

Graceline

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Pastor Davids Message

Calc Convention 2026

Our Scripture Theme.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you

into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you. (Matthew 28: 5-7)

What a delight it is to assemble again and renew and begin relationships. It is the one

opportunity we have in CALC to gather from across Canada to be invigorated in our faith and to

acknowledge that we are not alone.

Venue: CALC's 2026 Annual General Convention (the "Convention and retreat") was held on

Thursday to Saturday, April 16 to 18, 2026, at the Holiday Inn and Suites Conference Center

located in Nisku, AB, a community located within minutes' drive of Edmonton's International

Airport.

"Keynote Speakers: Reverend David Wollan and Reverend Kip Tyler were our keynote speakers

during our annual education day for all our delegates and visitors. Their presentations were on

the theme of outreach and evangelism. Pastor Steve Perkins delivered the keynote address at

this year's pastors' study retreat. Steve is a pastor and executive director of Alliance of Renewal

This is the day
that the LORD
has made;
let us Rejoice
and be
glad
in it.
Psalm 118:24

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Churches (ARC), a North American pastors' network of around 500 churches. Though called the

Alliance of Renewal Churches, their primary focus is actually caring for the individual leader.

ARC believes that healthy church cultures begin with healthy leaders, so they seek intentionally to provide safe communities for leader-support. Their pastors and ministry partners come from evangelical, sacramental, and Spirit-filled traditions so they gather with expectancy, and have a

rational disregard for the impossible. At their Life Together Events pastors are encouraged with coaching, community, worship, and development. Steve is the Senior Pastor at Northgate

Church located in Ramsey, Minnesota, USA. Northgate is a member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).”

(Above quote from CALC Website.)

Business session:

Summary of some key motions: Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church of Vancouver, Burnaby,

BC, applied for membership in CALC as a Full Member Congregation, they were admitted as

such with all rights and obligations. Financial Statements for CALC for the year ending

December 31, 2025, and budget in the 2026 were approved. 2025 budget had a 16,713 surplus

due to cutting back on travel expenses. The total budget for 2026 is 124,599. Nominating

Committee hereby nominated two appointed positions to council. They are Pastor Sherland

Chhangur and Lourie. The next business Meeting for CALC's Annual General Convention will

be set for weekend of Friday April 16th and Saturday April 17th, 2027; with the National Council

to select the venue for the convention and the schedule for the overall convention. One key

note is that president Pastor Jim Bredeson will taking a leave of absence for 6 months to take

care of his wife who is very ill. Vice president Fred Schickedanz will cover his position for the

time being. Please continue to pray for the Bredeson family.

Over all it was a good convention and it was great to be in fellowship with people of faith across

this country. There was a presentation on an upcoming program called Momentum that deals

with church revitalization. Our church council will be looking at the program to see if it fits our

needs as a congregation. More information will be provided if we proceed.

In Christ

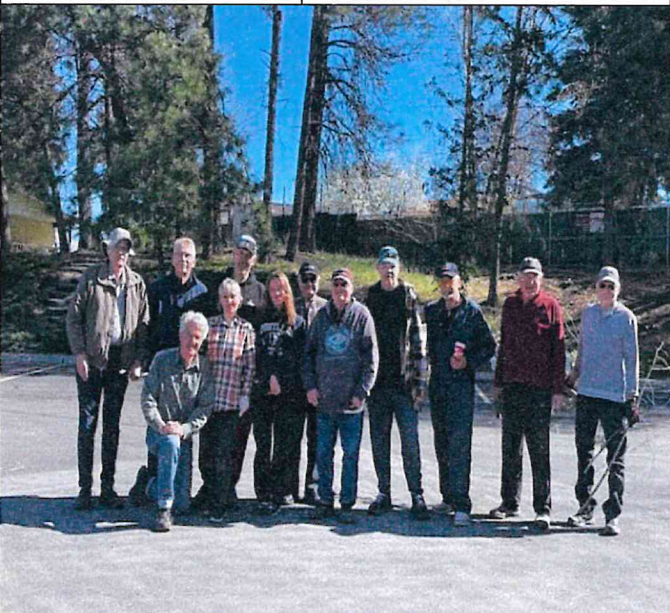
Pastor David Wunderlich



2026 At-a-Glance

We look forward to 2026 and the opportunities for worship.

