

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OUR CORE VALUES

- All are welcome here.
- Everybody does something.
- There is no minimum, or maximum, age for ministry.
- This is a safe place for all God's children.
- We are good stewards of God's creation.

Altar flowers today are given to the
Glory of God .

SERVANTS TODAY

Presiding — Rev. Valinda Morse

Assisting Minister — Thom Eaton

Lector — Thom Eaton

Ushers — Amy and Thor Sigmar

Altar Guild — Monica Scheiber

Counter — John Valiton

Audio — Johnny Searle

Live Stream — Aaron Stevens

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Kay and Cliff Kurtzweg

Pastor — Kevin Bates

Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson

Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle

Caretaker — Mara Meloy

Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God

Affirmation of Welcome

Magnolia Lutheran Church is a place where everyone can find a welcoming, caring, friendly home. Here is a sanctuary filled with the love and grace of our Lord and modeled by our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We believe God's love is for everyone and so commit to provide inclusive acceptance, spiritual nourishment, inspiring kindness and a gracious and loving faith community.

We believe all of God's creations are holy and welcome to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service here. All people of every ability, race, family or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition and background belong here, **Reconciling In Christ**, as children of God.

All are beautiful as they are.
All are part of God's masterpiece.
All are loved as they are.
All are welcome here.



MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 7, 2024



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE The Only Son From Heaven Dietrich Buxtehude

GATHERING HYMN Bright and Glorious is the Sky, vs. 1-5 #301 ELW



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Share your God-given gifts by giving generously

Options for sharing God's gifts:

- Sunday offering
- Estate planning, stock/bond gifts
- Online banking through your financial institution

Payee – Magnolia Lutheran Church
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Telephone – 206-284-0155

- Computer or smartphone
online giving:

⇒Credit, Debit, Checking account

⇒One-time or recurring gifts

Set up online giving on our website
www.MagnoliaLutheranChurch.com/give

MLC Has WiFi!

For those of you who may not know, MLC has
wifi available for all who wish to use it! Select
“MLC Guest” on your device,
the password is:

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Financial Update

As of November 30, 2023

*Income — \$ 324,102

Expenses—\$ 339,774

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2022-2023

Council Officers:

President -- Lyle Morse
Vice President -- Megan Hamshar
Secretary -- Robert Bergeron
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

Council members:

*The year listed is when the
member's term ends, in June.*

Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2024)

Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2025)

Fellowship Committee

TBD

Finance Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Nominating Committee

TBD

Outreach Committee

TBD

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Property Committee

Johnny Searle (2025)

Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Lyle Morse (2025)

Stewardship Committee

All Council

Women of the ELCA

TBD

Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Faith Formation

TBD

SOME THINGS HAPPENING AT MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN

INNER CALM

- A Christian Meditation for Health and Well-Being
- An online experience of prayer
- Tuesdays at 7pm
- Meeting Weekly beginning on January 23

A Zoom link will be sent out before the first weekly meeting.

LIFE IN THE HOLY LAND

- The Complex Backstory of our Jewish, Muslim and Christian Neighbors in Israel and Palestine
- A SixWeek Class and Discussion beginning on February 11.
- We will gather at 11:45am in the new church library.



ASHES ALL DAY:

Ash Wednesday at
Magnolia Lutheran Church

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. Ashes will be available all day at MLC. Simply step inside the doors at your convenience to receive the reminder of mortality and hope.

Brief worship services will be held on Ash Wednesday at 12noon and at 7pm.

ART AND FAITH: OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Come along and let your faith encounter art – and let art encounter your faith. Discussions will happen online on Wednesday evenings. Field Trips will happen in person at local art museums. Be sure to catch the class: The Art at Magnolia Lutheran Church. Zoom link and time of the discussions will out shortly!

OUR PLAN FOR A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

First, we honor and thank our musician, Ann Simonson, for 27 years of music and for sharing her gracious spirit. Come to the retirement celebration in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, January 28. Beginning in February, our congregation will host different musicians on different Sundays. This pattern will continue until a new music director is hired.

Second, your Congregation Council is working hard on the 2024 budget. The Council is also working on defining the scope of the job description for the new musician. As of this writing, we do not have a date for when the job description will be posted. Much will be determined by the budget that the congregation adopts at the congregational meeting in February.

Third, once the job description is approved, it will be posted and circulated. A task force from our church will interview musicians and make a recommendation to the Council. The Council will then extend an offer letter to the identified candidate.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate through this season.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

Setting 4, WOV

I: Women II: Men



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. ☐ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: ☐ Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men

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This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

LOOK!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT MLC

There are many volunteer opportunities at Magnolia Lutheran. If you are interested in helping with any of the following, please contact Pastor Kevin or MLC’s parish administrator, Nancy.

