



The monthly Newsletter of:

September 2025

# Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

Gather in Grace

Grow in Faith

Go in Service



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

*The congregation of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church celebrates the amazing diversity of God's beloved children. We welcome all, regardless of age, ethnicity, abilities, faith background, race, family configuration, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. We enthusiastically invite you into this worshipping congregation as we strive to share God's inclusive love with everyone in our community and in our world.*



Dear Beloved Community,

As we step into the Season of Creation, I find myself humming the familiar hymn:

*For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies...*

These words, penned by Folliott Pierpoint in 1864, are more than just a poetic tribute to the world around us. They are a hymn of thanksgiving and, I believe, a gentle call to responsibility.



Pastor JT Burk

In each verse, the hymn draws our attention to the gifts of creation: the skies, the hills, the flowers, the sun, moon, and stars, and even the joy of human love. The refrain—*Lord of all, to thee we raise / This our hymn of grateful praise*—is not only a song of gratitude but an offering. And what do we offer in return for the beauty we've received?

Creation care is not a modern trend or political agenda—it is a biblical mandate. From Genesis, we are told that God saw everything He had made, “and indeed, it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). Humanity was placed in the garden not as owner, but as steward—to tend and keep it (Genesis 2:15). That sacred calling remains.

Sadly, it is easy to forget our role in the flurry of modern life. We consume without thought, waste without concern, and often look away from the damage being done to God's good earth. But if we sing about the beauty of the earth, we must also live in a way that honors it.

So what can we do?

- **Reduce, reuse, recycle—simple steps with real impact.**
- **Support local farmers and sustainable practices.**
- **Plant a tree, tend a garden, walk instead of drive.**
- **Speak up for policies and actions that protect God's creation.**
- **Teach our children that this world is sacred.**

Let us raise more than our voices in song—let us raise our lives in grateful praise through action and intention.

As we sing together,

*For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight...*

Let us remember: God's creation is not a backdrop to our lives—it is a holy gift, filled with wonder and responsibility. May we be faithful stewards of the beauty entrusted to us.

In God's love,

Pastor JT

*For ideas on how to participate beyond Sundays check out the link below*

<https://www.creationjustice.org/seasonofcreation.html>



Please let Pastor JT know if you are in need of pastoral care. If you would like to be contacted, please call the church office at 253-851-6222 or Pastor JT at 701-969-0809 or email [jt@agnusdeilutheran.org](mailto:jt@agnusdeilutheran.org)



## Season of Creation

In September at Agnus Dei, we explore the beauty and abundance of creation. It is a time for us to discern how we as individuals and as a community are called by God to care for the world, to advocate for its protection, and to stand up against its misuse and degradation. Through song and prayer, readings and preaching, we will seek to draw ourselves closer to a deep and caring relationship with not only our local landscapes and creatures in the

PNW, but also with landscapes and creatures throughout creation. One way we are going to highlight our connection to creation beyond the PNW is during communion. During the Season of Creation we will make use of local, sustainably sourced wines and breads that span the globe. We look forward to embarking on this journey toward a deeper understanding of our calling from God to be caretakers of the wondrous gift that is all of creation.

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## President's Message

*Gary Gemar*

It seems like summer just started and, as I write this message, August is quickly winding down and we are ready to transition to our full ministry activities in September. September starts with the Season of Creation. Please watch for all of the events the Worship Committee has planned for each Sunday as we humbly celebrate the beautiful and wondrous world our Creator has made, and of which our Creator has given us the responsibility to be good, caring stewards.



*Gary Gemar  
Council President*

In our July meeting the council learned that Carol Dana, Dave Marquardt, and Marty Beert were stepping down from their roles on the Personnel Committee. I want to thank them for their dedication and fulfilling work to support the staff over the 3+ years they have served on the committee and all the work they put in to develop the Personnel Handbook and keep it updated. The committee decided to develop terms for the existing and the new members so there is at least one new member joining the committee each year. Lynette Brentin will serve a 1-year term, Marilyn Colyar a 2-year term, and Steve Giles a 3-year term. In addition to these members, Pastor JT, Treasurer Mike Snowden, and myself as president serve on the committee.

I am also pleased to announce this month that Linda Ribary has agreed to serve a 3-year term on the Audit Committee. She will join Paula Davis and Ann Rousseau in conducting this important work for our church.

And talking about THANK YOUs, please stay for the Hospitality Time after the worship service on September 7. We will be thanking and celebrating Susan Luebeck's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our pianist at ADLC.

Highlights from the August Council Meeting:

- ♦ Reviewed the Little Lambs year-end financials (August 2024–July 2025). We were pleased to see the ministry ended with a net profit of \$26,640 and is on solid financial grounds to build up their reserves. Received with gratitude a gift of \$2,664 from Little Lambs that will be put into our general operating account.
- ♦ Accepted reports from the Council Committee Liaisons and acted as necessary on requests.
- ♦ Approved a motion to put a down payment of \$8,605.45 to purchase 135 regular chairs, 35 chairs with arms, and a chair dolly from ComforTek using funds from the Future Reserve Fund. This will prevent the cost for the chairs from being affected by tariff changes. The funds used from the Future Reserve Fund will be restored after the fund-raising event is completed.

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- ♦ Reviewed the ADLC financials for February–July of the fiscal year. Unrestricted offering was \$29,282, which was lower than the \$39,655 budgeted. **This is a concerning trend that will require us to dip into our reserve funds sooner than planned. Please review the complete financial report in the newsletter and review the comments from the Treasurer.**
- ♦ Approved a motion to hire Gig Harbor Tree Service to cut down the three dead madrona trees that are leaning over the data lines on Peacock Hill Ave for a cost of \$1,891.75.
- ♦ Approved a motion to raise funds for the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) for the October 2025 service event. Information on PCRF can be found at the following link: [PCRF](#)
- ♦ Heard a report from the ADLC Endowment Committee that the balance in the account is \$86,317.04 as of 7/31/2025 (fluctuates on how the market is performing). Funds available for disbursement are \$7,484.80. **Please reach out to the committee for their guidance on how to request grants for this money.**
- ♦ Approved a motion to fill the two vacancies on the Personnel Committee. Steve Giles will serve a 3-year term. Marilyn Colyar will serve a 2-year term.
- ♦ Approved a motion to fill the vacancy on the Audit Committee. Linda Ribary will serve a 3-year term.
- ♦ Approved a retirement thank you gift for Shari Shull for her 18 years of service at ADLC.
- ♦ Approved an anniversary thank you gift for Susan Luebeck for her 25 years of service at ADLC.
- ♦ Approved serving wine at *A Chair Affair* fund raising event on September 20, 2025.

Blessings to all of the servant leaders that support and lead our ministries as we begin our fall season.

## Sanctuary Chairs Replacement Project

Be sure to reserve your place at **A Chair Affair** on September 20 by purchasing your ticket now. You may use this link: <https://bit.ly/AChairAffair> or simply take a picture of the QR code below.

At **A Chair Affair** you will enjoy a wonderful musical program featuring our many talented members. There will be a delicious buffet of appetizers and desserts and more, a party you won't want to miss! At the event you will have the opportunity to sponsor chairs; our goal is to purchase 165 chairs with 35 of those including arms.

Features of the new chairs:

1. Comfortable and Sturdy
2. Affordable and Attractive
3. Stackable
4. Matching with or without arms
5. Hymnal rack under the chair
6. Rich espresso brown fabric color with a textured black metal frame



AGNUS DEI LUTHERAN  
PRESENTS:

# A CHAIR AFFAIR

September 20, 2025  
5:00 - 7:00 PM

**Delight your ears  
and your tastebuds...**

This magical evening will  
include a musical program,  
delicious appetizers,  
elegant desserts and more...

Tickets \$20.00

Help us upgrade our sanctuary,  
sponsor a chair (or a row of chairs)  
at the Chair Affair!



We have a sample chair if you would like to try one to see how comfortable they are.

Even if you are not able to attend **A Chair Affair**, you may still sponsor a chair (or chairs) at any time. Give by electronic or plate offering, just note "Chair Campaign" in the memo portion. The goal is to raise \$18,000 by October 1. Keep an eye on our chair graphic in the narthex to monitor our progress. Our congregation has a long history of tackling projects such as this with a spirit of generosity so we are confident we can achieve this goal.

Questions? Contact your "Chairleaders" Lynette Brentin, Cindy Beals and Rebecca Crow



# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## AGNUS DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY-JULY 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

	FEB-JULY Actual	FEB-JULY Budgeted	% of FEB- JULY Budget
<b>OPERATING INCOME:</b>			
Unrestricted Offerings	240,923	248,913	97%
Community Donations	1,360	744	183%
Designated Funds	200	-	
Miscellaneous Income	11,335	2,990	379%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>253,817</b>	<b>252,647</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>			
Administrative Expenses	71,356	76,505	93%
Ministry of Education	1,392	2,252	62%
Ministry of Mission	15,625	16,095	97%
Ministry of Programs	3,594	4,404	82%
Miscellaneous Expenses	250		
Staff and Services	183,609	189,821	97%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>275,826</b>	<b>289,076</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>-22,008</b>	<b>-36,429</b>	<b>60%</b>

Endowment Fund	
Above & Beyond Endowment	85,715

Reserves	
Building Maintenance Fund	460
Future Needs Reserve	31,311
Operating Reserve	67,122
Reserves - Other Designated Use	17,084
<b>TOTAL, ALL RESERVES</b>	<b>115,976</b>

WHERE ADLC STANDS FINANCIALLY AS OF 07/31/2025
Our budget passed in January requires using some of our reserves plus a significant increase in giving from the congregation. Our giving for February through July is about what is needed to meet our budget, but during the past three months giving has been significantly less than what was needed. If this pattern continues we will use a majority of the funds we have in reserve by the end of this fiscal year.

	JULY Actual	JULY Budgeted	% of JULY Budget
<b>OPERATING INCOME &amp; EXPENSES:</b>			
Unrestricted Offerings	29,282	39,655	74%
Total Income	36,736	40,175	91%
Total Expenses	44,423	46,276	96%
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>-\$7,688</b>	<b>-\$6,101</b>	

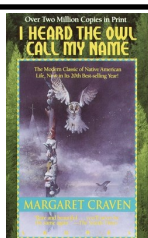
Giving to Others 2025-2026	
Associated Ministries	1,200
FISH	1,006
ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Relief	2,896
Food Backpacks 4 Kids	1,210
Key Peninsula Foodbank	450
Monthly Outreach*	2,351
<b>Total Giving to Others from Individuals</b>	<b>9,113</b>
ELCA Mission Support (Budgeted)	14,455
<b>Total Giving to Others from ADLC</b>	<b>23,568</b>

So far this year, individuals from Agnus Dei have given \$9,113 to organizations that help those in need both here and around the world. ELCA World Hunger uses our gifts to fund health clinics, community meals, to help with animal husbandry, and to advocate for more help for the millions around the world who are hungry.

\*Through our Monthly Outreach, members have helped Lutheran Community Services Northwest support newly arrived immigrants and helped Turn The Page promote literacy in children from kindergarten to fifth grade.

### ADLC Book Group

Book group will be meeting in the front room on Sunday, September 21, following forum to discuss *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven. This novel tells the story of Mark Brian, a young Anglican vicar who is sent to a remote Kwakiutl Indian village in British Columbia. Everyone is welcome whether you've read the book or not!



### RACE FOR A SOLDIER SEPTEMBER 7

Please be mindful of potential road closures on September 7 for the annual **Race for a Soldier**, and plan your route to church accordingly. The specific closure information is not available yet but will be shared via the Thursday email on September 4.

# Resilience

Debbie Waite

I started these small articles on grief to open up discussions about loss. Grief is not a statistical chart and there is no miracle formula to make it go away. I am surrounded by a group of people far more experienced in living with loss than I may ever be. I am surrounded by veterans of war, wives of veterans, people who have cared for others and now need care themselves, people who have lost careers and rebounded. So many stories over so many lifetimes that still need telling.



Resilience is built by experience. For each story of loss, there is a story of life. The story of life will be different, but there is still a seed of life waiting to sprout. We don't bounce back quickly, and it's uncomfortable to be in that space, but even the smallest steps forward show growth. Your own experiences of grief will be different from each other, but I encourage you to let the past inform the present and future. Be the veteran of grief that you are as you face whatever is present today. How have your previous experiences with grief taught you to be resilient?

Take time this month of September to share your thoughts on resilience and loss with someone in this community. I would love to hear from you. Send me an email with your thoughts.

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## NEWS FROM OUR SERVICE COMMITTEE: GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Our Season of Creation celebration in September reminds us of our responsibility to care for our earth. One way that we can do this is by living more simply, following the prompts of "Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle."

This month we have the opportunity to both repurpose and help neighbors in our community by giving household items and usable clothing to FISH.

Here are household items you may not be using that clients at FISH can use:

Cookware and small appliances, sets of dishes, glassware, blankets, towels, linens, decorative items, lamps, throw rugs, basic household tools. No used mattresses, pillows, computers, furniture, large appliances, plumbing materials, stuffed animals (unless new).

Clothing donated should be seasonal, clean, and in good repair.

You can take your items to FISH at 4303 Burnham Drive, Gig Harbor 98332 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Or bring your items to church and place in the Donation Station. Service committee members will see that they get to FISH.

People in our greater community thank you!

Thanks from Ann, Jerry, Phyllis, Charlene, Linda R, Linda Z, and Ronnie

## Outback Storage Cleanout

Our properties team has been working to clear the storage area behind the sanctuary of unneeded items. The goal is to clear space to store both our riding mower and ping pong table in that room. If you have any items stored there and would like them to remain, please stop by the church and label them "SAVE" by September 17.



## ADLC Care Team

These services are offered by our care team volunteers. If you or another need assistance, please contact the group coordinator, whose phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in the church directory. Please also check out the Care Team Bulletin Board across from the Parish Hall for further information. Any questions, or to sign up to help, please contact us.

*Gwen Daug and Marlene Bridgforth,  
Care Team Co-chairs*

## ADLC CARE TEAM SERVICES AND COORDINATORS:

- ♥ TRANSPORTATION: GWEN DAUGS
- ♥ HOME VISITS: GHITA LORENZ AND CHARLENE FRANZ
- ♥ CARDS/TELEPHONE CALLS: MARY MARQUARDT
- ♥ GRIEF SUPPORT: DEBBIE WAITE
- ♥ BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: DAVID SALGE
- ♥ HOME COMMUNION: MARLENE BRIDGFORTH
- ♥ HOSPITALITY: DEBBIE SNOWDEN
- ♥ MEALS: ANN ROUSSEAU
- ♥ MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES: ANN ROUSSEAU
- ♥ PRAYER CHAIN: CINDY BEALS

### *We remember in prayer:*

#### *For comfort and healing:*

- \* Barbara Ausich
- \* Paul Borg
- \* Marlene Bridgforth
- \* Robert Bridgforth
- \* Beverly Buster
- \* Beverly Buster Jr
- \* Chiarra Buster

- \* Audrey Clinton
- \* Scott and Margaret Duncan
- \* Charlene Franz
- \* Connie Hummel
- \* George Mitchell
- \* Jack and Maryfran Oakes
- \* Michi Ouchi
- \* Joannah Powers
- \* Ellis Rousseau

- \* Johnny Tierny
- \* Neal Van Der Voorn
- \* Trudy Wagner
- \* Eunice Werner
- \* Gloria Witt
- \* Linda Zehnder



#### *In service to our country:*

- \* CAPT. Jenny Nussbaum, US Public Health Service

#### *In their grief:*

- \* The Wiren-Hay Family: Zack, Katie, Bryna and Inessa as they mourn the death of Zach's mom, Kathie
- \* Anita and Bob Nims as they mourn the death of Anita's brother

## We Celebrate September Birthdays and Anniversaries!

### September Birthdays

- 1 Ann Rousseau
- 2 Tim Wilson
- 3 Rob Powers
- 4 Kathy Stark
- 9 Margie Anderson
- 16 Teena Kusche
- 18 Bob Babare
- 20 John Stava, Carolyn Heinz
- 21 Tom Chakerian
- 22 Joanne Bucholz
- 23 Paul Miller, Sophie Anthony
- 25 Marlene Bridgforth
- 27 Jack Chakerian

### September Anniversaries

- 2 Dennis and Ardith Johnson
- 6 Robert and Cindy Beals
- 18 Bob and Jenny Nussbaum
- 20 Martin and Denise Iversen
- 30 Keith and Nancy Johnson



## *Thank You. . .*

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers through the celebration of ministry rite at the end of our worship service on August 24. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to spend the past 18 years serving with you as your Deacon/Minister of Music.

**Thank you so much** for the lovely luncheon and send off! I am enjoying retirement already! I will always treasure the delightful plaque honoring my music ministry. And will think fondly of you all as we use the generous funds you gifted me for our travels soon. Many thanks!! I have spent time with each of your cards and appreciate your kind words of encouragement and joy as I embark on a new chapter. Keep singing, ringing and proclaiming the gospel!

Peace & Joy, Shari



## SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

Forum resumes after worship on Sunday, September 7, in the parish hall. A variety of topics are presented: Theology, politics, the arts, world religions, contemporary issues, religious history—all with the intention of providing a vigorous, rich learning environment where the Christian faith is at the center.

Forums may be attended in person in the parish hall or on the Zoom platform; recordings of previous forums are on the Agnus Dei YouTube site: <https://bit.ly/ADLCYouTube>

### SEPTEMBER FORUM SCHEDULE:

#### September 7: Care of Creation and the Bible talking Circle

The 2025–26 Forum year kicks off on September 7th. Because September is Creation Care month, the Forum Talking Circles on September 7th will be on the topic of creation and our role in it. Please join us as Phil Waite takes a deep dive into the first three chapters of Genesis, looking at some of the key verses that describe humanity's role in creation care.

#### September 14: Design for Peace

Please join us as **Joey Ager** from the SSWA Synod presents on the Land Stewardship Program, Design for Peace, a program helping congregations with their land-use planning to promote justice, community, and the stewardship of creation. Agnus Dei currently has a land-use cohort group that falls under this program.

#### September 21: Food Waste Composting and Organics at Home

Please join us as **Kari Ann Elling**, Solid Waste Recycling Analyst at Pierce County Planning & Public Works/Solid Waste, presents on recycling and composting. Learn tips and tricks to easily collect all your food waste and fully utilize your residential curbside food/yard waste cart or at-home composting system. There will be time for Q&A, resources to take home, and information on local recycling.

#### September 28: The Artist's Way: Celebrating and Honoring God's Gift of Creativity

More than 30 years after it was first published, the Artist's Way remains a popular reading choice for individuals seeking to recover—or discover—their creative practice(s) and potential. The book has also spawned many Artist's Way programs across the country. The author, Julia Cameron, believes that creativity is—at heart—a spiritual matter. Among the program's core principles are: "Creativity is God's gift to us. Using our creativity is our gift back to God." And "The refusal to be creative is self-will and is counter to our true nature." Beginning in January of this year, **Heidi Giles** participated in an Artist's Way program in Tacoma. During this Forum presentation, she will provide basic background about the Artists's Way, including her experiences in the program. Are you looking to rejuvenate your creative practices? Or maybe you think there isn't a creative bone in your body? Julia Cameron would assert that we're all creative. Come to the September 28 Forum and learn more about the Artist's Way!



### Front Room Kids—Sundays During Worship (Sept-May)

Front Room Kids will begin again on September 7. Our little ones love this time together learning from members of our faith community. Children ages three through ten are invited to the Front Room after Storytime to enjoy a Bible story and related activities. They will return to the sanctuary around the time of the Offering to be present for Communion and the remainder of the service.

### Little Lambs Preschool

We are looking forward to the return of our Little Lambs soon. Our staff has been meeting to plan the new year full of fun activities and learning experiences. The families came on Monday, August 26, for an Ice Cream Social, a time on our playground for the children and parents to meet the teachers and their new friends. School will officially start up the week after Labor Day. There are a few spots left in both the 2's class and the 4/5's class, please spread the word. We will share some of our fun September activities in the next newsletter

*Shannon Moore, Preschool Director*



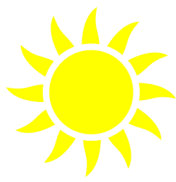




# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid)	<b>1</b> Labor Day, Church Office Closed 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	<b>2</b> 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 10:00am Text Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>4</b> 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30am Men's Square Bible Study 8:30am Women's Circle Bible Study
<b>7</b> Front Room Kids after storytime 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid) 10:45am Chair Affair in-person ticket sales 11:00am Forum <b>Sunday Morning Faith Formation Resumes</b>	<b>8</b> 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	<b>9</b> 10:00am Worship Committee 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting	<b>10</b> 10:00am Text Study 12:00pm Retired Clergy Lunch in Front Room 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 10:00am Finance Committee 1:00pm Council Executive Committee 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> Front Room Kids after storytime Blood Pressure Checks after worship 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid) 11:00am Forum 12:00pm Book Group	<b>22</b> 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	<b>23</b> 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting 1:30pm Gather Bible Study	<b>24</b> 10:00am Text Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 4:00pm Forum Committee in Front Room 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Wedding
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# Serving in Worship

# September



SEPTEMBER		Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Stream Team/ Sound	Ushers Acolyte	Greeters	Security	Prayer Writer
7	9:30 AM	S Lubash N Johnson A Conley	A Ortenzo	K Gemar	B Nussbaum	D Sapp T Clark	M Duncan K Gemar	G Gemar	M Colyar
14	9:30 AM	K Morgan J McCraw A Conley	M Colyar	M Beert	M Snowden	L & M Colyar	L & D Brentin L Zehnder	P Waite	K Gemar
21	9:30 AM	J McCraw R Crow P Martin	A Bakke	V Eilers	M Snowden	P & D Waite	G Lorenz S Whitney	G Gemar	P Waite
28	9:30 AM	K Brentin E Nesbitt P Martin	P Brandt	C Carlson	B Beals	D & M Ohme	C Carlson J Aitken	D Snowden	D Waite

## Serve in Worship:

Thank you to the volunteers who serve in worship.

More volunteers are needed in all areas and training is readily available. We currently have need of a couple more people who are willing to help with the livestream. Our system has become less complicated and more reliable, making it much easier to learn. Please consider helping provide worship accessible to those outside the building!

The following are the folks who are currently scheduling:

Council—Security

Debbie Snowden—Stream Team and Sound System

Marilyn Colyar—Assisting Ministers

Paula Davis—Lectors, Greeters, and Ushers

Kimberly Morgan—Altar Guild

*Please contact the office or call these folks directly if you are willing to serve. The schedulers are more than happy to schedule around any travel plans you may have.*



## Kevin O'Brien Presentation:

### "Telling the Truth about Climate Change" September 23 at 7:00 PM

SUMMARY: The discourse about global warming is sadly full of lies, confusions, and complexities. In this climate of disinformation, how can those of us who care find and share the truth? This talk will offer some possibilities, drawing inspiration from both the Bible and contemporary activists. Together we will explore how we can recognize and embrace the most important truth: that we have the power to speak up for and take care of the world that we love.

## BIO:

Kevin J. O'Brien is Professor of Religion and Environmental Studies at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. His teaching and research focus on environmental ethics and climate change, stressing the intersections of ethics, religion, nonviolence, and social justice. He wrote the books *An Introduction to Christian Environmentalism* (with Kate Blanchard), *The Violence of Climate Change*, and *Meeting the Enemy*. He has lived with his wife and cats in Tacoma for 20 years.

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Finance Committee—Randy Spitzer

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