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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON



Dear friends in Christ,

All around us, we see signs of God's love and goodness. A person who has stepped away from church for many years steps back into a congregation, feeling the call of the Holy Spirit. Young adults feeling isolated in a digital-first world start gathering in person in a small group, enjoying the warmth of a hug and a new friend asking about their week. A mother plants a garden, and it yields fruits and vegetables, giving her nutritious food for her kids and extra produce to sell at the local market. Everywhere we look, we see signs of Christ's love. In Psalm 93, we read: "More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore" (4-5).

God's love is a majestic thing, and it moves us to share it in word and deed. The ministries of our congregations, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together to share God's love with people in our neighborhoods, across our country and around the world.

I am so grateful for you, dear church. Your generosity to each of these three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has bolstered the church's ability to share the message of God's love to people who are longing for it. Through your

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—Psalm 93:4-5

financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices, you've helped carry this message of God's majestic love. Thank you, dear church. As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to stand steadfast in God's promises, sure of God's love and goodness.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton". The script is fluid and cursive.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

2024 Annual Report

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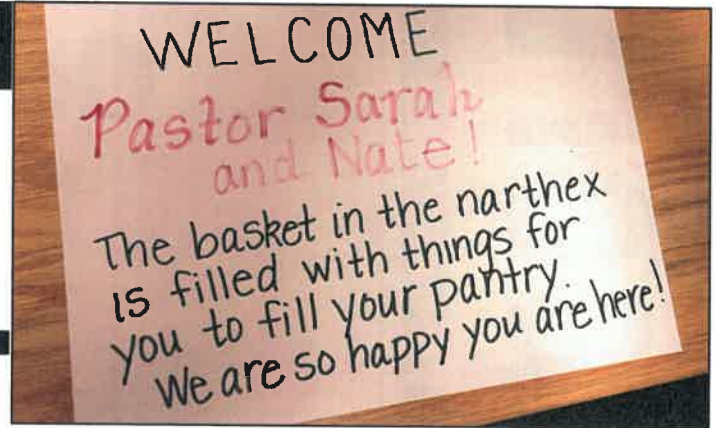
Celebration Lutheran Church



Annual Meeting
January 26, 2025

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2025 Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda

January 26, 2025

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Minutes of Congregational Meeting

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: January 28, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council member Dan Hiatt in the Fellowship Hall at 11:10am at Celebration Lutheran Church, 801 – 8th Street NE, East Wenatchee, WA.

Opening Devotions:

Pastor Alex Schmidt opened the meeting with a prayer.

Roll Call

A sign-up sheet was passed to congregants who were in-person. Darcie Price recorded names on a sign-up sheet as members confirmed their verbal & hearing attendance via Zoom. 41 confirmed members in attendance and via Zoom.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion by Laurie Holmes to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Jacki Seale. All in favor - motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion by June McCann to approve meeting minutes of the January 29, 2023 Annual Congregation meeting as presented. Second by Jim Cockle. All in favor of approving 1/29/23 meeting minutes; motion passed.

Approval of March 26, 2023 Congregational Call Committee Election Meeting Minutes

A motion by Pat Guizzetti to accept the minutes of the 3/26/23 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Scot Erickson. All in favor - motion passed.

Oral Reports

Pastor Alex Schmidt thanked Celebrations many volunteers and commended the church community on coming together to extend a call to Sarah Toney with 66 members being present to vote for her to be our next Pastor.

Financial Reports:

2023 Financial Report

Annette Eggers made a verbal presentation of the financial report referencing the finance section beginning on pg. 35 of the 2023 Annual Report.

2024 Budget Proposal

Annette Eggers presented the proposed budget for 2024 which can be reviewed beginning on page 40. Page 35 includes a verbal picture of how the budget was created.

A motion by Bruce Herring to accept the 2024 budget as presented and recommended by council. Second by Mary Bywater. All were in favor of accepting the 2024 finance budget proposal; motion passed.

New Business

The election of new officers, the new nominating committee and voting members to synod assembly.

Elections:

Council President: 1 year term - Dan Hiatt

Council Member: 2 year term - Betsy Schweitzer

Council Member: 3 year term - Cal Johns & Rick Lanphere

2024 Nominating Committee: Dan Hiatt & Bruce Herring

2024 Voting Members to Synod Assembly: Brant & Elaine Smith

Richard Seale motioned to close nominations. Pat Guizzetti second the motion. Laurie Holmes motioned to accept the slate of officers. Jacki Seale second the motion. No discussion or questions. All in favor; officers elected.

Adjournment

A motion made by Larry Taplett to adjourn the meeting. Second by Judy Hussey. All in favor; motion passed.

Meeting adjournment at 11:58am with the Lord's prayer.

Submitted by: Darcie Price (acting secretary)

Council President's Report Dan Hiatt

Greetings from your Celebration Church Council.

As I ponder the theme of this "State of the Church 2024" letter, I am struck by the contrast in the issues we faced between 2023 and 2024. While we faced the challenges of the transition of 2023 very well, we were often occupied with the uncertainties of daily operations and the unanticipated needs of the congregation that a pastor would have handled. I was impressed with the diverse skills that must be required to be a successful pastor to keep so many plates spinning at once. So, 2023 was marked by a little uncertainty, a little anxiety and a focus on the present.

2024 began with the installation of Pastor Sarah. We have since enjoyed the process of getting to know her, learning her leadership style, and working her plan for the church. Our focus on the present has been replaced by a confidence in what we can do in the future. We continue to see growth in many areas including our children's ministry, youth ministry and adult education. Church attendance has been higher, and more members are volunteering to be on committees and helping in and around the church. Thanks especially to the new assistants in the video booth, those helping with building and property maintenance, and the altar & liturgical arts team with decorating the sanctuary.

Pastor Sarah introduced a "Visiting Angels" program that reaches out to home bound members through volunteers who provide friendly conversation, scripture reading, and communion, if requested. The ministry serves to maintain contact with members that, for whatever reason, can't attend Sunday Services. (If you would like a visitation, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Sarah or Darcie).

Also, new this year is a program initiated by Bishop Manlove entitled "Council Member Check-in". This is a zoom forum for council members of our cluster to share issues, challenges and/or successes with each other each month. I find it helpful to use this forum as a sounding board for new ideas and as an opportunity to learn from other churches with common objectives.

As we begin 2025, I am grateful for the guidance and providence of our Lord, Jesus Christ in clearing the way for Pastor Sarah to accept our call, in restoring stability to the ministries of Celebration, and in instilling the confidence to embrace the blessings and challenges this new year will bring.

God Bless You All,
Dan Hiatt, President-Church Council



Council Members

Thank you for your service!

<u>2024 Council Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Open Seats</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Dan Hiatt	End of 2024	Council President	End of 2025
Judy Hussey	End of 2024	Council Member (finish Rick Lanphere term)	End of 2026
June McCann	End of 2024	Council Member	End of 2027
Pat Guizzetti	End of 2025	Council Member	End of 2027
Betsy Schweitzer	End of 2025		
Cal Johns	End of 2026		
Rick Lanphere (Bruce Herring)	End of 2026		

Nominating Team	End of 2025
Voting Members-Synod Assembly	End of 2025

Nominating Team

Dan Hiatt	End of 2024
Bruce Herring	End of 2024

Outgoing Council Member

Judy Hussey
June McCann

Dan Hiatt

Voting Members-Synod Assembly

Elaine & Brant Smith	End of 2024
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Rick Lanphere (Bruce Herring)



Ministry in Daily Life

Altar Guild & Liturgical Arts Team

Each season of the church year has corresponding colors and symbols that are intended to help us focus on the themes of the season. For example, Pentecost and Reformation are associated with red. These are days that are full of the Holy Spirit, symbolized by fire and movement. On the other hand, Advent is a time characterized by waiting for Christ's birth while still in the dark. This season's color is blue while Christmas is white, representing the dark that transitions to the light of the coming of Christ.

The Altar Guild are the dedicated volunteers who track the church calendar and attend to the changing of banners and other elements of color and art throughout the church year. Many thanks to Jacki Seale and Judy Hussey who comprise the core of our Altar Guild team.

This year, the Liturgical Arts team was rebooted thanks to a grant from our synod. The Liturgical Arts team are a collection of artistic people who are motivated to express their love of Christ in Celebration's sanctuary for the various seasons of the church year.

The team began with a focus on Advent, starting in September 2024. The kick-off was a day retreat at the Grunewald Guild led by Terry Valdez. The day was focused on playing with art and playing with the themes of Advent and Creation, focusing on John 1 and Genesis 1.

The team ultimately created an enchanting Advent installation that reflected the dark mystery of waiting for Christ, as well as the promise of God's overflowing energy of new life coming into being. Each week, elements were added in relationship with the Advent candles. The liturgy also reflected these additions week of Faith, Hope, Peace, and Love.

The congregation was amazed and deeply appreciative of the team's creation and how it added to the meaning of the season. Team members are Liz Arbaugh, Julie Bay, Becky Britt, Dorla Fudge, Debbie Hiatt, and Darcie Price. Thanks to those many additional people who joined in to help with the art design, creation, and installation!



Evangelism

Ministry Members: June McCann, Shan Forsberg & Congregation

Our efforts are to help make people feel comfortable with other members of our congregation. We also strive in welcoming visitors and then send welcome notes after they have visited Celebration.

This year we started celebrating people birthdays at the end of each month by having cake and singing *Happy Birthday* during our fellowship hour. A sign-up sheet is available for you to write in your birthday in your birthday month at the bulletin board. This gives members and guests a chance to identify with someone born in the same month as they are.

We are all considered Evangelist as a whole.
All are welcome and invited to be part of the Evangelism ministry of Celebration!



Prayer/Information Chain

***Prayer Chain Coordinator:
Darcie Price & Pastor Sarah***

Celebration Lutheran invites you to be a part of a special Prayer Chain Ministry.

Members and friends of the congregation can request that prayers and church related information be sent out to church members in a timely fashion. We have found many church members appreciate prayerful support when they or their loved one is going through a crisis. This is also an important way to praise God for the blessings we receive in our lives and is another way to stay connected with your Celebration family.

We do have a few guidelines to follow regarding using this prayer/information chain.

Requests can be made for persons either within or outside our congregation. Whenever practical, for reasons of privacy, please obtain permission from the person who is the subject of the prayer request before putting them on the prayer chain. Non-prayer related information sent out over the prayer chain should be information directly related to church activities or church sponsored or related events. The prayer/information chain should not be used for commercial purposes, political purposes or any purposes not directly related to the life of our congregation. The prayer chain coordinators reserve the right to edit content of prayer/information requests for content or brevity.

