



The monthly Newsletter of:

October 2022

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

Gather in Grace

Grow in Faith

Go in Service



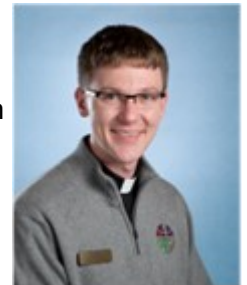
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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

There is a lot happening around Agnus Dei right now. Fall programming is coming back. The new Joint Youth Group is starting up with our new youth director, Jessica Gomez. Story Time is returning to worship, to the delight of many. Our council and our congregation are both thinking about what it means to be the Church in this ever-changing world. After years of conversation, we finally have a proposal regarding the sale of our rental house. And, on top of it all, worship, fellowship, and service programs continue. What I see when I look at Agnus Dei right now is a living, growing, vibrant congregation—one of which I am glad to be a part.



Pastor Seth Novak

This makes it both easy and hard for me to think about stepping away for a bit. Since we welcomed Ada into our family this summer, Stephanie has been able to be home with her while I've kept working. This winter, Stephanie will return to the classroom, and I will be taking my turn being home with Ada. I'm grateful that the State of Washington has made it possible for me to take 12 weeks of paid leave to be with Ada, and even more grateful for a community that will support me in taking this time.

It's easy to think about stepping away because I know from experience that this congregation has strong, capable leaders and members who will continue to do the work to which God has called us while I am away. It's hard because, as much as I want to be with Ada, I also want to be here with you in this time of so much happening. I care about this community and what we are doing, and I hate to miss that. It's only because I trust what God is doing here in and among the people of Agnus Dei that I am comfortable doing this.

My leave will begin January 1 and extend through March 26, putting me back here just in time for Holy Week and Easter. The state will pay 90% of my salary, with the congregation picking up only the remaining 10%. During that time, Pr. Duane Fister will be our (for lack of a better term) interim pastor. He will be working at the church $\frac{3}{4}$ time, providing pastoral care and preaching, leading the weekly text study, assisting in worship planning, coordinating with the staff, and supporting our congregational council and leaders. We'll have more opportunities to learn about and get to know Pr. Duane before I leave in January, including the chance to meet him face-to-face, but in the meantime I can tell you that he is an intelligent, caring and capable pastor who I am glad to know. I am excited to welcome him to Agnus Dei and share with him this congregation I have come to love so much in the last eight years.

I can't tell you what it means to me to be able to take this time, though I suspect those who have raised children can guess. I am excited to spend this intentional time with my little girl, who is getting bigger and stronger by the day. I feel lucky to live in Washington; the state Paid Family and Medical Leave Act recognizes the value of this time for parents to bond with new children, whether they've been welcomed through birth or adoption, as a time to strengthen families and help support children in their development. As followers of Jesus, who welcomed little children and blessed them, I would think that we, also, recognize what a wonderful way this is to show Jesus' love to both children and their parents. These weeks of Ada's life only come once, and I feel blessed and privileged to be able to experience them with her.

Though things will look different here for those 12 weeks, life at Agnus Dei will not slow or stop in my absence—I am sure of that. What I learned (or was reminded) on my Sabbatical is that this is not my congregation: it is Jesus' congregation, and he isn't leaving. Christ will still be with us, leading us on to new and different things, and the Spirit will still be at work among us, stirring us up and pushing us out the door to do ministry. I am working with our church council to make sure that Agnus Dei has adequate

support for my parental leave, but ultimately, my confidence lies in God, who will continue to lead Agnus Dei no matter who is sitting in my office.

I am once again awed by the grace and the joyful generosity of this congregation. Not only has your excitement and support been palpable since I announced our pregnancy, I feel surrounded by love and care now as I prepare to take this time away to be with my daughter. Thank you all and thanks be to God for the love of this amazing community!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Seth



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

Story Time is Coming Back!

