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COVER/INSIDE COVER: On the Cover - "Wilderness" is the theme for Lent this year. Below - This year's crop of confirmation kids on a Faith Visit to Quest Church. In upper right photo: Back Row: Zach McCarthy-Fredericks, Torin Ege; Front Row: Nora Jancola, Annelise Glover, Aivree Watkins, Elena Malone, Malaika Dugaw, Raleigh Somm.



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From the Pastor...

Into the Wilderness...

LENT ~ JUST DO IT!

My sister-in-law is – and always has been – physically active. I can't remember being with her on any day when she didn't run, teach a spinning class, do hot yoga, play tennis, or ...well, you get the idea. It's just who she is.

I, on the other hand, have active periods in my life. Sometimes for years at a stretch. And I LOVE it! My mood lifts. I'm healthier. I sleep better. I have more energy. I'm stronger. Our bodies are MADE to move! So, of course we feel great! What's NOT to like?

But then, at some point, illness or busyness or a combination of the two, stalls my exercise routine. Getting to my beloved barre studio becomes daunting. Hard. And it takes a kick in the pants to get going.

Which my sister-in-law has provided on many occasions! With her, there's no decision to make, no conversation about "Should we exercise?" Of COURSE, we will! So, I do. And I'm glad. And I'm back in my exercise groove again.

Like physical exercise, faith practices are not that complicated. Prayer. Acts of love and generosity. Fasting from self-indulgence. These "exercises" lift our mood. Help us sleep better. Give us energy. Make us stronger. Give us peace and wisdom and hope. Bless our relationships and make us healthier. What's not to like?

And YET. When we're not in the groove, these faith actions seem daunting—no matter how much we KNOW they will benefit us. We tell ourselves they're too hard to fit in.

Lent is like the faith version of my sister-in-law. It's a kick in the pants to get us doing what we already KNOW will be SO good for us. We're spiritual beings, made to love God, ourselves and our neighbors. To grow into the wholeness of our humanity, we NEED to stretch our souls toward God and strengthen our spirit's ability to serve and love.

So, this year, for Lent's 40 days, just do it! Let Lent boot you out of bed every morning for quiet prayer. Which helps you remember that each day you want to serve your neighbor. Or make a gift to encourage someone whose hope is running on empty. Let Lent shut down your screens, so you can call your brother to say you're sorry. Let Lent inspire you to pick up a devotional or the Bible every day, to listen for God's voice.

Prayer. Acts of love. Fasting/decreasing focus on yourself. To stretch your soul. To strengthen your spirit's compassion. To learn to rely on God. It's pretty basic.

Lent is here. And Lent says: LET'S **DO IT!**



Katharine H. Hawk

Pastor Kathy

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Our 2020 Lenten Focus **INTO THE WILDER·NESS*** *“State of the Wild”

This year, Lent begins in the wilderness. Our intentional journey toward new life begins when we within our own personal “state of the wild.” As Professor Niedner taught us last year, in Hebrew, the word for wilderness literally means, “a place beyond words. A place without sign posts.”

- Jesus begins his ministry in the wilderness when the Spirit drives him to come face to face with temptation.
- The Hebrews begin to trust God in the wilderness – where they learn to stop being slaves and become free and faithful people.

This year our daily devotions, Sunday worship, and special Lenten worship will all grow from Biblical stories, nature experiences, and personal memories of wilderness times and gifts.

The wilderness – “the place beyond words, the place without sign posts” – is where we become honest about ourselves, remember Whose we are, and let the Spirit lead us into entirely new territory in life.

This Lent, we let God be our guide as we travel together into wilderness...

Lenten Centering Prayer

Thursdays, 6-6:35pm

**Befriending solitude can help us deepen
what it means to love others.**

Do you experience silence and solitude as a friend?
Or is it so unfamiliar, it makes you uneasy?

For most of us, silence is uncomfortable. But without it, our nerves jangle, our minds race, and deep peace is really hard to come by. Most of us need practice to find stillness anywhere, much less within ourselves.

Centering Prayer at Our Redeemer’s is for everyone who craves peace.

Centering prayer is half an hour in our quiet, candle-lit sanctuary, gently and repeatedly disconnecting from our over-busy minds and opening to God’s grace and presence within us.

Try Centering Prayer the six Thursdays of Lent (March 5 – April 2).

Learn to experience deeper peace.

Lent Devotional 2020

Starting March 1st, you are invited to venture through the wilderness with our devotional from Sanctified Art. Beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Easter Sunday, **this devotional includes art, poetry, prompts, and reflections inspired by the Lenten lectionary scriptures (year A) and the theme, Wilderness.**

“Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. We rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember who we are and whose we are. The wilderness can become sacred even if it remains dangerous. There is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God’s love. This Lent, we welcome you to the journey.”

