Our 2020 Confirmands

CONGRATULATIONS,
Ebenezer’s 2020
Confirmands!

On Reformation Sunday, October 25, Angelina, Anthony, and Mallery shared their Faith Statements and reaffirmed their baptism promise through the Rite of Confirmation at the online 9:30 am worship service.

Council President’s Corner

The focus at our October Council meeting was on planning for 2021. We have started the discussion on our budget planning and plans for our annual budget meeting and our annual meeting in January.

We are expecting to have both our budget meeting and annual meeting via Zoom this time around. We really need all our congregation members participating in both meetings, so please plan on that. We will let you know when we have those meetings scheduled and will send out the links so that everyone can join.

Yours in Christ,
Melissa Probst
Education

THE GREAT FAMILY ...
Even after 6 years of telling it, this is my favorite story from the Old Testament. Every time I hear/tell it, it really hits home for me. It makes me tear up and somehow I always notice a different piece of the story, just like the students always hear a different part each time they hear a story. I find myself reflecting on Abraham and Sarah’s journey in Genesis 17:16 and wondering where I am in my own journey.

One of the many magical gifts of Godly Play® is how it can meet you wherever you’re at—not just in your relationship with God, but in life. The connections a story can help you make, child or adult, are worth those spiritual growing pains.

After you listen to the story this month, I would love to hear your wonderings and reflections ...
• I wonder, where YOU see yourself in this story?
• What part is especially for you?
• I wonder what part you think is the most important?
• I wonder what part you think we could leave out and still have all we need?

THE GREAT FAMILY KIDS’ QUOTES
• My favorite part of the story is that Isaac’s name means laughter and that they laughed. I wonder what my name means? –Heidi, age 9
• My favorite part of the story is that God made a promise and even though it seemed impossible, God kept that promise. –Kellen, age 10

DEAR GOD ...
• In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You are on vacation? –Jane
• Are you really invisible or is that just a trick? –Lucy
• Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? –Norma
• Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don’t You just keep the ones You have now? –Jane

Pumpkin Coloring for Fire Relief
Let us help our neighbors in need (and have a little fun too) by participating in the Thrivent Pumpkin Coloring for Fire Relief through November 8, 2020.

We invite everyone and their families to color pumpkins for a timely cause. In September, our region was tragically hit hard by fires. To support our communities, Thrivent is holding a donation campaign for all ages to participate in.

For each decorated pumpkin posted to our Facebook page or submitted via email, Thrivent will donate $10 to support fire relief for Washington up to $10,000.

Check out the full details and download the coloring pages here:
• Pumpkin Coloring at https://www.thriventfinancial.com/member-network/northwest/
• Post to Northwest Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/TMNNorthwest/
• Email us at TMN.Northwest@thrivent.net

Confirmation
Confirmation will continue at 6 pm on Wednesdays in November using Zoom. You will find the link, or the Meeting ID and Passcode, to join Pastor and Anya via Zoom in the Sunday announcements or call the church office, 425-334-0421.

Pastor’s Bible Study
Pastor Benson’s Thursday Morning Bible Study will continue at 10 am on Thursdays in November as a Zoom Bible Study. To join Pastor via Zoom, please check the Sunday announcements or call the church office, 425-334-0421, to obtain the link or the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Adult Bible Study
A new class will begin on November 10. It will be taught by Pastor John Wesling in the Choir Room Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 am. We ask those attending when entering or exiting to wear face masks and gloves and to sign in. If you plan to attend, please call Dave Gross to let him know and to choose one of six possible topics, for example, “The Journey of Jesus.”
Youth of Ebenezer

6th-12th Grade Youth Contacts:
Ray, Virginia, & Andi
Check your Ebenezer Phone Directory

EYC MEETING
Check the Sunday announcements and the December VOICE for location and time. Youth of Ebenezer families, please contact Virginia to let her know what is your best day to meet so that everyone can join.

