

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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Blaine, WA

Permit No. 41

Worship Services

Sunday 10:30 am

Bible Class 9am

Contemporary &

Sunday School 4:30

Upcoming:

Charitable Planning Workshop by
Thrivent—Sunday, 3/5 @ 11:45am

Cares Committee—Tue., 3/21 @
12:30pm

March 2023

You are invited to

A Potluck Dinner

Good Food • Fabulous Friends
Sunday . March . 19 . 2023
following the 4:30 Service

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Sing with me...

"Here I am, Lord. Is It I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart."

Why do I spend my time, talent, and treasure on Grace House? Caring for Grace House and it's tenants is not easy. Sometimes it's frustrating and time-consuming. Continually being available to families who are struggling can be overwhelming. Why do I keep doing it?

According to the Blaine Homeless Liasson there are currently 60 children experiencing homelessness in Blaine. They are sleeping in cars, on couches, in tents, or motels. They are vulnerable and at risk for continuing to live a life of barely surviving. A thriving country begins with thriving communities which begin with thriving families. My hope and prayer is that all children would have a warm, safe bed and trustworthy adults to look after them until they are thriving adults.

I am not a case worker or counselor, but I spend time with our Grace House families as a friend. Sometimes all I can offer is a listening ear, or words of encouragement or to cry together, or to bring a gift or haul away garbage. I don't understand the ways God works but I know He's with me, helping me shine my little light in the darkness. The family that just moved after spending two years at Grace House is tremendously grateful for all the help that Grace Lutheran members gave. It makes a difference to each person, each family, to know that someone cares... that there is hope for a better future.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the people in our community. I am thankful for Pastor Aaron and the many volunteers who tirelessly give to make Grace House possible. I am thankful for a God bigger than I can

ever comprehend who cares for us and shows us that the most important thing is love. Love your neighbors, love those who do not know what love is... 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. " Galatians 6:9

Gretel

M is for March. M is for Majesty. M is for Mighty. We are joyful! God is Faithful! God is Mighty!

There's this great song that you may know, it starts like this, "My God is so great, so strong & so mighty! There's nothing my God cannot do!" That is what I'd like to talk about this month: our Great & Mighty God & what He does!

He uses His Word to talk to us! Our Sunday Morning Bible Study has been discussing His Word as we go through the book of Haggai. Our Ladies' Bible Study has been discussing this as we explore, "The Path to the Cross." I'd like to briefly talk about how God's Might shines through in both studies.

In Haggai (which is a super short book of the Bible I encourage you to read) God has charged His People to rebuild the Temple. God reminds His People three times to be strong. He reminds them that He is with them; His Spirit remains among them. He tells them, do not fear! He promises them that the glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house & that He will grant them peace! Wow, what a Mighty God we serve!

"The Path to the Cross" discusses many things, among them, being in the desert to be tested. Continued...

Parallels are drawn between the Israelites', John the Baptist's & Jesus' time in the desert. It is fascinating. There is so much to talk about regarding that but I will simply point out a few things & encourage you to dig deeper.

The Israelites entrance into the desert was on the heels of crossing the sea on dry ground. God had parted the waters & they made it safely, talk about Might! In the desert the Israelites immediately kinda forgot that God had just done that & so began their 40 year journey in the desert. John's stint in the desert was not that long & Jesus' was even shorter. God uses our desert times to help us to F.R.O.G. & D.O.G. (Fully Rely On God & Depend On God.)

God gives us His Word to defend ourselves against the evil one. God gives us our *daily* bread. His Might sustains us & His ultimate Might culminated during Holy Week!

May you know God's Majesty & Might in a new way this March!

Mrs. Z

Cares Committee & Friends Volunteer Opportunity

When: Tuesday, March 21
Time: 12:30pm to 3:00pm
Where: Fellowship Hall



Please come join us to prepare cards for our April, May and June birthdays, as well as Get Well and Thinking of You cards. It's not only a time to serve others, but a great time of fellowship with one another. All are welcome. Give me a call at (360) 332-7311, to let me know if you can make it, or if you have questions.

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

PS: If you have any blank greeting cards you'd like to donate, please bring them by the church at your convenience.

Grace Budget Draft Summary	2023 Actual Jan	2023 Budget Jan
Income	32,542	19,348
Expenses	<u>19,511</u>	<u>21,184</u>
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	13,031	1,836

Servants	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
ACOLYTES	Hannah	Caeden	Caitlyn	Caeden
ALTAR COMM.	Rona & Ann	Rona & Ann	Rona & Ann	Rona & Ann
SCRIPTURE READERS	Lenore Onyon	Gwynne Fowler Briggs	April Mouw	Joan Gregory
COMMUNION Assistants	Dennis Wildermuth		Sandie Miller	
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Brent Johnson	Janet Mehus	Brent Johnson
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
USHERS	Jim Higby Dick Johnson	Jay Pukaluk	Jon Huffman Dan Persse	Jim Higby
FLOWERS	Emma			



March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am
5 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Com. 4:30 Contemporary Srv. & Sunday School Thrivent Wrkshop 11:45	6	7 Preschool Prep 2pm	8	9	10	11
12 Daylight Savings 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary Srv. & Sunday School	13 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	14	15 NewsLetter DEADLINE	16	17	18 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am
19 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Com. 4:30 Contemporary Srv. & Sunday School Family Dinner	20	21 Cares Committee 12:30pm	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary Srv. & Sunday School	27 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	28	29	30	31	

BIRTHDAYS

1 Sharon Neem	9 Karmen Terris	27 Tamera (Holleman) Mastropoalo Justin Bleazard
2 Rochelle Halldorson Gracie Renskers Owen Liebert Mickaylah Tevelde	10 Mike Halldorson	28 Leona Olason
3 Susan Allen Caitlin Phelps-McDonald	11 Shirley Pukaluk	29 Harold Olason Jeremy Hinchey
4 Kristin Nawman	13 David Hrutfiord Steven Hrutfiord	30 Jodi (Robbins) Beveridge
5 Mardella Montgomery	15 Robert Onyon	31 Elizabeth Liebert Nicki Cortez
8 Jared Liebert Holly Johnson	17 Rosetta Johnson	
	18 Courtney Carleton Susie Hollarn	<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>
	19 Marsha Wahl	23 Max & Josie Shelton
	21 Caeden Chambers	