

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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Blaine, WA
Permit No. 41

Worship Service

Sunday 10:30 am

Sunday School and Bible Class 9am

Upcoming:

Thanksgiving Eve Service—11/24 @ 7pm

Advent Decorating—11/26—11/27



2 Tue 2:00

Please join us the second Tuesday of
each month @ 2:00 for Preschool prep

NOVEMBER 2021

Pastor's Message:

Give Thanks to the Lord

I am often a little hesitant to write or preach about giving since the biggest expense our church and most churches have is their pastor. So it feels a bit like asking you for money for me which is maybe the hardest thing for me to do. Of course, what I am really asking is for you to give to God and that is always a good thing.

I know from personal experience how good it is to give. I learned many years ago to give off the top instead of waiting to see what is left. What happens for many of us if we wait until the end? Yep. There is nothing left. It has been a blessing to know the joy of giving and I wouldn't have the same appreciation without giving from the first fruits.

Also, I have read in God's Word how important it is to God. You don't have to go farther than the 10 commandments because God addressed it in the very first one - put God first. Now, of course, this doesn't just relate to giving as the primary way we break this commandment is sin. When we sin we put our desire for something of this world ahead of God the giver of everything good we have in this world. But one sin is loving our treasures more than the Savior who treasured us so much he gave everything for us. It is also sin to prioritize our time for earthly things instead of things of God. God also wants us to use our talents for God.

Treasures

How do we give when the bills are piled up? When you give off the top you find a way to go to Starbucks one less time per week or eat out less often or use a coupon or delay a major purchase or shave off a thousand or two or more from the new car or save on a trip. Just by doing one of these things you can give \$5 or \$10 or \$20 dollars more per week.

Time

COVID has driven many of our volunteers into

the safety of their homes. Although I want you to be safe there are safe ways to continue to serve. We have resumed coffee hour and there is a shortage of helpers to take a Sunday. Sign up to bring flowers. Come and do some yard work. Help with preschool prep the second Tuesday at 2. Write cards or send an email to someone. You can do this on your own or with the Cares Committee.

Talents

Your talents are a gift from God and he wants you to share them. Certainly use them in your work so that you can pay the mortgage and give financially to church but use them at church and with others in the community as well. Sing in the choir. Meet once a year or more with someone in the family at Grace house to share your talent with them. You could help with a resume or a job skill or tutor. Talk to Gretel or me about this one.

Many of you already are giving generously of your treasures, time and/or talents and that is greatly appreciated. If you pray about this and find that God is leading you to increase in one area or another, follow that nudge from God and respond. God loves a cheerful giver. He wants us to know the joy of serving with a trusting spirit.

Sunday, November 7 is Stewardship Sunday, come and join us as we give thanks for all the Lord has done for us and commit to serve the Lord with your treasures, time and talents. There will be food and fellowship and a brief stewardship presentation after church.

Peace and Christ to you now and always.
Love, Pastor.

Grace Budget Draft Summary	2021 Actual Jan—Sept	2021 Budget
Income + Covid Inc.	175,548	180,948
Expenses	163,598	180,948
Covid Tax Credit	-28,227	
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	40,177	0



Dedicate a poinsettia...

In honor of a family member, friend or in memory of a dear one. You may order anytime up until November 12th. Please attach a check for \$9.50 for each plant purchased. You may take a plant home after the Christmas season.



Preschool Happenings

October was such a fun month! There are so many great things about fall! One of our favorite parts of this last month was going to the pumpkin patch at Home Farm. We also had a great harvest party where we got to dress up at school and do all sorts of fun games and activities!

It is fun to make new friends and grow new friendships now that we are getting the hang of being at school.

We are looking forward to November to learn about gratefulness and will spend the month sharing the things we are thankful for.



Operation Christmas Child

We will be collecting items to fill shoeboxes. Donations are due by 11/14.

Monetary donations are also accepted. For more information contact Jenny Funderberg.



Advent Decorating

We will begin after service on 11/24 and finish by the end of the day on 11/27. There will be a sign-up sheet with more details. Come at the time that suits you. Everyone welcome!

Several donation options are available: Shop in a store, online, or give gift-cards. Donation deadline is Sunday, Dec. 5th.

Visit www.blainecap.org for info.



Servants	Thanksgiving Eve				
	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 24	November 28
ACOLYTES	Caleb	Elee	Emily	Seth	Isaiah
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann
SCRIPTURE READERS	April	Jim	Dan	Lenore	Sandie
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Carole		Dennis		
PIANIST	Cheryl	Cheryl	Cheryl	Cheryl	Cheryl
ORGANIST	Brent	Brent	Brent	Brent	Brent
USHERS	Ron / Dick	Jay	Dan / Jon		Jim

NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am
7 Time Change 9:00 Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 Worship w. Communion	8 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	9 Pastor Circuit Meeting Preschool Prep 2pm	10	11 	12	13
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21 9:00 Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 Worship w. Communion	22 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	23	24 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm	25 	26 Advent Decorating	27 Advent Decorating
28 Advent Begins 9:00 Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 Worship	29	30				

BIRTHDAYS

3 Michelle Johnson	25 Amy Matta
12 Bruce Shelton	Rachel Hrutfiord
14 Robbie Markusen	26 Carole Liebert
Anna Corrine Huffman	27 Jean Archer
17 Bjorn Hrutfiord	Elaine Hildahl
19 Dan Persse	28 Hazel Rutherford
20 Cooper Terris	29 Emily Huffman
22 Steve Hagen	
23 Nicole Liebert	

ANNIVERSARIES

6 Rick & Gladys Faulkner
17 Rick & Cynthia Thompson
25 Kevin & Meredith Mateer Jay & Michelle Liebert
29 Pastor Aaron & Kelley Zuch

