



Lamplighter Weekly

21st Sunday after Pentecost, October 14, 2018

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Our Week at a Glance

Sunday + 10-14-18

Every Member Engagement Kick-Off	
Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
Contemporary Worship	10:00 am
Food for Families	11:10 am
BASE Raffle Ticket Sale	11:30 am
Adelphos Worship & Fellowship	12:30 pm
12-Step Meeting	6:00 pm

Monday + 10-15-18

Preschool	9:00 am
Jim Lesson, Stephanie (1hr.)	3:15 pm
Catechism	5:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop #679	7:00 pm

Tuesday + 10-16-18

Men's Breakfast	6:30 am
Adelphos Bible Study	10:00 am
Pastor's Bible Study	10:00 am
Quiet Communion	11:45 am
Birthday Luncheon	11:45 am
Executive Board Meeting	1:00 pm

Wednesday + 10-17-18

Preschool	9:00 am
Quilters	9:00 am
Youth Feeding @ Peace	4:00 pm
Jim Lesson, Storm (2 hrs.)	4:30 pm
TOPS Meeting	6:00 pm
Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Adelphos Siloam Worship	7:00 pm

Thursday + 10-18-18

Adelphos Siloam Bible Study	10:00 am
Text Study at the Wises	3:00 pm
Table Talk	6:00 pm

Friday + 10-19-18

Preschool	9:00 am
BASE Trick or Table	7:00 pm

Saturday + 10-20-18

Pumpkin Patch & Pancake Breakfast	9:00 am
Food for Families Pick Up	12:00 pm
12-Step Meeting	6:00 pm

Sunday + 10-21-18

Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
Classic Worship	10:00 am
Food for Families	11:10 am
CONNECT Youth @ Trinity	12:30 pm
Adelphos Worship & Fellowship	12:30 pm
12-Step Meeting	6:00 pm

BASE Hours M – F 5:30 am – 6:00 pm

Preschool Hours M+W+F 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Food for Families Volunteers

Oct 20	Pick-Up	SLC Volunteers
Oct 20	Set-Up	SLC Volunteers
Oct 21	Distribution	SLC Volunteers
Oct 21	Clean-Up	SLC Volunteers

Attention Pick-up Volunteers! Please make sure to bring our ice chest from church when you pick up at the Empowerment Center during the summer months. For questions contact Louise.

Readings for October 21st, 2018

Isaiah 53:4-12

The suffering servant

Psalms 91:9-16

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

Hebrews 5:1-10

Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

Mark 10:35-45

Warnings to ambitious disciples

Don't forget:

Wednesday: Youth Feeding @ Peace at 4 pm

Thursday: Table Talk at 6 pm

Friday: BASE Trick or Table at 7 pm

Saturday: Pumpkin Patch & Pancake Breakfast at 9 am



Stefani Montague	October 15
Susanne Delisle	October 15
Kris Salter	October 17
Kaitlynn Iris	October 17
Becky Hager	October 18
Leroy Hagel	October 19
James Halmo	October 19
Madeline Hanson	October 19

Join us on Tuesday, **October 16th** at 11:45 am at the Gateway Cottage as we celebrate our monthly birthdays with a lunch!

You are cordially invited to our monthly
Fourth Friday Fellowship
**Dinner & a Movie
Night!**

**October 26th, 2018
6 pm**

We will be watching Disney Pixar's **Coco** and enjoy some Mexican Cuisine. Join us, it will be fun!

Registration slips are in this week's bulletin. No slip? No problem! Just call the office and we'll sign you up!

**THANK
YOU!**

Have you seen our Food Bank building lately?

It received a brand new, fresh coat of paint last week, and all this was done thanks to John Herem and Steve & Laurie Howe.

Thank you guys for your hard work and all the hours you put in to beautify our church grounds and our building.

It is a labor of love and we thank you!

am ASSOCIATED
MINISTRIES

Lead the Way HOME –

A Fundraising Breakfast

November 8, 2018 7:30 – 8:30 am

Foss Waterway Seaport

705 Dock Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Together, we can make a difference! There is no cost to attend, however there will be an opportunity to make a donation in support of the work of Associated Ministries.

Please RSVP by November 2, 2018 at
weblink.donorperfect.com/2018LTWH
Free parking available in the adjacent lot.

Lutefisk Dinner at Christ the King

Join us for lefse, meatballs and all the trimmings!

November 10, 2018

Noon – 5:00 pm

Adults \$25 (Dinner),
 \$20 (no fish)
Kids 10 & under \$10

Holiday Bazaar

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church
245 Valley Avenue East
Sumner, WA 98390
(253) 863-1142

Peace Lutheran Feeding

Our turn to provide a meal at Peace Lutheran's community feeding program is coming up on

Wednesday, October 17.

The youth will be doing the work – if you would like to donate, we will put it to good use.

Due to some renovation work, the venue has temporarily changed.

Volunteers should meet in the SLC parking lot at 4pm to depart by 4:30 pm, or contact Gregg or Laurel Wright Osborn at (253) 537-1036.

~submitted by Laurel Wright Osborn

faith and finances

Mortgage Update

10-07-18 received \$670.00
Total received to date: \$144,111.81

*According to Thrivent statement dated 09-06-18 (the latest), balance owing is: **\$267,698.27***

Financials

	August	Budget	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget
Income	\$24,018	\$26,332	\$197,609	\$210,656
Expense	\$23,283	\$26,181	\$192,710	\$209,448
Difference	\$735	\$151	\$4,899	\$1,208

Annual Meeting November 18th

Committees and Liaisons,

**Please make sure you
submit your Annual
Report as soon as
possible!**

**If you need a format
guideline, please contact
the office. Thank you.**

~submitted by Office Manager

Trick-or-Table

BASE is hosting their Annual Trick-or-Table event on **Friday, October 19th from 7 pm to 8 pm.**

Trick-or-Table is an exciting event for everyone. This will lead us into the fun and festivities of the harvest season.

Our volunteers will decorate a table in the Fellowship Hall and hand out candy to the kids! The kids can dress in their costumes if they like, but it is not required (but please, nothing too scary!).

If you would like to decorate a table and hand out candy, or if you are unable to attend the event but would like to donate candy, please drop a note into our "Trick-or-Table" sign-up box in the office. Sign-up slips are available by the box. Thank You!

If you have any questions, call Treina Graves (event coordinator) at (253) 539-2273.

~submitted by Office Manager



BASE's Annual Pumpkin Patch is just around the corner!

Come, and join in on the fun on

October 20th, 2018

from

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

here at Spanaway Lutheran Church!

We will be selling raffle tickets for some wonderful prizes on October 14th, in the Narthex, right after worship.

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities to help out during this event. We will need individuals for unloading and setting up pumpkins, pancake breakfast, greeters and more.

Please contact Diane Parsons for more info or to sign up as a helper. Thank you.

~submitted by Office Manager

Mortgage Update

Greetings all from the Mortgage Reduction Task Force. Thank you for your efforts to pay down Spanaway Lutheran's mortgage! Recently Pastor shared with the congregation that we are on track to pay off our mortgage by January of 2022.

When we started this endeavor last year the pay off amount of our loan was \$489,000. Our goal was to have our mortgage paid off in time for our congregation's 60th anniversary in the summer of 2022. Our plan to meet this goal is to keep making our monthly mortgage payment and come up with an additional \$300,000 towards the principal of our mortgage.

There are now 3 different dollar amounts being shared in the Lamplighter for the Mortgage Update. The first is the amount received for the week listed. The second is the total amount received to date. The third amount reflects the pay off amount of our mortgage. This means we have now saved ourselves around \$214,000 of interest on Spanaway Lutheran's mortgage. Wow!

Know that each and every one of your efforts are making a difference. Wouldn't it be wonderful to reach the half way point of \$150,000 by the end of the year? It's never too late to join in. No amount is too small and every little bit helps towards our goal. Thank you for your efforts.

~submitted by the Mortgage Reduction Task Force

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Please help us with our **Pancake
Breakfast** during BASE's
Pumpkin Patch on
October 20th
9 am – 2 pm
(Showtime 8:30 am)

Donations of your time and/or syrups, fruits, various topping are very much appreciated. Please speak with Diane Parsons if you would like to help, or call the office and we will get you signed up.
Thank You!

~submitted by Office Manager



Please join us for our weekly Table Talk dinner & bible study sessions!

We share a meal and fellowship, and we explore scripture in a relaxed setting.

Please join us on the
**first THREE THURSDAYS
of October from 6pm to 8pm.**

Though not necessary, our fellow Table Talkers are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert while the church provides the meat and the beverages.

Please note that we will take a break during November and December and will resume in January.

~submitted by Office Manager

EME Is Here!

TODAY, October 14th, there will be a brief presentation on the introduction of Every Member Engagement, or EME, immediately following the service in the Jacobs Fellowship Hall.

Many of you have completed, with the assistance of a council member, an inventory or your interests in supporting our mission at Spanaway Lutheran "To live as God's people spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ." These inventories form the foundation for the organizational changes that will be made to improve the operation and implementation of our church's mission. If you haven't completed an inventory there will be an opportunity on Sunday to do just that.

It takes the engagement **of all members** to be successful. Please plan to stick around for ten minutes or so to hear what's in store and how you can be a part of this promising new approach.

~submitted by Council

Pastor's Evaluation Completed

The SLC Personnel Committee, utilizing considerable input from many sources, has just completed a formal evaluation of Pastor Schier Hanson.

