

Message from the Pastor

The Prophet Amos in the face of Tribalism

“You are not big enough to accuse the whole age effectively, but let us say you are in dissent. You are in no position to issue commands, but you can speak words of hope. Shall this be the substance of your message? Be human in this most inhumane of ages; guard the image of *humanity* (italics mine) for it is the image of God.” (Thomas Merton)

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen. (Article 3 of the Apostle’s Creed)

In the 9th chapter, Amos gets into trouble by calling out the people of Israel. In verse 7 he writes: “Are you not like the Ethiopians to me, O People of Israel? says the Lord. Did I not bring Israel up from the land of Egypt, **and** the Philistines from Caphtor **and** the Arameans from Kir?”

In an article written by Richard Beck entitled “On Tribalism and Self-Criticism”, he wrestles with the Prophet. Beck observes: “What is Amos doing in this question? Well, the specialness and uniqueness of Israel is deeply rooted in her view of the Exodus. The Exodus, as you know, is the defining moment in Israel’s history. It is essential to her identity. But Amos suggests that the Exodus is not uniquely Israel’s. Apparently, God has performed other Exodus events. To heighten the point, Amos points out that these other Exodus events benefited two of Israel’s sworn enemies!! This is a deeply destabilizing notion. Amos applies the most revered verb in Israel’s history, the Exodus verb (to bring up), to Israel’s enemies. This suggests that God has been engaged in salvific acts that fall outside the scope of our religious narratives.”

We at ALC practice being a community of faith. We proclaim it in our liturgy. We immerse ourselves in it in Baptism, in the LORD’S Supper and in the sharing of peace. We try to the best of our ability to express it in our service of others; whether in church events or in our work and life outside of church. We are not a tribe of believers but a called and sent community of disciples. Jesus is Lord is not a flag we hoist but a critique we constantly engage in. Though it has always been so, still, it appears more so in our present time, the constant pressure to be tribal...conservative, liberal, religious, ethnic, and on, and on, and on. Amos foreshadows ...

“Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow, black and white
They ARE precious in his sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

I don’t know if humans can ever escape, fully, creating tribal affiliations and identities but I have faith in Jesus Christ that He can resurrect us from them.

In God’s Peace,
Pastor Matt



Ministering

Volunteers who share their gifts

September 3, 2017

Greeters: Jeff & Kristi Bell
Ushers: Les & Blanche Wall
Reader: Rita Crisp
Counters: Heather Double & Sharon Bateman
Coffee Hour: Jean Oxrieder's Group
Nursery: Sarah Goodman & Kendall Hinchliff

September 10, 2017

Greeters: LeRoy & Emmie Leland
Ushers: Geoff Jones & Shannon Radke
Reader: Mary Bug Smith
Counters: Val Samson & Fayola Grant
Coffee Hour: Jaci Stevens' Group
Nursery: Cydni Lewis

September 17, 2017

Greeters: Mark & Scone Bender
Ushers: Dick Bockemuehl & Sandy Ellersick
Reader: Lee Shaver
Counters: Brian Hood & Sharon Bateman
Coffee Hour: Eloise Opp's Group
Nursery: Racine Balow

September 24, 2017

Greeters: Brian & Carol Hood
Ushers: Steve & Sharon Bateman
Reader: Carol Bourassa
Counters: Brian Hood & Sharon Bateman
Coffee Hour: Katie Kersting's Group
Nursery: Chloe Jones



October 1, 2017

Greeters: Les & Blanche Wall
Ushers: Rita Crisp & Billie Goodno
Reader: Marva Heckathorn
Counters: Toby Johnson & Marva Heckathorn
Coffee Hour: Scone Bender's group
Nursery: Kari Goodrich

October 8, 2017

Greeters: Jeff & Kristi Bell
Ushers: Dwight & Eloise Opp
Reader: Eloise Opp
Counters: Toby Johnson & Marva Heckathorn
Coffee Hour: Peggy Smith's Group
Nursery: Lia Goodrich & Brooklyn Hastings