If you would like to receive the devotional in your inbox, but do not already receive our weekly emails, please contact Katlin at office@ourredeemers.net to get added to the list.

If you would like a paper copy of the booklet, a few will be available at church. To cut down on costs and prevent environmental harm, we’d like to keep printing to a minimum.

Also available are a new resource, **daily devotional cards.**

WHAT IT IS:

48 devotional cards with a word for the day and a scripture verse and short prayer. Print, cut, and select a card each day of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

HOW TO USE IT:

- Select a card a day (order doesn’t matter), contemplate the words for the wilderness, and read the scripture verse and short prayer.
- Get creative and display your words in a fun way—adhere the cards to a fridge or wall, create a fun wall hanging, or arrange them on a desk or table. Display the cards so you can continue journeying with the words throughout the entire season of Lent.
- This is a great daily devotional for middle & high school youth, college students, young adults, and adults of all ages—especially those in search of a short and sweet spiritual practice they can sustain for 48 days.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Remember a Loved One By Donating Easter Flowers

You can honor a loved one by making a donation toward flowers that will grace our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Envelopes, found in the pews and clipboards, can be turned into the offering. Thank you!



HOLY WEEK PREVIEW

Palm Sunday

April 5, 9am & 11am, Procession with palms and the story of the passion

Maundy Thursday

April 9

6:30pm ~Seder Meal; 7:30pm ~Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

April 10:, 7pm ~ Faure Requiem and Prayer Around the Cross

Good Friday Noon to Holy Saturday Noon

April 10-11, 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Easter Celebrations!

6:30am ~ Sunrise Service - Carkeek Park

8 -11am ~ Easter Breakfast*

9 & 11am ~ Festival Celebration Services

10:05- 10:10am ~ Easter Egg Hunt**

*Our youth and resident chef Bob Carlson will be preparing and Easter Feast for you and your family! All proceeds from the meal will benefit our youth going to confirmation camp, and on mission trips next summer. Come and eat and support these great kids!

**The Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10:05am this year, between services on the front lawn (weather permitting). There will be a special introductory hunt for the kids aged 2-4, and then 5-7 year olds, and then all bets are off for the big kids! Children are invited to please bring their own baskets, and they will be able to select prizes at the end.



Faith Formation Team Vitality Survey Results

by Betsy McGregor

On Sunday, February 23rd, the Faith Formation team was introduced to the congregation at the 9am and 11am services. Between the services the team presented the results of the recent church vitality survey.

We received a total of 104 responses from a wide cross section of the congregation. The overall score about how well the church is doing in different areas was a 4.5 out of 5 (on a scale of 1-5, 5 being best). We did have scores of 3s and 2s but these were generally much less in number. The survey returned results that indicate that, in general, **Our Redeemer's is a thriving church community where people feel connected to each other. We believe our pastors care about us and support us in our efforts to build a relationship with God.**

The area with the lowest scores were two questions regarding personal faith: 1) Do we live our faith in our daily life, and 2) Do we feel equipped to share our faith with others. **Supporting these efforts is the purpose behind our work on the Faith Formation Team.**

Based on these results, the team will move forward with a focus on three things:

1. Intergenerational Learning and Opportunities
2. Connecting faith between home and church; how can we continue to grow our faith beyond Sunday worship?
3. Creating a Phone App specific to Our Redeemers which will facilitate our work in a much more accessible way for all.

If you missed the Sunday presentation and would like a copy of the full survey report, please email Pastor Gretchen or myself (bemac7309@gmail.com) and we can email the report directly to you. Thank you to everyone who participated. We remain open to your ideas as we work to meet these goals.





FAITH FORMATION

Come to the Journey!

- To explore your faith OR restore your faith.
- To know more about Our Redeemer's OR get acquainted with more folks here.
- Become a member
- OR MAYBE....All of the above?

We'll gather each Sunday in Lent (March 1–April 5), 4–6:25pm. Expect appetizers, honest questions, time to listen to the Bible and our own lives, more info about the Lutherans, and about ministries at Our Redeemer's. Childcare? Yes, if you let us know you need it.

EVERYONE is warmly welcomed to participate. Please let Pastor Kathy Hawks (kathyh@ourredeemers.net) or Pastor Gretchen Mertes (pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net) know you're interested.



About Our Faith Formation Classes

by Pastor Gretchen

We have such wonderful classes this year!

