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Grace by the Sea

A church in the heart of the
community with the community
in its heart: To be a community of
disciples, a house of prayer, a
place of hope.

Greetings Grace by the Sea Family,

"The more you trust Me, the more I empower
you to do so."

--- God

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trust in him
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In Him, Chrissie

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Open Sewing & Crafts/ Patriotic Quilts

We now offer Open Sewing & Crafts on the Second Thursday of the month from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm. If you have any projects sitting around just begging to be done, be it sewing, knitting, crocheting, ect, bring them down and finish them along with fellowship!



Then on the Fourth Thursday of the month, also from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm we will have Patriotic Quilts sewing. These quilts go to Veterans on Whidbey Island and to American Hero Quilts which are sent to wounded Active Duty personnel.

Reflections



THE FORGOTTEN TASK

I remember reading an article written by Gary Nicolosi about some pelicans in California. He wrote, "If you've ever seen pelicans in action, you know they're great fishermen, or fisher-birds, I guess. These pelicans were hanging out near a fleet of fishing boats. The fishermen on the boats would pull into the little harbor, and clean the fish right on the spot, throwing the heads and the rest into the water. The pelicans picked up on this, and began eating the leftovers without having to go out fishing. And if you're a pelican, that's good eating. So for weeks, they just sat by the harbor and waited for the fishing boats to come in.

After a while, the fishermen found out they could sell the fish waste, and so they stopped chucking it into the water. The pelicans were caught unprepared. They continued to sit and wait for the fishing boats to come in and throw free food in the water. And they grew thinner and thinner and seemed able to do nothing about their situation.

Wildlife officials came to check out what was going on, and concluded that the pelicans had forgotten how to fish. So what they did was to bring pelicans in from another area to join the flock and teach the starving birds how to fish again."

The story is almost unbelievable. Pelicans are meant to fish, they were designed to fish. Could they really forget how to do something that is seared into their DNA, something that should be as natural to them as breathing or flying? Apparently so, as strange an idea as it seems.

Jesus, when He called His first disciples along the shores of the Sea of Galilee [MK 1.14-20] told them that in following Him they would become "fishers of men". Those who would answer His call and become His disciples would themselves be those who made disciples. The pattern that Jesus sought to establish was relatively simple: disciples making disciples who would make disciples. Not just "winning" new converts but actually raising up new disciples who had built into their spiritual DNA the desire and drive to replicate themselves in the lives of others. In this way alone the population of the Kingdom would grow.

Jesus did not have any other plan than this one, simple, very straight forward strategy and this was mandated for the Church [MT 28.18-20]. One might argue quite successfully it was intended to be the *raison d'être* of that new community the Jesus called out in His name.

As surely as the pelicans in our story forgot how to fish, so also the Church has largely forgotten its primary task before the Lord. That is not to say that we do not do some very wonderful things, some very wonderful and needed things indeed. We care for, and love one another and we regularly come before the Lord to worship and honor Him. We set ourselves to the task of growing more intimately with Him through the study of His Word, and we do embrace [from time to time] those programs designed to impact the communities around us with the Good News of the Kingdom come through the Son Who was sent to live and die and rise for us. But we have forgotten that the DNA of replication was always intended to direct each one - this needs to be reiterated - each of us, in the living out of our own lives of discipleship; it would not only be the principal way He intended for His Church to grow, but it would also be the principal and highly practical way He intended for each one of us personally to grow [nothing makes you more serious about your own growth than when you bear responsibility for someone else].

Imagine if you will a Church community where each and every member understands the call to be a fisherman as critical [and urgent] as each one's need to regularly fill one's lungs with air. Imagine if each member went about this business of disciple-making as if it was as natural [and necessary] as eating and drinking. Imagine a Church that actually took seriously the Lord's mandate to make disciples, each and every member embracing the incredible responsibility and joy of the Great Commission.