Beginning October 9, worship will once again include Story Time. Unlike a “children’s sermon” which is (supposedly) just for children, Story Time is a beloved part of the Agnus Dei worship experience that everyone can enjoy, no matter their age. Every Sunday, Pastor Seth will once again invite forward anyone who would like to see the pictures as he reads a children’s book and connects it to the day’s lessons. Story Time has been on hold since COVID because of concerns about copyright. Because our worship services have been recorded and made available online, we weren’t sure we had permission to make “digital copies” of the books. Since authors and publishers make their living from these books, we didn’t want to do anything that might impact that. However, after researching and discussing, Pastor Seth and the Council believe that Story Time is a Fair Use of copyrighted material, meaning that sharing these stories in the context of worship does not require special permission because it is in line with the intended use of the material and won’t affect sales or the ability of creators to support themselves. Many of us are excited to see Story Time return, even if it means we have to adjust the liturgy a little to keep to our time. Remember, if you want to see the pictures up close, it doesn’t matter how tall you are: everyone is welcome to come up to the front!

NEWS FROM YOUR COUNCIL: October

Now that school is back in session and fall activities are beginning, our days grow busier. We see renewed activity at Church with adult forum beginning once again. We will be serving coffee between services beginning September 25.

At our retreat in August, the Council made a commitment to gather information that you feel is important and describes who we are as a congregation. To help redefine our Mission going forward we have put together a survey for you to take. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YC29HCM>

Once we have compiled information from that survey, we will gather together to take next steps. It is very important that you take the survey! We want to hear from each of you.



Lynette Brentin
Council President

You will see that council has called a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 9th (details on page 3). We want to share two possible opportunities we have for the rental house. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend either in-person or on the Zoom platform.

Exciting news for the Interfaith Youth Program as we welcome our new Youth Director, Jessica Gomez. We had an opportunity to meet Jess on Sept 25 after the second service and she made a wonderful impression! We are looking forward to working with her and the youth in our congregation and community. The first youth gathering for this program year is Oct. 2.

Happy Fall You All!
Thank you,
Lynette Brentin, Council President



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH UPDATE ON OUR RENTAL HOUSE

The Council is scheduling a special congregation meeting on **October 9th at 12:15pm** to discuss the Rental House property adjacent to the church.

Our congregation has been in conversation over the past few years regarding the use and/or sale of our rental house. We have heard a variety of suggestions from the

congregation. There are those who want to sell the property to reduce our monthly mortgage (about \$3,000 per month). There are those who think we should remodel and do something with the building that speaks to our mission.

Most of you probably know that the house is in very poor condition, and needs significant repair work including likely replacement of the current septic system field. While there is a Rental House Reserve Fund, the amount available in that account would not begin to cover the cost of needed repairs.

Earlier this year the Properties Team had a realtor do a walk-through to determine the current value of the house, as is, and determine an initial estimate of what it would cost to take care of necessary repairs and replacements needed if the house were to be sold. The realtor who met with the Properties Team indicated the house could be sold for \$400,000 as-is, with the buyer likely needing to spend \$150,000 to do repairs and updating.

Your church council is pleased to announce that we have been presented with two opportunities to sell the property. Both offers are for the \$400,000 determined to be current value without our having to do any repairs or improvements.

One offer is from the couple who are currently renting the house. They have offered to purchase the house as is.

The second offer is an unexpected opportunity to see the rental house property put to use in providing a home for children and youth touched by the foster care system. Homestead Community (homesteadcommunity.org) is an organization that was founded 10 years ago to address the need for more foster care homes for these children and youth. They work within the foster care system to provide family settings for kids. Their offer is also to purchase the property for \$400,000 as is. They have organized community support and funding to make the necessary repairs and upgrades, so that the house can become a welcoming foster home, with a special focus on keeping siblings together in the same foster home. The Council believes this offer is exciting because it speaks to our mission, while also helping us to reduce our mortgage and avoid potentially expensive repairs that cannot be put off indefinitely.

We have been in contact with Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA (MIF), which holds our mortgage, regarding the possibility of selling the house and what that would require. The rental house property is currently included in the lien guaranteeing the mortgage loan. MIF understands that the current value is approximately \$400,000. MIF has indicated that if ADLC is able to sell the house for that amount and then applies the full amount gained from the sale to the current mortgage loan, then MIF would release the lien on that property.

MIF has also told ADLC that a reduction of \$400,000 of the mortgage loan would reduce ADLC's monthly mortgage payments by approximately \$3,000, providing our congregation with about \$36,000 each year that can be directed to other efforts associated with our mission and values.

