

Grace Vine

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*Psalm 64:6 They search out injustice, saying,
"We have accomplished a diligent search. For the inward mind and heart of a man are deep".*

THE JOY OF SERVING AS CHAMPIONS FOR JUSTICE



Our faith journey together began at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Iowa. As the third generation of practicing, devout Lutherans, I was blessed and inspired by grand and great grandparents. My great grandfather and his twin brother were Lutheran pastors. Skip and I were married at St. Paul in 1954. When DuPont transferred me to Hendersonville in 1963, we and our three children joined Grace Lutheran Church on Church Street. Throughout the many years that we have belonged to Grace Lutheran, we have watched and grown through many transitions in our beautiful town and in our Faith Family. Our testimony of service within our church and community related here, we hope, will attest to our passion "to search out injustice"

and to champion just causes and opportunities to serve.

Grace Lutheran has grown into a pillar in the Community today. We thank God for this, as we went through very rough times and a drastic decrease in membership with the abrupt departure of our Pastor in 1971. As VP of Grace Council, my challenge was to calm 70 remaining members in their unrest.

I coordinated the help of our Synod Bishop. Our church Secretary, Organist and Choir Director was Sallie Staton Knott's mother, Marie. She was helpful with letters to members to calm their feelings. Concurrently, I met with an adult study group and taught High School Sunday School. Justice, commitment and peace prevailed. We prospered and flourished and moved to our current location in 1979. Our son, Terry, and his wife, Jane, are Grace members, Grandson, Geoff, was married here, our daughter's Memorial Service was held here. Skip and I are impassioned to serve, in prayer and care of those less fortunate, often lacking just and equitable treatment.

I served years on the Board of TREND Community Mental Health Center, 2 years as Board President. We founded, NAMI Four Seasons, the local affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. I was on the Advisory Board for the 6th Ave. West Clubhouse. I facilitate the monthly NAMI Support Group for family members of someone with a mental illness. Grace helped financially in formative years and hosts us for monthly meetings. Social Ministry sponsors a Clubhouse picnic and, now in its thirtieth year, an elegant Christmas dinner. Grace helpers make these quality events possible. Mental illness stigma makes the mentally ill more isolated. These events give them a sense of self-worth. NAMI Family to Family is a free educational course offered yearly for family members. In 1993 the government withdrew support for mental health, giving it to the private sector. Revenues are now lacking.

Grace Lutheran generously contributes to Interfaith Assistance Ministry, an agency providing food, clothing and financial help to the needy. Skip and I volunteered there for years before

retirement. Our son, Terry, is on the Board. We help the Rescue Mission. For years, before our State approved the Lottery, I wrote letters-to-the-editor. In 2001 I sent a Social Statement to our Grace Council for approval. They presented it to the NC Synod Assembly at LR. It showed a lottery is a form of regressive tax having impact on the poor. It was passed at LR! Soon after, the government suspiciously approved the lottery! My stomach still gives a turn when I see Lottery ads on TV. The original sources of funding for these causes haven't diminished! While this fight for justice seemed lost, we continued in other areas. Lack of affordable housing is a result of "poverty". Our Grace Family is active in this area by working on Habitat For Humanity Homes, coordinated by Jim Krause and Jim Nelson's Homes for Youth.

A spirit of Justice requires that we care for each other, we care for our own, we provide leadership and strive to offer the best we can in Faith formation workshops, Bible study and small group sessions. Benefitting from my management practices at DuPont and my degree in Human Resource Development, I saw opportunities in retirement to use these gifts and talents in searching out injustices and championing just situations for the growth in Spirituality, in Ministries of Evangelism, Congregational Care and Prayer and Education here at Grace Lutheran. I served several times on Grace Council and was President in 1990. Barbara Fountain and I trained as Stephen Ministry Trainers. We taught and trained Stephen Ministers at Grace. Both Skip and I have served Care Receivers ever since then, serving our members and additionally serving Hendersonville's incarcerated men.

