

June/July 2024

Newsletter



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Do you live in a place with a small closet? Do you have only enough room in your closet and drawers for either winter clothes or summer clothes, but not both? Twice a year, I take my clothes from one season and put them in some plastic bins, and take out the clothes for the upcoming season. I get tired of my winter layers that I wear for eight and a half months and am glad to store them away for a while. My summer clothes remind me of outdoor activities that require sunblock instead of wool. But I am also surprised every year by something I forgot that I had bought or surprised by an article of clothing that I kept. It is hard to get rid of something that fits and is comfortable or has good memories attached to it. Even if it is worn out.

The job of an interim pastor is helping a congregation to adjust from one season in their life to another season.

Change is stressful. It just is. And we all tend to lean toward what is familiar and avoid the unfamiliar. You, as a

congregation, have adjusted very well to the changes brought about by Matt and Janine's departure. You have expressed your grief but also the joy in continuing your shared mission. Saying good-bye to what was once good, healthy, fun, Christ-centered and Spirit-inspired, is difficult, painful and takes time. Saying hello to what is new, unfamiliar, challenging, even if it is Christ-centered and Spirit-inspired, is stressful, uncomfortable and takes time. This goes for many things in life, as you well know. There are relationships that are for a time, or change over time, and it can be difficult to let that change happen. I know some people in their 50s who are still trying to parent their adult offspring. They have not let the change occur in that relationship.

When you retire from working, when you graduate from school, when your kids get older more rapidly than you expected, when you feel your body aging more rapidly than you expected. There is a letting go and a waiting for what is next. There is uncertainty. But God does not promise us certainty. God only asks that we have faith, in other words, that we trust. Faith accepts uncertainty. In church life together, in your own personal lives, what do you think you (we) need to let go of? What do you (we) need to say "hello" to?

In closing, here is my ask: that God would bless all of us as we journey through this interim time together and with the Spirit's help, discern what we need to hold on to and what we need to release, and that God would surprise us in joyful and profound ways.

God's peace to you now, in this season,

Your interim pastor,

Bob

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Call, text, email, stop by and talk. I am in Newport Sunday through Wednesday.

Pastor Call Committee Exciting News

We are pleased to announce that the Ministry Site Profile document is currently complete and we move forward in search of our new pastor. The purpose of the profile is to identify how we see ourselves and to serve as a tool for prospective candidates to discover if they and ALC might be a good fit. We have used the congregation's input given to us to ensure your voice is heard. Thank you.

Here are a couple of pieces that are included in our profile. We thought you might like to see a small part of some of the narrative:

Our Purpose, Giftedness, and Mission:

ALC's purpose is to gather to proclaim the abundant grace and love of Jesus for all and be sent out to live as God's hands and feet, serving our communities in our daily lives.

Our gifts include practicing inclusivity, flexibility, and love, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit in both our worship services and everyday life.

Our mission is to be a haven of God's love focusing on faith, hope, charity, and forgiveness for all in our midst.

Our Energy:

All are welcome. We encourage people to attend/join our church community. We are excited about reaching new members of all ages. Our music program is outstanding and encourages anyone to participate. Second Harvest, a program to help distribute food to those in need, touches hundreds of families in our community with the idea that ALC cares. Our online service reaches many who cannot travel to our church and encourages them to join us in celebrating our faith, love, and hope together. We have quilters and share quilts with those who need comfort. We contribute goods and funds to reach out to victims in crisis. We know how to laugh and cry. ALC has an infectious, buzzing energy. We extend our message: We are all children of God . . . He has you, He holds you, and He will never let you go. With this mantra, we support and enjoy each other. Our energy is positive and vibrant, exuding inclusivity and joy.

Our Goals:

The overarching goal for ALC is to maintain and grow our unique atmosphere where the unconditional grace of Jesus is spoken and demonstrated; that is of love and forgiveness. This is truly a place of peace and safety, welcoming and affirming everyone enthusiastically, regardless of status, background, religious affiliation, or history. ALC is a family, offering a safe place of refuge, from first-time visitors to lifelong members. The members here strive with purpose to develop this atmosphere continuously and progressively. Previous pastors and leaders have cultivated this spirit, and we look forward to calling a pastor to continue it.

Thank you, all, for your input, prayers, and support as we continue our work.

