

The Spirit

NOVEMBER 2014

My newsletter article this month is closely adapted from the article in the front of the new Picture Directory. It is a message especially important for us as God's people here and now and so I share it with you again.

Pastor Val

For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. *Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Esther 4:14*

Esther, a young girl thrust into a position of great responsibility and great danger is the main character of the 17th book in the Old Testament that bears her name. In this passage she is counseled to carefully consider whether God is calling her to risk everything and do what is right for the sake of the survival and well-being of God's people.

Most of us never face such a moment of possibility or peril. **Or maybe we do.** Albert Einstein said that "Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous." The story of Esther is one coincidence after another that finally culminate in a moment of decision. Will Esther wisely assess the situation and recognize that this moment in time can only be faced with courage and faith or will she lose her nerve, evade responsibility, and leave the difficult task to someone else?

"Who knows? Perhaps you have come ... for just such a time as this."

We are at an unusual moment in history; a moment that **may be 'just such a time;'** a time of possibility and peril; a time when the future will be shaped by our willingness to **risk everything** for the sake of **making God's hope known** here, offering God's alternative to those who see our culture offering a future based in consumerism and individualism couched as freedom; in reality no future, simply despair.

The people of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church represent the diversity of the Christian church in the second decade of the 21st century. We come from many places, different faith experiences and from many religious backgrounds; people who were born and raised in the Lutheran church, people who were baptized here as adults and people who are questioning. We are a faith community defined by being gathered at this particular moment in time.

At a time when religion is being abandoned by ever increasing numbers, when faith is more and more characterized as delusional if not destructive, and in this geographic region of the USA characterized as the stronghold of the NONEs (those who answer, "None" when asked to name their religious preference); in a time of deep uncertainty, when long trusted institutions are failing to live up to their promise and fear is the order of the day, **we gather together around bread and wine, word and water and find shalom and hope and grace in:**

a shared vision that Amazing Grace is and is becoming: *A welcoming place where grace happens*
a shared sense of mission: *to experience and share God's love through worship, education and community*
and shared values: *Radical hospitality*

Passionate worship

Intentional faith development

Risk-taking mission and service

Extravagant generosity

We don't know exactly what it means to be people who hold those values as central to how we are called to reveal Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. But we know that as we live into those values together, God will guide us.

We don't know what the future holds but we know that God holds our future and we know that, for whatever reason, God has brought us all here to Amazing Grace Lutheran Church of Grays Harbor, where the circle is wide and there is always room for more "for just such a time as this."

NOVEMBER 2014 CALENDAR

- 1 **ALL SAINT'S DAY**
- 2 9:45 a.m. **HYMN FEST**
10:00 a.m. **WORSHIP W/CHOIR**
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Madi Green
11:00 a.m. **FELLOWSHIP; S.S. / NO SUNDAY TIMES**
12:15 p.m. **FAITH 101**
6-8 p.m. **YOUTH GROUP@AGLC**
- 4 **TUESDAY, 7:00 p.m. UNION GOSPEL**
- 5 **WEDNESDAY, 9:00 a.m. QUILTERS & MEN'S MAINTENANCE**
6-7 p.m. **CHOIR & HANDBELLS**
- 7-9 **KAIROS @ AGLC**
- 9 **SUNDAY, 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. **FELLOWSHIP; SUN SCHOOL**
12:15 p.m. **FAITH 101**
6-8 p.m. **YOUTH GROUP@AGLC**
- 11 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. **Pastor's Group**
6:15 p.m. **Church Council**
- 12 6-7 p.m. **CHOIR & HANDBELLS**
- 14 **FRIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED**
- 16 **SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. **SUSAN'S RETIREMENT PARTY; SUNDAY SCHOOL**
12:00 p.m. **FAITH 101**
6-8 p.m. **YOUTH GROUP@AGLC**
- 19 **WEDNESDAY, 9:00 a.m. QUILTERS & MEN'S MAINTENANCE**
Under the Bridge
6-7 p.m. **CHOIR & HANDBELLS**

