

THE SPIRIT

November 2023

Amazing
Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF GRAYS HARBOR



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

ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP ISSUES STATEMENT ON ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" —
Psalm 22:1

Dear church,
As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people — through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence — must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating

witness. May it be so.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical
Lutheran Church in
America



Things you can do:

Find updated resources and statements from the ELCA. [Israel-Hamas War - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](https://www.elca.org/Israel-Hamas-War)

Join our partner Churches for Middle East Peace for prayer every Wednesday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Eastern time. Register at [Pray for Peace - Churches for Middle East Peace \(cmp.org\)](https://www.cmp.org)

Call your lawmakers today through the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and urge them to take action to deescalate the conflict and uphold unrestricted humanitarian aid to Gaza. Find your member of Congress at [govtrak](https://www.govtrack.us). [Members of the United States Congress - GovTrack.us](https://www.govtrack.us)

Support Lutheran Disaster Response at <https://community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis?erid>

You may notice that we sometimes publicize statements and other information from organizations of which we are members. We will never share information that did not go through our internal vetting process, so you should feel free to share such information on behalf of your church.

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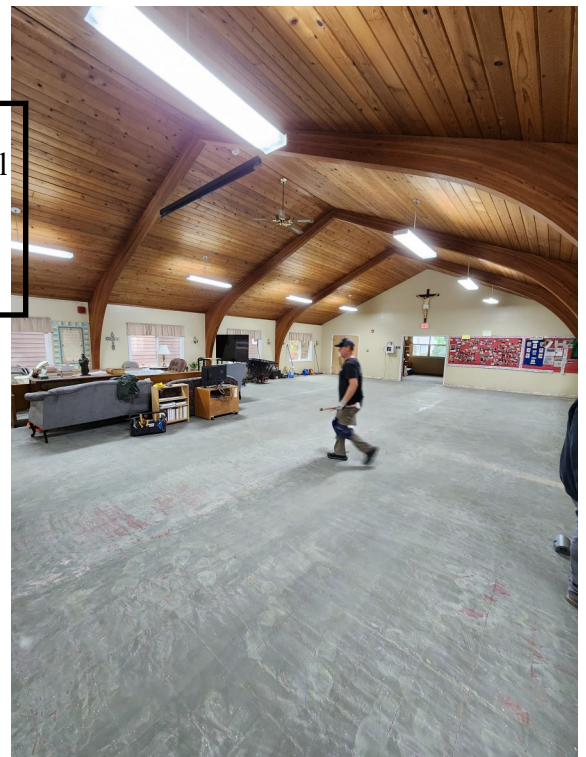
RES COM Flooring arrives on Tuesday, October 24th, to replace the carpet in the Fireside room, fellowship hall, the breeze way, and stairway to 4th street entrance. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Manager of the carpet project explains what was found under all the layers of flooring. Throughout the fellowship hall and Fireside room a layer of newspaper, dated 1974, was stuck to the original floor. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Fellowship hall stripped to the original flooring. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Here is a sample of the newspaper dated 1974 that was found by the RES COM Flooring workers. Advertising the Duster above the Vega and Pinto! *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 every thing 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 Kristin Mullen, Pastor Eric Utto-Galarneau and family, Paul Staats, 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



November BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

Rachel Schermer, November 1
Heather Colwell, November 2
Jane Schermer, November 9
Jill Waite, November 12
Ken Mitchell, November 13
Theresa Kaufman, November 22
Gregory Johnstone, November 23
Judi Hubbard, November 26

Roger Shaw, November 27
Jace Winter, November 28
Jenifer Kaufman, November 29
Naomi Kraiger, November 30

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mark & Amy Ostwald, November 27

Breeze way to Sanctuary is prepped and ready for carpet. Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



Naomi, Carmon, & Ruth Ann 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.

Ken Mitchell for providing bulletin cover art.

Everyone who donates to the

Food Bank, Salvation Army.

Sarah Channel, Liz Ellis, Diane Hanson, and Kathy Wehage (and to anyone I forgot) for special readings/events on Indigenous Peoples Sunday.

