

Grace Vine

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Mission Statement: We believe that God in Christ is central to all life and we WORSHIP him through TELLING his story, GROWING in faith, SUPPORTING each other, and CARING for his world.

Purpose:
 Transforming Lives Through Christ.

- Core Values:**
- Being a nurturing family of faith
 - Growing faith in God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit
 - Serving others with the heart of Jesus
 - Seeking unity in Christ
 - Embracing people seeking Christ
 - Welcoming cross-cultural, Cross+Generational

Joy of Service Serving in Small Ways



Jaffa Gate of Old Jerusalem

On Christmas Eve, 2019, I was shivering in the chilly chapel of Bethlehem University, just a few blocks from where Jesus was born 2000 years before. Tucked into the little alcove near the altar, the members of the Olive Branches choir scooted our chairs together both to make more space and to generate a little warmth. As our director, Ramzi, led us through our vocal warmups, I gazed in appreciation at the beautiful paintings of angels, saints, and apostles that lined the chapel walls. This small church had become one of my favorites along with the Palestinian Lutheran churches I frequented. I had been invited to join the choir a few months earlier, along with a few other of the Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers. The Olive Branches rehearsed in English (luckily for us), but the membership

was about two-thirds Palestinians and one-third volunteers and ex-pats from all over the world. Started during the second Intifada (Palestinian uprising), the women who had founded the choir wanted a place for locals and internationals to sing together and spread a message of hope and peace. As we started singing Christmas songs in Arabic and English, I was so grateful not just to be in Bethlehem for Christmas, but to be there as part of a community that welcomed me not as a tourist but as a part of their family.

Young Adults in Global Mission is a program of ELCA Global Mission for adults ages 21-29. Every year, between 50 and 100 young adults serve in various capacities in 12 different countries all over the world. This year, 60 young adults were part of the 2019-20 YAGM cohort. There were five other women with me serving in the Jerusalem/West Bank program. YAGM follows the accompaniment method of service, where volunteers are not sent somewhere to convert people or "fix" problems, but to live among and learn from the ELCA's global partners who request ELCA missionaries for this purpose of mutual accompaniment.

The ELCA's partners in Jerusalem and the West Bank are the Palestinian Christians of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), and it is through their invitation that we send ELCA missionaries to accompany their ministries and other Palestinians we meet. During my time in the West Bank, I worked through the educational ministries of the ELCJHL at both a school and a college in Bethlehem. At the school, I worked with a Palestinian

English teacher, Miss Liza, and helped her create classroom materials and plan English lessons for students in 6th through 10th grade. I also ran an after-school English club for the 9th-grade students. It was there that I got to know my students a lot better, and I spend many wonderful afternoons playing games with them, talking about their favorite singers and movies and other pop culture, or having them patiently teach me to write Arabic letters. At the college, I worked with the theologian Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, and I had the privilege of proofreading the articles and other materials he wrote in English.



As a YAGM, I attended the Lutheran church in the small town of Beit Jala, about 15 minutes walking distance from Bethlehem. Each Sunday I attended church there and got to know the congregation over little cups of Arabic coffee after service. But one of the most impactful parts of my time in Palestine was my host family. I lived with the family of the superintendent of the Lutheran schools, and it was the Bishara family that really made me feel at home in Palestine. They celebrated holidays with me, invited me to family gatherings, included me in the family olive harvest, and made me feel like I was part of their family. The hospitality they showed me was beyond anything I had ever experienced. The hospitality of all Palestinians was one of the defining elements of my time with YAGM, whether it was 5-hour lunches with teachers from school or a stranger walking me to the bus when I was lost.



Before I left home last August, Pastor Greg's daughter Rachel (a YAGM alum) said, "It's hard to go, but it's so much harder to come back." I had no idea then how right she would be. No one could have foreseen how strangely and abruptly the YAGM program would end this year, nor the effect the COVID-19 pandemic would have on the world, but I am grateful for each day that I got to spend in Palestine. I miss my friends and family there every day, but there is no doubt in my mind that Palestine will be part of my future. I would like to ask for your prayers for the people of Palestine, both because of the challenges they face living under occupation each day and because of the devastating effect COVID-19 has had on the country. In the Bethlehem area especially, revenue from tourism makes up a

huge portion of the economy and the loss of that has hit locals hard.