The method used was an increasingly popular form of job performance assessment know as a "Three Sixty", or a 360° view of the employee's work. This is accomplished by including in the evaluation not just the pastor's "supervisors", as in the council, or just the Spanaway Lutheran Personnel Committee, but a cross-sectional representation of the entire congregation selected for the diversity of its age, length of membership, gender and roles in the church. The interviews also included the Bishop of the ELCA's SW Washington Synod. Those interviewed regarding Pastor's performance included 23 members of the congregation including representation from the church council and several members pastor suggested who he felt were especially conversant in particular areas of his work. This particular method of evaluation is in keeping with the congregationally mandated strategies of "Clear Communication" and "Every Member Engagement".

As with most evaluations, areas were identified where Pastor is doing just fine, others where he is excelling and a few that need improvement. The Pastor and council have been briefed on the outcome and the Personnel Committee is working on a plan to strengthen and preserve areas of accomplishment and to improve areas needing attention. This "plan" will be implemented, monitored and adjusted as necessary over the next two years for the desired results.

Many thanks to the members who provided their valuable input into the results and to the Personnel Committee for conducting the process. Due to the complexity and time it takes to complete this type of process, it is not planned to be repeated at this level of detail for up to four years. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to making this an informative and successful evaluation.

~submitted by the Personnel Committee



Marriage has lots of twists and turns...

... and the occasional bump. Discover how to make the most of the adventure, triumph over the bumps, and chart a course to a great destination. A Marriage Encounter Weekend offers couples private and personal time to rediscover their love for each and learn some tools that can keep love alive for a lifetime.

For more information or to apply for weekend attendance, visit the Lutheran Marriage Encounter web site www.GodLovesMarriage.org or contact:

Carl & Dallas Anne Presley,
206-522-6849, carl.presley@comcast.net

Lutheran Marriage Encounter
Fall 2018 date
November 2-4 in Vancouver, WA



From the Youth and Youth Ed Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for expressing an interest in our congregation's youth on the Every Member Engagement Survey. On behalf of the Youth and Youth Education Committee, I would like to invite you to a forum on the crisis facing Christian education. We are all aware of the diminishing number of young people able to commit to a traditional Sunday School and Youth Group schedule. It's a struggle facing many churches, and for the past several years the Youth and Youth Ed Committee have brainstormed, implemented, evaluated, and revamped a variety of programs in an attempt to best serve the educational needs of our congregation's kids.

As we continue the process of finding ways to engage today's youth in Christian education, we would like to reach out to members of the congregation to share their comments, suggestions, concerns and feedback. Please join us for this incredibly important discussion on **Sunday, October 28th** following service. We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,

Kaylin Aponte

for the Youth and Youth Ed Committee



Save the date!

February 9th, 2019 at 6 pm

Tickets will be available starting December 30.

If you would like to help organize and plan or if you would like to contribute towards items, talents and/or services to be auction off, please speak with any of the Youth and Youth Ed Committee Members (Gregg Wright Osborn, Laurel Wright Osborn, Kaylin Aponte, Jennifer Newman, Sara Schier-Hanson, Ellen McCracken, Marlys Nessel, Rob DeZarn, Stefanie DeZarn, Pastor Schier-Hanson).

Please stay tuned, as we will share more info in the weeks to come.

Thank you all for supporting our Youth!

~submitted by Stefanie DeZarn for the Youth and Youth Ed Committee

All Saints Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is approaching and we will remember all our loved ones on **November 4th** during our worship.

If you would like to include names of loved ones in the All Saints' Sunday remembrance of the saints you have the opportunity to write down names into our Remembrance book starting next Sunday, October 21st. The book is located outside the Sanctuary double doors. If you are more comfortable phoning in your request or email it, please don't hesitate to do so.

Please let me know if there is any way I can assist you.

In Christ, Stefanie DeZarn



Thank you, Wednesday Warriors!

Our Gentlemen Extraordinaire replaced the benches in the courtyard around "Erin's Garden" two weeks ago.

Stop by and take a look when you get the chance!



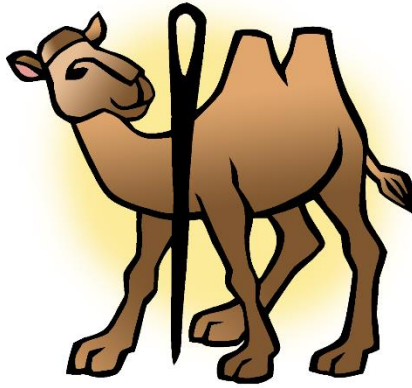
We are counting and singing and painting and praying....

Fall is such a wonderful time and we are reading about harvest and we are drawing pumpkins on paper.