I believe these needs are very important in the vitality of Christian organizations. I initiated lunchtime Bible Studies at DuPont in Delaware and New Jersey. In Delaware we attended Grace Lutheran Church in Hockessin. We initiated their small groups. Here at Grace, each of us began Koinonia (Christian fellowship) groups. Skip meets with her ladies at Grace weekly and I meet with the Men's breakfast group weekly at Dixie Diner. We at Grace are so fortunate to have had Sue Cobb, who immersed us in DISCIPLE small groups, and for Sue Filson to carry it on. We now have many other courses: LYFE groups, begun by the late Pastor Paul Sellers, and other Lectionary classes, (David Pigors) Wired Word. Irene Syvertson and many other laypersons and retired ministers lead more groups. Our covenant with the Roman Catholics has a group that meets monthly.

Reflections: I don't intend my testimony to be an ego trip. I have been many places. I am 85 this month so have had lots of years. I took early retirement which gave me more years for serving. What I ask you is to be on the lookout for Injustices and then for what you could do to eliminate them. Remember in Matthew it says, **"You must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"** "perfect" can be translated as "being all that you can be." ~Bob Andersen

Message from Senior Pastor Greg Williams

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Celebrate Sue - June 24

With joy and thanksgiving, Grace will celebrate the compassionate, faithful, and humble ministry of Sue Filson upon the occasion of her retirement from the paid staff of Grace. During her 20+ years of ministry at Grace, Sue has touched the lives and helped form faith in people of every age, within and beyond this congregation. During staff vacancies, Sue shifted gears to assume different and additional responsibilities so the vibrant ministry of shaping disciples could continue smoothly during that interim. Much of Sue's ministry was behind the scenes: scouring the Internet for curricula; recruiting facilitators; organizing classes or small groups when a passionate person expressed a need for something specific or a desire to lead



something; planning fun for her beloved OWLS; mentoring and encouraging staff. Every aspect of Sue's ministry is enveloped in her personal faith and prayer life - certainly marks of a faithful disciple.

Yes, Sue will be missed as a vital part of the Ministry Team. She will continue as an active member of Grace (of course) and enjoy additional family time that was frequently sacrificed for the sake of her ministry.

Pastor Ken

Celebrate Sue on June 24!

- + We will recognize Sue and bless her at each worship service.
- + Hospitality & Fellowship Ministry is hosting an extended coffee & fellowship time.
- + Every person is invited & encouraged to bring a card or write Sue a letter sharing a story of how Sue's ministry positively impacted your life and faith. (There will be a basket to gather these during the fellowship time.

Thanks for touching our lives and shaping our faith, Sue!



Message from Pastor Ken

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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

Transforming Lives Through Christ in Disciple Bible Study Classes

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is "*Transforming Lives through Christ.*" Everything we do at Grace contributes to our purpose. Our Disciple Bible Study classes are a big part of Transforming Lives through Christ.



To be a disciple means to study the teacher/master so carefully that the master's teaching and way of life becomes the disciple's thinking and way of living. In Disciple Bible Study small groups we join together to become students of Jesus. We study him so carefully and completely that our lives are transformed to his life (as best as humanly possible).

Countless people have shared with me the ways Disciple Bible Study has changed their life. Many people share with me that they never really studied the Bible before but through Disciple class they are now excited about Bible study and enjoy making it a part of their daily lives. Many share how the Bible is alive and speaks to them in new ways every time they study it. They tell how God's word has a fresh message for them every day and in each phase in life. Faith is inspired as we get to know God through Bible study.

People share with me how Disciple has helped them feel connected not only to God; but they also feel connected to the community of fellow disciples. They tell me about the deep and supportive relationships that have grown through Disciple class. More than just new friends, they have people to share life with.

Some people are grateful for the daily routine Disciple Bible Study has brought to their life where

they take time each day for Bible reading and prayer. Their faith is inspired daily through this precious time of "sitting at Jesus' feet" through reading and prayer.

The ministry of Grace is changed as people live as disciples of Jesus in and through the congregation. Grace is a congregation full of people who daily put their faith into action.

For many people they discern their gifts for ministry through the Disciple study. The class has helped them find their unique way of contributing to the ministry of the church. There is a greater depth of spiritual maturity in the congregation of Grace because of the many people who have been a part of Disciple studies.