Sprouts (3–4–5 year olds) occurs during the 9am services. **We are looking for one new teacher willing to take on classes once a month.** If you are able or interested, please contact me ASAP! Thank you!

Exploring Faith (K–4th) and **Connect** (5th–6th) are at 10am upstairs on Sundays. If your kids haven't gone to these classes yet, they are missing out! Fun curriculum, great teachers, and meaningful lessons and questions. Please sign up below to help with them if you're able!

Exploring Faith Class Leaders: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DABA82DA7F49-exploring>

Connect Class Leaders: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DABA82DA7F49-connect>

Thank you for making time to make these classes awesome, and for encouraging your kids to participate!





Summer Update

Let's talk about summer!

by Pastor Gretchen



What's the Deal with VBS?

Here's the scoop: Due to uncertain building plans for construction, we have not scheduled anything in the building this summer. (Literally nothing.) SO! I talked with my good friend Nicole over at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church (www.prlc.org) and we are doing one together. It will be **August 10-14**. The one difference is that it is 9am-12pm, not 9am-3pm. But I will be doing the music, and Nicole is leading the curriculum. It will be so fun! As soon as I have registration information, I will get it to you.





Summer Update

Camp Lutherhaven

Each year, I take confirmands (6th–9th grades) to www.camlutherhaven.com for a week. We have also taken some younger kids (2nd–5th grades) who were ready for overnight camp with us as well. It's amazing. This year, we are going **July 26–31**. It's not cheap, but it's worth it. If we get more than 10 kids that want to go, I will have to do some serious figuring about transportation, but I am all about that kind of problem solving! If you are interested, please let me know by March 7th. I need to let the camp know the size of our group by then.



LUTHERHAVEN

Holden Village

Our congregational retreat is to Holden Village **August 16–22**. It is life-changing. There are just 9 spots left. Your screens will not work there. (What a gift!) Your children will hike, create, sing, play, run, and see wildlife. You get to ride a boat to get there! Please consider coming with us. [Apply online.](#)



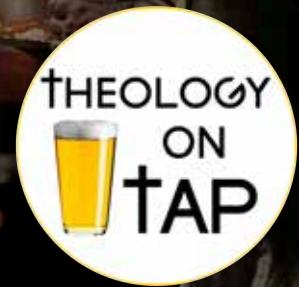


FAITH FORMATION

Theology On Tap

Thursday, March 24, 7pm

This month we'll venture outside of our normal Ballard comfort zone and try out Elliott Bay Pub and Brewery (parking is behind the restaurant on 30th Ave NE). Come for conversation and fellowship with friends new and old. Topic is TBD. If you have suggestions or questions contact Emilie Purvine (emiliepurvine@gmail.com) or Betsy McGregor (bemac7309@gmail.com). Let's talk!



Pastor Gretchen was featured at the ELCA's annual Youth Worker's Extravaganza! For the third year in a row, our pastor was invited to be part of the stage team for our youth worker's training event, this time in Anaheim, California. She hosted the "Cranberry Jam," a hymnal sing-along in the evening, not unlike our own Beer and Carols events.

"It was a blast!", Pastor Gretchen said. "I was rejuvenated by how much joy I was able to bring to those attending the training." She reported that the biggest hit of the event was "Wade in the Water," with a rousing chorus sung by 800 people!



FAITH FORMATION

Adult Forum: The Art of Forgiving

When You Need to Forgive and Don't Know How

Sundays, March 1 through April 5, 10:10-10:50am, Library

During Lent, we return to God to seek wholeness in our lives and faith. Where to start? Often, with our relationships. Sometimes, only bitterness or pain seems possible when we have been wronged, but we don't HAVE to stay stuck in anger and misery

This series will be led by Pastor Kathy, and based on *The Art of Forgiving* by Lewis Smedes. Smedes has not just written about forgiveness for decades, he has also worked with people struggling to free their future from the pain of past betrayals. There is no magic here, but you'll receive a wise, practical step-by-step guide to the healing path to peace and freedom.



Topics covered:

- Why we forgive (often the person who benefits most is the forgiver);
- What we do when we forgive (perhaps not what we expect);
- Whom we forgive (only those who directly wrong us);
- How we forgive. *Join us!*

**Note: This will be a learning, rather than a therapy group. There are no expectations for sharing beyond what each person may wish to. But, as always, Pastor Kathy and Pastor Gretchen are available if you'd like to talk more.*

Women's Retreat – May 1-3

Mark your calendars for our annual women's retreat! We are gathering May 1-3, 2020 at Camp Indianola. We are in the planning phases, so if you are interested in helping, we would love to invite you to join us! The women's retreat is a chance for us to gather away from home, and journal, pray, hike, worship, reflect, and get to know one another in a beautiful location. Meals are included – which I know that everyone can appreciate! Intentional time away is an important part of every person's relationship with God and themselves. Scholarships will be available as requested. Registration forms will be available soon.





