

# THE SPIRIT

January 2024



As Christmas is upon us we await the birth of Jesus, the birth of a new year and the beginning of a new chapter in the life of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. The Transition Team has been meeting and working through their process to best gather and understand the vision and mission for this congregation moving forward as the call of a pastor appears on the horizon. There is much work for all of us to do and I give thanks to this team for their time and work now and into the future.

The Church Council has worked with the numbers and finance people to present a new budget for the new year. Your council has had prayerful deliberations and made thoughtful decisions for the health, vitality and well-being of this congregation.

Your music and worship teams, alter guild, worship arts people and PSALM'ists have kept beautiful and meaningful worship happening.

## TRANSITION TEAM, AMAZING GRACE, DECEMBER, 2023

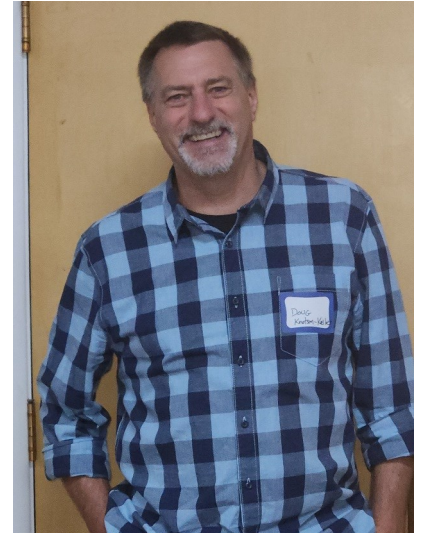
The Transition Team of William Rabung, Kristine Finazzo, Marti Debrant, Sarah Channel, Mike Hildreth and Vicki Mitchell has met three times as of December, 2023 and has:

- \* Prepared the first draft of possible questions to pose to all congregants, neighbors, community members and groups who participate at Amazing Grace Church.
- \* Created a user- friendly bookmark featuring Amazing Grace's Mission and Vision for congregants to prayerfully consider prior to their interviews, e-mailed or written responses are conducted or otherwise received.
- \* Prepared progress reports about the Team's work for the church Newsletter, Bulletin and Transition Board in Parish Hall.
- \* Contemplated creating a visual (poster) representation of the Transition Team's progress to post in Parish Hall.

The outreach team and other groups and members have made certain that we continue our ministries focused outward to those in need (food bank, Chaplains on the harbor, Salvation Army, etc.) All this while still caring for our beautiful facility... thank you building and grounds people.

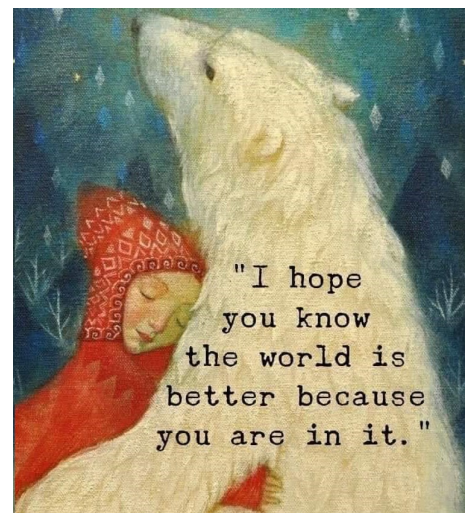
I continue to be impressed and "Amazed" at the vitality of this congregation and I am excited to journey into this New Year with you all.

God's Peace, Pr.  
Doug Knutson-Keller



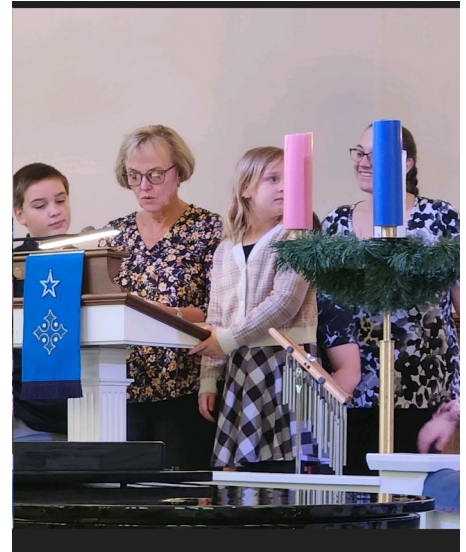
- \* Considered best methods for collecting and tracking congregants' answers.
- \* Created an email system for sharing team comments, questions and proposals; and to act as a clearinghouse for data collection, review and assimilation.
- Set January 7, 2024 for kick-off Transition event with the congregation (and our next meeting).

