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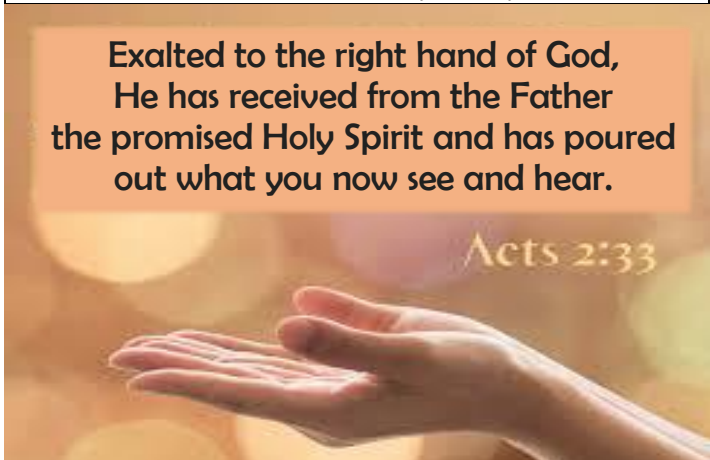
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## Pastor David's Message

### Grace Lutheran Church Westbank

### 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Congregational Meeting **Highlights**

### March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Paul Hertel chaired the meeting. Pastor David thanked God for being able to come together and that the LORD be present at our meeting and help us discern His will in the way He want us to serve Him as we are part of His body, the church.*

**Worship & Music:**

Pastor Emeritus Ed Skutshek noted that the committee work reflects the church year, and that we are one of only a few churches to have a formal choir for traditional service plus a praise band for contemporary worship as well.

*The following Motion came from Music and Worship Committee and was referred by GLC Council to the congregation for a vote. **Motion:** to change the traditional worship time from 11:00AM to 10:30 AM*

Second service stay at 11:00 AM for the sake of the choir who needs time to practice.

**Motion:** Defeated *Second service worship time will stay at 11:00AM*

**Ukrainian Humanitarian Mission Committee:**

Though the deadline for Ukrainian CUAET Visa holders to arrive in Canada is March 31 2024, Jack Spielman noted that we still are seeking donations, as there is another Ukrainian family moving to West Kelowna from Surrey BC in May 2024.

*GLC congregation was thanked for their faithfulness to provide for those Ukrainians fleeing the war to Kelowna.*

**Treasurer's Report on the 2023 Financial Statements and 2024 Budget:**

*Herbert Heise briefly summarized balance sheet and stated that Balance sheet is strong overall and in all its categories.*

**Nominating Committee Report:**

Paul Hertel & Pastor David thanked the Council members. The following members have allowed their names to stand for election:

- Everly Lutz
- Bill Logan
- Jack Spielman

***These were elected by acclamation.***

# Grace News

## Election of Delegates to the 2024 CALC Convention

The following have agreed to be delegates:

Linda Yablonski  
Deni Skutshek  
Julia Emmond

## GLC will not be sending delegates to the 2024 LCMC national convention this year because of logistics

But will attend the LCMC district meeting in Washington state in April 2024

*Attendees will be Pastor Emeritus Ed and Deni Skutshek*

## Grace Lutheran Church 2024 Council Members

Chair person: Everly Lutz,

Vice Chair person: Jeff Green

Treasurer: Herbert Heise (non-council member)

Financial Secretary: Tim Hartness

Council Secretary: Jack Spielman

Ken Derer [Building and Grounds](#)

Paul Hertel: Worship and Music

Bill Logan [Building and Grounds](#)

Ursula Sommerfeld: Bookkeeper and reports for the Treasurer.

Klaus Reimers: [Building and Grounds:](#)

Pastor David Wunderlich

Treasurer : Herbert Heise ([willing to serve as a non-Council member](#))

*In Christ, Pastor David*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**SATURDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – 7:00-8:00PM**

**UPCOMING MINI-GOLF**

**YOUTH EVENT**

Pastor David will meet be meeting with the youth at the Scandia Mini-Golf course, 2898

Hwy 97N Kelowna. For more information, text Pastor David at: 250.317.6502.



