



The monthly Newsletter of:

July 2022

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

Gather in Grace

Grow in Faith

Go in Service



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

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



Pastor's Message

One of our members joined the staff for lunch the other day. Perhaps noticing how much quieter the building is now without the Little Lambs Preschool in session, he asked, "So, is there less work to do this time of year?"

We all laughed.

While it is true that there are fewer events happening and many of our congregation's programs are coming into a lull around the turn of the season, there is certainly no shortage of work in the church office. There are still bulletins (and newsletters!) to produce, worship services to plan, members to call, and many other things to keep us busy.

I think of this as we not only move from spring into summer, but from our "festival year" (Advent through Pentecost) into the long, green season known in the Church as "ordinary time." The Sundays from here through the end of November are numbered ("ordinary" refers to being "numbered," not "mundane") as "Sundays after Pentecost," and they stretch into what sometimes seems like an interminable stretch of "ordinariness." Depending on when Easter falls, there can be as many as 23 Sundays after Pentecost—almost a literal "month of Sundays."

However, although there are few special holidays to break up this "month of Sundays," the time is, in some ways, anything but "ordinary." The color for this season is green, recalling the growth we see mirrored in the foliage outside. This is a season of growth for Christians, too, as we reflect on the "ordinary" work of discipleship. Having inhabited again the cycle of Jesus stories from the Incarnation through the Resurrection, we are now given the opportunity to allow those stories to inhabit us: to shape and form us for ministry.

These first few Sundays in July in particular are stories about discipleship: to what Jesus calls us, the cost of that following, and how we might follow that call. This is a time for us to contemplate what discipleship means for each of us. How am I called to follow? Why do I follow?

As we consider these questions in our individual lives, we are also encountering them as a community. Who is Agnus Dei? How is Christ calling this community into God's work? How will we respond to that call? Especially now in the wake of COVID, these questions have become even more important for us to think about. Beginning this summer, the Church Council will be working on a plan to lead us in contemplating these questions as a community with the intent to discern a vision, mission and values for our congregation moving forward.

The task of discipleship is communal as much as it is individual. Even as we are each called to consider if, how and why we are following Jesus, we are called to ask these questions together. As we enter into this "ordinary time" I look forward to contemplating with you what "ordinary" life as an "ordinary" congregation looks like for us, and growing together into that reality to which God is calling us. Blessings on your summer!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Seth



Pastor Seth Novak



Please let Pastor Seth know if you are in need of pastoral care. If you would like to be contacted please call the office at 253-851-6222 or email pastorseth@agnusdeilutheran.org
In an emergency, you can reach Pastor Seth at 253-448-3481.

NEWS FROM YOUR COUNCIL: JULY

It's been a busy season for your church council. We welcomed three new council members in June, Linda Olson, Gary Gemar and Linda Ribary who was filling a 1 year term. Each have been elected to a 3 year term. We thank each of them for their upcoming service.

At the same time we send Gene Kuest and Susan Whitney off with our thanks and appreciation for their service as their terms have been completed.

Your council has scheduled a two day retreat in August to take time to reflect and celebrate what we have accomplished together. And to undertake a discernment process for the upcoming year that includes reflection, renewal, and relationship building for our congregation.

There continue to be many ways to stay involved in Sunday services this summer. You can work on Altar Guild, Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Stream Team/Sound System, Ushers/Greeters and bringing flowers. For more information give me a call or anyone on the council.

Happy Summer!

Thank you,

Lynette Brentin

Council President



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Joint Ecumenical Youth Group

Since the beginning of the year, Agnus Dei has been working with Gig Harbor United Methodist, St. John's Episcopal, and Fox Island United Church of Christ to offer monthly gatherings for middle and high school youth. June was our last gathering for the school year, but the Joint Youth Group Board has been hard at work to put a plan together for continuing this program in the fall. Right now, work is underway to build a partnership for supporting a full-time youth minister to run this program. This staff person would be shared by the four churches and supervised by the board. A job description has been written and should be posted soon. We look forward to continuing to build this exciting program together! If you are interested in learning more about the Joint Youth Group, talk to Pr. Seth.

Kids Night Out- July 15, Join the Fun!

This is a repeating monthly event on the third Friday. The next Kids Night Out is scheduled for Friday, July 15, from 6 to 8 pm and will repeat on August 19. This fun evening is planned for kids ages 4-12 to play at the church while their parents have a couple of hours to themselves. Games, crafts and snacks are included. If you would like to help with this event please contact Denny Sapp. If you have a child who would like to come, the registration link will be included in the Thursday emails for each of the two weeks prior to the event.





Being good stewards calls for each of us to share our financial success with those who have less than we do, share our talents to benefit others, and give of our time to do good.

