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BLESSING FOR THE PLACE BETWEEN

When you come
to the place between.

When you have left
what you held
most dear.

When you are traveling
toward the life
you know not.

When you arrive
at the hardest ground.

May it become
for you
a place to rest.

May it become
for you
a place to dream.

May the pain
that has pressed itself
into you
give way
to vision,
to knowing.

May the morning
make of it
an altar,
a path,
a place to begin
again.

– Jan Richardson

A Community in the Model of Christ

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On the cover: From The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief.

Below: Our Redeemer's Holden at Home hikers last month on the beach during the Carkeek Park hike.



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From the Pastor...

Rest and Regroup!

August is here! Time for getaways and adventures, time for resting and rejuvenating, time for getting together with everyone we love for backyard BBQ's! ...oh wait.

This has to be the strangest summer I've ever experienced. We are deep in the belly of a long season of not-knowing, and even though some of us have become accustomed to living in a liminal space, the waiting for forward momentum has become pretty tedious.

I've begun fall planning for Faith Formation for our young people, and everything is still just ... up in the air. All of this hemming and hawing is wearing. And so I turned to scripture, to see what perhaps God would have us do.

And the overwhelming answer I heard in the quiet of my calendar was "REST." August, while not filled with all the adventures we sometimes look forward to, is still a season to renew. Allow yourself to remember to breathe, and to connect with nature, even if it's on your balcony or in your yard. Eat the stone fruits, and enjoy the fact that God is caring for us, even while our agendas may be foiled again.

It is really hard to say what the fall holds for us. And so I encourage you to stay as present as you can. As Jesus tells us, and we can't hear enough: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matthew 6:34)

Take a minute, and read this psalm aloud, to yourself, as a comfort and a prayer:

Psalm 23 **A Psalm of David.**

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

In peace and renewal,



Pastor Gretchen

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



"Wait for the Lord, whose day draws near. Wait for the Lord. Be strong. Take heart."

View Pastor Gretchen's video rendition of "Wait for the Lord" and other video's on Our Redeemer's YouTube Channel.

[LINK](#)

Phishing/Scam Reminder: No one from Our Redeemer's will ever send an email or text to you with an urgent message or asking for a favor, money or gift cards! If you DO receive such an email or text and want to make sure it's legit or not, please email administrator@ourredeemers.net or Pastor Kathy kathyh@ourredeemers.net, and/or report the phishing/imposter scam to this government run reporting [LINK](#). Also make sure that the pastors' information is in your contacts list to verify validity.

Buy Nothing Church Yard "Sale" **Saturday, August 8, 10am - 2pm**

Our Redeemer's is renovating our building, and we have tons of stuff to give away **for free** that we don't want to end up in a landfill! Come by the church on Saturday August 8th from 10am-2pm for furniture (sofas, bookshelves, desks, office furniture), TONS of all kinds of books, craft supplies, office supplies, two beautiful upright pianos, mini-fridges, coffee makers, and more! We want to give back, and make sure we're not throwing away things that people could actually use. Ever wanted a fancy church chair? This is your chance! Remember: God smiles every time you buy nothing! Just show up on August 8th and don't forget to wear masks and be mindful of social distancing!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Sunday Worship: What to Expect in August and Beyond

Sundays, 11am

Sunday worship services in August will continue to be held online at 11am every week. In early August, the church staff and helpers will be cleaning out the church. Pastors and staff will be taking two weeks off starting August 16. (Technology makes it difficult for any one of us to keep things going without the others.) For the two Sundays we'll be gone, August 16th and 23rd, we'll be streaming a customized prerecorded service on Zoom and Facebook that you can access in the usual ways, including the live "coffee hours". We'll be back "live" online on August 30th and throughout the fall.

Farewell to the Sanctuary Service

One of our September services will be recorded in the sanctuary as a special farewell to the church sanctuary as we know it, before renovation of the space begins. We're asking you to send Pastor Gretchen your special memories in the "old" sanctuary. Email [Pastor Gretchen](#) with your remembrances.

