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**NEWSLETTER
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Thank you

Bill Wood for maintaining our lawn and edging.

The crew that cleaned up the church – Have you seen the table cloth closet, the kitchen all neat and tidy, along with all the other areas. The library is still a work in progress. Thank you so much.

Greg Price for the many times he has come to the church to work on the furnace and the biggie – The faucet in the kitchen that really works now. (We will get instructions up on the wall on how to properly use it). Greg helps out in so many ways when we are needing help with over flowing toilets to making sure outside lights are working Greg is there ready to help.

The men that fixed that incredible Easter breakfast – **Allan, Joel & Steve Collins, (Bill W.** on the dishwasher). We also want to thank all of you that helped out with donating food items. The Davison's that cook & serve a meal each month at Community House.

Paula & Candace that organized the Seder Meal.

The counters (**Mary C., Cheryl, Jocelyn, Deborah, Jane, Candace**) that each Sunday stay after to make sure our offerings get to the bank.

Those that made our Wednesday Soup suppers happen.

Peggy & Carl Winston put together the updated directory and Carl that took our pictures.

All of those that organize/make happen the things behind the scenes. Thank you!!!!

FISH RETURNS

Our first day of FISH this year are May 31st & June 1st. Most needed items are macaroni & cheese, top ramen, jello and cereal. A big thank you to Paula Zerby for organizing the work party that organized the FISH room.

Mary Carter- FISH chair

**Barb Brudvik Memorial
(Jackie Erickson's sister)**
May 29th 2pm @ Dahl-McVickers
& 2:30-light lunch @ Gloria Dei

New Address
Tom & Shirley Cooley
926 Delaware St. Apt 228
Longview WA, 98632

Church Camp out

The camp out will occur July 22-24. Please join us for fun, food and fellowship. Even if you do not stay, we potluck on the Saturday evening and you can come and spend the day with those in attendance.

The next meeting of the Care and Cookie Crew will be April 28th at 9:00am. Come prepared to eat cookies, drink coffee and do a little cleaning. Hope to see you there."



Blessings, Paula

FISH Schedule for 2022

May 31 & June 1
 July 14 & 15
 Aug. 2 & 3
 Sept. 1 & 2
 Oct. 31 & Nov. 1
 Dec. 15 & 16



Coffee hour for May

1st-
 8th-
 15th-
 22nd-
 29th-

Flowers for May

1st- Engebo
 8th- Wellman
 15th-
 22nd- Carter
 29th-

Greeter for May

1st-
 8th- Wellman
 15th-
 22nd-
 29th-

Reader for May

1st- Jaws Price
 8th- Allan Erickson
 15th-
 22nd- Dana Libby
 29th- Amanda Little

Sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex to be a greeter or bring flowers or host coffee hour.

If you would like to be a reader contact Jackie at 360-430-7778 with the date you are interested in.

Happy Birthday



1st – Candy Joplin 18th – Ashley Erickson
 2nd- Wendy Stewart 26th – Cathy Halverson
 6th – Dominic Kerns 27th – Doug Engebo
 11th – Elten Zerby 29th – Elle Couto

MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 11am Adult study	2	3 PEO using upper parking lot	4	5	6	7
8 <i>happy Mother's day</i> 11am Adult study	9	10	11 3pm worship meeting	12 Education planning at 11am	13	14
15 11am Council Community House	16	17	18	19	20	21 11am Dan Carter memorial and luncheon
22 Newsletter deadline 11am Adult study	23	24	25	26 Care & Cookies Crew 9am	27 Pacific Islander's using church 4-8pm	28 Pacific Islander's using church 9-7pm
29 Pacific Islander's using church noon-8pm	30	31  Family promise	 1 May 29th- June 4th	2	3	4

Thank you to all the volunteers that showed up to for our annual church clean up on April 9th



Gloria Dei's Great Easter Celebration 2022







HARVEST FEST POTATO CASSEROLE

- 1 (30 oz.) bag of frozen, shredded hash browns (this equals about 10 cups)
- 2 cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- ½ cup chopped, sweet onions
- 1 (10.5 oz.) can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (12 oz.) container sour cream
- ½ cup milk
- ¼ cup melted butter



- Topping:
- ¼ cup melted butter
 - 1 cup panko bread crumbs

Preheat the oven to 375°F and spray a 9" X 13 baking dish with Pam.