LAT committee for decorating for Reformation Sunday.

Everyone who helps out for Sunday services

Marti Debandt holds up the beautifully carved garden sign in memory of her son Chris. Sign was lovingly made by Arvid Iverson.

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED

- **Habitat for Humanity** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$51.79
- **Family Promise** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$51.79
- **Union Gospel Mission** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$51.79
- **PLU** thanks Amazing Grace for a donation of \$51.79

Lynette Lile and Vicky Mitchell shower love on little Annie. Joe and Ashlynn Fernandez made sure Annie wore a name tag today!

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Sunday, 11/5 is our annual remembrance of those who died in the last year or so. Please **send the office the names of**

those you would like to have named aloud during the service. During the service there will be time for lighting candles for them and for all our losses.



UNION GOSPEL MISSION

November 7

Kristine Finazzo, Leader

Michelle Weiberg, Lynette Lile, Marti Debandt, Guy Harper, Kris Gienger

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 & POTLUCK



BAKERS---START YOUR OVENS!!

Our annual Pie Auction and Potluck will be on Sunday, Nov. 19th after church. We will have a Silent as well as Live auction. If you have items for

auction, please provide a description for them. Silent auction items will be available for viewing online. We appreciate other donations in addition to pies so be thinking about what you might donate! Our contributions will be used again this year to support E.LF.---Elevate Local Families throughout our community.

COLD WEATHER SUPPLIES

Chaplains on the Harbor is actively involved in several ministries serving the unhoused. We can offer support in two ways.

- 1.) Prayer for their ministries as well as the unhoused members of our county.
- 2.) Donations of tarps, sleeping bags, warm socks, winter coats and rain gear.

Items can be placed in the designated basket in the fellowship hall.

Thank you so much for your generous and steadfast support.



Suzan Stegemoeller - Out Reach Chair - (360) 249-6986

SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

In addition to food items for the Salvation Army food bank, Kim, our coordinator says toothbrushes,

toothpaste, combs, and shampoo are needed.

All your contributions are sincerely appreciated.

Judi Hubbard--just one of our representatives

STREAMERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SERVICE VIDEO

We'll train you! Can you devote a Sunday morning once every 4-6 weeks? We have an easy-to-follow protocol on the computer system in the back of the church to run the video and sound system.

It's all set up to work seamlessly. And there are several people that can help if you have questions. Talk to Keith, Amy or Xander if interested or email the church office at amazing111@comcast.net

Ruth Ann displays the steeple model made by her grandfather 100 years ago. Although this model was not chosen for Our Savors due to weight it certainly would fit on a grand cathedral! Keith Lile is impressed by this handmade model.

Photo taken and submitted by Kathy Wehage and submitted by Diane Hanson.



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.

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 and

supplies so this is something you do not feel like you should already know how to do.

If you have questions/comments or would like to serve in this capacity please contact the church office or Pastor Doug or Lynette Lile.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Family Promise currently has two Guest families in our Shelter Program. We welcomed Angel Damasiewicz as our Family Support Coordinator in September 2023. Angel was raised on the Harbor and has a desire to see the families of Grays Harbor

thrive.

Life skill-building classes and case management support are now available through Family Promise for anyone in our community whether they are staying in our Shelter or not. If you or someone you know is

interested in getting help with employment or housing searches or budgeting and financial literacy, please contact Angel at (360)986-3948 or fscfamilypromisegh@gmail.com for more information.



It's time for our Annual Holiday Quilt Raffle! This year we are featuring two beautiful quilts. Tickets for these art handiworks are \$2 each and the winners will be drawn on Friday, December 8, 2023. For Tickets or more information, please contact Family Promise at 360-986-3944 or familypromisegraysharbor@gmail.com.

WANT TO BE AN ELF?

ELF stands for Elevate Local Families

This Christmas season we will again provide Gift Cards to families in need. Families can then have the joy of shopping for their own family. Our teachers and social worker connections help us find the families in most need.

