

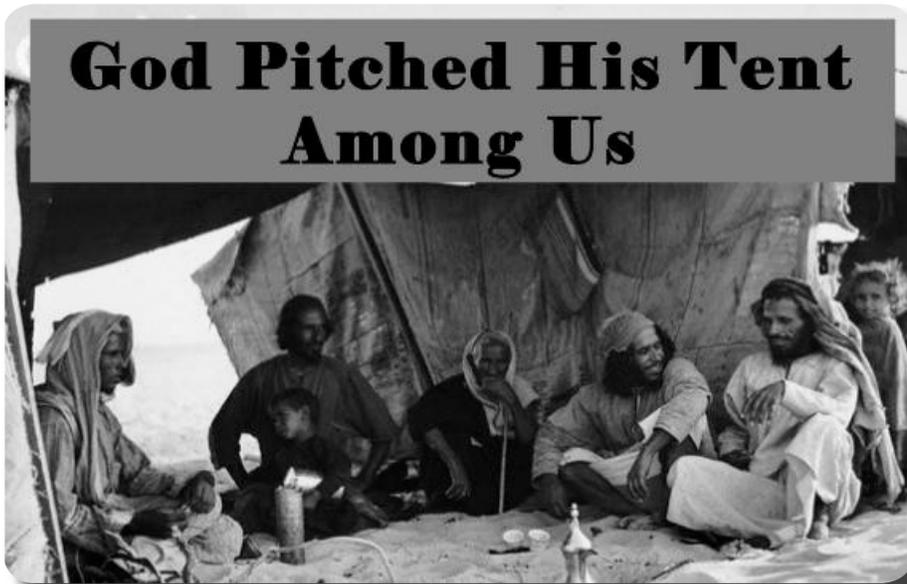
Voice of Grace

We are called to proclaim the Word and celebrate the sacraments.

We gather in Christian community for nurture and support. We are sent out in service to others.

God Moved Into The Neighborhood And Pitched His Tent Among Us

Last August we did a series on the Bread of Life, which included artwork, individuals sharing their experience of Holy Communion and a sermon series. That was sufficiently popular that we would like to try something similar during Advent.



John 1:14 says, “The Word became flesh and lived among us.” Eugene Peterson in *The Message* interprets that as God “moved into the neighborhood.” The words “lived among us” literally refer to pitching a tent. So it is really saying, in my interpretation, that **“God moved into the neighborhood and pitched his tent among us.”**

We would like to make this our Advent theme and we would like to involve all aspects of what we do here at Grace: our worship, our music, our art, and even our

outreach. We will invite you to share Sunday morning and Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer reflections answering the question, **“What does it mean to you that God would come to earth as a human; that God would move into OUR neighborhood and humbly pitch his tent among us, not as king, not as a political leader, not as a religious leader, but as a humble carpenter, a babe in a manger?”**

We want your ideas and your participation. Here are some of the ways you can participate. More ideas are encouraged and welcomed. Let’s make this really fun.

Things We Would Love To Have You Sign Up For: See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

- Wednesday Evening Speakers, 4-5 minutes reflecting on the theme question. (*What does it mean to you that God has come to live among us, experiencing all that we experience? God is not far off in heaven observing us from a distance, but is here, among us.*)

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Worship 10:30 a.m.



