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Dates to Note:

August 2nd - 7 PM - SPR Meeting August 9th - 6 PM - Ad Council Meeting @ Acero August 14th - 10 AM - Blessing of the Backpacks August 16th - 7 PM Trustees Meeting August 17th - Sept 3rd - Pastor Jo Ann will be on vacation August 21st - 10 AM Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Kathy Neary August 28th - 10 AM Hymn Sing Sunday Meal for Outsiders Inn

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WORSHIP

Sunday Morning 10:00am

Good Trouble

"Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."

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AUGUST 2022

- John Lewis

We've been hanging out in the gospel of Luke this summer. We have seen much of Jesus' ministry. Over these next few weeks we're going to encounter some stories that show Jesus in a different light. Jesus is out to cause some trouble, some good trouble. He's stirring the waters. the things that we humans place so much value on; order, comfort, security, predictability. Jesus comes in and reminds us all that there is better and more if we will only get out of our own way. God is a god of abundance, creativity, and diversity. and he invites all of us to join him in breaking down the walls that we put up to separate and alienate us from the kingdom.

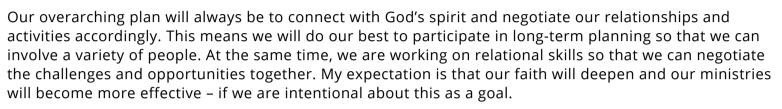
We have each been given a light to shine, a seed to sow, a song to sing, a story to tell. It is our job, as christians in community, to share those with all that we encounter, even if it causes a little bit of trouble.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

- Marianne Williamson

A letter from the Pastor

Confirmation was delayed a few weeks, but it happened and it was amazing. We have at least one baptism remaining from the confirmation group and that is for Lilly Schlegel's sponsor – Sarah Flury. We planned an outdoor baptism for August but then the weather got HOT and new possibilities presented themselves. Sarah's son will be home from his deployment in September and so we will include him in our celebration at the yard/ home of the Connie and Vance Golden. (We will share updates in the Sunday bulletin and Wednesday e-mail.)



In July, the staff met with our lay leader, Jan Southard- to both reflect on our first year together and then to begin imagining the next year (beginning in August). The document presented below grew as it was shared with small groups and Carolyn Almond, our Administrative Council Chairperson. We are excited to share this with you now and to use it as a tool for conversation at our August 9th planning session. In the background we have work concerning Christian education, finance, building projects and full inclusion (to name just a few).

I join the host of people who have joined this church recently in appreciation of depth of Spirit and care that we experience among you. Our numbers are not immense, but we are more than enough if we work together – with God. Continue to keep your church and community in your daily prayers.

August 2022

• Prayer and Planning- Retreat at Acero Clubhouse 8/9 - 6:00-8

 Pastor on Break - 8/17-9/3 (with assorted days in office)

September 2022

- Sermon series spiritual gift inventory then ministry fair then new classes begin
- Experience Ridgefield 9/10
- Outdoor Baptism at Goldens in Woodland

October 2022

- Blessing of Animals
- Family Pumpkin Carving

November 2022

• Hanging of Greens for Advent

December 2022

- Hometown Celebration 12/3
- Children's Pageant 12/18
- Longest Night 12/21
- Christmas Eve and Day

January 2023

February 2023

• Beads and Ashes 2/22

March 2023

April 2023

- Holy Thursday 4/6
- Good Friday 4/7- Crosswalk, Soup and Bread, Stations
- Easter services 4/9

May 2023

• Community May Day (recruit for VBS)

June 2023

• End of month - VBS

July 2023/ early August 2023

- 4th of July Shortcake Booth
- Mission Trip to Anchorage and Nome



Getting To Know You

We will be spotlighting different parishioners each month so that we may get to know one another better.

Vocation/Vocations: Kindergarten Teacher

Hobbies / Special Interests: I enjoy reading, painting, camping, and spending time with family and friends.

Family Information: I'm married to Scott. We have 4 boys between us. Blake, Andrew, Trevor and Jonathan. We also have 2 dogs and a cat

History with RUMC: We have been attending since July of 2021.

Memorable Experiences with RUMC: Being Lilly's mentor for her confirmation and co teaching VBS with Brandy!

JOHN TREOSTI

Vocation/Vocations: Retired

Hobbies / Special Interests: I enjoy golf, traveling, volunteering, and fantasy football.

Family Information: I am an only child and I have 4 cousins.

History with RUMC: I've been a member for about 10 to 12 years. I've been involved in several activities; kitchen, finance, clean up projects, and other Church outreach projects.

Memorable Experiences with RUMC: The Crosswalk on Good Friday, and being in the Nativity/Manger booth at Christmas time.



Spotlight on our Youth





CARSON YOUNG

Carson Young is a 10th grader, he recently turned 15 and now has his learners permit. Watch out Ridgefield!

Carson is the son of Chris & Brandy Young. He is the oldest child in the family with two younger sisters Carra and Caccee.

Hobbies: Carson is quite an athlete and loves to play any sport. He also enjoys video gaming and driving!

Favorite part of worship: Learning and working the sound board that way I can hear the sermon.

A favorite memory of Carson's at RUMC is: VBS 2022 - 100% FUN

SARAH FLURY





ANN SIEGMUND	8/1
JOSEPH LANDERHOLM	8/5
MIEKO HERIFORD	8/8
BETH MARSHALL	8/10
KENT LANDERHOLM	8/14
CHLOE ATWINE	8/21
ANNE JOHNSON	8/31



Prayers

Laura Nelson & Family MERLE & BARB PFEIFER JEANNINE & RICK WHITE THE GREEAR FAMILY TIM & SANDI WINN ANGELA PRICE



Proposed Inclusion Statement

This month we are surveying our congregation to gather data on our feelings regarding the following statement. More information will be shared during our Sunday Service and by email next week.

> "We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."

Iglesia Nueva Visión

Earlier this summer Pastor Jo Ann received a call from a local pastor with a small congregation asking if we would be willing to share our space for worship. Tomas and Vanesa Pascual are the leaders of Iglesia Nueva Visión. They had been meeting in a small portable at a church in Battleground however they had outgrown their space and were looking for a space that better fit their needs. After meeting with them multiple times, and with the approval of Ad Board, we decided to move forward with our partnership.

Iglesia Nueva Visión holds a Prayer Service on Friday nights from 7pm-9pm and Worship Service on Sundays from 2pm-4pm. They arrive early for set up and stay after for take down each service. Their services are conducted in spanish and include lively music, prayers, and sermon. While the congregation is a bit smaller than ours, they are so very friendly and excited to have a larger, more inviting space to worship in.

Vanesa asked us to share the following message. "Please tell them how grateful we are for everyone of you for accepting and loving us. We pray that this new beginning is going to be full of blessings and God guiding us every step of the way!"

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We have had an amazing summer here! I hope that you and your families have been enjoying your summer as well. We had a wonderful time at Vacation Bible School and are looking forward to the fall and all the fun events we have planned.

The first of those is on August 14th. We will help our kiddos prepare for the coming school year with our annual *Blessing of the Backpacks*. That Sunday we invite all of our kids to bring their backpack to church with them. We will have a time to pray over them and ask for God's blessing on the upcoming school year.

The following month, we will be at *Experience Ridgefield*. We had such a good time last year we decided to to it again. Experience Ridgefield is put on by the Ridgefield School District to celebrate Ridgefield's proud past, prosperous present and promising future. We hope you will join us for this fun community carnival, held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 10 at the Ridgefield Administrative & Civic Center (RACC).

I hope you enjoy these last few days of summer.

Megan Schlegel Director of Children and Family Ministries



Thank You to St. Andrew

St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Orchards kindly lent us the background and some other decorations for our VBS. They used the ReNew VBS package last year and were happy to lend it out for our children to enjoy as well. They put in a great deal of time preparing it and we are incredibly thankful for their generosity!



TRENEW VBS Recap

What an amazing VBS week we had! We may have been a smallish group but we were mighty in spirit! We spent 4 evenings together learning all about the Parable of the Sower.





Each day we learned about a part of the story. We talked about the seeds God plants in each of us, taking root, facing challenges, and flourishing in the good soil. We played games together, made fun crafts, and enjoyed delicious snacks and sang so many amazing songs with our musicians. It's a privilege to get to spend our time with these beautiful kids!

We owe a huge thanks to all our volunteers! Youth Shepherds - Alvis Asiimwe, Lucas Musherure, Carson Young, Carra Young,

Lilly Schlegel, and Jack Brown

Adult Shepherds - Alicia Mathis and Susan Mills

Kitchen Helpers - Jan Southard, Carolyn Almond, Barb Pfeifer

Musicians - Bob Southard, Jennifer Hodapp

Game Leader - Lisa Detchman

Story Leaders - Brandy Young and Sarah Flury

Craft Leader and Assistants - Dale Castle, Karen Hynning, and Anne Malone

Pastoral Care, Head Cheerleader, and Photographer - Pastor Jo Ann

T-Shirt Design and Printing - Brandy Young

Co-directors - Megan Schlegel and Meghan Green













FINDING CONNECTIONS IN OUR CHURCH You are invited!

New address for Les Greear: 13005 NE 3rd Ave Vancouver, WA 98685

New Address for Beth Marshall: 7506 NE 124th Ave Vancouver, WA 98682

There are many ways to get involved in our church

On going opportunities:

Sunday: Usher, Kitchen hospitality, Communion Steward – see Meghan Green Nursery attendant – see Megan Schlegel

Monday: Knitting Group 1pm - see Kathy Green

Tuesday: Various Committee Meetings - times posted in Sunday bulletins

Wednesday: Women's Bible Study 1pm – see Mary Matney or Margie Stoner, Evening Bible Study 7pm – see Pastor Jo Ann

Thursday: Quilting 12:30pm - see Kathy Green Praise Band 6pm - see Bob Southard

Friday: Men's Breakfast at Rosauers - see Grant Johnson

Saturday: Trustee Work Parties 10am – 2pm (drop in when you are able) –see Jim Heriford

Occasional opportunities

Full inclusion task force – see Bob Southard **Sunday meals for the homelesss** – see Mark Novak

Special opportunities for this month-Donations for new backpacks by Thursday 8/11 at 2pm

Prayer Shawl Ministy

When yarn and love come together, we have a sacrament called a Prayer Shawl. When Jeanine White was hospitalized, we wanted a practical way to care for her. Finding our cupboards to be empty, Kathy Green and Susan Davis got busy knitting. In the last month the pastor has distributed four prayer shawls to our members. We thought maybe you would like to see how much Marie Stephenson enjoys her gift.
If you can knit or crochet and are willing to help, we would love to include you in this ministry!



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JOURNEYS

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