Sunday May 3 rd	5 th Sunday in Easter
Sunday May 10 th	6 th Sunday in Easter Mother's Day !
Sunday May 17 th	7 th Sunday in Easter
Sunday May 24 th Pentecost	
Sunday's After Pentecost: May 31 st to November 22 nd	
Sunday May 31 st	Holy Trinity & Confirmation
Sunday October 25 th	Reformation Sunday
Sunday November 1 st	All Saints Sunday
Sunday November 22 nd	Christ the King



Spring Cleanup 2026

Thank-you to those who came out for the annual interior /exterior Spring clean-up April 18th from 8:30AM to 12 Noon. Many hands made for light work! Everyone enjoyed pizza and great conversation together once we were all done.

Okanagan Valley Pregnancy Care Centre

Dear Church Partners,

Thank you so much for partnering with us for the 2026 Baby Bottle Fundraiser. We truly appreciate your willingness to help make this fundraiser a success and to support individuals and families in need in our community.



Spring Baby Bottle Fundraiser
May 10th - June 21st 2026

Help us reach our goal of
\$110,000

Donate Today



Thank you again for your partnership and support in running this year's fundraiser. If you have any questions or need additional materials, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warmest Regards,

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**YOUTH
GROUP
NEWS**



MAY YOUTH EVENT: Coming Friday May 29th 7:00 PM 8:30 PM. FREE MINI-GOLF YOUTH EVENT at Scandia Golf Course 2898 HWY 97 N Kelowna: Pastor David will be meeting with the youth for a fun filled game of mini golf! For more information TEXT Pastor David at 250.317.6502



**COMPASSION
CORNER**

Please pray for those who mourn, including the Matzigkeit family in the recent loss of Lilly, the Gustafson, Hartness,

Propp, & Beaudreau families in the loss of Sandra's sister Bev, as well as the Fenson, Ruff, Grub, McLennan, Pagenkopf, and Hardy families. Pray for those healing including Bev Mettlewsky's brother Rob Schultz, Alma Pasker, Brandon Howe, Don Chapman, Richard Shalogam, Marissa Hutchison, Nedra Schuler, Ellen Spielman, Kris Gering, Maria Heise, Jim Szabo, Louise Shopland, Gerald Schuler, Emily Hughes, Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner and Lorraine Wentland. *For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. Isaiah 49:13b*

**Mother's Day
Prayer**

THINKING OF YOU ON MOTHER'S DAY,
AND SAYING A *special* PRAYER—

THAT GOD,

WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE,
WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.

THAT HE WILL *bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE
WITH JOYS OF EVERY KIND—

WITH PERFECT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

AND *peace* OF
HEART AND MIND.



Congregational Life

Christian Education

Sundays

10:30AM: Sunday School. Our Sunday School meets during the 10:30AM service except during school holidays.

Mondays

Rev. Jim Statham is doing a bible study Monday night at 7:00Pm by Zoom and Sunday between services in the back office.

Tuesdays

Starting May 5th Pastor David Wunderlich and Don Chapman will be doing a 5-week study of St Paul in the book of Acts.

Wednesdays

9:30AM: Ladies Bible Study led by Liliias Statham on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00AM. If you want more information, please call Liliias at 250.767.0153.

Serving Others

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

Looking for volunteers

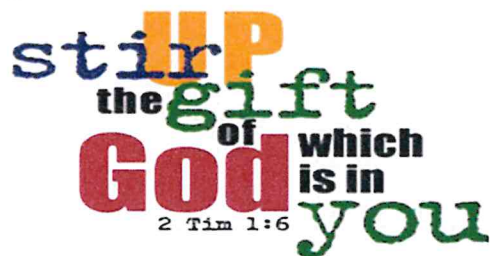
On the 4th Tuesday of every month a team from Grace Lutheran was going to the Kelowna Gospel Mission. They help in the kitchen with lunch and dinner preparation. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Corinn Lutz at 250.869.8092 or by email: timcorlutz@gmail.com

Unfortunately, we had to stop doing this important work in 2025. As we were unable to get volunteers to help so were unable to go. If you are interested please call Corinn Lutz or the office for more information.

Rides to Church

Do you need a ride to Sunday services or special congregational events? Would you be willing to give someone a ride to Sunday services or special events?

Call Nora Steffenhagen at 778. 478.4117, she will match those who need a ride and those willing to give a ride.