November/December 2018

- Dec. 5
- Dec. 12
- Dec. 19
- Sunday Morning Speakers, 4-5 minutes reflecting on the theme question. (*Same question as above for Wednesday speakers.*)
 - Dec. 2
 - Dec. 16
 - Dec. 23
- Bulletin Art
 - Dec. 2
 - Dec. 9
 - Dec. 16
 - Dec. 23
- Sharing your own nativity scene (perhaps from your childhood) and what it means to you. What are your memories connected with that nativity scene.
- Create a decoration for the bulletin board or narthex
- Apply for a Thrivent Action Team card to help buy tents, blankets, and solar lanterns for the homeless to be distributed through the homeless shelter and Discovery Behavior Health
- Sharing or displaying a piece of artwork created in connection with this theme.
- Write a nativity story set in Port Townsend or other creative setting.
- Participate in the cookie baking party on December 1, 10:00 a.m. Bring dough or just come and help bake with others' dough. These cookies will be put on plates and wrapped up with a tag wishing the recipient a Merry Christmas from Grace Lutheran and showing our Christmas service times. Congregation members will be invited to take plates home and deliver them to their neighbors with a knock on the door and a "Merry Christmas from Grace" greeting. That's God moving into YOUR neighborhood.
- If you are a Thrivent member you could help by applying for a Thrivent Action Team card to purchase cookie dough.
- Write Haiku's or other poetry related to our theme and post it on our bulletin board.

What Additional Ideas Does This Make You Think Of? We Would Love To Hear Them!

Where Should I Live

I've been to the mountain top
I laid on the ground and watched the clouds roll by
But I would not want to live there
For it is better to visit

I've been to where the land meets the sea
And waded in the salty water
But I would not want to live there
For it is better to visit

I've been to the river
Where the fish leaps from the water
But I would not want to live there
For it is better to visit

Where then shall I live
Where should I lay my head
Where should I call home
Where should I spend eternity

I want to live in the arms of God
For that is where love is
And warmth and grace
In the arms of God

by Earl Kong

A Letter of Support

In response to the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pastor Coe contacted our local Jewish worshipping community, Bet Shira, asking how we could support them. They responded that letters of support and solidarity that could be published in the newspaper would be very helpful. Pastor Coe worked with other local ministers to draft the following letter to be published in *The Leader*.

To Our Neighbors and In Response to the Tree of Life Synagogue Shootings:

Our hearts break at the news of yet another mass shooting in a house of worship on Saturday, October 27, 2018. An intruder entered the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA murdering eleven worshipers and wounding six others, including four police officers. The killer made his motive clear, "I just want to kill Jews." This was the deadliest act of violence against Jews in our nation's history.

As faith leaders in the Port Townsend community, we, without hesitation, stand in solidarity with our Jewish sisters and brothers, especially our local community of Bet Shira, as we condemn anti-Semitism in any and all forms. Hatred and violence, of any kind, cannot be tolerated. We, as a country, are better than this. An attack on one portion of God's family is an attack on us all. We stand with all people of faith to claim the right to worship in safety and security, without fear of violence or reprisal. We cannot remain silent in the face of such atrocities.

It is for all of us to recommit to lifting up and affirming the worth and dignity of every human being regardless of race, gender identity, immigration status, or faith tradition. Words are important. We denounce all attempts to dehumanize anyone, any group, any community. Such attempts to dehumanize diminishes the humanity of all. Virtually, all faiths share a common tenet of "Love Thy Neighbor," and we pledge to live out that tenet. Through our own words and actions we seek to build bridges and nourish caring, supportive, respectful communities. We invite the wider community to recommit to that essential promise.

In sorrow and solidarity we stand with our Jewish kindred. In the strength of love, and in the power of compassion we stand in unity against bigotry and violence in the ongoing work of building up the beloved community that is the birthright of us all.

God bless you all!

Rev. Coe Hutchison, Grace Lutheran Church
Rev. Dianne Andrews, St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Rev. Paul Heins, First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Kate Lore, Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Pastor Collette Pekar, Port Townsend Seventh-day Adventist
Rev. Ron McClung, Peace Lutheran Fellowship
Rev. David Eekhoff, Presbyterian Counseling Center of Port Townsend
Pastor Scott W. Rosekrans, Community United Methodist Church, Port Hadlock
Sarah McMahan, M.A.
Rev. Skip Cadorette, First Baptist Church
Rev. Tony Brown, Trinity United Methodist Church

Real Life 101

This group is for those of us who wish to share our Real Life thoughts, hearts, and souls in a safe, loving and intimate setting with our Grace friends. Please join us in the Grace Fellowship Hall on second Saturdays of the month. The next one is on January 12 at 11:00 a.m. The topic will be "Why Do You Believe in God?" Thanks to you who have already joined us for allowing yourselves to be vulnerable, honest and loving in your communication and your desire to build relationships. You are showing how we are God's gifts to one another.