If you have been in Disciple classes in the past you may be able to relate to these experiences of how Disciple has transformed lives. I hope you will be renewed in this craving for the transformation of your life through *Disciple*. You are welcome to repeat any of the classes, knowing that God's word is alive and speaks to us new every day and through a new group of disciples.

If you have not been a part of a Disciple Bible Study, I hope you will read this as your invitation to have your life transformed through Christ by participating in a *Disciple* small group class.

Small group Bible studies are vital to the ongoing transformation of our lives through Christ. We are fulfilling our purpose and we are blessed mightily as we study Jesus and live as his disciples.

I am excited about the blessings God has waiting for us as we "disciple" together.

Pastor Ken Langsdorf

Music Ministry

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Sabbatical for Burton Bumgarner

I have been offered a sabbatical leave from the church council, and I am both honored and excited. Sabbaticals are for both study and reflection. On June 11, I will be leaving for Minneapolis, where I will meet up with a Lutherland study group. The next day we will fly to Germany. I will get to see in person many of the important geographic locations of our Lutheran heritage, including the Luther House and Castle Church in Wittenberg, the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt where Luther entered the priesthood, St. Nicholas and St. Thomas Churches in Leipzig where Bach served as Cantor, and Frauenkirche in Dresden where Heinrich Schütz served as Cantor. We will also visit Bamberg and Nuremberg. There will be lecture presentations and worship.



Upon returning, I will have several weeks to spend with family and to spend traveling and writing. I intend to visit several Lutheran churches in the Synod on Sundays. I will be back in the office on July 23. I expect this time away to be a spiritual and faith filled journey: a time for study and for reflection, and a time to visit and to learn more about our Lutheran history.

I am so very grateful to Grace for this wonderful opportunity. I am grateful to Helen Just, Howard Bakken, Julie Winchel and Christine Smith for supplying music leadership during my absence. I am grateful for all who participate in the music ministry, singers and ringers, for their leadership and dedication and for the support they give to Grace Church. I am grateful for the council and members of Grace who lead and support such a vital and exciting church, a place my family feels is home.

In deepest gratitude and in Christ's service,

Burton

Grace Youth Ministry

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2018 Grace Graduation Milestone celebrated

We give thanks to God for our graduates and the opportunity to celebrate this milestone in their lives. Each high school senior is given a personalized handmade quilt lovingly made by our quilting ministry. During the milestone, seniors bless their families and then seniors are blessed by the congregation.

Senior Sam Holste shared: "This quilt is a symbol of how I have been cared for at Grace Lutheran. It is very warm and comfortable!" A member of the quilting ministry said: "I think of the quilt as a journey that begins in 9th grade and culminates at graduation. It's a joy to plan the quilts and to make them unique for each graduate."



Our 2018 Graduates as Lutheridge Confirmation Campers the summer before High School



Proud to display their graduation quilts, left to right: Rebekka Johannsdottir, Bob Keener (quilt held by sister Lillie), Grace Welch, Kimberly Juarez, Chandler Bolick, Michelle Angeles-Solano, Syedi Acosta-Oviedo, Hannah Lilly, Tim Kellinghusen, Kameron Kaddouri, Sam Holste

Listed below are the graduates who responded to the information request form. If you know a Grace graduate not listed below, please send their information to the church office, and we will include it at a later date.