Maybe we could begin the process of re-establishing connection with this fundamental DNA of what it means to be a follower [read: disciple] of Jesus by inviting and bringing a friend to worship with us this Sunday. Again, as said Philip to Nathaniel [JN 1.46] we could begin with a simple, "come and see".

Fr. Paul+

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Announcements

Sanctuary

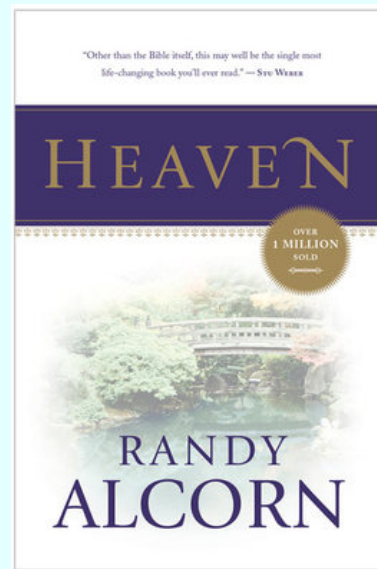
On Sunday mornings especially, remember that the Sanctuary is a sacred place. Please do any needed discussion/talking/visiting in the Fellowship Hall.



Bible Study

Come join the Bible Study on Heaven that meets **Tuesdays from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm**.

What will heaven be like? The book Heaven by Randy Alcorn, presents a thoroughly biblical answer, based on years of careful study, presented in an engaging, reader-friendly style. His conclusions will surprise and stretch thinking about this important subject and perhaps inspire a longing for heaven while still on earth. For more information contact David Jamieson.



Ultreya

Ultreya meets the 3rd Friday of each month at **Grace by the Sea at 7:00 pm**. It is now facilitated by Diana Fedele and Joanna Seppa. The next meeting is a **potluck on Friday, 19 January @ 6:00 pm**.



Women's Retreat

This years Women's Retreat at the Jenne Farm will be **February 9 & 10, 2018**. Please mark your calendars to attend this wonderful gathering of women. A sign up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall. Due to space, this event is limited to 25 women.



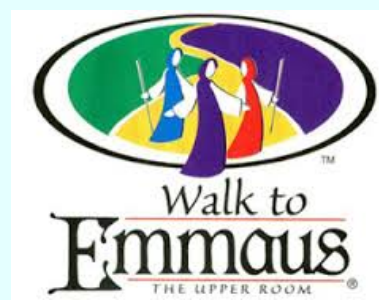
Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

The Chamber has a monthly luncheon on the the third Thursday of the month from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. **The next luncheon is 15 February. Skagit Valley College will be heading the program.** Any parishioner is welcome to attend. Let me know if you would like to go so I can make your reservation. Cost is \$15.00 for lunch (you may attend without having lunch, just let me know). It would be nice to show the Chamber and other businesses some faces of Grace by the Sea!



Emmaus Reunion Meeting

Women's Emmaus Reunion Meetings take place monthly at Diana Fedele's home at 4:00 pm. The next meeting is **Wednesday, 28 February**. See the 'Save the Date' section for upcoming dates.



Women of Grace

Women of Grace's next get-together is **Saturday, 10 March at 10:00 am**. There will be no January or February Women of Grace.

Come join us for Fellowship! Snacks, coffee and tea provided.



Fellowship Needs

We need apple cider for the Keurig and apple cider packets.

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Outreach

SHADE

Here are two videos from SHADE showing the children playing with balls, cars, and dolls all purchased with donations to SHADE.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mV7jWN_XHPs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kfU9uA7NmE>

Photos: These are the dresses made by our Quilters Fellowship and the shirts donated by the congregation.



Healing Ministry

A Ministry of Healing Prayer is now available to parishioners on alternate Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am. This ministry is for needs that are more personal or involved than can be met on Sunday mornings. You can make an appointment by calling Lynn Vehorn at 360-320-2498 or the church office at 679-3431.



