastor. Council and Rebecca discussed questions and how half-time work schedule will work. The council will meet with Doug next week.

D. Vicky's days and hours change – Diane

Discussed Vicky's new schedule but on hold until we get a new interim pastor.

Motion to table new schedule hours until September. **M/S/P**

E. Council liaison with call committee – Mark

Two people are interested in being on the call committee. A council member needs to be part of this committee.

F. Children's bulletin/ coloring pages, Sundays and Seasons, Feasting on the Word- Diane

Diane went over with council members what materials Vicky needs to order for Sunday services. Council also went over on what other payments needed to be made.

G. Namibia- Diane

Diane (maybe Joelle) will be heading to Namibia with Rachel in 2025.

H. Thank you note from Pastor Val- Mark

Diane will type out the note and forward it to Vicky to put into the newsletter.

VII. Financial Reports: (30 min)

A. Treasurer's Report –Tara

i. Approve July bills paid **M/S/P**

ii. Financial Secretary's Report – Tara

i. Business License – 2 UBI numbers, need new UBI number

Tara has been working on getting the UBI (United Business Identification number) issue taken care of. We have changed the UBI number because we changed the name of the church but the business license that has the UBI number was never updated.

Amazing Grace doesn't have a legitimate business license currently.

All businesses need to have a viewable electronic business license on the Department of Revenue website even if it's a non-profit corporation.

VIII. Ministry team reports: (30 min)

A. Worship – Sarah

i. Candle lighter and bell snuffer-

The cost is between \$75-\$150 combo. Need to decide how much to spend. Will need to purchase 2 candle lighter/bell snuffer. Smaller ones would be more convenient. More information at Sept. meeting.

ii. Easter Candle is broken

B. Outreach – Suzan

Gods Work Our Hands- One project lined up is putting together the school kits.



- C. Youth & Family – Michelle
Met on August 6th. Thank you, Sarah, and Kris, for leading the meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 3 or 10.
 - i. Larger Family Friendly Sanctuary Space
The congregation is invited to meet following worship and fellowship on Sunday, August 20. The conversation will be facilitated by Pastor Vance.
- D. Fellowship – Lynette
 - Coordinated Fellowship hour for Pastor Val’s last Sunday/retirement party. Thank you, Kathy, for coordinating the luncheon and those who help her.
 - Steinhuaer baby shower held during fellowship on July 23. Thanks to fellowship hosts and others who planned event
 - update on 2023 celebration
 - Church directory coming soon
 - Article for September newsletter informing/inviting people to help bring communion to those unable to attend services.
- E. Property – Mike absent
Provided property report to council.

IX. Task Assignments

- X. Adjournment and closing prayer - Sara 8:52

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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Amazing Grace

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Pianist: Kristine Burns

OFFICE HOURS

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If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller 360.339.3773 and doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com

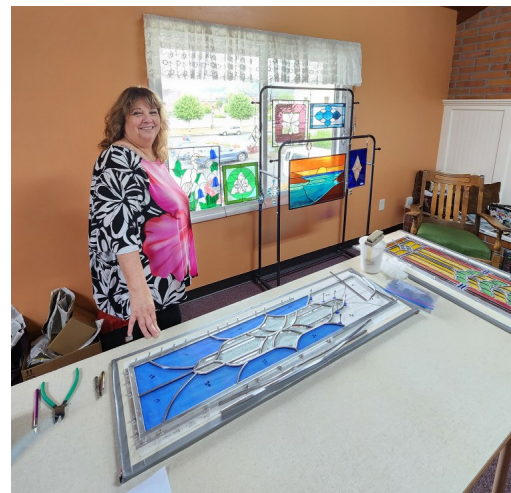
Office hours for Pastor Doug: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 am to 4 pm. Flexible depending on evening meetings.

On scheduled Sundays he is available for meetings with committees after fellowship and private meetings.