In a large bowl, mix together the hash browns, cheese and onions. In a separate bowl mix the soup, sour cream, milk and butter. Add the "wet" mixture to the potato mixture and stir until well blended.

Combine the topping ingredients and spoon over potatoes. Bake, uncovered, for 55-60 minutes. Serves 12.

I discovered this potato dish while Elten was serving as the interim pastor at Stella Lutheran Chapel. Every fall, the church put on a Harvest Fest that was open to the public. They served bratwurst, sauerkraut, green beans, this potato dish and apple strudel for dessert.

On April 14, 2022, this potato dish was served at the annual Seder meal at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.



Our Seder dinner was an amazing event this year







Kids Korner

The kids have been learning all about Jesus and leading up to Easter. I want to thank **Deborah & Amanda** for filling in while I've been gone several Sunday's.

If you haven't noticed **Pastor Denise** has been taking care of the caterpillars/ butterflies for the kids and teaching them all about their life cycle and what they symbolize. They have now hatched but we are waiting till it gets a bit warmer outside to let them go after Church on a Sunday. If you have noticed a red stain on their home this is not blood but a waste material after they hatch. I'm looking at May 1st to release them but we will have to see about the temperature (we need above 40).

We had an egg hunt in the parking lot on Easter for the kids. They went from car to car to get an egg, kind of like Trunk or Treat at Halloween. Thankfully it was a sunny day. I want to thank: Jocelyn, Greg, Jenean, Zerby's, Amundson's, and **Cathy** for volunteering to stay after church and offer their trunks. The kids had a blast.

Have you noticed that we are incorporating our kiddos into the church service more? They are lighting the candles, handling the offering plates, holding the basket during communion, and extinguishing the candles at end of service. They are enjoying being a part of our service.

Jackie

Jaws Price is my first volunteer to be interviewed for the "WHO'S IN THE PEW NEXT TO YOU" article for the GDLC newsletter. I appreciate her willingness to speak up and share details of her life with me. Sitting in the living room of her comfy three bedroom home munching on some homemade Chex mix, I was privileged to get to know Jaws a little better.

On February 7, 1963, Jocelyn Leigh Price was born in Seattle, WA, to Corene and William (Bill) Price. She was the third of three children born to the Prices and after having two boys (Greg and Brad) her parents were expecting another boy and were unprepared for the birth of their little girl. They only had a boy's name picked out (she would have been Andrew) so had to scramble to choose a name for their daughter. Jocelyn was her name until she met a friend in seventh grade who had difficulty remembering how to pronounce JOCELYN. Her friend shortened her name to JAWS and the nickname stuck. It might be coincidental that the movie of the same name came out about that time but it is the name she has answered to ever since. In spite of the fact that her grandmother hated the nickname, it is the name by which she is still known.



During the first three years of her life Jaw's family moved several times. Bill Price worked for Western Farmers Association that continually transferred him. These many moves were hard on a young family so in 1966, he asked to be permanently based in one spot. The company agreed and he became the manager of a store in Longview and the family moved into a rental house in Ostrander. (Coincidentally, they became next door neighbors to Elten Zerby. Jaws does not remember Elten since he was twelve years older, but she does have memories of his two younger sisters who were closer to her age.) Once the family was settled in their new home, Corene's next item of business was to find a nice Lutheran church. She looked in the phone book, found Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and took her young family to worship. They were welcomed into the church family and soon became members.

Two years after moving to Ostrander, the family relocated to a house on Veys Drive in north Kelso near Barnes Elementary School, where Jaws attended grade school. Her favorite instructor during those years was Mrs. Helen Hemrich, who, Jaws says, inspired her to become a teacher. So, at eight years old, Jaws knew she wanted to be a teacher and she never wavered from that goal.



Another event that occurred when Jaws was eight years old sparked a lifelong bond with Mickey Mouse. Her family took a vacation to Disneyland and she was introduced to Mickey and friends. Her love for Mickey is very apparent in the figurines, wreaths, pictures, shower curtains, towels, bedspreads, etc. she has chosen to decorate her home. I found it quite charming since I, too, am a big fan of The Mouse. Did I mention that she wears a Mickey Mouse watch and Mickey Mouse earrings too?

Jaws continued through the Kelso school system attending Huntington Junior High School and then Kelso High. She played volleyball and got good grades. Bill and Corene had made it very clear to her at an early age that her education would include elementary school, junior high school, high school and college. They did not have the money to send all three of their children to college but that was not to be a deterrent to receiving a higher education. She and her two brothers were expected to choose a college and figure out how to finance their own education. So they did.



Jaw's Confirmation at GDLC



Kelso High School Graduation 1981

During Jaw's high school days, Chuck and Cheryl Davison took a group of GDLC's youth up to Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma for a tour and an introduction to the PLU campus. After visiting the university, Jaws knew this was the college she wanted to attend but it was an expensive school and money was a problem. Because she was a good student and got good grades she was awarded some academic scholarships and she applied to the university for grants and loans. In the end, all her hard work made going to PLU an achievable goal.

Jaws thought she was all set to begin her freshman year at PLU but with only three days until the beginning of classes, she still had not received a dorm room assignment. She phoned the college and discovered that, in spite of cashing her \$100 deposit check to secure a place in a dormitory, they had not placed her name on the list and there were no rooms available. What was she to do? The college seemed unable to help her so she decided to head to school with a sleeping bag and suitcase in the trunk of her car. She was prepared to sleep in the car, shower in the gym facilities and study in the library. She was determined to go. At the last minute, a family she had known through her days with Job's Daughters heard of her plight and offered her the use of their travel trailer that sat in their driveway until the dorm room situation with the school could be sorted out. The day before school began, she arrived to find them not at home. The neighbor lady, however, met her at the front yard and let her into the house where she was to wait. Eventually, the family returned home, showed Jaws to the attic bedroom instead of the travel trailer and she settled in. This turned out to be quite a blessing. Jaws ended up staying with this family for her entire four years at PLU. They treated her like one of their family, doing her laundry, providing all her meals and refusing to take any money for these services. They explained that they had been treated similarly in their youth and felt this was a perfect opportunity for them to pay back a kindness. Jaws has remained friends with them to this day and is godmother to two of their



PLU Graduation 1985

grandchildren. (BTW, did PLU ever refund the \$100 check they cashed?)

During the first year and a half after her graduation in 1985, Jaws substitute taught at Toutle and also got a job coaching volleyball. After her stint of substituting she was hired at Robert Gray Elementary school. She has been employed at that school for the last 36 years, teaching 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades at different times. She is currently teaching 4th grade and has hopes of retiring at the end of this school year.

In addition to teaching, she has been a volleyball coach at Toutle, Lower Columbia College and for several club teams. Early on she discovered that coaching a team also included refereeing the games as well. She was the head coach of the LCC girls' volleyball team for 20 years and was very excited to see them go to tournaments and have successful, winning seasons under her direction. She is so pleased to see some of the girls she first coached now coaching teams themselves. In recognition of all her accomplishments, Jaws was inducted into the LCC and the NWAACC Halls of Fame.

Sadly, for reasons unknown, Jaws was relieved of her coaching duties at LCC when a new athletic director was hired. The blessing in this turn of events was that, without the refereeing duties and weekend volleyball matches and tournaments, Jaws now had time to attend Gloria Dei on a more regular basis. After church one Sunday, Cathy Halverson invited Jaws and 8 other GDLC women to join her at a house north of Long Beach, WA, that slept 10 and had stables attached. Cathy brought her horses and the women were able to ride and spend time together in a wonderful bonding experience. Jaws said she came away with 8 new sisters in Christ whom she cherishes to this day.

