

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

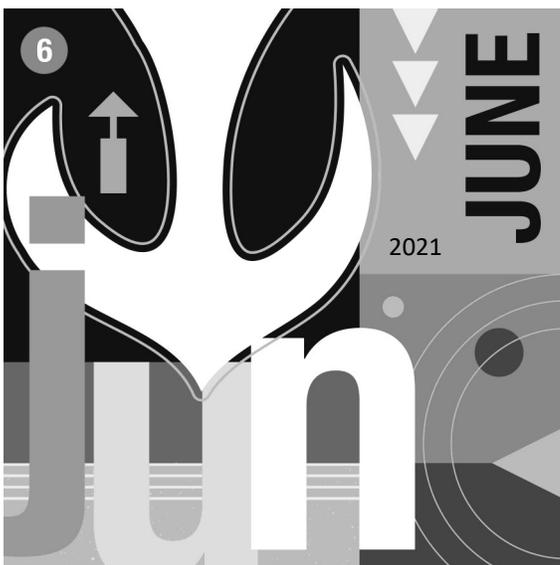
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Worship Service

Sunday 9:30 am

June 6— Drive-up @ 9:30am,

In Person @ 11:00am (see details inside)

Upcoming:

Cares Committee—Thursday, June 10 2-4pm

VBS July 26-30

Pastor's Message:

Grace House Mother-in-law suite - A whole new look

A picture says a thousand words they say so I will give you fewer words this month and let the before and after photos tell the rest of the story.

Grace House has received countless hours of work preparing the mother in law suite for an additional tenant. Work has included water damage repair, new plumbing throughout, new electrical throughout, new cabinetry, new entry door installed, new window installed, new floors installed, new shower installed, fresh paint, and furniture.

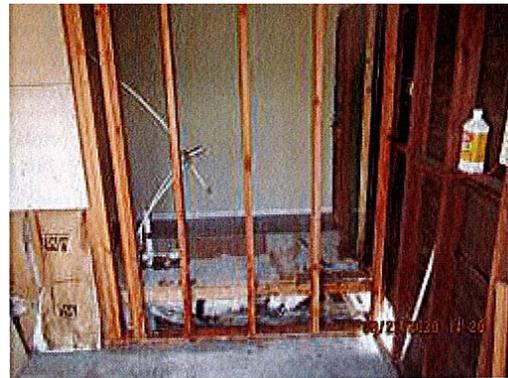
Jim Higby was presented a plaque in February at the annual meeting to attempt to show our appreciation for the incredible work he has done on the place. We could not be where we are without him. Of course no big accomplishment can be completed without help and he was assisted in significant ways with skilled labor or a second set of hands from Jon Huffman, Jon Johnson, Gary Mitchell and Gretel Conaway. A wonderful volunteer from the community put the floor in for us. We also had painting help from John Veleber and Sandie Miller. Thank you so much to everyone who has worked on this over the past year.

Huge thanks also to all of you who have continued to send donations to support Grace House as a whole. Our current tenant has expressed the gratitude of his whole family multiple times.

We are working on plans so that we can put a new mom or someone in the suite soon.

When we work together, filled with the strength, wisdom, peace, hope and joy of the Holy Spirit we can and are accomplishing great things with this project and many other things going on at the church. We look forward to more of the "We are Grace" events like the fall festival returning as life starts to move toward normal hopefully soon.

Peace in Christ to each of you! Love, Pastor



Looking
Into the
bathroom.





INTERFAITH COALITION

Partners in faith. Changing lives.

Last week I helped move a family into their new home. It was awesome to witness this transition and the joy and excitement of the family. YOU helped put this moment in place through your work to involve your congregation's support of Interfaith Coalition, and this message is to you and everyone at your congregation:

"You all have been amazing supporting us. I'm going to miss you guys. I will forever be grateful for everything Family Promise, Interfaith Coalition, and all the volunteers have done for us."

Family housing news....

One family has graduated from our housing every month since January with more on their way to securing their own homes! With limited housing available, this is a tremendous accomplishment. While in our housing, many families also secure health and dental care, access childcare, job training, and financial literacy training.

Our new **Family Promise Learning Center**, providing free tutoring, opened on April 20 and will serve children in our housing programs. We have nine volunteer tutors, and the center also provides free transportation, snacks, and educational supplies.