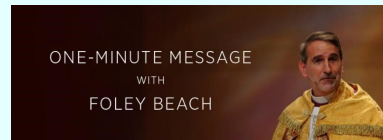
January 23; February 6 & 20; March 6 & 20

All prayers are confidential.

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A Word from the Lord

Listen [here](#) each week for a different 'one-minute message' from our Archbishop, Foley Beach.



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Articles to Peruse

Due to lack of space, most of the time I'm not able to show an article in its entirety, just a paragraph or two. I understand those that don't have internet access aren't able to read said articles. For those who receive Living in Grace via the mail, let me know if there is an article you would like to read and I will print it out for you.

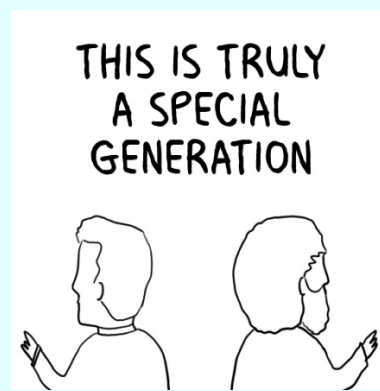
Should You be Baptized Again?

Water baptism is one of the most powerful first steps we are to take in our Christian walk. Once we have committed our lives to Jesus by confessing He is Lord, believing in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we have entered into the most exciting relationship ever (Rom. 10:9). We are saved by our confession and are to obey Him by our public profession of faith displayed through water baptism. Jesus commanded Christians to be water baptized in Matthew 28:18-20 while giving the Great Commission.



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Readings for 21 January

Jeremiah 3:19-4:4

Psalm 130

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Mark 1:14-20

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Sunday Ministries - 21 January

Altar Guild	Diana Edwards & Janet Heverling
Worship Leader	DJ Jackson
RLEM	Diana Fedele
SLEM	Chris Aburto
Prayers of the People	Diana Edwards
Lector	Chrissie Dunlap
Prayer Team	Janet Heverling & Trina Terrill
Nursery Attendants	Kate Aguirre & Madison Bash
Sunday School	Kayla Danback, Dale Donovan, & Pam Jamieson
Ushers	Steve & Joanna Seppa
AV Tech	David Jamieson
Coffee Hour	

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This Week

21 January 2018

Sunday 21

January

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Nursery

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Children's Sunday School

9:30 am - 11:00 am

Worship Service

Monday 22

January

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday 23

January

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Healing Ministry

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Bible Study - Heaven

Wednesday 24

January

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Holy Eucharist

Thursday 25

January

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Quilters Fellowship

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Patriotic Quilt Sewing

Friday 26

January

Saturday 27

January

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Prayers

DAILY PRAYERS IN THE PARISH

January 21

Steve & Joanna Seppa

[Chances For Dessert](#)

January 22

Ron & Gretchen Smith

[China Harbor Restaurant](#)

January 23

Dave & Becky Templin

[Chris' Bakery](#)

January 24

Jon & Trina Terrill

[Christ the King Church](#)

January 25

Renetta Thomas
Churchill & Assoc.