With a possible retirement looming on her horizon, Jaws is looking forward to some free time to repeat some of the travel experiences she has enjoyed in the past. One of her favorite vacation memories was spending time house boating on Lake Roosevelt and Shuswap Lake in Sicamous, British Columbia. About ten years ago, after her dad Bill died, she purchased a travel trailer so she and her mom Corene could enjoy taking some camping trips together. They were able to spend a few years vacationing together before Corene passed away in 2015. Last summer Bill and Linda Tuggle accompanied Jaws on a wonderful 3 week journey that took them through thirteen states, with a five day stop in Branson, where they explored the area and took in five shows. She claims they would have scheduled more time in Branson if they had known how much fun it was to visit.

Missing church was never an option while Jaws was growing up and she now finds joy in the connections she has made at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, the music that is part of our worship and the many ways the church feeds her soul. We appreciate the fact that she is once again able to spend more time with her church family and look forward to seeing what retirement holds in store for her. Blessings to you, Jaws.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 13, 2022

Present: Terri Reichert, Peggy Winston, Seth Burns, Candi Engebo, Dana Libby, Boyd Burns, George Bixby, Greg Price, Pastor Denise
Guests: Deborah Burns

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported receipts for February in the amount of \$13,935.00, and expenses in the amount \$10,164.74. Terri moved and George seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Christian Education: Meetings will take place once a month on the second Thursday of the month at 11:00.

Property Team: Made some progress on the boiler room. Greg does not feel that we have gotten all the air out of the system. Greg bought two new seals for the toilets that are leaking. Met on Thursday with everyone that wants to help fix, repair, and clean the church. East door had locks changed, and it was to be re-keyed to the old key, but it was found that some of the old keys did not work. It was noted that there are new keys in the office.

Stewardship: Pastor Denise has a book for a program called "Not My Parents Offering Plate". Boyd is currently reading, and Chuck has read. Pastor Denise noted that Stewardship should be about educating people on tithing and how to utilize the money that the church has.

Worship & Music: Meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm. George proposed collecting offering at the Wednesday Lenten services. In the past, the last Wednesday of Lenten services, we ask the congregation ideas on where to donate. George mentioned we should start planning the Reformation service. George is proposing having a beer garden with a service, great Luther songs, and a pint of beer. George and Seth would be willing to be involved in a planning committee between the area Lutheran churches.

Pastor's Report: We are halfway through Lenten Season which means halfway to Easter! Praise God!

Worship Journey: We have moved to setting 4 in the cranberry hymnal for Lent. In the Children's sermons we are packing a bag for our journey. 1. From the hill of Transfiguration, we take Christ light on our way; 2. We are filled with the Holy Spirit as our Guide; 3. In our hopelessness, Christ becomes our hope so we stand firm on the word of God. Moving forward we will learn we need a little manure to help us grow, and God is a good, good Father always receiving us back into his arms.

I am asking for sword ferns this year instead of palm branches- a more ecological and geographically accurate entrance for Jesus. I also have a narrative for the gospel on Palm/Passion Sunday. I am asking for volunteers to help dismantle the altar.

Last month in review: Great news! Roger and Jeannie Amundson are becoming members of our congregation. They report that they love our energy. Roger finds great strength in our liturgy and has created a wonderful guide describing each of our parts of worship and the verses they come from in the Bible. Both are active skiers, horseback riders, Kayakers and hikers.

We celebrated Dan's 80th Birthday last week (and there was a sock spy in our Midst! Earl from St. Paul reported that he was impressed with our sock pile and had better get there sock drive moving)!

Later, I had the opportunity to bring Dan communion in the hospital. As a church, I am hoping we will be able to support Mary as Dan returns home on hospice.

We have passed out Lenten devotionals, and Lenten suppers have begun. It is fun to return to the traditional ways of worship. I will be giving the homily on the 23rd and 30th while I am on spring break (only three months left at Pierce). Chuck and Cheryl visited this month as well.

On the 27th of Feb, Pastors from Trinity, Bethany, St. Paul and Gloria Dei brainstormed ways to work together and activities we can share over the coming year.

Moving forward:

On the 27th council is invited for a mini-retreat to set our priorities for the coming year. We will eat, pray, and create.

I would like to invite one of our Peace Health chaplains to preach and give communion on April 4th in order for her to keep her good standing in the Episcopal Church.

EASTER IS ON ITS WAY!!!!(8 am service, 9 am breakfast, and 10 am second service!)

Old Business:

Organ/Piano: Seth has meeting with Sam to look at baby grand pianos in Portland this week. Seth suggested slowing down on the organ replacement since it is not totally broken.

Flooring: Greg, Paula and Boyd met at Exodus church to look at the plank type flooring that was installed. The floor has been in about three years, and Boyd noted that it still looks great. This flooring will be sanitary. It was noted that the flooring will be glued down, but pieces can be easily replaced if damaged. Carpet will be installed in the sanctuary and upper hallway. Carpet for sanctuary, hallway and a portion of the steps would cost approximately \$10,000. The plank type flooring for downstairs excluding the rooms is approximately \$14,500. Boyd noted it will take a lot of work to prep the areas. Boyd felt that we need to plan on at least one week of services being held in the basement or elsewhere. This would need to be taken to a congregational meeting for approval. After receiving suggestions by Council members, it was determined that the committee will reconvene to review.

Safety: Seth, Candace Kolberg and Greg are working on cameras and ensuring that Wendy and Pastor have visibility from their offices. Seth noted that we will need to upgrade our WIFI and add a second modem that would add four separate networks (work, guest, security, and sound system). \$240 per month to upgrade which more than doubles our current rate from Xfinity. The \$240 covers our phones, and rental of two modems. Candi motioned to upgrade our WIFI package with Xfinity. Seth seconded the motion and the motion passed without dissent.

Council Retreat: March 27th at Pastor Denise's home at 12:30 pm. Pizza will be served, everyone can bring sides, and BYOB. At the retreat they will discuss a 7-word mission statement, and set priorities.

Council Spending Limit: Needs to be reviewed at a congregational meeting.

Stain Glass Window: \$2,565 has been donated towards the last stain glass window. Boyd estimated that the stained glass window would cost more than \$7,500 based on the last windows cost. Candi volunteered to discuss with Jocelyn and Candi is willing to spearhead to finalize the campaign if Jocelyn would like assistance. We have a donor that is willing to donate the balance of all the funds so that the window can be created and installed, so we would like to get this finalized.

New Business:

Masks: Bishop Jaech's recommendation is that masks are optional, but ushers and communion servers need to be masked. George will get N95 masks for the church if there is someone who wants to wear. It was noted that Dr. Liz Cruz noted that anyone with a cold, etc. please stay home. George moved that we make masks are optional and recommend that people stay home if sick. Greg seconded and the motion passed without dissent.

Scholarship: Deborah reported that Jocelyn Price, Cathy Halverson have met and revised the criteria. The most critical, is that the recipient needs to be a member of an active family or an active member of the congregation. The scholarship investment principle is not utilized only the the interest is utilized. George suggested that if a scholarship is a memorial we should ensure that the benefactor is noted when a scholarship is distributed. The committee will be asked to finalize the process in writing and submit to Council for review and approval at the April meeting.

Love Inc.: Is a local charitable group that supplies household furnishings in the local area. Love Inc., contacted the church requesting a \$300 donation. Peggy will spearhead an Outreach committee that Pastor will pass on donation requests to for review.

Easter: Services will be held at 8:00 and 10:00 with breakfast being served in between.

FAMILY PROMISE: Our first host week for 2022 will be May 29th through June 4th. Right now we will continue with the static housing at the Day Center at Family Promise on Academy Street. We will provide dinner each night, and breakfast on Saturday morning. If you are interested in participating, please let me (Dana) know at 360-430-7950 and I will add you to Sign Up Genius so that you receive the emails and are able to select a time slot. Family Promise is currently looking at adding a time in the evening for volunteers to visit/play games with families. I will let you know if that becomes available. I am always available for any questions or concerns.