End of the month we will conduct our Parent Teacher Conferences and on October 31st our children will be allowed to wear costumes to school and we will have our Harvest Celebration with fun activities and special treats.

Thank you all for your continued support for our Preschool Program and we hope you all have a wonderful fall!

~submitted by Office Manager for Ellen McCracken



Fat Camels and Narrow Needles: Only Possible for God

A rich man approaches Jesus and asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell what he owns, give the money to the poor, and follow. Jesus will accept nothing less than our very selves. Like the rich man, we too are left defenseless and grieving by Jesus' radical call to leave behind and give away what we count on for our own security. He wants us, and therefore also wants the things that keep us from him; he gazes upon us in love, even as he calls us to leave behind our false sources of security. How hard it is for us camels to pass through the eye of the needle! We too grieve at the impossibility. It is in fact impossible for us, yet more than possible for God to make it so. For we have a "great high priest who has passed through the heavens, the Son of God," who is both able to sympathize with our great weakness but also to provide mercy and help. While eternal life on the other side of the needle is a free gift that only God can give, it is a gift that claims the entirety of our lives and therefore reshapes our stewardship of whatever earthly goods we do have. For first and foremost we are called to follow the Christ who gazes upon us in love. Since we are his, following him we will enter through the eye of the needle, leaving behind what cannot fit through with us. In doing so we are promised that we will gain everything: a hundredfold more in this life in a new community under the Cross, "and in the age to come eternal life" (Mark 10:30).



We are praying for...

Maxine Coberly, congregation member - Dementia, at Pioneer Place Memory Haven

Amanda Billings, daughter-in-law of Paula Oty – Stage four breast cancer, new round of meds with hopefully minimal side effects

June Broeckel, congregation member – continuous health issues, doing well, is getting weaker

Gail Bohannon, congregation member – brain tumor, health is declining

Kim Cleveland, sister of Angela Aponte – return of lung cancer and new diagnosis of MS, in stable condition

Burton Nessel, congregation member – continuing health issues, recovering from hip replacement surgery, is pain free!

Genevieve Hovey, congregation member – health issues, doing well

Dave Percy, friend of the Hedlunds, Doyles and Herems – Parkinsons

Audrey Charles, friend of Anne Briehl – Mesothelioma, currently in treatment

Tillie Wolf, aunt of Laurie Howe – serious health issues, full time care at home

Cheryl Drewes, our Director of Music Ministries – breast cancer, radiation treatment

Elena Hember, Kit Modahl's 18 yo granddaughter – NH Lymphoma, finished chemo treatments; is feeling good; PET scan on Oct. 23rd.

Arlene Symmons, friend of Charlotte Surridge – cancer, chemo isn't working this time

Frank Wise, congregation member – health issues, recovering at home from angioplasty

Sally Walters, sister of Aletta Alford – is suffering from memory loss

Bernd Lackemann, congregation member – diagnosed with throat cancer, surgery went well, recovering at home.

The Family of Marilyn Goddard, sister-in-law of Jeris Ockfen – Marilyn died at home on the morning of October 6th

Lola Ellestad, aunt of Gayle Halmo – recovering from back surgery, at Nursing Home

Kathy Olson, relative of Tracy Nieto – recovering from a bad fall

Hannah Wright Osborn, congregation member – traveling on East Coast (DC, Maryland), recruiting for ELCA/YAGM program

Daniel Lutt, son of Liz Jones – hopefully adjusting to living in a group home

Louise Luberts, congregation member – surgery

Lenville Sutherland, friend of Steve & Laurie Howe – auto immune deficiency

Cheryl Drewes & extended family - mourning the loss of Cheryl's mom Phyllis

Repa & Wilk Family – mourning the loss of daughter and niece Natalie

The Family of Iris FOX, friend of Dick & Ealane Wollin – mourning the loss of Iris

Gerald Halmo, brother of Jim Halmo – recuperating from fall and other medical complications

Stenczie Morgan, granddaughter of Bernie & Anne Vargas – hip pain, will have surgery soon

Olivia Baker, granddaughter of Louise & Michael Luberts – brand new medication, pray for protection from possible side effects; specifically cataracts.

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request and hand it to an usher or contact the office during our office hours. Thank You.

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New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Easter Monday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Day

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, 2018

Assisting Minister

Dale Kraus

Lector

Angela Rivera

Communion Assistants

Sarah Briebl and Marilouise Petersen

Acolyte

Hannah and Hayven Le'i

Children's Sermon

Lydia Wise

Altar Guild

Connie Carlson and Sharon Wildfang

Ushers

Paula Oty, Jim and Gayle Halmo

Greeters

Volunteers

Control Booth

Steve and Laurie Howe

Coffee Hour

Congregational Life (Aletta Alford)