



Faith Abounds!

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September 2026– From the Pastor’s Desk

These past months I’ve been hearing people talk about the “end times.” They’re wondering about all the natural disasters like the fires, earthquakes, and the world tensions between governments and what the Bible has to say about these things – especially the book of Revelation.

In the book of Revelation, John writes to seven churches in Asia encouraging them to remain faithful when he sees a vision of the risen Christ. I hope you will join us as we study Revelation this fall on Thursday’s at 12:30 or let me know if you are interested in an evening online study. We will be using *Enter The Bible: Revelation A Biblical Study Guide*, by Craig R. Koester, Luther Seminary, which is a free eBook.

Pastor Pam

Council Notes:

Council met on August 16th and had several items of business to discuss. We are ready for Movie Night on August 29th and hoping for a good turnout. Discussion was held to update the bat situation at the church, Susan met with a gentleman who came out and inspected, found where the bat had got in which he did a temporary fix so he can’t get back in. He inspected the property and found a few more areas which they could get in at. We will be getting a bid from them to fix all areas to hopefully take care of the situation. At this point we are bat free.

Council authorized the purchase of outside cameras to be put up. This is a requirement needed to get insurance bids. Our insurance is due October 28th and we are in hopes of getting a break on the policy, we have completed our 3 years of high-risk insurance.

Jennifer and Ben will be going through the old electronics we have around the church and will try to sell what could be useful to others.

Gods Work Our Hands is coming up September 13th, this year Mary took on the project. It was decided we would contact the Shelter and see if they needed help with school supplies. She will be announcing on the 23rd what we are doing to help.

It was a busy meeting, we managed to get a lot accomplished and have a few laughs too. My thanks to the council for their willingness to help out and get us on tract.

Ella

Readings for September

Sept 6--Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sept 13--Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sept 20--Jonah 3:10—4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sept 27--Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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and Sundays

Office Days/Hours: *Tuesdays 10am–2pm*
(Please note office hours may vary)

Sunday Morning Worship:

10:30am- Worship Service (online and in person)

God's Work, Our Hands

Our Council voted to provide backpacks and school supplies for our God's Work, Our Hands project this year for the Faith Family Shelter. If you would like to participate, please bring supplies to the church on Sundays or office (on Tuesdays) till the end of August. Below is the list of number of children by school age and the supplies needed.

High School-Age: 1 male

Backpack, spiral notebooks -college lined, 3 ring binder, pens and pencils, highlighter (several colors), headphones (ear buds okay), dry erase markers.

Middle School-Age: 1 male

Backpack, Composition books (different colors), dividers, notebook paper, highlighters, pens and pencils, red pen, dry erase markers, reusable water bottle



Faith Lutheran Church Council

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Council minutes are available in the office: if you would like them emailed to you, call or email the office.

Contributions To Date 2026

(Yearly Goal \$70,000)



Elementary School-Age: 3 males, 4 females

Backpacks, baby wipes, boxes of Kleenex, reusable water bottles, box of #2 pencils, pencil box, glue sticks, dry erase markers, headphones (no ear buds), composition notebooks, pocket folders.

Thank you for your assistance!

Hello!

I thought I would introduce myself properly in this, my first monthly communication as your Vice President of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. So here goes!

I am a lifelong Lutheran and lay person, born and raised (mostly) in the PNW. My dad became a Lutheran pastor when I was nine years old after he graduated from Wartburg Seminary in Iowa. High school was in Port Orchard, WA. I graduated from Pacific Lutheran University where I met my husband, Chris, son of a Lutheran pastor and Missionary to Madagascar. We moved to Los Angeles where I taught high school English and Drama, then English to non-native speakers and eventually became the Yearbook and Newspaper Advisor as well. Moving to LA also meant for the first time, finding a church home that wasn't led by a family member. We landed at a small church in Pasadena that got smaller as we journeyed through a series of church splits. We also spent a year in Madagascar, teaching English to interested Malagasy as volunteers. After starting a family, we returned to the PNW in the Tacoma area and found a church home/community at Mount Cross Lutheran Church in University Place. In 2010, we moved to Holden Village where Chris oversaw the infrastructure projects the Village undertook during Mine Remediation and I served as Program Coordinator. Our daughter, Kasey, and our son, Corey, both graduated from Holden High School. Go Goats! A seven month around the country road trip served as our transition/sabbatical and we loved visiting churches around the country – many, but not all of them, Lutheran. We landed back in the PNW in 2016 and became part of Emmaus Table, one of the synod's new and emerging ministries in the Green Lake neighborhood of Seattle. We also regularly attended Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church while the worshipping community at Emmaus Table formed. I was elected to Synod Council in 2021.

