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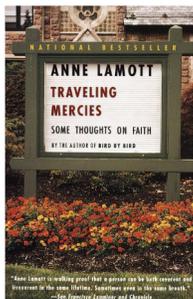
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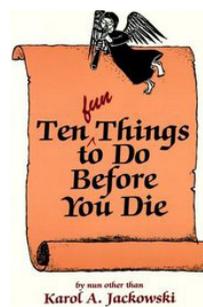
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## FROM THE PASTOR... AND STAFF! BOOK (AND MUSIC) RECOMMENDATIONS



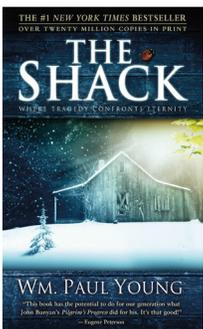
### Traveling Mercies by Anne Lamott

Anne Lamott's nontraditional journey to faith is unusual and inspiring as someone nontraditional myself, it's encouraging to hear her story of transition moving through loss into a place of growth. I highly recommend this book. It's hilarious and profane and funny and she's an alcoholic who's a mess and dealing with having a kid when she shouldn't have had a kid. It's great.  
-Pastor Gretchen



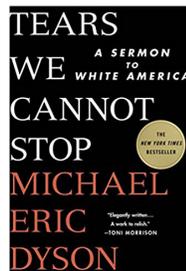
### Ten Fun Things to Do Before You Die by Karol Jackowski

I had no expectations for this book when I picked it up on sale. But it light-heartedly punctures our tendency to take ourselves too seriously, and invites us to experience the joy and freedom and humor of faith and living like you've got nothing to lose. I've never come across anything else like it. The pages turn quickly, but you won't read it just once...You'll keep coming back and it will keep working on you — in the most delightful way!  
-Pastor Kathy



### The Shack by Wm. Paul Young

While Wm. Pauls Young's "The Shack" may be theologically questionable, it makes ones think about the nature of the trinity in new ways. Our Madonnas book group enjoyed a thorough discussion a few years ago about this book. If you haven't read it yet, give it a try.  
-Karen Lee

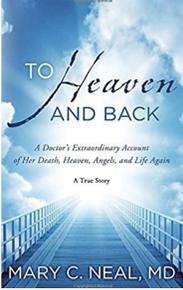


### Tears We Cannot Stop Michael Eric Dyson

In Tears We Cannot Stop (2017), Dyson, a black Georgetown professor and Baptist preacher, delivers a brutally honest sermon to white America. He argues that continued white indifference to the ongoing suffering of African-Americans not only threatens to destroy black communities, but white communities as well, as our futures--just as our pasts--are inexorably intertwined. The future of blacks in America is the future of America.

Dyson also challenges white people of conscience; it is up to us to overcome the culture of white supremacy that still lingers in our country. Black people are still living with the vestiges of slavery, reconstruction, and Jim Crow, and white people are still benefiting from the privilege our skin color confers in this society. We must be able to recognize and name this privilege, and support our black brothers and sisters in ways that will help them overcome the disadvantages they face living in a white culture. For too long this burden has been on African Americans like Dyson, and the sad reality is that most of white America is tuning these black voices out.

Sadly, the white ears to whom this book would be most beneficial will probably never read it, resistant as many are to even the concept of "white privilege." Many argue that they are not privileged because they come from poor backgrounds, have faced significant adversity in their lives, and didn't have the educational opportunities that typically lead to success in this society. However, Dyson points out through statistical details and personal anecdotes the sad realities black people have to face every day, realities that even the poorest whites do not have to contend.  
-Don Boelter



