

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



“Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”

1 Cor. 16:13-14 (RSV)

Summers in the north just seem to go by too fast. If you get time away, that just seems to make them go faster. When Labor Day approaches do you ever get those slightly anxious feelings like school is about to begin again? Even if you have not been in school in 40+ years! Or how about when you go on a trip and you have this feeling like you forgot something? Sometimes it is your intuition, but sometimes it is just “free floating” anxiety. There is a lot to be anxious about in our lives. And it seems that the older we get the more we know about things that can go wrong and problems that can come up. And, it doesn’t help that the media (social media and news media) stokes our fears and anxiety on a daily basis.

When a congregation is in an interim period, there is anxiety. There is a lot to be anxious about. There are lots of questions: When will we get a new pastor? What will he or she be like? What is the bishop’s office doing to help us? Are there even pastors out there who are available? Will I like the new pastor? What will change? What is changing already? I don’t have the answers to all these questions, but I know what to do about fear and anxiety. I believe that the antidote to fear and anxiety is worship.

Reason and

logic can sometimes help but worship is what puts us back into the right relationship with God. When we sing and pray and remember and hear and read about what God does for us in Christ, we orient ourselves to what is sure and true and we become better able to put our fears and our anxiety in perspective. Then, and only then can we stand firm in our faith, and be courageous and strong, and then act out of love.

Pastor Bob

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



Pastor Call Committee Exciting News

The Call Committee met via Zoom on the evening of 8/5 with Pastor Phil Misner (Assistant to the Bishop for Northwest Intermountain Synod) . We prayed, did some dwelling in the Word work, and then discussed next action steps:

Pastor Phil will be putting together a slate of candidates for us between now and hopefully September some time. (I will have a nomination form that anyone in the congregation is welcome to use to submit a name of a Pastor to Pastor Phil for consideration as well, there are very specific instructions on these, and they are "Blind" meaning you can't discuss with whomever you might wish to nominate).

The Call Committee will be meeting sometime in the next couple weeks to work on forming interview questions and plan for the interview process

After a slate of candidates is put together, we will again meet with Pastor Phil and review and then begin to set up first interviews.

We appreciate your continued prayers and support.

From the Synod : This whole process needs to involve constant and sincere prayer for the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. (The late Bishop Lunde used to say, if you do not pray about this, then you will get exactly what you deserve.)

Annie, Larry, Kristy, David, Jason, Pat and Sandee

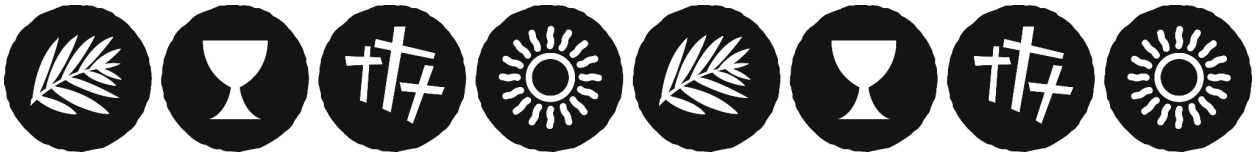
Thank you, all, for your input, prayers, and support as we continue our work.

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

Your Call Committee



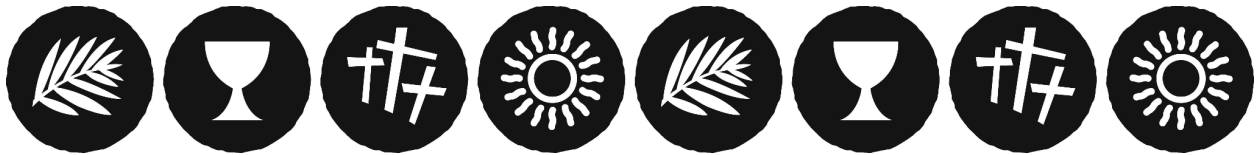


Upcoming Events:

September 5 **Choir Practice starts, 7pm. All are welcome!**

September 2 - 9 **Church office closed (Lauretta away)**

October 11 **Grief Support Group starts. 1-2pm**



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, September 9th. at 5:00 PM.