Serving in Worship

Praise Band:

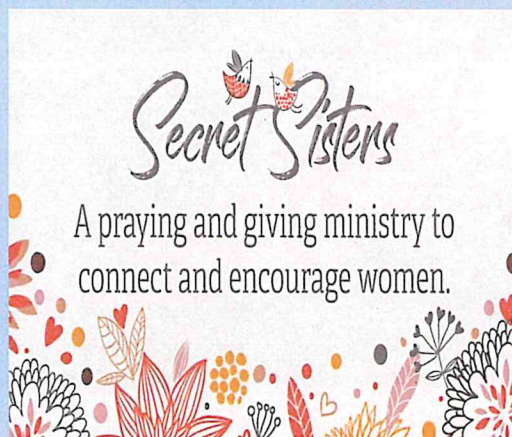
Praise Band leads the congregation in song at the 9:00AM Contemporary service.

Full Of Grace:

Full Of Grace leads the congregation in song at the 11:00AM traditional service and will resume February

Secret Sister Event

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Ursula Sommerfeld 250.470.9817 or Linda McCall 250.808.6480



Our next secret sister event Will be Saturday May 30th at 1:00pm Ladies please join us for our first chocolate tasting event! Bring your favorite chocolate for sampling !! Beverages & a light snack will be served.

Grace Choir

Grace Choir provides a special musical offering during worship on the first and third Sunday of each month. We sing from September through May. We welcome anyone who has a voice and wants to sing to the Lord. We practice on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30PM. If you have any questions, please speak to Deni Skutshek 250.862.9098 or the Church Office 250.769.5685 for information.



Fellowship

Men's Breakfast: Grace men gather at 8:30AM for breakfast at Grace Lutheran in the Fellowship Hall the second Saturday of the month. **Our next breakfast is: May 9th and June 13th 2026.**

Council Meetings

Next Church Council meeting will be held on May 19th and June TBA in the Fireside Room at 7:00 PM.

