

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 5, 2023



**LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS...**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Epiphany 5

February 5, 2023

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

#532 ELW



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-12

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [<sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

<sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing Word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the

house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### SERMON

### HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

#715 ELW



1	Long - ing	for	light,	we	wait	in	dark - ness.	Long - ing	for
2	Long - ing	for	peace,	our	world	is	trou - bled.	Long - ing	for
3	Long - ing	for	food,	man - y	are	hun - gry.	Long - ing	for	
4	Long - ing	for	shel - ter,	man - y	are	home - less.	Long - ing	for	
5	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	peo - ple,	man - y	the	

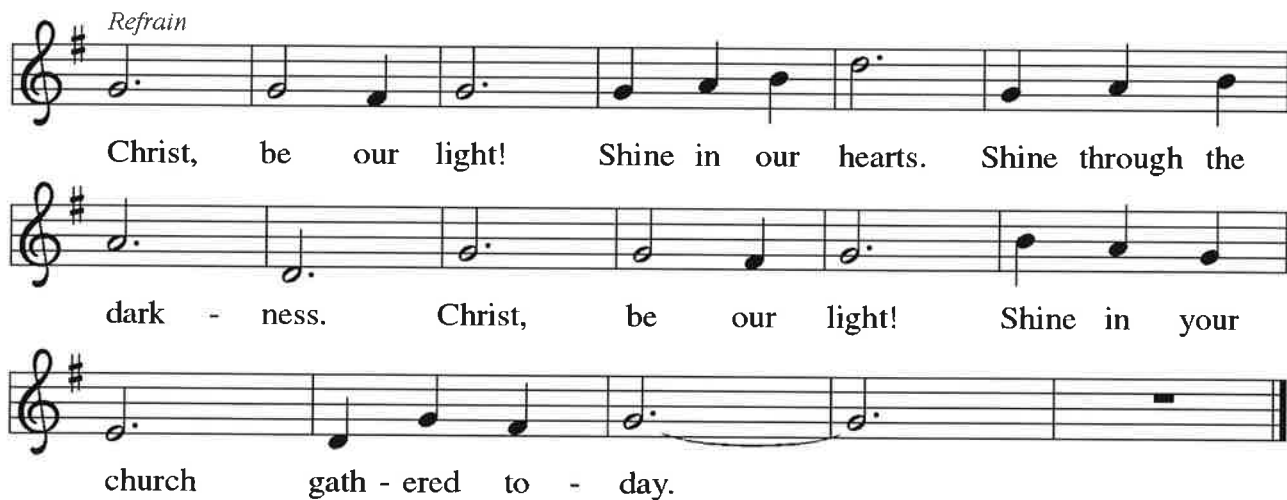


truth,	we	turn	to	you.	Make	us	your	own,
hope,	man - y	de -	spair.	Your	word	a -	lone	
wa - ter,	man - y	still	thirst.	Make	us	your	bread,	
warmth,	man - y	are	cold.	Make	us	your	build - ing,	
hearts that	yearn	to	be - long.	Let	us	be	ser - vants	



your	ho - ly	peo - ple,	light	for	the	world	to	see.
has	pow'r	to	save	us.	Make	us	your	liv - ing
bro - ken	for	oth - ers,	shared	un - til	all	are	fed.	
shel - ter - ing	oth - ers,	walls	made	of	liv - ing	stone.		
to	one	an - oth - er,	signs	of	your	king - dom	come.	