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH INCOME STATEMENT Month Ending August 31, 2023 Maintenance Fund	
Revenue	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 17,151.77
Deposits	\$ 600.00
4F Dinner	\$ -
Thrivent	\$ 2.00
Family Promise Maint Fund	\$ 100.00
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 17,853.77</u>
Total in FP Maint Fund	<u>\$800.00</u>
Expenses	
Home Depot	\$ 55.83
	\$ -
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 55.83</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 17,797.94</u>

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Maintenance Equity Month Ending August 31, 2023	
Beginning Equity	\$ 17,151.77
Net Income	\$ 702.00
Less Withdrawals	\$ 55.83
Equity July 31, 2023	<u>\$ 17,797.94</u>

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN MAINTENANCE BALANCE SHEET August 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 Liabilites and Equity	<u>\$ 17,151.77</u>



LuAnne Daily– Stained glass artist
Photo submitted by Diane Hanson



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Interim Pastor	Pr. Doug Knutson-Keller	(360) 339-3773	doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com

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



Vicki Mitchell discusses the architecture of AG and the stained glass windows comprised of opalescent glass and feature major symbols of Christianity. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

October 1

Presider: Pr. Doug Knutson-Keller; **Liturgist:** Greg Johnstone; **Reader:** Marti Debandt; **Ushers/ Greeters:** Mark & Amy Ostwald; **Depositors:** Anneliese Kraiger & Kathy Wehage; **Fellowship Hosts:** Weiberg, Channel, Teveliet, Jewitt; **Communion setup:** Cynthia Johnstone; **Stream Team:** Keith Lile

October 8

Presider: Joelle Buckman; **Preach:** Pending; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Reader:** Michelle Weiberg; **Communion Assistants:** Joni Hildreth & Arlene Torgerson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Depositors:** Pending; **Fellowship Hosts:** Schermer, Rabung, Carlson, Stephens; **Communion setup:** Laura Carle; **Stream Team:** Amy Ostwald

October 15

Presider: Pr. Doug Knutson-Keller; **Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Reader:** Dee Erickson; **Communion Assistants:** Sarah Channel & Carmon Shaw; **Ushers/Greeters:** Theresa Kaufman & Naomi Kraiger; **Depositors:** Ruth Ann Carlson & Joelle Buckman; **Fellowship Hosts:** Alstrom, Tieder, Johnstone; **Communion setup:** Carmon Shaw; **Stream Team:** Xander Johnstone

October 22

Presider: Hank Bilderback; **Preach:** Mike Hildreth; **Liturgist:** Laura Carle; **Reader:** Darci Jewitt; **Communion Assistants:** Diane Hanson & Dee Erickson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Joan & William Rabung; **Depositors:** Greg Johnstone & Carmon Shaw; **Fellowship Hosts:** Kaufman, Colangelo, Gienger, Mitchell; **Communion setup:** Tara Main; **Stream Team:** Amy Ostwald

October 29 Reformation Sunday

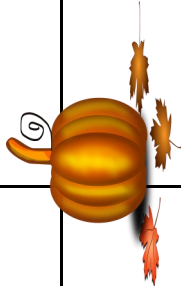
Presider: Pr. Doug Knutson-Keller; **Liturgist:** Greg Johnstone; **Reader:** Mark Smalley; **Communion Assistants:** Joan & William Rabung; **Ushers/Greeters:** Tim & Pam Alstrom; **Depositors:** Kathy Wehage & Anneliese Kraiger; **Fellowship Hosts:** Ostwald, Gundersen, Stegemoeller; **Communion setup:** Dee Erickson; **Stream Team:** Keith Lile



Dorothy, Eileen, Carmon, and Vicki—getting the food ready for the celebration. *Photo submitted by Judi Hubbard*



Madison –preparing food
Mike Hildreth– doing the dishes
Photo submitted by Judi Hubbard

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CHOIR WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP	2	3 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3	4 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30	5 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	6	7
8 CHOIR WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP	9	10 HANDSEWERS 9-3 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3	11 AA 5:30-6:30 HANDBELLS 6	12 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	13	14
15 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY CHOIR WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP	16	17 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3 COUNCIL MEETING 6:15	18 QUILTING 9-12 AA POTLUCK & MEETING 4:30-7:30	19 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	20	
22 CHOIR WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP	23	24 HANDSEWERS 9-3 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3	25 AA 5:30-6:30 HANDBELLS 6	26 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	27	28
29 CHOIR WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP REFORMATION SUNDAY	30	31 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3 HALLOWEEN				

OCTOBER

UPCOMING EVENTS
 All Saints' Day- November 1
 Pie Auction -November 19
 No Thanksgiving baskets this year. Christmas Food Baskets- more information coming soon

Daylight Saving Time Ends- November 5
 Thanksgiving Day-November 23

Veteran's Day-November 11
 First Day of Advent-December 3



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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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