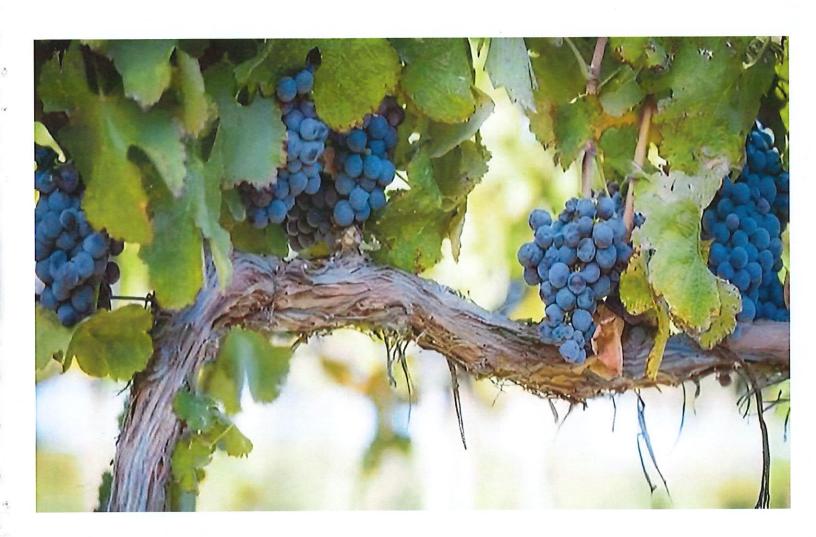
### Magnolia Lutheran Church

APRIL 28, 2024



# I AM THE VINE AND YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

-John 15:5

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Easter 5

April 28, 2024

#### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP



#### GREETING

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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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: Acts: 8:26-40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning

home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: PSALM 22:25-31

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules o-tver the nations.

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall | serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to genera-| tions to come.

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people <sup>1</sup> yet unborn, saying to them, "The <sup>1</sup> LORD has acted!"

#### SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord!

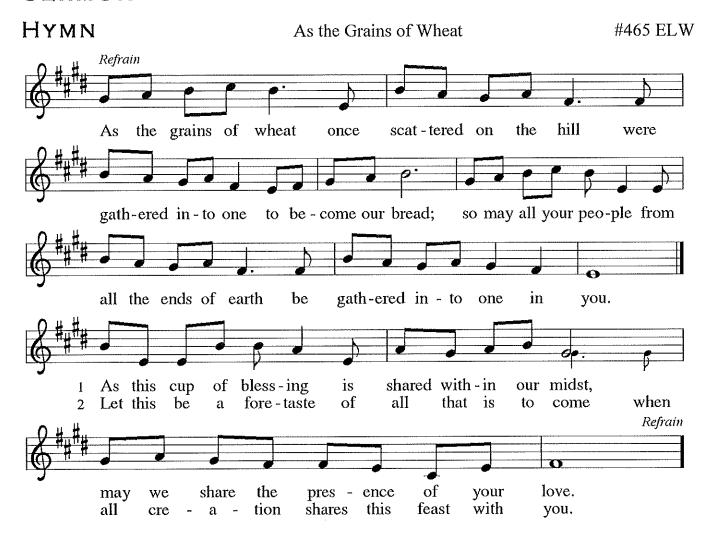
[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me

and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### SERMON



#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace. Hear our prayer.

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### OFFERING

George Lachenauer That Day with Joy was Bright Offertory Music Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, vs. 1&2 #858 ELW Offertory Hymn the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -Praise to all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing the Lord, who o'er Praise to your health and sal - va - tion! my soul, praise him, for he gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. on wings of an ea and, as ple draw near, all who hear now his Let to tem ful has been all that is need Have you not seen tion! glad ad join ing in 0 ra dain ing? sent by his gra - cious or

#### **CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

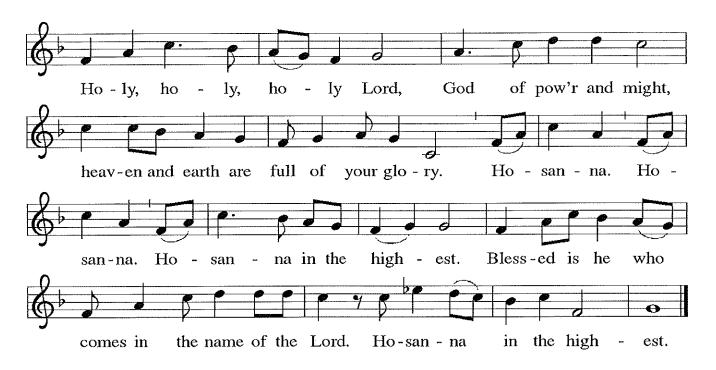
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

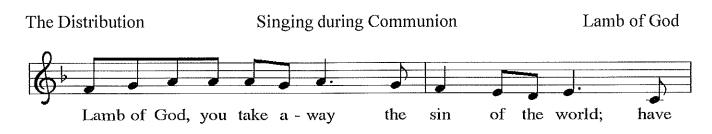


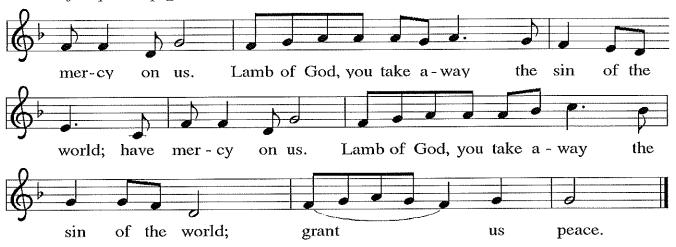
Words of Institution (In the night he was betrayed...)

