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Worship Services

Sunday 10:30 am. 9:30am starting June 18.
Contemporary & Sunday School 4:30pm

Upcoming:

Family Dinner Sunday, 6/18

Cares Committee Wednesday, 6/21 @ noon

Music Meeting Thursday, 6/22 @ 2pm



Times and Seasons

A Time for Retreating—

Peace to you throughout June. Pastor

"To Everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven." Eccl. 3:1

June signals the start of summer. School is getting out and vacations are beginning. Summer is a time to re-create, to retreat. To retreat is not merely to escape stress or "get away from it all." It is rather a way of refueling strength and zeal for the work of the Lord. During June let us take time to be still and allow God to revive us.

A Time for Silence—The Scriptures Speak On Silence and Retreating

"A Still Small Voice"

And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind and earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

1 Kings 19:11-13

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Mark 6:30-32

A Time for Signing—

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love.
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above,

Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended,
Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended,
Thou didst bear the pain of all.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning
To Thy glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

A Time for Prayer

Lord, teach us to be silent. For too often we fill silence with hollow words, too many words; words which disguise our fears and anxieties. Teach us that often the most holy response is no response. We pray for silence. Lord. (A time of silence may be maintained.) Lord, let us listen. Help us to hear the meaning behind the words of others. Let our ears be compassionate instruments of your help. Let our hearts be open to the pains and joys, which others experience. We pray that we might listen, Lord. Lord, grant us the grace to retreat. In the midst of this busy world give us places of solitude. Allow our congregation to be a community of peace where all might sense your presence in Word, Sacrament and love. Hear our prayer for those who are sick, for the suffering, and those in any need. (Specific prayers may be offered.) For those in need of your peace... Lord, hear our prayer. Bless now the work that we do in your name. O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all Just works do proceed, give unto us, your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to your commandments, and also that we, being defended by You from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, every one God, world without end. Amen

J is for June.

J is for Jehovah-Jireh.

J is for judge.

Ever heard this one: There's a God & you're not Him? It's a good one, right? However, it seems as though at one point or another we try to be Him. We try to say what's going to happen to an individual because of what they've done or what they're doing. Well, guess what, that's not our job! We're not The Judge, God is, thankfully!

It's interesting, when I looked up Jehovah-Jireh in a couple of dictionaries I found these two meanings: Jehovah will see & the Lord will provide. (Checkout Genesis 22 for the context in the Bible.) I thought that ties in beautifully with God is the Judge. That's His job! He sees, knows & judges; not us! That's not our job!

Thankfully, He forgives us when we try to do His job & gently reminds us to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind & strength & your neighbor as ourselves. He says, "Sweet Kelley, that's your job & I've got mine! You can trust Me that I see, will provide & have it all under control! Peace to you My sweet girl." He says the same thing to each every one of us! He's got it! We can trust Him! He's in control!

Amen!

Mrs. Z

Mark 12:30-31

Preschool Happenings—

And just like that the school year is done! Preschool went until the last full week of May. We ended the year with a wonderful graduation ceremony and playing at Birch Bay State Park.

May was a fun and full month as we worked to wrap up the incredible year we had together. We especially enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day Tea at the beginning of the month.

You can join us in praying for our students and for what comes next. Most of them are off to kindergarten, while our Little Explorers class will transition to Adventurers! Over the summer we will have playdates at the park. We love the opportunity to spend time with each other and see everyone again!

We have a big transition for Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool. I, Ms. Bethany, will be stepping away from teaching preschool for the upcoming school year. This has been a hard decision, I have loved my time teaching and getting to know all the wonderful families that have come through this preschool.

We are excited to share with you Sandy Rasmussen will be our new Adventurers teacher! Sandy has been a long time community member of Blaine. She has five children that have gone through Grace Lutheran's Preschool Program. Mrs. Z will continue to teach the Little Explorers class as well as being Sandy's Co-teacher for the Adventurers.

Have a wonderful summer!



All are welcome, so please plan to come join the fun.

Blessings to you and thank you ,
Lenore Onyon
Cares Committee Chairperson

Grace Budget Draft Sum- mary	2023 Actual Jan—April	2023 Budget
Income	114,467	77,392
Expenses	98,667	84,734
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	15,800	7,342



Servants	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Caitlyn	Caeden	Steven
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Pam & Linda	Pam & Linda	Pam & Linda	Pam & Linda
SCRIPTURE READERS	Caeden Chambers	Gwynne Fowler Briggs	Joan Gregory	Dan Persse
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Sandie Miller		Steve Roe	
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST		Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
USHERS	Dan Persse Dick Johnson	Jay Pukaluk	Jon Huffman Jim Hibgy	Dick Johnson
FLOWERS			John Veleber— Joann's Birthday	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Men's Bible Study 8am
4 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. communion 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9am Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School	12	13	14	15 NewsLetter DEADLine	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:30 Worship w. communion 4:30 Contemporary Family Dinner	19	20	21 Cares Committee 12pm—2pm	22 Music Mtg. 2pm	23	24
25 9:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary	26	27	28	29	30	

BIRTHDAYS

1 David Craig
 Glen Hagen
 2 Nisha Buksh
 6 Al Shaulis
 8 Alexander Tucker
 9 Jim Higby
 Ryan Johnson
 10 Nancy Vogee
 11 Lydia Pomereneing
 15 Kirsti Berge
 16 Shauna Johnson
 18 Treasa (Berg) Scott
 Dan Delong

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

ANNIVERSARIES

14 Bruce & Lynne Shelton
 19 Jim & Carolyn Higby
 Harold & Leona Olason

Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

- Shape that symbolizes love 31 15 7 18 5
- Part of a stove used for baking 12 3 24 39
- Color made by red and yellow 28 42 7 8 27 37
- A present 1 32 20 11
- Clothing a girl wears 19 22 43 44 33
- Something you open to go into a room 40 29 17 47
- Opposite of soft (sound) 34 17 41 30
- To take a long walk 14 2 9 38
- A high body temperature 45 50 49 48 42
- Items used to build or fix things 13 35 21 16 26
- Edge of the sea 10 23 46 51 4
- Home for a bee 6 25 36 4

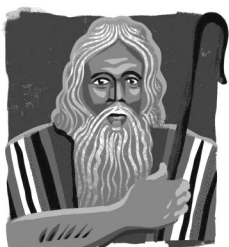
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Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV

Bible Quiz

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

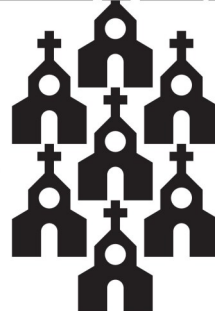
- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Bible Quiz

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?

- A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
- B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
- C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
- D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea



Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

BWJITJHQHOB LZDGB OK
DKFQROMTBHJOBSQEXZT
OKXWJHOBMIZTIJSDQKU
EWXBHEQNITKISIZNYOU
RPJZOWBEQRTOAXCZTXJ

DO NOT _____

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV