

FROM THE PASTOR

"And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

As you can imagine, harvest time in the Palouse is a busy affair. Combines and harvest trucks all over the place bringing in the grain for storage and shipment. I was 2 weeks into my first call in Endicott when word came that a horrible, freak accident happened to a parishioner. The combine he was in flipped over on one of the steep hillsides that they harvest, killing him instantly. It was devastating. And the family and crew were only a 1/4 of the way harvesting the grain on thousands of acres.

It was the first time I witnessed a Harvest Bee. When a tragedy hits a family in the midst of harvest, the normal routine stops. Harvest trucks and combines from all over the place converge on the grieving family's farm and proceed to get the crop in. On this moment, between 15-20 combines and over 35 trucks showed up and thousands of acres done in 2 days. And the food. Think of a Church potluck only 50 times bigger.

It was, and continues to be, an amazing memory! People showed up. Doing what they could in the midst of grief and chaos. And the grieving family was able to breathe.

I relay this experience to you in order to say thank you all for showing up in the midst of the business of your lives. You show up in worship to be a presence to people in our sanctuary who may be going through their own personal chaos or just need the assurance that they are not alone in the world. You show up in your everyday routine, in your work place or wherever you find yourself, and when you extend a hand of grace, a smile of comfort, you bring Christ into the world. You allow people to breathe. In all that you do, in all the varied ways that you provide space for people to be themselves ... thank you.

I think our calling as disciples of Christ is, to the best of our ability, to try and embody the words of Jesus "And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Peace

Pastor Matt



Eloise Opp	08-01
Michael Pieper	08-01
Marva Heckathorn	08-07
Dick Bockemuehl	08-08
Janine Goodrich	08-10
Hazel Bauer	08-14
John Gertenbach	08-17
Linda Blore	08-18
Ken Brown	08-19
Joy Peralta	08-20
Monty Provence	08-22
Dee Gumenberg	08-22
Jason Jones	08-22
Millie Brumbaugh	08-28



Gary Gabbert	09-01
Deegan Jones	09-09
Nicholas Morey	09-10
Jon Hinchliff	09-11
Russell Balow	09-11
Peggy Smith	09-22
Hedy Mitchell	09-22
Kelly Alliger	09-26
Donni Gabbert	09-26
Glen Smith	09-28
Vicki Richter	09-29

*If your birthday isn't listed, please let us know!
We would love to add you to our birthday list.*



It was a success!!

The Garage Sale went very well. We made approx. \$2445. If it had not been for the volunteer committee and the many volunteers from the congregation, this would not be true. We had so many people who took on many roles to get this done. It was a true testament to 'many hands make light work'! So thank you, thank you, thank you all for your time, talents and "past possessions"!



Mark Your Calendars! 2022 Second Harvest Food Distributions At ALC

August 18
October 6
November 17
December 15

Ushers & Greeters

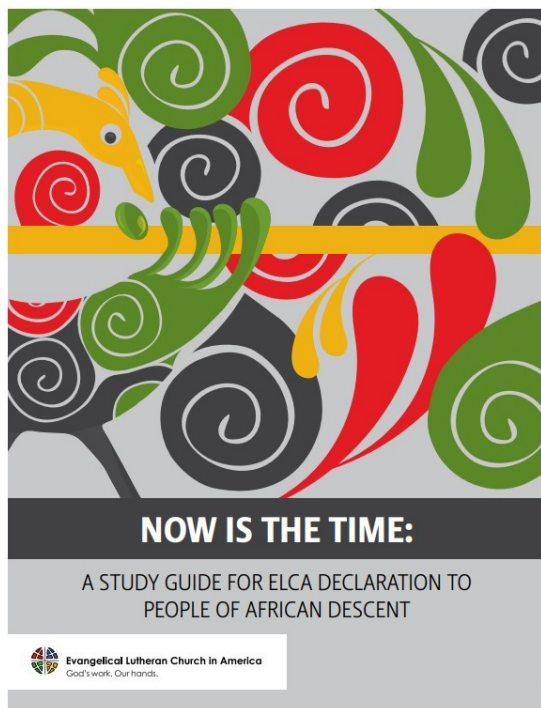
August

***7 Trish Akre
14 Gail Johnson
21 Vicki Richter
28 Theresa Watson***

September

***4 Carleen Blisner-Bowen
11 Brian and Carol Hood
18 Don & Dee Gumenberg
25 Valerie Samson***





Learning more about Racism

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America introduces “Now Is the Time: A Study Guide for ELCA Declaration to People of African Descent” to help congregations wrestle with the meaning of the declaration, adopted at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, and its accompanying explanation.