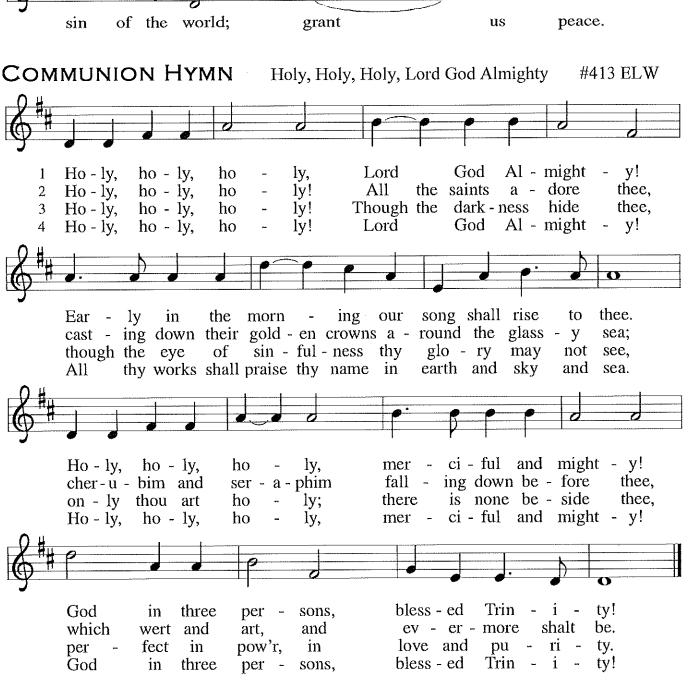
#### Lord's Prayer

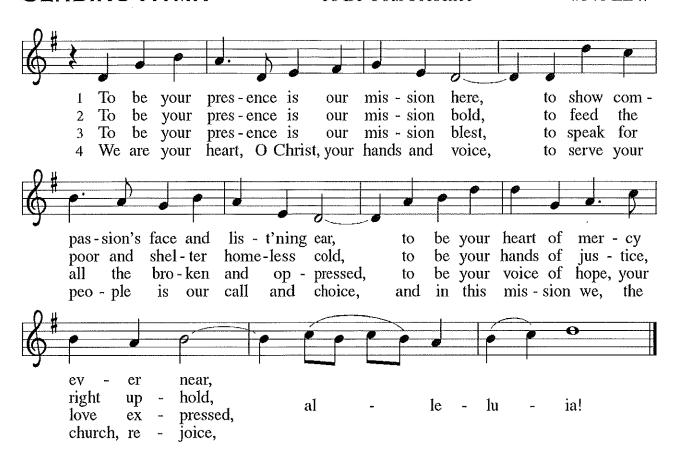
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on Earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,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









#### DISMISSAL

Postlude

Let all Who Has Breath Praise the Lord

Douglas Wagner

#### **Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates**

**Assisting Minister** 

May 5 — Thom Eaton May 12 — Anne Prouty

Lector

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May 12 — Jeanne Moussette

**Altar Preparation** 

May 5 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg May 12 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Counters

May 5 — Noah Wittner May 12 — John Valiton

**Coffee Hour Hosts** 

May 5 — Jenny & Shane Ruegamer

May 12 — Kay & Cliff Kurtzweg

Ushers

May 5 — Cliff Kurtzweg and Mike Olden May 12 — Amy & Thor Sigmar



It's that time again! Please put Saturday, May 4th down on your calendar to help beautify the outside of MLC! Bring your gloves, shovels, rakes, etc. to help clean up the flower beds and outdoor areas. Rumor has it there will be donuts and coffee! Please come and help for as little or as long as you are able! The cleanup will begin at 9am!

#### This Week at MLC

Sunday, April 28

8:15am

Worship

9:00am

Atrium

10am

Worship

Tuesday, April 30

9am

Bible Study, Zoom

9am

Quilting

7pm

Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, May 2

7pm

AA Fireside Room

Friday, May 3

8pm

AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Saturday, May 4

9am

Spring Cleanup, Please come help!

Sunday, May 5, MaaSae Sunday

8:15am

Worship

10am

Worship

#### SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR-IT'S FUN!

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Every Saturday Ballard Blossom delivers a beautiful bouquet of flowers to put at the bottom of the cross in the sanctuary for Sunday's service.

Have an anniversary coming up, or a birthday? Graduation? If so, consider sponsoring the flowers one Sunday. You will receive a mention in the bulletin. You may even request special colors or types of flowers which they will accommodate, assuming they are in season. The cost is \$75. There are no flowers during Lent but you can still sign up for any of the Sundays following!