When you post Interfaith events, recruit for volunteers, solicit donations, and spread the news of what is happening, your acts of service ripple across the pond and impact children and their families in Whatcom County every day. Without you, this doesn't happen.

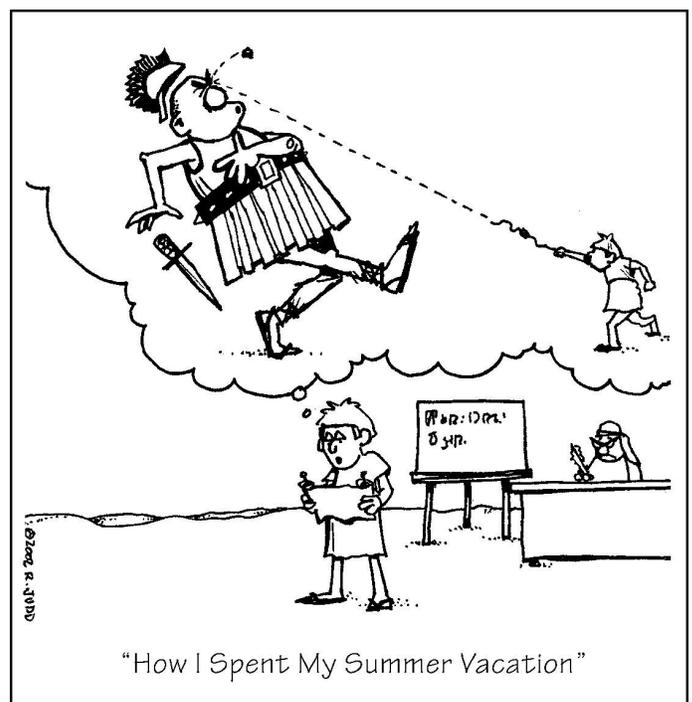
Thank you!
Janie

Hello! This month check out 1 Samuel 17 for the complete picture of how God used the shepherd boy to defeat the giant! This month is also the month when I will share some words from Bob Goff. In his book, "Live in Grace . Walk in Love" Bob talks about the battle for our hearts. He writes:

The battle for our hearts can feel a lot like David versus Goliath. It seems like evil stacks the odds against us. Here's why: evil never plays by the rules. *Do I have what it takes?* we wonder. But God is with us. *Am I strong enough?* Remember, we rely on God's strength, not ours. God has already won. Take a breath. There's nothing left to win.

Deep down you probably have a sense of who God made you to be: an artist, a politician, a pastor, a coach, a CEO, a mom, or whatever. Evil's great scheme is that it wants to squash who you were made to be, like Goliath thought he'd squash David. Don't give in and don't give up. Just reach into your pocket. I bet you'll find God has slipped in a few stones for you.

What giant is facing you right now?



LCMS Stewardship Ministry

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let's explore this topic.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. And so, He doesn't just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His

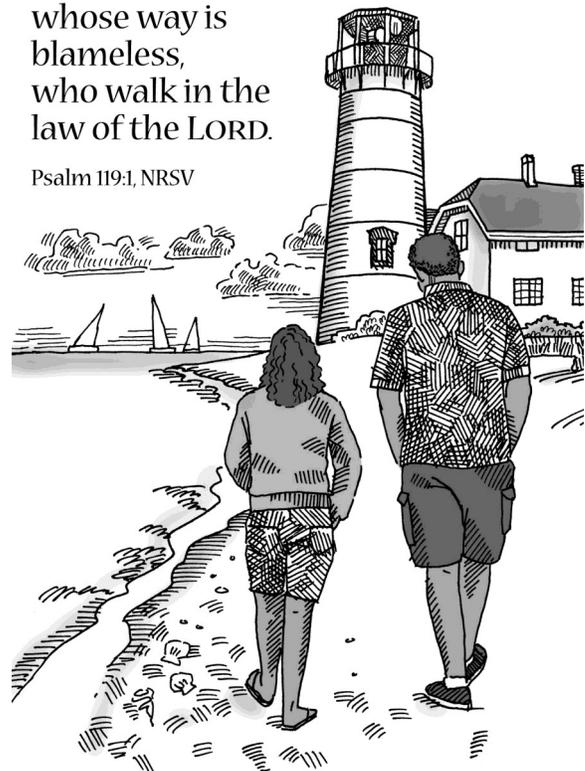
Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

Happy are those
whose way is
blameless,
who walk in the
law of the LORD.

