Congratulations, Ebenezer’s 2021 Confirmands!

On Sunday, May 23, Cai and Trinity shared their Faith Statements and reaffirmed their baptism promise through the Rite of Confirmation at the 9:30 service. Due to COVID, a reception was not held.

Our 2021 Confirmands

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 16. I appreciate everyone’s participation as we elected new Council members, Jane Briske and Gina Burin, approved our 2021 budget, and selected representatives for various roles within the congregation.

The format of our meeting was much different than prior years but under the circumstances it went very well. I was grateful we were able to meet our quorum and complete the business of the church.

I want to give a special thanks to Pastor Benson, Paul Brandstetter, Lynne Charlot, Stephanie Schoenborn, and James Troupe for helping make our meeting successful! I am hopeful that our January 2022 annual meeting will be back to normal and we will be able to enjoy a potluck as usual.

Yours in Christ,
Melissa Probst
Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL
We hope you have enjoyed the Godly Play® videos that Joy Studer has been sharing with all of you. If you were not able to watch them yet, they are available on our YouTube channel and you can find the links on Ebenezer’s webpage.

We miss you and are hopeful that we will be able to have Sunday School in person again in September. Our plan is to have Godly Play® for our revamped Sunday School program at our regular Sunday School hour! We will keep you posted as we get closer.

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Adult Bible Study
Pastor John Wesling will continue teaching the Adult Bible Study in the Choir Room on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-10:00 am throughout the summer. Can’t attend on Tuesdays? Go to www.ebenezerlakestevens.org, click on Activities, then Bible Study, and scroll down to choose which story you want. Questions? Call the office, 425-334-0421.

Pastor’s Bible Study
Pastor’s Thursday Morning Bible Study will continue through June as a Zoom Bible Study from 10:00-11:00 am. To join the study, check the Sunday announcements or call the office, 425-334-0421, to obtain the link or the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Volunteers learn about the Baptism story during a Godly Play® training session. One volunteer, new to Godly Play®, said, “I can’t imagine how much better my relationship with God could have been early on if THIS was my Sunday School program growing up!”
Preschool

**FUN SUMMER ACTIVITIES!**

Listed below are a few summer dates to write on your calendars. Join us for these fun activities. As the dates approach, we’ll post them on our Facebook page and website: www.ebenezerlakestevens.org.

- **Tuesday, June 22, from 5:00-6:30 pm ~ Family Craft Night.** Join us. We will be painting rock buddies, hand printing canvases, and making friendship bracelets. RSVP by June 16; email preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org. Cost: FREE!

- **Tuesday, July 20, from 11:00-12:30 pm ~ Picnic & Play.** Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy some playtime outside at our amphitheater and playground with Preschool friends and teachers.

**W.O.W.** *(Worship On Wednesdays)*

Worship will be in person and live streamed every Wednesday on Facebook or YouTube from 7:00-7:30 pm during June. No reservations required. 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 to hear God’s Word and receive His blessings each week.

**A PLANTING PARABLE**

Jesus had to explain His Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

**W.O.R.D. BANK:** sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water ____________________________
2. Contains what’s needed to grow a plant ____________________________
3. To plant ____________________________
4. Sharp part of a plant ____________________________
5. What is harvested ____________________________
6. To dry up and showed ____________________________
7. Person who plants ____________________________
8. The earth a plant grows in ____________________________

“But the ____ falling on good ____ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a , yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was ___ n.”

**MATTHEW 13:23, NIV**

**REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2021-2022!**

Help spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors: REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Classes offered for 2-5 years old. Call or email, 425-397-6374 or preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org, for your forms and if you have any questions.

**FAST Ministry**

Welcome Back! FAST Team #1 members will return to help with worship during July. We will meet in person in June in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for the postcard coming in the mail.

**LWR**

Besides distributing quilts and kits throughout the world, we help smallholder farmers protect their agricultural assets and improve vulnerable communities’ resilience to natural hazards like floods and droughts.

Climate, pollution, and extractive agricultural practices are destroying the land and natural resources that smallholder farmers depend on for their livelihoods. We help introduce solutions such as:

- Environmentally sustainable farming practices so communities can get the most out of their land while conserving and restoring the natural resources.
- Ways to capture and protect water, even in the most challenging environments.
- Work with local and national governments to facilitate the equitable access to and protection of natural resources.