GOD’S CREATION CALENDARS
Twelve beautiful photos and scripture for 2021. Calendars are available November and December. Call Virginia for more info.

SUPER YOUTH SHARING THOUGHTS
☆ BRIGITTA - About school: I like social distancing school, it’s easy and it’s nice to be at home. However, I would rather be in the building at this point. About summer plans: I believe that we would have traveled a lot more around Washington, but we could not because of coronavirus and the smoke.

☆ RHEAGAN - My summer plans were canceled but some we managed to do. For example, I got to see some of my friends. I can tolerate online school but I don’t really care for it. There are a lot of issues with Zoom, and when your video is off the teacher doesn’t know if you’re paying attention or just on your phone. A positive thing about online school is that you don’t have to wake up as early to go to school.

☆ MALLERY - My summer plans were put on hold. I wasn’t able to be with friends as much as I wanted to. We weren’t able to be with family in Wisconsin either or go to California. I prefer online school because it’s easier to handle going to classes and I don’t have to talk in front of a bunch of people only their faces. Though homework is much harder.

Preschool

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOM
After all that Halloween candy, classes will begin the month of November with our dental unit. We will start with health and nutrition and the Four Food Groups, which will lead nicely into Thanksgiving activities.

This month our Bible lesson will be about being thankful for the many things God provides for us daily.

We wish everyone a beautiful, joyful, Happy Thanksgiving!

YOUTUBE PAGE
Check out the Preschool YouTube page for more fun videos hosted by the teachers. The Storytime book is titled The Little Red Hen. For Chapel time, we will be using the Thankful Prayer book. Our Social Emotional Theme will be about feelings.

REMINDER: THE EVERGREEN WREATH
HOLIDAY FUN-RAISER ORDERS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
To order, the church congregation can call or email the Preschool: 425-397-6374 or preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

Items available to purchase include mixed evergreen wreaths. Each wreath is handcrafted by Sherwood Forest Farms located in Lacey, Washington. Delivery of items will be the week after Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support.

Preschool families can drop off wreath orders on November 3, the day of our curriculum package pickup. Thanks for supporting the Preschool.

W.O.W. Services
(Worship On Wednesdays)
OUR 15TH YEAR
Worship, every Wednesday from 7:00-7:30 pm, through November 18. The worship style changes each week and is very different from our Sunday worship. These services include:

• Contemplative Healing service
• Holden Evening Prayer service
• Unfailing Light Communion service
• Festival of Hymns service

Join us at 7 pm at www.ebenezerlakestevens.org as we stream live on Facebook and YouTube, hear God’s Word, and receive His blessings. Holy Communion will be served at some of these virtual services.

Packed with Love
A group of 7 people assembled kits and packed boxes with quilts, school backpacks, personal care kits, and baby care kits on Tuesday, October 13. These items plus 15 prayer shawls were blessed during the online service on Sunday, October 18. The number of items packed:

• 37 Quilts: 18 sent to LWR and 19 given to local charities: Everett Women’s Shelter, Marysville School District’s Connection Center (homeless), and Lutheran Community Resources
• 11 Personal Care kits sent to LWR
• 14 Baby Care kits sent to LWR
• 44 School Backpacks sent to LWR

Thank you to Ken Cross who delivered the quilts and kits to First Lutheran Church of Bothell for shipment. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed the items needed to help people locally and around the world to know warmth and caring.

We are so appreciative of your support. Questions? Please call Betty Bauer.
Events Page

STEWARDSHIP

Our annual Stewardship Campaign has begun. As members of Ebenezer, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

How do we respond to God’s call to serve and love our neighbors? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Although some think of stewardship as only a financial response to God’s love, stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care—our time, our talents, and our treasures—to love God and our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes.

Ebenezer runs on volunteers and we need all of you to keep our church running. Your stewardship packet was mailed to you. In it you will find: a letter from the Stewardship Committee, an Estimate of Giving card and return envelope, an authorization form for Simply Giving, and a Time & Talent survey. Please spend some time prayerfully considering these items.

