



The monthly Newsletter of:

May 2026

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.



Beloveds in Christ,

Grace, peace, and mercy to all of you.

As we move into the month of May, a season marked by growth, renewal, and new life, we are reminded of the ways God is at work not only in creation, but in our congregation. At Agnus Dei, we are living into a vision grounded in a simple but powerful idea: freedom to serve.

There's a unique kind of joy that comes from being able to respond freely to the needs around us, to say "yes" to ministry opportunities, to support our neighbors, and to share Christ's love without hesitation. This is the heart behind our current campaign to reduce our mortgage debt. While financial commitments are a necessary part of sustaining a church, they can also limit our flexibility. Every dollar tied up in debt is a dollar that cannot be directly used for ministry.

But imagine the possibilities. Every dollar raised through this campaign is not just reducing a balance, it is creating space. Space to expand outreach. Space to respond to emerging needs in our community. Space to invest in relationships, programs, and partnerships that embody the love of Christ in tangible ways. This is not just about finances; it's about mission.

The apostle Paul writes in Galatians 5:13, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another." This kind of freedom is not about independence for its own sake, it is about being unburdened so that we can fully give ourselves in love and service.

That is the kind of freedom we seek as a congregation. A freedom that releases us from constraints so that we can be more fully who God is calling us to be. A freedom that allows us to serve generously, creatively, and faithfully.

As you consider your part in this shared effort, know that your participation—whatever form it takes—matters deeply. Together, we are not just paying down a mortgage; we are investing in a future where Agnus Dei can more fully live out its calling.

May this season inspire us with hope and purpose, trusting that God is already at work, making a way for us to serve with joy and freedom.

Pastor JT



Pastor JT Burk



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, extension 2 or email it@agnusdeilutheran.org

President's Message

Gary Gemar



Gary Gemar
Council President

God spoke. "Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants, every sort of fruit-bearing tree." And there it was. Earth produced green seed-bearing plants, all varieties, and fruit-bearing trees of all sorts. God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:11-12 (Message)

Spring! My favorite season. I enjoy watching all the plants and trees move from dormancy to a full display of green with multiple colors when they are in bloom. Daffodils have presented their beauty and have now given way to the rhododendrons to show their splendid colors in my yard. And wow has the forest turned green, with ferns growing everywhere and the big leaf maples bursting with new blossoms and leaves. Get out and enjoy God's beautiful creation before summer leads to brown.

May is the month for our second congregation meeting for the year. We will elect members to Council, the Endowment Committee, and the Little Lambs Board. Additionally, we will review highlights of our Annual Report, conduct a second vote on sections of the constitution we modified and approved in our January congregation meeting, hear an update on the Freedom to Serve campaign, a report on our emergency preparedness, and a review of our finances.

Again, I want to thank the people who have generously given to the **Freedom To Serve Campaign**. At the time of writing this message we have received pledges of \$143,680 before August 1, 2026, when our mortgage will be refinanced. Total pledged amount for the whole campaign is \$175,380. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex for the cottage meetings that will be conducted throughout the month of May. Six families have graciously agreed to host the meetings and members of the campaign will facilitate the discussions. During the meetings you will get a chance to ask questions about the campaign, brainstorm ideas on how we can use the money we free up once the mortgage is paid off to enhance our current ministries or look at new ministries, participate in a bible study, pledge to the campaign if you can, and most importantly get to visit and learn more about your fellow members. I am looking forward to meeting the people that will attend the meetings Kathy and I will host.

Highlights from the April Council Meeting:

- ◇ Reviewed the Little Lambs financials (July 1st – March 31st). Income in excess of expenses for the fiscal year is \$28,757.
- ◇ Accepted reports from the Council Committee Liaisons and acted as necessary on requests.
- ◇ Reviewed the ADLC fiscal year finances (February 1st – March 31st) that shows income less than expense by \$3,059. **Please review the complete financial report on the next page.**
- ◇ Reviewed a request from the Green Team to assess if the Outback could be used to store hard-to-recycle items until they can be recycled because George Unruh lost his current storage location. This item will be forwarded to the Property Committee for evaluation.
- ◇ Heard a report that the battery on the microphone/speaker on the podium in the Parish Hall exploded sometime late April 15th or in the early morning of April 16th before the staff arrived. The unit caught fire and melted leaving some burn marks on the podium. The alarm system was going off when the staff arrived on Thursday morning April 16th. This item will be referred to the Property Committee to get a better understanding of the alarm systems and action that is needed when they are triggered.
- ◇ Reviewed and approved edits to a draft continuing resolution on inclusion of people with disabilities in our constitution and bylaws.
- ◇ Approved the grant requests recommended from the Endowment Committee for the Doctrine of Discovery organization, PSALM Program for Randy Spitzer and the AID Northwest phone cards for the ICE Detainees in Tacoma.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

AGNUS DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

	FEB 1-MAR 31 ACTUAL	FEB 1-MAR 31 BUDGETED	% of FEB 1-MAR 31 BUDGET
OPERATING INCOME:			
Unrestricted Offerings	86,536	84,470	102%
Community Donations	120	286	42%
Miscellaneous Income	858	970	88%
TOTAL INCOME	87,514	\$ 85,726	102%
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Administrative Expenses	23,813	25,645	93%
Ministry of Education	288	517	56%
Ministry of Mission	5,712	5,457	105%
Ministry of Programs	1,825	2,583	71%
Staff and Services	58,935	60,214	98%
TOTAL EXPENSES	90,573	94,415	96%
NET OPERATING INCOME	-3,059	-8,689	

Endowment Fund	
ADLC Endowment Fund	\$ 94,032

Reserves	
Mortgage Reduction	\$ 67,750
Future Needs Reserve	\$ 30,911
Operating Reserve	\$ 27,401
Reserves - Other Designated Use	\$ 24,489
TOTAL, ALL RESERVES	\$ 150,552

2026-2027 BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Unrestricted Offerings	\$ 487,000
Total Income	\$ 494,917
Total Expenses	\$ 561,535
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ (66,618)

OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSES:	MARCH ACTUAL	MARCH BUDGETED	% OF MARCH BUDGET
Unrestricted Offerings	33,975	46,099	74%
Total Income	34,468	46,787	74%
Total Expenses	46,187	47,343	98%
NET OPERATING INCOME	-\$11,719	-\$555	

WHERE ADLC STANDS FINANCIALLY AS OF 3/31/2026

Although our March NET OPERATING INCOME was significantly less than what was estimated (-\$11,719), our overall NET OPERATING INCOME (-\$3,059) is better than predicted. My concern is that last year at this time our NET OPERATING INCOME was about \$38,000 more than our TOTAL EXPENSES.

GIVING TO OTHERS 2026-2027

Associated Ministries	400
ELCA World Hunger	509
ELCA Good Gifts	-
FISH	144
Food For All formerly FB4K	346
Key Peninsula Foodbank	250
Monthly Outreach*	1,781
Total Giving to Others from Individuals	3,430
ELCA Mission Support (Budgeted)	5,192
Total Giving to Others from ADLC	8,622

It took awhile for the two of us to sit down and talk about it, so we had plenty of time to think and pray. When we did talk, we both had an idea about how much we wanted to pledge (the two amounts were nearly the same). There were two things that we kept in mind as we made our decision. First, the amount we pledged had to be over and above what we were already giving to the church. Second, we wanted to give as much of our pledge as possible before August to help with the paydown of the mortgage. At this point we looked at our financial situation and realized that we could actually pledge what we wanted to and be able to pay it all before August.

Mike, how did you and Debbie decide on how much to pledge to the Freedom to Serve Campaign?





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

Thanks so much for supporting our March project with funds for phone cards for those at the Tacoma ICE detention center. AIDNW will receive \$674.25 plus another \$1000 from our endowment fund.

In April we have been donating to the Food for All Tortilla Fund at Agnus Dei. These donations will mean that the tortilla fund will be solvent for many more months.

In May we will once again collect diapers. The KidVantage Organization has renamed their annual diaper drive the, "High Five Diaper Drive." The Diaper Drive was created to help kids have what they need to be healthy, clean, and dry—a friendly competition between area businesses, churches and organizations to reach a goal of 150,000 diapers. To make donations easier you may order from Amazon to have the diapers shipped directly to Agnus Dei. Or you can bring diapers to the donation station anytime in May. These diapers are distributed through KidVantage locations; the closest to us is in Bremerton.




Also in May, we will provide a lasagna dinner for the neighbors who are served at the Peace Community Center in Tacoma on Friday, May 15. Linda Ribary has secured a grant from Thrivent to purchase the ingredients for the meal. Volunteers to help serve are needed from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. If you are able to help please call or email the church office.

In June we will be collecting for Altrusa's summer lunch program, which will use our kitchen for assembling lunches to feed hungry children through the summer.

At this time when we are being asked to help with long range planning, and daily budgets, it's especially gratifying that your support for outside ministries for the poor, the incarcerated and the hungry continue to be well supported.

Thank you for all your support.
The Community Connections Committee

	<p style="text-align: center;">ADLC Book Group</p> <p>Book group will be meeting in the front room on Sunday May 17th following the congregational meeting to discuss: Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. This is a character-driven novel about a mysterious, wealthy elderly man who moves to a small Southern town and builds deep connections, fosters healing, and transforms lives before his true identity and purpose are revealed. All are welcome, please join us!</p>
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Endowment Committee News

You may recall that in the congregation meeting in May 2025 the Endowment Committee presented an updated Policies and Procedures document and a new Grant Application form. Since that time we have met on a regular basis to review grant applications received from congregation members. The following grants were accepted:

- Reconciling Works Organization, \$1,000
- The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, \$1,000
- Southwest Washington Synod-Psalm Program, on behalf of Randy Spitzer's attendance, \$1,600
- AIDNW, \$1,000

We are grateful to be able to extend our service to others through these grants!

Our grants are paid from the interest income from the portfolio summary balance, and we currently have \$5,164.20 available for future grant applications. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be in October 2026.

Please contact the office if you would like a copy of the Policies and Procedures document or the Grant Application form. Please see any of our committee members if you have any questions about the fund or the grant application process. Thank you!

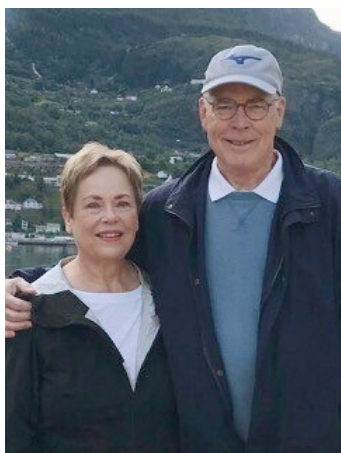
Committee members: Lance Colyar, Fund Treasurer; Linda Zehnder, Secretary; Lynette Brentin, Kimberly Morgan, and Randy Spitzer.

Say Hello to Our Newer Members



Chris and DeDe Boerger

Chris and DeDe Boerger met at Pacific Lutheran University. Both are military brats, so they lived in several places growing up. DeDe is a retired registered nurse. Her career saw her work at the bedside, in surgeries, in hospital administration. She also served as a Faith Community Nurse. Chris is a retired ELCA pastor. He served three congregations in the Northwest Washington Synod. After serving two terms as Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, he was elected Secretary of the ELCA. DeDe and Chris moved to Gig Harbor after Chris retired from the churchwide office in 2019. They have two children and seven grandchildren.



Karen and Dennis Goin

In the late 1970s Dennis, Karen and their three young children became charter members of Agnus Dei. In 2010 they were once again worshipping at Agnus Dei. In September of last year, they became part of the church community for the third time. Dennis was raised in Astoria, Oregon, while Karen grew up in Eureka, California. They met at PLU. They have three grown children. Their two grandchildren live on Bainbridge Island. Dennis began his career as a teacher at Curtis High School in University Place. He spent nine years as a High School Principal. Dennis left education in 1988. He helped start a consulting company that focused on teaching corporate leaders how to lead change. Karen spent many years raising the family and teaching private voice lessons. In 2010, Dennis and Karen retired and moved back to Gig Harbor and love the area. "We attend Agnus Dei because It is a church where it is easy to get involved. The members are open and friendly and continually look for ways to reach out and serve the community. It has been very enjoyable to renew old friendships and create new friends. It also helps that we live a mile from the church."



Judy Handa

Judith Marie Handa (pronounced "Honda"), who goes by Judy, was born in Riverside, California, and most recently lived in Bellingham, Washington before her move to Gig Harbor and Agnus Dei. While in Bellingham, she was a member of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church and felt that the Holy Spirit led her to that congregation. She attended Bethany Bible University as a music major. Judy and her husband, Ronald, have three children. After moving to Gig Harbor, she prayed for guidance in choosing a church and has been attending Agnus Dei ever since. She has grown to love both this church and its congregation.



Pam Meeker (bio will be available later)

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

Forum meets each Sunday morning through the program year at 10:45 am in-person in the parish hall and on the Zoom platform. The recordings are available to watch later on our YouTube channel.



May 3: Ray Shjerven is the Washington State Coordinator for **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Ray will share with us the incredible work that Lutheran Disaster Response is doing across the globe, throughout our nation, right here in the state of Washington, and in the local communities we call home. From international crises to neighborhood recovery efforts, Lutheran Disaster Response is on the front lines of compassionate aid and disaster relief, and Ray is uniquely positioned to give us an inside look at how this vital ministry is making a difference at every level. Please join me in welcoming Ray Shjerven.