**PENTECOST** comes from the Greek word pentekoste which means fiftieth. The holiday is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter, hence the name. Since its date depends on the date of Easter, the date of Pentecost is not fixed. (Boston Public Library) So, what happened at Pentecost? The Holy Spirit came to us at Pentecost. Christ poured out His Spirit for us at Pentecost, and we are forever grateful for this comforter. ***“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” Acts 2:1-4 NIV***

April seemed to be a time for people to come back to church services and it is wonderful to see so many new faces in the pews. Welcome back to those who are returning from their winter homes and a big welcome to all the new people who are now attending Grace Lutheran church. We are happy that you are here and hope you make Grace your home church. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming more involved at Grace, please call Pastor David or the Church Office at 250.769.5685 and we will be happy to answer your questions. The month of May brings us flowers, Mother’s Day, the kick-off of the OVPCC Baby Bottle Campaign, our annual church Spring clean-up, and the season of Pentecost. All in all, another eventful month at Grace.

On **Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM** we will have our annual **Spring-Cleaning Bee** at Grace Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to come out to help clean up the inside and outside of our church property. Many hands make light work and a pizza lunch will be provided. See you on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

Grace Choir continues to practice on Thursdays at 7:00PM and we look forward to hearing anthems from Grace Choir on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Deni invites everyone who has been thinking about joining choir to finally make the move to come out on Thursday nights at 7:00PM. You won’t be disappointed because of all the health, social & spiritual benefits you will receive from singing with the choir. Take a moment to read the following article <https://www.healthline.com/health/benefits-of-singing>, and discover the many benefits.

Thank you to *Full of Grace* who has continued to provide a monthly Call to Worship and who are also leading the hymns on

Sundays in the 11:00AM service. *Full of Grace* continues to provide their music ministry at Brookhaven Care Home and Brent Keith gives a short message with Bible readings and prayers to a very enthusiastic audience. Vivien Georgeson has joined us at Brookhaven to help with the scripture readings and everyone, Full of Grace and the Brookhaven residents, has an awesome time! On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Full of Grace gave the chapel service at Village at Smith Creek to a very appreciative audience, and we will be going back again in July. We are very blessed to have this music ministry in our church.

It is so good to hear and see more people in the church during the week and on Sundays. If there is an area where you would like to help out in the church or in the worship services, please contact the pastor or the office and let us know what you would like to do. If you are still undecided about coming out for Sunday worship, please consider it; we miss seeing you!

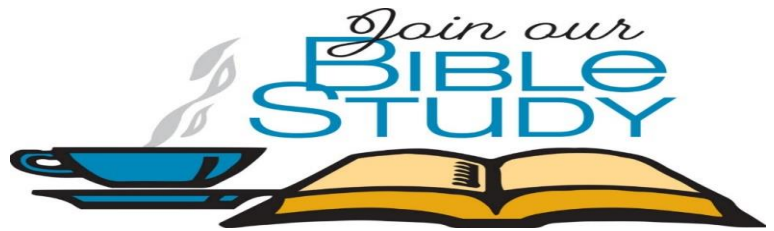
**Grace Choir** Practice is on Thursdays at 7:00PM. If you have any questions call Deni Skutshek 250.801.9098 or the church office 250.769.5685.

**Full of Grace** is the singing group leading the 11:00AM worship hymns and who perform an anthem in the 11:00AM service once a month. We could use a bass singer so if you love singing and can sing the bass-line, please contact Miriam in the office at 250.769.5685.

**Men's Breakfast** Second Saturday of each month 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall unless otherwise notified.

**Online Services** We continue to record one Sunday worship service each week, and our sound booth team makes it ready for viewing on Sunday afternoon. If you have provided the Church Office with an email address, the video link will be sent to you on Sunday or Monday. If you do not receive it in your email box, it might have gone into Junk Mail or spam folder.

**Special Occasions** Are you celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary and would like to share your happy day in a picture that we could include in our monthly newsletter, please send it to [info@gracelutherankelowna.com](mailto:info@gracelutherankelowna.com) with a brief description of the momentous occasion.

