

## ***October News - 2020***

It has been over six months now since our life was turned upside down by the coronavirus pandemic. Six months since we went from hosting Lenten Soup suppers for the community on a Wednesday evening to preaching to an empty sanctuary the following week. Six months since we have had Anna Circle and Sunday School and Coffee hour. Six months ...with no day camp, no garage sale, no WWW, no BBB, no quilting. Six months without our choir. Six months without noisily sitting in the pews and laughing at children's sermons together. Six months with our smiles covered by masks.



We miss you and we miss our life together. Yet - .we have been blessed by you and with you these last six months as well. Thank you for the phone conversations. Thank you for tuning in online Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings and offering a word of peace. Thank you for the backyard and front porch visits. Thank you for your prayers and your continued financial support. Thank you for joining us outside for worship. Thank you for your eyes that smile at us above your mask. Thank you for your encouragement and patience with us and with our council as we find our way together through this new landscape. (We cannot express how grateful we are for our council. Their leadership has been thoughtful and faithful, and we have been blessed to have them guide us through this time.)

With things so drastically changed, we can't help but reflect on what it means to be the church. Because, clearly ***we are still the church***...supporting and loving one another and proclaiming God's abundant grace for a hurting world even if we can't do things the way we usually do. Somehow, in the midst of this strange time, we are being reminded that God is good and God is faithful even in a world that is unfamiliar and difficult. And that is what the church is. It is the place where Jesus becomes incarnate in his body in this world...bringing the presence of God into a hurting world. We are the body of Christ, even without coffee hour and quilting. We are the body of Christ...loving the world God so loves. We are the body of Christ, beloved and beautiful...even in our masks!

Thank you all for your grace and love -  
***Pastor Janine***



## ***Sunday Worship Schedule beginning October 4th***

**9:00 am - Communion worship in the sanctuary -- Everyone will wear masks and we will sit physically distanced with 6' between family groups.**

**10:00 am - Live streamed worship on Facebook with communion in our homes (the same as we have been doing since March!)**

**11:00 am - Zoom Coffee hour - join us to see faces and share stories and laughter. Invitations will be sent to your email.**

### **Join us for Bible Study**

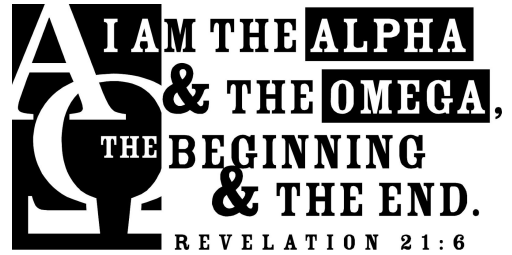
Mondays at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall. We are wearing masks and keeping 6' between family groups. We will be studying the Scripture that will be read the following Sunday. We would love to have you join us.

The Bible study will also be live on Facebook.



## Wednesday Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm streamed live on Facebook.  
We sing a favorite hymn and walk through a book in the Bible. In September, we began reading Revelation. Join us as we hear words of encouragement and grace (not judgement and fear!).



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## American Lutheran Church

332801 Highway 2  
Newport, WA 99156

### Thursday, October 1

**10:00AM - 12:00PM**

Drive-thru distribution  
up to 300 households

Free produce and other  
nutritious perishable  
products. As supplies last.  
No appointment necessary.



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### *OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS*

Wyatt Jones	10-03
Larry Sauer	10-05
Sarah Goodman	10-07
Jeff Bell	10-10
Rance Urdahl	10-12
Wes Blore	10-15
Chris Shaver	10-15
Jeremy Lewis	10-17
LeRoy Leland	10-17
Harold Peterson	10-18
Steve Morey	10-22
Jonathan Goodman	10-24
Kristapher Morey	10-24
Don Gumenberg	10-27
Lia Goodrich	10-28
Jeanne Gerke	10-29

### *NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Katie Kersting	11-01
Kaileen Kersting	11-03
Pat Alexander	11-04
Tony Hoffman	11-05
Hedy Seeber	11-07
Theresa Watson	11-11
Sharon Bateman	11-12
Jenna Kersting	11-13
Sophie Hinchliff	11-14
Elaine Petersen	11-18
Kendra Persyn	11-18
June Baumgardner	11-20
Norm Urvat	11-26
Annika Hughes	11-27
E.Rand Gurley	11-29
Cyndi Lewis	11-30

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