Written by Vicki Mitchell



Lighting of the Advent wreath by Kristine Finazzo, Nicole Ev-  
anson, Nicholas and Isabella.

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



## WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of every-  
thing, 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 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** Chris Castillo, K.  
Bramstedt, Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller, Janice  
Harder, Sam Rabung, Kristin Mullen, Pastor Eric  
Utto-Galarneau and family, Arlene O'Connor, Tobi  
Buckman, Monica Olden, Cheri, Dana, Susan By-  
lund, Dacey, Dean Christianson, Emmersyn, Josiah,  
Yvette Koerner, Mert Turner, Audra Wieler, Mi-  
chael Silver, Helen Velling, Cher, Linda, Tom Plum-  
lee



## January BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS:

Aden Kincaid, January 4  
Madison Green, January 5  
Dennis Morrisette, January 6  
Jean Hodge, January 7  
Carmon Shaw, January 10  
Jim Weiberg, January 13  
Marge Kelling, January 17  
Maurita White, January 18  
Darrell Lokken, January 19  
Erik Kupka, January 22

Jacob Natwick, January 22  
Morgan Erickson, January 25  
Cynthia Johnstone, January 29

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Chris & Hiedi Seelke, January 1  
Suzan & Phil Stegemoeller, January 5  
Roger & Carmon Shaw, January 9  
Mike & Karen Barkstrom, January 23



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

**Diane Hanson** for assisting Vicky in the office

weekly.

**Helpers** who take food down to the Food Bank, Sal-  
vation Army and Cold Weather Shelter.

**Kris, Sascha, and Macs Geinger; Kristine Finazzo, Nicole Evanson and family; Madison Winter; Marti DeBandt and Diane Hanson & Kathy Wehage** for lighting the candles during Advent.

**Choir** for singing on December 3rd

**Everyone** who gave donations to Undie Sunday.

**Everyone** who donated to E.L.F. program

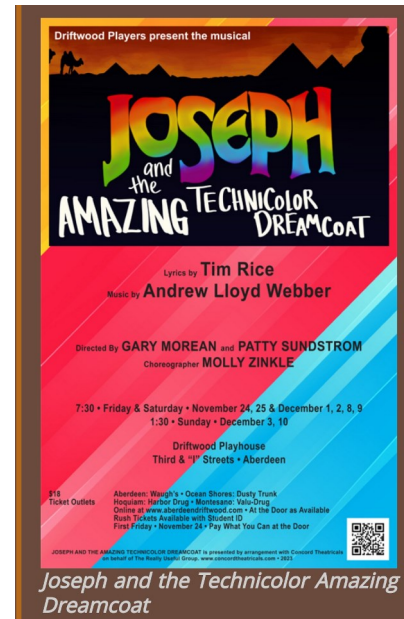
**Everyone** who donated Poinsettias.

**Everyone** who participated in Christmas Caroling. Pictures throughout newsletter.

### **E.L.F. THANK YOU'S**

Many thanks to the entire congregation for supporting the E.L.F. (Elevate Local Families) program through your very generous donations to the pie auction. Additional thanks to all those that also brought in nuts and goodies for the gift bags and those that purchased additional gift cards. Approximately 60 families were served with a gift card (from \$50 to \$175 depending on the number of children in the family). Additionally, dozens of families from the

Hopkins preschool were provided \$25 gift cards for Safeway. Special thanks to the ELF helpers that gathered info about families to serve or helped prepare the gift bags: Carrie Erwin, Joni Hildreth, Michelle Weiberg, Laura Carle, Debbie Colangelo, Lynette Lile, Joan Rabung, Darci Jewitt, Joelle Buckman and more.



Youth and their families thoroughly enjoyed attending the driftwood play, “Joseph and the technicolor dreamcoat” thanks to an anonymous donor from AGLC! What a blessing for our families!!

*Photo submitted by Michelle Weiberg*

## THANK YOU AGLC YOUTH

Thank you to AGLC youth for entertaining the congregation with energetic music and a sound-filled version of the story of Jesus' birth, "The Sounds of Christmas".

The Oscars go to: Madison and Jace Winter; Nicholas and Isabella Evensen; Maize Jane Hewitt; Eilidh Channel; Maks and Sasha Gienger; and our guest youth, Keith Lyle! Parents - Thank you for bringing your children to Saturday and Sunday morning practice. Sarah Channel - for organizing and leading practice on Saturday; Diane Hanson - for assisting at Saturday and Sunday practice; Darci Jewitt - for leading the youth during the program on Sunday;

Maisie Jane - for surprising everyone at Saturday practice with the gift of music from the AHS choir! And to our congregation for your everlasting love and support of the youth at AGLC!