The Council recognizes that the congregation must make the decision about how we move forward. We are calling this special congregational meeting on Sunday, October 9th following second service to discuss our opportunities. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Lynette Brentin

Council President



The fall stewardship campaign has come to the point where the members of Agnus Dei are being asked to make a commitment of their support for the ministries of Agnus Dei during 2023. Please consider the example that Paul gave of the Macedonian Christians who begged for the privilege of giving to the Judean Christians during their time of great need. Just as we are facing a time of rising costs, the Macedonians faced a time of poverty in their own lives, and they still managed to exceed the expectations for giving that Paul had.

Please pray and think about what your commitment should be for next year when filling out your Intent Card for 2023. Remember to bring it with you to the Sunday service on October 9 or mail it to Agnus Dei using the stamped envelope that should arrive in the mail if it hasn't already done so. You can also call or email Bob Nussbaum with that information (his contact information will be in the letter that accompanies the Intent Card).

AGNUS DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH				
2022 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT as of August 31, 2022				
	Jan -Aug Actual	Jan -Aug Budget	% of YTD Budget	2022 Budget
OPERATING INCOME:				
Cash on Hand	15,534	25,000	62.1%	25,000
Unrestricted Offerings	286,377	281,060	101.9%	430,000
Comm'ty Connect Contract	5,420	5,421	100.0%	5,421
Other Income	2,735	2,265	120.8%	3,400
TOTAL INCOME	310,067	313,746	98.8%	463,821
NOTE: % Calculation only includes Income, not "Cash on Hand"				
OPERATING EXPENSES & LIABILITIES:				
Ministry of Education	1,651	4,800	34.4%	6,100
Ministry of Mission	18,338	17,914	102.4%	28,050
Ministry of Programs	2,630	4,740	55.5%	9,200
Administrative Expenses	111,132	109,725	101.3%	172,000
Staff and Services	176,316	171,855	102.6%	250,019
TOTAL EXPENSE/LIABILITIES	310,067	309,034	100.3%	465,369
NET OPERATING INCOME	(0)	4,712		(1,548)
* Detailed financial reports are available upon request. Contact the Office Administrator to request a copy.				
Prepared by Julie Bell September 9, 2022				

Giving to Others (year-to-date)	
ELCA Mission Support	17,282
ELCA World Hunger	7,924
ELCA Disaster Relief	1,000
FISH	2,437
Key Peninsula Food Bank	897
Immigrant Lunch Project	1,101
Food Backpacks 4 Kids	3,179

TOTAL RESERVES	
Building Fund	33,245
Above & Beyond	28,434
Rental House Reserve	48,695
Operating Reserve	40,000
Gifts and Endowments	121,279
TOTAL, ALL RESERVES	271,653



KIDS. FAMILY. COMMUNITY.

The Food Backpacks 4 Kids program in Gig Harbor is currently seeking Board Members. There is an immediate need to fill the position of Treasurer. For more information, please contact ADLC member Beverly Buster (current FB4K Board President) at 253-861-5529.

<https://www.foodbackpacks4kids.org/>

Pet Blessing, Oct 2, 12:00 pm

In celebration of the Feast of St Francis, all pets and their humans are invited to a Pet Blessing today after the second service inside the fenced play yard.

Cider Pressing-- Oct 2, 2-5 pm

Event for families with children, including grandparents and caregivers too! Gather at Pastor Seth's house to press cider. Please bring a few apples to juice and a snack or drink to share. There will also be an opportunity to tour the bee hives and taste some fresh honey!

News From Our Service Committee

Gods Work, Our Hands—Such generosity! So many school supplies!

On Sept 11th a super efficient group met after 1100 service and put together 43 school kits in less than 13 minutes. All of the remaining supplies were divided among three Key Peninsula elementary schools and have been delivered. The 43 kits will go out with quilts and baby kits to Lutheran World Relief in early November. Many thanks to Gail Brandt for sewing all the bags.

Clean, Clean, Clean

When asked what was most needed, the Tacoma YWCA and the Crystal Judson Center had the same answers: TP, laundry and dish detergent, diapers and sanitary supplies. And you responded. Both of those groups serve survivors of domestic violence. All items will be delivered the first week of October. Thank you so much!