Members of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church are well practiced in the art of “STEWARDSHIP” as evidenced by the generous support given to a wide array of opportunities. In addition to ADLC being a strong financial supporter of the ELCA’s World Hunger Program, the monthly outreach programs serve needs locally, nationally and internationally. Our outreach programs have included the following:

- Annual toilet paper drive to support local food banks
- Toiletries for incarcerated women
- Winter coats for Veterans
- Quilts for refugees assembled by the quilters group
- Hats/caps from the knitters group
- Comfort shawls for the ill
- Meals prepared for the Tacoma Hill Top meal program
- Food and monetary contributions to FB4K (Food Backpacks 4 Kids)
- Periodic food drives to support local food banks
- Travel packets for releasees from the ICE Detention Center
- Diaper drives to support local agencies
- Facility use by Meaningful Movies, Together Women Rise (formerly Dining for Women), Peninsula Youth Orchestra, housing coalition, AA meetings, Peninsula Art League
- Raising awareness for social justice issues in our community
- Involvement in the Gig Harbor homeless coalition

“God’s work; our hands” is being lived out at Agnus Dei Lutheran Church. Thank you for sharing your time and talent—in addition to your financial offerings.

AGNUS DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH				
2022 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT as of May 31, 2022				
	Jan -May <u>Actual</u>	Jan - May <u>Budget</u>	% of YTD <u>Budget</u>	2022 <u>Budget</u>
OPERATING INCOME:				
Cash on Hand	14,156	25,000	56.6%	25,000
Unrestricted Offerings	183,540	173,272	105.9%	430,000
Comm'ty Connect Contract	5,420	5,421	100.0%	5,421
Other Income	1,509	1,525	99.0%	3,400
TOTAL INCOME	204,625	205,219	92.8%	463,821
NOTE: % Calculation only includes Income, not "Cash on Hand"				
OPERATING EXPENSES & LIABILITIES:				
Ministry of Education	1,151	3,050	37.7%	6,100
Ministry of Mission	11,418	11,447	99.7%	28,050
Ministry of Programs	2,110	3,140	67.2%	9,200
Administrative Expenses	71,055	70,113	101.3%	172,000
Staff and Services	118,891	114,392	103.9%	250,019
TOTAL EXPENSE/LIABILITIES	204,625	202,142	101.2%	465,369
NET OPERATING INCOME	-	3,077		(1,548)
* Detailed financial reports are available upon request. Contact the Office Administrator to request a copy.				
Prepared by Julie Bell June 13, 2022				

Giving to Others (year-to-date)	
ELCA Mission Support	9,426
ELCA World Hunger	5,753
ELCA Disaster Relief	700
FISH	1,525
Key Peninsula Food Bank	373
Immigrant Lunch Project	1,310
Food Backpacks 4 Kids	1,713

TOTAL RESERVES	
Building Fund	33,924
Above & Beyond	27,714
Rental House Reserve	48,654
Operating Reserve	40,000
Gifts and Endowments	121,198
TOTAL, ALL RESERVES	271,490

News From Our Community Outreach Team



July Outreach—Youngest Residents of the Tiny House Village at 6th and Orchard, Tacoma

Our project this month is providing items for the approximately 15 children currently living there. We are focusing on summer fun activities and snacks. There are 8 toddlers, 3 second/third graders and 2 fifth/sixth graders. They ask that the items be new or lightly used.

Activity Suggestions:

- ♥ Hula Hoops
- ♥ Jump ropes
- ♥ Balls
- ♥ Coloring books and crayons
- ♥ Books
- ♥ Bubbles
- ♥ Racket Games
- ♥ Hot Wheels Cars

Snack Suggestions:

- ♥ Juice Boxes
- ♥ Individual packages of cookies or crackers
- ♥ Individual packages of chips
- ♥ Water
- ♥ Fruit Gummies
- ♥ Granola Bars

In addition to these items the families living there can always use paper products for eating and drinking. Toilet paper is an ongoing need as well. They also said they would love a sandbox. If anyone has one or could build one please let us know! Items can be left in the special projects bins in the narthex. Thanks for your support for this worthy cause!

A 2:26 min. video on the Tiny House Village can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZNP04oRBtE>

August Outreach—School supplies!

It's not too early to think about school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. That will be our service project for August. However some of the best sales happen in late July. We hope to get a Thrivent grant to help with expenses. Gail Brandt is already planning to make "many" bags to hold the supplies. Please bring supplies to the donation station.

So, the list is:

- Non gel pens
- #2 pencils unsharpened
- Pink erasers
- Safe scissors- not pointed
- 16or 24 pack crayons
- Pencil sharpener
- ruler-12 inch
- Spiral notebook-40 pages



Updates on Past Projects:

May Outreach—Diaper Derby Wrap Up— Exciting News!

