



Calling People to Rest

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. ~ Psalm 4:8

I enjoy helping in the garden. That may be my Sicilian genes dictating to me. My ancestors hail from areas of Sicily where they raised their own food, a practice they continued in their backyard gardens in America. Alaska, with its generous, long light means I can be out in the yard even after staying at work quite late.

In one corner of the garden there is a stand of foxglove I have been told to handle with care because all parts of the plant are toxic. I mostly look but don't touch. One late evening I noticed there were bees sleeping in the blooms. Weary travelers they had appropriated the elongated flowers like tiny births and were quite peacefully asleep. One corpulent bumble bee had its fat bottom hanging from the lip of a purple-spotted flower in easy nonchalance. There was something so sweet and peaceful in that scene. Generous flowers offering a bed and breakfast. Bees offering a chance for the flowers to proliferate by spreading all that pollen upon rising that they had soaked up all night. I am in awe of the Master Gardner who has woven all these details into the web of Life.

As I stood in the twilight I considered where I had just come from. An hour ago I was pulling away from our overnight shelter where men and women with less than the widow's mite were settling into beds borrowed for the night. That is a hard spot for someone to be in even when the services are generously and graciously given, which we labor to do.

Street life is challenging, crushing even. Lack of funds and lack of opportunity, addictions and mental illness cast a pall over more people than we have shelter space for in this city according to the Point in Time count for 2026. Yet for the one hundred souls, showered, fed, with laundry done, who settled beneath our covers, sleep would be safe and sweeter than on the street. Upon waking they would have a chance all because there were loving hands, your hands, planting in a garden here on Tudor Road.

The summer is passing and we had what we needed because people made those less fortunate a priority. People trusted us. We are so grateful. The fall is upon us and will bring its own challenges to those we serve. We will be here pouring soup and freshening beds and sharing about the Master Gardner who took His plan for their health and healing all the way to the cross.

Keep us in your prayers that we get it all right. People are depending on us and we are depending on you.

Gratefully,

Pastor John LaMantia

Taking it to the Next Level



We are all so proud of Stewart for completing the Food Safety Manager Certification Course. Stewart has his Food Handler's Certification but he wanted to take it to the next level. He is in the work phase of the Men's LifeSkills program and is using our kitchen to meet his work requirement. When he isn't cooking, he is painting and he is very gifted at both. He can make you a delicious peach cobbler or paint you some lovely peaches in acrylics on canvas. Well done, Stewart!



Wishing our Jewish neighbors and donors a Happy New Year on September 11th. May you enjoy a sweet year ahead.

From the Anchorage Coalition



Go to [aceh.org/phc](https://www.aceh.org/phc) to get involved!

Hello Anchorage! Ready for some hands-on volunteering? Project Homeless Connect is set for Oct. 26, and we are looking for at least 150 community members to ensure all of our guests get what they need out of a potentially life-changing day.

Sign up here: <https://www.aceh.org/phc>

What will volunteers be doing? A mix of things!

- Oct. 23, help move items out of our storage unit.
- Oct. 25, help get everything to the Egan Center and organize the event space.
- Oct. 26, maximum number of volunteers needed for morning, afternoon or all-day stints! Pair up with guests as a navigator to make sure they get the services they need most. Serve lunch. Distribute winter gear. So many opportunities!

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Learn more on the Alaska Health Department website under Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Hiking Girdwood

On what had to be one of the loveliest Alaska summer days, we took some of our program men to hike the Winner Creek Trail in Girdwood, behind the Alyeska Resort.

The forest with its absence of street sounds, the hush of the trees, the green smells, the refreshing sound of the streams, was like a dose of medicine.

Thank you to Kathy from the art room for making a dozen sack lunches and Terri, our program manager, for filling the cooler with drinks.

Outings like this one are such a blessing to our men in recovery, some of whom are still in their first 30-day safety watch.

Let the fields and everything in them exult. Then all the trees of the forest will shout for joy.
~ Psalm 96:12



Looking to the Future

The Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission in its 60's is getting a make-over. Same life changing, good news message. Same commitment to stewardship and accountability and never taking your partnership for granted.

We are very excited to partner with Upper1Solutions to expand our reach to share our message and mission with those who have never heard of the work of this ministry. They will also be helping us to share our message in ways that allow us to use funds currently spent on postage for other needful things.

Printing and postage are costly for us and those costs continue to increase every year. You will be given the opportunity to go digital with the newsletter, download a copy from our website or continue receiving a paper copy by mail.

We will also be making it easier for you to donate and track your contributions.

Beginning in September, we will be sharing with you, in stages, our new logo, redesigned website and newsletter.

Embrace Change! Be open for the new things God has in store. (Isaiah 43:18-19)

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From California to Alaska



Beautiful Mission Team from the Glory Church of Jesus Christ in California. Mission teams are such a delight and are enjoyed by all of us who believe in the Great Commission.

September Memorials



*A beautiful land by faith I see,
A land of rest from sorrow free:
The home of the ransomed, bright and fair,
And beautiful angels, too, are there.*

Memorial for: Joyce Marie Johnson
Memorial for: Jake Wildes

by: John and Kathy LaMantia
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Inspired by Our Trip to the Botanical Garden



Big shout out to one of our faithful donors who is an art lover. Her generosity allowed us to purchase multiple sets of acrylic markers that our art class used to make small paintings. They were so happy with the process and the results that we will be turning some of them into cards in the near future. They will be able to offer these for sale with all proceeds going to the students. Art heals and energizes and brings God glory. Thank you to all of you who support the art ministry.