October Projects

Oct 13—Lasagna Dinner at Peace Lutheran

Twice a year Agnus Dei provides a lasagna dinner for our neighbors in Tacoma who are served by the Peace Community Center at Peace Lutheran Church. We supply the cooked lasagnas, bread and fruit. ADLC volunteers also package up and handout the meals which (due to COVID) are served in “take away” fashion. Linda Ribary is spearheading the event and will purchase all supplies. Monetary contributions to purchase the meal ingredients are welcome, just designate “Peace Dinner” in your offering.

Oct 1-23—Baby kits for Lutheran World Relief

Several items are needed to complete the kits:

- ♥ Unscented or lightly scented bar soap-Kirkland is good, Dove and Irish Spring have too strong a scent
- ♥ Face sized towels-kitchen towels are ok
- ♥ Stainless steel diaper pins-online purchase

The Service Committee welcomes new ideas for upcoming projects! Got an idea? The service committee wants to hear from you.

Team: Debbie Snowden, Phyllis Brandt, Linda Zehnder, Linda Ribary, Sheryl Costanzo, Ann Rousseau, Jerry Mjelde, Charlene Franz or Ronnie Kulman

Starts Sunday, Oct 2nd
weekly, except the last Sunday of the month

Joint Youth Group

Middle School 5:00-6:30p.m.
High School 6:30-8:00pm

Meets at Gig Harbor United Methodist Church
7400 Pioneer Way • Downtown Gig Harbor



Kids Night Out

The monthly Kids Night event will be on **October 14th** this month. This activity is planned for kids ages 4 to 12 to have fun here at the church while their parents have a couple of hours to themselves. Games, music, a craft and pizza are all included. The registration link can be found on the events tab of our church website. More adult and teen volunteers are needed, please call the church office or contact Linda Ribary if you can help!

We remember in prayer:

For comfort and healing:

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| * 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 |
| * Johnny Tierny | * Ardith Johnson |
| * Trudy Wagner | * Jack Oakes |
| * Eunice Werner | |

In service to our country:

- * CAPT. Jenny Nussbaum, US Public Health Service

In their grief:

- * Guy Johnson and family as they mourn the death of Martha.

Little Lambs Preschool A Mission of Agnus Dei Lutheran



September has flown by and the Little Lambs are having so much fun getting to know each other

and learning new classroom routines! For many of our Little Lambs, preschool is a brand new experience.

Some fun things we have done are scavenger hunts to learn where things are in our classrooms; we have painted; we have LOVED recess in the sunshine; and we've had some tasty snacks.

A highlight in September was learning about apples and Pastor Seth brought his cider press to school. The Lambs each took a turn dropping in an apple and everyone watched Pastor Seth turn an enormous screw to squeeze all the apples down to make juice to taste. So yummy!

We are looking forward to October activities which will include a pumpkin patch field trip for Little Lambs families, pumpkin carving nights and Trunk or Treat in the parking lot.

We Celebrate...

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 | Margaret Duncan, Ben Nussbaum, Alexis Nussbaum, Jason Rodgers |
| 4 | Stardio Wilson |
| 6 | Jim Fry |
| 8 | Marie Johnson |
| 9 | Chuck Carlson |
| 10 | Linda Zehnder, Jennifer Krump, Michael Deák |
| 11 | Corrie Naasz |
| 12 | Katy Jones, Ken Fearn |
| 13 | Sherry Stava, Debbie Waite |
| 15 | Peggy Thomsen |
| 17 | Emmy Horton, William Gossler |
| 18 | Jens Luebeck |
| 19 | Mary Marquardt, Carl Middleton, Ralph Costanzo |
| 21 | Jeannie Haugen, Zachary Wiren |
| 22 | Elizabeth Gossler |
| 24 | Keyan Gootkin, Al Abbott |
| 26 | Brett Oliver, Tom Leacy |
| 29 | Lynnette Brentin, Leif Dobszinsky, William Iversen |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 | Dave and Sue Horton |
| 2 | David Moore and Jill Nealy-Moore |
| 10 | Shinho and Eiko Park |
| 10 | Rebecca Crow and David Salge |
| 16 | Jeff and Beverly Henne |
| 20 | Randy and Laurie Spitzer |





October 2nd —A representative from the recycling company Ridwell will be here. What beyond our regular recycling options are available to us through them? Where do items recycled through them go? We are called to be stewards of creation and thus paying attention to our unused resources is important.