## Heaven and Back by Mary C. Neal, MD

I remembered how much this book “Heaven and Back” by Mary C. Neal, MD impacted my life. I read it after my daughter Katie took her life in 2009. I was looking for comfort during my early grieving process. The book reassured me that there is a heaven and life after death. This book is a remarkable true story about an orthopaedic surgeon, wife and mother, who “drowned” in a kayak accident during a vacation in southern Chile. While cascading down a waterfall, her kayak became pinned at the bottom. She was immediately and completely submerged underwater for too long, and as a result, died. She experienced God’s peace, joy and angels – and back to life again. Dr. Neal described in detail her feelings and surroundings in heaven, her communication with angels, and her deep sense of sadness when she realized it wasn’t her time. She shares the captivating experience of her modern-day miracle. It is an inspirational spiritual journey that I can definitely relate to and it uplifted my spirits at the time.

-Nancy Oldenkamp



## Do Not Lose Heart, We Are Made for These Times by Dr. Clarissa Pinkole Estes

While not a book, my recommendation is a letter written by Dr. Clarissa Pinkole Estes titled: “Do Not Lose Heart, We Were Made for These Times”. Her words are both a balm and an igniting fire for me. I can’t even try to describe it – I’ll just offer this quote and invite you to read her words for yourself.

*“When a great ship is in harbor and moored, it is safe, there can be no doubt. But...that is not what great ships are built for.”* --Clarissa Pinkola Estes

Here’s a link to the letter: [tinyurl.com/z653r5f](http://tinyurl.com/z653r5f)  
-Cara Kiggins



## “Hope” and “Let It Be” by Superchic[k]

When I’m going through emotional times, I usually turn to music to find comfort. These two songs by Superchic[k] are a couple of my go-to songs when life feels heavy. They remind me to let go and allow God to carry me through to the next step of my journey on this earth. -Jonath Ochs

IT TAKES ALL OF US!

**Please remember your offerings  
while you’re traveling this summer.**

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!

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*Thank you!*

# BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION!

## VISION-ALIGNED BUILDING UPDATE



*Construction is complete!*



*The new bathroom for the Road2Housing guests.*

### **Fellowship Hall Work Completed!**

With the installation of carpet tiles, renovation work on the Fellowship Hall was completed in mid-July and dedicated on July 30 after the worship service. I am happy to report that the project came in on time and under budget. With these savings, we were able to put the original lighting design concepts-- that were removed due to cost concerns--back into the plan. Money for the project came entirely from money already collected from the Capital Campaign and funds previously raised for Fellowship Hall improvements, as voted on by the congregation on March 5.

Improvements to Fellowship Hall include:

- New carpet tiles with sound abatement and plastic laminate flooring,
- Laundry facilities for church and Road2Housing program use,
- New two story storage space along east wall,
- New dimable lighting,
- Completely renovated bathroom, including new ADA accessible shower for Road2Housing program,
- New alcove for Road2Housing program refrigerator and storage space, and
- Walls, doors, and ceiling painting.

A special thank you also to LZL Construction for doing such good work on this project, especially Rick Gertson, Site Supervisor, and Dennis Lehtinan, Owner.

### **Future Phases**

Requests for Proposals went out to five different design-build firms in re: next phases of the Vision-Aligned Building Project, and are expected back by the end of July. The VAB Team will review the proposals in August, and we hope to start work with the contractors in early Fall 2017. If all goes well with the permitting process, etc., we hope to begin work on the sanctuary, offices, and narthex/entry areas in the summer of 2018.

Before moving forward with the next phase, per church policies and council instructions, the congregation will have the opportunity to vote on expending Capital Campaign and Legacy funds and/or taking out a building loan. Additional opportunities to learn more about what's ahead with the project, and future forums to ask questions and express concerns are also being planned. In the meantime, we will continue to provide monthly VAB updates in *The Visitor*, and will publicize future Congregational Meetings in all our usual communications avenues.

The VAB Team is: Jim Arnold, Don Boelter, Pastor Kathy Hawks, Mike Hlastala, Kirsten Malone, Guy Michaelsen, and Ryan Mertes,.