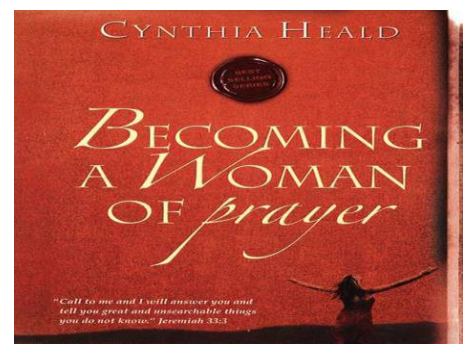


## Galatians Bible Study

Tuesdays at 1:00 to 2:30PM

April 9th to May 7th

Any questions please contact:  
Pastor David or Don Chapman



## Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30AM

Topic: **Becoming a Woman of Prayer**



## COMPASSION CORNER

Pray for everyone in our church family who mourns including the Colcerin, Hagan and Schoepp families. Pray for those needing prayer in hospital including Marlene Folk and Len Weber. Pray for those at home, including Karen Arend, Robert Shopland, Kris Gering, Maria Heise, Jim Szabo, Louise Shopland, Nedra Schuler, Gerald Schuler, Penny Pfahl, Emily Hughes (Deni Skutshek's mother), Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner, Brenda Heise, Helene Hack, Lorraine Wentland, Ferne Sather, and Myrna Smith. **Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray**

**for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16**

## Monday Night Zoom Study

Living the Gospel



Mondays at 7PM

Topic: **I Peter followed by II Peter**  
**'Living the Gospel Today'**  
Contact Jim Statham for a Zoom invitation: [jhwstatham@shaw.ca](mailto:jhwstatham@shaw.ca)



# Northwest District Gathering



April 12-13, 2024

Christ Community Lutheran Church  
Lebanon, Oregon

Pastor Ed and Deni Skutshek attended the 2024 annual gathering of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, (LCMC), in Lebanon, OR.

The LCMC is organized into Districts. Districts are defined as "flexible partnerships between congregations." Each LCMC congregation is free to join as many districts as they would like and may choose to not belong to any district. Districts are organized "around geography, theology, values, shared interests, congregational characteristics, worship styles, etc." Northwest District is geographic. Any LCMC congregation in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Canada can join this district. There are a total of 61 congregations in the NW District and 9 individual members. Five Canadian LCMC congregations are members of the NW District (4 are members of CALC: Victory, Medicine Hat, AB; Trinity, Brooks, AB; Trinity, Leader, SK; and Resurrection, Pembroke, ON).

The purpose of the District is to assist congregations and pastors in the call process; establish and support mission congregations; sponsor events that inspire and educate their members (including their annual gathering); inspire and equip congregations as they strive to be faith filled, scriptural and confessional communities; sponsor youth events and confirmation programs that inspire young people to be rooted in scripture and our Lutheran Confessions.

The District gathering was held at Christ Community Lutheran Church of Lebanon, OR. Seventy-five delegates and visitors registered for the gathering. The gathering met under the theme "I love to tell the story" – Isaiah 55:10-11. The gathering began Friday morning with a session for the pastors attending and their spouses. The theme verses were unpacked and discussed by the pastors in a session led by Rev. Christian Huntley, Coordinator for Leadership and Pastoral Development. Rev. Huntley later addressed the gathering and spoke of LCMC's strategies for the development of pastoral and lay leadership. The strategy includes the greater involvement of Districts in coordinating and coaching their member congregations in the call process. He spoke of the need to develop material for the development of lay leadership. Rev. Julie Smith, LCMC Coordinator for Districts and Fellowship Groups, addressed the gathering, on her role as coordinator for LCMC's districts.

There were many opportunities for worship. The gathering was opened with worship and praise on Friday afternoon. Following supper, we gathered for another worship service with Holy Communion. Pastor Elvin Borg preached on the power of the word of God. As a part of the sermon, his brother Melvin recited (completely from memory) the entire Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7). It was amazing! Closing worship on Saturday, with Holy Communion, was led by Pastor Christian Huntley of the LCMC. A district choir of about a dozen was formed and practiced during the event. The choir provided special music during worship.