Your donations and pie auction bidding make this possible. Please bring gift cards (or a donation) to the church office (or put in offering plate marked for ELF). We ask that the gift cards be Walmart or Visa gift cards. \$50 cards would be a useful denomina-

tion. Any amount is appreciated and will be pooled with other donations to reach the appropriate amount per family.

In addition we'll make a small gift bag with holiday goodies and we'll include the gift cards. We will need donations of small containers of nuts, holiday cookies, candy, etc. for the gift bags. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Bring these donations to the parish hall or church office by **Sunday, December 10. Questions?** Contact Amy Ostwald aaostwald@gmail.com or 360-482-2306

GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

CHRISTMAS CAROLING!!

SAVE THE DATE

Looking ahead, please mark **Sunday, Dec. 10th**, for our annual caroling event. We will meet at 3 pm at the church to go caroling at our shut-ins. We will return to church about 5 pm for yummy chili and hot chocolate.

The Barkstrom chefs will be making their classic chili. Hopefully, our "mens auxiliary" will be available to stay behind to prepare for our return!! Look forward to seeing you at these fun activities!!!



Looking into the room facing 4th Street.
Photo taken and submitted by *Diane Hanson*.



Sam, RES COM employee, works diligently in hallway to bathroom. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Pastor Doug and Joe Fernandez crack up as little Annie inquires about membership class and voting rights!
Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.



Finishing the face board in the Fellowship Hall after carpet was laid. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth and families will meet Sunday, Nov. 5th following worship in the fireside room.



4-F DINNER

Saturday, Nov. 11, eat in 4-F dinner is back !!! Pot roast and fixings. Pick-up will also be available starting at 4:30. The people dining in come at 5:00. We

will again be charging \$25. More details to follow. Carmon will be taking reservations.

-Judi Hubbard



MIKKEL THOMPSON PLU CONCERT TRIP DECEMBER 3

If you want to attend the PLU Christmas concert on December 3rd, please sign up with Sarah Channel after service or at the Church Office. Tickets are \$40. The concert begins at 2 pm so if you're riding in one of the vans, we'll leave from the church parking lot at 11:30 am.

If the cost of tickets is prohibitive to your attendance, please contact Sarah Channel, chan-nel924@gmail.com. There are scholarships available in honor of Mikkel Thompson, former minister at Trinity. Rev. Thompson's memorial fund was left to bring music to Grays Harbor and this trip, in addition to the new pianos, is one of the ways we honor Rev. Thompson's memory.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Attention all Thrivent members!! Please designate your choice dollars by March 31. These go into our maintenance account. Thanks, Judi Hubbard

RES COM employee carefully places one carpet square at a time in the Fellowship Hall.

Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.

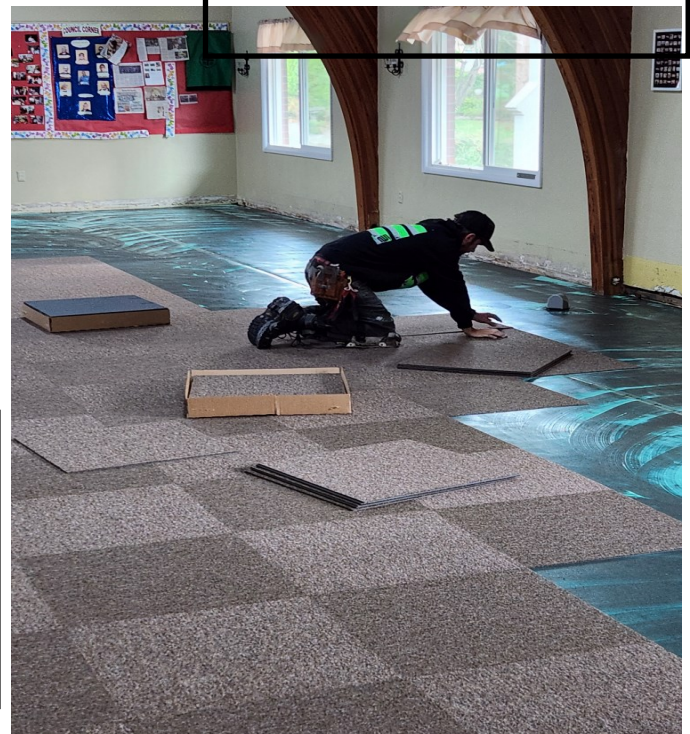
MUSIC PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

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

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



The new carpet in the alley entrance looks like a welcoming place where grace happens. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Our trip to Chapman Farms Pumpkin Patch was filled with beautiful weather, wonderful company, and fun memories. We have established a new tradition and are already looking forward to our trip next fall! Thanks to all who were able to attend. A special thank you to Darci Jewett for driving families from Family Promise to join along in the festivities with us.

Michelle and Joan lost in the corn maze!
Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg



Maks found the perfect pumpkin!
Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg



Sasha, Kris and Debby enjoying the beautiful sunshine!
Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg



Curtis, Shayna, Baby John and Robin enjoying yummy refreshments at Chapman Farms.
Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg



Eilidh waiting for her wagon ride.
Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg

Look who hopped by to greet us at the pumpkin patch?
Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg



We were so glad Murrell and Percy from Family Promise could join us at the pumpkin patch.
Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg



Three precious pumpkins - Eilidh, Maks, and Sasha
Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg



FAMILY PROMISE OF GRAYS HARBOR UPDATE



Please join us for a concert to benefit Family Promise of Grays Harbor!

A Tribute to John Denver with Ted Vigil

November 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM

7th St Theatre Hoquiam, WA

Tickets are \$25.00 and are available at Harbor Drug, Valu Drug, by calling 360-986-3944 or by visiting familypromiseofgraysharbor.org.

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes September 19th, 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 Doug, Mark Smalley, Mike Barkstrom, Lynette Lile, Sarah Channel, Suzan Stegemoeller, Tara Main, Diane Hanson, and Michelle Weiberg

I. Call to Order – Mark Smalley 6:15

Appointment of time keeper and **start recording**

II. Prayer and Devotions

Opening Prayer & Devotions – Lynette

Whatever we ask according to your will, we know is heard.

Next Month Sarah

III. Establish Quorum

IV. Review and Approve Agenda M/S/P

Added under Property: i. Conditions of Entry Signs, Youth & Family: ii. Children's sermo

V. Approve minutes from meetings: August 15th 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. Next Steps in Interim Process – Pastor Doug

Discussed next steps and the difference between the Call Committee/Transition Committee. The council will ponder who can be part of the Transition Committee-looking for people who have a broad representation for the congregation.

The steps in Interim Process will be made available to the congregation in the parish hall on a bulletin board.

B. Carpet for Fellowship Hall – Mike

- Council members were provided with two bids from Mike. (1) ResCom: \$19,000-\$25,000. (2) Carpet One: \$37,000 +cost.

Mike's recommendation is to go with ResCom bid.

Motion to accept the ResCom bid. **M/S/P**

Funding will come from a donation in the amount of \$20,000. Gift form will be used to indicate where the remaining funds will go if costs are less than \$20,000. If the cost is greater than \$20,000, the additional costs will come out of the maintenance account.

C. Vicky's days and hours change – Diane

VII. Ministry team reports: (30 min)

A. Worship – Sarah

-A request was made to go back to using cups for communion.

-The worship committee will be meeting on the first. Once there is a solution, Sarah will notify the council.

i. Candle lighter and bell snuffer

Will discuss it at next month's council meeting.

ii. Easter Candle is broken

The new candle came in. Sarah needs to put it up.

B. Outreach – Suzan

-A lot of people contributed to God's Work Our Hands. Eileen and Arlene will thank the congregation for participating.

-Suzan has not heard back from Barb about Chaplains on the Harbor and is not sure whether the cold weather shelter is happening. If the cold weather shelter doesn't happen Suzan spoke with Charlie about collecting cold weather items and turning them to the Union Gospel Mission. Suzan will keep working on the cold weather task.

-Clothing that was collected by other churches in the area for teens who are low income or surf on couches is put out for high schoolers to use. They had left over clothes with no place to store them. Suzan was asked by a member of the congregation if the church could store them in our facility. It was suggested to Suzan to try the Teen Shelter or the High school/ Harbor High clothing banks.

-Suzan Spoke with Theresa Snow at Olive Crest, Church and Community Engagement and Independent Living Services, a non-profit agency. They oversee foster homes and families in Grays Harbor, Pacific, and Thurston County's. Suzan did a quick overview of what they need help with. Discussed how they want the information to be presented to council and congregation.

-AA will be moving/storing their supplies into the Sunday school room, so they don't disturb bell choir.

-Suzan will be meeting with the Synod Council. She will provide more information at the next council meeting.

C. Youth & Family – Michelle

Michelle would like to put on a dinner to raise money to do fun activities with the youth.

-October 1st- The youth will meet

-Oct. 8th- after fellowship, congregation members/families are invited to attend Chapman Farms pumpkin patch. Information will be in Grace Notes and Spirit inviting the congregation to join us.

-Curriculum- possibly using new curriculum called BE BOLD by Group Children's Ministry.

-Thank You- All families commented how much the kids enjoyed the children's sermon given by Pastor Doug on Sept. 10th

i. Larger Family Friendly Sanctuary Space,

-Discussed the moving of the pews in the back of the sanctuary to be more family friendly. Will review the change in a year, which will include a congregational meeting to discuss.



Motion to move forward with the movements that was discussed. Mike will discuss logistics with William and others. 1 pew in the sanctuary (at the back) will be removed and put against a wall in the parish hall. Then another pew in the back will be turned around so it's facing towards the back. Mike will contact ResCom about getting a piece of car pet mounted to that area. **M/S/P**

ii. Childrens sermon

Discussed getting additional people involved in presenting sermons and what resources to use for sermons. A schedule will be made.

D. Fellowship – Lynette

-Church directories are out and distributed. Thanks to Amy and Arlene.

- Celebration 2023 had a walkthrough rehearsal. There will be a cake during fellowship after the 20th Sunday Anniversary service.

- Color books as part of the celebration 2023 are done.

-Pie Auction is set for Nov. 19th.

-Lynette wrote an article for Grace Notes, Bulletin, Spirit Newsletter to invite people to consider bringing communion to our shut-ins. Will be working together with Pastor Doug.

E. Property – Mike

i. Conditions of Entry signs

Motion to have Mike discuss with Darci if Family Promise would like Conditions of Entry signs on the first floor of the fellowship hall. **M/S/P.**

ii. Toilets

-Maintenance committee would like to replace three toilets in the church building with comfort type toilets. Funding for this project will come from the Maintenance account or from Endowment.

Motion to replace the three toilets, will use Elway as the plumber, the funds will either come from Maintenance or from Endowment. **M/S/P**

VIII. Pastor's Report

-Reports will only be updates on upcoming events.

IX. Financial Reports: (30 min)

A. Treasurer's Report –Tara

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

ii. Financial Secretary's Report – Tara

X. Task Assignments

XI. Adjournment and closing prayer - Lynette

8:27



Interim Pastors Report October 2023

It has been a busy month of getting to know the good people of Amazing Grace and worshiping with you all. You, good and faithful Council, are truly an amazing group of people!

September held the wonderful weekend of worship and celebration as you re-dedicated the stained glass windows, lifted up 20 years as a congregation together, and acknowledged the good of the ministries that make up this holy place. This council is now taking that next step of working to form the Transition Team that will lead us into the next phase of transition toward calling a new pastor.

As you “decide” who will be on the Transition Team (as per the Transition and Call Manual, pg. 7 “The Church Council appoints a team, usually 5-7 members...”) it is important to look for “discerning” people. Again, “In the process of deciding, authorized leaders are in charge of the decision. In the process of

discernment, all invested parties are included and have an important voice (Transition and Call Manual pg. 3)”.

Looking ahead then to the formation of this team, I think it is good for us to consider “what are the key questions we want to ask of ourselves during this time of transition? (Transition and Call Manual pg. 5).” The three main goals for the transition team are to: “Increase engagement, grow in clarity about the congregation’s mission, and complete a Ministry Site Profile (pg. 7).”

The journey ahead looks long, but we will take it one step at a time, knowing and trusting that God goes with us every step of the way.

God’s Peace,

Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller 360-339-3773

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Below is my running calendar for Amazing Grace:

Oct. 1 - Worship with Amazing Grace / PSALM meeting / Worship comm.
3 - Office hours (12:noon) / Interim Pastor Zoom / Executive meeting
4 - Office hours
9-13 - FYI: Jury Duty calls
10 - Office hours / visitation
11 - Office hours
15 - Worship with Amazing Grace
17 - Office hours (12:noon) / Council meeting
18 - Office hours
24 - Office hours
25 - Office hours
29 - Worship with Amazing Grace / Confirmation: MJ (MaizieJane Jewitt)
31 - Office hours

Nov. 1 - Office hours
7 - Office hours / Interim Pastor Zoom
8 - Office hours
12 - Worship with Amazing Grace
14 - Office hours (12:noon) / Executive meeting
15 - Office hours
21 - Office hours (12:noon) / Council meeting
22 - Office hours
26 - Worship with Amazing Grace
28 - Office hours
29 - Office hours

Dec. 3 - Worship with Amazing Grace
5 - Office hours / Interim Pastor Zoom
6 - Office hours
12 - Office hours (12:noon) / Executive meeting
13 - Office hours
17 - Worship with Amazing Grace
19 - Office hours (12:noon) / Council meeting
20 - Office hours
24 - Christmas Eve / Worship with Amazing Grace 10:00 am & 7:00 pm.
26 - Office hours
27 - Office hours



Amazing four fishermen spent as much time in fellowship as fishing on the Willapa Bay. (right picture) John Tieder-Gene Schermer (left picture) Mike Hubbard- Roger Shaw

Photo submitted by Judi Hubbard



SEPTEMBER BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH INCOME STATEMENT Month Ending Sept. 30, 2023 General Fund	AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL BALANCE SHEET September 30, 2023
Revenue	ASSETS
General Fund \$ 12,079.55	General Fund \$ 17,536.13
Youth Fund \$ -	Youth Fund -
Memorial Fund \$ 0.24	Memorial Fund 2,356.89
M Thompson/Piano \$ 0.98	Thompson/Piano Fund 5,505.50
Total Revenue <u>\$ 12,080.77</u>	Prepaid Insurance 1,813.67
	Prepaid Website 72.00
	Total Assets <u>\$ 27,284.19</u>
Expenses	LIABILITIES
Pastoral \$ 5,980.10	Accounts Payable \$ -
Payroll \$ 2,970.95	Salaries Payable \$ 5,980.10
Payroll Taxes \$ 862.66	Federal Taxes Payable \$ 634.20
Worship \$ 176.29	WA State Taxes Payable \$ 425.69
Supplies \$ 1,315.22	Total Liabilities \$ 7,039.99
Utilities \$ 1,099.48	CHURCH EQUITY
Software \$ 134.90	Church Equity \$ 20,244.20
Misc \$ 87.06	Total Liabilities and Equity <u>\$ 27,284.19</u>
Insurance \$ 804.75	
Piano \$ 6,169.49	
Total Expenses <u>\$ 19,600.90</u>	
Net Income <u>\$ (7,520.13)</u>	
AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH General Church Equity Month Ending Sept. 30, 2023	
Beginning Equity \$ 27,614.43	
Net Income \$ (7,520.13)	
Benevolences \$ (1,251.41)	
Outstanding Benevolences \$ 1,401.31	
Equity Sept 30, 2023 <u>\$ 20,244.20</u>	



**MAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
INCOME STATEMENT**

**Month Ending Sept 30,2023
Maintenance Fund**

Revenue	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 17,797.94
Deposits	\$ 100.00
4F Dinner	\$ -
Thrivent	\$ 23.00
Family Promise Maint Fund	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 17,920.94
Total in FP Maint Fund	\$800.00
Expenses	
Home Depot	\$ 274.53
Carpet Cleaning	\$ 455.00
Total Expenses	\$ 729.53
Net Income	\$ 17,191.41

**MAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Maintenance Equity**

Month Ending Sept 30, 2023

Beginning Equity	\$ 17,797.94
Net Income	\$ 123.00
Less Withdrawals	\$ 729.53
Equity Sept 30,2023	\$ 17,191.41

**AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN
MAINTENANCE BALANCE SHEET
September 30, 2023**

ASSETS	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 17,191.41
Total Assets	\$ 17,191.41
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	
Total Liabilities	\$ -
CHURCH EQUITY	
Maintenance Equity	\$ 17,191.41
Total Liabilites and Equity	\$ 17,191.41



Tara Main, church treasurer, hard at work paying the bills and managing the books.

Thank you, Tara! Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.

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

Ministers: The People of
Amazing Grace

Office Administrator: Vicky Kolb

Church office: 111 E. 4th Street
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amazing111@comcast.net
amazinggraceaberdeen.org



Pianist: Kristine Burns

OFFICE HOURS

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

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.



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NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

November 5 All Saints Sunday

Presider: Pastor Doug
Liturgist: Laura Carle
Reader: Joelle Buckman
Ushers/Greeters: Mike Hubbard & Madison Winter
Depositors: Greg Johnstone & Kathy Wehage
Fellowship Hosts: Lile, D. Erickson, Bilderback, Burns
Communion setup: Cynthia Johnstone
Stream Team: Xander Johnstone

November 12

Presider: Hank Bilderback
Preach: Mike Hildreth
Children's Sermon: Mike Hildreth
Liturgist: Greg Johnstone
Reader: Carmon Shaw
Communion Assistants: Darci Jewitt & Theresa Kaufman
Ushers/Greeters: Jim & Michelle Weiberg
Depositors: Joelle Buckman & Anneliese Kraiger
Fellowship Hosts: Carle, Torgerson, Smalley/Safstrom
Communion setup: Laura Carle
Stream Team: Amy Ostwald

November 19 Pie Auction-potluck

Presider: Joelle Buckman
Preach: Vicki Mitchell
Children's Sermon: Diane Hanson
Liturgist: Keith Lile
Reader: Theresa Kaufman
Communion Assistants: Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller
Ushers/Greeters: Dee Erickson & Arlene Torgerson
Depositors: Mike Hubbard & Mark Ostwald
Fellowship Hosts: Shaw, Green, O'Connor, Lokken
Communion setup: Carmon Shaw
Stream Team: Xander Johnstone



November 26

Presider: Pr. Doug Knutson-Keller
Liturgist: Hank Bilderback
Reader: Greg Johnstone
Communion Assistants: Mark Smalley & Joelle Buckman
Ushers/Greeters: Naomi Kraiger & Theresa Kaufman
Depositors: Carmon Shaw & Ruth Ann Carlson
Fellowship Hosts: Hanson, Erwin, Seelke, Main
Communion setup: Tara Main
Stream Team: Keith Lile

Mike Barkstrom, Roger Shaw and John Tieder relaxing.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30	2 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	3	4
5 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY REMEM- BERANCE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	6	7 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3	8 HANDBELLS 6 AA 5:30-6:30	9 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	10	11 4-F DINNER PICK-UP 4:30 DINING IN- 5:00 VETERANS DAY
12 9 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP	13	14 HANDSEWERS 9-3 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3	15 QUILTING 9-12 AA POTLUCK & MEETING 4:30-7:00	16 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	17	18 CRAFTING GROUP 12-4
19 9 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP	20	21 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3 COUNCIL MEETING 6pm	22 HANDBELLS 6 AA 5:30-6:30	23 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3 	24	25
26 9 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOWSHIP	27	28 HANDSEWERS 9-3 SENIOR ART GROUP 10-3	29 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30	30 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3		

UPCOMING EVENTS
First Sunday of Advent—December 3

PLU concert-December 3

Christmas Caroling-December 10



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