*Thanks to all who contributed!*

# WORSHIP AND MUSIC

## SUMMER WORSHIP



### **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP : Sundays 10am - Sanctuary**

Join us as we praise God through traditional liturgy. Each week will bring special music from varied instruments & voices, and people of all ages.



### **WORSHIP ON THE LAWN : Wednesdays 6pm - Picnic // 6:30pm - Worship**

Bring your picnic dinner at 6pm, and stay for worship with our Informal Ensemble starting at 6:30pm. We will be celebrating communion every week with the same sermon & readings from Sunday. Family friendly and fun! Dogs welcome and childcare provided.

## Summer Sundays Schedule of Special Music

**AUGUST 6** - Stephanie Dykes, Vocal Soloist

**AUGUST 13** - The Watkins Children, Piano

**AUGUST 20** - Denny Palmason, Vocal Soloist;  
Gretchen Mertes, Vocal Soloist

**AUGUST 27** - Raymond Larsen and  
Carey Rayburn, Trumpet

**SEPTEMBER 3** - Joanna Elizondo, Flute;  
Fred Flickinger, Baroque Violin

### **FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES:**

**SEPTEMBER 10** - Quinton Morris, Violin

**SEPTEMBER 17** - The Choir is Back!



## Centering Prayer

🕒 THURSDAYS, 6-6:30PM

Give yourself the gift of centering, quiet, and time with God. Have never tried it? Ask Pastor Kathy or Danielle Modeen what's involved... or just come and soak it up. Thursdays, 6-6:30pm in the sanctuary. First Thursdays of the month we share a simple meal following. Join us August 3!



**WELCOMING WISDOM**

Everyone is welcome to this Luncheon  
to honor our 80+ year-old folks.



Sunday, August 20, 2017



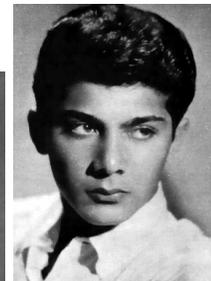
at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church  
after the 10:00 a.m. Worship

It will be held in the newly remodeled Fellowship Hall.

*We're going back to the Fifties with*

***Music and Memories***

***Remember?***



**Childcare Provided**

Please RSVP to the church office ([office@ourredeemers.net](mailto:office@ourredeemers.net)) or call 206-783-7900.

# FAITH FORMATION

## Faith Formation Dates for September!

Hello families with kids! Here are the dates you need to know for September!

### 1. RALLY SUNDAY - September 10!

- **Backpack Blessing** - 9:00 AM - Bring your backpack to worship for a blessing & token.
- **Kid's Church Orientation** - 10:00 am - We will be decorating and setting up the Kid's Church room upstairs, and looking at the curriculum and the upcoming year.
- **First Confirmation Class** - 10:10 am - all 7th, 8th, and 9th graders are invited.

### 2. CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION - September 6 @7:00 pm

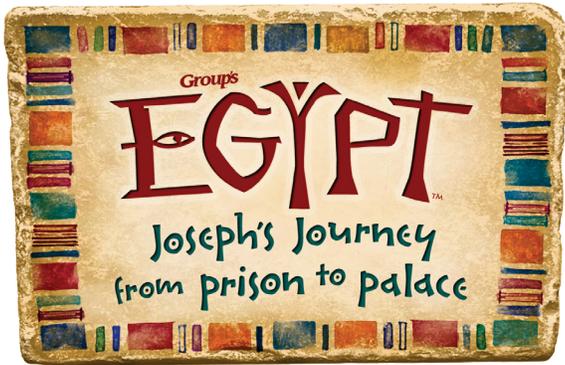
Students in 7th, 8th, and 9th grade plus a parent are requested to attend confirmation orientation for the upcoming year. Thanks in advance!

### 3. SAVE THE DATE - ELEMENTARY RETREAT - September 22-23!

A 24 hour retreat for kids in 2nd-5th grade @ Camp Lutherwood.