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

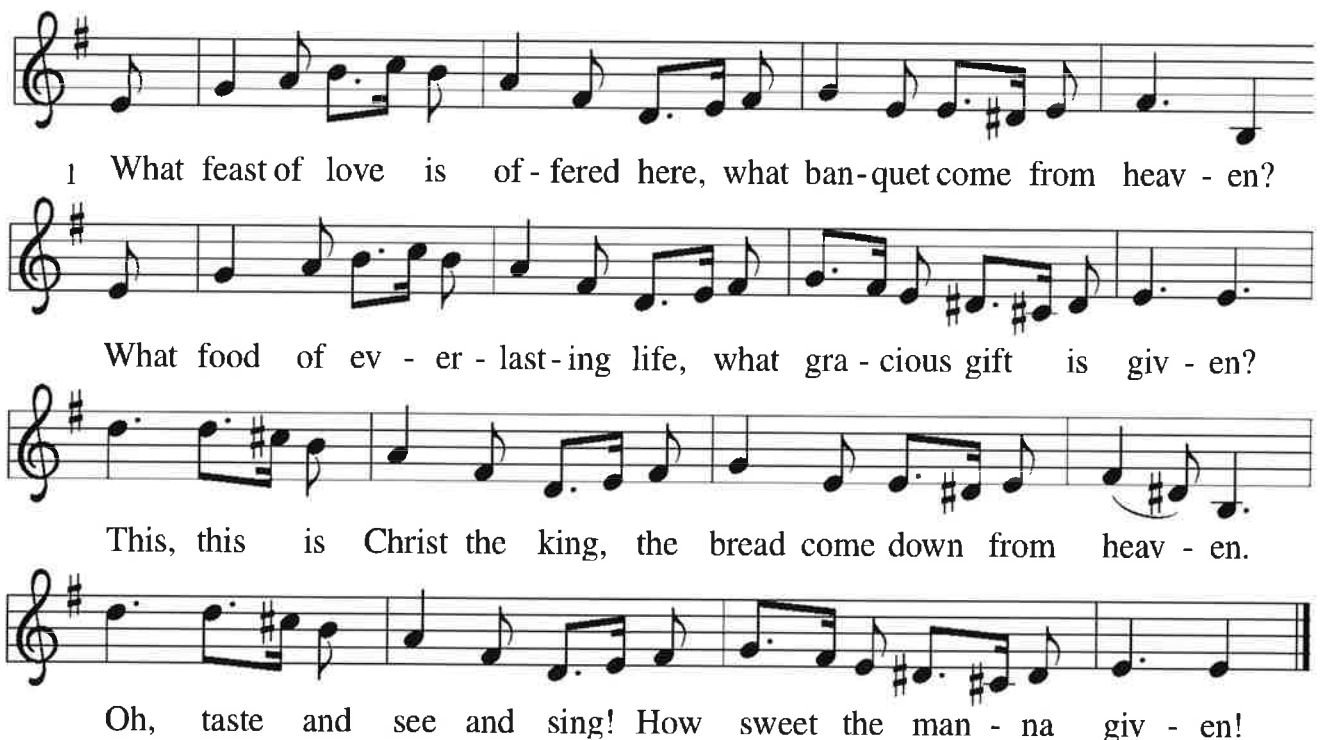
## OFFERING

Offering Music

Offertory Hymn:

What Feast of Love, vs. 1

#487 ELW



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
 What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

## CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, earth  
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

- *We trust in Christ's love and that Christ is present in this meal. All are invited to the Table. Come as you wish. The ushers will guide you by row.*
- *The pastor distributes the bread. Others will distribute wine and grape juice. At Magnolia Lutheran Church, we receive communion by intinction, which is the practice of dipping the bread into the chalice.*
- *Children are welcome at the Table. We invite parents to decide the best time for their children to receive communion. The pastor is available for a home visits and conversation about communion. Children who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to receive a blessing.*

Distribution

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

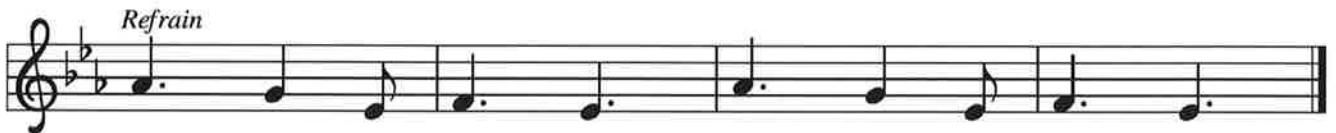
COMMUNION HYMN      God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me      #1084 ACS



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



*Refrain*  
 O Christ, sur - round me;      O Christ, sur - round me.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN      We Are Marching in the Light, vs. 1, 2 & 3      #546 ELW



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



light of God.      We are march - ing in the light of God,



we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

2. We are dancing ...
3. We are singing ...

**DISMISSAL**

**Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

Feb 12— Thom Eaton  
 Feb 19— Serena Severance

### Lector

Feb 12— Thom Eaton  
 Feb 19— Serena Severance

### Altar Preparation

Feb 12— Amy Sigmar  
 Feb 19— Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

### Counters

Feb 12— Noah Wittner  
 Feb 19— Ralph Hendrickson

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Feb 12— Valinda & Lyle Morse  
 Feb 19— TBD

### Ushers

Feb 12— Amy & Thor Sigmar  
 Feb 19— Amy & Thor Sigmar

### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, February 5, Congregational Meeting

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

#### Monday, February 6

6pm-8:30pm      Scouts, Luther Hall

#### Tuesday, February 7

9am            Bible Study, Zoom  
 7pm            Magnolia Big Band

#### Wednesday, February 8

5:15pm        Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 6pm            Social Action Committee Mtg.  
 7pm            Choir Practice

#### Thursday, February 9

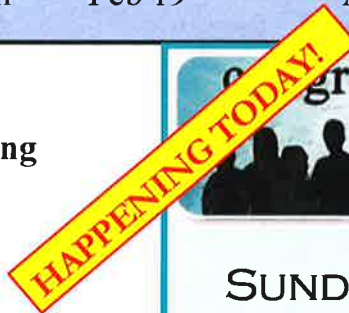
11am          Bible Study, In Person  
 7-9pm        AA, Fireside Room  
 7:15pm        Worship & Music Committee Mtg.

#### Friday, February 10

8pm            AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

#### Sunday, February 12, Souper Bowl of Caring

8:15am        Worship Service  
 10am         Worship Service



### Congregational meeting



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

Magnolia Lutheran Church's first semi-annual meeting for 2023 will be held on Sunday, February 5th. The meeting will be in person directly after the 10am service. Please stay tuned for more details but keep that date in the back of your mind and/or on your calendars!

