



## **(G)Row in Christ**

Dear Friends in Christ,

A movie I had missed in the theaters came out streaming on Amazon Prime this week. "The Boys in the Boat" is the story of the underdog University of Washington eight-man rowing crew that went on to win the gold medal at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

The book that inspired the movie was published in 2013. I remember Marvis Gilnett loaning me her copy and reading through it in just a few days. I enjoyed the read so much that I recommended the book to Dexter Walter, who I knew had grown up in Seattle and attended the University of Washington. He told me that even decades later in the 1950's and 60's, coach Al Ulbrickson and his 1936 crew were still celebrated as heroes both at the school and in the community.

In the age of HDTV and big sport spectacle, it is hard to imagine how much public support "crew" had in Seattle in the 1930's. Even in the depths of the Great Depression, hundreds of thousands of people would gather on Lake Washington to watch their local heroes do battle on the water against more

## Sunday Worship @ 10 am

### **June 1**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;  
1 Samuel 2:1-10;  
John 7:19-24

### **Sunday, June 2**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Psalm 81:1-10  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6

### **June 3**

Psalm 99;  
1 Samuel 2:11-17;  
Romans 9:19-29

### **June 4**

Psalm 99;  
1 Samuel 2:18-21;  
Acts 15:1-5, 22-35

### **June 5**

Psalm 99;  
1 Samuel 2:22-36;  
John 5:1-18

### **June 6**

Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 4:1-22; 1 Peter 4:7-19

### **June 7**

Psalm 138;  
1 Samuel 5:1-12;  
2 Corinthians 5:1-5

### **June 8**

Psalm 138;  
1 Samuel 6:1-18;  
Luke 8:4-15

### **Sunday, June 9**

Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

### **June 10**

Psalm 108;  
1 Samuel 7:3-15;  
Revelation 20:1-6

### **June 11**

Psalm 108;  
1 Samuel 8:1-22;  
Revelation 20:7-15

well-funded teams. Thousands of others would listen at home on the radio to the play by play.

More than just about any other team sport, rowing requires ultimate cooperation. Every member of the crew needs to be working together in perfect tandem. Only when each oar is entering and emerging from the water in complete harmony with the call of the coxswain can the boat attain ultimate performance.

Both the book and the movie described just how hard it was for even the most talented oarsmen to learn to “pull together”. Trust, timing, technique, and a willingness to endure physical discomfort were all part of the calculus.

We know from the Gospels that at least four of Jesus’ disciples knew a little about rowing. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were all fishermen and spent a good chunk of their time out in a boat. If I try to imagine these four friends as part of a four-man crew, strength and harmony are not the first things that come to mind. They were not always pulling together, or even agreeing on which direction they were headed. But we know that these four, with God’s help, went on to accomplish great things.

When my daughter Alex and her class were confirmed at Christ Lutheran, the congregation had a reception for them. We made a banner that said “Grow in Christ” for the day and ordered a cake from Cutsforth’s Bakery to celebrate. There was some confusion with the decorator, and when we picked up the cake, the words “Row in Christ” were there in icing for everyone to see. To this day, when ordering a cake in our family, the phrase “Row in Christ” is a reminder to double check with the decorator about what we want written on top.

Growth in Christ is an important aspect of discipleship. Our paraments in the sanctuary have been changed to verdant green this week and the readings for this summer’s worship focus on growth. We hope to grow in our personal faith, becoming better disciples by God’s grace. But our growth is about our communal growth as well.



### **June 12**

Psalm 108;  
1 Samuel 9:1-14;  
Luke 11:14-28

### **June 13**

Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 9:15-27;  
Hebrews 2:5-9

### **June 14**

Psalm 20; 1 Samuel 10:1-8;  
Hebrews 11:4-7

### **June 15**

Psalm 20;  
1 Samuel 13:1-15a;  
Mark 4:1-20

### **Sunday, June 16**

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
[11-13] 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

### **June 17**

Psalm 53;  
1 Samuel 13:23-14:23;  
Galatians 6:11-18

### **June 18**

Psalm 53;  
1 Samuel 15:10-23;  
Revelation 21:22-22:5

### **June 19**

Psalm 53;  
1 Samuel 15:24-31;  
Luke 6:43-45

### **June 20**

Psalm 9:9-20;  
1 Samuel 16:14-23;  
Acts 20:1-16

### **June 21**

Psalm 9:9-20;  
1 Samuel 17:55-18:5;  
Acts 21:1-16

### **June 22**

Psalm 9:9-20;  
1 Samuel 18:1-4;  
Luke 21:25-28

One of the earliest images for the church was a boat. The part of a sanctuary where congregants sit is often referred to as the "nave", the same root the word as the word "naval". We really are all in the same boat!

One of the lessons of The Boys in the Boat was the need for these uniquely strong and talented young men to learn pull together and for each other. This is a great lesson for the church. As St Paul says, no part of the body can say, "I don't need you!" (1 Corinthians 12)

There have always been forces that seek to pull community apart. In fact, it seems we live in particularly divisive times. Trust has been a casualty as we isolate ourselves into groups that are like us or agree with us.

But the boat we call "the church" has always been crewed by a uniquely diverse and gifted crew. Jesus seems to have designed it that way.

If the church was a boat, our coxswain has given us our instructions. Love one-another as I have loved you...Go! make disciples...Follow me!

So, Grow in Christ, or Row in Christ. Either way, God has called us to be the church. And in the words of Mother Teresa, "Together we can do great things!"

Peace!

Pastor Craig



### **Sunday, June 23**

Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

### **June 24**

Psalm 119:113-128;  
1 Samuel 18:6-30;  
Acts 27:13-38

### **June 25**

Psalm 119:113-128;  
1 Samuel 19:1-7;  
Acts 27:39-44

### **June 26**

Psalm 119:113-128;  
1 Samuel 19:8-17;  
Mark 6:45-52

### **June 27**

Psalm 130;  
1 Samuel 19:18-24;  
2 Corinthians 7:2-16

### **June 28**

Psalm 130;  
1 Samuel 20:1-25;  
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

### **June 29**

Psalm 130;  
1 Samuel 20:27-42;  
Luke 4:31-37

### **Sunday, June 30**

Lamentations 3:22-33  
Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43



## Service Helpers June

### June 2

Reader: Lance Lyon

Ushers: Lance Lyon

Donut Host: Barb Bannister

### June 9

Reader: Dan Harms

Usher: Dan and Lonnie Harms

Coffee Host: Sonya Johnson

### June 16

Reader: Kenton Wolfe

Usher: Dean Pinto

Coffee Host: Kimberly Pearson

### June 23

Reader: Marvis Gilnett

Coffee Host: Helen David

### June 30

Reader: Dale Williamson

Ushers: Dale & Susan Williamson

Mini Potluck Host: Marie Gunther

## Constitutional Update

This update culminates a long process to bring our congregation constitution in line with ELCA guidelines and our current needs. Updates to the constitution proper had not been made since 1990, which complicated the process, but we have received preliminary approval for this document from the Oregon Synod reviewer and feel confident bringing it before the congregation for a vote.

If we do want to make changes, a good time to do so would be after the 2025 Churchwide Assembly, since that is when any new churchwide amendments (required or suggested) will be published.

All paragraphs marked by an asterisk (\*)—and their subsections—are required of every ELCA congregation, so no changes may be made. This governs the preamble and large sections of chapters 2-9 and 15-19. The congregation approved all such paragraphs at our 2023 annual meeting.

Why so many requirements? Some are theological/faith-based, while others outline best practices both in everyday and crisis situations. This is also part of being in community.

Notable changes:

- We've added a table of contents and an introduction to help readers.
- Many of our previous bylaws have become part of the constitution proper, primarily because they have become part of how the whole church agrees to proceed. The bylaws that remain specific to our congregation are called out as such (with a longer numbering) following the paragraphs that most closely relate to them.
  - \* For example,
  - \* Mission Endowment bylaws follow C5.05, "This congregation shall have a mission endowment fund..." and
  - \* communion participation follows \*C8.04, "It shall be the privilege and duty of members of this congregation to:..."
  - \* The remaining bylaws are contained in chapters 10-14, as they apply.
- Our congregational mission and vision are laid out in C4.05.01 & C4.05.02.
- Most of the updates are otherwise to be found in chapters 10-14, which describe the congregation meetings, officers of the congregation, council,

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fundamental committees & other organizations of the congregation. We have updated language and brought specific policies in line with the practice and needs of our congregation.

Please address any questions or concerns to Lynn Ries (503-880-8095, lynn@familyries.com).

Pre-annual meeting discussion session:  
June 9, 9:00-9:45, church narthex.



## Undie Sunday

"Undie Sunday": A few years back, Cathy Flachsbart at North Marion Schools asked if we could help supply new underwear and socks for kids in need. We would set aside one Sunday a month, calling it "Undie Sunday", to take an underwear and sock offering. We did this for a number of years.