### 4. NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING - All students in 8th-12th grades are invited to the ELCA national youth gathering held in Houston, June 27-July 1 2018. It's our big trip for next year! Check out [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering) for more information.

Any and all questions, and if you'd like to volunteer with faith formation, please contact Pastor Gretchen ([pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net](mailto:pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net))!



## From Prison to Palace: Joseph's Journey

Over the week of VBS, thirty-five students learned about God's love through Joseph's story from the book of Genesis. They learned about God's gifts to us: Hope, Special Abilities, Wisdom, Forgiveness, and Family. Each day featured a gathering celebration, followed by story time with Joseph, games, fancy crafts, snacks, music time, and a bit of rest. Groups travelled together as "families" to each place, and the children developed lasting friendships together. With their family leader's guidance, they learned bible verses, and neat lessons to illustrate how God's love is active in our lives. It was a life-changing and fun week! **Next year, we will be hosting VBS from July 16-20.** Mark your calendars now!

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study: "Jesus and the Gospels"

🕒 **BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13, 2017**  
**@ 10:30AM**

There appear to be two myths about studying the Bible:

1. I can't understand it, and/or
2. It's boring.

If you are one that falls into this reasoning, perhaps it is because you have attributed to the whole of scripture what you have found in some of its more difficult parts. These 90 minutes each Wednesday morning (10:30am-12:30pm) are more than reading the Bible; we study it. And, that's rewarding.

The class format is: prayer, a 30-minute DVD, followed by discussion. The DVDs feature Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, a former Benedictine monk renowned for his insights into Christianity.

Below is a sample of the Table of Contents for the course:

### **Gospel of Mark** (at least four sessions)

- Apocalyptic and Irony; Good News in Mystery; Teacher and Disciples; Passion and Death.

### **Gospel of Matthew** (four lessons)

- Synagogue Down the Street; The Messiah of Israel; Jesus and Torah; Teacher and Lord.

All are welcome to this class. I think you'll find it worthwhile in your life of faith. Why not make this one of your "practices"?

-Carolyn Swanson, Facilitator

## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a great success! A giant thank you is due to Christ the Servant Lutheran church in Bellingham, which graciously gifted the VBS curriculum and AMAZING sets they built last year to our church. It was fabulous to be able to create Egypt and have the kids be transported to a different place, and it wouldn't have been possible without their generosity. Thank you!!





VBS simply wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers as well. The following folks donated their time (and vacation time!) to be with our kids:

- Amy Dahlgren - Decorating Lead & Clean Up
- Steven Rystrom - Games Leader & Music Leader
- Deanna Carter - Crafts
- Stephanie Running - Crafts Leader
- Linda Carbone - Crafts
- Cindy Knight - Snacks
- Madeline Jacobson - Asst. Director & Gap Filler
- Lindsay Rindler - Registration
- Kari Guddal - Family Leader
- Sandy Box - Family Assistant
- Charlotte Wallstrom - Family Leader
- Jodi Somm - Family Assistant
- Kirja Bruzzichesi - Family Assistant
- Tracy Steiner - Family Leader
- Amie Stewart - Family Assistant
- Raleigh Somm - Music Assistant
- Audrey Gundacker - Games Assistant
- Emily Malone - Games Assistant
- Matt Grover - Story Leader & Celebration Leader, and Clean Up.
- Pastor Gretchen - Music Leader
- Julie Vannoy - Clean Up
- Erik & Neils Running - Clean Up

## SOCIAL JUSTICE



### Interested in Social Justice? Check it out!

🕒 AUGUST 13TH AT 11:30AM

All-call: if you have an interest in social justice issues in our community and worldwide, please save the date for the next Social Justice Quarterly Meeting & Brunch Potluck on Sunday, August 13th at 11:30am (after the 10am Summer worship). We will be voting on which organizations to direct Our Redeemer's Benevolence giving towards, discussing current social justice ministries, and making plans for social justice activities moving forward. Bring a brunch dish to share, an open heart, and your passions for social justice!



