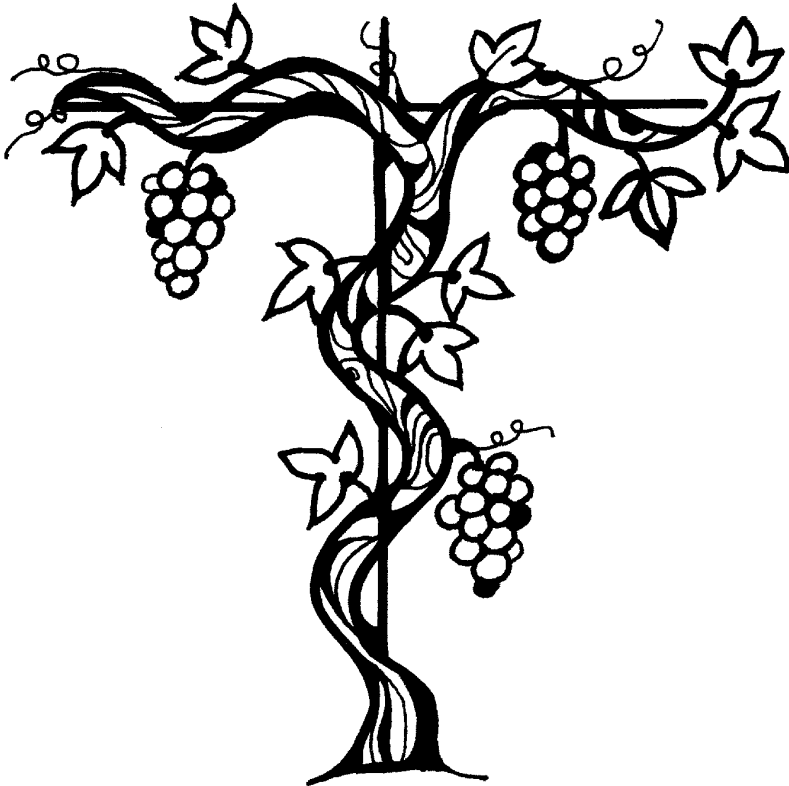


Fifth Sunday of Easter



April 28, 2024

8:30 am

Welcome to Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church

As people made one in the waters of baptism, we believe our faith is strengthened by diversity in a community that welcomes all people. We celebrate God's unconditional love and respond joyfully to your presence here.



All are welcome. You are welcome.

*Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church is a
Reconciling in Christ congregation.*

An online livestream will be available for today's service, along with a recording for future reference. Search "Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church" on YouTube.

This congregation worships on the ancestral and contemporary homeland of the Coast Salish peoples. We recognize the profoundly sacred relationship that our Native siblings have with the land and ask for forgiveness for the ways we have violated that which is revered by them and sustains us all.

Restrooms are located on the sanctuary level just past the library. In addition to men's and women's rooms, there is an all-gender restroom that houses a changing table.

A staffed nursery is available for children. You'll find it on this same floor, through the library, down the long hallway on the left (just past the restrooms).

Children are always welcome in worship! In the narthex you will find build-your-own worship bags. Your children can spread out and play in the narthex (speakers in the narthex will allow you to worship from there) or bring the activities to your pew.

The Pray Ground is the space in the Narthex (lobby) for small children and their caretakers to participate in worship while remaining their authentic selves without the burden of feeling self-conscious. There are activity items in baskets under the table. Ask an usher for help with any of these options. You are welcome to be here, make noise, wiggle, and participate in the way that works best for you. *Ask an usher for help with any of these options. We want people of all ages to feel comfortable here!*

Offerings Your generous gifts sustain this faith community! The outreach programs, music, choirs, utilities and facility upkeep plus our wonderful staff and more. Many folks contribute a set monthly amount through a program called Simply Giving that facilitates donations from your checking account on whatever timeframe you desire and amount you designate. *We encourage everyone to consider using this, or a fee-less bank transfer, as it provides reliable monthly income for our budget.* Some folks request offering envelopes which can be put in the offering plate or mailed in. Of course, cash in the plate is fine too. *We encourage you to consider pledging so that we will know our funds for the year and can better plan.* Gifts may also be given directly on our website under the GIVING tab. Questions to Parish Administrator Ann Erickson parishadmin@prlc.org

Check us out at the parish website www.prlc.org for more information about Phinney – our common life, ministries and many opportunities for service and faith formation. You can also find us on Facebook: "Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church Community."

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Meditation on *Ubi caritas*

Carson Cooman

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please rise at the pouring of the water.

We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When we were baptized into Christ, we were joined to him in his dying and rising. Let us give thanks for the gift of water and the promises of baptism.