October 16th —Randy Spitzer will lead us in a discussion on important considerations as people of faith in the upcoming election. What is important to know as we make meaningful choices for candidates and referendums.

October 23rd —Pastor Chelsea Globe will speak about the Lutheran campus ministry at the University of Washington campus in Seattle. What gifts do our young people have to share and what needs do they have to be all that God has intended for them. Come find out.

October 30th —A church committee will lead a conversation on several items to be presented at the November congregational meeting. Items like by-law changes and endowment and gift usage, among others, will be reviewed. Join to be informed on important church policies and to be prepared for our November meeting.

Forums are on Sundays at 9:45 am and may be attended in person in the parish hall or on the Zoom platform, the link is found on the events tab of our website.

Update from the Circle of Welcome

A mom, a dad and six children, refugees from Afghanistan — a family sponsored, in part, by Agnus Dei. They arrived in the U.S. on June 14. They are still guests of a host in Tacoma, waiting for a home of their own. We are happy to share how things are going, but cannot publish any identifying information (photos, names, etc).



Meanwhile, our Circle of Welcome volunteers have been visiting. We have played games and practiced English; cooked with them and driven them to doctor and vaccination appointments; walked their neighborhood with them; taken them to the grocery store, the library, the farmer's market and to some weekly ESL classes at St. John's church in Gig Harbor.

Most recently, school has begun for the children - 2 are in high school, 1 in middle school, and 2 are in elementary. The youngest is eager to start preschool now that all of his siblings are headed to school every day!

Lutheran Community Services Northwest workers are struggling to find apartments large enough to house Afghan families. (Apartment complexes follow laws that require a 4-bedroom apartment for 8 people. Although, at the host's home where our family is living, the three boys sleep in one room and their three sisters sleep in one room.)

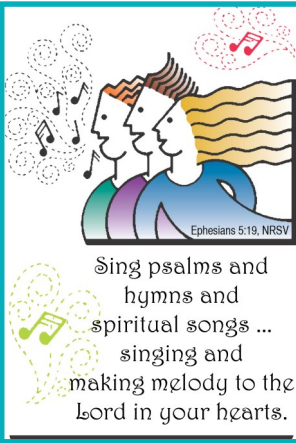
Sheridan Moore, the volunteer coordinator at the Tacoma office of Circle of Welcome, says a family of 11 and two families of 10 Afghans arrived in Pierce County just last week. They too will live with hosts — or be housed in hotels — until something permanent can be found for them.

Given the dearth of large apartments, LCSN workers are also seeking houses for these families. Our family will have a budget of almost \$2,000 a month for housing and their first choice is to be near relatives in Federal Way.

LCSNW has a contract with the U.S. State Department promising reception and replacement services for the first 90 days the family is in the U.S. However, since our family has no housing yet, their case with LCSNW is still open. The money our church members collected is being held to help pay rent. There is a grant from the U.S. government, as well, to cover the first 90 days of rent, and LCSNW is holding that money, too, until housing is found — at which time the money will go directly to the landlord.

So far, the family has received Social Security cards and qualified for Washington State Department of Social and Health Services — so they are getting cash assistance (TANF) and food stamps (SNAP).

When they have permanent housing, it will be easier for the dad to find work, for the parents to attend regular ESL classes and for the family to begin attending prayers at a mosque. Meanwhile, the children are settling into school. Their lives continue to be complicated — and they continue to greet us with smiles and gratefulness whenever we visit.



Music News

Shari Shull, Minister of Music

All are invited to join in the Music Ministry of Agnus Dei.

Wednesday evening Choir rehearsals are at 7:00 PM. New singers are always welcome to join the choir as we raise our voices together in praise and prayer.

This fall the Choir will sing for both worship services on a rotating basis. Sundays in October at 8:30 AM, November at 11 AM and December at 8:30 AM. We hope this schedule will offer an opportunity for new singers to join us and give the entire congregation an opportunity to be enriched by our choral music and musical leadership.