How to Worship on Sundays Online

We gather each Sunday online at 11:00am. There are three ways to do this.

By Facebook Live. Simply go to www.facebook.com/ourredeemers. You don't have to have a Facebook account – it's a public channel.

By Phone. Call 1 206 337 9723, and then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method only lets you listen, but it works well, and is less technologically fraught.

By Zoom. Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>. The link works from 10:45am – 12:15pm every Sunday.

[Katlin](#), our Welcome Minister, will be monitoring the chat and make sure that our worship leaders know what questions you have. The bulletin each Sunday will be available on our website for download at www.ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship/.

If you have questions about live-streaming, please email [Pastor Gretchen](#) or [Katlin](#).

Share Your Talents and Abilities

We would love to have your talents and abilities through our online services! If you would like to read scripture, pray the prayers, or sing a song of special music, you can totally do that! And it would be a gift to our community. Simply contact Pastor Gretchen (pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net) or Karen Lee (karen@ourredeemers.net) with your ideas or desires to help, and we'll plug you in, gratefully! Kids and youth are encouraged to participate, as well as folks of all ages. You don't have to be a professional, or even polished. God loves gifts that are offered with heart. Thank you for thinking of ways to participate!



FAITH FORMATION

Holden at Home Recap: Six Days of Virtual Activities (+ One Real Time Hike)

Many participated in our Holden Village Week at Home! Each evening, Betsy McGregor, Karen Lee, Erica Lee, and Pastor Gretchen led us in Holden Evening Prayer, with people joining us from around the country. Alan Storey's podcast was greatly appreciated, and we are looking forward to him joining us in the Fall for a forum on justice. Bob Carlson's bread making class was well received, and the products enjoyed very much! Wrapping up the week with a hike at Carkeek and a Variety Show was just the thing. Thank you to all who participate. Let's look forward to doing Holden in person next summer!



Top left: Pastor Gretchen and Betsy McGregor at Holden Evening Prayer; Niels Running tells a joke during the Variety Show; and intrepid hikers Mary Peterson, Sonja Braasch, Niels Running, Stephanie Running, Pastor Gretchen and Weller, and Nancy Oldenkamp at the Carkeek Park hike trailhead.



FAITH FORMATION

Fall Faith Formation Opportunities for Young Folks

Faith formation this fall is a complex thing to plan or even think about, much like everything else about education these days. Our Faith Formation Team is working valiantly on our new vision, and programmatic ideas that families can use both at home and online as part of our curriculum for fall. That being said, so far, it's still an open playbook as to what we will be doing. As the team leader, I am hoping that we have engaging elements for each of the following groups.



- College/20's
- High School
- Confirmation (Confirmation itself will be on October 25th.)
- Middle School
- Upper Elementary – 3rd-5th
- Lower Elementary K-2nd
- Preschool (3-4-5 year olds)

We would love to hear your hopes and concerns for the fall. Please write or call me ([Pastor Gretchen](#)) to let me know what you and/or your kids are thinking about for fall in general, or for special seasons like Advent. So grateful for all our families and all our teachers!

Theology on Tap: August 25th [via Zoom](#)

Join us [on Zoom](#) for Theology on Tap at 7pm on August 25th for discussion and fellowship. This month our topic will be **Faith in a Time of Uncertainty**. All are welcome to this event, so invite a friend! Questions? Email Betsy McGregor: bemac7309@gmail.com.





LIVING GENEROUSLY

Our Redeemer's Votes to Renovate!

Making Our Building a Tool for Mission and a Vessel for God's Spirit

At what was probably the longest annual meeting in Our Redeemer's history, church members voted to renovate, an initiative that has been in the making since our strategic plan and action steps were adopted in 2014. Our Vision-Aligned Building Team (Jim Arnold, Mike Hlastala, Pastor Hawks, Kirsten Malone, Ryan Mertes, and Guy Michaelsen) and our congregation have been working toward this moment for nearly five years.