If you would like to receive/request prayers requests by e-mail, contact the church office (884-3817) to be put on Celebrations prayer/information chain. When you receive information or a prayer request, you do not need to forward this information on to another individual. This is an effective and important ministry within our congregation and we want it to be as efficient, accurate and easy to use as possible for prayer/information chain participants and recipients.



**Thanks to all of you for your support
and prayers of this
very special and
powerful ministry!**



Outreach

Ministry Team Leader: Dan Hiatt

Members: Pat Guizzetti, Terry Johns, Brant & Elaine Smith, Debbie Hiatt



**Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**
2 Corinthians 9-7

One of the special first impressions that I have of Wenatchee as we arrived eleven years ago is the slogan on their welcome sign on Wenatchee Ave. "Meeting Rivers, Meeting Friends, Meeting Needs". I remember thinking how fulfilling it might be to be a part of such a community while at the same time realizing that it's probably just a slogan. Each year I learn more about how it's not just a slogan but is a part of Wenatchee's culture.

Those of us on the Outreach ministry team see this repeatedly in the generosity of the members of our congregation. Individual donations have been received throughout the year for our Packing Friendships Ministry, individuals and the outreach committee donated \$ 1,500 to help the Reyes family recover from a house fire, and nearly \$ 4,000 was contributed through the Brunch Church and the Outreach Auction.

Our congregation has not only donated financially, but their time as well. This past year you have supported our Packing Friendships Ministry that delivers 26 bags of food each week to children experiencing food insecurity within the Headstart program and 21 bags each week to children at Grant Elementary School. The bags are delivered late in the week so that the children have some nourishment to see them through the weekend. Each bag costs \$3.65/child/week. You have not only funded this ministry but have helped with packing bags after the Sunday service. A special thanks to Cal and Terry Johns and George and Mary Herring-Bywater for purchasing food and making weekly deliveries to the schools.

Our congregation has also been directly involved in supporting the Second Harvest Food Truck. It is paid for through the Outreach fund and relies upon volunteers to set up, fill, and distribute boxes of groceries to the local community. And near year end, this congregation came together to donate 52 coats, gloves and hats to pass on to the Lighthouse ministries for the homeless and the Wenatchee Rescue Mission.

The Outreach Committee donates to various local ministries that provide assistance to those in need throughout our community. We have supported Serve Wenatchee ministries, Communities in Schools, and sponsored participants in the Sunshine Bowling League (a Wenatchee bowling league set up for the physically disabled).

Volunteering alongside members of Celebration in our Outreach ministry, I can appreciate the meaning of our slogan.

Thank you all for all you do and God Bless,
Dan Hiatt



Spiritual Growth

Youth

As of the end of 2024, our confirmation class has four students. They are digging deeper into the stories of the Bible in greater depth as they begin to explore their own faith and understanding of God. Confirmation is a time for asking questions and learning, as well as having fun and making friends. Starting in 2024, Rev. Alan Oppelaar took the lead in teaching our confirmation students. Alan is a retired Methodist pastor and has a passion for teaching youth. Thank you for joining in the fun, Rev. Alan!

Youth Group

Celebration has several high school students who have been confirmed in the past two years. This group gathers after church to have conversations with Pr. Sarah about what they heard in church on a given Sunday, what's going on in their lives, and have an opportunity to ask questions and receive support for all they are going through. Our high school youth are also involved in skits and retreats with our younger kids, reading in church, music, attending retreats, and participating in service projects.

Fall Youth Retreat

Celebration's youth ministry team hosted a retreat at Camas Meadows in November 2024 for nine middle school and high school aged youth. Pr. Sarah, Pr. Alan, Pr. Dave, and LeAnn all came together to support our kids in learning and playing. The theme of the retreat was Ruach, which is the Hebrew word for both spirit and breath. We focused on breath prayer and breath techniques for managing stress, as well as learning how the Spirit surrounds us, just like the oxygen we breathe.



Worship and Music

Worship in 2024 at Celebration has been full of meaningful moments of reflection, celebration, and connection with each other and our loving God.

Worship Committee and Preparation

The Worship Committee meets every two months to plan the music selections for each service. The Worship Committee in 2024 is Annie Chalmers, Kathy Jo Evans, Susan Gubsch, Pam Wallis, and Pastor Sarah. For each week's service, Pastor Sarah gathers material from primarily Lutheran worship resources, along with the Worship Committee's music selection, to craft weekly and special services. The scripture readings are usually from the Revised Common Lectionary, which most major denominations use around the world.



Livestream and Online

Our faithful technology gurus, Steve and Liz Arbaugh, managed the online worship transition from Livestream/Vimeo to YouTube. This transition took hours of learning and perfecting the technology. Thank you, Steve and Liz! And thank you to all our other volunteers and those at home learned a new way of doing things. Darcie is continuing to provide bulletins online each week for those watching from home. Pastor Sarah also posts the texts of her sermons, along with the lectionary readings and service recording as a blog on the website each week. These blog posts are easily shared and see some of the highest traffic on our website, as people are engaging with God's Word at home.



Volunteer Helpers

Worship requires many hands! Every week, one of our youth helps with lighting the candles (acolyte), while others help with communion. We also have readers, greeters, ushers, and communion assistants to help people feel comfortable, welcome, and be fed at the Lord's table. You are always welcome to get involved with worship!



Lent and Easter

Pastor Sarah began in February 2024, in time for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Special Lenten services were held on Wednesdays, as well as services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. While many elements of this season of the church calendar stayed consistent with Celebration's traditions, our faithful Altar Guild (Jacki Seale and Judy Hussey) worked with Darcie Price to create an engaging and faithful artistic expression of Holy Week and Easter in the sanctuary. The Easter celebration and Easter Egg Hunt was a joy for all!



Many thanks to Pastor Alex!

Celebration started the year with the leadership of Pastor Alex Schmidt who was called as Transitional Pastor. Not only did Pr. Alex lead inventive, fun, and engaging worship, he took wonderful care of Celebration's pastoral care needs. Thank you, Pr. Alex!



Ordination

In the midst of Lent, Pastor Sarah's ordination was celebrated with Bishop Meggan Manlove and the Director of Evangelical Mission, Rev. Liv Larson. Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing preached for the service. The stole was made by Liz Arbaugh and was presented by Sarah's father, Lauren Johnson. Family, friends, colleagues, and members of the Lutheran community attended this wonderful event. Special music was provided by Dave and LeAnn Haven, Susan Gubsch, Ty Gubsch, and James Aalgard.





Lament for Gaza

Celebration hosted a service of lament for the violence in Gaza and the mounting death that continued throughout 2024. This service was based on multiple source materials, primarily from Jewish lament and peace traditions. Participating churches were First United Methodist (Rev. Debbie Sperry and Tracy Faulkner), Cascade Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (Rev. Thomas Perchlik), and Celebration Lutheran (Pr. Sarah Toney and Rev. Alan Oppelaar).

Service for Healing

Grief and illness are near constant companions in life, particularly as we age. In support of healing and connection, Celebration offered a special service for laying on of hands and a liturgy of healing.

Brunch Church

Celebration enjoyed Brunch Church on Rally Day for the beginning of the children's and youth's year of learning. Brunch Church is a time of worship and eating brunch...at the same time! It's fun, casual, and full of opportunities for participation and personal engagement in the Word.



Blessing of the Animals - In honor of St. Francis' feast day, Celebration blessed our animals. People brought in their small animals along with pictures of their big or not-so-well-behaved ones. People also brought in ashes and remembrances of animal friends of days past. The Blessing of the Animals is always a special day.

Advent

Advent services were held on Wednesday evenings. The congregation sang Holden Evening Prayers and engaged in Advent-themed poetry as a means of engaging more deeply in the themes of the season. With this small group, we were able to listen to each other's reflections and stories.

Christmas Program

The Sunday School children, supported by members of Celebration's youth, provided the congregation with a delightful telling of the Christmas story. The program was created, directed, and supported by Ann Black, Janelle Bersch, LeAnn Haven, and Dave Haven.



Christmas Eve

The Celebration Christmas Band was in wonderful form and delighted us all. We gathered to sing, give thanks, love each other, and revel in the mystery of Christ's birth. The band included LeAnn and Dave Haven, Micah Haven, Emily Graham, Jenna Cummings, the whole Chalmers family (Kent, Annie, Brooke, Oliver, and Finn), Laurie Neal, and Maren & Annika Peterson. Pastor Sarah also provided a worship service for the residents of Regency Rehabilitation facility earlier in the day on Christmas Eve. The last Sunday of the year was a Carol Sing with Kathy Jo Evans playing piano and June McCann leading prayers and facilitating people selecting their favorite carols from the list of possible choices.

Feast Days of the Church Year

Celebration participated in the many feast days of the church year that are in addition to the major seasons of Easter and Christmas. These include Epiphany, Baptism of our Lord, Pentecost, All Saints Day, Reformation Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday.



Bonaventure

Each Thursday at 10am, Lutheran pastors of the area (James Aalgaard, Nancy Gradwohl, Dave Haven, Rob Gohl, and Sarah Toney) rotate in bringing worship to the residents of Bonaventure. This small congregation at Bonaventure includes members of Celebration. Darcie provides this group with bulletins and materials to support them in their worship.

Indeed, it has been a wonderful year of worship at Celebration!

Many thanks to our musicians - Annie and Kent Chalmers with Brooke, Oliver, and Finn, Kathy Jo Evans, Dave and LeAnn Haven, Nancy Furness, Susan Gubsch, and Laurie Neal.





North Central Washington Cluster Meetings

Celebration hosted a cluster meeting in the spring of 2024 for the pastors of our local ELCA congregations which include, Faith Lutheran in Leavenworth, Grace Lutheran in Wenatchee, Fullness of God in Holden Village, Lake Chelan Lutheran in Chelan, St. Paul's Lutheran in Quincy, and Holy Trinity in Ephrata. Retired pastors and pastors working in specialized ministry also attend cluster meetings. Pastor Sarah also attended a second cluster meeting in 2024 at Lake Chelan Lutheran in Chelan in the summer of 2024. Rev. Paul Polumbo is the Dean of our cluster, who helps connect Celebration with the synod. In addition, Rev. Polumbo is a source of support and resources for Celebration.

Cluster Text Study

Many of the cluster pastors located in Wenatchee, Leavenworth, and Cashmere gather for a weekly text study in preparation for Sunday preaching. These text studies are attended by both retired and active pastors for fellowship, faith formation, and sermon preparation. Many of our area's "retired" pastors continue to provide pulpit supply, pastoral care support, and engagement in social services.