Psalms 119:1, NRSV



Cares Committee & Volunteers

When: Thursday, June 10th, 2021

Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where: Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

What: We'll be preparing the upcoming 2021 Birthday cards for July, August and September. Once again, if time permits I'd also like us to make up cards for our shut-in's and others that we haven't seen in church for awhile.

Needed: 6 to 8 masked willing workers. Birthday, Get Well and Thinking of you or Holiday greeting cards if you have them.

Please RSVP Gretel at the church office, or Lenore at (360) 332-7311.



Our God makes the impossible possible! At God's Wonder Lab, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us. He does marvelous things!

**Volunteers Needed
Please come join us!**

**July 26-30, 2021
9am to noon
702 G St., Blaine**

Register online:
blainegracelutheran.com

Preschool

And that is a wrap! Preschool finished the school year at the end of May. We ended the year with an in person and outside graduation and a field trip to the park. It was so wonderful to be able to invite our families together for graduation to celebrate all that these students accomplished and overcame.

We are so grateful to have made it through the whole school year with healthy students. It is amazing to look back to September and seeing how much this group has grown and worked through a fairly tough year. We had to make some adjustments to how preschool operated and our students rose to the challenge! We had smaller class sizes and that allowed for really close friendships to form across the whole class. We got lots of learning in and had fun while doing it!

Thank you for your support as a church! Whether it was through donating supplies, bringing in boiled eggs for egg dyeing, helping make graduation gowns (huge thank you to all that helped make this happen!!), or praying for our preschool, all of it is so appreciated.

Miss Bethany



Trike-a-thon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital



JUNE

2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*6/6 11:00am service is for those who are fully vaccinated. 9:30am service all are welcome.	Secretary Summer Office Hours Tue, Wed, Fri 8:30—12:30	1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship w. communion 9:30 Drive-up 11:00 Inside *	7	8	9	10 Cares Committee 2—4 pm	11	12
13 9:30 Worship Service	14	15 NewsLetter DEADLINE	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day 9:30 Worship Service w. Communion	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 Worship Service	28	29	30			

JUNE



- 1 David Craig
Glen Hagen
- 2 Nisha Buksh
- 6 Al Shaulis
- 8 Alexander Tucker
- 9 Jim Higby
Ryan Johnson
- 10 Nancy Vogee
- 11 Lydia Pomerening
- 15 Kirsti Berge
- 16 Shaun Johnson
- 18 Treasa (Berg) Scott
Dan Delong
- 19 Gilbert Johnson
Donna Leach
- 20 Pat Hinchey
- 21 Cindy Vogt
Luke Liebert
- 22 David Halldorson
Shannon VanderYacht
- 23 Andrew Galbraith
Pat Bucknam
- 24 Rika Kent
Ida VanderYacht
- 25 Karin Wildermuth
Sarah Day
- 26 Jane Woods
Jason VanderYacht
Caryn Johnson
- 28 Lindsay (Delong) Tucker
- 30 Melissa McWilliams
Elsie Jussel

- 14 Bruce & Lynne Shelton
- 19 Jim & Carolyn Higby
Neal & Delores Holleman
Harold & Leona Olason
- 26 Larry & Patt Van Wanseele
- 27 Dan & Allison Delong



Celebrating

OUR GRADUATE

Congratulations to Bailey Bleazard
Please keep him in your prayers as
he journeys into adulthood.



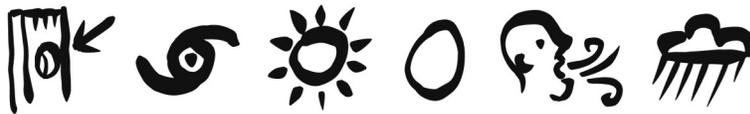
PUZZLE



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



- You can hold but not touch this. _____
- Before using this, you must break it. _____
- This falls without getting hurt. _____
- This gets bigger the more you take away. _____
- This has an eye but cannot see. _____

“In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the _____.
 It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.
 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit
 to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.”

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV

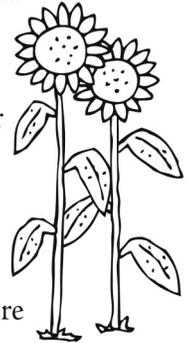
Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun



Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!