SOCIAL JUSTICE

Interfaith Advocacy Days Report

On Thursday, February 6, six Our Redeemers folks joined 200 others made our way to Olympia to participate in Interfaith Advocacy. Faith Action Network sponsors this event and our own Paul Oldenkamp delivered two workshops on Healthcare.

We met Speaker of the House, Lauri Jinkin, shortly after we convened, who had carved time out of her very busy day to be with us. The House was in session while we were there, and her time was precious. We were inspired by Rabbi Goldstein and sat down with our congressional aids to let them know our hopes.

The agenda was long – two pages of bills that support equity, reducing poverty and violence, and homelessness. Workshops were led by Earth Ministry, the Alliance for Gun Responsibility, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network, Balance Our Tax Code, FAN's Health Care work group, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, and Co-Director Paul Benz on the topic of Criminal Justice. We ended the day hearing from some key elected officials on how the session is going and how FAN can support the passage of justice-centered bills.



The 2020 Washington State Faith Action Network Advocacy participants



Rev. Paul Benz, Executive Director of Faith Action network, and Lutheran clergy

Facts (and Faith) Over Fear

Several ORLC friends attended a 4-hour Faith over Fear training to learn how to support our Muslim neighbors and to educate themselves about how to honor the image of God in all people. Anti-Muslim hate groups are working overtime to dehumanize our American Muslim neighbors.



During election years, politicians join them by repeating falsehoods and feeding fears about Muslims and other Americans. As we prepare for the 2020 elections, the #FactsOverFear Campaign is here to set the record straight—preparing patriotic US citizens to stand united as a nation against hate and misinformation as we engage in healthy debate about our common future. Watch and share the videos! <https://factsoverfear.org/>



SOCIAL JUSTICE



WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING
JULY 16-19, 2020 | PHOENIX
WELCATG.ORG

Experience a life-changing event with other bold women of faith in July 2020. To register go to www.womenoftheelca.org.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days, 2020

April 24-27, Washington DC

Our Redeemer's already has three people planning on attending Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington DC April 24-27. Two of them were so inspired from last year that they are saving their pennies to go again. The theme, **Imagine! God's Earth and People Restored** is near and dear to Our Redeemer's Heart and values.

EAD 2020 will explore the intersection of climate change and economic injustice. This will galvanize our advocacy on behalf of policies and programs to chip away at the systems of oppression that keep people in poverty and push all life on earth to the brink of destruction.

Join us! Some scholarships are available! Questions? Talk to Shannon or Katlin or email outreach@ourredeemers.net. For more information, visit <https://advocacydays.org/2020-imagine-gods-earth-people-restored/speakers>. Would you like to apply for a young adult scholarship? Do it now! Now is the time to decide - the deadline is 3/22. Would you like to contribute to a scholarship fund? By all means - get a hold of Shannon. We are hoping to provide some scholarships!





SOCIAL JUSTICE

Ballard Sunday Dinner

Sunday, March 15

Ballard First Lutheran Church

"There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread." - Mahatma Gandhi

Do you like to cook with friends? Are you someone who wants to help with Ballard Sunday dinner but just can't swing Sundays? Join a Friday team! The last two months, most of the meal has been prepped and refrigerated until it can be cooked on Sunday. This approach gives us some flexibility and reduces the need to have quite so many folks on Sunday. This is only ONE option – most of the meals will continue to be created at First Lutheran on Sunday, but we are excited about another way for people to contribute! Interested? Contact Shannon – outreach@ourredeemers.net In the meantime, sign up for March's dinner. www.tinyurl.com/ballardsundaydinner



Our Redeemer's EarthCare Retreat

April 17, 18 & 19, Pacific Beach Resort

Fellowship, Care for the Earth, Negative Ions and Salt Air, Comfortable Accommodations, Relaxation and Good Work, Worship – these are the things I've enjoyed, in years past, while participating in the EarthCare Retreat. Without fail, I have always returned home feeling deeply satisfied.

Please join members of our congregation for a beach clean-up, down time, good food, conversation and informational retreat session on the Washington Coast.

Cost is minimal: \$100-\$200/adult with scholarships available if it is cost prohibitive. Fliers with more information to sign-up are available at church. We want you there! And you will want to be there!! **Please register by March 22.**





SOCIAL JUSTICE

OUR REDEEMER'S SPRING ELECTRONICS RECYCLE DATE SET FOR MAY 16 - 10-1:30PM

Our earth care team is at it again! Can you contribute? Clean out your basement and garage and get rid of all those unwanted electronic items (including weed-eaters, etc!), styrofoam and clothing. This, as usual, open to the public.