October 15, 2017

Greeters: Val Samson & Bill Torgeson
Ushers: Theresa Watson & Ashley Scribner
Reader: Elaine Peterson
Counters: Val Samson & Robin Balow
Coffee Hour: Vicki Richter's
Nursery: Lily Hughes & Kendall Hinchliff

October 22, 2017

Greeters: Sip & Bonnie Crotteau
Ushers: Elaine Peterson & Val Samson
Reader: Dwight Opp
Counters: Monica Jones & Gae Lewis
Coffee Hour: Gail Johnson's Group
Nursery: Sarah Goodman & Elise Hinchliff

October 29, 2017

Greeters: Rita Crisp
Ushers: Glen & Mary Bug Smith
Reader: Carol Hood
Counters: Monica Jones & Gae Lewis
Coffee Hour: Val Samson's Group
Nursery: Cydni Lewis



Anna Circle Resumes on September 12th. We're looking forward to visiting with everyone again. All our church women are welcome. Our hostesses are Gail Johnson and Val Blake. Bring your smiles!



The Village at Orchard Ridge Presents: **P.E.A.C.E.** (Professionals Easing Aging Concerns Thru Education) **Workshops**
DID YOU MISS the P.E.A.C.E. workshops last spring? No Worries! There are two more scheduled this fall. Mark your calendar to attend one of these informative workshops:

Saturday, September 16th (hosted by Christ the King & Lutheran Church of the Master) - held at Christ the King Lutheran Church (1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, CDA)

-or-

Saturday, September 23rd held at St. George's Catholic Church (2010 N. Lucas St., PF)
Both workshops are from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Check in at 8:30 a.m.



My Synod
Moving in Mission
TOGETHER

You are Invited

To the Installation of The Reverend Kristen E. M Keumpel as Bishop of the Easter Washington-Idaho Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
At St. Mark's Lutheran Church
316 E 24th Ave, Spokane, WA
On Saturday, September 16th
At 2:00pm

The Reverend Elizabeth Eaton will preach and preside. Parking is limited. Please contact the Synod Office at 509-838-9871 for more information.

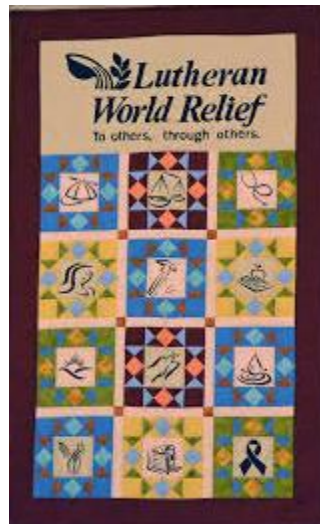
WEST SIDE STORY

Wednesday September 27th
at the Civic Theatre in Spokane
6pm Wine and Social Hour
7:30pm Curtain

Tickets \$30 each to benefit Lutheran Community Services northwest & Lutheran Campus Ministry of Eastern Washington University
Purchase your tickets online at:
www.eventbrite.com or
contact Christie McKee 509-343-5020

Lutheran World Relief invites you to view a video of quilts sent to Peru last year.
lwr.org/videos/quilt-kit-pipeline

The video is not too long and is very interesting. This may be of interest as we (here at American Lutheran) sent quilts and personal care kits to LWR in May. Of interest to me was the impact the personal care kits had. Thanks to all the quilters!
~ Jean Oxrieder

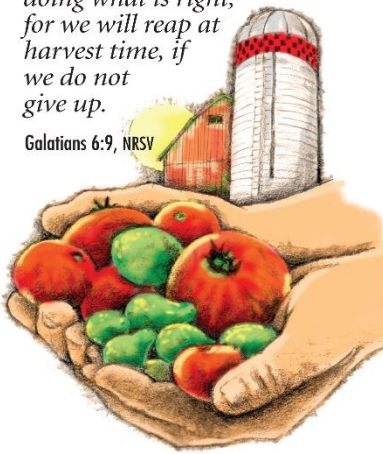


Sunday School
Begins September 10th!
All children and youth
Are invited to join us!



So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9, NRSV



In August, our **2nd Harvest** distributed 10,000 pounds of food to 196 families. Many thanks to American Lutheran Church's 39 volunteers!

