

January 18, 2023

Hello again, everyone. Grace and peace to you.

This Sunday we'll hear together: *the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.* We'll hear it twice - once from Isaiah and once from the Gospel of Matthew. We'll be getting to month after the solstice this week and the longer days/earlier dawns are noticeable now. For me that means more and more light appearing over the hills day by day as I walk with our dog early in the mornings. Mika appreciates this, because she enjoys walking in daylight about 300% more than walking in the dark - she startles easily and doesn't seem to like car headlights in the early, early morning (Just to clarify: if it's a choice between walking in the dark/dealing with those headlights and no walk at all, she will go for the walk in the dark every time).

I'm at the hospital more now - Mondays and Fridays in addition to my on-call hours on weeknights and a couple of weekend days per month - and so I'm up and walking earlier than before and have had lots of chances to see those bits of light begin to appear in the west. It makes me think of the way we hear in the Bible about *light dawning* on people who *walked in darkness* and the gentle way that sunrises come. When we get knocked over by something, knocked into the dark, sometimes bits of light and hope are about all we can take in at one time, and sometimes it just isn't time yet. We are accustomed to sunrises happening gradually. If the sun were to suddenly appear in the sky from one moment to the next some morning, we wouldn't be ready, would we?

I walk with Mika morning after morning from our place to a Park-n-Ride and back, and Mika's pupils and mine have time to adjust as the light comes once again. Thinking on the way sunrises *don't* happen might sound silly to you, and if so that's ok. I count these things as mercies from God - not only that sunrises don't happen in *one fell swoop* but that bits of encouragement and strength and goodness and hope can be very powerful when losses or changes or setbacks or disasters have left us in an emotionally difficult places. Our hearts and minds often seem to adapt to a more isolated state as we take in and process difficult and painful things. Becoming open, or more open to the rest of the world again doesn't happen all of a sudden any more than sunrises do. This seems to be how we're made.

I'm motivated to be out a little earlier each day to be there for some of the first bits of light showing up in the west. That's convenient, since I have to be up early anyway. There seems to be something or some things God has in mind to tell me along the way. God bless your week, evening and morning and in between.

Pastor Glen Aaberg



Welcome to NLC's New Officers

At last night's Council Meeting, new officers were voted in. Let's welcome:

President - Austin Sell
Vice President - Rick Huling
Secretary - Cindi Engelhardt
Treasurer - Rick Heinbaugh

Please keep them in your prayers begin a year of service.

Holden Village Spring Work Week
Applications are now open!

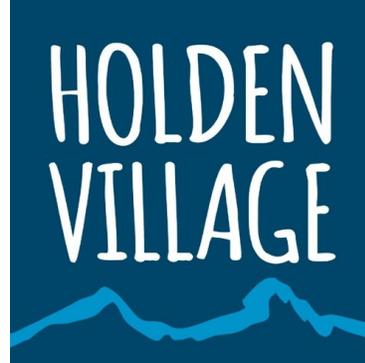
Join us for a week of work and relaxation, transitioning our remote community from winter to summer! Whether this is your first visit or your fiftieth, Holden invites you to lend your time and talents for community projects and preparation for the 2023 summer season.

Updated spring 2023 work week dates:

Week 1: April 24-30

Week 2: May 1-7

All arrivals will be on Mondays with departures on Sundays. Space is limited, so please apply early. Scroll all the way down to the bottom of our Volunteer page to the Work Weeks section to view more information about applications. Apply to join them for one or both weeks. For more information is available [HERE](#).



Offering Envelopes On Order

There has been a delay in ordering the offering envelopes for 2023. For the time being, please use pew envelopes or just a plain white envelope for your offering. It would be helpful if you write "weekly offering" in the memo field of your check. If you remember your envelope number, it would help for you to write that on the envelope, but if you don't remember, it will be OK, as we can look up your name. If you have any envelopes left from previous years, you can use those, as the printed date on the envelope is not significant.

This was not intended to be an ad for online giving, but I will mention it here anyway. You may send your offering electronically, using the information at <https://northlakelutheran.org/giving/>.

I appreciate your patience as we deal with this problem. It may take up to eight weeks to receive our new envelopes.

Rick Heinbaugh (he/him)
Treasurer

IMAGINE Movie Night

Sunday January 29th, 5PM - Fellowship Hall

"Celebrate What's Right in the World" - Video

In this video offering, award winning National Geographic photographer and inspirational speaker, Dewitt Jones, gives an hour-long TED Talk style presentation. Using photographs and his unique brand of story telling to show us how "Creativity can give us the perspective, to see ourselves and the world for the extraordinary miracle that it is." This is a great opportunity to start the New Year with a reminder that the best way to give ourselves to God is to give or selves to one another. Join us as through this beautiful work, we begin to IMAGINE how to see and experience the world around us as a gift from God. A light dinner will be provided. This is a Free event.