We will be on hand to collect clean, dry styrofoam (please remove all tape and labels; sorry we cannot accept hot tub covers, insulating foam or anything that is dirty, wet or has been left outside). For e-cycling laptops, phones, software accessories, and more. PLUS gently used clothing will be collected for donation to Mary's Place and the Bridge Care Center.

Recycling is FREE! Volunteers needed.
Contact outreach@ourredeemers.net.



Sandwich Sunday

March 22, Between Services

Sandwich Sunday is 10am-11am on March 22nd! Bring your friends and make sandwiches for Peter's Place, a service center for hungry



neighbors! Can you deliver sandwiches on Monday or Tuesday at the latest. Contact outreach@ourredeemers.net We need turkey, ham, beef, bread, peanut butter, jelly.

#NoPlasticsForLent

ELCA Young Adults and ELCA Advocacy are giving up plastics for Lent. Want to join in and give up plastics (or adopt other sustainability practices) for Lent?

This year we are inviting everyone at Our Redeemers to reduce your use of single use plastics as part of our Lenten discipline. Join us in worship each Sunday and learn something new; sign a pledge in the fellowship hall to mindfully do work on caring for the earth. Use the hashtag #NoPlasticsForLent and show us how care for creation is a part of your Lenten practice.



We are heading out of the colder months – and this is a big deal to our guests who live in their vehicles. We currently have 4 parking slots in use and there are more in the wings. Please remember to pray for these folks.



Donations Needed for Personal Care Kits

by Sharon Longaker

Your help is needed. There are immediate needs for personal care kits currently being assembled. Please drop off the following items at the church as soon as possible.

- 4 oz. Bar Soap (Ivory soap best)
- Sturdy hair combs
- Nail clippers

Full size, dark colored towels are always welcome as well. We're OK right now with toothbrushes. Also, looking ahead, money donations for shipping the kits and quilts is much needed! Thank you for what you can do!



Immigration Follow Up

At our last national assembly, the ELCA declared itself a "Sanctuary denomination". In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA made a public statement that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith.

The Social Justice team has been having conversation about immigration for some time. In 2019, we set aside four Sundays to explore immigration in an inter-generational education class. In January/February of this year, we used three Sundays to explore what is currently going on in the Seattle area around immigration. The Executive Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, Michael Ramos gave us the lay of the land for faith-based work in the Seattle area and helped us think about what our role might be in this local and national conversation. Most importantly, Michael encouraged us to choose with intention our ways of being involved. So we are forming a team, or task force (limited in scope and time) to decide how to move forward. The one thing we know: we want to learn more.

If you are interested in being part of a smaller team to explore this, please contact Shannon: outreach@ourredeemers.net



COMMUNITY

LIFE MASTERS

March Lunch: How Much of Life is Luck? 🍀

That'll be our topic the day after St. Paddy's Day. As always, come to the library, bring something to munch on (perhaps lunch?), openness to sharing your own insights and experience on the topic, and enough time to enjoy the company of other good folks.

ALL are Welcome!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 12:15pm
in the Library



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Max Germann	7 Michael Jancola	19 Elena Malone
1 Steve Rystrom	8 Evan Deturk	21 James Arnold
2 Kris Rogness	8 Joseph Gibson	22 Tom Bernard
3 Addi Mertes	10 Mary Simpson	22 Chauntae Kukowski
3 Latife Neu	13 Elena Thompson	24 Gillian Knight
4 Kyra Ege	14 Adam Frantz	25 Diana Myers
4 Dave Osborn	14 Espen Leffler	27 Mary Peters
4 Julianne Vannoy	15 Shannon Parks-Beck	27 David Skar
5 Jolyn Mason	17 Nancy Paulson	28 Marilyn McKenzie
5 Ada Meyer	17 Nathan Richmond	31 John Forssen
7 Orville Anderson	18 Patsy Baker	

IN MEMORIUM

Thanks be to God for the life of Stephen McClellan Alley, Dec. 18, 1967 - Jan. 26, 2020.





COMMUNITY

Men's Breakfast **Wednesday, March 4, 7:30am**

Patty's Egg Nest, 9749 Holman Rd NW

Refresh your spirit with good company, coffee, and pancakes at Patty's Egg Nest.