High School Graduate	School	Graduation Plans	Parents/Grandparents or Guardians
Syedi Acosta-Oviedo	Hendersonville High School	Attending Brevard College	Freddy Oviedo and Nery Acosta; Grandparents Pastor Oviedo & Alesandra
Michelle Angeles-Solano	Henderson County Early College	Attending UNC Asheville- future plans to become a surgeon	Rut Solano and Rafael Angeles; Grandparents Salatiel & Bertha Solano
Chandler Scott Bolick	Hendersonville High School	Attending Blue Ridge Engineering Program	Charles and Katie Bolick
Samuel Holste	Hendersonville High	Attending Colorado State University	Lynn Ideker
Rebekka Jóhannsdóttir	Hendersonville High School	Finish Norwegian High School at Kopervik videregående	Björg Solheim, Johann Björn Adamsson; US host family – Welch family
Kimberly Juarez	East Henderson	Attending Blue Ridge Nursing Program	Noe Acosta, Silvia Zepeda
Kameron Ayman Kaddouri	Hendersonville High School	Attending NC State University	Ayman & Jill Kaddouri
Bob Keener	North Carolina School of Science & Math	Attending University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Morehead-Cain Scholar	Rob and Mandi Keener
Tim Kristoffer Kellinghusen	West Henderson High School	Gap year gaining hotel management experience in Germany before attending college with goal of golf scholarship	Dorothee Kellinghusen and Klaus Giel
Hannah Elizabeth Lilly	Hendersonville high school	Attending Appalachian State University	Jeff and Anne Lilly
Josue Isaias Solano Oviedo	North Henderson High School	Attending a 4-Year College	Josue Solano, Ana Oviedo; Grandparents Pastor Oviedo & Alesandra
Grace Welch	Hendersonville High School	Transfer Program at Blue Ridge Community College for Associates in Science	Jeff and Christina Welch; Grandparents Bill & Marie Mortensen, Norma Wegman

***Thank you to our Grace Quilters who put their time, love and hard work into making beautiful quilts for our High School Graduates!**

College Graduate	School	Graduation Plans	Parents or Guardians
Allison Pfozter	Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in DC	Study French on the Ivory Coast, followed by a job in Chad, graduate school in the UK	Karen Eve Pfozter & Peter Gollup

Adult Ministry

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Personal Reflection on a study of the Holy Spirit by Linda Pankhurst

Like all good little Lutherans, growing up I learned from Luther's Small Catechism that "The Holy Spirit is the Third Person in the Holy Trinity, true God with the Father and the Son". I also learned from Lutheran relatives about the ghosts in their farmhouse attics. So, "What does this mean?" I wondered.

Growing older, the Holy Ghost remained in the shadows for me except on Pentecost when ordinary people (or ragtag nobodies as Pastor Greg would say) were immediately transformed by the rush of an unseen power. They were filled with profound wisdom, courage and gifts to convert, heal and preach. Finally, this did not sound like just another ghost story to me anymore, but an amazing story of what actually happened to early Christians. Even so, this could not possibly happen today, right?

By the time I completed the 6 week study of "When God's Spirit Moves", by Jim Cymbala of the Brooklyn Tabernacle*, I understood more fully that:

- * this power that filled the early Church is available to us today if we ask with all our hearts
- * through powerful testimonies, God's Spirit is on the move in today's world
- * Grace could become a House of Prayer, as Jesus commanded. The Brooklyn Tabernacle grew a small prayer group from a few to 2,000 people.
- * the Holy Spirit can enrich all aspects of our church life from Bible Studies to growth to financial concerns
- * daily prayer time for infilling of the Spirit to guide us through each day is important. It does make a difference if only we become self-disciplined enough to do it.
- * tremendous power is there for the asking. Power to change, to grow, to heal, to comfort and find peace.
- * God promised this power, not only to the "ragtag nobodies" of the early Church, but to us as well!

In all honesty, I find these possibilities quite scary. But the Lord always tells us "Do not be afraid.", and will guide us in all things. I also am energized to think that all this is truly possible, if only we sincerely ask for this power, in the name of Jesus.

Your friend in Christ, Linda Pankhurst

Note: *An all-church study on the Holy Spirit will begin in September of 2018.

On Prayer, from Sue Buman

If you ever wonder if God listens to your prayers, I guarantee he does. I have arthritis in my spine. Having constant pain, my doctor sent me to the pain clinic at Pardee Hospital. It was suggested that I undergo RFA (radiofrequency ablation). I had to have two tests where they do injections into my lower back, very painful! These tests show that I qualify to have the RFA. I go to the Tuesday open prayer group at Grace Lutheran. I expressed my need for prayer, as this procedure was coming up. Everyone in the group told me that at the time of my procedure, they would all be praying for me.

Sitting in the doctor's office, waiting to go into the procedure room I started to have anxiety. All of a sudden... oh, wow... my anxiety left me. I could feel a presence in this tiny room, the presence I knew, it was the Lord, I could feel it.