Your Estimate of Giving will be used to determine our budget for 2021. To make your giving simpler you can use the Simply Giving authorization form to set up your giving electronically. JoAnn Cross can help you with this if you have any questions.

The Time & Talent survey is new each year and does not commit you to service but helps us identify your interests. Please return both the Estimate of Giving card and the survey by either dropping them off at the church or mailing them by November 15.

If you have any questions, please let me know.
Melissa Probst, Stewardship Committee

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Just a friendly reminder: Electronic Giving is available to you. Your donation can be set up with your financial institution or JoAnn can help: contact finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org. This method might be easier for you. With no check writing, this allows your contribution to continue even if you’re not able to attend church. Thanks for sharing your gifts. We are still doing God’s Work with Our Hands.

EBENEZER’S BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – 4 PM

We are meeting in the Fellowship Hall again! The first Monday of every month at 4 pm we will spend an hour discussing the book we read. We will be following the Covid Mitigation Plan: sign in, wear masks, stay 6 feet apart, and spray used surfaces with disinfectant. Join us.

If you have read or are interested in reading There There by Tommy Orange, we ask that you join us for a short discussion of October’s book.

During November, we will read The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin. If you have questions or to learn how to get a copy of this book, please contact Jane Briske or JoAnn Cross.

CHRISTMAS BAKE & CRAFT SALE

After prayerful thought and discussion, we have decided not to have our 2020 Christmas Bake & Craft Sale. We’re planning to hold one again next year. –Pat Jackson & Betty Bauer

FACEBOOK

When you find Ebenezer Lutheran Church on Facebook, please comment or share it on your own page. This will cause our Facebook feed to be more widely shown in Lake Stevens and more visible to visitors.

LIVING LUTHERAN

In the pages of the October issue of Living Lutheran, we travel through many places, including the Appalachian Trail (F.G. Honeycutt); Seattle, Minneapolis, Madison (letters); North Dakota, South Carolina, Iowa (synod meetings); Texas (mental health message); Illinois (“I’m a Lutheran”); Pennsylvania (taking a pilgrimage without traveling); Kansas (keeping COVID-19 at bay in a care facility); and Guatemala (building a Lutheran church).

Also, we read about being called to serve, how to be involved in politics, being free to serve while surrendering to God’s will, learning about a new song supplement for worship, a teenager making a documentary about his friendship with a homeless man, and about Luther’s teachings regarding being free to live by loving God and our neighbor. As Bishop Eaton says, “Luther makes the case that liberation in Christ is both a freedom from and a freedom for.”

Enjoy reading Living Lutheran. If you are not already receiving a copy at home, you can subscribe with the Ebenezer group.

WHAT’S UP WITH FELLOWSHIP?

• Secret Sisters. I hope you have all enjoyed your time as Secret Sisters. It is getting close to the time of the big reveal. Around Halloween weekend, send a card, an email, or call your Sister and tell her your name. Remember, we are making this a no-gift event so try to restrain from gifting.

Your notes and cards have been so appreciated. Covid has made it even more meaningful. If you want to be a Secret Sister again, there will be a signup in January. Watch for information in the VOICE. If you have any questions or concerns, call Jane Briske.

I will not be reachable from Halloween until November 16. If you need info during that time, call JoAnn Cross.
Activity Page

Thanksgiving Word Search

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The Prayer Corner

If you have an urgent need, please call the Prayer Chain leaders Alice Werner, 425-334-6845, or Margaret Ren, 425-334-3843. They'll contact Prayer Chain members to begin praying for your request. Please pray for the following members:

**Members of the Congregation:**
- Pastor Deb Benson
- Emma Kosofsky
- Kirk Clapper
- Don McCallum
- Judy Hennig
- Mario Muñoz Jr.
- Pat Jackson
- Carol Perry
- Shirley Jacobson
- Leah Tate