Even if you haven't attended so far, PLEASE come! Some of the topics we have talked about have been setting boundaries without guilt; saying "Yes" to what God asks of us; when the bitterness returns; prayer; describe the perfect day, and thankfulness. .

Meet Roger Reichersamer

by Don Fristoe



Roger.

The first thing you notice when you greet Roger is that you've suddenly found yourself taken in by the "Midwest Warmth" of his return greeting without knowing why or when it happened. The next thing you notice about him is what a joy it is to share a few words with this man who has led such an interesting and sometimes hard life.

The year was 1935 when Abbotsford, a little farming community in central Wisconsin, rich in European immigrants, welcomed its newest German American to the fold. Roger's father, Ludwig, sold and repaired Red Wing Shoes way back from the old country, and Roger shared his dad's love and talent for the business. "I was helping my father in his shop as far back as I can remember, and I loved it. This turned out to be fortunate, because my dad died suddenly in my senior year of high school, and I was able to take over and continue the family business with my mother Ethel fairly seamlessly."

A neighboring high school cheerleader named Eleana captured Roger's heart, and, shortly after graduating, he had a new wife and business partner. A few short years later found the Reichersamers in a new shoe repair store not too far away in Spooner. It was there that Roger developed a keen interest in Chippewa Indians and their art. He was especially intrigued with the beautiful moccasins and the intricate beadwork. Seeing a market need, and a way to bring jobs to his new friends, the couple leased a vacant Buick garage, filled it with heavy machinery and put several local tribe members to work manufacturing genuine Indian leather moccasins. The business flourished with Roger overseeing the quality and marketing and Eleana filling in where needed. They made around 250 pairs of shoes a day. "Quality was never an issue,"



commented Roger, "these were talented, hard working people, proud of their product. I was so happy to have them." Did I mention that Roger and Eleana did all this while raising five children? Well, they did, and all but one are close by in the Pacific Northwest. Roger also enjoys his eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Time passed, things changed, and sadly, their marriage failed. Roger found alcohol to be a challenge too big for one person to handle, and he wisely brought AA into his life; a successful 42-year relationship he cherishes to this day. Retirement also found him in, of all places, the Bellevue/Redmond area. In 1985, a lifelong love of fishing found Roger on a trip to the Olympic Peninsula and Port Townsend. While driving up Lawrence Street, a tiny, empty building piqued his interest. With a phone call to the Dennison brothers, suddenly the retirement dream vanished into thin air. In its place, Puffin Shoe Repair began a whole new phase, which was to last the next 30 years of his life. Five local people learned the trade, thanks to Roger, and one still manages the shop today. Roger found a little more success retiring the second time when he sold the business in 2014.

While raised a Presbyterian early in his life, Roger found the need to take the AA Twelve Step Program a little farther, concentrating more on exactly who this "Higher Power" is. He found more answers and a home at Grace Lutheran Church in the last few years. "I love Grace. The message is positive, uplifting and meshes nicely with my need to put myself in God's hands. The friends I've made here are wonderful. I have a terrific apartment to live in, with a beautiful view of the wetlands and wildlife. Life is good!"

A final word of warning: you will not get away from Roger Reichersamer without learning "The Double Doozy." This is a somewhat specialized handshake that involves an almost "Spocklike" spreading of the fingers and interlocking the pinkies. He believes this handshake's history goes back to the old Deussenberg auto. It's not hard to learn and well worth the effort, if only to get to know this great guy.

Shop Serrv and Benefit Grace Women Projects

by Dee Dee Norman

The second annual Serrv Sale is happening now for your shopping pleasure. Serrv is a nonprofit, trading organization that is committed to fighting poverty through alternate trade operating in the United States since 1949. Their mission is to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. They currently work with 85 small-scale, cooperatively run producer groups in 35 countries. This is an opportunity to shop for yourself or others.