Silence for reflection.

Holy, Mighty Creator,

We thank you for the water we use in our homes for cleaning and bathing.

Cleanse our hearts and wash away our sin and shame.

We thank you for the water we drink, which quenches our thirst.

Fill us with your peace and satisfy the emptiness we sometimes feel.

We thank you for the Coast Salish people, the original caretakers and relatives of this land, and for their stewardship of the waters of our region, including the Pacific Ocean, the Puget Sound and Elliott Bay, Green Lake, Lake Washington and the winding waterways that connect them. We thank you for rain that nourishes all creatures.

Use our hands to care for creation. Keep our hands from doing harm.

We thank you for the water that we splash and play in.

Inspire joy and curiosity within us, so we can know your love more.

We thank you for waters that save and heal, bringing Noah and the animals to dry land and a new promise; parting for the Israelites to walk through to freedom; filling the Samaritan Woman with living water; pouring forth from Jesus' side on the cross.

May justice pour forth from us like raging water.

We thank you for washing away our sin in the waters of baptism.

Help us die to sin and rise to love others as we have been loved.

With each encounter with water that we have, today and every day, remind us of the good news of your salvation and grace, which will never wash away, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

In Christ Called to Baptize

ELW #575

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us revere and love the loving God, and from a sincere heart, let us love one another. Amen

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God..**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Blessed Spring

ELW #447

CHILDREN’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The assembly responds to each petition:

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share signs of Christ's peace with those near you: a hug, handshake, smile, or peace sign.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERING

Behold How Good

Michael John Trotta

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

silence

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

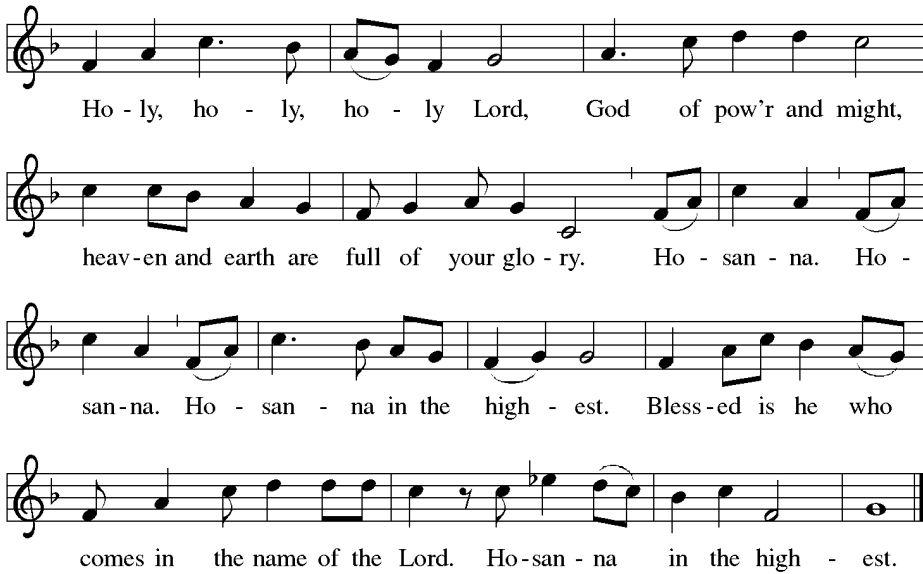
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
 In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome to meet the Risen Christ in sharing communion. Ushers will guide you forward and hand you a small cup. Once you have received the bread from the pastor, either wine or grape juice will be poured into your cup. Wine will be offered by the first cup-holder, and the second will offer juice. All of the bread is gluten-free. Place your compostable cup in the basket as you return to your seat via the side aisle.

1 God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

COMMUNION MUSIC

<i>Where Charity and Love Prevail</i>	ELW #359
<i>In Christ There is No East or West</i>	ELW #650
<i>Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises</i>	ELW #535

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

silence

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
bless you now and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

St Denio

Percy Whitlock

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Preacher

Pastor Anne Lohrmann

Presider

Pastor Anne Lohrmann

Assisting Minister

Deacon Patrick Meagher

Lector

Kara Novak (8:30)

Sally Thompson (11:00)

Ushers

George Snelling

Gus Snelling

Pete Carlson

Dianne Carlson

Eucharistic Minister

Ardis Pilz (8:30)

Nel Taylor (11:00)

Videographer

Walter Zamojski

Musicians

Nick Abbott, organ

Chancel Choir, Beth Ann Bonnacroy,
director

Children's Word

David Roby

Join us for these upcoming Adult Forums on Sundays from 10am - 10:50am!

NOTE: Location change for forums on 5/5 & 5/12: due to asbestos abatement on 200 level, forums will move to the Sanctuary. Location for 5/19 TBD.

May 5th: A New Season for Edible Hope Feeding Program!

Welcome visiting speaker Rev. Dr. Courtney Stange-Tregear to share about an exciting new potential season for the Edible Hope Feeding Program many of you know and love. Rev. Courtney has been a United Church of Christ pastor, but currently works for the UCC and is a member at St. Paul's UCC in Ballard. St. Paul's is a potential new home for Edible Hope, and Courtney would like to forge a deeper connection between PRLC and this vital community feeding program.

Call Committee Feedback Forums

May 12th - 10:00 am - 10:50am (between services)

May 19th - 11:00 am - 11:50 am (after the one 9:30 am service)

These forums are convened by the Call Committee with an invitation for members to respond to questions regarding the gifts, tasks & capabilities of the next Pastor we will call to serve PRLC. Your feedback will be part of completing our Ministry Site Profile before it is made available to prospective candidates.

Our Weekly Circle of Prayer

“let us exalt God’s name together...” Psalm 34:3 + “pray without ceasing ...” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

*We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need and your prayers. Please email office@prlc.org or call 206-783-2350 with requests. Prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays; if you wish to keep a request on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office. New requests for the week are in **bold type**.*

For the church of Jesus Christ in every land...

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee, Northwest Washington Synod

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA

For healing in body, mind, and spirit...

Esther Peterson (Karen’s mom) in hospice care

Candi Olson, for relief of ongoing knee pain

Big and Little Joe and Marilyn

For healing of strife between siblings

Rev. Phil Hefner, friend of Jane Bengtson, in hospice care

Dana, friend of Sandy Mortinson, cancer

Bill and Beverly Gruber, grieving the death of their daughter

Anna Steinhouser, recovering from surgery

Lee Boelter, mother of Don, selling house and moving into assisted living

Bill Aasland, uncle of Joyce Aasland, numerous health issues

Bill, undergoing chemotherapy for liver cancer

Lynn

Penny, in hospice care for liver cancer

Lori, suffering from a foot injury

Jeri Lloyd, recovering from heart surgery

Linda Thorson as she recovers from ankle replacement surgery

Those with drug addiction and homelessness

Kirstin Shaw - for a clear path forward as she continues to recover, gain strength, and understand new diagnosis (visits and cards welcome @ Snohomish Health and Rehabilitation)

Josephine Molton, young granddaughter of Rody and Alice Rowe, through cancer treatment

For the homebound members and friends of Phinney...

Borgny Eriksen, Ann Heinz, Signe Lyshol, Marlene Gaw, Birgit Lyshol

For those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness...

Kathleen, Jody (friend of Carolyn Hostettler), Pastor Lori Cornell (sister of Lisa Cornell), Chris Clawson, Kirsten Olshausen, Deb, Carol Cummins, Nick Baker (Kari VanSanford's dad), Vascular Parkinsonism, Charlotte Waustrom, (Kari VanSanford's friend), Parkinson's, Mary DeLong (cousin of Mark) terminal brain cancer, Jenny

For the faithful departed...

Andrew Stowe, February 14, son-in-law of Mary Lydic

Wolfgang Lill, passed away on March 9

Caroline Brakken, March 15

Lois Severtson, February 9

Brian Cummins, son of Carol Cummins, March 10

Jerry Sandahl died February 18 at age 88 in St. Paul, MN; a family friend of Luci Baker Johnson. Jerry was a retired Ramsey Co. court recorder.

Matthew Radenbaugh died from complications with diabetes, on February 26 at age 56 at St. James, MN; a cousin of Luci Baker Johnson.

For peace and justice in all lands and the well-being of creation...

For peace in Haiti, Sudan, Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Syria, Palestine, Israel and the Gaza Strip and other war torn places around the world

All those affected by the scourge & disease of addiction

All affected by gun violence

All vulnerable residents in long term care facilities.

All dealing with mental health issues

All refugees and immigrants

That war would come to an end

Thanksgiving for...

The Birth of Ivy Quinn on April 6, niece of Ken and Sheila Bartanen

The birth of James Scott Chrisman, March 24

Continued prayers for those in recovery

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers

Announcements

Vacation Bible School. Join us in kicking off summer break with VBS the final week of June (24th-28th) from 9-noon each day. There will be music, storytelling, Bible exploration, crafts, and fun for the whole community!! Best age range for VBS this year is...any and all children! Teenagers are HIGHLY encouraged to sign up to volunteer. It's going to be a legitimately fun time and you'll certainly rack up those service learning hours. That's what we call a win-win. Stay tuned for more details on the theme. In the meantime, RSVP to David if you'd like to attend.