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This is the prayer we use at the start of each of our gatherings. Please join us in prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come as holy fire and burn in us.
Come as holy wind and cleanse us.
Come as holy light and lead us.
Come as holy truth and teach us.
Come as holy balm and heal us.
Come as holy mirth and enlighten us.
Come Holy Spirit, come.
Come until we are completely yours for your use,
Come Holy Spirit, come.

Your Call Committee



Change in office hours: Laurretta Heaney (administrative assistant) will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am to noon. She can be reached after hours at 509-447-3440

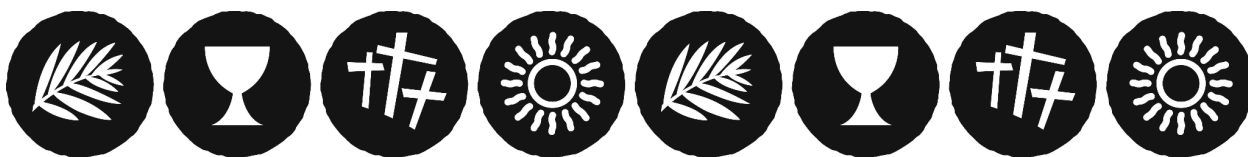


News and Prayer for our Siblings in the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese (UKD) of Tanzania

Historic flooding is impacting the humans, animals, and land of our Companion Synod in Tanzania. Our NWIM Synod Global Mission Committee recently sent \$6000 for food security to Tumaini School. UKD General Secretary Philorian is working with ELCA deployed staff in Tanzania for possible flood relief funds.

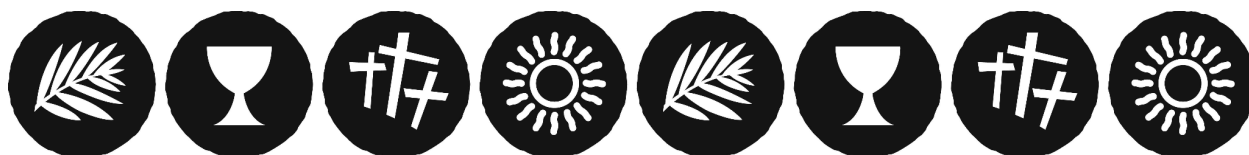
A prayer for worship or personal devotions:

O God, who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the troubled heart, bring hope and courage to all who are affected by the flood in the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese as we all wait in uncertainty. Bring assurance that you will be there in whatever lies ahead. Give them courage to endure all that they now face, for you are God, and we need you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



Upcoming Events:

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| Sunday June 2 | Senior Sunday | Join us in celebration of our seniors
Tony Hoffman
Anna Jones
Colton Seeber
Paul Waterman
Gabbie Youk |
| Sunday June 23 | Mission Sunday | Overseas Missions and at Home,
Come hear the Zabriskies give us an update on
their overseas work and Holly Hoagland from 2nd
Harvest Mobile Market.
Hear about the exciting work that God is
accomplishing through the people you support
with your money, your time, your energy and your
prayers. |
| July 14 - 19 | Day Camp | Spread the word! Volunteer!
for more information contact Shannon Radke.
shannonradke@gmail.com |
| August 4 | Church Picnic | Save the Date!
Contact the Evangelism Committee for more info. |



BBB (Beer Brats and Bible) men's fellowship group will meet in Randy Richter's shop off of Hwy 2 (across from Bushels) the 2nd Monday of the month. June 10, July 8 at 5:00 PM.



OFFERING COUNTERS

We are in need of more offering counters on Sunday morning. It should only take about 15 min each Sunday after service. Training will be provided. Please contact Laurretta Heaney (administrative assistant) if you are interested.

A big shout out of THANKS to everyone who is volunteering: readers, ushers, song leaders, communion servers, coffee hour providers, the set-up and clean-up helpers for all our services and events, the book sale and garage sale helpers, and all the other happenings around the church. You are AWESOME!!! Keep it up! We are the body of Christ.



If you have any hymn suggestions or favorites, please let Millie, Nancy or Hedy - the worship team - know.



Coffee hour hosts needed.
Please sign up on the board outside the kitchen.