Serrv funds projects including child education in countries such as South Africa, Nepal, and India. Serrv also sponsors small-scale, on-the-ground programs to bring practical training and business support to our artisan partners—particularly women—to work their way out of poverty and extend their earning potential far into the future. They also respond to the needs of their partners when faced with emergencies such as the hurricane in Haiti and famine in East Africa.

The sale is slightly different from last year. There are no catalogs. Shopping is online only. Please be sure to use the link that has been given to Grace. That is the only way that we will get credit for the items purchased. The items that you choose will be sent to the address that you give them. The sale ends December 29. Order early, order often! The sale will benefit Grace Lutheran Women's projects. After the sale (12/29), Grace will receive a check for 20% of our sales. Please use the link/address below, and share this link with friends and family. The more the merrier!

<https://www.serrv.org/?a=Grace>

If you have any questions or difficulty in placing your order, please contact Dee Dee Norman, 570-856-0131

Every purchase that you make at this sale benefits children and fights poverty for those in need.

Homeless Shelter Dinners

Grace Lutheran will be serving dinner and breakfast at the Homeless Shelter December 9 through 12. Signup sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

Quilters Looking For Help

The quilters have a need for people to help us tie knots. We have a backlog of quilts that need to be tied. This is not a long time commitment, but just a couple of hours to help us catch up. See Linda Gaenicke or Sue Peterson if you can help.



Prayer is comforting: a soft, warm blanket in which to wrap a reaching soul. Prayer is humbling: We cannot even number our sins, let alone our needs. Prayer is bold: What kind of chutzpah does it take to approach I Am Who I Am? Prayer is grace: We don't deserve it; we can't earn it; we didn't even think it up. Grace is simply lavished upon us, splashed wildly everywhere, as TV character Archie Bunker used to say, "free for nothing."

When we pray, we go before the One who has endowed us with the capacity to think, the ability to choose, the right to inquire, the desire to listen and the need to learn.

This message is an excerpt from "Before the face of God" by Marguerite Rourk in the July/August 2018 issue of Gather magazine.

Eggs at the Food Bank

Thanks to Floyd Thompson's egg fund, we were able to provide 40 dozen eggs for the seniors at the food bank in September.

We can continue to provide eggs to the seniors with support to the "egg fund".

Randy Rosen at the food bank made this sign and distributed the eggs to the seniors. Thanks, Randy.



Budget and Stewardship Meetings

The Council is asking everyone to attend one of the Budget and Stewardship Meetings in November. At these meetings Council and Pastor Coe will review the current stewardship status and the proposed 2019 budget. This is an important opportunity to learn more about the budget of your church and to provide feedback and input to the process. The Budget and Stewardship Meeting dates are:

Thursday, November 15 at 3:00 p.m. - Meeting at the Parsonage with pie and coffee.

Sunday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m. - Adult forum at church (note earlier start).

Habitat Build Day

Nine people pitched in and helped provide housing at the Habitat Build Day Saturday, October 27. Thanks so much for your response.

Steve



Penny's Thoughts

"No songs playing." This was a message on my cell phone while on a recent trip to California. I have a TracFone which serves me very well. It's not a smart phone per se, but it gives me internet when I need it. I can text, email, take pictures, do basic stuff, and it only costs me \$7 a month. Oh, yeah, I can use it as a phone, too!

I'm still learning features on it here and there, clicking on things here and there. So, when this message appeared at the top of the screen "no songs playing," I was very puzzled.

At first, I thought, how did it get there, and then it made me feel a bit sad: there is no music. There are no songs playing to bring happiness or laughter. It made me think of the song "American Pie" in which Don McLean sings of the day the music died.

But then it hit me that, wow, this message does NOT apply to Grace Lutheran!!