An initial architect and plans were large enough to trigger full City code upgrades due to "substantial alterations". Consulting our consciences led to deciding to undertake life-safety seismic upgrades to the sanctuary and universal accessibility throughout the building, by "editing" rather than redoing or expanding the building, guided by SHKS Architects.

Along the way, we voted to sell the property on which we had supported the P-Patch for 44 years by leasing the 1/2 acre to the City for \$1 per year for that community garden. But, rather than going to a developer, we approached the P-Patch, working with them over the last year and a half to see if they could raise the money to buy it. We have seen that as in keeping with our mission and continue to do so.

The motion for the design and budget of \$3,695,669 passed 86 to 22, with 2 abstaining. An additional motion to borrow \$700,000 to meet the gap between the monies in hand and the renovation budget, was amended to read: *"In order to carry out Our Redeemer's Vision-Aligned Building Project, the church council requests authorization for Our Redeemer's to borrow up to \$800,000 from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund (MIF) and/or other sources to be repaid over a 25 year term. The initial interest rate shall not exceed 4.5%. No monies will be borrowed until, and only to the extent, needed to complete the renovation project approved by the congregation on July 12, 2020. Estimated interest for this loan during construction is included in the project budget."* The second motion passed: 67 to 7.



Preparations for this year's annual meeting and votes included 50 calls to households to ensure they could Zoom, numerous tutorials, and "break out" rooms during the meeting for technical assistance.



LIVING GENEROUSLY

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Our 2020–2021 annual mission budget of \$620,174 was passed, as well. And thanks were warmly expressed to all who gave so generously over the 2019–2020 year and helped us end the fiscal year in the black.

Our Caring Community Team members were honored for their amazing, ongoing care for all members of the congregation, sending cards, meals (when it was safe), rides, birthday cards to 80+ year olds, regular friendship calls to older members during the pandemic, and, this year, since an in-person Welcoming Wisdom luncheon to honor 80+ year old elders isn't possible, the group is creating a videotape of interviews with them, with the help of videographer member, Mary Peterson.



Philippa Dugaw (see bio below) was unanimously voted in as a new Council member, and our 2020–2021.

All these are important actions that will strengthen Our Redeemer's in the near and distant future. But alongside them, this meeting will be remembered as one shaped by the pandemic into a technology-driven undertaking, with many members mastering Zoom and on-line voting. Fifty+ phone calls were made to voting members to be sure they either knew how to use this technology on their computer, or, if they did not have a computer or know how, they had someone who could help. And if not, Katlin Dickinson-Laurence or another member of the congregation provided a tutorial or hands-on help in a "break out" room during the meeting.

The result? Unflappable Council President Shelbe Kukowski led us through a 4-1/2 hour meeting! Which, even at the end, still had 60+ participants engaged enough to joke with each other: we should each get a T-shirt: I SURVIVED THE 2020 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING! Or at least be sure to tell our grandchildren, "Oh, yes. The 2020 annual meeting. I was there...for all 7 hours!"

Our thanks to all staff and council members for ALL the extra time, effort, meetings, research, emails, and good humor through the preparation and meeting itself.

And many thanks to the good people of Our Redeemer's for your faithful, thorough, patient support of God's

Welcome New Council Member Phillipa Dugaw!

We are excited to welcome Phillipa Dugaw to Our Redeemer's Church Council. She will be serving a 3-year term. Phillipa was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica. She moved to the United States in 1999 and later to Seattle in 2003. She is married to Tim and has two kids: Malaika (13), Liam (11) and their dog Tego (5). Phillipa spends her time as a family photographer, and she loves to volunteer. She is currently the PTSA President at Whitman Middle School and President of the Crown Hill Village Association. Phillipa loves to bring people together and build community.



BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION

Moving Out (For Now) FAQs

We're getting the church facilities ready for construction work on the building renovation. Here are some FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) about the move:



Q. Is the move moving ahead?

A. Yep. Staff and helpful others have already begun the tetris-like spring cleaning exercise of pulling everything out of all the offices, storage rooms, and other spaces, so we can:

- Toss, recycle and give away what we don't need.
- Have staff take home what they will need to work there.
- Assess whether what's left can be stored in the spaces available for storage during construction. (Some rooms can't be used that way, due to construction constraints.)
- Try, as far as possible, to store things where we'd like them to stay when construction is complete.

Q. When does everything need to be out of the building?

A. August 15.

Q. What about big things like the hanging cross, that we will reuse in the finished building?

A. Our construction company, LZL, will store many such items for us off site.

Q. Will there be any kind of rummage sale for things the church isn't keeping?

A. **On AUGUST 8, 10am-2pm, in the church's front yard, we will have a "Buy Nothing" sale,** inviting people to take furniture, many books from Pastor Kathy, Pastor Gretchen, and the church library, and other things, for free. What remains after that will be donated to Goodwill.

Q. I would like a "green hymnal" (Lutheran Book of Worship) or a With One Voice hymnal. How can I get one?

A. We will have stacks of them at the "Buy Nothing" sale. If you can't come that day, ask a friend to pick one up.



COMMUNITY

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Fred Nelson	10 Wilma McIntyre	23 Audrey Gundacker
2 Shirley Anderson *	14 Niels Running	24 Rebecca Butler
2 Betty Goble	15 Paul Oldenkamp	26 Chris Glover
3 Theresa Forssen	16 Norman Hill	26 Sue Johnson
4 Shirley Smith	18 Lee Cayton	28 Alicia Jancola
5 Damon Knight	18 Carl Christenson	29 Cynthia Ege
6 Berent Egaas	18 Doug Dixon	29 Stephanie Running
6 Sue Schoolcraft	20 Amy Hammett	30 Harley Oswald
7 Jennifer Gleeson	20 John Somm	30 John Wilson
8 Matt Neill	21 Holly Gundacker	31 Anna Deturk
9 Judah Kukowski	22 Gunnleiv Loklingholm	31 Peter Paulson *
10 Jean Kippen *	22 Kea Osborn	

* Celebrate those who are 90+

How About Some Conversation With Good Folks From Church?

Wednesday, August 19, 12pm

Zoom: <https://zoom.us> | Meeting #965 7272 6373 | Password: 564308 | Phone in: 1 206 337 9723

Set aside noon to 1pm on the third Wednesday of every month to Zoom in with other folks 50 and older. We fill each other in on how we're doing, talk over a topic of shared interest, and share a prayer. It's pretty remarkable how friendships can grow, even if you just invest an hour regularly.

This month the group (sometimes known as Life Masters) meets August 19. Bring your lunch, if that works for you. The Zoom link is above. You can phone in as well as an alternative to video linking.

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have questions about "Zooming", please contact Katlin at office@ourredeemers.net.



Friendship Calls and More by Linda Carbone

At the beginning of COVID-19, I thought what can I do to help Our Redeemer's church family. Individuals sixty years and older were encouraged to stay home to reduce their risk of contracting COVID. Perhaps, the Caring Community Team could make Friendship Calls to our senior members.



I sent an email to Pastors Kathy and Gretchen, and they liked the idea. Katlin printed three lists dividing people by age groups, eighties, seventies, and sixties. We started with the eighties list by checking in with them, followed by asking if they need assistance with groceries, or have other concerns. Some individuals requested we share information with our pastors.

We are continuing to make follow up calls, and send "Thinking of You" cards. In the future, I thought it would be special to send Birthday Cards to our friends eighty years and older.

In preparation for the Congregational Meeting I called "computer hesitant folks" asking if they were planning to vote, did they have a computer, and know how to use the Zoom meeting program? Several individuals were connected with Katlin's and others' expert Zoom assistance.

Making contact with our church community continues to bring great joy to me. I have also found this time to be a good opportunity to call cousins, former co-workers, and friends. Many of us are catching up on home projects, gardening and, of course, baking!

God's peace and blessings to you all.