On the way to the procedure room I ran into a nurse. I told the nurse I was afraid that my procedure was going to hurt and I was nervous. I told her that my friends at church were praying for me and that I could feel a presence all around me. She said to me, I am supposed to go now, but I will go with you and hold your hand. All during the procedure she held my hand, assuring me that I would be OK. The procedure was very painful. God was with me and he sent this nurse to comfort me. I am truly blessed.

God works in mysterious ways. Every one of us must continue to support our church so the church is there to support us.

God's peace to all, Sue Buman

Children & Family Ministry

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Pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters, adding up, bit by bit, can make a huge difference in the world. That is what we are trying to teach the kids at Grace. Last fall, I was approached by two members of the congregation, one had a child in our programs, the other is a long time member without any children or grandchildren at Grace. They both wanted to help our kids grow in their faith, by learning to use their gifts, talents and resources to the Glory of God.



After a bit of discussion and thought, I decided to request that the kids bring an offering to Sunday School and Wednesday night KiDD's club. A generous member of our congregation gave a donation that is used to match the offering. The money raised is then used to purchase items through the Good Gifts catalog.

During our devotional time on Wednesday evening, I read the lesson of Jesus feeding the 5000. We talked about how Jesus performed a miracle, but the catalyst for the miracle was a boy offering all the food he had. We talked about what each of us can offer to God and to God's people. The kids came up with some great ideas: smiling, hugging, forgiving someone, donating food and clothing, praying, listening and obeying.

I then asked the KiDD's club to look through the Good Gifts catalog, choose an item and then write or draw a picture to show how that item could change a person, a family or a community if we purchased that item. Here are some of the ideas they came up with.

If we bought a Community Garden (\$200), the whole neighborhood could have fresh fruit and vegetables, and working together on a garden is easier and better than working on one alone. If we sent a girl to school (\$40) she could help her family and community in the future by using her knowledge to teach, become a business owner or a doctor. If we bought chicks (\$10) the family would have eggs that they could eat or sell, plus in the future they would have meat that they could eat or sell.

As of May 1, the offering collected totaled \$214.50, which translates to \$429 to purchase Good Gifts. Check out the Children and Family Bulletin board to see what was purchased. We will continue to collect offering and periodically purchase items.

Gifts Ministry

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Connecting volunteers to meaningful ministries.

Want to volunteer or have a need to advertise? Sign up in lobby to volunteer or see Karen-Eve Pfozter to help you make meaningful connections. Submit volunteer needs by email before noon on Monday for the next Sunday bulletin.

We need more volunteers - volunteer in 2018!

It takes **100+ volunteers EVERY WEEK to have church services and activities here at Grace?** Choir members, worship assistants, small group and class leaders, hospitality helpers and more.

STORY CORNER from our members on what it is like to volunteer ...

When hugs mean more than words. . . On March 8, 2018, I had the privilege to represent Grace Lutheran at El Centro, Hendersonville's Hispanic Center, at an evening of celebration for students receiving scholarships and awards. Grace contributed a set of Skills and Personality Assessments, Interpretation, and Career Coaching by Karen Eve to accompany their scholarships.

Upon our arrival my husband Phil, who does not speak Spanish, and I were warmly welcomed in both languages by the staff, the six scholarship recipients, and their families. These recipients were three young men and three young women, currently attending college or embarking on their post-secondary education next fall. We all gathered in a circle for an ice breaker where we had to introduce ourselves and then pantomime giving a gift of some sort to another person in the circle. We were soon laughing together about pretending to ride a motorcycle or blow out the candles on a cake. Soon the camaraderie blossomed!

Next up was an attractive young DACA student at UNCA, who also works a full time clerical job with Buncombe County, and was one of the evening's scholarship recipients. Carolina spoke both in Spanish and very fluent English about coming to the United States as a four-year old child accompanying her recently divorced mother who was in search of a better life for her children. Her poignant story of the ups and downs of adjusting to the country, the language, the customs, and the uncertainties of the law, but still with such a desire to be a productive and educated US citizen, brought tears to my eyes.