Rev. Dr. Ebassa Berhanu (pictured below) was the gathering's keynote speaker. He is currently the pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Torrance, CA. He is an immigrant to the US from Ethiopia. He described the impact of communism on Ethiopia from a very personal vantage point (his own experiences) and the experiences of his father and other pastors who were persecuted, jailed and even martyred. Communism put the Lutheran church in Ethiopia on its heels, with less than half a million members. The Word of God prevailed and when it went out into the country the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus has grown to 10 million members. Presenters and exhibitors included: Institute of Lutheran Theology (Leon Miles); St. Paul Seminary; Hand in Hand Farm Ministry (healing ministry); Harvest Workers (pastoral Training); Wilderness Ranch, near Claresholm, AB; and Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute (CLBI), Camrose, AB. The annual NW District youth retreat will be held October 18 to 20, 2024 at the Shoshone Mountain Retreat camp located at 29216 Coeur d'Alene River Road, Wallace, ID. It is open to students enrolled in grades 7-12. The theme of the retreat is "Saved - Romans 6:23." These questions will be explored: "What are we saved FROM?" and "What are we saved FOR?" The weekend will include high energy games, fellowship and opportunities to grow in faith. If you are interested please contact Pastor Travis Powers of Christ Lutheran, Odessa, WA at: [oneprayer30@gmail.com](mailto:oneprayer30@gmail.com).

Elections for District Board members were held. Pastor Ed Skutshek was elected as a Board member and appointed Vice Chair. Two of the eleven-member board are Canadian, Pastor Ed Skutshek and Pastor Grant Crichton, of Victory Lutheran, Medicine Hat. Next year's District gathering will be held May 2-3, 2025, at Victory Lutheran Church in Medicine Hat, Alberta.



Rev. Dr. Ebassa Berhanu

# Congregational Life

## Christian Education

**Sundays** - Sunday School – 10:15AM. Please meet Marilyn in the Quiet Room.

**Mondays** - Bible Study at 7:00PM via ZOOM. Email Jim for an invitation at: [jhwstatham@shaw.ca](mailto:jhwstatham@shaw.ca)

**Tuesdays** – Galatians Bible Study 1:00PM. April 9<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesdays** - Ladies Bible Study at 9:30AM

**Thursdays** - Choir practice at 7:00PM. Choir will sing an anthem at the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday service at 11:00AM.

SO VERY  
*grateful*  
INCREDIBLY  
*thankful*  
UNBELIEVABLY  
*blessed*

## Serving Others

**Volunteer at the Kelowna Gospel Mission**  
251 Leon Ave, Kelowna, BC

On the 4th Tuesday of every month a team from Grace Lutheran goes to the Kelowna Gospel Mission. They help in the kitchen with lunch preparation and serving. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Corinn Lutz at 250.869.8092 or by email: [timcorlutz@gmail.com](mailto:timcorlutz@gmail.com)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
- Matthew 5:6



## Grace Lutheran Annual Spring-Cleaning Bee

**Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM**

Everyone is welcome to come out to help clean up the inside and outside of our church property. Many hands make light work and a pizza lunch will be provided. See you on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

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the gift  
of which  
**God** is in  
2 Tim 1:6 you