The young people's Christmas program was narrated by Eilidh Channel. *Photo taken by Kathy Wehage and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Alleluia! Jesus is born! Christmas program. *Photo taken by Kathy Wehage and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



The young people led the congregation in song as part of the Christmas program. *Photo taken by Kathy Wehage and submitted by Diane Hanson.*



Maize Jane Jewitt hired the high school caroling choir to come and sing holiday songs during the Saturday Christmas rehearsal. Thank you, MJ!! It was very special. *Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*

## THANKS WE'VE RECEIVED

- **PLU thanks** Amazing Grace for a donation of \$52.01
- **Dear Church Members at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church**

Thank you for your generous gift of **\$560.21** this year for our companion partners in Namibia. The funds will be used to help staff, schools, hostels and a hospital operated by our partners in Namibia.

We look forward to working with you in the next year as we continue our long-lasting partnership, and we are grateful for the addition of Joelle Buckman, Diane Hanson and Suzan Stegemoeller to the Synod's Namibia Task Force.

-Bishop Rick Jaech

- **Dear Church Partner**

Thank you so much for your church's support of Olive Crest. We look forward to expanding our relationship with you in the new year.

Here are some really cool numbers from this last year:

44,799 - Families were strengthened

318 - Transitional aged youth were equipped for life

5,000 - Children and families were served everyday

412,242 - Cumulative days that children experience safe days

98.9% - of children in our care found safety and stability

83,148 - Counselling sessions happened

3,692,254 - Volunteer hours were given

We do not take it lightly that you are a part of these lives changed. We would not have as many successes like these to report without your investment into the lives of these children and families.

Merry Christmas and Holiday Blessings to you, from the Olive Crest Staff in Grays Harbor

## SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

### UNION GOSPEL MISSION

**January 2**

Vicki Mitchell, Leader

Dorothy Stephens, Pam Alstrom, Joan Rabung

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.



### ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLETS

The office will distribute to

the congregation on January  
14th.

## UNDIE SUNDAY

Here are the totals:  
54 pairs of women's socks  
94 women's briefs  
4 women's tee-shirts  
144 pairs men's socks  
74 men's briefs  
18 men's tee-shirts  
1 hat  
1 pair of gloves

WOW!!!

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you Tara Main for making it all happen!!

**UNDIE SUNDAY!** The baskets are overflowing with donations.

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



## VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Preparations are underway for Valentine care packages for our college age youth from AGLC! We gladly accept donations of small snack items: granola bars, microwave popcorn, oatmeal packets, small packages of gum, tea/hot cocoa/cider packets, crackers, candy, etc. Monetary donations are gladly

accepted to help purchase mailing boxes, postage, or snack items. Please submit recipient's names and addresses to Vicky in the church office by February 4th. These little packages are such a blessing for our college age kiddos to receive.

## FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

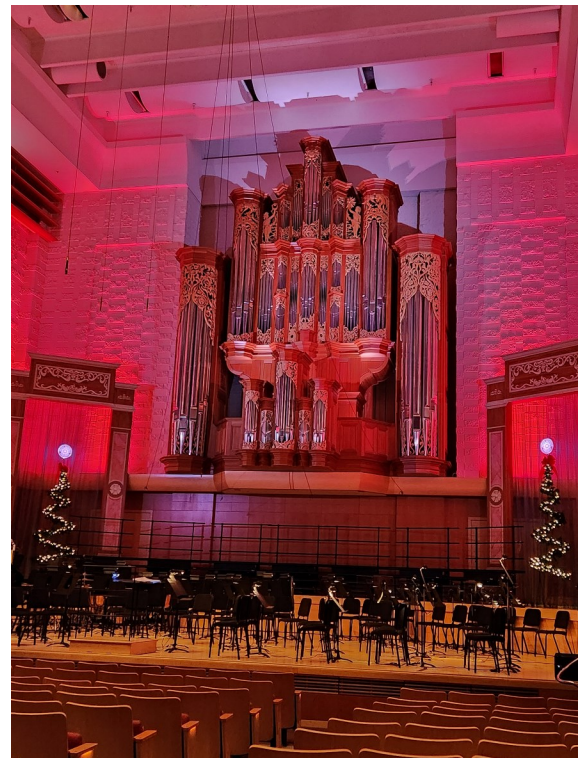
We are seeking volunteers to serve as evening and weekend Day Center Hosts. Volunteer Orientation and training are provided. Please contact Angel at

(360)986-3948 or [fscfamilypromisegh@gmail.com](mailto:fscfamilypromisegh@gmail.com) for more information or to request an application and background check consent form.