### God's Work, Our Hands: Carkeek Park

🕒 SEPTEMBER 24TH 12:30PM-3:30PM

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

This year, on Sunday September 24th, 12:30pm-3:30pm, Our Redeemer's will be caring for God's creation in beautiful Carkeek Park, followed by a celebratory potluck picnic at 3:30pm. Our work party will be led by a Carkeek Park Trail Steward. We'll work on a forest restoration and trails maintenance project set up just for Our Redeemer's. The Trail Steward will provide gloves and water (they encourage us to bring our own bottle of water, to reduce plastic waste). Please wear sturdy shoes. Wear your grubbies to church and we all will head to Carkeek Park directly after worshipping together at the 11am service.

While the work project is only suitable for teens and older, families with young children are still welcome to the 12:30p work party and 3:30p picnic! During the work party, younger kids can play up on the Carkeek Park playground with a few supervising adults while the other parents join the work crew.

Stick around for the 3:30p Carkeek Park potluck picnic after the work party so we can fill our bellies after hard work (or hard play) and celebrate God's creation!

Please sign up online so we know we'll have a big enough work crew:  
<https://www.volunteersignup.org/MMPW7>

## Feed the Hungry: Ballard Sunday Dinner



Lack of shelter and hunger in our community are human rights issues. The best way to address this human rights issue is debatable - these are big questions, with no easy answers. As followers of Christ, we feel called to respond to the folks we see in our neighborhood streets experiencing hunger and homelessness. While feeding hungry people at the Ballard Sunday Dinner might not be a big-picture solution, the immediate effect is providing a compassionate, safe space for individuals experiencing hunger and homelessness to fill their bellies with a fresh warm meal on a Sunday evening. Last month we had a great team of volunteers and served 60 plates of pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, caesar salad, and chocolate chip cookies. Many guests expressed gratitude for the delicious meal as they left, previously hungry bellies full of nutritious food.

**This month our Ballard Sunday Dinner is Sunday August 20th.** It takes all of us taking turns and chipping in to make this happen. If you are available August 20th and haven't taken a turn cooking, serving, greeting or cleaning up, volunteer positions are available.

Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/jzpyoxs>

### **One volunteer shares their experience:**

*"I originally volunteered because I thought it was the right thing to do and I wanted to put a face to homelessness. Step by step that is happening.*

*One time I came while another church was volunteering, as I was asked to do so. I felt a little bit uncomfortable because I had nothing to do to keep busy. So I sat on a bench to observe. It wasn't long before one of the guests came and asked me to join them at their table. It took me by surprised and I thought how many times have people sat and not been invited to join a group. We had a great conversation. The guests at the table shared some of their stories. They told me how important it is to have a Sunday dinner, as there are lots of meals provided on the weekdays, but not on the weekends. These guests had come from the Interbay homeless camp to eat. Often times people tell me it's their only meal of the day and they are grateful."*



## Feed Hungry People All Summer Long!

by Cara Kiggins

As a parent, this summer food bank drive has given me an opportunity to have conversations with my 4 year old daughter about hunger, sharing, and generosity. I asked her to pick out a few cans from our pantry as we were heading out for the Wednesday evening service this week, and of course she asked me: "Why?". We talked about how some kids and adults don't have enough to eat, and are really hungry. We talked about how being hungry all the time can make kids tired, grumpy, or cause them to have trouble learning in school or paying attention in school. We talked about all of this, standing in front of our pantry full of food. Which led to conversation about sharing, and generosity. She proudly picked out two cans of food and we scrambled off to church (who plans for time for conversations like this when hustling your kids out the door?!).

**Well, folks, we've got a ways to go towards meeting our 750lb goal by September 10th!**

So far, we've raised about 21.8 lbs. I'm sure we're just getting warmed up, right? We can do this, right? Let's step up our game to meet our goal by the end of Summer!