For more information, check out our website: www.lwr.org.
## Events Page

### 2021 ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS & GRADUATES’ RECOGNITION
**SUNDAY, JUNE 13 ~ 9:30 AM**

The Endowment Board is honored to present a $1,200 Marion T. S. Krause College Scholarship to each of the following students: Joey Anderson and Isaac Gust. One Ebenezer High School Scholarship of $600 and $600 from the Marion T. S. Krause College Scholarship will be given to Ethan Stewart.

Each year Ebenezer’s quilters make a specially designed quilt for each high school graduate. This year Brennan Egtvet, Dean Kosofsky, and Ethan Stewart will be presented with their quilts on Sunday, June 13.

The Endowment is funded by money given for the perpetual benefit of our church ministry. For more information, contact a board member: Ann Hoffmann, Laurell Waclawik, Linda Hurt, Jeff Gust, or Jim Backstrom.

### EBENEZER’S BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION
**MONDAY, JUNE 7 ~ 4 PM**

We meet in the Fellowship Hall: sign in, wear masks, and stay 6 feet apart.

If you have read or are interested in reading *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones, we ask that you join us for a short discussion of May’s book.

During June, we’ll read *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. If you have questions or to learn how to get a copy of this book, contact Jane Briske.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EBENEZER!

On Sunday, May 23, in 1910, Ebenezer began its ministry. Now, 111 years later we are still sending out the message of God’s love not just to our community but to far reaches of our country and beyond through our streaming on Facebook and YouTube. Remember to help spread God’s Word!

### FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Thank you to all the faithful givers at Ebenezer! During this time of online and in-person worship, it is important to remember we are still serving our community. Your gifts help to keep the church open and working in the world. There are multiple ways to make a contribution:

- When worshiping in person, drop your gifts in the offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary during worship.
- Donating online at www.ebenezerlakestevens.org. Use the “Give” button.
- Using Bill Pay from your bank.
- Consider asking your financial planner about a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA or 401K.
- Mailing your contribution to us at 2111 117th Avenue NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258, Attn: Financial Secretary.

–JoAnn Cross
finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org

### 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 250 meals each week with a minimal crew using all precautions. To protect everyone, we ask that you wear a mask when picking up food.

“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.

### AMAZON SMILE

If you shop Amazon.com, you can also help support your favorite nonprofit (Ebenezer Lutheran Church) and still pay the same price. Simply log into www.smile.amazon.com instead. You then select your settings icon on the left (a square box with three bars), scroll down, click on “Your Amazon Smile,” and select “Your Charity.” By doing that, Ebenezer will get a small portion of the profits of each sale. It doesn’t change the price you pay at all.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
**FRIDAY, JUNE 11 ~ 10-12 PM**

We meet in the Youth Room. We wear masks and social distance. Supplies are provided. We have pretty yarn available.

Questions? Call Lynn Riggs or Roseanne at the church, 425-334-0421. If you would like a prayer shawl of comfort for a loved one or to give as a gift, just ask.

### JULY 4TH BBQ & AQUASOX GAME
**BBQ 3:30 PM & GAME 7:05 PM**

Did you say baseball? Come for the fun and fellowship to the pregame BBQ in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in tickets to the baseball game, reserve your ticket with JoAnn. You can come for the BBQ, but call JoAnn Cross for details on what to bring. We hope to see you there!

### WHAT’S UP WITH FELLOWSHIP?

- **Ebenezer Camping ~ July 9-11.** A group from Ebenezer will be camping at Camp Lutherwood by Bellingham, WA, in the camp sites with water and electricity. You can park with tent or RV unit. If you would like to join us and will commit to fees of $35 per night, let JoAnn Cross know as soon as possible.

### 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 potential visitors.
Happy Father's Day

Proverbs 20:7 ~ The righteous man who walks in his integrity; blessed are his sons after him!