- 23 **SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. **POTLUCK AND PIE AUCTION / SUN SCHOOL**
12:00 p.m. **FAITH 101**
6-8 p.m. **YOUTH GROUP@AGLC**
- 27 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- 28 **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 30 **SUNDAY, FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
10:00 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. **FELLOWSHIP; SUN SCHOOL**
12:15 p.m. **FAITH 101**



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant:** Judi Hubbard; **Communion Assistant/Acolyte:** Arlene Torgerson; **Reader:** Steve Swanson; **Ushers:** Amy & Mark Ostwald; **Depositors:** Maurita White & Carmon Shaw; **Fellowship Hosts:** Pete & Mary Ann Majar, Keith & Lynette Lile, Donna & Dennis Morrisette

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant:** Cathy Kallio; **Communion Assistant/Acolyte:** Dee Erickson; **Reader:** Geri Stubb; **Ushers:** Keith & Lynette Lile; **Depositors:** Bob Salmon & Donna Spere; **Fellowship Hosts:** Kristine Finazzo, Nicole Evanson, Mike & Judi Hubbard

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Guest preacher:** Pr. Norm Arnold **Liturgist:** Keith Lile; **Worship Assistant:** Gary Morean; **Communion Assistant/Acolyte:** Amanda Kaufman; **Reader:** Vicki Mitchell; **Ushers:** Jim & Michelle Weiberg; **Depositors:** Darrell Lokken & Ray Hodge **Fellowship Hosts:** Al & Marge Kelling, Jill Waite, Carmon Shaw & James & Jeannette Green

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Laura Carle; **Worship Assistant/Acolyte:** Sarah Channel; **Reader:** William Rabung; **Communion Assistant:** Jenifer Kaufman; **Ushers/Greeters:** Darrel & Elaine Lokken; **Depositors:** Gene & Eileen Schermer; **Fellowship Hosts:** **ANNUAL PIE AUCTION & POTLUCK**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor: Rev. Val Metropoulos; **Liturgist:** Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant/Acolyte:** Richard Kraiger; **Reader:** Naomi Kraiger; **Communion Assistant:** Jeni Kaufman; **Ushers/Greeters:** Coleman & Laura Carle; **Depositors:** Karen & Mike Barkstrom; **Fellowship Hosts:** family of Goldie Palmer, Leif & Lynn Tangvald & Darrell & Elaine Lokken

HYMN FESTS

The first Sunday of each month, we gather at 9:45 to sing some of your favorite hymns. Kris Burns provides the music. You can request your favorite hymns and we will sing them! The Hymn Fest happens the first Sunday of each month. (November 2) "Singing hymns are prayers to God's ear." **PLEASE JOIN US**



UNDER THE BRIDGE Food Needs

Please bring bread, lunchmeat, makings for sandwiches, to the church by November 17th. We will be preparing sandwiches for the Under the Bridge ministry. We will be serving sandwiches on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 19TH.



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Geri Stubb
- 2 Heather Mitby
- 7 Lynn Tangvald
- 9 Jane Schermer
- 12 Jill Waite
- 13 Dave Edwards, Ken Mitchell
- 14 Leif Tangvald
- 17 Craig Anneberg
- 21 Greg Stubb
- 22 Theresa Kaufman

- 26 Judi Hubbard
- 27 Sarah (Braaten) Gardiner, Goldie Palmer (90 years old), Roger Shaw
- 29 Jenifer Kaufman
- 30 Naomi Kraiger

ANNIVERSARIES

- 27 Amy & Mark Ostwald

PRAYING FOR.....

Dan Fackrell, Tim Olden, Molly Johnson, Evelyn Ellingsen, Alva Day, Eleanor Knapp, Nicole Claussen, Pam Thorson, Al Carlberg, BJ Bastin, Richard Kraiger, Doug George, Gwen, Karuna Johnson, Shelbie and Dan Offrink and their daughters, Don Stubb, Nicole, Aileen Long, Ginger Cameron, Richard, Peyton Willis, Melvin Thompson, Melissa Smiley, Gloria Bilderback, Kenny Broussard, Dana, Larry Freeman, Kari Maynard Baretich, Trish Safstrom-Smalley, the family of Larry Fredericks, the family and friends of Nancy Miller, for those who are unhoused, and for long-term caregivers Carol Stubb & Jack Bastin; for the young people and workers at the youth center.

SCHOLARSHIPS WERE GIVEN BY THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

**Michael Pellessier
Molly Rabung
Jordan Weiberg
Luke Ostwald
Emily Pentilla**

THANKS WE HAVE RECEIVED

To The Endowment Committee

Thank you so much for your serious donation to my future. This money will help immensely with fees and books at Grays Harbor College these next few years. It means so much that AGLC is supporting me in my future endeavors. Thanks again! Jordan Weiberg

*Dear Amazing Saints,
Thank you for your gifts and prayers for our Habitat affiliate. We appreciate you continued support as we seek to show God's love and change lives here in Grays Harbor. Blessings,
Larry Burgher*

Did someone say **CHANGE**.....
be of good cheer!

Be still and know that I am God

For almost a year we have been beginning our service with a minute of silence. What is happening during that time for you? Are you comfortable and wanting more silence or are you uncomfortable and experiencing a dis-ease with the silence? This time for silence is about emptying our thoughts and minds of the clutter—quieting ourselves to hear Gods gently quiet voice speaking to us.

*This past year a fresh Spirit has been blowing through Amazing Grace and that brings **CHANGE**. Our Worship committee and the Liturgical Arts Team have been examining what is essential in worship. One area we are working on is creating a space in the sanctuary of physical simplicity to allow more room for the sacred to enter. At times you may have noticed the removal of certain items on the back alter, but other times we add something back -creating a sense of celebration and specialness during certain Sundays in the church calendar year or special services. Simplicity rids us of all distractions, leaving our hearts and minds for God to enter. Simplicity also allows us to focus more on God and connect with what God wants us to do. We are prayerful as we consider any change and whether that change adds to our focus on God or does it distract? This has included the wonderful sound of the hand bells and choir singing and playing from the back of the sanctuary.*

*Amazing Grace Council and other teams are working on behalf of what this congregation identified through a prayerful process during the transition and call process.....and **CHANGE** is never easy. In an ever changing society where only one in five attend church and less than 2% in the Pacific NW we need to do our part to avoid becoming marginalized by society but remain relevant and bring **HOPE** to a hurting world.*

Peace, Diane Hanson

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School is now taking place right after worship. Each week we'll all be in worship (so that we can all experience the holiness of worship together and young people can learn how to worship.) Then we head up to the Parish Hall where we'll move to the new Sunday School room.

We know that faith is taught best in the home and that



children learn best from parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles. Amazing Grace understands its role as one of supporting families in teaching and living the faith in our whole lives, not just Sunday morning. That means **YOU ARE ALL INVITED** to stay with your child, learning together. **EVERYONE IS INVITED INTO THIS TIME AS WE LEARN TOGETHER, THE YOUNG BRINGING THEIR FRESH VISION AND SENSE OF WONDER; THE MATURE BRINGING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM.**

We'll hear the Bible stories in a new way in Sunday School and then learn more deeply what they mean for our lives through activities and arts, song and sign language.

Watch for future events and other ways that Amazing Grace hopes to support you and your family in growing in faith together.

Sunday Times

Sunday Times for Jr and Sr High Youth will **meet this month, Sunday, November 30th. We will meet after church from 11:15 to 11:45.**

Help yourself to refreshments from coffee hour and join us in the Youth Room downstairs to start the year off, make some decisions and receive what blessings God has in store for us this year.

COMMUNION BREAD RECIPE

We always want to bring our best to worship. If you are interested baking bread for the Lord's Supper, here is an easy recipe. Please let us know in the office that you're bringing bread.
THANK YOU!