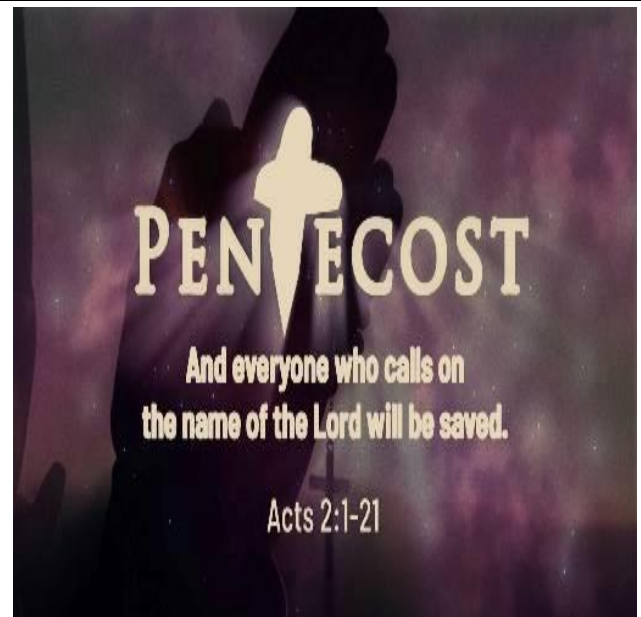


## GRACE COFFEE SOCIAL

People of Grace are encouraged and welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 10:10-10:50AM for coffee, a snack and fellowship with other Grace members. This is a great opportunity to reach out and meet with one another. We chose this time slot in order for people from both services to attend. If you would like to help out with the coffee, minimal setup and cleanup is involved, so please contact Erika Burt for more information at 250.768.5912.

## Council Meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM



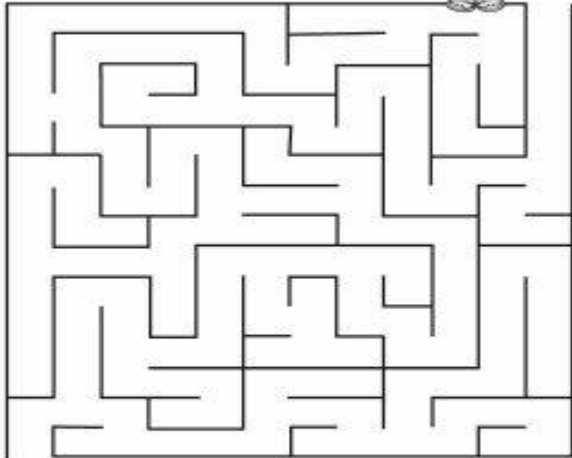


# Jesus Loves ME!

The Bible tells me so!

Remember to come to Sunday School at 10:15AM! See You There!

Help the Disciples Find the Path to Jesus



# Pentecost

Acts 2

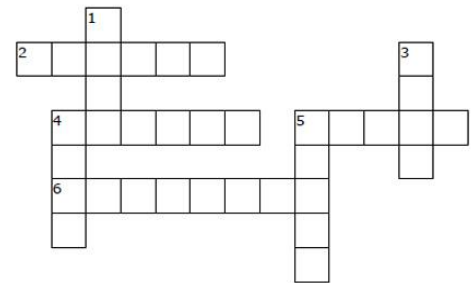


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JESUS	RESURRECTION	FIFTY
DAYS	FEAST	HOLY
SPIRIT	PETER	JERUSALEM
TONGUES	FIRE	CHURCH

## The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)  
 Based on Acts 2:1-21



### ACROSS

- A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
- The place where God lives
- Something that can be heard
- Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

### DOWN

- A destructive burning
- Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
- Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
- To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE	FIRE	HOLY	WIND
SPIRIT	HEAVEN	SOUND	SPEAK

# MAY 2024 – Grace Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Invite the Holy Spirit to lead your decisions and emotions today!</p> <p><small>John 14:15-17</small></p>			1 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven Chapel PD	2 7:00PM Choir Practice	3	4
5 Easter 6 9AM Contemporary with Holy Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	6 7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	7 1:00PM Galatians Bible Study 2:00PM Lakeview Lodge Chapel PD	8 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study	9 7:00PM Choir Practice	10	11 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service
12 Easter 7 9AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b> Baby Bottle Campaign Starts Today!	13 7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	14	15 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven Chapel FOG	16 7:00PM Choir Practice	17	18
19 <b>DAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9AM Contemporary 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	20 <b>-Victoria Day-</b>	21	22 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study	23 7:00PM Choir Practice	24	25 9:00AM Annual Grace Lutheran Spring Clean-Up 7:00PM Youth Event Scandia Mini- Golf
26 Holy Trinity Sunday 9AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional	27 7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	28	29 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study	30 7:00PM Choir Practice	31	
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