Daddy  Jokes  Family  Protective  BBQ
Sports  Protective  Respect  Caring  Gifts
Home  Respect  Love  Tie  Honor
Strong  Love  Memories  Special  Hugs
         Memories  Special  Thoughtful  Funny
          Special  Thoughtful  Tools
Voice Newsletter

Our June Birthdays

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The Prayer Corner

Prayer Chain:
If you have an urgent need, please call Prayer Chain leaders Alice Werner, 425-334-6845, or Ken Cross, 425-760-1273. They'll contact Prayer Chain members to begin praying for your request. Please pray for the following:

Members of the Congregation:
Neil Brandt        Emma Kosofsky
Sandy Brandt       Terry Lambert
Kay Caulfield      Debbie May
Kirk Clapper       Mario Muñoz Jr
Dave & Irma Gross  Ricky Nicolet
Judy Hennig        Berni Quinn
Russell Hicks      Margene Squires
Ken Holmes         Leah Tate
Shirley Jacobson

Homebound or Special Care Residents:
Bill & Donna Iffrig Dorothy Post
Hazel Johnson

Extended Family with Cancer:
Bunny (Kay Caulfield’s friend)
Chris Bitnes (Arlene McDaniel’s daughter)
LaRoy Ettlin (Kirk & Fran Clapper’s friend)
Chris Grigsby (Carol Perry’s great-grandson)
Ron Gunter (Kay Caulfield’s friend)
Steve Himel (Cathee Himel’s husband)
Lillian Hone (Kandi Shouman’s mother)
Ryder Jacobson (Shirley Jacobson’s great-grandson)
Danny LaFave (Kathie Edney’s friend)
Peggy Layne (Terry Lambert’s sister)
Winne McGee (Kathy Huber’s mother)
Hermann Papke (K & F Clapper’s cousin)
Brian Perry (Carol Perry’s grandson)
Susan Pratt (Fran Clapper’s cousin)
Joy Selle (Jackie Herzog-Robertson’s sister)
Bill Starnes (CC Kuehl’s brother)
Martha Stuart (Lisa Stuart’s mother-in-law)
Carole Thongate (Kirk Clapper’s cousin)
Jay Wheeler (Cory Erickson’s cousin)
Dean Zevenbergen (H Hendrickson’s brother)

Extended Family with Needs:
David Amluxen (D & J Lundquist’s nephew)
Lois Arnold (Louise Johnson’s friend)
Keith Birk (Janine DiMonda’s father)
Clayton Carter (Kay Caulfield’s friend)
Cory Caulfield (Kay Clapper’s friend)
Crystal Eve (K & F Clapper’s granddaughter)
Kate Everley (CC Kuehl’s daughter)
Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson’s niece)
Irv Hansen (Kathy Spade’s brother-in-law)
Lois Haugen (Fran Clapper’s cousin)
Lauren Kimball (Matt Kimball’s father)
Shauna Kimball (Matt Kimball’s mother)
Mary Koepsell (Betty Bauer’s sister-in-law)
Justin Main (Phyllis Peterson’s grandson)
Terry May-Krueger (Debbie May’s mother)
Don McCallum (Roseanne Cowles’ friend)
David McKee (Helen Hendrickson’s friend)
Dwaine Mittag (Patty Myntti’s friend)
Eric Mittag (Patty Myntti’s nephew) - MS
Carol Moen (Kirk & Fran Clapper’s friend)
Mary Packebush (Shirley Jacobson’s sister)
Patricia Panico (Bill DiMonda’s sister)
Sue Pryor (Helen Hendrickson’s niece)
Mark Rice (Alice Werner’s nephew)
Liz Schilling (Korrine Gust’s friend)
Elinor Shultz (A Werner’s sister-in-law) - ALS
Jenn Snyder (Gene & Alice Werner’s friend)
Sherry Stebing (Sandy Brandt’s sister)
Jim Tieken (Don & Margaret Ren’s son-in-law)
Meggie Ward (Susan Shephard’s friend)
Bridget Wellen (M Ren’s granddaughter) - MS
Cale Werner (Alice Werner’s grandson)
Fiona Werner (Alice Werner’s granddaughter)
Tom Wood (Ken Holmes’ father)

Preschool Director, Staff, & Families

For All Our Military and Their Families:
Alex Zimmerman, Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr, Daniel Nida, Jana (Egtvet) & Jose Rivera, Ethan Stuart

For Those Who Grieve:
Hendrickson & Lewis Families - Helen Hendrickson’s brother-in-law Gail Lewis passed away
Lund Family - Carolyn Lund’s son Darrel Davis passed away
Readings for Worship

June 6 (Communion)
1st Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm: Psalm 130
2nd Lesson: II Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

June 20 (Communion)
1st Lesson: Job 38:1-11
2nd Lesson: II Corinthians 6:1-13
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

June 13
1st Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2nd Lesson: II Corinthians 5:6-17
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

June 27
1st Lesson: Lamentations 3:22-33
Psalm: Psalm 30
2nd Lesson: II Corinthians 8:7-15
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Living Lutheran

“Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?” (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Hymn #763)

Music is a significant part of Lutheran worship just as Ebenezer has song leaders, piano players, harpists, violinists, flautists, and soon again, congregational singing.