I hope to share more about my experience with Young Adults in Global Mission with members of Grace soon, because there is so much more to share! This fall I will be working with Global Mission as a short-term recruiter for the YAGM program in the East Coast region and I'm excited to continue this journey of accompaniment here at home!

Salam al Masih
God's peace be with you!
Olivia Slagle

Reflections from Pastor Alfredo Oviedo

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**The Lord is my portion," says my soul, therefore I will hope in him. NRSV
Por eso digo que en él confío; ¡Dios es todo para mí! (TLA)
Der HERR ist mein Teil, spricht meine Seele; darum will ich auf ihn hoffen. LUTHER BIBEL -
Lamentations 3:24**



In the two months and five days since we adopted the "stay home" guidelines and recommendations, from both elected leaders and health care scientists, let me share some reflections regarding how our congregation has been impacted. I must say in advance that not all the ways we have been touched by the worldwide pandemic are negative, but surely, we all have suffered to some degree.

Jurgen Moltmann, a twenty century German theologian, who experienced suffering as a WWII war prisoner stated: "From first to last, and not merely the epilogue, Christianity is eschatology of hope." (Theology of Hope, p.16). Richard Bauckham's commentary on Moltmann states, "In Theology of Hope, he proposed an eschatological theodicy. Innocent and involuntary suffering must not be justified, as it would be if it were explained as contributed to divine purpose. The promise given in the resurrection of Jesus gives no explanation of suffering, but it does provide hope for God's final triumph over all evil and suffering, and thereby also an initiative for Christian praxis in overcoming suffering now." (The Modern Theologians, p. 152).

Grace's reopening plan and guidelines are all about overcoming suffering now - the suffering of our brother and sisters, within and outside Grace, who are more vulnerable to COVID-19. The suffering of the families of our elderly population who are not able to visit their loved ones in nursing homes and hospitals to comfort one another - not even to invite friends and extended family to memorial services for their deceased. The suffering of all those who have become unemployed and look at the future with despair. The suffering of children and young people whose lives have been shattered. And the increased suffering of those forgotten and stigmatized by society.

Some positive outcomes of the impact of the pandemic to Grace ministry are our mission, purpose, and core values have not changed, though the means to fulfill our callings, both as individual and congregation, have been radically transformed. In Luther's words, we are still beggars at the Lord's Table... we will be better off "letting God be God." Communion is not in our nation's Constitution, nor in the Bill of Rights - as it should be. Communion is always a gift we must receive with gratitude and not something we demand.