**Homebound or Special Care Residents:**
- Hazel Johnson
- Dorothy Post

**Extended Family with Cancer:**
- Bunny (Kay Caulfield’s friend)
- Mary Backstrom (Roseanne Cowles’ friend)
- Chris Bitnes (Arlene McDaniel’s daughter)
- Jodi Erickson (Judy Palmer’s friend)
- LeRoy Ettlin (Kirk & Fran Clapper’s friend)
- Chris Grigsby (Carol Perry’s great-grandson)
- Ron Gunter (Kay Caulfield’s friend)
- Lilian Hone (Kandi Shouman’s mother)
- Ryder Jacobson (Shirley Jacobson’s great-grandson)
- Elizabeth Johnson (Iris Ingram Forbus’ friend)
- Danny LaFave (Kathie Edney’s friend)
- Peggy Layne (Terry Lambert’s sister)
- David McDonald (Betty McDonald’s son)
- Hermann Papke (K & F Clapper’s friend)
- Susan Pratt (Fran Clapper’s cousin)
- Joy Selle (Jackie Herzog-Robertson’s sister)
- Bill Starnes (CC Kuehl’s brother)
- Martha Stuart (Lia Stuart’s mother-in-law)
- Carole Thorgate (K & F Clapper’s cousin)
- Jay Wheeler (Cory Erickson’s cousin)
- Dean Zevenbergen (H Hendrickson’s brother)

**Extended Family with Needs:**
- Alicia (Janine DiMonda’s friend)
- Jenn (Gene & Alice Werner’s friend)
- Keith Birke (Janine DiMonda’s father)
- Matt Durden (Priscilla Durden’s grandson)
- Kate Everley (CC Kuehl’s daughter)
- Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson’s niece)
- Leah Hammersmark (Kathy Eliason’s niece)
  - Lou Gehrig’s Disease
- Lois Haugen (Fran Clapper’s cousin)
- Irv Hansen (Kathy Spade’s brother-in-law)
- Dee Hopp (Fran Clapper’s sister)
- Bruce Koeppel (Betty Bauer’s brother)
- Justin Main (Phyllis Peterson’s grandson)
- David McKee (Helen Hendrickson’s friend)
- Dwaine Mittag (Patty Myntti’s friend)
- Eric Mittag (Patty Myntti’s nephew)
  - MS
- Carol Moen (K & F Clapper’s friend)
  - MS
- Macklen Probst (Melissa Probst’s grandson)
- Mark Rice (Alice Werner’s nephew)
- Elinor Shultz (A Werner’s sister-in-law) - ALS
- Liz Schilling (Korrine Gust’s friend)
- Sherry Stebing (Sandy Brandt’s sister)
- Meggi Ward (Susan Shepherd’s friend)
- Bridget Wellen (M Ren’s granddaughter) - MS
- Cale Werner (Alice Werner’s grandson)
- Fiona Werner (Alice Werner’s granddaughter)
- Jodi Werner (Gene & Alice Werner’s daughter)
- Tom Wood (Ken Holmes’ father)

**Preschool Director, Staff, & Families**

**For All Our Military and Their Families:**
- Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr., Daniel Nida, Jose & Jana Rivera, Ethan Stuart, Scott Viboeh

**For Those Who Grieve:**
- Grohn & Hansen Families - Delain & Cheryl Grohn’s friend, Donna Hansen, passed away
- Johnson Family - Louise Johnson’s brother
- John Pederson passed away
- Tal Johnson Family - Tal Johnson passed away
- Stone Family - Catherine Stone passed away

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Readings for Worship

November 1 (Communion)
1st Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
2nd Lesson: I John 3:1-3  
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

November 4
1st Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a  
2nd Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23  
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

November 8
1st Lesson: Amos 5:18-24  
Psalm: Psalm 70  
2nd Lesson: I Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

November 15
1st Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
2nd Lesson: I Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

November 22
1st Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a  
2nd Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23  
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

November 29
1st Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
2nd Lesson: I Corinthians 1:3-9  
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Thank You, Seniors

✶ Don’t let aging get you down. It’s too hard to get back up.  
✶ To all the beautiful, kind-hearted people of age, we are so grateful to have you in our lives.  
✶ The old ones are still the best—old jeans, old friends, old boots, old tunes, old movies, and old times!  
✶ Happy memories, happy times, happy moments—these we wish for you to enjoy with loved ones on Thanksgiving.