IMAGINE A MINISTRY OF
NORTHLAKE
LUTHERAN
BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY
THROUGH THE ARTS

Bible Hearing/Conversation/Discussion This Week: Thursday, January 19th, at 11:00am

We'll gather in the Northlake Lutheran library on Thursday at



11:00am to hear from the Bible and from one another. This Sunday after worship I hope you'll stay for lunch and so we won't plan to meet on Sunday morning this time. Please let me know (pastor@northlakelutheran.org or 425-344-095) if you're planning to take part in Thursday's small group- I really appreciate knowing that. Thank you.

Pastor Glen Aaberg

Upcoming Events



Sermon Exploration

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME!
Tuesdays at 1:00pm

We discuss the sermon from the prior Sunday and thoughts for next Sunday. Find the readings [here](#).

Participate via Zoom or call 408-638-0968 and enter Meeting ID# 811 4694 6191.



Monthly Council Meetings

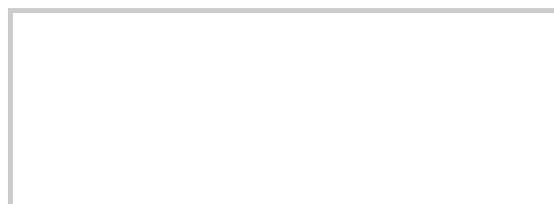
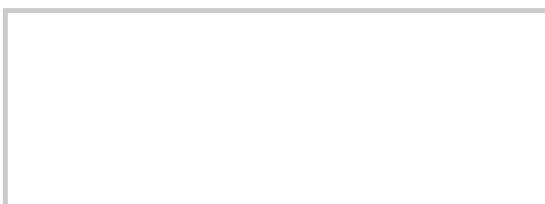
Congregational members are always welcome to join us at the monthly council meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm! If there is a specific topic you'd like to address, please let the executive committee know 8 days prior.

Please contact Heidi at lovetolaugh2@hotmail.com for the meeting's Zoom link!

**BENEFIT
CONCERT FOR
CAMP UNITED
WE STAND**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST
2-4PM
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**

**UNTIL ALL HAVE A
HOME.**





Morning Art Retreat - Calligraphy

Saturday, February 4,
9:00am-1:00pm
At Emmaus Table at 7400 Woodlawn

Take a morning retreat, learning some basics of calligraphy in the welcoming community space at 7400 Woodlawn.

Laura Sasaki Norton is a skillful calligrapher and teacher, offering an inviting, supportive spirit of exploration in trying something new!

The registration fee is \$40 - 70, which includes materials and teaching fee.

To register online, click [HERE](#) and find Calligraphy Class in the drop down menu. If you have questions, contact Harriet Platts at info@7400Woodlawn.org.



Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement at Seattle University Presents Winter Workshop Series: The Art of Spiritual Direction

January 19, February 16, and March 16

Share in this virtual workshop series with eight spiritual directors and educators to discover more about the foundations and practice of spiritual direction.

Learn more [HERE](#).



Happy Birthday!!!!

We wish you a very joyful day!!

- January 22 - Craig Windish
- February 18 - Dorothy Rooney

To share your birthday, fill out [this handy form!](#)

In Our Prayers

We pray for those in our church family who are experiencing ongoing health concerns or have suffered losses:

- Deanne Butler (former member) - chemo,



- healing from broken leg
- Glenn Peterson - treatment for rare cancer
- Gloria Butler (Deanne's mother in law) - healing from broken kneecap
- Graham (age 11) - proton therapy for cancer
- Help and recovery for all those affected by weather disasters
- Jan (Rick Heinbaugh's neighbor) - radiation treatment for breast cancer
- Jarod Osborn (John's grandson) - treatment for migraines
- Jeanette (sister of Nancy Martin) - recovering from reconstruction surgery after breast cancer
- Jill Moore (Rick Heinbaugh's friend) and loved ones as they mourn Terry's passing
- Larry (Nancy Martin's cousin) - headaches
- Pam Lehde - health
- Sue Curry - healing after cancer treatment
- The war to end in Ukraine
- Zayden and Nori (preemies) - continue growing in good health

To share your prayers, you can fill out our [news form](#) or [email the office](#).

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Fridays 9:30am - 1:00pm



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