This fall, we will host the 2nd Harvest Food Distribution on Thursday, October 12th from 10-12.

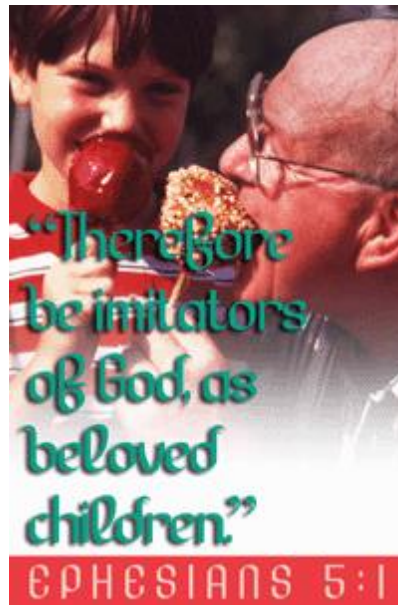
Please volunteer if you can - arrive at 9am and plan to stay for some fellowship afterwards.

Birthdays

Celebrate their Birth

SEPTEMBER

Karen Rucker	09-02
Joe Evans	09-05
Sophia Aldous	09-07
Dale Chamberlain	09-08
Deegan Jones	09-09
Nicholas Morey	09-10
Jon Hinchliff	09-11
Russell Balow	09-13
Ryan Tafoya	09-15
Stacy Zabriskie	09-16
Donna Franck	09-19
Peggy Smith	09-22
Jeffrey Pierson	09-24
Kari Tafoya	09-24
Kelly Alliger	09-26
Glen Smith	09-28
Vicki Richter	09-29



OCTOBER

Wyatt Jones	10-03
Larry Sauer	10-05
Sarah Goodman	10-07
Jeff Bell	10-10
Jorden Pierson	10-10
Rance Urdahl	10-12
Wes Blore	10-15
Chris Shaver	10-15
Michael Tafoya	10-16
Gene Reed	10-16
Jeremy Lewis	10-17
LeRoy Leland	10-17
Harold Peterson	10-18
Don Comins	10-23
Jonathan Goodman	10-24
Kristopher Morey	10-24
Don Gumenberg	10-27
Lia Goodrich	10-28
Jeanne Gerke	10-29

Special Thanks

Appreciation for God's blessings in action

Thank you to everyone for your love and concern. Your prayers were felt and appreciated.

I am doing well and will be back to church when the doctor says I can. We love our church family!

Hazel & Tom Bauer

With sincere thanks for all who have taken me to church on Sundays - Tat Blesch

Quote from unknown:

I will try to give away everything I cannot keep; and to keep the things that cannot be taken away.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 10 am Worship Coffee Hour	4	5 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30am Quilters	6 12 n AlAnon 7pm Choir Practice	7 8am Men's Bkfst @ ALC	8	9
10 Sunday School Begins! 9am Sunday School 10 am Worship Coffee Hour	11	12 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30am Anna Circle 7pm Church Council	13 12 n AlAnon 6pm Worship Committee 7pm Choir Practice	14 2pm Bishop Kuempel Installation	15	16
17 9am Sunday School 10 am Worship Coffee Hour	18	19 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30am Quilters 10am Pastors Cluster Meeting @ BF	20 12 n AlAnon 7pm Choir Practice	21 7pm FFF	22	23
24 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Coffee Hour	25	26 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30am Quilters	27 12 n AlAnon 7pm Choir Practice	28 5:30pm BBB 6:30pm WWW	29	30 11am Bill Thorson's Service

God gives us life - God gives us a reason to life - God gives our living HIS purpose.

						
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1 		3 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30am Quilters	4 	5 Bishop's Convocation in Boise	6 Idaho Conference 	7 Discipleship In Boise
8 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Coffee Hour	9	10 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30 Anna Circle 7pm Church Council	11 12 n AlAnon 7pm Choir Practice	12 8am Men's Bkfst @ ALC 10-12n2 nd Harvest 7pm FFF	13	14
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29  9am Sunday School 10am Worship Coffee Hour	30	31 500th Anniversary of the Reformation 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30am Quilters				