The May issue of Living Lutheran has several articles highlighting music. “I’m a Lutheran” describes a woman who uses her violin to enhance prayer in the worship space. In pandemic times many churches have created ways to share music: Children using sticks outdoors, chime groups, Zoom choirs, music in memory centers, and music academies (online). Several people share thoughts about favorite hymns. New worship songs are being added to the repertory, just as Martin Luther did in the 1500s.

The ELCA Bishop tells about meeting with a Chinese minority group of Lutherans who use their own music and language, not western-type, for worship.

Special Thanks

My Ebenezer Family
I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls over the last year during my recovery time after having four surgeries. It was a comfort to know so many wonderful people were praying for me during my time of healing. Thank you again and God bless you all.
–Pat Jackson

Thank You to...
• Ebenezer’s members who made reminder calls about attending the Annual Meeting on May 16. It helped us reach our quorum.

We Love & Appreciate You
We wish to thank Pastor Benson and all those who rushed to Kirk’s aid when he fell at church on May 2. His injury was slight and he is doing fine. Thanks to all who prayed for both of us. We love and appreciate our Ebenezer family and friends.
–Kirk & Fran Clapper

The Next Chapter

In June Alex Zimmerman, grandson of Hooshy and Eileen Feizbakhsh, will be transitioning to the next chapter of his life. He will have the honor of commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force as an AFSC 31P Security Forces Officer. He will be stationed at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Alex says, “Despite the turmoil and divisions, this country, our constitution, our people, and our values are undoubtedly still worth fighting for.” He is proud to wear the uniform and is looking forward to becoming a leader in the world’s greatest Air Force.

Congratulations, Alex. We are very proud of you. We pray God will bless you in all your future endeavors.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 2  WOW Service - 7:00 pm
June 6  Worship - 9:30 am
June 9  WOW Service - 7:00 pm
June 13 Worship - 9:30 am
June 16 WOW Service - 7:00 pm
June 20 Worship - 9:30 am
June 23 WOW Service - 7:00 pm
June 27 Worship - 9:30 am
June 30 WOW Service - 7:00 pm

Church Office Hours
Tuesday 9:00-12:30 & 1:30-5:00
Wednesday 9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Thursday 9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Friday 9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
In the News

Voices of Victory
Ebenezer is blessed with many musically talented people who bless us with their offerings: instrumentalists, singers of solos, duets, trios, quartets, and choir.

One of these musical groups is a quartet made up of Beth Cash (soprano), Kirk Clapper (tenor), CC Kuehl (alto), and Wayne Kuehl (bass). They recently adopted a name for their group: “Voices of Victory.” They particularly enjoy singing the old gospel tunes and joyful Christian music such as that of Bill and Gloria Gaither. Our dear Iris Ingram Forbus, of course, is their accompanist.

Little Brother
Eli Sellers was born on April 24. He was 7 pounds 15 ounces and 20.5 inches long. He is the son of Mark and Hannah Sellers, little brother of William, and grandson of Bob and Gretchen Aikman. Hannah says, “We are so in love with him, and William is really enjoying his new role as big brother.” Congratulations, Mark and Hannah!

Committee Meetings
Because of changes in the CDC and Washington state guidelines, Ebenezer’s committee members can start meeting in person. Check with the chairperson of the committee meeting you wish to attend and the Sunday announcements to verify the location where meetings will be held.

50 & Over Anniversaries
On June 6, Cathee and Steven Himel will celebrate their 51st anniversary.

June 21, Cliff and Sharon Crowley will celebrate their 64th anniversary.

On June 22, Kirk and Fran Clapper will celebrate their 64th anniversary.

On June 26, Dave and Irma Gross will celebrate their 50th anniversary in Leavenworth with family and friends. This year they will also do several activities that have special meaning for them as a family.

On June 28, Don and Sue Wilson will celebrate their 52nd anniversary.

We pray God’s blessings on the Himel, Crowley, Clapper, Gross, and Wilson families. We are thankful for the good example they have set for their families and for all of us. Congratulations!