

# Apostolic Faith

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- A. The US Supreme Court designated churches as essential in a case in 2021 that would allow churches to continue to operate during times of crises. It was determined that churches were essential. They provide for the spiritual health and support of the community and help in the community during difficult times. Therefore, it was ruled that they could not close down churches if other essential businesses were allowed to operate. Apostolic Faith Church would not create a detrimental or injurious situation to the public. It offers spiritual help to those who choose to seek it. It also offers a place to gather to share faith and encourage others.
- B. The church would not create an economic increase to the county. There should be no need to upgrade any roads as there are not a large number of people that attend at any one time. The number of people using the facility would not create much more traffic than the other homes create during the week. It is the first driveway on the road so all traffic turns off without interfering with the residences on the road.  
It will not affect public costs as it will be a church and there will need access to public schools. The need for police, fire services would not be any greater than any other residence or farm. The property has its own water source (well) and septic system so it will not need a public service for these.  
There would be no additional cost to the public for the property to be used as a church.
- C. The proposed use of the property as a church meets with the development standards in the Kittitas County Code. It provides a service to the community and maintains the open space area around the building. The building does not block views of the surrounding area and the property is also used for farming.
- D. The church will not change the material impacts of the area environmentally or otherwise. The building will just change from a residential home to a religious facility.
- E. It will use of the property as a church is compatible with the neighborhood and neighboring land uses. Farming will continue to be done on the property surrounding the building which is consistent with adjacent properties. It will not interfere with the Wagging Tails ranch at the other end of the property as the building is too far away from their ranch to create a problem for the dogs.
- F. The property will still be maintained as a farm (currently producing Timothy hay.) This is consistent with the zoning district and the religious portion is allowed for with a conditional use in the zoning area.
- G. The conditional use permit would be consistent with the intent, goals, policies, and objectives of the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan. It maintains the open area preserving the rural character of the community. It does not block or change the views of the neighbors and it is surrounded by the hay farm. The building is similar in look to other homes in the area and the field around the building creates a very large open space. There would be no additional rural government services than a residence would require.

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