May 10: Language Barriers Between Church and the Secular World

Please join us as **Pastor JT** leads us in a discussion regarding Language Barriers between church and the secular world.

May 17: Congregational Meeting during Forum Time

Please join our church council in engaging in the work of our congregation.

May 23: End of Forum Year Review and Feedback

Please join **Heidi Giles and Kathy Gemar** for a feedback session of our forums during the September 2025 - May 2026 Forum year. The Forum Committee truly values your opinions, your attendance, your ideas for future forums, and are incredibly grateful to those ADLC members who have taken the time and effort to lead one of our forums. Come and brainstorm with us for future topics and ways to improve our work as we move forward.



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 Sharing of the Peace 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.

CONFIRMATION

Middle school students meet with Pastor JT each month in the Front Room after the service. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor JT.

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL—A MINISTRY OF AGNUS DEI

It is always with a little sadness that we begin our last month of the school year. We have many fun plans that we are looking forward to like tie-dyeing T-shirts, releasing butterflies, and studying ocean life, but it is hard to think of some of our preschool friends and their families moving on to kindergarten. We know that they are ready, but we will miss them. May also brings our annual Mother's Day Tea. Preparations have already begun. We are crafting a gift and placemats and can't wait to share the day with our moms. As always, thank you so much for your continued support of our program.



Shannon Moore, Preschool Director





Cottage Meetings in May

Everyone is encouraged to attend one of the house meetings even if you have already supported the campaign, will support it in the future, or are unable provide financial support. The campaign team members would like to hear your dreams and wishes for our current ministries and possible future ministries. Additionally, it will be a great opportunity to get to know your fellow members. The sign-up board is in the narthex, there are different times, dates, and locations to choose from.

If you aren't able to sign up in person, just call or email the church office and we will get you signed up for a meeting that works in your schedule.

We Celebrate May Birthdays and Anniversaries!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alex Beloate
- 4 Bev Sherfey
- 5 Dave Marquardt, Keith Johnson
- 6 Sunday Wilson
- 9 Christy Carter
- 10 Turi Abbott
- 15 Jerry Mjelde
- 17 Dave Schinkel
- 18 Wayne Stark
- 20 Randy Spitzer
- 21 Katrina Hay
- 23 Patti Christensen

- 24 Debbie Snowden, Neal VanDerVoorn, Arlene Stang
- 26 Steve Anderson
- 27 Chris Boerger
- 29 Alex Sobie, Nate Sobie
- 30 Jeff Henne



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 George and Mary Mitchell
- 20 Paula and James Davis
- 21 Rob and Joannah Powers

We remember in prayer:

For comfort and healing:

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| * Chuck Anderson | * Audrey Clinton |
| * Barbara Ausich | * Connie Hummel |
| * Julia Bell | * George Mitchell |
| * Amy Brandt | * Jack Oakes |
| * Marlene Bridgforth | * Michi Ouchi |
| * Robert Bridgforth | * Joannah Powers |
| * Beverly Buster | * Ellis Rousseau |
| * Beverly Buster Jr | * Beverly Sherfey |
| * Chiarra Buster | * Johnny Tierny |
| | * Neal Van Der Voorn |

- * Trudy Wagner
- * Eunice Werner
- * Gloria Witt



In service to our country:

- * CAPT. Jenny Nussbaum, US Public Health Service



Fourth Annual Pride in the Park Saturday, June 27 at Skansie Brothers Park

Save the Date for the annual "vibrant, all-ages celebration of LGBTQIA+ visibility, joy and community connection." You can show our community how Agnus Dei values inclusivity and celebrates all God's children by signing up for a shift, sponsoring some giveaways on our Amazon Wishlist, or simply by attending the event.



Amazon Wishlist



Grief Thoughts for May

Debbie Waite

Four Statements to Consider Before Someone Passes

Resource: *The Four Things that Matter Most* by Dr. Ira Byock

While my mother was dying of lung cancer in 2007, I came across a book by Dr. Ira Byock. Books on hospice and palliative care were still a bit rare at this time. I loved this book, because he coached readers to have the courage to work through these four statements:

Please forgive me.
I forgive you.
Thank you.
I love you.

They are so simple, but our Western culture makes it so very hard to experience this type of healing with our loved ones. It was Dr. Byock's observation that family members who could have these conversations had an easier time recovering from loss than those who did not have the opportunity to say what was needed. He gives many examples of stories on both sides of the experience in the book.