January 26

Harry & Gail Turner
Collage

January 27

Roger & Lynn Vehorn
Coldwell Banker Koetje Real Estate

PRAYERS IN THE PARISH

- Continue to pray for: **Roger Edwards; the Hickinbotham Family** as they prepare to leave on a mission trip to India from 18 - 28 January.
- For **Diana Fedele**, prayer for speedy recovery from surgery to remove a lump on Monday, 15 January, and a negative biopsy result.
- For **Blake**, that he gets the help he needs, he continues to yield himself to God & the healing process, and that he is able to fully embrace the love of God & his forgiveness.
- For **Mani**, give him the peace that passes all understanding. Give us wisdom to figure out how to get Priscilla here.
- For **Valeria**, Bishop Miguel's wife, is in serious condition but stable. Everything depends on her body responding to treatments and starting to get better. It depends on her desire to fight, too. She is in a deep depression. She becomes agitated and needs medication to calm her. There is another new fistula but it is small and they are hopeful that it will close on its own. Please pray for healing for Valeria and pray for the family, as well. It has been a very long journey. (as of 10/19/17)
- For **Guy Hancock**, prayers to heal the cancer and restoration of health. Peace for him and Helen.
- For **Jill Estvold**, prayers to heal her cancer.
- For **Mark Brown** and the Sheriff's Department, prayers for safety of his deputies.
- For **our country**, guidance for our President, Donald. And hopefully, Godliness to return to this nation.
- For the **Prayer Ministry** that under girds us from day to day; for Prayer Warriors who consistently lift us up, and who will take a stand against the efforts of the enemy to undermine us. Theirs is often a difficult and painful ministry.

THANKSGIVINGS

- For all the many blessings that pass us by every day that we don't even notice - watch out for them, you will be amazed at God's loving generosity!

PRAY FOR OUR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

No Birthdays this week.



PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

No Anniversaries this week.



A WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE OF CASCADIA

The Week of Sunday, 21 January

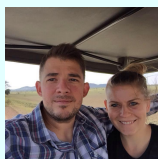
Rev. Dr. Samuel San Myat Shwe, Rev. Cn. Dr. Mark Maung Doe, Rev. Alan Kyaw Myo Naing & Rev. Christopher Min Min Tun

Holy Cross Anglican Church, Yangon, Myanmar

Rev. Seth Brooker

St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Anchorage, AK

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



--- For **Mike & Claire Fedele** serving with SHADE in Tanzania. Pray for continued financial provision so they can continue their work in Shinyanga.

--- **Bill, Alice, Bethany and Jerusha** with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

--- **Tim, Roxanne & Caleb Ault** with Mission Aviation in Santarém, Brazil. We have learned that Roxanne is suffering from Alzheimer's; please hold the family in your prayers as they search for an English-speaking caretaker for her, so that Tim can continue with his ministry.

--- **Christian Aid Mission** who support financial needs and offer prayers for indigenous people all over the world.

--- **The Gideons** - people from every walk of life who carry God's word, in the form of Bibles and New Testament/Psalms, in 197 countries worldwide.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS, and for their families:

Brandon & Raven Harris (son-in-law and daughter of Chrissie Dunlap) USAF, stationed at Scott AFB, Illinois.

Charlie Lincoln (son of Jeri Wentland) USN, stationed at NAS Ventura County (Point Magu), CA.

Scott Menzies (son-in-law of Bob & MarKay Neumann) USN, stationed in Madrid, Spain.

Isaiah Stephens (son of Chrissie Dunlap/husband of Ashley Stephens) - USN, stationed at NS Mayport in Jacksonville, FL.

Tim Syrek - USN, stationed in Hawaii.

Funny of the Week



Save the Date – (Exclusive of regular Sunday Services)

19 January - Ultreya Potluck 6:00 pm

22 January - Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm

9-10 February - Women's Retreat @ the Jenne Farm

14 February - Ash Wednesday

15 February - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon 11:30 am

16 February - Ultreya 7:00 pm

19 February - Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm

28 February - Emmaus @ Diana Fedele's Home 4:00 pm

10 March - Women of Grace 10:00 am

15 March - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon 11:30 am

16 March - Ultreya 7:00 pm

19 March - Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm

25 March - Palm Sunday

29 March - Maundy Thursday

29 March - Emmaus @ Diana Fedele's Home 4:00 pm

30 March - Good Friday

1 April - Easter Sunday

14 April - Women of Grace 10:00 am

16 April - Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm

19 April - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon 11:30 am

20 April - Ultreya 7:00 pm

12 May - Women of Grace 10:00 am

17 May - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon 11:30 am

18 May - Ultreya 7:00 pm

21 May - Vestry Meeting 5:00 pm

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