Grace Grants from \$2-20K Available

Do you have an idea that will serve our ministry? If you or your group needs funding in one of these four areas: Leadership Development; Building Community; Faithful Innovation; Youth & Young Adult, please send your proposed idea to the Council by the way of Karie Stearns our Church Administrator by March 13th. Proposals will be reviewed at the March Council meeting

If your idea is selected by the Council, you will be invited to apply for a Grace Grant. More information can be found at <https://www.lutheransnw.org/grace-grants>. Final applications are due May 1, 2020.

Grace Grants



COMMUNITY

Family Movie Night: “Frozen II”

Saturday, March 14th, 6pm

The family friendly film “Frozen II” will be showing in the Fellowship Hall on March 14th! The pizza dinner will start at 6pm with the movie starting around 6:15pm.

What a great way to spend an evening with the family and others in our community. Bring friends, neighbors, and extended family! Kids are welcome to be comfy in their PJs and bring sleeping bags to snuggle in during the flick.

Pizza, popcorn, fruit, juice, salad, and dessert will be provided. A freewill offering will be collected for the meal. Adults are welcome to bring beer and/or wine. Gluten free pizza is available upon request.

RSVP by Friday, March 13th if you plan to attend on the 14th so we know how much pizza to get: contact Holly at 206-909-7204 or hgundack@live.com. (If you can help plan/organize/set-up, let Holly know. Especially appreciated would be help with clean-up after the movie. **See you there!**



Caring Community Team Meeting

Saturday, March 14 ~ Noon

Join the Caring Community Team for their next meeting and lunch at the home of Judy Chambers. For Judy's address, please contact the church office.



COMMUNITY

Calling New Board Members to Serve Lutheran Campus Ministry at the UW

Currently on a program hiatus the Lutheran Campus Council (the Board of Directors for LCMUW) is looking for new board members to help guide this important ministry into its next chapter. Big decisions that need to be made include:

- Stewardship of financial resources into either a University District Parsonage OR Permanent Meeting-space for program purposes.
- Drafting of Ministry Site Profile and formation of a Call Committee for the next Ministry Leader.

Do you or do you know someone who has skills in real estate, financial management, visioning, leadership, event planning, and/or has passion for new beginnings? Please contact either Callie Moothart at president@uwlutherans.org, David Wells at treasurer@uwlutherans.org, and/or Paul Eldred at vice-president@uwlutherans.org for more information!



SPRING FORWARD YOU MUST

OR LATE TO CHURCH YOU WILL BE.

**Daylight Savings:
Set Your Clocks
Ahead 1 Hour!**

Sunday, March 8

Please Support Ballard P-Patch's Fundraising Efforts

Our Redeemer's supports the Ballard P-Patch in their efforts to raise money to Save the P-Patch. Can you help? Start by going to www.mightycause.com/organization/Ballard-P-Patch. Check out all the different ways you can participate to give the gnome a home!





Fruit of Gratitude

Begin with gratitude

For all you have received,
That you see and that you do not see.

Let your gratitude grow into trust

That you are included in a great wonder;
And entrust yourself to the grace you are given.

Let your trust blossom into compassion

For all those who are also part of this oneness
Who have been excluded, used or targeted.

Let your compassion flourish into solidarity,

Knowing you are one with those who suffer
And that their wholeness is part of yours.

Let your solidarity bear fruit in justice,

Working for freedom and fullness of life for all,
Against all evil and oppression.

And when you are most challenged

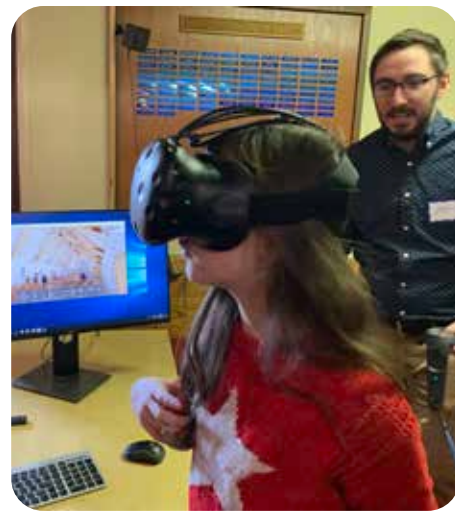
By the forces of injustice,
Most weary and discouraged,

Return to gratitude

That you are guided, accompanied,
Empowered and saved;
And entrust yourself to the undying love of God.

Steven Garnaas Holmes

BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION



February 16 Building Design Presentation



BUILD THE VISION... SHARE THE VISION

Build the Vision: Share the Vision! Monthly Update

With a purchase and sale agreement now signed by both Our Redeemer's and GROW/Ballard P-Patch, our vision-aligned plans to renovate are moving steadily forward!