Sift together 3 times:

2 cups whole wheat flour
1 cup white flour
1-1/4 tsp. baking powder
1-1/4 tsp. salt

Stir in 4 tsp. oil. Set aside



in

Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved:

3/4 cup & 2 TBS very hot water

3 TBS honey

3 TBS molasses

Add wet to dry ingredients and mix well. Should be slightly sticky. Do not knead.

Divide into 4 balls; flatten each into a 1/4 inch thick disk. Score each

Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove, brush top with oil. Bake another 5-8 minutes. This recipe makes 4 loaves and most Sundays we use 2.

A Message to Nancy Miller's Family and Friends 10/22/2014

Our dad is Loyd Gill. In recent years Nancy Miller has been a special friend and constant companion to our Dad.

We are saddened by her passing, but live with memories for a life time. Nancy first entered our lives when we were kids. Our mom cut and styled hair for family and friends. Nancy was always known as Mrs. Lauder, Annette's mom. She brought Annette to our house to get her hair cut. Nancy always seemed very proper and had a calm, friendly, dignified presence.

Forty or so years later we met her again. This time when the 2 Lutheran churches merged and we would see her at a Sunday service. Nancy became a great companion to Dad after we lost our mom. Seeing them happy together made us so happy for them both. What a pair they were! Nancy was the "energizer bunny." She was involved in many social circles –the Beta group, square dancing, activities at church, the infamous marble game & probably others we didn't know about.

She helped Dad expand his social circle by including him in hers. Each time I called to check up on Dad, I had to plan my calls around his social life with Nancy. Our visits to see Dad became visits that included them both – dinner & dancing at the Elks, breakfast at Anne Marie's with Dixie & Glenn, Bonnie Whitimaki and others. Then Sunday mornings at church with the social gathering after the service. Nancy was never ready to leave till she had made the rounds to greet all the people she knew.

She was always so beautifully dressed even when we took her to the beach, a place our family has enjoyed for years. Taking off her shoes, walking in the surf with Dad, collecting shells & rocks and watching the birds were things we enjoyed together as recently as July of this year. Our memory will be of her arm-in-arm with Dad with a grin on her face. As weak as she was becoming, she did not want to wait in the restaurant or the car, she wanted to walk with us.

Nancy also shared her talents with my sister and I. We have hand written messages from her on her special floral cards and the ribbon flower corsages she shared with us.

We have photos that she took as she documented the repair & transformation of Dad's living room and kitchen.

Her eye for color and help in moving the furniture & dishes during construction helped Dad get the job done.

Nancy had such a special energy & spirit. She was a special person in our lives. She was so proud of and dedicated to her family. And she included us as part of her family, just as we included her as part of ours.

Thank you all for being such a support to Nancy as she made this last journey. Let's all cherish our memories of a life well lived.

Loyd Gill's "Kids"
Sandy, Pam & Ron



Nancy Lauder Miller
October 20, 2014

**AFFIRMATION OF
BAPTISM**
Madison Green
November 2, 2014



**GOLDIE PALMER
RECEPTION
November 30
during Fellowship**

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK & PIE AUCTION



Sunday, November 23rd after worship.....

Start preparing your pies.....

What you should bring: A-J Salads;

K-O Desserts; P-Z Casseroles

or bring whatever is convenient for you!

**We will be auctioning off another Bob
Salmon box.....this is another dandy!**

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Church Council Meeting Minutes October 14, 2014

Members present: Mark Smalley, Chrissie Kincaid, Coleman Carle, Diane Hansen, Dee Erickson, Kristine Finazzo, Mike Kupka, Chris Seelke, Pastor Val Metropoulos

Members absent: Jeanette Green

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Mark.

Opening devotions: Jeanette provided opening devotions which were read by Mark in her absence.

Assignment of prayer tasks:

Thanksgiving: Diane
Intercession: Mark
Petition: Pastor
Praise: Kristine

Assignment of time keeper and opinion collector tasks:

Timekeeper: Chrissie
Opinion Collector: Kristine

Quorum established.

Agenda reviewed, corrected (Item "1" Policies added) and m/s/a.

The minutes of the September 9th were reviewed and m/s/a.