PRLC Talent Show is now happening on May 5th @ 12:30pm! We're hoping to take advantage of everyone's usual Sunday schedule by holding it right after church. This is open to all adults and kids in the Phinney community along with friends and family -- play your recital piece, sing a fun song, anything goes! We will take an offering in support of our youth summer activities. Let us know that you are available and what you want to perform! Email AmyRadil@gmail.com.

Music Time is BACK starting TODAY!! Join us for some fun songs to kick off education hour led by our very own Joel Maier and Larry Burris. We truly hope people of ALL AGES join us for this fun time so that we can make this an intergenerational tradition. Join us on the Sanctuary level (there will be signage and the sweet sounds of music to guide you) at the start of Education Hour for a couple songs, and then go to your various fellowship groups whether it be Sunday School, an Adult Forum, or a "meeting" at 74th street. ;0) Let's start together, folks.

Have ideas for our kid and family ministries here? Have feedback? So many options to give feedback: video, paper, and in person outlined below.

Attend a listening forum in the library in which David Roby will be the listener on April 28th @ 10:15am or May 1st @ 5:30pm. At these meetings, you'll find a schedule on the wall in the "Education Hallway" (as I've now decided to call it) where folks can schedule individual meetings with me, if you wish.

There are also feedback boxes in the Narthex and right outside the Nursery. You can either write your feedback/idea on a piece of paper provided at these boxes, or scan one of the QR codes (below or at the boxes) and provide your feedback online. Thank you for helping us be more awesome and effective! *(This feedback will be seen by CYF Director David Roby.)*

Survey feedback:



Video feedback:



Announcements

From Luci Baker Johnson, PRLC Historian & Archivist

In 2015, as a congregation, we celebrated **100 Years on the Ridge**. That is, the 100th Anniversary of PRLC. Oh, the memories! For several years since then, we have been looking for a permanent space for the Archives. With support and encouragement from Nancy Winder, we now have a space! YEAH!! The archives room is now located on the 4th floor of our church building! I have a couple of folks to thank for making this a reality. First, to **David Roby** for finding new spaces for the items that had been stored in this room — and removing these items. Thanks also to the **BAG** (Building & Grounds) Committee, especially Joel Maier, for physically moving half of the archive boxes from a space next to the Food Bank (on the first floor) up to the new Archives room. This was accomplished two weeks ago. Fifty boxes were relocated!

THANK YOU.

The next phase is to give the room a fresh coat of paint, then to relocate another fifty boxes into that room. Once this has been completed, we will **need volunteers to help with organizing the room**. This will be a long-term project, taking place over several months, if not years.

There are a few copies of a document that summarizes what was proposed in 2015. You can find a copy at the Grace Station.

Email me with your questions and/or interest in volunteering. ljbj-historian@earthlink.net

No Sleep ‘Til New Orleans! Fundraising efforts are now in full swing in preparation to send 4 of our kiddos and two of our adults to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. We truly appreciate those of you who have been asking about this trip, wondering how to support the kids attending, and wondering when fundraising would start. The time is now!!! We needed to solidify attendance and let Easter happen first. Now, stay tuned for specific opportunities to give and support these kids. For now, please start with prayer for safe travels, productive spiritual nourishment and growth, and sweet sweet bonding with friends. You can also read more announcements in the bulletin here for a couple other ideas.

Thrivent Action Grants to give? If you or anyone you know has access to a Thrivent Action Grant and would like to use it to support youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, please contact Cara Tanis (mother of one of our awesome youth attending). (360) 720-8703 cehtanis@hotmail.com

Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 19 Beginning Pentecost Sunday, May 19, we will worship *all together at 9:30 a.m.* each Sunday through Summer.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Psalm 80	Isaiah 5:1-7	Galatians 5:16-26
Tuesday	Psalm 80	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18
Wednesday	Psalm 80	Isaiah 65:17-25	John 14:18-31
Thursday	Psalm 98	Isaiah 49:5-6	Acts 10:1-34
Friday	Psalm 98	Isaiah 42:5-9	Acts 10:34-43
Saturday	Psalm 98	Deuteronomy 32:44-47	Mark 10:42-45

Zoom Meeting Information

Early Morning Conversation

Wednesday 6:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 530 820 320 Passcode: 960129

We use the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday as the launch pad for our conversation. Please come and join us for a lively and fun hour. Bring your own coffee, all are welcome.

The Spirited Women Book Group

Thursday 10:00am Meeting ID: 872 5037 0297

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