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Blaine, WA  
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**Summer Worship Service**  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Upcoming:  
VBS July 24-28, 9am to noon  
Contemporary Service and VBS Sunday July 30  
Contemporary Service Sunday August 13

**July &  
August  
2017**



## ***What is pain and suffering worth?***

Have you ever served on a jury? I did, earlier this month. In the end it all hinged on was the plaintiff telling the truth, which doctor has the correct diagnosis and what is pain and suffering worth? It was interesting and important because what we decided could mean a world of difference for the injured party and what she could afford to treat her ongoing pain but also it meant a lot to a person who admitted making a mistake and causing an accident but was potentially going to be paying for this mistake for the rest of her life.

The plaintiff asked for \$259,000. The defense offered \$37,000. A gap that would take days of testimony and more days of deliberation to sort out. The plaintiff and her doctors said she had neck, back, arm and leg issues that would last the rest of her life. The life expectancy said this 27 year old would live 53 more years. If we say it is reasonable for her to receive 12 medical massages a year for the rest of her life that is about \$80,000 dollars. If we say her pain and suffering is worth \$5 per day for the rest of her life that is another \$97,000. Plus there is pain and suffering and medical bills for the last 6 years since the accident.

***What if our entry to heaven hinged on whether St. Peter believed we were telling the truth or if our eternal bliss or suffering were dependent on the diagnosis of some doctor? We would be lost, without hope, guilty.***

If we are honest we do not deserve paradise. We have all fallen short of the expectations of our heavenly father. The diagnosis of the doctors would be impaired – unable to perform what is necessary for righteous living. They would say we are sick without any medical cure in sight. They would predict a lifetime of pain and suffering. The jury would say we are guilty of causing the accident and responsible for the damages.

In the trial, 10 of the 12 jurors were able to agree on a compromise, after much discussion and wrangling, at a number in the middle: \$143,000. Two jurors would not budge from their initial feeling that the plaintiff was lying and deserved very little but thankfully ten jurors was all that was needed to avoid a hung jury.

In our life, one man hung in excruciating agony so that we could live free of pain and suffering for eternity. The one man was completely innocent of any crime. In fact, he had lived a sinless life. Yet he was willing out of love for us to give up everything so that we could inherit it all. He endured separation from His loving Father so that we could live face to face with Him forever. He massaged the diagnosis of the doctors by fulfilling the expectations of the Father on our behalf. He lived the righteous life in our place. He healed us of the sickness of our sin. The Savior of the world overturned the jury's verdict of guilty and has declared us innocent by his precious blood. What was His pain and suffering worth? It was worth the salvation of each one of us and the lives of every person that has ever or will ever live.

Peace to you from our loving Savior! Pastor



**DID YOU KNOW**  
that LWML has a  
vision Statement?

It is this: "The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and Serves the Lord With gladness."

What a testament on supporting global missions when we exceeded the 2015-2017 mite goal of \$2,000,000. Praise God!

Thanks to all the women of Grace who continue to support missions with your mites. If you do not yet have a mite box feel free to take one from the top big Mite Box in the narthex.

By the time you read this article, the National Convention held in Albuquerque will be over. Our delegates will have chosen the grants for the coming biennium and set a new goal. Stay tuned for further information on this.

(Remember: If you are a woman and an LCMS member you are automatically a member of LWML).

**September 29—October 1, Gig Harbor, WA**

This is the date and time for our District Retreat. The theme is "Called To Be..." **Come and learn about your vocation as a child of God and the blessing He is to you and through you.** Registration is \$65. "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

Contact Carole Liebert if you're interested.

Vacation Bible  
School  
July 24-28



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Worship  
& Servant  
Events &  
Fellowship

*where*

Overlake  
Christian  
Church  
Redmond, WA

*when*

Sunday,  
October 29,  
**2017**  
(details to follow)



Northwest Reformation 500 is presented by:  
**Lutheran Ministry Services**

N O R T H W E S T  
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# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30 Worship w. Communion	3	4 Parade & street fair	5	6	7	1 8
9 9:30 Worship Congregation Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 Worship w. Communion	17 6pm VBS Volunteer Meeting	18 Music Meeting 2pm	19	20 Lay Ministry Meeting 7pm	21	22
23 9:30 Worship	24 VBS 9-12	25 VBS 9-12	26 VBS 9-12	27 VBS 9-12	28 VBS 9-12	29
30 Contemporary 9:30 Worship VBS	31	Preschool Registration is still open. Only a couple spots left.				

# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 Worship w. Communion	Secretary on Vacation 7-11					12
13 Contemporary 9:30 Worship	14	15 <i>NewsLetter DEADLINE</i>	16	17	18 Beighley / Garness Wedding 3pm	19
20 9:30 Worship w. Communion	Pastor on Vacation 19-28					26
27 9:30 Worship	28	29	30 School Starts	31	Sunday School and Bible Study Begin Sept. 10	



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kara Hinchey  
Gail Wildermuth
- 3 Noel Liebert
- 5 Amanda Craig  
Clarissa Renskers
- 7 Carolyn Higby  
Cora Dickey
- 8 Ruth Skeete
- 12 Mark Halldorson
- 13 Carole Aguirre  
Stevie Phelps McDonald
- 15 Dan Dehnke Sr.
- 16 Andrew Onyon

- 17 Max Shelton
- 18 Jacquie Robbins  
Rachel Johnson  
Dalton Mouw
- 19 Ron Scott
- 21 P.J. Aguirre  
Tamie Phelps
- 22 Mark Galbraith  
Bud Halldorson
- 23 Pam Markusen  
Craig McDonald
- 24 Mary Johnson
- 25 Angus Pratt
- 26 Susan Halldorson
- 28 April Mouw
- 29 Lenore Onyon
- 31 Colleen Anderson

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Lary & Nancy Breitbarth
- 11 P.J. & Carole Aguirre
- 30 David & Jean Archer



# Celebrating in August

## Birthdays

- 5 Nancy Breitbarth
- 6 Marijo Galbraith  
Steve Nelson
- 7 Marilyn Zerrenner  
JJ Liebert
- 8 Ken Markusen  
Sandie Miller ?
- 14 Jason Wildermuth  
Paul Thompson  
Kitira Mouw
- 15 Dick Johnson
- 16 John Liebert
- 21 Karen Halldorson  
Logan Liebert
- 25 David Archer
- 26 Faith Mateer
- 27 Conner Hrutfiord
- 30 Valerie Renskers

## Anniversaries

- 1 John & Carole Liebert
- 2 Dennis & Gail Wildermuth
- 3 Jeff & Rika Kent
- 5 Richard & Shauna Johnson  
Paul & Timery Thompson
- 6 Brian & Amy Matta
- 14 Vicki & Mike See
- 15 Jim & Joan Gregory  
Jared & Nicole Liebert
- 17 Gilbert & Rosetta Johnson  
Roy & Carol Delong
- 19 Steve & Kristi Galbraith
- 26 Mike & Jo Galbraith  
George & Susan Holmes
- 28 Art & Nadine MacArthur
- 31 Tim & Susan Allen



# JULY SERVING SCHEDULE



Servants	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Emily	Elee	Connor	Seth	Anna Corinne
<b>ALTAR COMMITTEE</b>	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Steve & Rachel Hrutfiord Dan & Cheryl Persse	Jacque Robbins Pat Bucknam Patty Berg	Mary Johnson Mike & Jo Galbraith Jean Cartwright	Ron & Donna Leach Dolores & Neal Holleman	Gladys & Rick Faulkner P.J. & Carole Aguirre
<b>GREETERS</b>	Jacque Robbins	Jacque Robbins	Gretel Conaway	Dan & Cheryl Persse	Carole Liebert / Marlys Lisiecki
<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b>	Ron Leach	Susan Hollarn	Joan Gregory	James Aguirre	Sandie Miller
<b>LAY MINISTERS/ COMMUNION</b>	Jean Cartwright / Angus Pratt		Lenore Onyon / Dick Johnson		No Communion VBS
<b>PIANIST</b>	Cheryl Fischer		Cheryl Fischer	Cheryl Fischer	Cheryl Fischer
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
<b>USHERS</b>	Ron Leach Jon Huffman	P.J. Aguirre Andy Higby	Bruce Shelton Angus Pratt	Art MacArthur Jay Pukaluk	Dan Persse Dick Johnson
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Gretel Conaway			Jacque Robbins 80th Birthday	Nisha Buksh

# AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE



Servants	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Bella	Seth	Connor	Elee
<b>ALTAR COMMITTEE</b>	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Leona & Harold Olason Ruth & Carl Chiko	Jay & Shirley Pukaluk Angus & Yvette Pratt	Steve & Kristi Galbraith Jim & Carolyn Higby	Dick & Ann Johnson Susie Hollarn
<b>GREETERS</b>	Karen Halldorson	Jacque Robbins	Jacque Robbins	Tom & Hazel Rutherford
<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b>	John Liebert	Eleanor Blakely	Ruth Skeete	Yvette Pratt
<b>LAY MINISTERS/ COMMUNION</b>	Carole Aguirre / Steve Roe		Jean Cartwright / Dick Johnson	
<b>PIANIST</b>	Cheryl Fischer			Cheryl Fischer
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
<b>USHERS</b>	Jon Huffman P.J. Aguirre	Ron Leach Bruce Shelton	Dan Persse JayPukaluk	Angus Pratt Dick Johnson
<b>FLOWERS</b>			Jim & Joan Gregory — Anniversary	Art & Nadine MacArthur— Anniversary