2024 NWIM Synod Assembly

The Northwest Intermountain Synod hosted a series of regional gatherings to help people gather across the synod. Elaine and Brandt Smith attended the synod assembly, along with Pastor Sarah. Bishop Meggan Manlove led the gathering, sharing news, stories, and encouragement for all in attendance. Worship was led by Rev. Liv Andrews (Director of Evangelical Mission). Grace Pomroy walked us through re-imagining stewardship and strategies for funding small congregations while serving the community. The gathering was held at First Lutheran Church in Ellensburg, Washington.

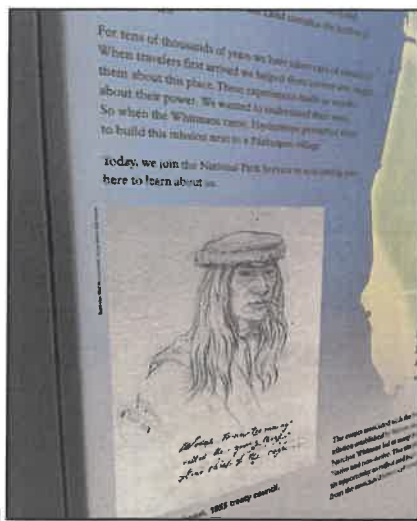
First Call Theological Education

As a new pastor, Pr. Sarah is required to attend the ELCA region's First Call Theological Education retreat for three years. This year's retreat was located at Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal. It was a beautiful three days of meeting new pastors from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and Alaska. The keynote speaker for the event was Rev. Tim Brown (Director of Congregational Stewardship), with a focus on the spirituality of stewardship. Four of the five bishops of Region 1 were in attendance; Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove, Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee, Rev. Richard E. Jaech, and Rev. Tim Oslovich.



Bishop's Convocation

The Bishop's Convocation was held in Walla Walla in October of 2024. The focus of this retreat was a study of Leviticus led by Rev. Dr. Rachel Renn. Pastors from across our beautiful synod gathered to pray, worship, be in community, and learn. Pr. Sarah, along with other pastors of our synod, visited the Whitman National Historic Site. This site is of major historic importance in the story of white settlers coming to this region and beyond.



Adult Education

Most Sundays at 9am, adult learners gather before service to engage in deepening their faith, connecting with each other, and learning about the Bible, church history, theological ideas, and larger issues. The Adult Forum enhances worship by engaging in the themes of the church calendar.

January

Pr. Alex Schmidt led Adult Forum through January, focusing on the intersection of personal stories, histories, and God's Word.

February & March

During Lent, Adult Forum was focused on the story of Jesus' life and death in the Holy Land. The ELCA Sumud ministry provided videos, scripture, and discussion topics to help people see and experience the places of Jesus' life in the context of today's political reality in the Holy Land. Sumud is an Arabic word meaning steadfastness and "resistance through existence."

April & July

If you can believe it, the Adult Forum focused on one book after Easter until a break from adult education in August! The Adult Forum had expressed an interest to learn more about the Bible. So, we read *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans together, which is an exploration of how to read and interpret the Bible, along with an overview of all the different genres of writing in the Bible.



September

During September, we read through the shortest book of the Bible, the Book of Ruth. We explored the meaning of *hesed*, a Hebrew word that means steadfast love...sort of. It means so much more than what our English language can hold without writing paragraphs. It is the kind of love that Christ showed us and is the kind of love we are encouraged to give. Read this short book of the Bible and wonder about the role of *hesed* in the lives of these characters and your life!

October

In preparation for Reformation Sunday, we explored the history of the Reformation. We asked questions like, what was going on in medieval Europe? What on earth was the church up to? Why was Luther and many others so fed up? And what were the ramifications of the Reformation that we all experience every day. Hint...it's bigger than just our Protestant church experience.

Advent

We explored the themes of Advent for justice and new life in our world through the teachings in Jeremiah. This was a study written for Advent by the theologian Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann.

Practicing Resurrection

Pr. Sarah offered a mini-retreat for folks who want to go deeper in their faith journey in a small group. The theme of the retreat was *Practicing Resurrection*. God's action in our life is always bringing us into new life through the many little deaths we experience in the world. While God is acting in our lives and we can deepen our participation through spiritual practices, listening, and sharing.



Holden Village Retreat

In July 2024, members and friends of Celebration visited Holden Village for a week of learning, worship, and relaxation in the mountains. We had the opportunity to hike, play games, nap, work on art projects, sit in the library, or attend sessions on theological approaches to the challenges of our modern world, geology, and poetry. And of course, every evening we had a special time of worship and ice cream! The people who attended Holden Village in 2024 were Bruce Herring & Julie Bay, Terry Johns, Marcia Lortie, Becky Britt, Connie Celustka, Pr. Sarah, Kenda-Ruth Stumpf and her children Serenity, Blayze, Peyton, Jeremiah, and Eli. Celebration's crew met up with people from Pr. Sarah's previous church in Reno, Faith Lutheran, including Pastor Shaun and his two girls, Maeve and Winter.



Children & Family Ministry

Ministry team leader: Ann Black

Ministry team member: Janelle Bersch

Our Sunday School continues to be a place where young students can come and explore their faith with lessons directly from the Bible. We ended the school year last May with our Sparks curriculum, which took us through some of the key stories in the Bible. During the summer, many of our students attended Vacation Bible School in a cooperative venture with several churches in our area, held at Grace Lutheran Church.



We started up again in September with a new curriculum from Concordia. We studied the story of Creation and worked our way through the Old Testament to the Exodus and Moses. We paused then and skipped to the New Testament to study the story of Jesus' birth. We will return to finish the Old Testament and then delve into the New Testament in the New Year.

All our stories reinforce and teach the students more about their Savior and Lord. The students are anxious to hear, relate things they already know, and ask questions to further their understanding. Each lesson involves a story from the Bible, activities and puzzles, and a Bible verse to memorize.

Each Sunday the students recite those verses, usually with 100% participation. *"I have stored up your word in my heart."* Psalm 119:11. It is such a privilege to be a part of the growth of these young minds as they explore their faith.

We also practiced and contributed to the Christmas Service on Dec. 15th and were delighted to bring this message to the congregation. Dressed in Nativity costumes, the children sang, recited, and played bells to honor the birth of their King. It was a wonderful program, and the students did an exceptional job.

The last two months also gave us the opportunity to fill 6 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our involvement led the church to participate and contribute 22 boxes for children to receive as, perhaps, their only presents this Christmas. What a wonderful way to share God's love!

Our Sunday School has a regular attendance of about 9-15 students each Sunday. We are very thankful to have families that regularly bring their children to class. We are also very thankful for each of these inquisitive, delightful children who want to learn more about the stories in the Bible, the church, and how they can share that message with others. We welcome any children that would like to hear more about Jesus and spend time with other students who know and love Jesus.



Fellowship

Winery Visits

The winery visits continue! Once a month, we pick a winery or occasionally a cider tasting room for an afternoon of conversation and connection.



Sound of Music

The summer of 2024 was potentially Susan Gubsch's last season playing the role of Mother Superior in the Leavenworth Summer Theater's production of 'Sound of Music'. Several members of Celebration picked a night to attend together to celebrate Susan while enjoying a wonderful production and the beauty of the outdoors.

New Member Party

Council President Dan Hiatt and Debbie Hiatt hosted an event at their home to welcome to members of our community.



Christmas Tree Hunt!

We did it again!
And this time it
was an extra epic
adventure to
bring back the
perfect tree for
Advent and



Nate's Physical Therapy Class

Nate Toney, licensed Physical Therapist, also Pastor Sarah's husband, offered a weekly stretching and exercise class to Celebration members, with the focus on balance and building strength. A consistent group comes each Tuesday at 9am. After class they enjoy a time of fellowship & coffee. Any one can come!



Trunk or Treat

Celebration was invited by Grace Lutheran Church to host it's first ever Trunk or Treat. It was a huge community success! Many members donated big bags of candy to the event and some decorated their trunks in the Halloween holiday fashion.

More than 300 hundred community members attended.

Fun was had by all!



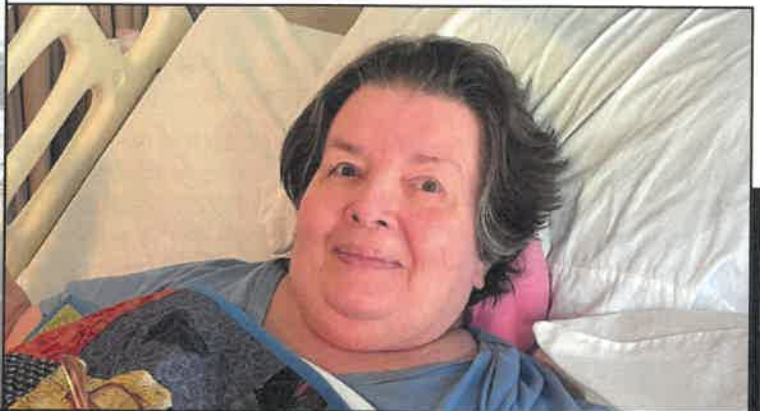
Visiting Angels

Celebration Lutheran has beloved members and friends who no longer can make it to church in person. However, they are still members of our beloved community! While the pastor visits these folks, occasional visits by just one person only goes so far to help our folks feel connected and cared about.

The Visiting Angels ministry is a way for our angels at home to be visited by angels. Everyone's an angel in this ministry! Visiting Angels started in September 2024, beginning with 8 volunteers to visit 7 people/couples at their homes.

Elaine and Brandt Smith are two of Celebration's visiting angels. They regularly visit Clarice Ludeman at Avamere Senior Living. Elaine told us, " (We love) seeing the gigantic smile on Clarice's face. Also, experiencing different things (when we visit her community like) root beer floats, singing, listening to guest musicians. We never know what will happen when we visit her. Also, partaking in communion and praying with her is amazing."

If you are interested in being a Visiting Angel, please see Pastor Sarah or Darcie.



Grounds & Property

Team Members: Cal Johns, Dan Hiatt, Jason and Darcie Price, Mark Schweitzer, Julie Bay, Bruce Herring, Brant & Elaine Smith, Scot Erickson
Advisors - Bob Fries and Arnie Willms

Many hands helped accomplish tasks this year on church property and grounds:

- *Fixing, maintenance and relocation of sprinklers
- *Maintenance of grounds equipment
- *Mowing and fertilizing lawns
- *Weed spraying lawns and grounds
- *Goat head control was a high priority
- *Working with community garden partners
- *Snow removal on church property. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



2024 has been about the same as the last few years, trying to maintain the property and control weeds, along with mowing the lawn and keeping the irrigation up and working. Additionally, we thank Julie Bay for her numerous hours of diligent work on her knees trying to control the goat head population. I must thank all the Volunteers that signed up and took time to do the mowing. It takes 3 to 4 hours each week.

A huge thanks to Mark Schweitzer for all his help with maintenance on the ground's equipment. Thanks, Mark for the use of your trailer at the end of the growing season closing out the community gardens. More thanks go to Darcie Price for all the untold hours working with the community garden people. The construction company finished their use of the upper parking lot and left it in great shape. Also, for the extended use of the parking lot they donated an additional \$1,500 to our outreach mission.

Questions/Concerns or if you would like to join us in this ministry, please call Cal Johns 679-9993.





WSU & Celebration's Collaborative Community Garden

Volunteers: Dan Hiatt, Cal Johns, Elaine & Brant Smith, Darcie Price, Pr. Sarah Toney, Mark Schweitzer and more!

The 2024 (third season) collaboration between Celebration and the WSU Extension, WSU SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Program, and the Chelan-Douglas Master Gardener Program successfully filled all 27 community garden plots in addition to the north garden. Mr. Gonzalez retired from gardening this year, passing on his garden plot to a neighbor of his, that continued to share produce in Mr. Gonzalez's neighborhood, just like he did. We thanked Mr. Gonzalez with hugs and handshakes for his contribution and blessings to Celebration spanning over 11 years.

The focus of this collaboration is to open up the ability to reach people of limited income with families living in housing projects, apartments or small homes that do not have access to garden areas. With the addition of the Master Gardeners & SNAP-Ed Nutrition educators, their goal was in teaching gardening skills and how to plant a garden that provides a healthy opportunity to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables, increase exercise and supplement the family income. Involving children in the gardening project taught them about family projects, how their food is grown and the enjoyment from eating fresh foods. Educational handouts in English and Spanish were provided by the WSU Extension office & Master Gardeners. Each Wednesday evening during the growing season, SNAP-Ed Nutrition educators and the Master Gardener volunteers taught cooking & gardening classes. These classes are available to anyone who wants to come learn about gardening.

The 2024 community garden proved to be the smoothest operating, most productive and rewarding year yet. We've learned a lot, both gardeners and facilitators to be able to enjoy the fruits of labor. Cal Johns was diligent in maintaining and fixing various irrigation issues, communicating various tasks needing attention and assisting Darcie in all "things" garden. Celebration had a fairly even mix of seasoned gardeners and new gardeners. We learned throughout the season that a real life meaningful community has been forming and blossoming amongst the gardeners over the last 3 seasons. The gardeners uplift/advise/support one another and have made friendships beyond the garden. They have also blessed Celebration with their produce, the care for the land, helping Darcie & Cal with various garden tasks (like caring for the raspberry patch & rhubarb, mowing & weed eating) and being the "eyes & ears" for the land when we are not here.

We had a generous donation of compost at the end of the season from WintonMFG. Compost Works in Leavenworth. If you are interested in providing food wastes to WintonMFG Compost project, you can sign-up at <https://www.wintonmfg.com>. Celebration is a drop-off/pick-up site for WintonMFG within our community. The buckets and info are in Darcie's office, once you have signed-up.

Looking ahead to 2025's community garden, provides many opportunities to serve and be blessed by the families, friends & many different community members at Celebration's property. Almost all the garden plots have been spoken for already.

You are encouraged to come to the garden, walk about, take pictures, pick some weeds or just visit with gardeners. We are all a part of the bounty!



Stewardship

Service Group

Team Members: Jacki Seale, Terry Johns, Judy Hussey, Debbie Hiatt, Ginny Taplett and June McCann

Participate in the flow of God's love through the practice of hospitality and service during Worship. Each Sunday worship offers various ways to express and practice our Christian faith.

Please consider volunteering to assist with Sunday worship. Volunteers are needed each week to greet, usher, serve communion and set-up & clean-up for fellowship. You can also volunteer to make coffee, bring treats and bake the communion bread. Guidance and training are provided. We're happy to support you!!

Thank you to Ann Black (Sunday School Director) and the children of Sunday School for their help in assisting with acolyte & communion. Thank you to all our members who volunteer faithfully each Sunday. If you are interested in reading lessons during the worship service please call June McCann.

Please consider serving. Please call , Terry Johns 509-679-0127, Debbie Hiatt 206-321-5053 Ginny Taplett 509-884-4186, Jacki Seale 509-860-5582 or June McCann 509-670-5207 to learn more.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!



Stewardship Kitchen

Team Leader: Ministry Opportunity

The Celebration kitchen is used by many groups on a daily, weekly and monthly basis and one time special events. Our kitchen use continues to grow!

If you are part of a group that meets regularly at Celebration and utilizes the rooms, fellowship hall and/or the kitchen - please do your part to help keep this facility in tip top shape and keep maintenance costs down as well! You will find a "TO DO" checklist just inside the kitchen on the wall to follow while enjoying the facilities of Celebration's kitchen!



Stewardship Team

Ministry Opportunity!

People tend to avoid stewardship, because asking for money when there's not enough feels so very hard. We live in a world where we are constantly told that there is not enough of anything; time, money, or resources. *And yet we believe in an abundant God who provides all things!* To step into stewardship is to step into a richly fulfilling exploration of what God's abundance in our lives looks like and feels like.

For those among us who would like to explore God's abundance in our lives, consider helping to revitalize the Stewardship Team. Pastor Sarah will be with you to guide conversations, help with the work, and brainstorm ideas.

Thankfully Celebration is mostly financially stable. Your job wouldn't be to put out fires, but to wonder with ministry leaders about:

1. How is the Holy Spirit moving in our congregation?
2. How do we make the Spirit's nudgings happen?
3. What are the good stories we should be telling others about?

Who needs to be showered in gratitude and love for their ministry and care for others?

Many thanks to all who give of themselves to make Celebration a vibrant and growing faith community! And there's more on the way! Working in Stewardship is an exciting and powerful way to be a part of the movement of the Spirit in our midst. Contact Pastor Sarah or Darcie if you'd like to get involved.

The 2024 Statement of Financial Income and Expense are reviewed in 2 parts, the General Operations Fund beginning on the next page and the Designated Funds on the following. These two reports state the income and expense for each fund, the general fund captures the categories only. You will find a full detailed account of income and expense along with some historical data following the brief reports. The General Operations Fund includes all daily income and expenses of Celebration. In addition to the income & expense reports, there are many historical documents through-out the finance pages of this Annual Report. There is a monthly finance report in the Newsletter and a snapshot in the council meeting minutes posted by the office doors. If any one has any questions in regards to the daily financial works of Celebration Lutheran Church, I encourage you to come and visit with me.

2024 Income for the General Operations Fund: General Contributions came in under budget significantly at \$12,559. Building Use donations were over budget by \$1350 due to conservative budgeting on building use. Mortgage was paid in full in July, 2023. Their have been some challenges with the city planning that did not allow us to receive any Rental Income in 2024. Our budgeted income for 2024 was \$211,352 and the total General Income for 2024 was \$198,860 after the interest, building use donations and processing fee donations were added. The overall Income for the General Fund for 2024 is one of the lowest that I have experienced in my time with Celebration.

2024 Expenses for the General Operations Fund: Celebration has continued to see increased prices of our everyday expenses, just as many of you have, and additional maintenance fees for some aging systems such as HVAC. Even with increases most of the expense line items came in on or under budget. General Operations Fund expenses totaled \$219,677.73 compared to our budgeted expenses of \$228,045.71 resulting in our total expenses being under budget by \$8,367.98.

General Operations Fund Balance: 2024 ended with a fund balance loss of \$20,817.73 in the General Fund. 2024 was a new Chapter in the story of Celebration Lutheran Church with the hiring of Pastor Sarah Toney. We budgeted for some unknowns, not exactly knowing what income gains or losses we would have. Our budgeted General Fund loss was \$16,993.71 about \$4100 less than the actual fund loss. 2024 has an ending Fund Balance of \$89,673.78. We have a budget (2025) of roughly \$20,500 in monthly expenses which equates to just over 4 months of funds in the General Fund Balance. This is the lowest recommendation for a fund balance I give (4 to 5 months of regular monthly expenses) to both you, The Congregation, and the Council. Healthy Fund Balances are maintained by consistent monthly incomes, ministries keeping tabs on their budgets and volunteers giving of their time & resources to help keep the costs of maintenance and other expenses down. As expenses continue to increase and the building ages, meaning more cost for maintenance in addition to less volunteer type services that we now budget for, a consistent and steady flow of income is needed to keep the budget inline. The fund balance continues to be an area that I watch carefully and report to council on regularly.

Thank you for continuing to Support the Ministry Plan of Celebration Lutheran Church!

2025

Celebration Council & staff have made some wonderful tools available to help the congregation continue their regular giving! You can mail your contribution, use the **GIVE** button that can be found on the Celebration Lutheran Church website (clcewen.org) or sign up for the **Simply Giving Automatic Plan**. Give the church office a call if you would like to give it a try or need assistance.

2025 General Operating Fund Budget

The planning & budgeting for 2025 was like opening a new chapter of a great story. The budget reflects the upcoming hopes and dreams of the Council and the Celebration Family, to encourage families & youth within our congregation, allow for community engagement & outreach, in addition to meeting our commitments to care for our building, grounds and staff.

There was a focus on increasing our General Fund line items for our youth & family ministries adding the Sunday School Director, Confirmation Director and Nursery attendant, previously paid by grants and designated fund, into the General Fund. It also includes a Janitorial/Maintenance position in our paid staff rather than using an outside cleaning company or hiring out for the maintenance items within the building.

General Fund budgeted Income for 2025 is \$236,690. The General Contributions have increased from 2024 due to additional commitments after a Stewardship Campaign. The Rental Income reflects a partnership with another non-profit that would utilize our amazing kitchen space. Building Use is those who give a donation to use our facility and the Interest Income reflects our investment and savings account interest.

General Fund budgeted Expenses of \$246,375 is about \$26,700 more than what was actually spent in 2024 and reflects the items I have spoken of above. We continue to budget in hopes that the Celebration Family may seriously consider increased giving and that expenses will come in lower than budgeted while still being realistic. If things go exactly as budgeted the ending fund balance for 2025 will come in just under \$80,000 giving about 4 months of monthly expenses in our fund.

I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to work with the wonderful people of Celebration in continuing to bless this congregation, community and world in Mission!

May 2025 be a blessing to you as you Bless others you encounter

~ Annette ~

Financial

Statement of Financial Income/Expense General Operating Fund January through December 2024

General Fund Income

Building Use Donations	7950.00
General Contributions	188,440.92
Interest Income	2,264.90
Processing Fee Donations	204.18
Rental Income`	0.00

Total General Fund Income **198,860.00**

Expense

65000 · Operations

65050 · ELCA Contribution	16,959.67
Total 65060 · Evangelism	784.70
Total 65080 · Congregational Outreach	0.00
Total 65100 · Adult Education	336.52
Total 65110 · Sunday School and VBS	3,472.81
Total 65120 · Youth and Family	822.42
Total 65130 · Worship and Music	1,392.27
Total 65140 · Stewardship	934.79
Total 65150 · Service Care	1,156.63
Total 65160 · Building	45,600.15
Total 65170 · Travel	8,590.24
Total 65180 · Administrative	8,293.03
Total 66000 · Payroll, Benefits, Tax Expenses	130,334.50

Total General Fund Expense **219,677.73**

General Operations Fund

Net Gain (-Loss) **-20,817.73 (A)**

Cash Flow Report:

Beginning cash balance (Banner Bank/ MIF Cash Account) 12/31/2023	147,311.15			Closed the MIF account
CD #1 Banner Bank	60,000.00			
CD #2 Banner Bank	50,000.00			
Ending cash balance (Banner Bank/ Stifel Nicholas,) 12/31/2024	75,671.24			
Liabilities Payable 12/31/24	(3204.04)			
	182,467.20	D		
Income/Expense Summary by fund 2024		General	Designated	Total
Income		198,860.00	95,529.63	294,389.63
Expense		219,677.73	36,998.74	256,666.47
Net Gain (- Loss)		(20,817.73) A	58,530.89 C	
Fund Balance 12/31/2023		110,491.51	34,262.53	146,927.49
Fund Balance 12/31/2024		89,673.78	92,793.42	182,467.20 D

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Designated Funds Statement of Financial Income and Expense January through December 2024

	TOTAL
Total Designated Income	\$95,529.63 (e)
Total Designated Funds Pay Outs	\$36,998.74 (f)
Net Gain (- Loss) Designated Funds	\$58,530.89 (C)

	12.31.2023 Ending Balance	Income	Pay Out	12.31.2024 Ending Balance
DF Special Projects	\$ 305.56	\$ 81,175.00	\$ 18,472.78	\$ 63,007.78
Evangelism	\$ 453.34	\$ 180.00	\$ 459.46	\$ 173.88
Garden	\$ 3,289.12	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 824.54	\$ 3,504.58
Global Missions	-	\$ 728.00	\$ 728.00	-
Intern Fund	\$ 1,047.93	-	\$ 1,047.93	\$ (0.00)
Key Deposit	\$ 150.00	-	-	\$ 150.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 2,212.83	\$ 865.00	\$ 1,098.77	\$ 1,979.06
Mntc & Repair Bldg/Grounds	\$ 3,626.20	\$ 547.93	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,174.13
National Youth Gathering	\$ 5,017.34	-	\$ 545.00	\$ 4,472.34
Outreach	\$ 8,156.56	\$ 9,519.70	\$ 7,203.19	\$ 10,473.07
Quilters	\$ 203.07	-	-	\$ 203.07
Sabbatical Fund	\$ 1,336.42	-	-	\$ 1,336.42
Sunday School	\$ 2,741.81	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 671.81
Super Bowl of Caring	-	-	-	-
Thrivent	\$ 4,357.72	\$ 184.00	\$ 259.07	\$ 4,282.65
Wedding fees	\$ 25.00	-	-	\$ 25.00
Yard Sale	\$ 120.26	-	-	\$ 120.26
Youth	\$ 1,219.37	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 1,219.37
	<u>\$ 34,262.53</u>	<u>\$ 95,529.63</u>	<u>\$ 36,998.74</u>	<u>\$ 92,793.42</u>
\$547.93 intern to bldg				\$ 92,793.42

12.31.23 DF Ending Fund Balance

\$ 34,262.53

DF Income

95,529.63

DF Expense

36,998.74

\$ 92,793.42



10 Year Historical Income Report

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	221,288	223,091	224,363	226,896	226,909	198,256	190,909	199,799	199,620	198,860
Mortgage Fund	61,443	52,550	55,385	41,910	39,620	42,620	41,306	39,992	153,495	0
Total Income	<u>282,731</u>	<u>275,341</u>	<u>279,748</u>	<u>268,806</u>	<u>266,529</u>	<u>240,876</u>	<u>232,215</u>	<u>239,791</u>	<u>343,115</u>	<u>198,860</u>

Financial - General Fund 2024 Statement of Financial Income & Expense, Historical Data and 2025 Budget

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Proposed Budget	
Income								
General								
Building Use Donations	250.00	1,600.00	4,330.00	8,155.00	6,600.00	7,950.00	7,800.00	
General Contributions	198,256.00	190,909.60	199,799.32	199,620.13	201,000.00	188,440.92	220,000.00	
Interest Income	290.78	148.36	134.63	126.84	120.00	2,264.90	3,700.00	Invest- ments
Mortgage Contributions	42,620.00	41,306.00	39,992.00	20,412.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Processing Fee Donation			178.51	240.54	132.00	204.18	190.00	
Rental Income				0.00	3,500.00	0.00	5,000.00	
Total General	241,416.78	233,963.96	244,434.46	228,554.51	211,352.00	198,860.00	236,690.00	
Expense								
65000 · Operations								
65050 · ELCA Contribution	17,843.04	17,164.29	17,986.42	17,400.12	18,090.00	16,959.67	19,800.00	9%
65060 · Evangelism								
65062 · Communication					1,050.00	784.70	1,050.00	website, zoom, online directo- ry, utube
	441.02	441.02	627.65	0.00				
Total 65060 · Evangelism	441.02	441.02	627.65	0.00	1,050.00	784.70	1,050.00	
65080 · Congregational Out- reach								
65083 · Serve Wenatchee Valley	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
65084 · Quilting Projects	0.00	185.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
65087 · Campus Ministry	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 65080 · Congregational Outreach	600.00	785.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
65100 · Adult Education								
65101 · Adult Education Team	0.00	297.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
65102 · Christ In Our Home	303.17	303.31	303.52	336.28	340.00	336.52	440.00	price increase
					300.00	0.00	680.00	sign up for qtlly print version
65103 · The Living Lutheran	991.39	931.26	538.06	531.80				
Total 65100 · Adult Education	1,294.56	1,532.36	841.58	868.08	640.00	336.52	1,120.00	
65110 · Sunday School and VBS								
	10.83	0.00	309.47	612.27	2,040.00	3,472.81	1,155.00	SS materi- als, VBS
65120 · Youth and Family								
65121 · Youth Ministries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	
65122 · Chaperones	0.00	0.00	220.00	0.00	225.00	250.00	1,000.00	
65123 · Camperships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	1,000.00	
65124 · Confirmation	0.00	110.03	0.00	0.00	240.00	322.42	375.00	
65125 · Sunday School Director	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,700.00	grant/ SS
65126 · Confirmation Advisor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,800.00	Bab- cock
65127 · Nursery Supervisor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,600.00	grant/ SS
Total 65120 · Youth and Family	0.00	110.03	220.00	0.00	965.00	822.42	11,725.00	



Financial - General Fund 2024 Statement of Financial Income & Expense, Historical Data and 2025 Budget

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Proposed Budget
65130 · Worship and Music							
65131 · Resources	0.00	18.42	0.00	333.25	350.00	178.88	300.00
65132 · Bulletins	1,051.20	592.24	465.03	595.66	600.00	465.89	500.00
65133 · Altar	182.06	224.91	846.88	332.29	500.00	666.14	800.00
65135 · Music	256.89	21.67	97.54	489.90	500.00	81.36	250.00
65136 · Licensing	277.00	279.77	817.92	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Total 65130 · Worship and Music	1,767.15	1,137.01	2,227.37	1,751.10	2,250.00	1,392.27	2,150.00
65140 · Stewardship	583.74	702.73	1,173.98	1,135.53	1,080.00	934.79	1,000.00
65150 · Service Care							
65151 · Kitchen Supplies	57.22	400.00	691.26	719.70	750.00	664.01	750.00
65152 · Hospitality	0.00	500.00	76.91	217.58	500.00	492.62	700.00
Total 65150 · Service Care	57.22	900.00	768.17	937.28	1,250.00	1,156.63	1,450.00
65160 · Building							
65161 · Mortgage Principal	31,186.49	32,056.29	32,757.60	16,906.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
65162 · Interest Mortgage	11,433.51	11,249.71	7,234.40	3,969.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
65163 · Utilities	4,910.76	5,075.56	5,380.86	6,289.04	6,600.00	6,336.63	6,600.00
65164 · Building Insurance	4,193.50	4,558.74	5,105.00	5,345.68	5,800.00	5,862.08	6,090.00
65164a · Goldeneast HOA	1,140.00	1,140.00	684.00	1,140.00	1,140.00	855.00	1,140.00
65165 · Telephone	1,775.22	1,799.78	1,802.88	1,860.77	2,000.00	1,853.01	2,000.00
65166 · Building Interior Maint	12,500.00	10,966.78	12,125.14	16,781.07	15,900.00	21,628.22	10,900.00
65166a · Bldg Interior Projects	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	22.00	1,000.00
65167 · Tax - Property	3,342.02	3,771.76	3,661.16	4,095.12	4,200.00	4,565.16	4,700.00
65168 · Exterior Property Mntc/ Projects	5,000.00	2,452.02	5,001.71	4,541.62	5,000.00	5,241.10	5,000.00
65169 · Equipment	527.52	516.86	0.00	712.75	700.00	0.00	400.00
65169a · Equipment Mntc & Fuel	309.42	572.34	358.19	409.43	500.00	236.95	500.00
Total 65160 · Building	76,668.44	74,159.84	74,110.94	62,051.31	42,840.00	46,600.15	38,330.00
65170 · Travel							
65171 · Conferences	100.00	150.00	665.00	850.00	2,400.00	1,258.00	2,400.00
65172 · Mileage	927.23	1,254.60	2,680.10	2,969.14	3,600.00	2,332.24	3,600.00
65173 · Moving Expenses					5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Total 65170 · Travel	1,027.23	1,404.60	3,345.10	3,819.14	11,000.00	8,590.24	6,000.00
65180 · Administrative							
65181 · Office Supplies	1,785.39	1,061.64	1,149.88	1,154.33	1,200.00	1,300.19	1,300.00
65182 · Office Equipment Maintenance	1,392.23	1,105.04	1,013.54	1,348.31	1,500.00	1,496.16	1,560.00
65183 · Office Equipment	502.49	2,433.36	2,433.36	2,027.80	700.00	0.00	1,400.00
65184 · Postage	762.50	876.00	803.00	958.00	1,000.00	927.68	1,050.00
65185 · Continuing Education	850.00	850.00	850.00	435.76	600.00	600.00	1,450.00
65186 · Professional Expenses	220.00	94.47	220.00	264.27	250.00	0.00	250.00
65188 · Accounting Services	3,125.00	3,125.00	3,575.00	3,915.00	3,900.00	3,969.00	4,500.00
Total 65180 · Administrative	8,637.61	9,545.51	10,044.78	10,103.47	9,150.00	8,293.03	11,510.00

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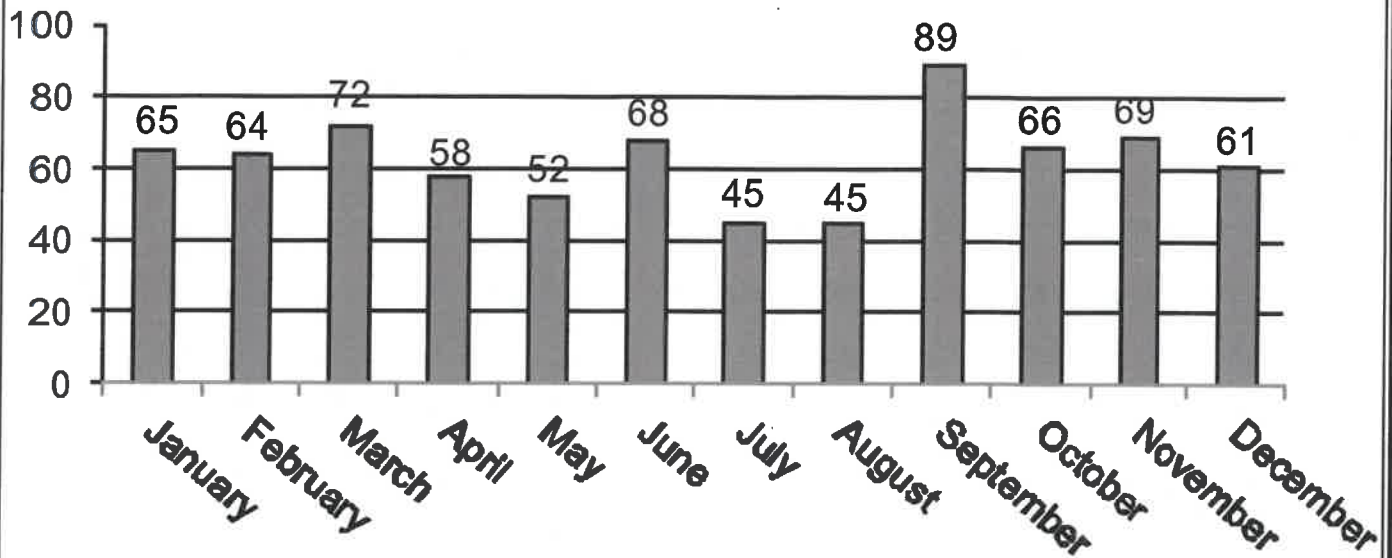


Financial - General Fund 2024 Statement of Financial Income & Expense, Historical Data and 2025 Budget

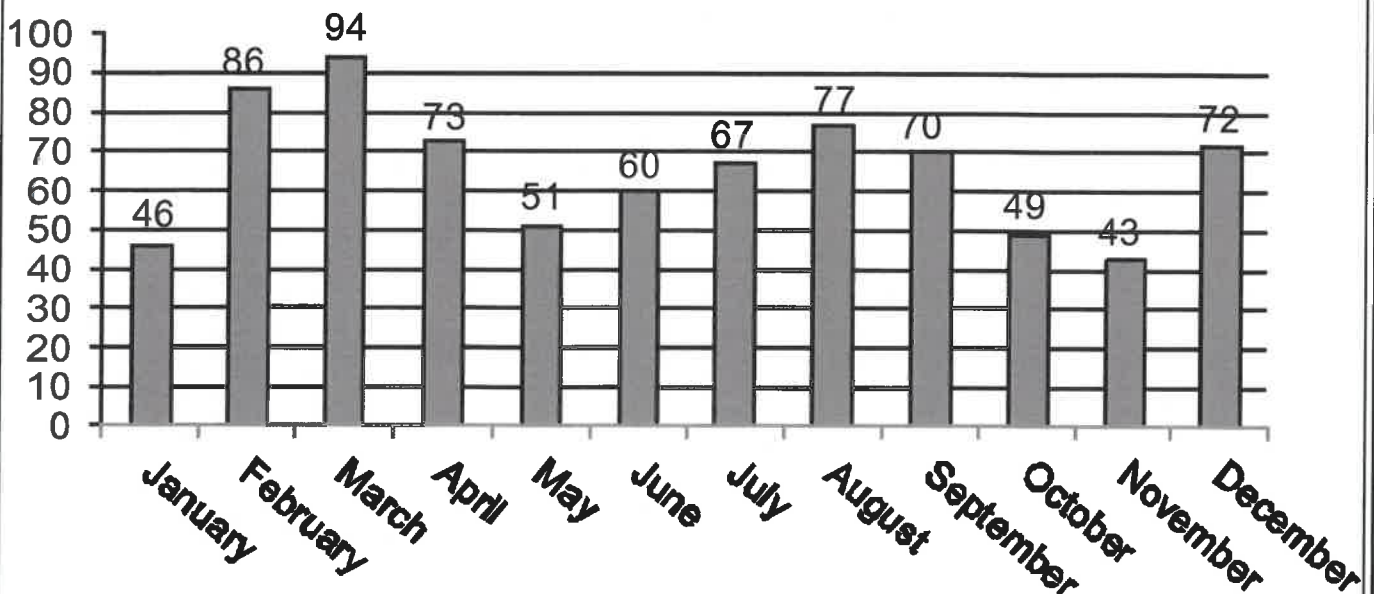
	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Proposed
66000 · Payroll Expenses							
66010 · Pastor							
66011 · Salary	43,175.04	20,213.80	5,308.99	8,562.48	21,837.75	21,837.82	42,355.00
66012 · Housing	35,324.96	60,641.22	80,316.01	39,958.38	36,666.38	36,666.63	24,000.00
Total 66010 · Pastor	78,500.00	80,855.02	85,625.00	48,520.86	58,504.38	58,504.20	66,355.00
66020 · Support Staff							
66021 · Ministry Associate					28,600.00	25,597.00	30,475.00 week vacation
	13,710.50	18,238.50	21,930.75	24,942.08			
66022 · Pianist	3,540.00	4,340.00	4,480.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,060.00	4,550.00
66023 · Supply Pastors	475.08	535.97	400.00	12,007.60	8,300.00	5,901.85	2,500.00
66026 · Janitorial & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,800.00 Paid staff
Total 66020 · Support Staff	17,725.58	23,114.47	26,810.75	41,499.68	41,450.00	35,558.85	43,325.00
66030 · Benefits & Payroll Tax							
66031 · Pastor Pension	13,985.76	14,100.48	14,932.56	10,592.54	6,297.94	6,218.97	7,144.00
66032 · Pastor Social Security Allow	6,006.00	6,185.40	6,550.31	3,821.02	4,475.68	4,475.68	5,077.00
66033 · Pastor Medical Insurance	9,473.40	10,072.12	14,322.85	8,760.27	22,552.75	22,269.95	24,384.00
66034 · Pastor Medical Reimb	0.00	640.34	827.07	769.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
66035 · Federal Employment Taxes	1,048.90	1,395.28	1,772.37	1,799.11	2,199.96	1,958.19	2,800.00
66036 · State Disability	786.17	840.99	757.31	686.37	1,400.00	921.66	1,400.00
66038 · WA CARES/FML	0.20	0.14	0.00	26.75	810.00	427.00	600.00
Total 66030 · Benefits & Payroll Tax	31,300.43	33,234.75	39,162.47	26,456.01	37,736.33	36,271.45	41,405.00
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	127,526.01	137,204.24	151,598.22	116,476.55	137,690.71	130,334.50	151,085.00
Total 65000 · Total Operations Expense	236,642.80	244,901.63	263,253.68	215,154.85	228,045.71	219,677.73	246,375.00
General Fund Gain (Loss)	4,773.98	-10,937.67	-18,819.22	13,399.66	-16,693.71	-20,817.73	-9,685.00



2024 Monthly Average In-person Attendance



2024 Monthly Average Livestream Attendance



2015 - 2024 Yearly Average Attendance

- ♦ 2015 - 98
- ♦ 2016 - 96
- ♦ 2017 - 87
- ♦ 2018 - 75
- ♦ 2019 - 66
- ♦ 2020 - 160 (No In-person-Livestream Only)
- ♦ 2021 - 97 (In-person & Livestream Combined)
- ♦ 2022 - 48 (In-person) 78 (Livestream)
- ♦ 2023 - 59 (In-person) 63 (Livestream)
- ♦ 2024 - 60 (In-person) 66 (Livestream)

Livestream views were multiplied by two per worship to equal the total livestream attendance. A formula suggested by the Northwest Intermountain Synod to help better account for livestream attendance.
****2021- 2024** attendance number is separated into In-person worship average and livestream views average.



Special Services for 2015- 2024

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Ash Wednesday	51	44	39	24	35	32	68	23 (in-person) 30 (livestream)	23 (in-person) 30 (livestream)	32 (in-person) 56 (livestream)
Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (average)	49	50	36	23	30	65	39	20 (in-person) 24 (livestream)	46 (in-person) 27 (livestream)	28 (in-person) 20 (livestream)
Easter	229	264	271	154	196	400	217	130 (in-person) 90 (livestream)	123 (in-person) 58 (livestream)	134 (in-person) 110 (livestream)
Advent (average)	25	30	20	24	20	31	31	25 (in-person) 70 (livestream)	23 (in-person) 20 (livestream)	15 (in-person) 34 (livestream)
Christmas Eve	219	205	202	202	153	310	235	70 (in-person) 80 (livestream)	12/24/23 10am 62 (in-person) 18 (livestream)	96 (in-person) 78 (livestream)
Christmas Day								26 (in-person) 78 (livestream)	12/24/23 7pm 64 (in-person) 68 (livestream)	

2024 Statistical Report of Members

A. Pastoral Acts:

1. Baptisms:

2. Marriages:

3. Funerals:

3.9.24 Raymond Babcock

4.20.24 Marilyn Gearhart

5.25.24 Jan Foster-Lanphere



4. Confirmed:

5.19.24 Lilly Russ

B. Received into Membership

1. Affirmation of Faith:

2. By Baptism:

3. By Transfer:

12.31.2024 Steve & Dee Johnson

4. Reinstated:

12.31.2024 Heidi & (Jason) Holden, Nolan, Addelie Bonwell

C. Removed from Active Membership

1. By Death:

Marilyn Gearhart, Jan Foster-Lanphere

2. Transfer to other ELCA Congregations:

3. To other Lutheran Congregations:

4. To non-Lutheran Congregations:

5. To inactive or moved out of area without transfer:

Erik & Ann Sundstrom, Erich, Brenda, Carlie, Payton, & Ethan Sundstrom, Eric, Robin & Signe Aamodt, Ivory Rose Breckenridge, (Jade & Marla) Elle & Elaina Davis, Bill & Linda Dobbins, Dave & Julie Lane, Bergen Lane, Whitney Lane, Stacy & (Joe), Kylie Linebarier, Pattie & Woody Vice, Alicia & (Todd) Mikayla, Nicole, Emma, (Cole, Elizabeth & Katelyn) Dunn-Warman, Bob Black, Elizabeth Price, Jessie Schweitzer, Andrea Day

6. By statistical adjustment:

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2024 Statistical Report of Members

Summary

		<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>BAPTIZED</u>
Membership 12-31-23		165	187
Members Received:	Baptism	0	0
	Affirmation of Faith	0	0
	Transfer from ELCA congregations	2	2
	From other Lutheran Congregations	0	0
	Confirmed	1	1
	Reinstated	2	4
	Statistical Adjustment	0	0
	Total Received:	5	7
Members Removed	Death	2	2
	Transfer to other ELCA Congregations	0	0
	To non-ELCA or non-Luth. Congregations	0	0
	To Responsibility list (inactive)	22	20
	Statistical Adjustment	0	6
	Total Removed:	24	28
Membership 12-31-24		146	168

2024 Active Membership List

<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Adult Member</u>	<u>Children Member</u>
2	2	Aamodt	Phil & Fran	
1	1	Anderson	Dee	
2	2	Arbaugh	Steve & Liz	
1	1	Babcock	Steve	
2	2	Bersch	Wayne & Janelle	
1	1	Bersch	Sarah	
1	1	Bersch	Matthew	
2	2	Betzing	John & Patti	
1	1	Betzing	Jack	
1	1	Black	Ann	
2	4	Bonwell	Heidi & (Jason)	Holden, Nolan & Adelie
1	2	Britt-Morris	Cathy & (Ethan)	Maggie
2	2	Britt	Gale & Becky	
2	2	Britt	Ken & Joni	
1	1	Bywater	Mary	
2	2	Cain	Ivan & Judy	



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4	5	Chalmers	Kent & Annie	Brooke, Oliver & Finn
2	2	Cockle	Debbie & James	
1	1	Collinge	Valdine	
1	1	Conde	Debbie	
1	1	Cooper	Bonnie	
1	1	Davila	Mondo	
2	2	Day	Jack & Lisa	
1	1	Day	Zachery	
1	1	Day	Elaina	
2	2	Evans	John & Kathy Jo	
1	1	Erickson	Scot	
1	1	Forsberg	Shan	
1	1	Fries	Bob	
1	1	Fries	Scott	
2	2	Gallegos-Montoya	Norma & Gustavo	
2	3	Gross	Jeff & Jamie	
1	1	Gubsch	Susan	
1	1	Guizzetti	Pat	
2	2	Haven	Pr. Dave & LeAnn	
0	3	Haugen	(Ty & Andrea)	
2	2	Hericks	Bill & Marcy	
1	1	Herring	George	
4	4	Herring-Bay	Bruce Herring, Julie Bay	
1	1	Heuer	Maggie	
2	2	Hiatt	Dan & Debbie	
1	1	Holmes	Laurie	
2	2	Hussey	Mike & Judy	
2	2	Johns	Cal & Terry	
2	2	Johnson	Steve & Dee	
1	1	King	Patty	
1	1	Lanphere	Rick	
2	2	Ledgerwood	Katie & Greg	
1	1	Linebarier	Kaitlyn	
1	1	Ludeman	Clarice	
1	1	McCabe	Carol	



Hudson

Torbin, Griffin, Hannah

Rebecca & Nathan Bay



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1	1	McCann	June	
2	2	McCray	Susan & Jason	
1	1	McCray	Claire	
1	1	McCray	Valerie	
2	2	McKinney	Leon & Bonnie	
2	2	Mettler	Darald & Carol	
2	2	Miller	Bill & Selma	
2	2	Moore	J. Douglas & Deborah	
2	2	Musser	John & Sharon	
2	2	Myrene	Gary & Suzanne	
2	2	Neal	Mark & Laurie	
1	1	Ogle	Terry	
2	2	Peterson	Justin & Charly	
1	1	Peterson	David	
4	4	Peterson	Dave & Marcia	Annika & Maren
2	2	Plinski	Duane & Roxy	
2	3	Price	Jason & Darcie	Cole
1	1	Price	Allison	
1	1	Roberts	Jean	
1	1	Ross	Randy	
1	5	Russ	(Greg & Victoria)	Kamyrn, Peter, AC, Jesse, Lilly
1	1	Schloe	Glen	
1	1	Schlosser	Ted (Lynda)	
2	2	Schweitzer	Betsy & Mark	
1	1	Schweitzer	Katelyn	
2	2	Seale	Richard & Jacki	
2	2	Smith	Brandt & Elaine	
2	4	Snyder	Denny & Lisa	Hollis & Hope
3	4	Stimmel	Bonnie (& Spencer)	Benjamin, Matthew, & Shelby
1	1	Stitzlein	Elmer	
2	7	Stumpf	Chuck & Kenda-Ruth	Serenity, Blaze, Jeremiah, Payton & Elijah
2	2	Taplett	Larry & Ginny	
2	2	Thompson	Bob & Sue	



Statistics

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<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Adult Member</u>	<u>Children Member</u>
1	1	Thompson	Doris	
1	1	Thompson	Karen	
1	1	Thorson	Malissa	
2	2	Tonkin	Dennis & Ro	
1	2	Vertrees	(Brian & Brianne)	Langley & Everly
1	1	Walker	Margaret	
1	1	Wallis	Pam (& RJ)	
1	1	Weaver	Barbara (& Jeremy)	
1	1	Weaver	Marilynn	
2	2	Webb	Gale & Marcia	
1	1	Werner	Alice	
1	1	Willms	Arnie	

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96 Total (Families)







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NAME	STREET	CITY	ZIP	TELEPHONE
Aamodt, Phil & Fran	3319 East 57th #207	Spokane	WA 99223-7022	(509)885-8280
Arbaugh, Steve & Liz	2881 N Breckenridge Dr	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-9399	(509)668-3909
Babcock, Steve	1212 N Devon Ave	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4239	(509)860-4059
Bersch, Wayne & Janelle	235 Stoney Brook Lane	Wenatchee	WA 98801-9049	(509)665-5938
Betzing, John & Patti	828 S Lamplight	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-6407	(509)630-5884
Black, Ann	29 Emma Drive	Wenatchee	WA 98801-2591	(509)679-5078
Bonwell, Jason & Heidi	2317 Fancher Field Rd	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8334	(509)741-9525
Bozarth, James and Julie	3921 Squilchuck Rd.	Wenatchee	WA 98801-9487	(509)663-8055
Britt, Gale & Becky	1119 SE Third St	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-5514	(509)670-3597
Britt, Ken & Joni	1307 Saddlerock Dr.	Wenatchee	WA 98801-3268	(509)860-4860
Britt-Morris, Cathy(Ethan)	1644 Hunt Wood Lane	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8338	(509)860-8862
Browder, Sharon	180 2nd Ave S RM 156	Edmonds	WA 98020-3641	(425)441-3310
Bywater, Mary-George Herring	374 Allison Street	Wenatchee	WA 98801-5001	(509)548-2268
Cain, Ivan & Judy	PO Box 214	Monitor	WA 98836-0214	(509)670-5686
Calhoun, Mark & Bonnie	8 Penny Lane	Butte	MT 59701-3985	(509)860-2841
Carter, Jenny & Tyree	1009 Jackie Lane	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4578	(818)428-5338
Chalmers, Kent & Annie	326 S Division Street	Cashmere	WA 98815-1135	(509)255-8131
Church, Celebration Lutheran	801 8th Street NE	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4613	(509)884-3817
Cockle, Jim & Debbie	3505 Westridge Pl	Wenatchee	WA 98801-9120	(509)421-3160
Collinge, Valdine	716 Lynn St.	Wenatchee	WA 98801-3631	(509)662-5797
Conde, Debbie	636 Briarwood Drive	East Wenatchee	WA 98801-8300	(206)303-7793
Cooper, Bonnie	1602 3rd St. NE	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-6076	(509)881-8257
Cummings, Nathan & Jenna	20194 N Tammy Street	Maricopa	AZ 85138-4623	(509)630-8146
Davila, Mondo	PO Box 173	Orondo	WA 98843-0173	(509)860-8173
Day, Jack & Lisa	914 College St.	Wenatchee	WA 98801-1686	(509)665-0903
Dobbins, Bill & Linda	959 Briarwood Dr	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8303	(509)884-1191
Evans, John & Kathy Jo	1420 Westpoint Place	Wenatchee	WA 98801-9043	(360)363-9572
Erickson, Scot	565 Sunday Dr	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8430	(509)884-8721
Fajardo-Perez, Pastor Misael	134 W Via Vaquero	San Dimas	CA 91773-3323	(509)654-0615
Forsberg, Shan	1309 Horizon Place	Wenatchee	WA 98801-7513	(509)423-3335
Fudge, Don & Dorla	2521 Aviation Drive	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-9037	(315)935-4596
Frack, Darlene	1320 S Miller St	Wenatchee	WA 98801-3295	(509)665-6695
Fries, Bob	351 19th Street NE Apt 23	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8308	(509)884-5125
Funk, Wayne	1587 Leisure Road	Mesa	AZ 85206-2313	(509)669-5562
Gellatly, Dave & Sandy	446 Allison	Wenatchee	WA 98801-5003	(509)670-5552
Gallegos, Norma & Gustavo	10773 US Hwy 2	Leavenworth	WA 98826-9303	(509)860-0323

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Gradwohl, Pastor Nancy	728 Okanogan Ave	Wenatchee	WA 98801-3464	(425)877-5131
Graf, Meg & Von	61390 Coachman Way	Bend	OR 97702-3840	(509)668-4617
Gross, Jeff & Jamie	1104 Cherry Circle	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4378	(509)679-3273
Gubsch, Andrew	3213 53rd Ave NE	Tacoma	WA 98422-2926	(509)393-4303
Gubsch, Susan	100 Quail Lane	Cashmere	WA 98815-1332	(509)782-0149
Gubsch, Pastor Tyler & Carrie	920 Maxwell	Davenport	WA 99122-9386	(402)237-6617
Guizzetti, Pat	18 S Garfield Av.	Wenatchee	WA 98801-2619	(509)670-7141
Haven, Pastor Dave & LeAnn	1814 Manhattan Dr.	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8419	(509)884-7684
Haven, Don & Cindy Carroll	1750 Central Ave Unit A	Wenatchee	WA 98801-7575	(916)770-7078
Haven, Micah	4135 S J Street	Tacoma	WA 98418-3825	(509)860-8147
Heineck, Peggy	2618 School Street	Wenatchee	WA 98801-5964	(425)334-6100
Hericks, Bill & Marcy	1516 4th St.	Wenatchee	WA 98801-1739	(509)670-7217
Heuer, Maggie	760 Fairway Drive	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-3702	(509)884-8077
Herring-Bay, Bruce & Julie	865 Crawford Ave	Wenatchee	WA 98801-3382	(509)663-8494
Hiatt, Dan & Debbie	23 Sageland	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-0001	(206)321-5053
Holmes, Laurie	22062 US Hwy 97	Orondo	WA 98843-9768	(425)308-7458
Hussey, Judy & Mike	1740 Central Ave Unit G	Wenatchee	WA 98801-7574	(509)421-7476
Johns, Cal & Terry	207 NW 29th Street	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8586	(509)679-0127
Johnson, Janet	45190 Seeley Dr #339	LaQuinta	CA 92253-1914	(760)772-2614
Johnson, Steve & Dee	2669 8th St. NE	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4755	(425)829-9118
Kaufer, Dick & Mary	112 Ironwood Place	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4180	(509)630-6066
King, Patty	1542 Virginia Way	Wenatchee	WA 98801-8012	(509)441-2222
Koehler-Martin, Mike & Paula	12672 Spring Street	Leavenworth	WA 98826-9504	(425)422-1022
Kuiken, Jason & Sarah	12949 Covey Circle	Sonora	CA 95370-6980	(303)495-4859
Lane, Bergen	1713 Angela Street	Wenatchee	WA 98801-1077	(509)860-3259
Lane, Dave & Julie	15 C Chardonnay Lane	Blanchard	ID 83804-5003	(509)860-1473
Langley, Virginia	PO Box 57	Malaga	WA 98828-0057	(503)775-0852
Lanphere, Rick	145 NW 29th St	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-9502	(509)421-1681
Larson, Iona & Aiden Hawes	1011 S Rosewood Ave	Wenatchee	WA 98801-3320	(435)291-4555
Ledgerwood, Katie & Greg	2510 8th Street SE	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-9122	(509)429-0696
Linebarier, Joe & Stacy	2309 Mountain View	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4033	(509)884-7505
Lortie, Marcia	339 9th St. NE C-204	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-6806	(509)293-2461
Ludeman, Clarice	1550 Cherry Street #275	Wenatchee	WA 98801-6275	(509)670-0981
McCabe, Carol & John	412 Lombard Lane	Wenatchee	WA 98801-9604	(760)660-6667
McCann, June	3291 Birch Mountain Rd	Wenatchee	WA 98801-9636	(509)670-5207
McCray, Susan & Jason	PO Box 94	Orondo	WA 98843-0094	(509)679-7713

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Mettler, Darald & Carol	224 Broadmoor St.	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4123	(509)470-8800
Miller, Bill & Selma	368 Lombard Lane	Wenatchee	WA 98801-9194	(509)669-1915
Moore, Deborah & Doug	50 Puu Anoano Street #1306	Lahaina	HI 96761-2900	(509)793-5222
Mueller, Wolf	233 Wilshire St. NW	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4100	(509)881-0784
Musser, John & Sharon	510 Nelson Pl. N	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8401	(509)884-3435
Myrene, Gary & Suzy	310 Shady Ln.	Wenatchee	WA 98801-2433	(509)663-6918
Neal, Mark & Laurie	122 Mackenzie Way	Chelan	WA 98816-8028	(509)860-2510
Ogle, Terry	1601 Maiden Lane B204	Wenatchee	WA 98802-8330	(509)669-7131
Oppelaar, Rev. Alan	147 20th Place NE	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4002	(509)393-7848
Penson, Todd & Tyger	145 E Barnacle Blvd	Shelton	WA 98584-9409	(509)393-8322
Peterson, Dave	2949 Sierra Blvd	Malaga	WA 98828-9751	(509)662-7495
Peterson, Justin & Charly	6039 Halzel Place	Cashmere	WA 98815-9507	(509)670-4438
Peterson, David & Marcia	3659 Dianna Way	Wenatchee	WA 98801-9117	(509)663-9107
Plinski, Duane & Roxy	805 Briarwood Drive	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8302	(509)669-0417
Price, Jason & Darcie	1305 Easthills Terrace	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4622	(509)886-8418
Pruitt, Pat	1900 Wellington Pl	Wenatchee	WA 98801-2330	(509)630-6172
Ross, Randy	4621 Squilchuck Rd	Wenatchee	WA 98801-9494	(509)669-4621
Rossing, Rev. Dr. Barbara & Johnson, Lauren	7785 E Leavenworth Rd	Leavenworth	WA 98826-9044	(509)548-7278
Russ, Greg & Victoria	1925 Okanogan Ave	Wenatchee	WA 98801-3650	(605)391-4127
Schloe, Glen	2110 Inglewood Drive	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8545	(509)886-1667
Schlosser, Lynda & Ted	718 19th Street	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8352	(509)470-9297
Schweitzer, Mark & Betsy	801 N Nile	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-4744	(509)670-5664
Seale, Richard & Jacki	205 S Western #202	Wenatchee	WA 98801-3928	(509)860-5582
Siepmann-Knowlton, Caleb & Connie	PO Box 134	Naches	WA 98937-0134	(509)881-1562
Smith, Brant & Elaine	2299 Veedol Drive	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-9019	(530)965-2126
Snyder, Dennis & Lisa	2990 Cascade Ridge	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8005	(509)551-3580
Stimmel, Spencer & Bonnie	1622 McKittrick St.	Wenatchee	WA 98801-1120	(509)663-8884
Stitzlein, Elmer	589 Highline Dr #37	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-7822	(925)759-0779
Stumpf, Chuck & Kenda-Ruth	2419 Talon Street NE	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8446	(253)212-0606
Sundstrom, Erich & Brenda	1034 S. Marna Lane	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-5787	(509)884-1187
Sundstrom, Erick & Ann	1197 Chucker Lane	East Wenatchee	WA 98802-8405	(509)884-2107

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¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' John 4:13-14

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our synod staff and synod council have been using the phrase Wellsprings of God's Love to describe ministries across the beautiful and vast Northwest Intermountain Synod. In our [two-page document](#) about what we do together as a synod, you'll read, "As the waters of our synod all flow into streams and creeks that run into the Snake and Columbia Rivers, our ministry sites make up a watershed proclaiming the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ." Using the phrase Wellsprings of God's Love is meant to be descriptive, not prescriptive. In other words, we do not want to give you one more thing to do or be. The phrase comes out of who you already are, which our staff observes as we travel throughout the synod. Furthermore, a wellspring implies abundance, and we trust that such abundance is possible because of God's love made known to us through Jesus Christ. Whether you are in a rural community or a more urban area, your ministry might feel isolated; you are not. The waters above ground and the aquifers below keep us connected as one synod, one church. Wellsprings are not isolated, and neither are our ministries!

Our scripture guide for Wellsprings of God's Love comes from John chapter 4: Jesus' encountering the woman at the well. Jesus uses the phrase "living water" for the Holy Spirit that meets people's thirst for life in relationship with God. Ultimately, that is what ministries in our Northwest Intermountain Synod do, help people be in relationship with the loving God we worship. Whatever that looks like in your context, thank you! And thank you also for your gifts of Mission Support. Because of Mission Support from congregations like yours, our entire synod can collectively help people build and strengthen their relationships with God.

When we gather online for our Synod Assembly, Saturday, May 3, we will use John 4:7-15 as our central text. Further along in the story, in verse 29, the woman says to the people in her city, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

As you celebrate the ministries in your own congregation from the past year and look ahead to the new year, I encourage you individually and collectively to wonder and commit to who you will proclaim, "Come and see!" Who in your sphere of family and friends has no idea that a Wellspring of God's Love even exists? Who needs a place of welcome? Who has no clue that God's love is absolutely without a doubt for them? Who is parched from the daily grind of life? Telling someone about God's love can be scary. Inviting someone to join you for worship or a potluck might be overwhelming. Consider how you have experienced your congregation, or one like it, as a Wellspring of God's Love. That is your story, your truth. And then you can be bold to say, "Come and see!"

Peace,

Bishop Meggan Manlove

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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Confident in God's generosity and gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us praise God and give thanks ...

God, we praise you and give you thanks.

You are good, and your mercy endures forever.

You gave us a garden with good food to eat.

We praise you for food that nourishes us.

You rescued your people from slavery.

We praise you for freedom.

You gave us prophets to correct, rebuke and encourage us.

We bless you for your justice and mercy.

You gave us your Son, Jesus, to love, redeem and save us.

We praise you for his death and resurrection.

You gave us your Holy Spirit to be our Advocate and Comforter.

We bless you for the gifts of every tribe and nation.

Strengthen your church with every spiritual gift

and commission us again to be your servant people.

Multiply in us the fruit of the spirit:

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Send us in your love and mercy,

that the world may know you and praise you.

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 840

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you are the giver of every good gift. Bless us with all that we need for ministry in your name, that we might be a blessing to others. In the name of the one who broke bread and fed the multitudes, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Through your generosity, God is at work across the ELCA. A portion of your offering, called Mission Support, advances the ministry of our church, helping the ELCA nurture Christian community, raise up leaders, serve our neighbors and strive for justice. Read stories and learn more at **LivingLutheran.org/SOFIA**.



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