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FEBRUARY 12TH

The 'Souper' Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. It's vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend into America's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

When you leave the sanctuary on February 12th after the 10am service, you will see some of our MLC's youths holding soup pots, or some sort of container, to collect money for this.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## BELL CHOIR STARTING UP AGAIN!

### INFO ON CHOIR AND SINGING WITH ANN

Choir practice meets every other Wednesday at 7pm.

**Bell Choir will begin meeting next Wednesday, February 8th at 5:15pm.**

If you like to make music but can't sing—give the bell choir a try! They play 4 or 5 times a year, practices happen a few weeks leading up to a performance.

Interested? Please contact MLC's music director, Ann Simonson, at [ajsimo@comcast.net](mailto:ajsimo@comcast.net).

LOOK!



### Please Remember In Prayer

- Kathleen Rowan
- Donna Hegstrom
- Dave Larson
- Family of Don Goertzen
- Family of Bob McIntosh
- Pauline McIntosh
- Gail Hendrickson
- Lon Pilichowski (cousin of Nancy & Johnny Searle)
- Heidi Carpine
- Maxwell Penn and family (relative of the Ramseys)
- Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)
- Family of Dennis Branstetter (friend of the Nagys)
- Long Pham (friend of the Nagys)
- Family of Susan Engquist (sister of Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and Kasey Kroeger).
- Sandy Bennis
- Family of Liz Roach
- Family of Robert Hansen (cousin to Russ Long)

*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 — 26  
10am — 46

### QUILTING AND HAND WORK GROUPS HAVE UNITED!

The invitation for quilting and hand work is open! So come when you can and leave when you must. The decision was made to continue on the second Thursday of the month from 10am—2pm. Don't forget to bring a lunch! Coffee will be provided.

No need to RSVP—just show up!

**Discussions are under way to determine when the next meeting might occur.**

**Questions?** Contact the office at 206-284-0155.

### ATRIUM HAS BEGUN!

The Atrium is Magnolia's Montessori-based faith formation program for children, located upstairs in the big education room. We welcome children starting at age 3.

Sessions for **all children** have started with a flexible start time beginning at 8:30am.

For more information or to register, please contact Marcia Bates at 206-604-7888.



## MAIN FLOOR ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

For every time there is a season!

This is the season to consider the invitation to update and improve our Main Floor. The purpose of this brief article is to explain How We Got Here, give details about The Proposed Plan, and lay out the Next Steps.

### How We Got Here

This project began four years ago. At a congregational meeting we designated some funds for ministry enhancement project. We set up a Task Force. However, it sputtered a bit as it sought to define which direction to embark. Then a key player on the Task Force relocated to another town. Then the pandemic hit. New people were added to the Task Force. Updates were provided at Annual Meetings. The Task Force consists of Linda Johnson, Donna Bergeron, Anne Krook and Chris Backman.

This year, the Task Force found traction. They narrowed their focus to the Main Floor. They analyzed how our space is used, and imagined how to enhance its function. They presented their proposal to our Church Council on January 21, 2023. The Proposed Project has a higher cost than the initial approval. Nonetheless, our Church Council gave full approval for this project to move ahead.

### The Proposed Plan

The Enhancement Committee's mission is "to make design and interior improvements to beautify the church with an eye toward how use of the building can be optimized now and for the future."

The scope of the project is to refresh main floor rooms (other than the sanctuary and narthex). The main goal is to renovate and renew the spaces to be as useful and welcoming as possible to both current and potential new members.

### Details include:

Creating a ten-foot opening between the Coffee Lounge and the Library.

The choir side wall of the Library will have a built-in electric fireplace and flat screen TV that can be used for presentations.

Asbestos has been confirmed in the ceiling material and will be addressed by encapsulating or removal.

New floor materials will be installed: carpet tile in most areas, porcelain tile in the bathrooms, and luxury vinyl planks in the workroom and kitchenette.

Current workroom will become multipurpose with expanded use as a larger kitchen area.

Lighting update and improved electrical outlets.

Installing new furniture and window coverings.

### The Next Steps

- 1) Materials will be on display in the Library beginning January 29th.
- 2) Information will be sent out to the congregation by email. Questions about the project can be directed to the Church Office.
- 3) A presentation about this project will happen at our Annual Meeting today, Sunday, February 5 at 11am. There will be discussion, discernment and a vote.
- 4) Upon approval, the Council will move forward on a plan for additional funding.
- 5) It is estimated that construction will take 3-4 months and occur in the late summer and fall of 2023.

# 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](http://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**

(Not for use during church of course)

## Financial Update

As of December 31, 2022

\*Income — \$ 371,802

Expenses—\$ 356,102

\*Includes some prepaid pledges

## Congregation Council 2021-2022

### Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron

Vice President -- Victoria Watson

Secretary -- Serena Severance

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

Kimberly Milham (2023)

#### Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

#### Nominating Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

#### Outreach Committee

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

#### 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

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Serena Severance (2023)

#### Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

#### Faith Formation

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

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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

**Assisting Minister** — Mark Johnson

**Lector** — Mark Johnson

**Ushers** — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

**Altar Guild** — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

**Counters** — John Valition

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

**Live Stream**—Evan Kelly

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Mike Olden

**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.