Linda Carbone

**This is a monthly feature in The Visitor about our community members' experiences and faith during this time. Do you have something to share? If so, please [contact Pastor Kathy](#).*



OWNING OUR STORY

Owning Our Story: White Privilege and Racial Justice An Ongoing Conversation

Sundays at 9:30am ([Zoom Link](#))

If we own our personal story, we get to write the ending. And if we don't own our story, our story owns us... We can begin being truthful, stop trying to hide parts of ourselves...



Our collective story in the United States is white supremacy. That's our story. And we have not owned it, so now it defines us. It owns us. This is the truth about where we come from and what we've done.... What's powerful for me about that is understanding that the pain and discomfort of owning that story is minuscule compared to the pain and discomfort of living out that story. ... That story involves three P's: privilege, perspective-taking, and power. - Brene Brown

It's challenging anytime we have to acknowledge aspects of ourselves that others know and critique, but we've been entirely unaware of. However, listening to, learning and incorporating those truths is essential to growth, healthy relationships, and living more fully and freely.

As it becomes increasingly clear how racism and slavery being planted deep into our nation's roots poisons our peace and national well-being, Christians are called to lead the way to honest listening and confession.

But first, many of us need to better understand the history we've never been told, and listen to the voices of those we've never heard.

That's what we are doing every Sunday. People in the group share resources they've found, and we talk things over – admitting our ignorance, frustration, and whatever else is involved in this journey of increasing awareness of our white privilege and the systems that support it. Join us!



OWNING OUR STORY

Listen up! Speak up! Stand Up! For Racial Justice Repentance – Education – Advocacy

Racial Justice Team is Forming!

Are you passionate about racial justice? Are you interested in helping Our Redeemers grow in understanding and responding to racism? Join a new team of folks who are organizing around this critical issue as people of faith. Pastor Kathy, Pastor Gretchen and Marie Brissette are helping facilitate this effort until we have a new Social Justice Coordinator. Questions? Contact kathyh@ourredeemers.net or pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net.

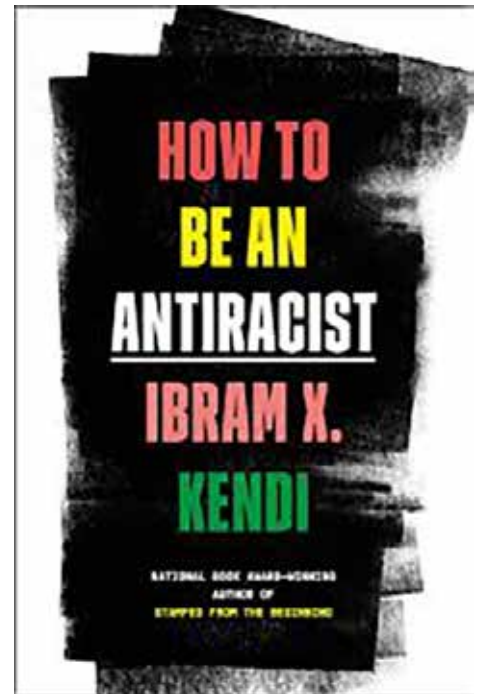
Join a Study Group on How to Be an Anti-Racist by Ibram Kendri

Marie Brissette is an English language instructor at Bellevue College for immigrant and refugee students learning computer skills. While anti-racism education is not her expertise, it is a professional and personal area of interest.

Marie says, "I believe this work is part of our call from Jesus to love our neighbors as ourselves. My hope is to create a space where we can tackle the uncomfortable topic of racism and consider individual and community actionable steps towards the work of fighting racism." Limit of 10 people. Please contact liebergm@gmail.com to sign up.

Mondays: 7:30-8:30pm for 6 weeks

8/3/2020 Intro, Ch 1-3
8/10/2020 Ch 4-6
8/17/2020 Ch 7-8
8/24/2020 Ch 9-11
8/31/2020 Ch 12-14
9/7/2020 Ch 15-18



Advocate!