OFFERING COUNTERS

We are in need of more offering counters on Sunday morning. You can just witness, no skills required. It should only take about 15 min each Sunday after service. Please contact Lauretta Heaney (administrative assistant) 509-447-4338 alc.churchoffice@gmail.com if you are interested.

Thanks to all for the amazing participation, organizing and blessed weather for our Service and Picnic in the Park. A huge thanks to the Evangelism Committee You are AWESOME!!! Keep it up! We are the body of Christ.

Tammie Andre called to express her thanks for all of the help her and her family received after their house fire. She especially wished to thank Val Samson.



Cusick Food Bank is searching for a new volunteer director. Training and guidance from the current director and a devoted and helpful volunteer staff will ease the journey into this new opportunity to help your community. For more information please contact:

President: Lisa Lovette Schwartz. remichicks@yahoo.com

Director: Joyce Beach. Garybeac@itss.net



Coffee hour hosts needed.

Please sign up on the board outside the kitchen.



Lauretta Heaney	09-05
Deegan Jones	09-09
Jon Hinchliff	09-11
Russell Balow	09-11
Peggy Smith	09-22
Hedy Mitchell	09-22
Kelly Alliger	09-26
Glen Smith	09-28
Vicki Richter	09-29
Jayce Waterman	09-30

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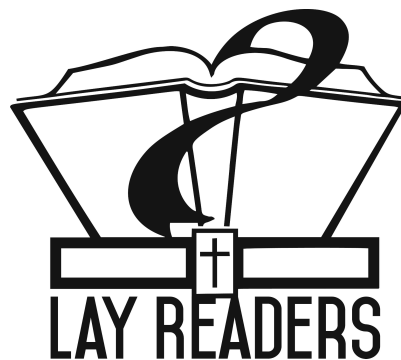
1 Theresa Watson
8 Roger & Terry Brandt
15 Rita Crisp
22 Roz & Walt Olsen
29 Elaine Faires

Ushers & Greeters



September

1 - Hedy Mitchell
8 - Marva Heckathorn
15 - Larry Sauer
22 - Walt Olsen
29 - Faith Hughes



**free food
distribution**

American Lutheran Church

332801 Highway 2, Newport, WA 99156

Thursday, September 5th

10:00AM - 12:00PM

**Drive-Thru event
up to 250 families
while supplies last**

Mobile Markets serve
people facing hunger.

No appointment or
documentation required.



This material was partially funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



For more
information
visit
2-harvest.org



Anyone interested in sponsoring
future 2nd Harvest Mobile Markets
please contact Jeff Bell

Save the Dates:

September 5

November 13



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.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 WORSHIP 10AM	2 10AM: BIBLE STUDY NOON: AL-ANON	3 10 AM: QUILTING	4	5 10 AM SECOND HARVEST MOBILEMARKET 7PM: CHOIR	6	7
8 WORSHIP 10AM	9 10AM: BIBLE STUDY 5PM: BEER BRATS AND BIBLE	10 10 AM: ANNA CIRCLE	11	12 7PM: CHOIR	13	14
15 WORSHIP 10AM	16 10AM: BIBLE STUDY NOON: AL-ANON	17 10 AM: QUILTING 7PM: COUNCIL MEETING	18	19 7PM: CHOIR	20	21
22 WORSHIP 10AM	23 10AM: BIBLE STUDY NOON: AL-ANON	24 10 AM: QUILTING	25	26 7PM: CHOIR	27	28
29 WORSHIP 10AM	30 10AM: BIBLE STUDY NOON: AL-ANON					

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Millie Brumbaugh

*Marked with the cross of Christ forever,
we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*