Diane Hanson, Naomi Kraiger, and Kathy Wehage arrive early for the annual Pacific Lutheran University Christmas concert.

*Submitted by Diane Hanson.*



The beautiful organ at the P.L.U. concert.

*Photo taken and submitted by Diane Hanson.*

## URGENT NEED FOR WARMTH!!

There are roughly 100 unhoused people living in Aberdeen.

They are in need of heat.

You can help by providing propane canisters: Coleman, 8 to 9 inches tall, dark green, in packs of 2 for \$10 per pack, available at Walmart and Bi-Mart.

Bring them to church and place in the "Cold Weather Supplies" basket in the parish hall.

Thank you so very much for extending God's love to these very vulnerable children of God.

For more information contact Suzan Stegemoeller, (360) 580-3407.

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## 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

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## PRAYER REQUEST PROTOCOL

When requesting prayer for yourself or another, please specify if you'd like the person's name printed in the Sunday bulletin (public) or sent out via email to the Prayer Chain (confidential).

Some just want one or the other, while others want the name in both venues. Please indicate what your wishes are. Requests early in the week have a better chance of the name being printed in the Sunday bulletin.

Prayers are requested by sending an email to: Kathy Wehage at [kwehage55@yahoo.com](mailto:kwehage55@yahoo.com) or Brenda Grant at [Brenda\\_k\\_grant@hotmail.com](mailto:Brenda_k_grant@hotmail.com)

Due to confidentiality issues, we trust that you have checked with the person you are requesting prayers for and that it is OK that their name is put out to the public.

Thank you,  
Kathy and Brenda

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## STREAMERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SERVICE VIDEO

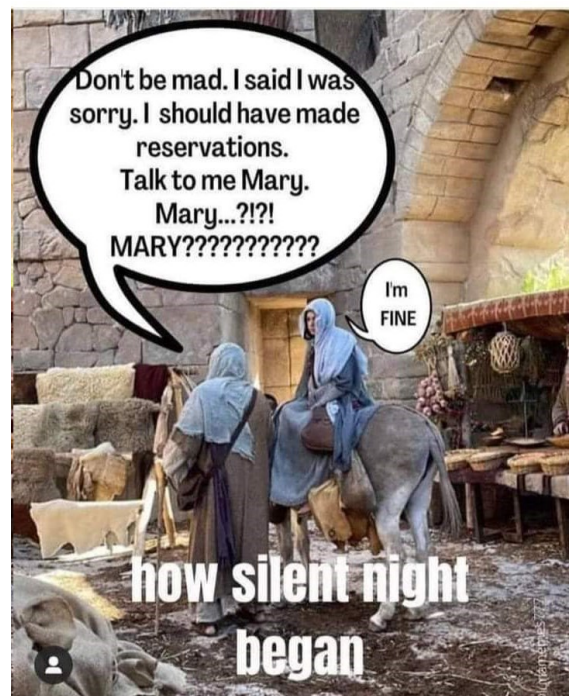
We'll train you! Can you devote a Sunday morning once every 4-6 weeks? We have an easy-to-follow protocol on the computer system in the back of the church to run the video and sound system.

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 [amaz-ing111@comcast.net](mailto:amaz-ing111@comcast.net)

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## 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



## COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

The Home Communion team is working to ensure that those people who request Communion at home receive it once a month or as needed.

Our current team of Carmon Shaw and Mike Hildreth is assisted by Pastor Doug. We will expect to visit Mary Ann Major, Eileen Audett, Yvette Koerner, Lloyd Gill and Joyce Smith. If you know

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## PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know needs a call from the Pastor please contact Pastor Doug at 360.339.3773 and [doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com](mailto:doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com)

## GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth and families will meet Sunday, Jan. 7th following worship in the fireside room.

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## ADVENT GREETINGS FROM HOLDEN VILLAGE!

As we wait in hope & wonder for the coming Christmas holiday, we are looking forward to a winter season of learning, relationships, and joy in the Village. Registration is now open for Women's Retreat (<https://www.holdenvillage.org/calendar/womens-retreat-2/>), February 2nd-5th 2024. We hope you will consider joining us and help our invitation reach those in the congregations and communities you serve.

This year, we look forward to hosting cross-cultural advocate and chaplain Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, poet laureate of Bainbridge Island Michele Bombardier, and Kripalu yoga teacher & ski instructor Kathleen Grimbley. Through teaching sessions, group conversations, reflections, crafts, and outdoor adventures like snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, Women's Retreat will provide opportunities to build new relationships, rejuvenate past relationships, reconnect with the self, and join other women in conversation and recreation.

Holden Village uses an inclusive definition of women and welcomes trans women and non-binary folks. Attendees only need to identify as a woman in a way that is significant to them. Those in need of financial

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## QUILTER'S

If you are free on the 1st, 3rd or 5th Wednesday of a month come join us. We are working in the parish

of others that would like Home Communion please contact one of us or the church office. If you would like to join our team, let us know that as well. The Communion kits will be blessed on the first Sunday of each month at the altar before being sent out. Lynette Lile

Hard at work.

Photo submitted by Judi Hubbard



assistance are encouraged to apply for access funds at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH\\_sgcbHrkcgrv9IjLKHGagS9OZ3LKSu9hxE5cYbjo3d5BeQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH_sgcbHrkcgrv9IjLKHGagS9OZ3LKSu9hxE5cYbjo3d5BeQ/viewform)

You can register for the Women's Retreat by visiting the reservation page and entering your arrival day as February 2nd for a three-night stay. There is no extra fee for Women's Retreat participation and no special registration page.

Stay tuned to our website or sign up for our e-news to stay up to date on all happenings at Holden Village. Feel free to reach out to Holden Village Program here ([program@HoldenVillage.org](mailto:program@HoldenVillage.org)) for questions about the retreat's format and content. For questions about registration, boat tickets, or accommodations, please reach out to our Registrar ([registration@HoldenVillage.org](mailto:registration@HoldenVillage.org)).



hall from 9:00-12:00. And yes, we have a great coffee break at 10:30!



## 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.

### CAROLING IS BACK!!

Eighteen carolers loaded up in the Family Promise Van and three private cars. Our first stop was to Mike and Moonbeam's home, then off to GHR to see Mary Ann Major and Eileen Audett, next we wandered the halls of Pacific Care, off to Gloria Bilderback and family (Gloria as a former choir member said we sounded great) and last stop was Channel Point where Lloyd Gill and many residents were waiting for us in the common room.

Ruth Ann shared her piano talents and led us in song. Lloyd was all smiles when we sang happy birthday, It was also Jeanette Green's special day, so she also tolerated our singing of happy birthday with a smile. Madisen even played her clarinet to songs she knew. When we got back to church, Carmon called Joyce Smith and Yvette Koerner and we sang to them.

The "auxiliary" had Zanders special McCormick's chili ready for us to enjoy. Eileen and Elaine had treats for us. The fellowship everyone enjoyed was so special.

It was so great to be able to spread some JOY to many that may not have much this Christmas.

Thank you to Thrivent for the action card to cover expenses.

If you were not able to join us this year, I truly hope you can join us next year to help spread the joy! We sure had fun!

-Judi

Christmas Caroling to family member of Amazing Grace, Gloria Bilderback .

*Photo Submitted by Judi Hubbard*



Christmas Caroling to family member of Amazing Grace, Eileen Audett .

*Photo Submitted by Judi Hubbard*

Madison playing for carolers

*Photo submitted by Judi Hubbard*





It's great to sing.  
Photo submitted  
by Laura Carle



Ruthann Carlson accompa-  
nies the AG Christmas carol-  
ers at Channel Pointe in  
Hoquiam.

*Photo by Laura Carle.*



Loyd and daughter Pam were visited  
by A.G. carolers.

Photo submitted by Elaine Lokken

## Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes November 21, 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: Michelle Weiberg, Sarah Channel, Mark Smalley, Diane Hanson, Lynette Lile, Mike Barkstrom, Pastor Doug, Suzan Stegemoeller, Tara Main

### I. Call to Order – Mark Smalley 6:15pm

Appointment of time keeper and **start recording**

### II. Prayer and Devotions

#### A. Opening Prayer & Devotions – Michelle

How a meal from childhood takes you back. It's precious because it reminds us of who prepared it and who we shared it with. A meal is central to our relationships, Communion is central to our faith. It can also connect us to people who believe differently than us because we are one body in Christ. It also continues to connect us to those who are no longer with us.

#### B. Next Month Diane

### III. Establish Quorum

### IV. Review and Approve Agenda M/S/P

Added under Business items: A. Phil Stegemoeller, E. Visitation

### V. Approve minutes from meetings: October 17th 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. Phil Stegemoeller

Phil attended the council meeting and discussed what his duties are and where the gaps are in the system.