How extremely blessed we are at Grace that we are all about the music: We have an awesome choir that, through Colleen's leadership, sings incredible songs from all cultures, some upbeat, some solemn but all sung beautifully with great strength and purpose. I am excited every time they sing to not only anticipate what we will hear, but to see the members of our congregation who switch in and out of the performances.

- We have "break out" artists from the choir who sing solos, duets, and other combinations bringing a variety of awesome songs, again from many cultures.
- We have guest artists bringing other forms of music through cellos and oboes and harps and guitars, etc. etc.! Not to mention the guest solo singers who have brought tears to our eyes.
- We have a band! Every once and a while the Good News Band makes an appearance and we get to get "folksy."
- Last, but certainly not least, is our Lisa – pianist extraordinaire – who regales us with beautiful classical music before and after each service. She also brings depth in her playing during the services that create a holy and revered ambience.

So, "no songs playing" does not apply to Grace. If anyone goes by the church on any given Sunday and hears singing loudly and clearly, it's because we are expressing the joy of our faith through songs of love and Christ's love for us. We are not shy about raising the rafters. Alleluia!

God bless you all,

Penny



Thanksgiving Worship and Pumpkin Pie Pass Around



Our Thanksgiving worship is scheduled for Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday night, November 21, at 6:00 p.m..

Following worship we will enjoy a pumpkin pie and pumpkin dessert pass around. Sign up in the fellowship hall if you are able to bring a dessert.

WAVE a Success at Grace

Thank you for all the great donations of food and money for the WAVE food drive. We collected nearly \$1200 and a bunch of food. Great job, everyone!

Help Wanted

The *Voice of Grace* is looking for photographers to take pictures of Grace events, and writers of stories, events, poems, or ?? The pay? Not so much (well, none, really.) But - just imagine seeing your work in print! Contact Mary at maryeronen@gmail.com

Mental Illness Awareness

by Judy Best

There is a week in October for Mental Illness Awareness every year and this year was no exception. I didn't want to let this year go by without writing about it. I imagine if I stood up in front of the congregation and asked who had someone in their life with a mental illness, at least 80 percent of the people would raise their hands. Yet, so often we don't want to talk about it until we hear of a suicide and then it is too late. I am not spreading guilt, but I want to address this issue in love.

First, let us see a brief history of mental illness in America, not going back too far. In 1840 Dorothy Dix lobbied for better conditions for the mentally ill. She had spent forty years witnessing the horrible conditions the mentally ill had to endure because there was no help for them. Because of her crusade, the U. S. Government built 32 state psychiatric hospitals.

Soon, however, they were understaffed, underfunded and had many problems to say the least. By the 1950s, quite a long time after Dorothy Dix's efforts, anti-psychotic drugs and deinstitutionalization efforts to reform the "asylum-based" health care system changed to a community care system.

By the 1960s, the severe mentally ill went from institutions to local mental health homes. In the 1950s, 500,000 had been institutionalized compared to 130,000 in 1980. By 2000 there were only 22 beds per 100,000 people, whereas in 1955 there were 339 for the same 100,000.

Medications are changing all the time but we are a long way off in being there, and the stigma still persists. Why is this so dear to my heart? Well, I have a mental illness and I work with people who have mental illnesses. I work at Discovery Behavioral Healthcare.

I will tell you a little of my story. I am not my disease, just like you may not be your diabetes or your cancer. I have mental illness called schizoaffective, which is schizophrenia with a mood disorder. The mood disorder is either bi-polar or depression. I was depressed but thanks be to God I deal with very little depression these days. I take medication, which keeps my symptoms at bay. One time since I started on medication, I saw a new provider who was not good at the job and changed my meds; I crashed badly and I had a psychotic break. I saw things that were not there and heard things – noises like a construction site in my head as well as voices. I did not end up in the hospital but almost did; however, a wonderful person came to my aid, and I recovered quickly. I have been stable since then.