That's my personal journey. I also want you to know some of my core beliefs that will inform my work as Vice President. I believe the world is in desperate need of the Lutheran understanding of grace – that God's love is freely given to all and there is nothing we can do to earn it, or deserve it, or to be excluded from it. In order to continue to have the privilege of sharing this good news, we need to learn new ways of being church, which I believe includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Within our churches
- More cooperation and collaboration between congregations
- Listening to and learning from each other
- Discerning what it is we do well and doing that – not trying to do/be everything
- Learning what other congregations do well so we can get folks into the place that best fits their needs
- Nurturing relationships/loving our people
- Within our wider communities
- Working more outside of the walls of the church than inside
- Listening to people's stories, learning their hopes and dreams, struggles and challenges
- Nurturing relationships/loving our people

Another core belief I have is that the church has lay leaders who are as dedicated to God's work as rostered leaders. I want to use my platform as Vice President to lift up the voices of other lay folk in the synod. This monthly missive will be one of the ways I do that. This space will be:

- A place to share the "living word" – where God is working now in the world
- A place to share good news
- A place to be honest about struggles
- A place to learn
- A place to hear about things, big and small, that make a difference
- A place of joy

So, what have you got? If you have a lay folk story to tell, I want to hear it – both to inform the work of the council, and to share your story so others can be inspired by your work. Email me at veep@lutheransnw.org. Let's talk. Really. I want to hear from you. I need a story for October's Lay of the Land in the PNW. Please reach out.

Joyfully, Cindy Shultz, NW WA Synod Vice President



Serving us in Worship for September



Assisting Minister (Reader)	Ushers	Offering Counters
Sept 6—Paul	Sept 6—Roger	Sept 6—Holly/Roger
Sept 13—Mary	Sept 13—Russell	Sept 13—Ella/Susan
Sept 20—Ginny W.	Sept 20—Ella	Sept 20—Jennifer/Debbie
Sept 27—David	Sept 27—Roger	Sept 27—Holly/Roger

Streamers	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Deacons
Sept 6—Jennifer	Sept 6—Ginny W.	Sept 6—Diane S.	Sept 6—Stan
Sept 13—Roger	Sept 13—Susan	Sept 13—Holly	Sept 13—Roger
Sept 20—Jennifer	Sept 20—Ginny W.	Sept 20—Jody & Bruce	Sept 20—Stan
Sept 27—Jennifer	Sept 27—Susan	Sept 27—Mary	Sept 27—David

September Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

10—Tobin
13—Nancy B.
29—Diane S.

THE BEST
PEOPLE ARE
BORN IN
SEPTEMBER.



Please continue to hold the following friends in prayer....



We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

2 Thess 1:3

We pray for our friends and family who are sick, have loved ones who have passed, or those in need of comfort.

If you have prayer concerns please contact Pastor Pam at 425-870-5335 or the church office at 425-353-4758. For the confidential prayer chain: contact Ella at (425) 231-2072 or email: getuininga@gmail.com



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Hours 10am-2pm**	2 (Office Closed) 7-9pm-Fountain of Truth (S)	3 (Office Closed)	4 (Office Closed)	5
6 10:30a-Worship Service (S) 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)	7 Labor Day (Office Closed)	8 Office Hours 10am-2pm** 10:30am-Finance Mtg. (O)	9 (Office Closed) 11:30a-Worship Plan Mtg. (L) 7-9pm-Fountain of Truth (S)	10 (Office Closed)	11 (Office Closed)	12
13 10:30a-Worship Service (S) 12pm-Council Mtg. (L) 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)	14 (Office Closed)	15 Office Hours 10am-2pm**	16 (Office Closed) 7-9pm-Fountain of Truth (S)	17 (Office Closed) 10am-12pm- Quilters (FH) 12pm-12:30pm-Lunch (FH) 12:30pm-1:30-pm- Bible Study (FH)	18 (Office Closed)	19
20 10:30a-Worship Service (S) 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)	21 (Office Closed)	22 Office Hours 10am-2pm** 10am-Newsletter Articles Due	23 (Office Closed) 11:30a-Worship Plan Mtg. (L) 7-9pm-Fountain of Truth (S)	24 (Office Closed) 10am-12pm- Quilters (FH) 12pm-12:30pm-Lunch (FH) 12:30pm-1:30-pm- Bible Study (FH)	25 (Office Closed)	26
27 10:30a-Worship Service (S) 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)	28 (Office Closed)	29 Office Hours 10am-2pm**	30 (Office Closed) 7-9pm-Fountain of Truth (S)	30 (Office Closed) 10am-12pm- Quilters (FH) 12pm-12:30pm-Lunch (FH) 12:30pm-1:30-pm- Bible Study (FH)		

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