Our horse, Swift Water, is the winner with a **1st place finish** in the Preakness Division in this year's Diaper Derby. Agnus Dei members contributed 2,516 diapers and 3,004 baby wipes in the joint effort with the Kiwanis Club of Gig Harbor in the Diaper Derby drive, a fun and competitive diaper drive supporting Baby Corner's West Sound hub in Bremerton to meet diaper needs for local children. Well done, everyone. Shall we participate again next year?

June Outreach—Lunches for Tacoma Rescue Mission

The Tacoma Rescue Mission is undergoing a much-needed upgrade to their kitchen; so, for the month of June they were unable to cook meals for those that they serve.

For the June outreach project we provided 200 sack lunches to the Tacoma Rescue Mission. Many gathered to make 400 sandwiches and assemble the sack lunches. Thank you to all of the workers and all those who donated supplies for the lunches. Left over supplies were donated to the mission for further lunches. Along with congregational support and a grant from Thrivent this project was a great success.



Sandwich making crew, 6.29.22

We remember in prayer:

For comfort and healing:

* Sonja Miller	* Barbara Ausich
* George Mitchell	* Deb Brueckner
* Toni Ortenzo	* Chiarra Buster
* Michi Ouichi	* Audrey Clinton
* Joannah Powers	* Richard and Marilyn Hermstad
* Ellis Rousseau	* Connie Hummel
* Anne Sapp	* Ardith Johnson
* Johnny Tierny	* Martha Johnson
* Trudy Wagner	* Jack Oakes
* Eunice Werner	

In service to our country:

* CAPT. Jenny Nussbaum, US Public Health Service

Summer Cleanout Project

The storage room behind the sanctuary, often referred to as the "Outback" is in need of a severe cleanout. Like many storage areas, it has become more and more crowded over the years as the depository for unused items. Our properties team is spearheading a cleanout day, Saturday, July 9 at 9:30am. If you have a knack for organization and are willing to lend a hand, the team would love your input. If you have an interest in any of the items stored there, now would be a good time to give your input as well.

Contact the church office or Don Krump in either case.

Parish Nurses Appreciation Reception

On Sunday, July 24 following the second service we will take time to thank our long time parish nurses, Gwen Daus and Zoe Holmes for their many years of service in caring for our Agnus Dei community. They have written informative news articles, arranged rides for appointments, checked blood pressures, answered health related questions, followed up on health concerns with calls and letters and promoted health and wellness in countless other ways. Please join us for a cake reception and show our appreciation to Gwen and Zoe.



We Celebrate...

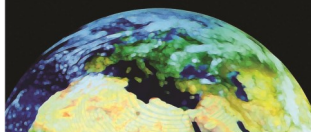
JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Katie Schinkel, Sawyer Latimer, Holly Robinson Hogeberg
3	Laura Latimer, Leah Frazier
5	Harry Hoiland
6	Laura Baxter
7	Dane Beals
10	Kathleen Kulman, Eunice Werner
11	Rhonda Sobie
12	Angela Brueckner
13	Dick Baerg, Carol Dana, Larry Ellingson
14	Jason Barelli, Tom Bradford
15	Howard Larsen
16	Joy McCraw, Autumn Clark
17	Joannah Powers
18	Doug Page, Bob Nussbaum, Elaine Erickson
20	Lance Colyar
23	Isabelle Beaudette
25	Lyle Miller
26	Duane Erickson
27	Kari Oliver
28	Jane Wagner, Robin Winslow
29	Anne Sapp, Doug Holien
30	Kristin Kulman, Dick Ohme
31	Mary Beth Harrison, Nels Peterson, Trudy Wagner

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

5	Sharon Ebelt and George Unruh
10	Richard and Marilyn Hermstad
13	Harlan and Pat Damron
18	Doug and Kristin Page
20	Larry and Jerry Mjelde
21	Howard and Karen Larsen
24	Wayne and Kathy Stark
25	Brett and Stacy Bigger
27	Ed and Laura Baxter
31	Jack and Maryfran Oakes
31	Scott and Margaret Duncan

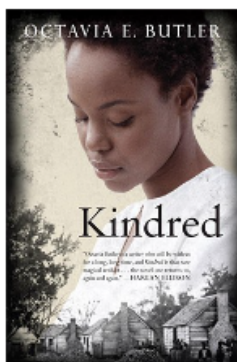
A Message from
Agnus Dei's
Green Team



The Council has authorized the Green Team to resupply our kitchen with enough utensils, plates, bowls, cups and cloth napkins to furnish an event for up to 80 people. If you are so inclined, please donate money to this project. We will accept any new or gently used cloth napkins that you have available. For everything else we will purchase items that are of like kind. Therefore providing funds is our need. You can designate on your giving notice that money is going to this project. Our goal is to only use reusable items going forward for eating events at the church. There will be a day scheduled for anyone interested in learning to use the dishwasher.