Marri Hinchliff	06-03	Mary Brooks	07-06
Heather Double	06-04	Colton Seeber	07-06
Judy Bell	06-07	Ellen Mischenko	07-07
Patty Wall	06-08	Chloe Jones	07-07
Carleen Bliesner-Bowen	06-10	Alicia Ratliff	07-07
Geoff Jones	06-12	Monica Jones	07-12
David Grice	06-17	Dawn Morey	07-12
		Clara Willner	07-13
		Gary Heckathorn	07-19
		Carol Hood	07-20
		Chad Smith	07-26
		Roz Olsen	07-29

Ushers & Greeters



<u>June 2024</u> <i>2 Pat and Debbie Buckley</i> <i>9 Brian and Carol Hood</i> <i>16 Marva Heckathorn</i> <i>23 Greg and Nicole Seeber</i> <i>30 Marlene Faraca</i>	<u>July 2024</u> <i>7 Lee and Chris Shaver</i> <i>14 Bun and Cheryl Graff</i> <i>21 George Weisbarth</i> <i>28 Randy and Vicki Richter</i>
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June

- 2 - Marva Heckathorn
- 9 - Faith Hughes
- 16 - Lee Shaver
- 23 - Cheryl Schoesler
- 30 - David Grice

July

- 7 - Val Samson
- 14 - Robert Balow
- 21 - Elaine Petersen
- 28 - Pat Alexander



Save the Dates:

June 5
September 5
November 13

mobile market summary

in proud partnership with
American Lutheran Church

The Second Harvest Mobile Market brings healthy food and nutrition education directly to high-need communities throughout the Inland Northwest. Through your partnership, the Mobile Market was able to provide groceries at no cost to vulnerable children, seniors and families facing hunger in the region.
Thank you for partnering on this successful event!

your impact	the product
254 families received nutritious groceries.	10,266 meals provided.
23 people donated their time to distribute food to the community!	69 hours were generously donated by volunteers.

Need recipe inspiration?

Scan here for delicious ideas from The Kitchen at Second Harvest

MOBILE MARKET 

your event details
05/01/2024
Newport, WA
American Lutheran Church
2-harvest.org




Thrivent Members

We don't have a current membership list, so if you are a Thrivent member (formerly called Lutheran Brotherhood and Aid to Lutherans) please contact Hedy Mitchell, Kristi Bell or Sandy Ellersick.


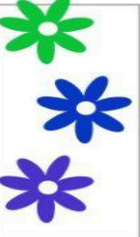
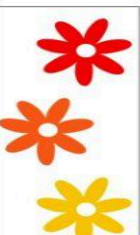






The Evangelism Committee is short a member with Carleen Bliesner-Bowen moving into Spokane. If you'd like to help out the committee contact:

Val Samson: 509-447-4525 or Sandy Loskill 509-671-3948.




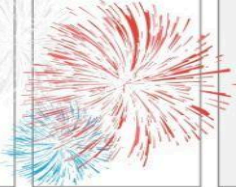




JUNE

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 WORSHIP 10AM SENIOR SUNDAY	3 10AM: BIBLE STUDY	4 10 AM: QUILTING	5 SECOND HARVEST MOBILE MARKET	6	7	8
9 WORSHIP 10AM	10AM: BIBLE STUDY 5PM: BEER, BRATS AND BIBLE	11 10 AM: ANNA CIRCLE 7PM: COUNCIL MEETING	12 7PM: CHOIR	13	14	15
16 WORSHIP 10AM <i>HAPPY Father's Day</i>	17 10AM: BIBLE STUDY	18 10 AM: QUILTING	19 7PM: CHOIR	20	21	22
23 WORSHIP 10AM MISSION SUNDAY	24 10AM: BIBLE STUDY	25 10 AM: QUILTING	26 7PM: CHOIR	27	28	29
30 WORSHIP 10AM	10AM: BIBLE STUDY					

JULY

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 10AM: BIBLE STUDY NOON: AL-ANON	2 10 AM: QUILTING PIANO RECITAL	3 7PM: CHOIR	4 	5	6
7 WORSHIP 10AM	8 10AM: BIBLE STUDY 5PM: BEER, BRATS AND BIBLE	9 10 AM: ANNA CIRCLE 7PM: COUNCIL MEETING	10 7PM: CHOIR	11 	12	13
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*Marked with the cross of Christ forever,
we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*