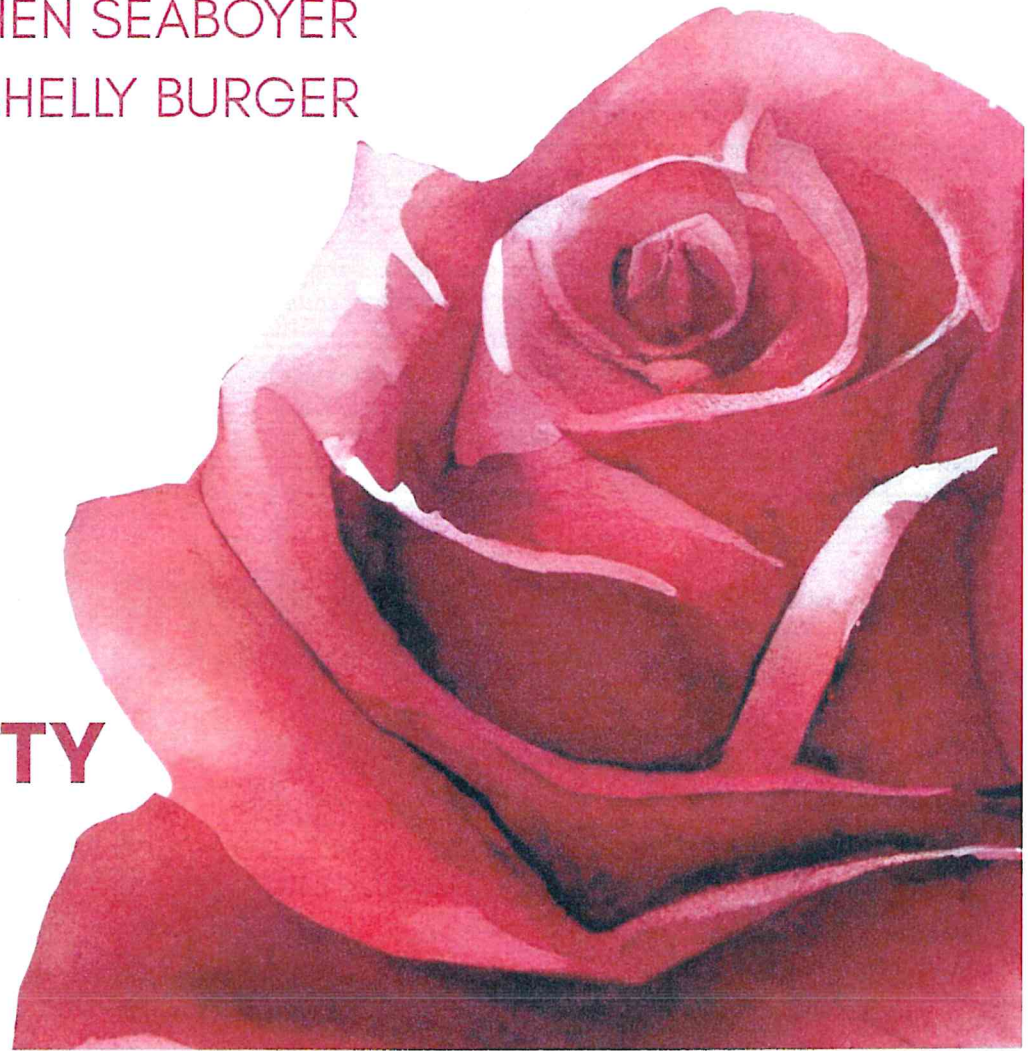
AMAZING LOVE

with KCGChoir

DIRECTOR: STEPHEN SEABOYER

ACCOMPANIST: SHELLY BURGER

**KELOWNA
COMMUNITY
GOSPEL
CHOIR**



SUNDAY, May 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Grace Lutheran Church

1162 Hudson Road - West Kelowna

ENTRANCE BY DONATION

WE WELCOME THE COMMUNITY!

www.facebook.com/kelowna.community.gospel.choir/

MAY 2026 – Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service
3 Easter 3 9:00AM Contemporary w/Holy Communion 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion Bible study Jim Statham 1030am back office	4 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	5 1:00PM Adult Bible Study 2:00PM Lakeview Lodge PD	6 9:00AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven PD	7 7:00PM Choir Practice	8	9 8:30AM Men's Breakfast
10 Easter 4 Mother's Day 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 11:00AM Traditional Choir Anthem OVPCC Baby Bottle Campaign Begins Bible study Jim Statham 1030am back office 6:30PM CGC Choir Concert	11 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	12 1:00PM Adult Bible Study	13 9:00AM Ladies Bible Study	14 7:00PM Choir Practice	15	16
17 Easter 5 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion Bible study Jim Statham 1030am back office	18 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham VICTORIA DAY Office Closed	19 1:00PM Adult Bible Study 7:00PM Council meeting	20 9:00AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven FOG	21	22	23 1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service
24 Easter 6 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional	25 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	26 1:00PM Adult Bible Study 7:00PM Healing and Prayer meeting	27 9:00AM Ladies Bible Study	28 6:00PM Choir Potluck & Practice	29 7PM Youth Event Scandia Golf	30 1:00PM Secret Sister Event Chocolate tasting
31 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Choir Anthem Bible study Jim Statham 1030am back office						

JUNE 2026 – Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Easter 7 9:00AM Contemporary w/Holy Communion 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion Bible study Jim Statham 1030am back office	7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham CANADA DAY	1:00PM Adult Bible Study 2:00PM Lakeview Lodge PD	9:00AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven PD			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Day of Pentecost 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Bible study Jim Statham 1030am back office	7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	Pastor David is Away till June 25 th	9:00AM Ladies Bible Study Pastor David is Away till June 25 th	Pastor David Away	Pastor David Away	8:30AM Men's Breakfast 11:00AM COL Private Event 2:00-6:00PM WKMS Student Recitals Pastor David Away
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Pastor David 14 Away	15	16	17	18	19	20
Holy Trinity Rev. Jim Statham 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion RETURN BABY BOTTLES TODAY! Bible study Jim Statham 1030am back office	Pastor David Away	7:00PM Healing Service Pastor David Away	2:00PM Brookhaven FOG Pastor David Away	Pastor David Away	Pastor David Away	1:00-5:30 PM Private event K&J Emmond student concert Fellowship hall and Sanctuary Pastor David Away
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pentecost 2 Pastor Ed Skutshek 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Bible study Jim Statham 1030am back office	Pastor David Away	Pastor David Away	Pastor David Away	Pastor David back		Private Wedding Service 1PM PE
28	29	30				
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