PRESENTATION OF PLANS AND BUDGET

After late worship on February 16, about 88 people gathered for lunch and a presentation by our architects (SHKS), members of our Vision-Aligned Building Team, Church Council, and our owner's representative.

Renderings (drawings) and floor plans showed where we are in the design for the narthex, offices, meeting rooms, sanctuary, accessible daylight basement entrance, and the landscape plan. David Strauss of SHKS Architects described how the plans have grown from Our Redeemer's mission, values, and roots, while accomplishing the project goals set out at the beginning. He described the improvements and explained that most decisions relating to "soul and character" of the space are still ahead (e.g., colors, lighting design, furniture, etc.). Guy Michaelsen, an Our Redeemer's member and principal at The Berger Partnership Landscape Architects, described the overall themes that will tie the renovations together. He also introduced the landscape plans.

The presentation also included a virtual reality (VR) head-set. Put it on, and you could navigate through the spaces where you wanted. A video offered a similar experience.

Terrence Rindler (Council Member), Mike Hlastala (Council and VAB Member), and Brandy Fox (Owner's Rep) described in some detail what has gone into the \$3.7 million budget – both the contractor's estimated pricing, the soft (or project) costs (such as fees, licenses, experts, furnishings, etc.), when and fairly generous contingency percentages to ensure unforeseen expenses (fairly common when renovating an older building) can be addressed. A list of in terms of meeting the budget, monies in hand, plus anticipated income from sale of the property will require a loan of about \$700,000. Council has already spoken to Thrivent Financial and Mission Investment Fund (an arm of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), both of which have a long history of construction loans to churches. Another option being explored is inviting members to make a "mission" loan to the church, administered by a non-profit company.

Assuming the sale with GROW/Ballard P-Patch is on track to close, we expect to have a congregational vote on the budget in late May – early June.

HOW TO OFFER YOUR INPUT OR ASK YOUR QUESTIONS

You can find the renderings from the presentation on the fellowship hall bulletin board, along with post its and a pen to write your questions and input. All written responses are being collected, and in early March we will have a BUILD THE VISION page on our website dedicated to the project including frequently asked questions. The web page will also have a link to the video walk-through of the space.

And, of course, you are always invited to contact one of our Vision-Aligned Building Team members (Jim Arnold, Pastor Kathy Hawks, Mike Hlastala, Kirsten Malone, Ryan Mertes, Guy Michaelsen, Karie Stearns) or a Church Council member (Dinah Coble, Amy Dahlgren, Morgan Fowler, Matt Grover, Shelbe Kukowski, Pastor Gretchen Mertes, Emilie Purvine, Terrence Rindler) with your questions and comments.

Thank You

...Please know that we are deeply appreciative of your trust, generosity and continued support of our efforts. Your contribution is helping to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community. We value your partnership with us in countering Islamophobia and building the beloved community.

- Treacy Levine Center

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values our
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connections strong.
Thank you!**

Thank you for your recent, generous gift of hygiene product. You make a difference in the community!

- The Ballard Food Bank Team

...With deep gratitude we acknowledge the gifts and contributions to Amazing Grace in 2019. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your support of our community.

- Amazing Grace Spiritual Center

...The new year has brought plenty of work in the state legislature, our local contexts, and the national scene. As Rabbi Seth Goldstein stated in his reflection at Interfaith Advocacy Day, we are trudging through muddy times, but together we can change the world as it is into the world as it should be. Thank you for your generous gift...so we can take this path toward justice together.








- Faith Action Network

EVERY SUNDAY:

9am - Informal Worship
10am - Faith Formation for All Ages
11am - Traditional Worship

MARCH 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am Confirmation Class 10:10 Adult Forum 	2 9am Quilters 7pm Faith Formation Team	3	4 Office Closed* 7am Men's Breakfast 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult & Youth Choir	5 3:45PM Staff Meeting 6pm Centering Prayer & Meal 7:30pm Informal Music Ensemble	6	7
8 Daylight Savings 10:10 Adult Forum 12:15pm Social Justice Meeting 	9 9am Quilters	10 7pm Executive Team Meeting	11 10am Staff Meeting 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult & Youth Choir	12 6pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Informal Music Ensemble	13 Grace Grant Ideas Due	14 9am Worship Team 12pm Caring Community Team 6pm Family Movie Night "Frozen II" 
15 10am Confirmation Class 10:10 Adult Forum 2-7pm Ballard Sunday Dinner 	16 9am Quilters April Visitor Newsletter Content Deadline	17 St. Patrick's Day April Newsletter Content Deadline 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	18 10am Staff Meeting 10:30am Bible Study 12pm R2H Meeting 12:15pm Life Masters 6:30pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult & Youth Choir	19 6pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Informal Music Ensemble	20	21
22 10am Sandwich Sunday 10:10 Adult Forum EarthCare Registration Deadline 	23 9am Quilters	24 7pm 	25 10am Staff Meeting 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Children's Choir 7pm Adult Choir	26 6pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Informal Music Ensemble	27	28 3pm Easter Handbell and Orchestra Rehearsal (handbells only)
29 Healing Sunday 10:10 Adult Forum 	30 9am Quilters	31				

*Staff devotes the first Wednesday of each month to professional development and planning.