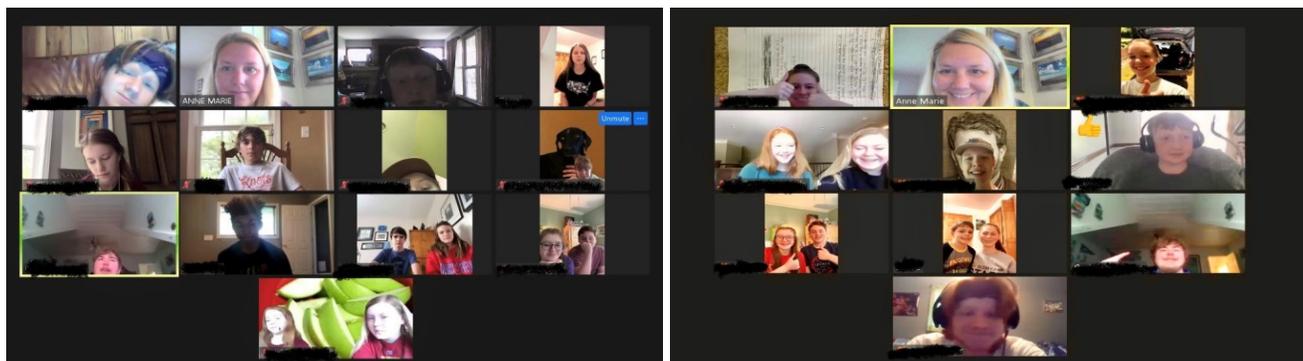
In the practical side of Grace ministry, inclement winter weather will not interrupt our faith formation ministry - we have ZOOM now to continue our small groups, Disciple classes, OASIS, WELCA, LMM, council and regular staff meetings. We have an alternative worship avenue with a new audience through streaming and recordings, that with all its challenges and imperfections, has kept us united and focused for the last eight weeks. Yes, it is not the same as face to face and is not intended to be so. Nevertheless, the internet and virtual reality, while we sleep, have become the new reality for our children and grandchildren. Therefore, this is the time we have opportunity to connect to that world and to better understand and relate to our own family. I would like to close with an English translation from the Spanish translation of Lamentations 3:24: "This is the reason I trust in God; God is everything for me! Here the context of this text, "Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness. Surely my soul remembers and is bowed down within me. This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. The LORD's loving kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I

have hope in Him." Lamentations 3:19-24. Let us always remember: Christianity is the eschatology of Hope!

In the love of Christ, Pastor Alfredo M Oviedo

Grace Youth Ministry

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Grace Youth Ministry Quarantine Vision Board

In a recent GYM Zoom meeting, our youth put together a vision board project from 4 questions regarding their thoughts about the quarantine experience. There are no right or wrong answers for these questions. It is important for us to listen to the voices of our young people when they are willing to share their perspectives of what is happening. Responses are in no particular order. Thanks to the participating youth/grades in this project and their willingness to share: Kenzie (6th), Kullen (6th), Sierra (8th), Elizabeth (8th), Jenna (9th), Lauren (9th), Carter (9th), Jaiden (10th), Abigail (10th), James (10th), Jake (11th), Noah (11th), Nelson (11th), Elise (12th).

Question: *What is something that brings you joy?*

- "Being around my friends brings me joy. For my birthday my friends drove by my house to wish me Happy Birthday. It was one of the best days I've had during social distancing."
- "I get joy out of learning to play instruments. It's a more relaxing way to vent with all that's going on in school and in the world."
- "Seeing my friends and grandparents without social distancing brings me joy, and playing volleyball."
- "Being able to do normal things without the fear of getting sick: seeing friends and family without the worry of a deadly virus."
- "At night sitting down with family watching movies or TV."
- "More time to spend with my family. With school and sports, it's busy, and nice to have down time."
- "Listening to music brings me joy, listening to different types of music for your different moods."
- "Dancing brings me joy."
- "The amount of free time I have right now."
- "Doing stuff with my friends, playing video games, shooting basketball."
- "Something that brings me joy are my pets because they do silly things."
- "What brings me joy is talking to my math and chemistry teacher."
- "Spending time with my family and friends." (2 responses)

Question: *After quarantine what is something you look forward to going back to doing or visiting? What have you grieved or missed?*

- "I miss hugging my friends. I want to see them in person, not just watching them through my phone."
- "I really miss being able to interact with some of my friends."

- "I hope to play school season volleyball and visit my grandparents."
- "Seeing people I care about without getting others sick."
- "Reach out to my friends more and see them in person."
- "I hope to see my friends and go to school as normal."
- "I miss going to see people and being to visit the older people in my family. I miss my great uncles/aunts and grandparents."
- "I am missing my friends and seeing people." (3 responses)
- "I hope to hang out with my friends in person, other than just Facetime (phone app)."
- "I hope to go to the Outer Banks and see my friends so we can do things."
- "After quarantine I want to see Mrs. Heather (one of our Grace guides) and my friend Emma."
- "Something that I look forward to when quarantine ends is being able to go on group runs for track and cross country. I have missed being able to meet up with my friends."

After quarantine, what would you love to accomplish or learn?

- "I want to accomplish going to school."
- "I'd love to be able to have more knowledge of music theory."
- "Going to school, we take it for granted and I've realized that."
- "Getting back to a way of life without concerns of transmitting to others."
- "Reaching out to people more."
- "Find new places to go fishing."
- "Being more thankful for people around me, now that we can't see people, we see that it is important to be with them."
- "Being able to do cheerleading and dance activities at the same time."
- "Learn how to drive better."
- "Learn more soccer tricks."
- "I would like to learn more stuff at school."
- "What I would like I have accomplished is making a light night."
- "I would love to learn more about nature and the outdoors once quarantine ends."
- "After quarantine I would love to be able to relearn how to interact with people."

After quarantine, what would you love for society to have learned?

- "Being around friends and school is important; it sucks not being around everyone."
- "I hope society will learn not to repeat the chaos that's going on right now."
- "Washing your hands is important."
- "We can't do things carelessly; things don't occur without consequences."
- "Just because something is not a problem to you does not mean it is not a problem for someone else."
- "Be more sympathetic to others, have compassion to those that COVID-19 does affect."
- "To be more compassionate to others, things can be a big deal for others that may not be to you."
- "For businesses to learn that health is more important than money."
- "How to correctly follow stay in place or social distancing."
- "Health is number one priority."
- "Could people have had this earlier than first reported?"
- "What I think society could learn is that online school is really not that bad."
- "I would love for society to learn the importance of coming together as a community in times of need."
- "I would love for everybody to appreciate how special social interaction is and to treat everyone with more care."



Connecting volunteers to meaningful ministries.

Want to volunteer or have a need? See Delia to help make meaningful connections. Submit volunteer opportunities by email before noon on Monday for the next Sunday bulletin.

Preparing us for a new “normal”

After an unexpected quarantine of about two months, several countries and cities around the world are preparing to start again some routines. In the midst of uncertainty and positions in favor and against to restart some life patterns, it is possible that most of us keep asking ourselves things like: will we gather at Church as before? Will we be able to go again to a movie theater? Will we be able to travel and see our loved ones who are far away? Most answers to these questions are: maybe yes, maybe not, possibly, we need to wait, or we know nothing.

In the last few weeks, we all made the necessary adjustments to face a reality and to maintain our physical, economic, mental and spiritual balance. Many perhaps have also made important decisions that help us better embrace the new reality that is in front of us. Whatever way we've dealt with this crisis is the right one, because it's ours. It's the one we can manage with the resources we have. Everyone carries out their own personal process, and it doesn't have to be the same for everyone.

I read a very interesting article that shows how the churches in Singapore are dealing with the process of reopening the doors of churches, and I want to share some of the things that I learned and hope it will offer you some tools to hold with peace and love this process.

- We must understand that the form of worship in our church has changed and will continue to change, but we all have to remember that we have to keep our attention on what is sacred and has connected us to God and his love and grace.
- We need to be sympathetic to leaders and all members of our community and congregation. It is time to be sensitive, understanding and respectful. We all have different positions and perspectives.
- This is the best time to increase efforts of prayer, mutual love, observation, reflection and self-analysis. It is time to think about how to live and express our faith and our Christian beliefs and values at home, with my family, with members of my congregation and also with my community.
- Unity does not mean be together or gathered every week. It means to be supportive with my congregation, means taking care of all of us using our talents and gifts that are not in the temple but everywhere with us.
- Prioritize good news, prioritize the things that nourish our souls, those activities and works that make us feel happy and that make those we love also happy, but especially think on those who you do not know and do not have our same privileges.

We have to remember that we are not alone in this process, and if you feel alone it may be time to connect using new technology or the traditional ways (letters, postcards, etc.) to people in our congregation. Together we can transform this crisis into an opportunity to grow in faith, love and brotherhood.

If you want to read the article that I'm talking about here is the link:

7 Lessons from Singapore's Churches for When the Coronavirus Reaches Yours

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/march-web-only/7-lessons-covid-19-coronavirus-churches-singapore-us-europe.html>

COVID19 – Phase One Planning Update

May 18, 2020

The Congregation Council, during its meeting on May 17, approved the recommendations made by the Re-Opening Task Force for Grace during Phase 1 of NC's 3-phase opening. The entire recommendation is included below.

Currently, Grace is closed and will remain closed for group gatherings, including worship, through May 31.

The Re-Opening Task Force is diligently and faithfully working on recommendations for Grace that track with Gov. Cooper's three-phase plan. The Task Force is planning for the logistics that will be needed when we can again gather in person. These plans will entail changes for all of us but will be necessary to minimize the likelihood of spreading COVID19 during gatherings at Grace.

The Task Force is tracking and striving to follow the safety guidelines provided by the CDC, NC DHHS (Dept. of Health & Human Services), as well as local information. Grace has a high percentage of members over the age of 65 and many of them may have underlying health issues that increase their risk should they contract COVID19.

I know that everyone involved in our preparations to re-gather for worship, meetings, and classes desires to gather physically as much as any other member of Grace. Our overriding goal is to provide as safe a gathering as we are able because we believe this is part of Jesus' command to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

I rejoice and give thanks for the ways so many members, leaders, and staff have adapted so well to the online connections that Grace has been able to provide. Streaming worship continues to improve. We had to open two Zoom accounts to accommodate our classes and small groups. Staff is continuing to envision ways to offer ongoing, meaningful online content for you now and into the future.

I pray daily for our expanding and diverse faith community, confident that God hears and that as we gather online through the marvels of digital media, the Holy Spirit is present and moving powerfully throughout Grace as we 'serve Christ and share the love of God'.

God's blessings and peace!

Pastor Greg

Recommendations from the Re-Opening Task Force Phase One

This is based on the Governor's Phase 1 for re-opening. In brief, look for two weeks of declining case counts, widespread availability of testing, contact tracing and no PPE shortages. (Went into effect at 5 p.m. on 5/8/2020)

What we recommend:

- We should continue holding online worship services only. Limiting to 10 the number of people present to lead online worship. We recommend not offering outside services at this time.
- Continue recording in the sanctuary, while maintaining at least 6 ft of space between people; at least 12 ft. between singers in the choir.

- Life rituals (weddings, funerals) should be kept to less than 10 in attendance. Immediate family with officiant only.
- Bible studies, small groups, and committees continue to meet online.
- Keep office functions as limited as possible to ensure essential operations. Those in the office should be wearing masks; if you have more than one person in the office, make sure that surfaces, including the phone, are regularly sanitized. Maintain accessible and adequate supply of hand soap, sanitizing wipes, and hand sanitizing gel.
- Congregation council and leadership teams of less than 10 might consider meeting in person while wearing masks and maintaining social distancing, or continue meeting online. Recommend online as the preferred option.
- High-risk individuals/vulnerable populations (people over 65 and those with underlying conditions), whether staff or volunteers, should continue to shelter in place.
- Masks are required for all people inside the church during all phases.
- Pastors provide counseling or visits remotely using phone or video call, as requested or needed.
- Continue regular CoVid19 update communication to congregation twice weekly (usually Wednesdays & Fridays).
- Communicate recommendations for any changes or critical information updates first to the Executive Committee & Sr. Pastor who will approve the necessary communication to Council members and staff before communicating to the congregation.
- Continue to keep the FOB system offline.

Beth Anne is recommending the following:

1. Resume Preschool Sept. 8 with staff returning on Aug. 31 to set-up their classrooms.
2. Resume Preschool/Summer Camp Aug. 4 for 12 days of Summer Camp

Hopefully more information on the safety of opening Preschool in August will be available by July.

Spotlight on Social Ministry

Living Waters Food Drive



Our recent drive-in and drop-off was a great success for the food pantry at Living Waters Lutheran Church. Financial contributions were also made and delivered to Pastor Jack and Lisa to help buy products. An additional \$1,700 was given through Grace. The next food drive for Living Waters is planned for next October. Thank you to all who helped with the drive. Living Waters has been busy serving many people with food donations.

Generosity in the Era of COVID-19

In March, Grace collected food and donations to re-stock the shelves at the Living Waters Cherokee food pantry.

In April, Grace provided over \$6,000 in our budgeted support for our local ministry partners. In May, Grace has received over \$2,535 to support the ELCA World Hunger ministry domestically and internationally.

Your faithful support is a blessing to many as they encounter unforeseen crises due to the COVID-19 virus. Your giving also supports the staff faithfully working to provide meaningful spiritual support using technology.

The easiest way to maintain your faithful giving is to use electronic funds transfer. Grace is pleased to offer you the Simply Giving program. You choose how frequently to give; the amount; which account your gift will come from; and you can change it any time. Enclosed in this Grace Vine is a registration form for Simply Giving. Consider completing it, attach a deposit slip or voided check and mail it to the Finance Secretary at Grace.

Thank you for your faithful giving and generous support of God's mission through Grace!

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A Message from Our President: Vicki Marthaler
 "Forwithin"

We are living in unprecedented times. With all this "new" and all this "change" and all this "unknown," we also live with heightened emotions. A little fearful. A little more anxious. A little more cautious. A little unsettling. We try to simplify our days in order to cope and manage better the complications that are thrust upon us.

And life goes on. The sun continues to rise and then set. Monday still follows Tuesday and Wednesday is right behind that. The first day of summer will still commence on June 20 and Father's Day will still be June 21. Fathers, be ready to fire up the grill!

And we still celebrate birthdays. Yes, I bring that up because just this month our youngest son celebrated his 40th birthday. We toned down the celebration considerably, but we still celebrated. Forty years ago, he was a premature baby boy who had to be on live support for the first three days of his life. Those were anxious days, too. During those 1980 days I experienced first-hand the power of God's promises. The picture here was a church bulletin cover that was used in our Minnesota church a few weeks before our son was born. Being an expectant mom, I was quite taken with the image and kept the bulletin not knowing how God would use that very picture and verse to anchor me in faith and hold me and our baby boy in His care throughout so many stress-filled days to come.



The Word of God is a Living Word. I can attest to power of the Word to strengthen, uplift, guide, nourish, sustain and minister to any and all needs.

Last month I lifted up the word "Nevertheless" as a word that causes us to look to God and what life looks like with God at our side. The tri-words that God gives us are powerful: "Never-the-less," "Who-so-ever," "For-ever-more." We could probably add our own tri-word like "Come-what-may" the Lord is for us, with us and in us. And that leads me to my new word, a word that I think we can use especially during this complicated time.

For-with-in. Forwithin. Forwithin is a great word reminding us that God is FOR us, Jesus is WITH us and the Spirit is IN us. "For God so loved the world." (John 3:16) God loves us. God is for us. Jesus proclaims: "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) Jesus is with us. Then Jesus promises to ask His Father to give us a Counselor "I will ask the Father and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever....He lives with you and will be in you." (John 14:15) The Spirit is our gift "the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:25-26)

Forwithin. That's our new word for this season of our lives..... along with Covid-19, social distancing and mitigating! Forwithin us, God is at work for our sake. Forwithin us, Jesus abides and walks with us through these challenging times. Forwithin us, the Spirit in us guides, inspires and ministers.

May you be filled with increased faith, confident hope and unending love. Now and forevermore, Amen!

For additional information about this and other ministries of the Women of the ELCA, see the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact our president, Vicki Marthaler (218-849-5683).

Birthdays



Terrell West	6/1	William Butz	6/12	Robin McIntosh	6/23
Larry Cannady	6/2	Leah Harmon	6/12	Noah Trexler	6/23
Joe Martinez	6/3	Joan Nyitrai	6/12	Lynn Royal	6/24
Misty Masha	6/4	Lita Brusick Johnson	6/14	Joe Warren	6/24
Hildegard Schmidt	6/4	Joe Gillett	6/14	Charlynn Fennell	6/25
Martha Bashore	6/5	Donald Henderson	6/14	Lisa Johnson	6/25
Judy Stoltenberg	6/5	James Stockman	6/14	Louise Ann Larsen	6/25
Rebecca Jackson	6/6	Tony Bumgarner	6/15	Lynne Wenz	6/25
Josephine Knight	6/7	David Haack	6/16	Mike Kelly	6/26
Sebastian Knight	6/7	Michael Freeman	6/17	Carolyn Ledford	6/26
Olivia Brown	6/8	George Plowman	6/18	Roger Wirt	6/26
Payton Brown	6/8	Hannah Michels	6/19	Donna Christensen	6/28
Marisol Gollnick	6/8	Steve Presley	6/19	Christopher Davis	6/28
Kindra Taylor	6/8	Della Taylor	6/19	Doug Sigmon	6/28
Irene Carlson	6/9	Pat Gardner	6/20	Bill Hamilton	6/29
Steven Nyitrai	6/9	Bertha Solano	6/20	Jeanny Hart	6/29
Robert Greco	6/10	Minnie Laux	6/21	June Ogden	6/29
Gil Romstadt	6/10	Olivia Slagle	6/21	Susan Wood	6/29
Myrnelle Wulff	6/10	George Celtrick	6/22	Janet Geyer	6/30
Jack Dublynn	6/11	Elsa Keiser	6/22	Phyllis Seibert	6/30
Joseph Stancar	6/11	Darrell Kruse	6/22		
Jill Wingard	6/11	Molly Zink	6/22		

Anniversaries



James & Brenda Fisher	6/3
John & Jennifer Moore	6/3
George & Laura Spencer	6/3
Mike & Debbie Freeman	6/4
James & Vicky Rholl	6/4
Joe & Joyce Dixon	6/5
Tony & Lilly Cruz	6/7
Arthur & Joyce Eddy Green	6/8
David & Tricia Haack	6/12
Larry & Beverly Cannady	6/13
Bill & Phyllis Seibert	6/13
James & Kindra Taylor	6/14
Steve & Lynne Presley	6/15
Steve & DaLora Trumann	6/15
Dave & Sallie Weber	6/15
Einar & Irene Syvertson	6/18
Roger & Nadine Christensen	6/19
Don & Jane Henderson	6/20
Charles & Marjorie Jones	6/20
Ken & Marjorie Ann Loken	6/20

Walter & Martha Bashore	6/21
Zachary & Candice Pritz	6/21
Hal & Ruthie Derrick	6/22
Harry & Susan Steiner	6/22
Doug & Brenda Decker	6/23
Cark & Barbara McKenzie	6/24
Reid & Claudia Northrup	6/24
Whipp & Lita Brusick Johnson	6/25
Bill & Sandra Brust	6/25
Burton & Cathy Bumgarner	6/25
Allan & Lynn Huffman	6/26
Damian & Mary Tody	6/26
Greg & Brenda Williams	6/26
Chuck & Irene Carlson	6/27
Mike & Jan Hoffmann	6/27
Bill & Patti O'Neil	6/28
James & Francia Shaw	6/30



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Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Your book study, Parents of Estranged Adult Children (PEAK), both touched and healed nerves that have throbbed for decades. For many, being estranged from our children is a hurt of the deepest order and profound confusion. We feel baffled, helpless, angry, and heartbroken, all at the same time.

Over the course of the study, scales were lifted, paths were explored, decisions were made, and peace was tasted, more than once. Participants felt like new shoots breaking through the surface of a crusted-over earth and, as the air smells sweet during a spring rain, the new perspectives and friendships from the group started their natural process of nourishing and renewing everyone's spirits as the fresh new growth of a path to fulfillment emerged. Each week, by choosing a 'Focal Point' which highlighted a specific path toward healing, noticeable progress was realized.

Thank you, Grace!