All food will be donated to the Ballard Food Bank.

## Serve and Lead

We are building a team of Leads for the Ballard Sunday Dinner and we're looking for six new people to join the "Lead" team. Leads work in teams of two, and if we build up the team to a healthy level Leads will only serve in this position every 4-6 months, 2-3 times a year.

The role of the Lead includes

- planning the meal (we are collating sample meals and recipes to select from)
- purchasing ingredients
- directing the cooking crew volunteers
- eating with our guests, and taking a turn at serving
- serving as the 'go-to' person

If you're anything like me (Cara) you might not feel super confident planning a meal for seventy people. Some assure me it's not a big deal, but for the skeptical among us we have some very experienced cooks within our community who have many years experience cooking for large groups of people and they are willing to share the knowledge they've gained over the years. Everyone who has served as a Lead says it is a very, very rewarding role to take on. "Many hands make light work". Please join this Lead team and help spread the work out to a manageable, sustainable level!

There will be a planning meeting in the fall to assign dates to Leads for the year, and also determine 4 set meal plans, recipes, and shopping lists for Leads to choose from. Contact me, Cara, at [outreach@ourredeemers.net](mailto:outreach@ourredeemers.net) with any questions!





## More About “Host Homes”

By Brian Garrison

The housing crisis in the Greater Seattle Area does not seem to have an end in sight. As a community, we have gone back and forth on the best way to accommodate growth, while thousands of people are being displaced from their homes and affordable options are few and far between. During the 2016 One Night Count, 823 young people were found to be unsheltered in King County. There are not nearly enough shelter beds to provide a place for homeless youth to sleep each night. Building new shelters cannot happen quickly or inexpensively enough. But what if we told you there is a solution that already exists? What if you could help end homelessness?

The YMCA of Greater Seattle, supported by the Raikes Foundation and the Medina Foundation, is launching a new program that will efficiently and effectively house homeless youth: Host Homes. Host Homes connect homeless youth with supportive families in the community that have a spare room and are willing to provide a safe space to work towards a plan of independence. There are far more empty guest rooms in our city every night than there are homeless young people with no-where to go. If the church involves itself with this program, the body of Christ could put a permanent end to this humanitarian crisis in no time.

We are seeking individuals and families who are willing to provide a caring and stable environment, and host a young person for up to 6 months. By filling vacant rooms in the homes of individuals and families, we aim to not only provide continuous shelter for homeless youth, but to build lasting relationships with caring adults in their community and combat the forces that break down our communities and make strangers out of neighbors.

It is clear that our community wants to end homelessness, and individuals have struggled to find a way to get involved. Please consider becoming a Host Home. It will be life changing for the young person. It may even be life changing for you too.

Jesus told us, “as you have done unto the least of these, you have done unto me.” The Host Homes initiative not only offers a home to lost young people, it gives us churches the opportunity and the privilege to welcome Christ into our homes.

## **DO you feel called to learn more about hosting homeless young adults?**

Come to an info session to learn more! Brian Garrison will be joining us at Our Redeemer’s on Sunday, August 27 @ 11am in the Library to answer any questions you might have. If you felt a stirring in your heart hearing Brian preach on June 25, even just a little bit, honor that and come learn more! God’s work is through our hands.

## Join Our (Muslim) Neighbors - Annual BBQ at Idriss Mosque

Different from the monthly potlucks, this event on the second Sunday of August is when Sheikh Idriss Mosque and the Islamic Centre of Washington (ICW) are hosting their 16th Annual BBQ. We are all invited to this fun event. Hamburgers, hotdogs and vegetarian options will be served. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet our neighbours and work together for peace, compassion, reconciliation and justice. Please note: This is NOT a potluck, the regular monthly potlucks will resume in the Fall. Idriss Mosque and the ICW very proudly host the community at this special BBQ annually. The most important thing we can do is show up. Bring only an empty stomach and an open heart! If you would like to carpool or need a ride, please contact Cara at outreach@ourredeemers.net.