Mental illness makes you do horrible things to your family and friends even if you get on medication, and thank God for medication. I did try to kill myself (seriously three times) but God had other plans and He intervened. I don't understand why I have lived and others succeeded in dying, but I know that God is good and we must talk, talk and talk about this topic. THERE IS NO SHAME IN HAVING A MENTAL ILLNESS. The shame is in letting our people die when they don't have to. Suicide is a disease of loneliness and pain. I know.

You probably read the article in *The Leader* about the young man who is going to walk America starting in Florida and ending in Port Townsend for mental illness awareness. His website is bryanwalksusa.com, his phone number is 360-301-6178, and email is bryanajacobsen12@gmail.com. Please cheer him on.

There is a lot more to my story and there is a lot more to the Walk across America – please feel free to ask me. What I don't know about the walk, I can find out, I work with his sister. Or you can see the website.

Thank you and God Bless.

Today I Can

Today I can love
the rejected, the scorned
with a smile –
accepting someone
Christ died for.

Today I can listen -
just listen – to someone,
spend time with someone.
the world has no time for,
but Jesus has died for.

Today I can share
my blessings with someone:
someone rejected;
someone who mourns;
someone Christ died for.

Today I've been given
just twenty-four hours
to pass on His love and
His blessings to others:
those others He died for.



*By Madeline Peterson, who
writes from Hastings, Nebraska
Submitted by
Linda Gaenicke*

A Walk at Long Beach

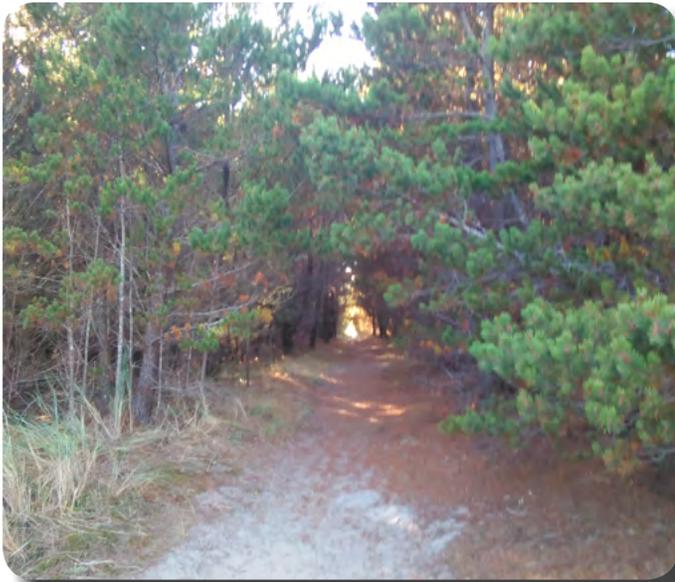
by Nina Daly

In late September I set off on vacation to the Washington coast with Tom and our travel-loving dog Roma. Before we left, plans were underway to meet at the parsonage with a planning group to discuss a new advent theme "God moved into the neighborhood and pitched his tent among us."

As I walked the beach I thought about Jesus coming to earth. Being in the Lord's presence, walking the beach and getting my feet wet seemed appropriate. Jesus spent many hours with fishermen who would eventually be fishers of men.

The beach at Long Beach is very different from the beach at Fort Worden where I usually walk. I had to watch the waves so that they would not overpower me. Life can be overwhelming at times and we need to realize that Jesus is still in the neighborhood guiding and protecting us even when he calls us to holy adventures into uncharted waters.

There was a path from our cottage that led to the ocean. It was hilly and beautiful with trees framing it. The ocean could not be seen until the path was completed. Life can be that way. We do not know where life will take us.



I was very intrigued by this path, and one of the last days we were there I took a couple of quick pictures with my phone. It wasn't until I returned home that I looked at them and realized how symbolic they were. At the end of the path, the sun shown through in the shape of a tent. There was a figure within this space. No matter how much I enlarged the figure it never became apparent what it was.

As I am being stretched on my journey of faith, I know that, like the photo, Jesus is shining a light and leading me along even if the path of life seems rough and untraveled and the end is not in sight.

The next art gallery showing is November 25. There will be artwork shown using the advent theme. One of the paintings I will have in this series is a painting of the trail.