In the declaration, the ELCA “apologizes to people of African descent for its historical complicity in slavery and its enduring legacy of racism in the United States and globally. We lament the white church’s failure to work for the abolition of slavery and the perpetuation of racism in this church.”

“Now Is the Time” stresses realism, self-examination and accountability as the church acknowledges and apologizes for the history and impact of slavery and systemic racism in the United States and globally. The study guide focuses on deepening our understanding of this history as participants engage in often-difficult conversation and reflection to move the church toward racial healing and justice.

We will begin a 5 week study after church, beginning on September 11. Pastor Janine and David Grice will be facilitating. We hope you can join us!

The Things I Want You to Know When I Die

“Whether we live or whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” Romans 14:8

We have a form available at church that we encourage all of you to pick up. It is to help your family at the time of your death and let them know your wishes. It’s always better to fill them out before death is imminent...and gives everyone peace of mind.

They are available in the entry. We invite you to pick one up, fill it out, and bring it back to church. We’ll make a copy to keep on file at church and give you one to have at home as well.





2022 ELCA
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
August 8-12, 2022
Columbus, Ohio

The **ELCA Churchwide Assembly** is this August in Columbus, Ohio.

The theme is “**Embody the Word**” as we discern how best to be the Body of Christ, the incarnate Word of God, in the world as a church together. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the church and voting members come from congregations in every synod. Over the course of the assembly, voting members Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units; Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies; Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws; Establish ELCA churchwide policy; Worship together; Adopt a budget; and Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

You can find out more and also participate online at <https://www.elca.org/cwa-2022>

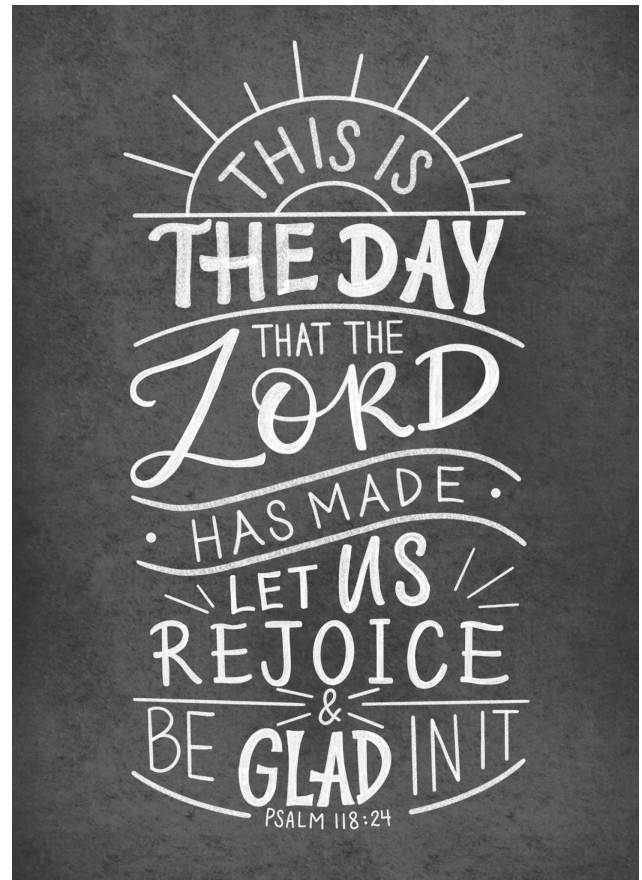
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7 10 am Worship	8 10 am Bible Study noon - Al-anon	9 10 am Anna Circle	10	11	12	13
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21 10 am Worship	22 10 am Bible Study noon - Al-anon	23 10 am Quilting	24	25	26	27
28 10 am Worship	29 10 am Bible Study noon - Al-anon	30 10 am Quilting	31 7pm Choir			

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THIS by Pat Kowal

Just the simple mantra . . . THIS
In the quiet of soul-time
The mind wandering, wondering
Bring it back, I hear, with THIS, THIS, THIS
Fingers tap the heart
Silent repetition, the same word . . . THIS, THIS
This is what is
This is who I am
This is okay
Presence, present moment
 . . . THIS, THIS
The pure sense of love and peace reborn
No illness, pain, fear
Trust bursts forth like bubbles rising
Celebration thumps from inside, out
With just . . . THIS
THIS, THIS

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*We have many poets in our congregation --
if you would like to submit a poem for consideration to print in our newsletter, please email it to
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*Marked with the cross of Christ forever,
we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*