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report – Chrissie answered all questions regarding the treasurer's report (see attached).

A discussion was held about the title of the "Paint the Church Fund". It was m/s/a to change the title to "Project Maintenance Fund". Mark led a discussion about Portico Medical Insurance and the upcoming changes that need to be decided by October 17th as to employee coverage.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 6:55 to discuss employee insurance issues. The Council reconvened at 7:18.

Financial Secretary's Report – Mike reviewed the Financial Report (see attached) and answered all questions. He noted that he has not yet set up Depositor Training sessions.

Business Items:

Mission Planning Retreat Schedule: It was agreed that the Council will hold a retreat over two separate evenings in the fellowship hall using the book "Living Lutheran" on October 28 and November 4 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Mutual Ministry Committee – No discussion.

Fellowship Hall Use – A church member and her family have asked to use the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen for their Thanksgiving celebration. It was noted that we don't have any policies written about the use of the Hall or the Kitchen. Kristine will write up a list of "do's and don'ts" and give to Mark so that he can write a policy. It was also agreed that this family may use the Hall and Kitchen. Mark will make contact with the family.

Committee for Bel Aire property – Kristine will put together a committee, hopefully of a mix of former Trinity and Our Savior's members, to begin discussing what to do with the Bel Aire property. Several names were mentioned as possible committee members. The Council requested the Committee to come up with three viable alternatives by January 2015.

First Call Coaching – Pastor Val noted that she has been asked to become a "coach" for three pastors in the South West Washington Synod who are experiencing their first call. She stated that this will be funded by a Lilly Grant. This will begin in January or February and nothing is required from

our congregation other than the understanding of Pastor's commitment to meet 1:1, once a month and then to meet as a group once a quarter. She will also be attending training in Chicago in November.

Newsletter articles – Council members were encouraged to write newsletter articles about their Ministries as this is the best way to communicate with the congregation.

Council Meeting times – It was agreed that 6:15pm is a good time to start Council meetings and Tuesdays are generally a good day of the week to continue to meet.

Budget Committee – It was noted that the Budget Committee consisting of Mark, Diane, Chrissie, Mike and Pastor Val, will begin meeting sometime in November.

Policies – Mark reported that Arlene Torgerson and Gene Schermer are meeting to begin revising the Policy Manual.

Ministry Reports:

Fellowship – Dee reported that she is still currently looking for a good price for an AED (automated external defibrillator) that will be purchased by part of the funds from the upcoming Pie Auction which will be November 23. She also noted that the PLU Christmas Concert will be Sunday, December 7 (tickets go on sale November 3). Also mentioned that Holden Village Women's Retreat will be February 6-9, 2015.

Worship – Diane reported that the Worship Committee is meeting with Pastor Val on October 18 to discuss the book "The Dangerous Act of Worship". She also noted that a Living Stone Ministry speaker will give a talk on Sunday in November, the Liturgical Arts Team (LAT) will be meeting to plan for Advent and Christmas, and a new liturgy has begun. Diane also talked about how soon the back two rows will be roped off to create a narthex or gathering area. Not only will this create a gathering area but it will also allow more red hymnals to be moved to other pews where there is a shortage. She also encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to go the Sunday School because good things are happening there!

Property – Coleman submitted an updated Project list from the Property Committee (see attached). Discussion was held on what to do with the walkway into the Fellowship Hall (by the church office) because of it being so slippery when wet. The Property Committee will continue to investigate solutions. Mark reported that the Endowment Committee gave \$2400 to the Building & Maintenance fund.

Outreach – Kristine discussed the upcoming Pie Auction and where the money raised should go. It has previously been discussed that an AED would be purchased. The Council discussed the need to tithe 10% to an outreach project. Discussion was held about annually selecting an outreach project. The Outreach Committee will discuss this further and come to a decision. Kristine also talked about the possibility of having an "Outreach Fair" where all Ministries would participate to provide information to our congregation. This will possibly happen in February.