We have had another request this year from North Marion for similar items. Elbia Espanoza manages a clothes and supply closet at North Marion Middle School for kids in need. There is a special need for Girls underwear and sports bras (s, m, l), Boys underwear (s, m, l), Boys t-shirts (large), and boys and girls socks. As the regular school year is coming to an end and with summer school just around the corner, her supplies are running low.

It's time to resurrect "Undie Sunday". (Get the play on words. "Resurrect". Un-die?) I would like to invite CLC members and friends to bring some of the above-mentioned items on the 2nd Sunday of each month to help as we can. A box or container will be placed in the narthex to receive donations and delivered monthly to the school. We will mark the second Sunday of each month "Undie Sunday" on the calendar as a reminder. North Marion Fellowship has agreed to sponsor a similar program at their church.



Burt Aus	6
Julie Parelli-Minetti	15
Kimi Snell	19
Jayne Lewis	20
Wayne Tiusamen	
Ryan Popma	22
Bob Bannister	28
Bob Boonstra	30
Heather Wechter	30



Pastor Craig & Karen Johnson	1
Monty & Kristi Zwicker	7
Kenton & Mary Wolfe	10
Tom & Sylvia Peter	14
David & Heidi Hendrick	22
Laney & Kevin Baker	26
Susan & Dale Williamson	30



## In Our Hearts & Prayers

Prayers for	Requested by
Abraham	Barb B.
Anna (Grider) Westcott	Jim & Doris Grider
Bankhead Family	Wyatt Akin
Beth Brandt	Mary W.
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and Mary Wolfe
Bob and Sally Boonstra	Doris Grider
Brian Wolfe	Kenton & Mary
Brooke	Heather W
Bruce Baker	Kevin Baker
Burt Aus	Judi Aus
Carol Smith	Helen D
Charles G.	PC
Colin Brown	Heather W
Cyndy Caufield	Susan W
Dennis Ormseth	Mary W.
Doris and Jim Grider	Susan W
Ed Lapsley	Sharon G.
Ellen Paulson	Lorrie Dyrdaahl
Eric Wechter	PC
Evie Berg	PC
Heather Wechter	PC
Heide Hendrick	PC
Heidi Belew	PC
Heide Hendrick	PC
Heidi Daniel and family	PC
Howard & Kathy Brandt	Mary W.
Jan G	PC
Jeff Becker Family	Doris Grider
Jerry McKenzie	Sharon G.
Jo Miller	Kinberly Macklin
JoAnn Caufield	Cindy C
Joanna Painter	Dixie
Joyce Colvin	Susan W
Kate	PC
Kim	Lisa
Kimberly Kyser	Cindy C
Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Laurie Boyce	PC
Lawson Roberts Family	PC
Linda Fender	Dan and Lonnie
Lorrie D	PC
Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan

Margaret Schultz Family	Marie Gunther
Mary Wolfe	PC
Matt H	PC
Micah Akin	Wyatt Akin
Mike and Dixie Harms	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Mike Macklin	Kimberly Macklin
Mike McCue	Heather Wechter
Norman Colvin	Nancy
Oscar D	Sam D
Piper	Heather W
Richard Dyrdaahl	Lorrie Dyrdaahl
Robert	Jordain
Roy Steven	Joyce
Shirley Ann Andreason	Ilene Marnella
Sylvia Peter	PC
Tom Haskins	Kim M.
Traci	Barb B.
Vi Anderson	Judi

- Those with memory care issues and those who care for them.
- Those receiving radiation or chemotherapy.
- Those who are in hospice care.
- Our loved ones serving in the armed forces especially those serving overseas.

" Thank you for the many prayers, cards, and notes following my mother's passing. Your kindness is appreciated.

Marie Gunther

# June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ELCA Synod Assembly
2 10 am Worship	3 6-8 pm Aurora Emergency Preparedness	4 6 pm AA	5	6	7 Last day to submit your Annual Reports 6-8 pm Wellbriety	8
9 9-9:45 am Constitution Review 10 am Worship 11:15 Council Meeting	10	11 6 pm AA	12	13	14 6-8 pm Wellbriety	15
16 10 am Worship 11:15 am Mutual Ministry	17	18 6 pm AA	19 3:30-5 pm Marion/Polk Mobile Food Pantry, Aurora Pythian Hall	20	21 6-8 pm Wellbriety	22
23 10 am Worship Annual Meeting	24	25 3-4:30 pm North Marion Services Team 6 pm AA	26	27	28 6-8 pm Wellbriety	29
30 10 am Worship	31					

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