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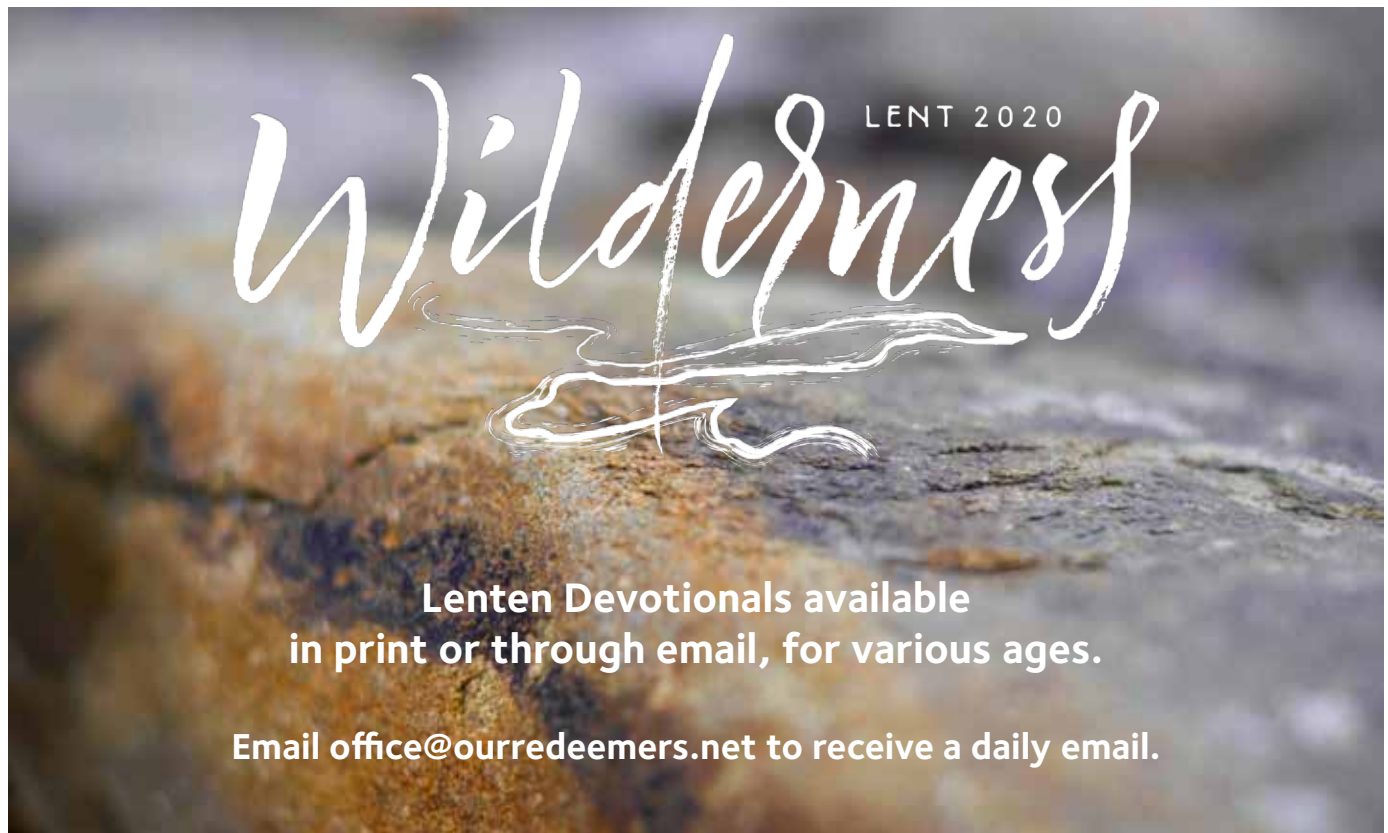
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REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP

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10am Faith Formation for All Ages
11am Traditional Service

WEEKLY THURSDAY WORSHIP

6pm Centering Prayer



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