In June, the House passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020, including votes from three Republican members of Congress. This legislation included most of the recommendations suggested in a letter to Congress from the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, which the ELCA signed. The bill has currently stalled in the Senate, but advocates can still encourage lawmakers to pass important policies that would help improve just policing in our communities through the ELCA Action Center.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

What to Expect Now: Social Justice

by Shannon Beck

Road to Housing Q&A

Will Road to Housing continue through construction?

YES! Road to Housing will continue through our construction project! We will continue to provide safe parking for folks who need it through our partnership with The Urban League.



What will be provided to our guests who cannot use the building?

- Guests will have access to a port-a-potty and hand sanitizer at all times
- We are researching providing running water outside
- When construction allows, nearly all weekends, guests will be able to access the inside bath/shower and washer/dryer.

What allowances will need to be made by our guests for construction?

Because the inside of the building will be off limits during the work week (with some allowance on the weekends when it is safe to do so), guests will not have access to the building in general. This is the “norm” in safe parking for the City, but we will return to full access when the building is safe to use.

What if it gets too cold this winter?

We will be providing emergency shelter options to folks when the temperature dips this winter but it looks like folks will not be able to sleep inside the building.

Are there other things I can do to be supportive of our guests during this season?

As the project gets under way, we will know more about what can be provided. One idea is to provide some meals for our guests, on a regular or intermittent basis throughout construction. If you are interested in participating in some way, be in contact with Tom Bernard until the new Social Justice and Outreach Coordinator is brought on board. It is always helpful to provide some funds as well.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Ballard Sunday Dinner

Sunday, August 16th, Ballard First Lutheran Church

During the pandemic, our meal is simplified with shorter shifts and options for smaller tasks during the week. We are trying to make every meal delicious and nutritious for a to go container. Do you enjoy making desserts? Why not sign up to make cookie bars for our hungry neighbors one month. Do you have time to shop for the meal but cannot serve? Maybe you have another idea or would you like to donate food or money? Contact your lead for a month that works for you! As we transition to a new Social Justice Coordinator, hopefully within the next few months, join in and help out! [SIGN UP HERE \(https://rb.gy/5km343\)](https://rb.gy/5km343)



Meet Your Ballard Sunday Dinner Leads!

August 16 – Meal leads: Emilie Purvine & Kris Rogness; Late lead: Tom Bernard

September 20 – Meal lead: Sue Schoolcraft; Late lead: Tom Bernard

October 18 – Meal leads: Ronda & Jerry Andrews; Late Lead: Tom Bernard

November 15 – Meal leads: Emilie Purvine & Sue Schoolcraft; Late lead: Tom Bernard

Social Justice in the Interim

With Shannon Beck departing for a residency in chaplaincy in Chicago this month, the Social Justice Coordinator search team is hard at work! We have invited some folks to be the resource people around areas of focus or need. These wonderful volunteers will serve as resources as questions arise. As much as possible, please touch base with them and not staff. Each area of focus will have a staff person resource. Here's the scoop for the next couple of months if you have questions about ways to engage:

- Road to Housing – Tom Bernard
- Ballard Sunday Dinner – Emilie Purvine & Tom Bernard
- EarthCare – Margaret Wetter & Tricia Kloth
- Racial Justice – Marie Brissette & Pamela Altman
- Immigration – Dinah Coble & Eric Running
- Lutheran World Relief – Sharon Longaker
- Advocacy – Joshua Liljenstolpe
- Thanksgiving Dinner – Carolyn Davis & Margaret Wetter



Shannon Beck, our Social Justice Coordinator, is on her way to participate in a one-year residency in Chaplaincy at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL.

To help Shannon out during this transition we've set up an opportunity for you to give money to help her with moving and living expenses. If you are able and are so moved, [PLEASE GIVE by linking here \(choose "Shannon Beck Farewell"\)](#). You may also [give by text, check or mobile giving \(reference "Shannon"\)](#). Thank you!



SOCIAL JUSTICE

A Note From Shannon Beck: “See You On Zoom!”