Grace Gallery

Our next art gallery rotation is scheduled for Saturday, November 24, at 10:00 a.m. Artwork from the previous rotation should be taken down before the new rotation. Thanks to all who participated in the last rotation!

Pastor Coe is planning an advent series and it would be wonderful if some of the art could reflect the advent theme. The theme is based on John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and lived among us." See Pastor's article in this issue.

Okay, my creative friends, that should get you thinking.

Nina

The Dusty Bible

I found an old, old Bible
tucked away with other books.
I felt perhaps a treasure lay
within its pages – so I looked.

I didn't find a treasure rare
inside the book itself,
but, upon the faded pages,
were gifts beyond man's wealth.

The words told a wondrous story
of a time I'd never seen:
a cross with blood upon it
from the man Who died for me.

I thought I'd find possessions
within that forgotten nook.
Instead, I found my Lord and Savior
inside a dusty book.

*By Marcis K. Leaser, who
writes from Fremont, Ohio
(The Lutheran Message)*

Submitted by Linda Gaenicke

Being Thankful

by Mary Ronen

Thanksgiving, the day when most of us will think of and maybe share the things we are most grateful for, is just around the corner. Counting your blessings year-round, though, has been shown to be good for your well-being. Being thankful makes you feel more positive, can improve your health and can help you deal with life's ups and downs. Many studies back up these claims. One study looked at journaling and found that gratitude journaling led to higher levels of well-being. All of this seems to point to a focus on blessings as having major benefits.

Where did Thanksgiving come from? The one we like to think of as the "first" Thanksgiving when we celebrate today is the 1621 three-day feast and celebration that the Pilgrims of the Plymouth colony held to celebrate their first harvest and to thank the local Powhatan Indians who had helped them to survive.

The first real Thanksgiving was probably a prayer service giving thanks in the spring of 1610 near Jamestown, Virginia. About 430 of the 490 settlers there had died during the harsh winter, and those left were starving to death until English ships finally arrived with supplies and food. A dedication of thanks was also made on the banks of the James River in Virginia on December 4, 1619. The settlers there had agreed that they would hold a ceremony of thanksgiving when they arrived in the new world.

In 1630 the Massachusetts Bay colony observed July 7 as an official day of thanksgiving, but it didn't catch on as a holiday. On October 3, 1789, George Washington proclaimed November 26 to be a national day of thanksgiving. That also failed. Nearly every president since has tried to declare a national day of thanks. In 1863, President Lincoln declared the last Thursday of November to be set aside as a "day of Thanksgiving and Praise." It wasn't until 1941 that President Roosevelt established the holiday on the fourth Thursday of November.

The first college football championship was held on Thanksgiving Day in 1876, giving us our tradition of all-day Thanksgiving Day football. On Thanksgiving Day in 1924, Macy's department store sponsored the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

For many years, Thanksgiving was a big day at my house. It was usually held at my home, and sometimes there were as many as 20-25 family members and friends. There was, of course, my immediate family – 7 of us. Then, there were my siblings and their families, my parents and sometimes an additional friend or two. Everyone either helped to cook the meal or brought

something to share. It really was a grand day. The highlight was when, just before finding a place to sit, my father would hush us up so that he could offer a prayer of Thanksgiving.

Over the years, the gathering has dwindled – some have moved and some have passed on. Most times there are only three or four of us. But it is still a warm and fuzzy time. Sometimes we talk about the things that we are thankful for.

So what is there to be thankful for?

I'm thankful to still be walking under my own power. I'm thankful for my church. I'm thankful I've had the opportunity to travel to interesting places. I'm thankful for my family, and for my friends. I'm thankful I live in a country where I can express my opinion without fear.