Youth & Family – Chris reported that background checks are currently being done. Chris and Pastor reported that the Youth Group has successfully combined with the Presbyterians. They will alternate between churches. Chris noted that Amy Ostwald will lead an intergenerational hike on October 25th and Lynnette Lile is again offering Sunday Times right after worship, during the Sunday School time.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Val submitted her report for September 2014 (see attached) and noted pertinent upcoming dates.

Task Assignments:

- Kristine: Write a “do’s/don’t” list for Mike regarding Fellowship Hall/Kitchen use.
Form a committee to discuss Bel Aire property.
- Mark : Begin writing a policy regarding Fellowship Hall/Kitchen use.
Contact church member & family about using the hall on Thanksgiving.
- Dee: Devotions in November.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm and closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Erickson

Dee Erickson, Acting Secretary

PASTOR’S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2014

- WORSHIP LEADERSHIP** 4 Sunday worship services - Chose hymns and liturgy
Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing
Prepare liturgy weekly so it connects with Narrative Lectionary
Prayer
Study for Narrative Lectionary 2014/2015
Plan and prepare for worship leadership with Kris, Hank and Diane
Bake communion bread
New liturgy – recruit and encourage musicians; making new liturgy music available
- ADMINISTRATION** Council meeting monthly – plan and prepare
Newsletter – Write content; proof and design
Prepare bulletins with secretary for worship 4 Sundays
Meet with Ministry Team leaders as needed
Meet w/ Youth Center director monthly
Plan to host Conference gathering for Synod at Amazing Grace
Coordinate with Kairos speaker; Living Stones pastor
- PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING** Homebound and assisted living visits
Baptism – family and sponsors meeting
Wedding planning; marriage preparation counseling
- OUTREACH/VISITATION** Jesuit Volunteer support; met with regional supervisor
Under the Bridge Ministry – 1 Wednesday
Housing Coalition meeting monthly
Pastor’s group – meets monthly to plan and coordinate ministry
Coffee Ministry – meet to chat about life/faith as often as possible
Facebook page – outreach through social media.
Diagnosing and addressing software issues/needs
Quilters – meet monthly to connect with them and their ministry
Youth Center – met with licensing agency reps. to report on our work
with GHYC offering concerns and/or praises.
Outreach group – discernment of outreach possibilities
- BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE** Organized/helped volunteers to clean out new S. S. space
Plan for worship at Bel Aire property
Kick-off Sunday with Presbyterians – help with clean-up; recruiting
volunteers for set-up & clean-up.
Set-up projection equipment; work out details and kinks of its use
- YOUTH AND FAMILY** Background checks – research process; communication with appropriate
agencies; paperwork

Sunday School – preparing and helping to lead;
researching curriculum tie-in with lectionary; order-
ing curriculum; Meet with leaders of S.S. and Sunday
Times;

Prepare to teach Faith 101 three times a week – book
study; preparing participant's guide for secretary to
copy; ordering books

Plan w/ Pastor Doug for Youth Group; meet with
youth group; recruit young people to participate

Plan confirmation; research curriculum and order

Plan and coordinate Prayer Partners with Carmon
Shaw

STEWARDSHIP

OFFICIAL ACTS (Baptisms, funerals, weddings): None

VACATION 0 days of vacation in September; 1

Sunday away from worship for continuing education

CONTINUING EDUCATION: 3 hour webinar in

support of Narrative Lectionary preaching

PLU Lutheran Studies

Conference – 6 hours

Reading: *Old Testament Theology; Dangerous Worship;*

Surprised by Hope and *Living Lutheran*

Silent Centering Prayer retreat

Upcoming dates: Oct. 28th Bishop Jaechs visits

AGLC for meeting with conference pastors

Nov. 2 – Affirmation of Baptism –
Madison Green

Nov. 7, 8, 9 – Kairos group stay-
ing in Parish Hall

Nov. 16 Pastor Norm Arnold is
guest preacher (Living Stones prison ministry at
Shelton)

Nov. 17-20 (Mon – Thur) training
in Chicago to coach first call pastors; funded by a Lilly
Grant



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