#### **Last Week's Attendance**

8:15am — 10 10am - 47

#### **FUN!**

#### A TRIP TO HOLDEN VILLAGE!



Pastor Kevin will be traveling to Holden Village from August 4 - 9. This is your invitation to rest, renew and revive.

Holden Village is a Retreat Center located in the Cascade Mountains. Formerly a mining town and working copper mine, Holden became a ghost town in the 1950's and was sold to the Lutheran Church for \$1 a few years later.

Access to Holden Village is by car (first you drive to Chelan), then boat (you buy a ticket on the Lady of the Lake passenger ferry to Lucerne), then school bus (owned and operated by Holden staff who drive the 10-miles from the lake to the Village).

Holden is wonderful place for individuals and for families. It is a remote location and has rustic, but comfortable lodging. You may participate in lectures, or engage in the arts--including pottery. Many hikes are available. Or just bring along a good book. Meals are provided and included in the price.

To register, go to the Holden Village website. Click on the "visit" tab and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Kevin.

#### Please Remember In Prayer



Donna Hegstrom

Dave Larson

Gail Hendrickson

Kelly and Linda Kellenberger

Heidi Carpine

Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)

Family of Susan Engquist (sister of

Jennifer Kroeger)

Sandy Bennis

Frank Edmondson

Karla Lefferson

Merlin Cavender

Kathleen Rowan

Beverly Larson

Josh Kelly

Andrew Tucker

Family of Jane Stockert (friend of the

Backmans)

Stacy Sipes and family

Gary Engle

Bill & Liz Biscomb (Victoria Watson's

parents)

Gabe Kunkle (Bill Condon & Amy

French's grandson)

Amy French and Bill Condon & families

Irene Long

Chris Backman

Bonnie Valiton

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

#### SOME THINGS HAPPENING AT MLC AND AROUND TOWN

#### INNER CALM

- A Christian Meditation for Health and Well-Being
- An online experience of prayer
- Weekly meetings, Tuesdays at 7pm

## OUR PLAN FOR A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Council is working on defining the scope of the job description for the new musician. 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.

# Magnolia Chorale Celebrating the Past. Building the Future. Saturday Magnolia United Christ 355NL Moran St. Sonice 99199 Saturday Matter Sustable only entitle in advance. Sunday Matter Concert May 5, 2024 2:00PM Episcopal Church of the Ascension 2330 Vectoriant Way W. Sonice 99199 Purinase Saturday and Sanday risketts at magnolia concert home We despressed and the states at magnolia concert home We despressed and the states at magnolia concert home We despressed and the states at magnolia concert home We despressed and the states at magnolia concert home We despressed and the states at magnolia concert home We despressed and the states at magnolia concert home Magnolia concert Magnolia concert







#### MAASAE SUNDAY-MAY 5TH

The name MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School comes partially from an acronym. Maa is the language of the Maasai tribe...S is for Speakers; A for Advanced and E for Education.

The School is located on the outskirts of a Monduli, Tanzania, a village about 45 kilometers from Arusha. It is a project of The Diocese in Arusha Region of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. The school opened in 1995 with its' first class of Pre Form One students. It is a boarding school and students come from surrounding villages in the region which are often located in distant isolated areas. The students depend on sponsorship to pay for their education. Each year a class of around 45 students enter the school. At the end of form IV (equivalent to grade 10) students sit for national exams. Some students then continue their education further into Forms V and VI.

"Educate our women and they will educate the entire village"

As most of you know, we have been sponsoring three young women in Tanzania so that they may get an education which would otherwise be impossible. Eveline, Paulina and Udamhindi have excelled in their school work. Our continued support will allow other girls the same opportunity. It is \$1,200 for each girl for an entire year. Because of your generosity, we have been able to meet our goal every year since we started this sponsorship. If you would like to help with this very important mission, please make a check out payable to Magnolia Lutheran Church with a note "MaaSae Girls School" on the check. Thank

#### 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 2414 31<sup>st</sup> Ave W, Seattle, WA 98199 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:

#### TumbleRibs398

#### **Financial Update**

As of March 31, 2024 Income — \$ 85,559 Expenses —\$ 101,687

\*Includes some prepaid pledges.

The financial documents are posted in the coffee hour room and are available upon request.

# Congregation Council 2023-2024

#### **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

Barbara Helde (2025)

Finance Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Nominating Committee

Serena Severance (2025)

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

**Property Committee** 

Johnny Searle (2025)

Social Action Committee Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Lyle Morse (2025)

Stewardship Committee

All Council

Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Faith Formation

Cynthia Ubilla

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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 by Deborah & Clayton Ramsey.

#### SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Mark Johnson

Lector — Mark Johnson

Musician — Martin Olson

Ushers — Mike Olden

Altar Guild — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

Counters — Ralph Hendrickson

Audio - Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens/Carson Ruegamer Coffee Hour Host(s) — Linda & Mark Johnson

Pastor — Kevin Bates
Caretaker — Mara Meloy
Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle
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.

—January 2015. All are loved as they are. All are welcome here.