Community Supper

Community Supper is currently serving FREE take-out only meals every Thursday from 4-6 pm. Since serving take-out meals, we have served an average of 350 meals per week. “Like” us at Lake Stevens Community Supper on Facebook to see what is happening. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for this program. For more info, contact supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

Special Thanks

Dear Friends
Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers for our son David McDonald. He is doing remarkably well after the 2 weeks of chemo treatment which was followed by the stem cell transplant.  
– Betty McDonald

Our Ebenezer Friends
Thank you for your prayers regarding Kirk’s medical tests. The results are good and an answer to prayer. We appreciate your love and prayers!  
– Love, Kirk & Fran Clapper

Your Thoughtfulness
Thank you for all the cards and caring words for the loss of my dad. Your thoughtfulness meant so much. Dad lived a full life and was greatly loved. He will be missed.  
– Gary & Jane Briske

Thank You to …
• The Property Committee with Ken Cross, Arden Olson, Betty Bauer, Grey Robinson, and Jack Champagnie for repairing dry rot and repainting the south side of the church building and repainting the shed. God bless you!  
• Beth Cash and Angie Kimball for being Worship leaders on some Sunday mornings and Wednesdays during our online streaming.

Many Thanks
Thank you to my Ebenezer family for all the prayers, cards, and caring support during Lee Turcotte’s illness and passing. I know he is in a better place and no longer in pain.  
– Betty Bauer

Prayer Shawl Ministry

All our shawls have been blessed and are ready for anyone who needs a little comfort. PLEASE ask if you have a need for yourself or want to give a gift. Call Lynn Riggs or Roseanne at the church, 425-334-0421. Our next meeting is November 13 inside with masks in the Youth Room from 10 am -12 pm.
Happy Thanksgiving! November 26, 2020

**In the News**

**New Baby Boy**
Jameson was born August 1 weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces and 20 inches. His parents Matthew and Tara Leonard and his sister Dylan live in Marysville, WA. Kathy Turner is his proud and happy grandmother. Kathy is thankful he is happy and healthy and growing like a weed. Congratulations!

**Very Blessed**
Sedona was born October 12 weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces and 21 inches. Her parents are Darren and Sharron Hallanger Wilson who live in Bellingham, WA. The excited grandma is Pam Hallanger. They are feeling very blessed with the miracle of a new baby in the family. Many prayers were answered. Congratulations!

**Reverse Food Drive**
The Lake Stevens Community Food Bank’s reverse food drive is on Saturday, November 7, from 10 am-2 pm in Ebenezer’s parking lot. The Food Bank is accepting items for their holiday baskets to give to clients November 21. Cash and check donations are always accepted.

Their list of perishable items needed to help people prepare a Thanksgiving dinner includes turkey, biscuits, and pie crusts. The nonperishable items include stuffing, cranberry sauce, granulated and brown sugar, butter, flour, marshmallows, canned pumpkin pie mix, evaporated milk, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, and dried French onions.

Your generosity and your willingness to help others not so fortunate are greatly appreciated. Questions? Please call the church office, 425-334-0421.

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**Over-50 Anniversaries**
Larry and Betty McDonald will celebrate their 63rd anniversary on November 9. Congratulations!

Robert and Judy Powell will celebrate their 52nd anniversary on November 9. Congratulations!

We pray God’s rich blessings on the McDonald and Powell families.

**United in Marriage**
Grant Shultz and Carly Dawson were married October 24. Grant is the son of Lon and Pam Shultz. Pastor Benson officiated the wedding ceremony. God bless you, Grant and Carly. Congratulations!