**Date: Sunday, August 13, 2017**

**Time: 2:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Place: Idriss Mosque, 1420 NE Northgate Way, Seattle, WA 98125**



## Young Families Playdate!

Any families with kids 3 and under are invited to check out the Young Families group. We will be having a playground playdate in August, and a kid-free playdate in September. To be included in the email planning process, just send your email to [pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net](mailto:pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net) and we'll get you in the loop! It's a great opportunity to connect with other families and kids.

## Yum! Possible Meal Making Group

🕒 SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 1:30PM

Like to cook? Don't much like to cook? Sick of cooking the same things?  
Time-crunched?

At our women's retreat, we talked about gathering regularly to make up meals to share, freeze and eat over the coming month. We could avoid the "I got home late. What can I fix/eat. Guess I'll eat junk" syndrome, and also get acquainted and share recipes.

On September 10, let's try it out, see if we want to do it again, and figure out logistics.

Please bring ingredients for an 8-serving main dish, and any specialized pans or utensils. Please tell Amy Dahlgren ([amydahlgren@yahoo.com](mailto:amydahlgren@yahoo.com)) or Pastor Kathy your dish ahead of time, so we don't all bring chili. :-)

If you are interested but can't come this time, that would be great to know, too. Hope to see you there.



## New Member Highlight:

### AMY DAHLGREN

#### 1. What made you want to join Our Redeemer's?

I visited back in late 2016 and when I walked in the door, was welcomed by very nice people and once I walked into the sanctuary, I knew that I was home. When Pastor Kathy sent me an email about "The Journey" I said yes. Going through "The Journey" and becoming a member in April has been amazing and such a gift to me.

#### 2. Where are you from?

I am from Colorado. Born in Denver and grew up in Fort Collins and then lived in Denver before moving to Seattle in January 2015.

#### 3. What are your interests?

My golden retriever Molly, my family and triathlons. I love spending time outside whether that is running, walking, biking or swimming at the pool or beach. Growing up in Colorado we were always outside and I have brought that with me to Seattle, just learning how to do things in the rain.

#### 4. Something you look forward to this coming year?

My parents are moving to Seattle/East Side in August and looking forward to them living in the same state again. We are taking a family vacation after Thanksgiving to Hawaii to celebrate my Mom's retirement.

#### 5. Favorite thing about coming to Church?

The people and the pastors at Our Redeemer.

#### 6. Can you give one or more examples of how Our Redeemer's has impacted your life?

It has been such a blessing for me to find Our Redeemer's. Moving to Seattle from Colorado and trying to find a new church was very difficult until I walked into Our Redeemer's last year. Going through "The Journey" and becoming a member has renewed my faith and given me so much that I cannot put into words how much of an impact Our Redeemer has had on me. With this experience I am choosing to give back in any way I can which includes volunteering at Ballard Sunday dinners, joining the Caring Community group and also serving on Church Council.

#### 7. Has your involvement at Our Redeemer's changed the way you think about anything? If yes, can you give some examples?

The Journey had a very big impact on me and how I view things and really pushed me to get more involved and I have. Its important for me to give back to the church and community with everything that I have already received in such a short time at Our Redeemer.

#### 8. Anything else you would like us to know about you?

If I am not at church on Sunday mornings, I am probably outside running, biking, racing in a triathlon or spending time with my family. I am the oldest of two girls. My sister and brother-in-law live in Redmond and have three kids; Eliana, Ethan and Andrew. I moved to to be closer to them.