Once you start naming your blessings, it's hard to find a

Mark Your Calendar

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events: Check out the full calendar on the Grace Lutheran website: gracelutheranpt.org/calendar

Thursday, Nov. 15, 3:00 p.m., Budget and Stewardship Meeting at the Parsonage with pie

Saturday, Nov. 17, 11:00 a.m., Neil Pothoff Memorial Service, First Presbyterian Church, PT

Sunday, Nov. 18, 9:00 a.m., Budget and Stewardship Meeting at Adult Forum

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 6:00 p.m., Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 7:00 p.m. Pumpkin Pie Pass-Around

Saturday, Dec. 1, 10:00 a.m., Cookie Baking Party

Sunday, Dec. 2, after church, Advent Craft Fair and Christmas Tree Decorating

Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:00 a.m. to noon, Prayer Retreat

Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12 & 19 - 5:30 p.m. Advent Soup Supper 6:30 p.m., Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, Dec. 9 thru Wednesday, Dec. 12, Grace serves dinners and breakfasts at the Homeless Shelter

Sunday, Dec. 16, 5:00 p.m., Grace Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange

Sunday, Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m., Advent 4 Sunday Worship

Monday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. at Avamere

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service at Grace

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m., Christmas Day Worship

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, 11:00 a.m., Real Life 101

Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, Congregational Meeting after worship

Blessing of the Animals, October 6



Grace Lutheran's Olin Reynolds Plays Big Role in Beat Down of Seattle Lutherans

Excerpt from The Leader

Rangers football 7-0 for the season

The Quilcene Rangers took on Seattle Lutheran October 13 winning 56-16, bringing the Rangers' record to 7-0 for the season.

"The Rangers led 50-0 at the end of the first quarter behind 3 touchdowns from Olin Reynolds and 2 from Bishop Budnek," said Quilcene coach Trey Beathard. "Reynolds finished the game with 2 carries for 78 yards, including a 38-yard touchdown run."

During the game, Beathard said Reynolds also had a 50-yard return for a touchdown and a 50-yard interception return for a touchdown.

"With victories in the last two games, Quilcene will be back-to-back SeaTac League Football Champs for the first time in school history," Beathard said.

Way to go Olin!

The Bulletin Board

Can You Caption This Picture?



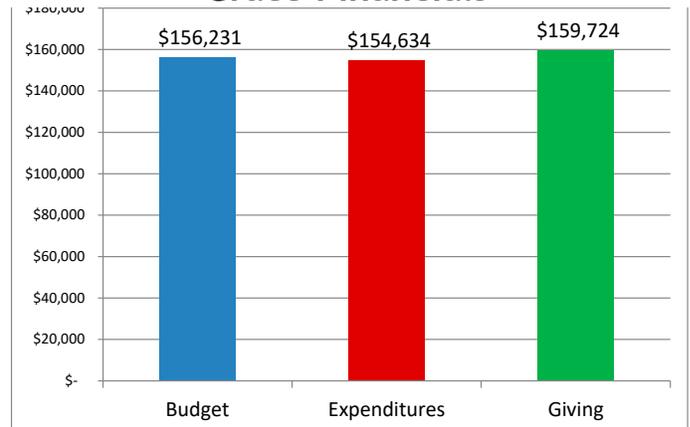
A couple of suggestions already heard are:

“Who let the Pastor out?”

“The Grace Chainsaw Massacre!”

Send yours to maryeronen@gmail.com and we will print them in the next issue.

Grace Financials



November / December Birthdays

Gail Helgeson	November 2
Don Fristoe	November 4
Coe Hutchison	November 7
Irma Noel	November 12
George Thomsen	November 14
Sharon Dembro	November 15
Michelle Haines	November 20
Joel Peterson	November 21
Charlene Duval	November 23
Joe Wagner	November 24
Verna Walden	November 25
Al Smith	November 26
Kim Hayden	November 30
Dennis Struecker	November 30
Sally Lynum-Lee	December 2
Debra Dinkelmann	December 7
Steve Scherer	December 10
Joan Thomsen	December 11
Bill Woolf	December 15
Sheila Clark	December 15
Lonnie Reynolds	December 19
Teresa Janssen	December 23
Karen Erickson	December 26

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