Usher—Hand out bulletins, direct people to the front for communion and pass the offering plate. Two weeks in a row, approximately every 4 weeks or so. It depends on how many volunteers we have as to how often you will be needed.

Counter—Work with the parish administrator to count and document the incoming cash and checks after the 10am service. Generally you would be needed one or two times a month.

Altar Guild—Prepare the altar for communion before and after the 8:15am services. Help with holiday decorations and help polish the brass once or twice a year.

Lector—Read the lessons on Sundays at the 10am service.

Assisting Minister—Assist Pastor Kevin with running the service. Help with communion, read the prayers of the people, etc. PK will guide you.

Sound—Running the sound board and getting the mics out for Pastor Kevin and the assisting minister. Monitor the sound during the 10am service.

Live Stream—MLC live streams the 10am service. This is probably the most pressing volunteer position to fill. **We currently only have one person to do the sound and the live stream so we really need volunteers for these two jobs.**



Please Remember In Prayer

- Donna Hegstrom
- Dave Larson
- Family of Don Goertzen
- Family of Bob McIntosh
- Family of Pauline McIntosh
- Gail Hendrickson
- Kelly and Linda Kellenberger
- Heidi Carpine
- Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)
- Family of Susan Engquist (sister of Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and Kasey Kroeger).
- Sandy Bennis
- Russ Long
- Vern Lindquist
- Frank Edmondson
- Karla Lefferson
- Merlin Cavander
- Kathleen Rowan
- Roger Taber
- Andrew Tucker
- Frank Edmondson

If we have inadvertently removed someone whom you wish to remain on the list or if you wish to add someone new, please contact the church office..

Last Week’s Attendance

8:15AM — 23
10:00AM — 55

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

Jan 14 — Serena Severance
Jan 28 — TBD

Lector

Jan 14 — Serena Severance
Jan 28 — TBD

Altar Preparation

Jan 14 — Amy Sigmar
Jan 28 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counters

Jan 14 — Ralph Hendrickson
Jan 28 — Noah Wittner

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 14 — TBD
Jan 28 — Barbara Helde

Ushers

Jan 14 — Amy & Thor Sigmar
Jan 28 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

A new servant schedule will be out shortly!

This Week at MLC

Sunday, January 7

8:15am Worship Service
8:30am Atrium
10am Worship Service

Monday, January 8

4pm Husky Watch Party!
Playing for the national championship!!

Tuesday, January 9

9am NO Bible Study

Thursday, January 11

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, January 12

8pm AA Speakers Meeting,

Sunday, January 14

8:15am Worship Service
8:30am Atrium
10am Worship Service



ANOTHER HUSKY WATCH PARTY!! MONDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 4PM!



Come watch the Huskys play for the National Championship for the first time in 32 years!! The game starts at 4:30 pm. There will be hot dogs, potato salad, popcorn, a variety of beverages and a whole lot of hope that the Dawgs will bring home the Championship!! Please RSVP at 206-284-0155.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Magnolia Lutheran Church could not function without the time donated by volunteers. There are too many to mention by name, but you know who you are! Ushers, counters, altar guild, lectors, assisting ministers, sound and live stream. Not to mention the countless number of coffee hours that you all have contributed to! From the bottom of our hearts,

THANK YOU!!

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2024

A Retirement Brunch honoring Ann Simonson for 27-1/2 years as music and choir director at Magnolia Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 28th immediately following the 10am service. More info to follow!



SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - na + Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark: 1:4-11

Before the reading: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

After the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

HYMN

This is the Spirit's Entry Now

#292 ELW



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
 the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
 to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.
 that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music Washed Anew Thomas Keesecker
 Offertory singing Let the Vineyards Setting 4, WOV



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our



cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,



that we may be fed. we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Crashing Waters at Creation

#455 ELW



- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
- 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
- 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve your neighbor! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

The Only Son from Heaven

J.S. Bach



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

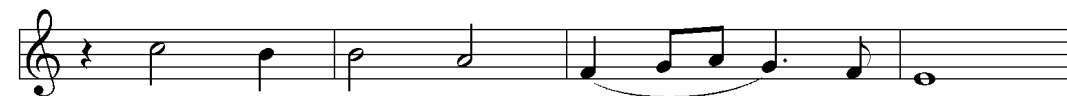


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



Lord God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution (In the night he was betrayed...)

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on Earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Distribution Singing during Communion Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

#453 ELW

1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.

Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.

Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!