At the time that the book came out, there was criticism that the material was too formulaic. It shouldn't be a to-do list to help someone die. There was even a hint that end of life shouldn't be about your feelings; it should be focused on the person who was actively dying. Oh, how we like our checklists, and our black and white thinking!

When my mother was diagnosed, I had never experienced losing a close family member. This book made sense to me because of my faith. Shouldn't we all live by these 4 statements throughout our lives – whether someone is about to exit this world or live another day? That being said – the book does not focus primarily on a specific belief system, but on mending relationships.

Tackling the statements is very personal. There is no "correct" way to phrase the specific issues. Avoid using trigger words that will stir the pot. Keep It simple and straightforward. It's often surprising how something that you have carried for years, is an issue the other person can't even remember. Having the conversation itself is releasing in its own way. Dr. Byock also encourages people to have the conversations, even if the person is not communicative or conscious. There is evidence that indicates people can still hear your voice, so go for it!

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 Daugs and Marlene Bridgforth,
Care Team Co-chairs*

ADLC CARE TEAM SERVICES AND COORDINATORS:

- ♥ TRANSPORTATION: GWEN DAUGS
- ♥ HOME VISITS: GHITA LORENZ
- ♥ 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

Serving in Worship May 2026

MAY		Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Stream Team/Sound	Ushers	Greeters	Security	Prayer Writer	Front Room Kids
3	9:30 AM	M Bridgforth J McCraw	D Salge	A Bakke	M Snowden	L & M Colyar	A Bakke G Lorenz	P Waite	D Waite	L: Whitney H: Bridgforth
10	9:30 AM	R Crow A Conley	L Olson	Team Ortenzo	S Carter	D Sapp	A Carter	L Colyar	M Colyar	L: Bridgforth H: Davis
17	9:30 AM	E Nesbit A Keyl	M Colyar	L Zematis	B Nussbaum	P & D Waite	K & G Gemar	G Gemar	K Gemar	L: Ortenzo H: Middleton
24	9:30 AM	S Lubash J McCraw	P Waite	H Giles	S Carter	R & M Ohme	R Crow	G Gemar	P Waite	L: Baxter H: Gemar
31	9:30 AM	K Morgan A Keyl	P Brandt	K Morgan	B Beals		R Crow	P Waite	D Waite	NO FRK

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

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 future travel plans you may have.



Hospitality: Please consider joining with others to provide light treats and make coffee for our Sunday fellowship after worship. Have fun and team up with a friend.

*If you have any questions call Debbie Snowden or Linda Ribary.

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... Be aware of phony emails posing as our pastor arriving your inboxes. Please remember: **ADLC staff will never contact you for money, gift cards or financial information of any kind.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Front Room Kids after storytime 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid) 11:00am Forum	27 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting 1:00pm LWR Quilters 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	28 11:45am Little Lambs Chapel 1:15pm Gather Bible Study	29 10:00am Text Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	30 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	1	2 8:30am Men's Square Bible Study 8:30am Women's Circle Bible Study
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17 Front Room Kids after storytime Blood Pressure Checks after worship 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid) 11:00am Congregational Meeting (hybrid) 12:00pm Book Group	18 12:30pm Church Staff Meeting 1:00pm LWR Quilters 6:00pm Nar-Anon Family Groups in Community Room	19 11:45am Little Lambs Chapel 3:00pm Council Meeting	20 10:00am Text Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	21 5:30pm Theology on Tap 6:00pm AA Group in Community Room	22	23
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SYNOD EDUCATIONAL GATHERINGS

THEME

STEWARDSHIP: FUNDING MINISTRY
FOR TODAY AND THE FUTURE



Keynote Speaker
Grace Pomroy
Luther Seminary
Author of "Funding Forward"

WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE

- Worship
- Keynote Speaker
- Breakout sessions include:
 - Grant Writing
 - Bible Study
 - Land Use Discernment
 - Stewardship Models
 - AND MORE!
- Lunch

MAY 30TH – MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
VANCOUVER, WA

JUNE 13TH – CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAKWOOD, WA

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SWWA SYNOD.

COST: \$50 PER PERSON

Registration for this year's Synod Educational Gathering is now open and all members of the SWWA Synod are welcome to attend. We will register a group from Agnus Dei; if you would like to attend with our group, please call or email the church office.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Financial Secretary: Bob Nussbaum

Treasurer: Mike Snowden

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Communications and Connections—Tracy Clark

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Finance Committee—Randy Spitzer

Faith Formation—Mollie MacLean

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

God's Work/Our Hands, Community—Ronnie Kulman

IT Committee—Randy Spitzer

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