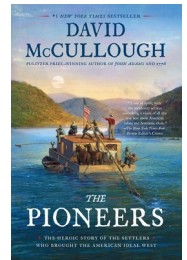
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Monday evening Handbell rehearsals have begun! New ringers are always welcome. Each time we ring takes a commitment of three rehearsals. Contact Shari Shull for more information.

Praise God with the sound of the bell!

Agnus Dei Book Group

Book group will be meeting on Sunday October 23rd at 12:15 to discuss: *The Pioneers* by David McCullough. There is a book kit in the couch room for anyone who would like to check out a book and return it that Sunday or earlier. Please join us in-person or on zoom, you will find the zoom link on the Events' page. All are invited!



As part of the Treaty of Paris, in which Great Britain recognized the new United States of America, Britain ceded the land that comprised the immense Northwest Territory, a wilderness empire northwest of the Ohio River containing the future states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. A Massachusetts minister named Manasseh Cutler was instrumental in opening this vast territory to veterans of the Revolutionary War and their families for settlement. Included in the Northwest Ordinance were three remarkable conditions: freedom of religion, free universal education, and most importantly, the prohibition of slavery. In 1788 the first band of pioneers set out from New England for the Northwest Territory under the leadership of Revolutionary War veteran General Rufus Putnam. They settled in what is now Marietta on the banks of the Ohio River.

McCullough tells the story through five major characters: Cutler and Putnam; Cutler's son Ephraim; and two other men. They and their families created a town in a primeval wilderness, while coping with such frontier realities as floods, fires, wolves and bears, no roads or bridges, no guarantees of any sort, all the while negotiating a contentious and sometimes hostile relationship with the native people. Like so many of McCullough's subjects, they let no obstacle deter or defeat them.

Come Join Our Care Team!

With the retirement of our Parish Nurses we plan to establish a Care Team for ADLC.

The focus will be on caring for members of our congregation. Some suggestions of what the team could help with include:

- * Serving Home Communion
- * Transportation
- * Meals
- * Blood pressure checks
- * Support the other established ministries (Prayer Shawl, Prayer Chain, Card and phone ministry)
- * Other?

We hope that this will be of interest to many of you, and invite you to attend an initial meeting on Saturday, October 22, at 10 AM at church. Coffee and treats will be served!

Gwen Daus and Marlene Bridgforth

October Serve in Worship Schedule

		Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Stream Team/Sound	Ushers/Greeters	Flowers
October 2	8:30 AM	Kathy Higgins	Bruce Shull	Audrey Bakke	Bob Beals	Beals	Beals
	11:00 AM	Elsa Nesbit	David Salge	Paula Davis	Rob Powers	Crow	
October 9	8:30 AM	Suzanne Shema	Bob Beals	Kathy Gemar	Don Krump	Ohme	
	11:00 AM	Marlene Bridgforth	Daryl Daus	Marty Beert	Linda Zehnder		
October 16	8:30 AM	Sheryl Costanzo	Dave Schinkel	Ralph Costanzo	Don Krump	Nussbaum	
	11:00 AM	Rebecca Crow	Ashley Ortenzo	Daryl Daus	Doug Page	D Johnson	
October 23	8:30 AM	Kathy Higgins	Kathy Gemar	Lynette Brentin	Bob Nussbaum		
	11:00 AM	Elsa Nesbit	Marilyn Colyar	Dave/Mary Marquardt	Mike Snowden	L. Colyar	
October 30	8:30 AM	Sue Lubash	Phyllis Brandt	Debbie Snowden	Mike Snowden	Costanzo	
	11:00 AM	Kimberly Morgan	Doug Page	Margaret Duncan	Mike Snowden	D. Sapp	

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.

Important reminders:

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 Agnus Dei.

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.

Fraud Alert

There has been a recent uptick in scam messages targeted at our parishioners requesting monetary support for "people in crisis". Emails and Text messages appearing to come from Pastor Seth have been received by many in our Agnus Dei community. Please remember that **Pastor Seth will never contact you to ask for money, gift cards or financial information of any kind.** Never reply to these messages, they are fake.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Hybrid) 9:45am Faith Formation 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion 12:30pm Book Group	26 1:00pm LWR Quilters	27 10:30am Church Staff Meeting	28 10:00am Text Study with Zoom and In-Person 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	29 6:00pm AA	30	1 8:30am Men's Square 8:30am Women's Circle
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