Then I was introduced to present the certificates from Grace. I gave my prepared speech in Spanish, telling these young people and their families that we at Grace were proud of them, would pray for them, and that we were giving them awards to help them on their career pathway. My Spanish, which is adequate for teaching high school students, ordering a meal in a restaurant, or casual conversation, was definitely lacking when I wanted to express fully my admiration, love, and respect for these promising young adults.

With God's Grace the message got through! At the end of the evening all of us shared hugs of love, respect, and gratitude for the opportunity to get to know each other a little better.

~ Linda Rymer

Special thanks to our many groups who do so much:

- Quilters – Beautiful Graduation Quilts
 - Hospitality & Social Justice Study Group -Cinco de Mayo Celebration
 - Building & Grounds –keeping our grounds and building looking great and functioning well
 - Altar Flower Coordinator- Johanna Dokter
 - Flower Deliveries – Joy and George Kiefer
 - Posters - Johanna Dokter
 - Grace 101-Pat Robinson, Tracey Pace, Sallie Staton-Knott, Joel Wolfram, Ada Gough, Dorothy Kellinghusen, Jan Hoffman
 - Memorial Reception Coordinator- Kathy Stancar
 - Pictorial Directory Team- Kathy Stancar, Stella Varnell, Sharon Smith
 - Easter & Holy Week Services- Brenda Williams, baking bread & flute, Christine Smith solos/piano, sound techs, altar guild, worship leaders, and choirs.
 - Homebound House Helpers- Sallie Staton-Knott, Henry Koch, Donna & Bill Hamilton, Rod Hansen
 - Quilters for Graduation Quilts
 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration- Hospitality & Social Justice Study Group
 - Synod Assembly lay voting members: Ken & Chris Ring, Hal & Ruthie Derrick, Delia Jovan, Amy Solano
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New Taize Service Coming in September!

As part of our Long Range Plan, we have a team working on a new weekly Thursday night contemplative service. We need your prayers, talents and support. We invite anyone interested in the planning to attend our monthly meetings on 4th Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. We will need people to sing, welcome, and support the new Thursday night service. See Karen-Eve for more information and to volunteer.

Saints Helping Senior Saints in Need

We are so grateful to Rod Hansen, Bill and Donna Hamilton and Henry Koch for giving their time and gardening skills for an urgent Landscaping challenge facing two of Grace's senior Saints. Their caregiving daughter was unable to manage the large challenge! On behalf of the ailing and weary family, we praise you and thank you and thank God for you.

June Grace/WLOS Operation Blood Drive

Everything we have comes from our everlasting God. Donating blood is one way of using what God has already given us to support God's work. You are being asked to prayerfully consider giving an hour and a half of your time. The hour and a half it takes to donate one unit of blood can give a **lifetime** to as many as three people. Granting them a lifetime of birthdays, holidays and precious time with family.

"I am so grateful for blood drives, for coordinators, workers, volunteers and most of all for donors. 12 blood donors in my late teens and early twenties saved my life. The only way I could thank those donors was to continue their work by donating my blood and working and eventually coordinating blood drives and remaining a donor for almost 60 years! LET US GIVE AND GIVE THANKS!"

Grace will host our 31st June WLOS Operation Blood Drive June 28, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Stull Hall. Schedule your appointments at the Sign-up Station. Walk-ins welcome, although appointments encouraged. **All blood from this Blood Drive will go to our area hospitals which require between 200 and 400 units of blood each day.** This is a Thrivent Action Team event.

Getting To Know Our Council

Alan Dietrich



As a preacher's kid, attending church was not really an option. Living next to the church in the parish's rectory only made my life inexorably involved in all aspects of church life. Sunday school, choir, youth group as well as the physical requirements of keeping a 100-year old plant functioning were all a part of my growing up. It would have pleased my dad immensely if I had followed in his footsteps and joined the clergy. But from a teenager's point of view, I knew how much work went into the job and I declined. I had also found out that I was not a "people person" to the level required for the ministry. In fact, I am much more of a "thing person". This eventually led me

into the engineering field where I had a most enjoyable and productive career. When I retired and joined Grace Church, I quickly became a member of the Building and Grounds Committee and applied my talents to keeping Grace's physical plant in as good condition as time and dollars would permit. It was a wonderful and challenging nine years. