



The monthly Newsletter of:

October 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 worshiping congregation as we strive to share God's inclusive love with everyone in our community and in our world.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

-Romans 3:21-26



Pastor JT Burk

Love is a familiar word to many of us. We often use it to describe how we feel about things, and since love is the only word we have, we use it to describe these feelings we have for everything. I love my children. I love God with all that I am, but I also love smoked salmon and steamed mussels. Now it is obvious that the love I have for food is not the same as the love I have for my family or for God. It is unfortunate that in the English language we only have one word for love. However, in the Greek language, there are three words to describe this feeling of love and one in particular the church rests upon.

The foundation of the church's call and work in the world is set upon special kind of love, *agape*, God's overflowing love, poured out upon all of creation in Christ Jesus our Lord. It is this type of love that the Apostle Paul is describing in his letter to the Romans, and it is this type of love that Martin Luther is talking about when he writes, "*A Christian lives in Christ through faith, and in his neighbor through love.*"

It is upon this great love that God shares with all in Jesus Christ that is the foundation, the heart of our Lutheran faith. It is a love that God freely shares with us. It is a love we neither earn nor merit, but one that God none the less graciously gives to us. In Jesus, God shares her very being, her very essence with us, but not so we can lock it up and keep it for ourselves. This is a reality that Martin Luther understood, which is why he wrote that to be a Christian means to live in Christ in faith and in our neighbors in love. He understood the truth that as God freely gives us her gracious love, God calls us to graciously share it with one and all.

So how do we do that? How can we respond? Well, those questions play a significant role in how we budget at Agnus Dei. The budget that we as a congregation will vote on in January, is a document founded upon God's love for us and for all the world and through our time, energy, talents and financial support of it, God's love pours through us. As we support our budget, we fulfill the call that Martin Luther reminds us of, that we are to live in Christ through faith, and in our neighbor through love.

In the coming months I invite you to contemplate and pray about your own commitments of time, energy, talents, and financial support of next year's budget, and I encourage you to reflect upon the gifts God's has generously shared with you, and consider how you can generously share them to not only enhance the ministry of Agnus Dei, but through our church, help to transform the world.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you,
May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

Pastor JT

President's Message

Gary Gemar



Gary Gemar
Council President

As I write this message my computer screen saver is showing beautiful aspen trees with bright yellow leaves. Ah yes, fall is here! Cooler days and longer nights. I am looking forward to a slower pace in keeping my grass and gardens in shape as their growing seasons wind down. Fall is a time to wrap up our growing season, but it is a time when activities gear up in the church. Adult Forum has started, and the sessions have complemented the Season of Creation we are celebrating each week. Confirmation classes started on September 21st (yes, you are reading this correctly). There are 5 students. Committees and ministries are back in full swing after taking a summer break. Please watch for all that is happening each week in the weekly e-newsletter or the worship bulletins and participate in activities that inspire you. You will be blessed and a blessing to others who are also serving.

Just as our church ministries are back in full swing, so are activities at the synod. We don't talk much about what is going on in our synod and churchwide (the other two expressions of the ELCA). Therefore, I want to highlight a few events that are happening in the SWWA Synod this month. Our new bishop, Keith Marshall, will be installed on Saturday, October 11th at 2:00 PM at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia. If you want to attend you need to RSVP to Stefanie DeZarn, Synod Administrator at 253-535-8300 or stefanie.dezarn@swwasynod.org by October 1st, so don't hesitate after you read this message. I am sure Stefanie will give you some grace if you are a day or so late. I have attended several bishop installations. They are very festive, and the worship services are uplifting. Additionally, Bishop Marshall will be at ADLC on October 19th to preach and conduct the Adult Forum. If you have a heart for world hunger, there is the **Concert at the Crossroads: Harmony Against Hunger** on Sunday, October 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at All Saints Lutheran Church in Auburn. Peter Mayer, Lead Guitar for Jimmy Buffet's Coral Reefer Band, & PRISMIA, a local, original alternative rock band are the featured artists. Rick Steves will also be present as a special guest. The goal is to raise \$25,000 for ELCA World Hunger. The gifts will be matched up to the goal. To keep track of all that is happening at the SWWA Synod go to their website Southwestern Washington Synod. On the Home page scroll to the bottom and you can sign up for the monthly newsletter.

Highlights from the September Council Meeting:

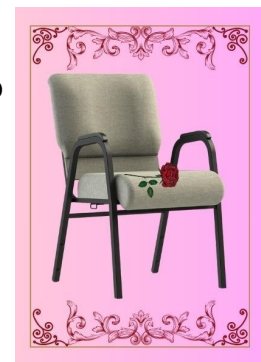
- ◇ Little Lambs Preschool is off to a great start. The Pre-K and 3-year-old classes are full. There are a few openings for the 2 ½ and 4/5-year-old classes. They will hold their annual Trike-a-thon on September 24th and 25th. Please feel free to donate to the preschool for laps they will ride on their race track even if you are reading this in October.
- ◇ Accepted reports from the Council Committee Liaisons and acted as necessary to requests.
- ◇ Reviewed the ADLC financials for February–August of the fiscal year. Unrestricted offering was \$33,275, which was lower than the \$36,380 budgeted. **Please review the complete financial report in the newsletter and review the comments from the Treasurer.**
- ◇ Received the summary of the 4 health benefit plans Portico will be offering for 2026 and reviewed Mike Snowden's comparison of the plans. The information will be passed on to the Personnel Committee to review and make a recommendation to the council.
- ◇ Heard a report from the Faith Land Discernment Cohort members who are meeting with other congregations in the SWWA Synod to explore ideas on how congregations can use their facilities and property to do ministry. ADLC members are currently interviewing community and church members to hear their ideas.
- ◇ Reviewed the notice from Reconciling in Christ (RIC) that we need to renew our charter. Pastor JT will seek more information on the process of completing the application and donating to RIC. The council will finalize the application after the October meeting.

October is the month were we begin our stewardship campaign. The Stewardship Committee is busy planning this year's campaign. Please watch for more information in the upcoming weeks.

Blessings as you serve each other and our neighbors.

Sanctuary Chairs Replacement Project Update

Your "Chairleaders," Lynette Brentin, Cindy Beals, and Rebecca Crow, are thrilled to announce that the Chair Affair was a tremendous success and we met our fundraising goal! If you are not aware, there has been an effort to replace our aging sanctuary chairs. What started as a simple request to provide more chairs with arms took a turn when we found how expensive replacement wooden chairs would be. The search was on to find a workable alternative that was affordable and attractive. To fund the chair purchase, we held "A Chair Affair," an evening event with delicious food and a wonderful music program. Thanks to your generosity, we have purchased 165 new chairs including 35 with arms and they may be here as soon as the end of the month. They will be stackable, comfortable and sturdy, and upholstered in a rich espresso brown fabric. They will also include a hymnal rack under each chair.



Our sincere thanks go out to all who participated in many ways: musicians, kitchen crew, decorators, furniture movers, setup and cleanup volunteers, to all those who attended and also to the many who were not able to attend but still chose to support the project. We couldn't have done it without all of you! The video of the music program is available to watch on our [YouTube channel here](#).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

AGNUS DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY-AUGUST 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT			
	FEB-AUG Actual	FEB-AUG Budgeted	% of FEB- AUG Budget
OPERATING INCOME:			
Unrestricted Offerings	273,122	284,273	96%
Community Donations	1,618	1,274	127%
Designated Funds	200	-	
Miscellaneous Income	12,152	3,480	349%
TOTAL INCOME	287,092	289,027	99%
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Administrative Expenses	82,465	88,857	93%
Ministry of Education	1,392	2,652	52%
Ministry of Mission	18,098	18,410	98%
Ministry of Programs	3,351	4,997	67%
Miscellaneous Expenses	250		
Staff and Services	214,799	220,641	97%
TOTAL EXPENSES	320,355	335,557	95%
NET OPERATING INCOME	-33,263	-46,530	71%

	AUGUST Actual	AUGUST Budgeted	% of AUGUST Budget
OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSES:			
Unrestricted Offerings	32,199	35,360	91%
Total Income	33,275	36,380	91%
Total Expenses	44,530	46,480	96%
NET OPERATING INCOME	-\$11,255	-\$10,100	

Endowment Fund	
Above & Beyond Endowment	85,715

Reserves	
Building Maintenance Fund	280
Future Needs Reserve	22,706
Operating Reserve	67,122
Reserves - Other Designated Use	16,808
TOTAL, ALL RESERVES	106,916

WHERE ADLC STANDS FINANCIALLY AS OF 08/31/2025
This month's description of how we are doing financially is going to be a little different. Our expenses are around \$46,000 each month. Sometimes, the expenses go higher if there is an unanticipated repair that needs to be made. Our income is not nearly so predictable with significantly higher giving February-March and December-January and lower giving during April-November. This makes planning difficult and your treasurer nervous.

Giving to Others 2025-2026		
Associated Ministries	1,400	So far this year, individuals from Agnus Dei have given \$10,049 to organizations that help those in need both here and around the world. ADLC has been part of the Foodbanks4Kids program for many years. We are such strong supporters that a few years ago we were asked to supply all of the tortillas for the program each month, and we are now known as the tortilla church.
FISH	1,090	
ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Relief	3,215	
Food Backpacks 4 Kids	1,367	
Key Peninsula Foodbank	575	
Monthly Outreach*	2,401	
Total Giving to Others from Individuals	10,049	*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.
ELCA Mission Support (Budgeted)	16,387	
Total Giving to Others from ADLC	26,436	

Grief Thoughts for October

Debbie Waite

I saw this poem in a newsletter. I think it describes living with loss in a painful, but beautiful, hopeful way.



Vows to the Mystery—West by James A. Pearson

Turn with me to the west,
where the sun falls
into the horizon's open arms
and the rising tide
of cold and dark
sends the shiver of change
through every living thing.

You will know the autumns of life,
When cherished pieces
of your world and yourself
wilt and wither,
when what has sustained you
is slipping away,
and only your faith—
that renewal is the dancing partner of loss—
helps you trust that the seeds of your
future wholeness
have already been planted.

-From *The Wilderness That Bears Your Name*

We remember in prayer:

For comfort and healing:

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| * Barbara Ausich | * Audrey Clinton | * Johnny Tierny |
| * Paul Borg | * Scott and Margaret Duncan | * Neal Van Der Voorn |
| * Marlene Bridgforth | * Charlene Franz | * Trudy Wagner |
| * Robert Bridgforth | * Connie Hummel | * Eunice Werner |
| * Beverly Buster | * George Mitchell | * Gloria Witt |
| * Beverly Buster Jr | * Jack Oakes | |
| * Chiarra Buster | * Michi Ouchi | |
| | * Joannah Powers | |
| | * Ellis Rousseau | |

In service to our country:

- * CAPT. Jenny Nussbaum, US Public Health Service

In their grief:

- * Louise Stoddard and family as they mourn the death of Joe.
- * Jack Oakes and family as they mourn the death of Maryfran.
- * Margaret Duncan and family as they mourn the death of Scott.

*In Our
Prayers*



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

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 Celebrate October Birthdays and Anniversaries!

October Birthdays

- 2 Margaret Duncan, Ben Nussbaum, Alexis Nussbaum, Jason Rodgers
- 3 Clara Paini
- 9 Chuck Carlson
- 10 Linda Zehnder, Michael Deák
- 12 Ken Fearn
- 13 Sherry Stava, Debbie Waite
- 15 Peggy Thomsen
- 17 Emmy Horton
- 18 Jens Luebeck
- 19 Mary Marquardt, Carl Middleton
- 21 Jeannie Haugen, Zachary Wiren
- 24 Al Abbott
- 26 Tom Leacy
- 27 Rita Anderson
- 29 Lynnette Brentin, Leif Dobszinsky, William Iversen

October Anniversaries

- 1 Dave and Sue Horton
- 10 Rebecca Crow and David Salge
- 16 Jeff and Beverly Henne
- 20 Randy and Laurie Spitzer



SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

Forums are held in the Parish Hall on Sundays after worship. 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 or on the Zoom platform; recordings of previous forums are on the Agnus Dei YouTube site: <https://bit.ly/ADLCYouTube>

October 5, 2025: Caregiving for your Spouse with Resilience

Please join us as **Marika Humphreys** presents on the topic "Caregiving for your Spouse and How to Stay Resilient in the Process." Marika, the niece of Ghita Lorenz, works as a life coach focusing on empowering caregivers to navigate the complexities of their role with grace and strength, while maintaining their well-being and fulfilling their caregiving responsibilities. In preparation for Marika's presentation, you may find benefit from listening to her podcast before the forum, which can be found at <https://inthistogetherwhencaregivingforyourpartner.buzzsprout.com/>

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October 12, 2025: "Walking the Stations: 14 Way Stations on a Christian Pilgrimage."

Please join us as **Don Heinz** introduces his new book exploring the premise that our Christian life is a pilgrimage, on the way back to God by walking in Jesus' steps along the way. To put it another way, Jesus' walk on earth could be considered as Jesus being the way-maker and following him makes us way-farers. Don follows the Catholic tradition's practice of 14 stations of the cross, all occurring on Good Friday, but that could be seen as short-circuiting Jesus' much more elaborate life than Good Friday alone. Following contemporary New Testament scholarship, he offers 14 stations, including Jesus' birth, opening of his ministry by preaching that the kingdom of God has arrived, calling disciples, teaching, parables, Maundy Thursday foot washing, inauguration of the Eucharist, Good Friday, and Easter.

After offering a review of his stations, the class will be invited to produce their own "bucket list" of favorite events in Jesus' life and how they came to be treasured. His idea is to further this proposition by turning individual pilgrim walks into a pilgrim band, in which Christians meet at each station to study, discuss, pray, perhaps keep a journal. For those who wish, his book will be available for purchase for \$15.

October 19, 2025: Meet our new Bishop!

Please join us for worship and Forum for a chance to meet and hear from our new Bishop of the Southwestern Washington Synod, **The Reverend Keith Marshall**. Bishop Marshall is spending the next couple of months connecting with congregations and conference leaders. He was featured in a recent article in the Living Lutheran Magazine introducing newly elected Bishops. In that article, he stated, *"I will prioritize proclaiming Christ boldly and with grace, supporting the unique passions and callings of each congregation... Through prayer, discernment and listening, I hope to hear the hopes and needs of our congregations, members and communities so that I can equip and encourage them to address these needs."* If you are interested in reading this article, you can find it here: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2025/06/keith-marshall-elected-bishop-of-the-southwestern-washington-synod/>

October 26, 2025: Visiting Tanzania

Please join us as **Lyn and Mollie MacLean** share their experiences visiting Tanzania. The MacLeans went to Tanzania in 2002, 2009, and 2013 as companions of St Paul Area Synod (SPAS), ELCA, with the Iringa Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT). In 2001 their home congregation, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley, Minnesota, was partnered with Tungamalenga Lutheran Church in Tungamalenga, Iringa, and the relationship continues today. More than 60 SPAS churches are partnered with 60 ELCT churches. They will share their experiences through words, pictures, and music.



FRONT ROOM KIDS—Sundays During Worship

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. Our little ones love this time together learning from members of our faith community.

Front Room Kits October Schedule

October 5: "Baby Moses" Led by Ashley Ortenzo and Laura Baxter

October 12: "The Burning Bush" Led by Salli Middleton and Rebecca Crow

October 19: "Manna, Quail, and Water" Led by Susan Whitney and Marlene Bridgforth

October 16: "Deborah" Led by Susan Whitney and Paula Davis

Confirmation

Confirmation classes for middle school students are with Pastor JT on the third Sundays at 10:45am in the Front Room. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor JT.

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

Little Lambs Preschool was off to a great start in September! So far, we have learned about being a good friend, what it looks like when we go to school, and all about apples. We even taste-tested different apples to find our favorite, it was the Cosmic Crisp! Our Trike-a-thon was a big success. Watching the kids ride in the parking lot was a lot of fun and we had beautiful weather on both days! A few boys were pretty competitive and rode 27 laps! As always, thank you for your support of our program; without you we wouldn't be here!

Shannon Moore, Preschool Director



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

October Outreach: Palestine Children's Relief Fund

...Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:13

We don't see enough in the media about the suffering of the children in Gaza. If any of you have young children or grandchildren you may have watched Ms. Rachel for Littles on YouTube. She is estimated to have 16.6 million subscribers for her educational videos for babies and toddlers. Ms. Rachel has expressed her desire for all children to have their basic needs met no matter where they live and has highlighted the plight of children in Gaza on her Instagram posts ([@msrachelforlittles](https://www.instagram.com/msrachelforlittles)). She has advocated for support for the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF). The PCRF was founded in 1991 by concerned humanitarians in the USA, and their [Urgent Gaza Relief fund](#) will supply medical aid, treatment, food, water, and necessities for affected families. You may be aware that in mid-August the State Department discontinued visitor visas for Gazans who need aid. Now more than ever the children that are suffering from war-related injuries, amputations, disease, and starvation need help from the PCRF as well as other non-profits and other countries around the world. Please help these siblings in desperate need with your donations this month. You can write: "PCRF" in the memo line on your check, or note "Other, PCRF" if donating with Tithely. Look for our display with more information in the narthex.

Also in October: Peace Community Dinner

Once again, we will provide a lasagna dinner to our neighbors served at Peace Lutheran's Community Center in Tacoma on October 10. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the ingredients for the meal please indicate "Peace Dinner" on your offering. If you would like to help transport and serve the meal please call the church office or contact Linda Ribary.

Looking ahead to November: Christmas Gifts for Children served by the FISH Foodbank

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

ADLC Book Group

Book group will be meeting in the front room on October 19th following Forum to discuss: *My Name is Emilia del Valle*, by Isabel Allende. This book is a historical fiction set in Chile in the early 1890s, and is the most recent book written by Isabel Allende. Please join us, all are welcome!



Overview in Thriftbooks: *In San Francisco in 1866, an Irish nun, abandoned following a torrid relationship with a Chilean aristocrat, gives birth to a daughter named Emilia del Valle. Raised by a loving stepfather, Emilia grows into an independent thinker and a self-sufficient young woman. To pursue her passion for writing, she is willing to defy societal norms. At the age of seventeen, she begins to publish pulp fiction using a man's pen name. When these fictional worlds can no longer satisfy her sense of adventure, she turns to journalism, convincing an editor at The Daily Examiner to hire her.*

What's Happening around our Southwestern Washington Synod:

You are cordially invited to celebrate with us
the Installation of

*Bishop
Keith Marshall*

SATURDAY | **11** | October 2025
2 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1515 Harrison Ave NW * Olympia, WA 98502-5352

The Spirit is Moving! Come, Join the Dance!

Clergy are invited to vest and process.
The color of the day is red.

A light reception will follow the service.

Please RSVP to Stefanie DeZarn, Synod Administrator at
(253) 535 8300 or stefanie.dezarn@swwasynod.org by October 1st.

Southwestern Washington Synod - ELCA

PASTOR
MICHELLE'S
INSTALLATION AS
BISHOP'S ASSOCIATE

DAY OF INSTALLATION
10.25.2025
Saturday | 2PM | Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
111 4th Street, Aberdeen, WA
SWWASYNOD.ORG

(more synod events continued on next page)

CONCERT AT THE CROSSROADS: HARMONY AGAINST HUNGER

Join us to raise funds to FIGHT world hunger.
Help create a world where ALL are Fed!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 1-3 PM

**All Saints Lutheran Church,
27225 Military Rd S, Auburn WA**

FEATURED ARTISTS:

Peter Mayer, Lead Guitar for Jimmy Buffet's Coral
Reefer Band &
PRISMIA, local, original alternative rock.
Special Guest: Rick Steves



Doors open at 12 Noon
Outdoor concert on lawn
Bring chair or blanket to sit
on and your favorite snacks



For tickets \$15 A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT
Children 10 and under
FREE with Adult

If unable to attend, you may donate to end hunger at ELCA.org/AllSaintsConcert

Called to Rise



Rooted in worth

Raising the next generation

**35th Convention of the Southwestern Washington
Synodical Women's Organization**

**OCTOBER 11, 2025
10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

Registration begins at 9:30

**Bethel Lutheran Church
12919 NE 159th St., Brush Prairie, WA 98606**



Called to Rise

Join us this fall as we gather in the sacred rhythm of resurrection living—rising in response to God's call and raising up others with love, courage, and intention. As women who are rooted in Christ's unshakable love, we are called to recognize our own worth and to reflect that worth back into the lives of young people around us. This is a season for standing strong and for lifting up! Whether you're a mentor, a mother, a youth leader, or a faithful presence in your congregation, this message is for you. Together, we'll explore how women of all ages and backgrounds can rise with purpose and participate in the holy work of growing the next generation.

Keynote speakers, Pastor Lynne Ogren, Bethel Lutheran Church, and Marcy Sprecher, executive director of Rocksolid Community Teen Center, combine more than four decades of working with youth to bring a message of inspiration and hope.

• Keynote Speakers
Pastor Lynne Ogren and Marcy Sprecher

• Workshops
Creating Altar Flower Arrangements
Rocksolid Community Teen Center Tour
Friends of the Carpenter Outreach
Pastor Louise Buckles - Finger Labyrinths

• Christian Book Exchange
Dust off your book shelves and bring those Christian favorites you've read to share with others so they can enjoy them as well.

• Raffle
Each congregation is encouraged to get creative and bring a gift basket or other item for a raffle prize.



SOUL SPA DAY RETREAT


Sigi & Molly

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - BELFAIR, WA

Step away to the serene setting and give yourself the gift of care, kind community and relaxation. With decades of experience in ministry, Sigi and Molly understand the unique challenges of life and faith and balance. [Register Here:](https://form.jotform.com/molly93B/soulspadayretreat)
<https://form.jotform.com/molly93B/soulspadayretreat>

For the Whole of YOU:

- Creativity w/ Art
- Nourishing Food
- Spacious Program
- Tool for Self-Reflection
- Gentle Yoga
- Beach Time
- Connection
- Conversation



**Sigi Helgeson &
Molly Knuton-Keller**



Fall Flourish Fest for Fun, Friends, Festivity, Frivolity and Helping Others to Flourish

October 5th at 1:00

United Lutheran Church (1231 S. 76th, Tacoma)

The funds raised at this event will go to benefit Community Care Connections' outreach programs. Join us for lunch, meet our special celebrity guest Thea Foss (through storyteller Karen Haas), and enter our raffle drawings to win amazing gift baskets.



Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each.

Gift baskets to be raffled will include a Kitchen Basket, Spa Basket, Breakfast Basket, Cozy Basket, Garden Basket, Craft Basket, Grandparent Basket, Coffee Basket, Tea Basket, Houseplants, and more!




Born in Norway, Thea Foss and her husband Andrew arrived in Tacoma in 1889. Starting with a used rowboat, they built a maritime empire. Karen portrays Thea in 1912, the year of the first Foss tugboat. She reflects back on her life and looks forward to the future. At a time when few women could, Thea Foss took her place in a "man's world," always believing, "we are members of a great body... we were born for the good of the whole." Like other immigrants, she added her experience to the rich blend that is Washington.



Community Care Connections works to improve the lives of people in Pierce County, Washington through programs aimed at relieving the effects of poverty through hunger relief programs, education and enrichment programs, and by working to bring a sense of belonging and community in the south Tacoma area.

Community Care Connections is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization.

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Front Room Kids after storytime 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid) 11:00am Forum	29 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	30 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting	1 10:00am Text Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	3 2:00pm Joe Stoddard Memorial	4 8:30am Men's Square Bible Study 8:30am Women's Circle Bible Study
5 Front Room Kids after storytime 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid) 11:00am Forum	6 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	7 9:30am Worship Committee 11:45am Little Lambs Chapel 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting	8 8:30am Lambs Picture Day 10:00am Text Study 12:00pm Retired Clergy Lunch in Front Room 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9 8:30am Lambs Picture Day 10:00am Finance Committee 1:00pm Council Executive Committee 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	10 4:00pm Peace Community Dinner	11
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Serving in Worship October 2025

OCTOBER		Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Stream Team/ Sound	Ushers Acolyte	Greeters	Security	Prayer Writer	Front Room Kids
5	9:30 AM	L Brentin R Crow P Martin	G Eilers	L Zematis	J Beaudette	L & M Colyar	M Beert K Gemar	P Waite	M Colyar	L: Ashley O H: Laura B
12	9:30 AM	J McCraw N Johnson	D Daus	L Spitzer	P Kusche	D Sapp T Clark	S Whitney L & D Brentin	L Colyar	K Gemar	L: Susan W H: Marlene B
19	9:30 AM	K Morgan E Nesbitt	K Gemar	L Zehnder	B Nussbaum	P & D Waite	G Lorenz M Beert M Duncan	G Gemar	P Waite	L: Salli M H: Rebecca C
26	9:30 AM	S Lubash A Conley	R Spitzer	G Lorenz	B Beals	T Clark	L & D Brentin M Duncan	P Waite	D Waite	L: Susan W H: Paula D

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.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Let's Wear Our Nametags

As a sign of hospitality to all visitors, newcomers and just the plain forgetful, please remember to wear your nametag! If you are in need of a new nametag, leave a note on Cindy's desk.



We Share the Air – Please Keep It Fragrance-Free and Healthy for All

We ask our entire community to be mindful of folks with scent sensitivities and refrain from using perfume/cologne and other scented products when coming to Agnus Dei.



Phishing Scams Continue! BEWARE OF FRAUD

The scams will continue so we will continue to remind you...Once again, phony emails posing as our pastor are arriving in inboxes. Please remember: **ADLC staff will never contact you for money, gift cards or financial information of any kind.**

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God's Work/Our Hands, Congregation—Debbie Snowden

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