#### B. Transition Team update – Sarah

Team met two times, once with Rebecaa, and moving forward. The team has three goals they

would like to accomplish. Discussed what Transition team is working on and how they plan to meet with congregation members. The team will be selecting a leader at the next meeting.

- C. Annual Ministry Reports are due to Vicky by December 31<sup>st</sup> Mark Committee's need to get their reports in.
- D. Historical preservation committee and a financial record storage space – Diane Discussed forming a short-term committee to put everything in one room off the floor. It would be nice to have a historical library for the church.
- E. Visitation  
Discussed how to stay in contact with people who haven't been seen in church in a while and how to encourage people that they are free to contact Pastor for either a call or visitation.

**VII. Ministry team reports:** (30 min)

**A. Outreach – Suzan**

Sock and Underwear Sunday was changed to Undie Sunday. Collection baskets will be in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Food Bank- Joelle will contact Suzan about what the church needs to collect for the Christmas food baskets. Both food banks continue to need regular donations.

Cold Weather Supplies- There is no cold weather shelter currently. Suzan has been in contact with a representative from Chaplain's on the Harbor who let Suzan know that they are currently in need of propane and propane tanks for the tent encampment in Aberdeen. Suzan asked the council if this was something the church could provide. Suzan will get more information.

Good Gifts- Supplies have been ordered. Debby, Diane, and Suzan will put up and decorate the Good Gifts tree. Handmade ornaments will be made for the tree.

E.L.F. – pie auction went great. Money will go towards gift cards for local families who are struggling.

**B. Worship – Sarah**

Working on expanding the committee. A member brought up a concern to switch on how communion is done. In January there will be a meeting for those who help with ushering/greeting, communion assistance, altar guild, bread bakers and anyone one else to discuss the communion process.

L.A.T.- meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to decorate for Advent.

**C. Youth & Family – Michelle**

Meet once a month. In November the kids decorated cut out turkey's and wrote messages on them and delivered them when they did the meals at Union Gospel. In December they will do the story "Joseph and the coat of many colors". The youth and families will be attending the matinee of "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Driftwood theater on December 3. They will be able to attend thanks to an anonymous donor from the congregation. The kids love the family space in the sanctuary.

Sarah and Michelle are working on the children's Christmas program.

**D. Fellowship – Lynette**

1. Visitation ministry- Carmon Shaw, Michael Hildreth and Lynette Lile. Ministry met with Pastor Doug and worked out who's bringing communion to whom and when. Communion kits will be blessed on the first Sunday of the month.

2. Nov pie auction- The potluck and pie auction were well attended. The live auction raised over \$5,000. The silent auction will continue online until Friday and end of Sunday, Nov. 26 @ 11:30. Gary did an excellent

We wish you a Merry Christmas! Carolers visiting residents at Channel Pointe. Photo by Laura Carle.



job as an auctioneer.

3. 60 more coloring books were printed, and some were offered at the auction with the suggestion of giving a donation. We may talk more about the t-shirts Mitchell's donated as they could be used for future fund raising.

4. Christmas Caroling – December 10<sup>th</sup>  
3pm. Xander Johnstone will be providing the Chili.

#### E. Property – Mike

1. Organization of the Sanctuary basement
2. Counter tops- We are getting bids from ResCom and another firm associated with K and J design of Hoquiam. More to follow.
3. ResCom- Reinstalled the correct color carpet in a professional manner.
4. Family Friendly Area- mostly complete. Pews are moved and attached to the floor. A table has been set up and is in use. Maintenance is in the process of putting in some softening material to absorb noise when things are dropped. ResCom gave a back bid of \$1000 to install an affixed carpet that could be put down and not damage the floor when removed later if we change back. It was also suggested that an area rug would work too for \$200 or less. Gravity would hold it in place and should be easy to care for. More to follow. Motion to use \$300 from the general fund to buy carpet for the children's area in the sanctuary. **M/S/P**

Wish list for projects to work on in no specific order. Always looking for items to add to the list:

1. New carpet for sanctuary (either throughout or partial replacement)
2. Handrail backdoor steps of the parish hall.
3. Guard rail at the edge of the pit going into the church basement from the west end exterior entrance.
4. Leak in the church basement in heavy rains and just the right conditions.
5. Continued maintenance on the wooden staircase from the parking lot and chasing water leaks as they appear.

Decided not to mount plaques for contribution to stained-glass window since the list of all who contributed is extensive and all who gave need to be recognized.