Dear Our Redeemer’s Sibbs,

I am so grateful for this past year and 1/2 serving with you; and for close to three years worshipping with Our Redeemers! Your compassionate, forward thinking vision and love for God and neighbor; your particularly creative, welcoming, and patient staff; and your commitment to social justice made this community instantly my spiritual home. I am moving to Chicago for a year so expect me to be just a Zoom away!

I would like to leave this season as staff with a benediction of sorts. It comes from the prophet Isaiah.

“if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.” *Isaiah 58:10-12*

Our world is “a parched place” these days and I regularly see the drenching of God’s Spirit in many ways we seek to “satisfy the needs of the afflicted”. Hungry people are fed; a safe place to stay for a season is provided; health, hygiene kits, and blankets support those in crisis all over the world; and even now as we seek to rebuild “these ancient ruins” to prepare for the next generations of people of faith in Ballard.

I am particularly heartened by the outpouring of support as we go deeper into ourselves and our faith to help build a more racially just and equitable city and world. It requires humility, bravery, and determination to become more “woke” to racial injustice and the ways we, often unknowingly, participate. We know God has been calling us to change ourselves and our structures, and now we have begun a way forward. We have written a statement of intent regarding racial justice which was affirmed by the Council in July. It will be used as a starting point for working together and with others. I cannot articulate how important it is to see this through with intention, humility, and creativity. So, I want to ask you a parting question: *Will you water the gardens of anti-racism for the life of God’s beloved world?*

Stand in the tradition of the prophets and in the path of Jesus for the life of the world. Repair the breach; restore our streets; raise up foundations for generations to come.

Peace be with you all,

Shannon Beck

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Thank You



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June 25, 2020

Our Redeemers Lutheran Church WELCA
2400 NW 85th St
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Dear Friends at Our Redeemers Lutheran Church,

Thanks to you, a mom will worry a little bit less about how to put nourishing meals on the table for her children.

Thanks to you, an elderly widower, anxious about his health and stretched budget, has some peace of mind when we deliver healthy bags of groceries to his doorstep.

Thanks to you, families have food they need to follow important cultural, religious, and dietary guidelines.

Thanks to you, and your gift of \$1,000 on 06/19/20, Ballard Food Bank has been able to meet the skyrocketing need for food by people in our community.

During a normal month we had about 3,200 shopping visits, but in April we had nearly 6,100 drive-thru visits and deliveries. In the midst of this crisis, support like yours is helping us get food safely to some of our most vulnerable community members.

"One woman was waiting outside her building for the delivery. She teared up when I delivered her food. We did a distance hug. It was a really sweet moment."

— Carla Ralston, volunteer home delivery driver

In this critical time, your gift means more now than ever. Thank you for being a part of this special community of neighbors helping neighbors!

With gratitude,


Jen Muzia
Executive Director

*Thank you neighbors!
We so appreciate you and
hope everyone is taking care.*

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AUGUST 2020

Church Staff Away 8/16 - 8/29
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30am Owning Our Story 11am Worship Service	3 7:30pm How to Be an Anti-Racist	4	5 Office Closed# 7pm Adult & Youth Choir (Online)	6	7	1
9 9:30am Owning Our Story 11am Worship Service	10 7:30pm How to Be an Anti-Racist	11 7pm Executive Team Meeting	12 7pm Adult & Youth Choir (Online)	13	14 September Newsletter Content Deadline	15
16 9:30am Owning Our Story 11am Worship Service (pre-recorded) 2-7pm Ballard	17 7:30pm How to Be an Anti-Racist	18	19 12pm Life Masters Lunch 7pm Adult & Youth Choir (Online)	20	21	22
23 9:30am Owning Our Story 11am Worship Service (pre-recorded)	24 7:30pm How to Be an Anti-Racist	25 7pm 	26 7pm Adult & Youth Choir (Online)	27	28	29
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#Staff devotes the first Wednesday of each month to professional development and planning.



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worship service.

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enter 822 691 346 when prompted
- By Zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>

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