Agnus Dei Book Group

Book group will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Sunday July 31 right after our service, around 11:15 to discuss *Kindred* by Octavia Butler. If you have any questions please contact Linda Zehnder or Susan Whitney. We hope to see all interested readers on July 31!



Kindred

by Octavia E. Butler

★★★★★ 4.29 avg rating — 146,612 ratings — published 1979

The first science fiction written by a black woman, *Kindred* has become a cornerstone of black American literature. This combination of slave memoir, fantasy, and historical fiction is a novel of rich literary complexity. Having just celebrated her 26th birthday in 1976 California, Dana, an African-A ...more



Summer Choir

Save the dates and join the choir for a Sunday or two this summer!

We will have Summer pick-up Choir on July 17 & August 21

Rehearse in the Sanctuary from 9:15 – 9:45 on Sunday morning to prepare music for worship.

All are welcome!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Little Lambs Preschool A Mission of Agnus Dei Lutheran



Little Lambs is on summer break now but enrollment for the 2022-23 school year will continue through the summer. This year's enrollment is going better than the last few years. We have spots left in our second 2 1/2's class, our 3's class and just a couple of spots in our Pre K class. One of our 2 1/2's class and our 4/5's class are both full. If you have a preschooler interested in our program please send them our way ASAP!



Through **September 4**, Labor Day Weekend

We will have one hybrid* service only

on **Sundays at 10:00 am**

* Hybrid is both in-person and livestream

Serving in Worship, July

		Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Stream Team/ Sound	Ushers/ Greeters	Flowers
July 3	10:00 AM	Kathy Higgins Elsa Nesbit	David Salge	Ralph Costanzo	Don Krump	S Shema	
July 10	10:00 AM	Joy McCraw Marlene Bridgforth	Marilyn Colyar	Chuck Carlson	Bob Nussbaum	B Beals	
July 17	10:00 AM	Sue Lubash Rebecca Crow	Daryl Daugs	Don Krump	Bob Beals	D&L Brentin	
July 24	10:00 AM	Suzanne Shema, Sheryl Costanzo	Randy Spitzer	Randy Spitzer	Mike Snowden	D Sapp	
July 31	10:00 AM	Kimberly Morgan	Dave Schinkel	Daryl Daugs	Bob Nussbaum		

Thank you to the volunteers who serve in worship.

More volunteers are needed in all areas

and training is readily available.

The following are the folks who are currently scheduling:

Lynette Brentin—Ushers and Greeters

Debbie Snowden—Stream Team and Sound System

Shari Shull—Assisting Ministers

Paula Davis—Lectors

Kimberly Morgan—Altar Guild

Please contact the office or call these folks directly if you are willing to serve.

Flowers for worship are needed as well. The sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway across from the nametag board. **All of the Sundays in July are blank at this time.**

Important reminders for In-person gatherings

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

In our effort to make everyone welcome, please be aware the chemicals used in scented products make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. We ask our entire community to be mindful of this and refrain from using perfume/cologne and other scented products when coming to

Let's Wear Our Nametags

As a sign of hospitality to visitors, please remember to wear your nametag! If you are in need of a new nametag, please call or email the church office or leave a note on Cindy's desk.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00am Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 11:15am Book Group	27 1:00pm LWR Quilters	28 10:30am Church Staff Meeting	29 10:00am Text Study with Zoom and In-Person 11:30am Lunch Prep for Tacoma Rescue Mission 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	30 6:00pm AA	1	2 8:30am Men's Square 8:30am Women's Circle
3 10:00am Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 3:00pm Memorial for Dick Werner	4 4th of July Church Office Closed	5	6 10:00am Text Study with Zoom and In-Person 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 6:00pm AA	8	9 9:30am Outback Cleanout
10 10:00am Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion	11 1:00pm LWR Quilters	12 10:30am Church Staff Meeting 1:00pm Worship Committee Mtg 7:00pm Council Meeting	13 10:00am Text Study with Zoom and In-Person 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	14 6:00pm AA	15 6:00pm Kids Night Out	16
17 9:15am Pickup Choir 10:00am Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 12:30pm Book Group	18 1:00pm LWR Quilters	19 10:30am Church Staff Meeting 1:00pm Gather Bible Study 5:30pm Peninsula Art League	20 10:00am Text Study with Zoom and In-Person 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	21 5:30pm Theology on Tap at Round Table 6:00pm AA	22	23
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Hybrid: In-person and Online

All hybrid services are left on [Agnus Dei's YouTube channel](#) for viewing at any time after the service.

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