#### Pastor's Report

##### Financial Reports: (30 min)

- A. Discussed appropriate steps to follow when purchasing materials for church and the need for a purchase request form to make sure that items are not purchased for the church that have not been approved by council.
- B. Discussed removing the VISA card from Vicki's desk to make Pastor or Council responsible for it's use.
  1. Treasurer's Report –Tara Approve October bills paid M/S/P
  2. Budget Meeting November 28th.
- a. Financial Secretary's Report – Tara
  1. Tara will remove the shading to make the report more legible.

#### Task Assignments

**Adjournment and closing prayer - Michelle 8:46**

#### PASTOR DOUG'S CALENDAR:

Dec. 3 - Worship with Amazing Grace  
5 - Office hours / Interim Pastor Zoom  
6 - Office hours  
7 - Bishops Euchrist @ St. Marks (10:am)  
12 - Office hours (12:noon) / Executive meeting (6:00

pm)  
13 - Office hours  
17 - Worship with Amazing Grace  
19 - Office hours (12:noon) / Council meeting (6:00 pm)  
20 - Office hours



Loyd Gill turned 102! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Loyd!

*Photo taken by Laura Carle.*

24 - Christmas Eve / Worship with Amazing Grace  
10:00 am & 7:00 pm.  
26 - Family Vacation (Leavenworth)  
27 - Family Vacation (Leavenworth)  
28 - Family Vacation (Leavenworth)  
Jan. 2 - Office hours  
3 - Office hours  
7 - Worship with Amazing Grace  
9 - Office hours (12:noon) / Executive  
10 - Office hours  
16 - Office hours (12:noon) / Council  
17 - Office hours  
21 - Worship with Amazing Grace  
23 - Office hours  
24 - Office hours  
30 - Office hours

31 - Office hours  
Feb. 4 - Worship with Amazing Grace  
6 - Office hours  
7 - Office hours  
13 - Office hours (12:noon) / Executive  
14 - Office hours (12:noon) / Ash Wednesday  
(7:pm)  
18 - Worship with Amazing Grace  
20 - Office hours (12:noon) / Council  
21 - Office hours (12:noon) / Lent Service (7:pm)  
25 - Worship with Amazing Grace  
27 - Office hours  
28 - Office hours (12:noon) / Lent Service (7:pm)  
March Worship with Amazing Grace: March: 20,  
24, 27, 28, 31

## NOVEMBER BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH INCOME STATEMENT Month Ending November 31, 2023 General Fund	AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL BALANCE SHEET November 31, 2023
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>ASSETS</b>
General Revenue                   \$ 37,767.20	General Fund                               \$ 36,121.50
\$ -	Youth Fund                               -
\$ -	Memorial Fund                         2,356.89
\$ -	Thompson/Piano Fund                 -
Total Revenue <u>\$ 37,767.20</u>	Prepaid Insurance                     4,311.45
	Prepaid Website                        24.00
	-
	Total Assets <u>\$ 42,813.84</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>LIABILITIES</b>
Pastoral                             \$ 3,966.19	Accounts Payable                       \$ -
Payroll                               \$ 3,197.50	Salaries Payable                       \$ -
Payroll Taxes                       \$ 188.41	Federal Taxes Payable                \$ 1,059.89
Worship                             \$ 1,106.87	WA State Taxes Payable               \$ -
Supplies                             \$ 61.87	Total Liabilities                       \$ 1,059.89
Utilities                             \$ 1,615.74	
Software                             \$ 245.55	<b>CHURCH EQUITY</b>
Misc                                 \$ 103.64	Church Equity                           \$ 41,753.95
Insurance                            \$ 1,077.86	Total Liabilities and Equity <u>\$ 42,813.84</u>
Balance Carpet                    \$ 10,000.00	
Total Expenses <u>\$ 21,563.63</u>	
Net Income <u>\$ 16,203.57</u>	
<b>AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH General Church Equity Month Ending November 31, 2023</b>	
Beginning Equity                   \$ 31,724.73	
Net Income                         \$ 16,203.57	
Benevolences                       \$ (1,174.35)	
Other Benevolences                \$ (5,000.00)	
\$ -	
Equity Oct 31, 2023 <u>\$ 41,753.95</u>	



**MAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INCOME STATEMENT**

Month Ending November 31, 2023  
**Maintenance Fund**

Revenue	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 17,079.25
Deposits	\$ 200.00
4F Dinner	\$ 1,863.90
Thrivent	\$ 247.00
Family Promise Maint Fund	\$ 100.00
11/27 Giving	\$ 1,550.00
	\$ -
Total Maint. Fund	\$ 21,040.15
Total in FP Maint Fund	\$1,100.00
Expenses	
Purchases	\$ 370.39
Balance Carpet	\$ 5,509.51
Elway Plumbing	\$ 575.47
Total Expenses	\$ 5,879.90
Net Income	\$ 15,160.25

**MAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Maintenance Equity**

Month Ending November 31, 2023

Beginning Equity	\$ 17,079.25
Net Income	\$ 3,960.90
Less Withdrawals	\$ 6,455.37
Equity Sept 30,2023	\$ 14,584.78

**AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN  
MAINTENANCE BALANCE SHEET**

November 31, 2023

ASSETS	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 14,584.78
Total Assets	\$ 14,584.78
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	
Total Liabilities	\$ -
CHURCH EQUITY	
Maintenance Equity	\$ 14,584.78
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 14,584.78

Note: 4f dinner was \$2071.00 less 10% discount



## 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](mailto:mkbarks1@gmail.com)- (360) 589-1393

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**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](mailto:amazing111@comcast.net)

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller 360.339.3773 and  
[doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com](mailto: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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Financial Secretary-This position unfilled. To be managed on a non-council basis and report to President..

# JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

## January 7

**Presider:** Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller  
**Liturgist:** Laura Carle  
**Reader/Communion Assistant:** Theresa Kaufman  
**Communion Bread Baker:** Dee Erickson  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Dee Erickson & Arlene Torgerson  
**Depositors:** Joelle Buckman & Kristine Finazzo  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Alstrom, Tieder, Johnstone  
**Communion setup:** Cynthia Johnstone  
**Stream Team:** Xander Johnstone

## January 14

**Presider:** Diane Hanson  
**Sermon:** Hank Bilderback  
**Young People's Message:** Diane Hanson  
**Liturgist:** Keith Lile  
**Reader/Communion Assistant:** Carmon Shaw  
**Communion Assistants:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller  
**Communion Bread Baker:** Dee Erickson  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Jim & Michelle Weiberg  
**Depositors:** Greg Johnstone & Ruth Ann Carlson  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Kaufman, Colangelo, Gienger, Mitchell  
**Communion setup:** Laura Carle  
**Stream Team:** Amy Ostwald

## January 21

**Presider:** Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller  
**Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback  
**Reader/Communion Assistant:** Joelle Buckman  
**Communion Assistants:** Kristine Finazzo & Diane Hanson  
**Communion Bread Baker:** Dee Erickson

**Ushers/Greeters:** Joan & William Rabung  
**Depositors:** Anneliese Kraiger & Carmon Shaw  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Ostwald, Gundersen, Stegemoeller  
**Communion setup:** Carmon Shaw  
**Stream Team:** Keith Lile

## January 28

**Presider:** Joelle Buckman  
**Sermon:** Joe Fernandez  
**Young People's Message:** Pending  
**Liturgist:** Greg Johnstone  
**Reader/Communion Assistant:** Mark Smalley  
**Communion Assistants:** Sarah Channel & Carmon Shaw  
**Communion Bread Baker:** Dee Erickson  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Theresa Kaufman & Naomi Kraiger  
**Depositors:** Mike Hubbard & Mark Ostwald  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Lile, D. Erickson, Bilderback, Burns & Council (**Annual Meeting Potluck (help with set-up/clean-up)**)  
**Communion setup:** Tara Main  
**Stream Team:** Xander Johnstone



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30	4 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	5	6
7 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOSHIP	8	9 SENIOR ART GROUP 11-3 HANDSEWERS 9-3	10 AA 5:30-6:30 BELLS 6	11 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	12	13
14 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOSHIP	15	16 SENIOR ART GROUP 11-3 COUNCIL MTG 6:15	17 QUILTING 9-12 AA MEETING & POTLUCK 4:30-7	18 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	19	20
21 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOSHIP	22	23 HANDSEWERS 9-3 SENIOR ART GROUP 11-3	24 AA 5:30-6:30 BELLS 6	25 MASTER QUILTERS 9-3	26	27
28 CHOIR 10 WORSHIP 11 FELLOSHIP ANNUAL MEETING	29	30 SENIOR ART GROUP 11-3	31 QUILTING 9-12 AA 5:30-6:30			



# JANUARY

UPCOMING EVENTS  
**Annual Meeting & potluck 1/29**  
**Ash Wednesday—February 14**  
**1st day of Lent—February 18**



**Please join us for worship  
Sundays at 10am in person or on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Amazing-Grace-Lutheran-Church-114570725233786/>**

**Or anytime at: [amazinggraceaberdeen.org](http://amazinggraceaberdeen.org)**

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

**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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