# COMMUNITY

## MILESTONES

### August Birthdays

1	Fred Nelson	10	Anna Ojendyk	22	Kea Osborn
2	Shirley Anderson	13	Robert Overlie	23	Audrey Gundacker
2	Betty Goble	14	Vanessa Gable	24	Rebecca Butler
3	Theresa Forssen	14	Niels Running	24	Mercer Lenihan
3	Keira Smith	14	Kelsey Wagner	25	Christine Huffstetter
4	Stephanie Dykes	15	Paul Oldenkamp	26	Bob Dunn
4	Shirley Smith	16	Jon Kaimmer	26	Chris Glover
5	Damon Knight	16	Lee Cayton	26	Sue Johnson
5	Tyler Robbins-Linford	18	Carl Christenson	28	Linda Overlie
6	Ben Egaas	18	Doug Dixon	29	Cindy Ege
6	Sue Schoolcraft	18	Keith Hansen	29	Stephanie Running
7	Jennifer Gleeson	20	Amy Hammett	30	Sharon Ohm
9	Lynn Henderson	20	John Somm	30	Harley Oswald
10	Jean Kippen	21	Holly Gundacker	30	John Wilson
10	Ann McIntyre	22	Leiv Loklingholm	31	Anna Deturk

### Thanks be to God for:

#### OVER 90!

Pete Paulson - August 31, 1926, 91 years old!

#### MARRIAGE OF

Drew Barowicz & Kim Ward - July 22, 2017

### In Loving Memory of:

Doug Moore, who died this month.

### Madonnas Book Group

📅 AUGUST 27 @ 4PM

Come discuss "The Woman in Cabin 10" by Ruth Ware with the Madonnas Book Club. Meet in the church parking lot at 3:30pm if you wish to carpool. Ask Margaret Wetter (margaretwetter@gmail.com) if you're interested. All women welcome!

### Thank You

*Dear guy that wakes me up in the morning (administrator?),*

*You and your church deserve a huge thank you from me. It means so much that you allow me to sleep on your property on the nights I have nowhere else to go-- even when I would imagine you frown upon me staying overnight. You have been amazing. Thanks again and God bless you.*

*-Ryan*



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**SUNDAYS:**  
10am - Traditional Worship

**WEDNESDAYS:**  
6pm - Gather  
630pm - Worship on the Lawn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6</p> <p>Holden Village Retreat <b>10am Worship</b></p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Holden Village Retreat</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Holden Village Retreat</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Holden Village Retreat 9am Executive Committee 6pm Picnic <b>630pm Worship on the Lawn</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Holden Village Retreat 6pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Holden Village Retreat 130pm Folders</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Holden Village Retreat</p>
<p>13</p> <p><b>10am Worship</b> <b>Foodbank Sunday</b> 1130am Social Justice Team 2pm Idriss Mosque BBQ</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>630pm Church Council Bible Study/Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6pm Picnic <b>630pm Worship on the Lawn</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>9am Road2Housing 10am Staff Meeting 6pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Church Council Retreat 130pm Folders</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Church Council Retreat</p>
<p>20</p> <p><b>10am Worship</b> <b>Vacation Bible School</b> <b>Sunday</b> 1130am Welcoming Wisdom 5pm Ballard Sunday Dinner</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm Picnic <b>630pm Worship on the Lawn</b></p>	<p>24</p> <p>10am Staff Meeting 6pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>25</p> <p>130pm Folders</p>	<p>26</p>
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**WEEKLY WORSHIP**

Sunday - 10 a.m. (Traditional)  
Wednesday - 6 p.m. (Picnic) 6:30 p.m. (Worship on the Lawn)  
Thursday - 6 p.m. (Centering Prayer)

**Instagram!**



We are on Instagram!  
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are happening around the church.  
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OUR REDEEMER'S FACEBOOK PAGE!**  
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**TIME TO PURCHASE  
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF  
KIT SUPPLIES!**

Each year we assemble and send out  
Lutheran World Relief School Kits in the Fall.

This year we need:

- HIGH NEED:** notebooks, pencil sharpeners, rulers, pens
- LOW NEED:** crayons, scissors, erasers

*Purchase them while the  
back-to-school sales are hot!*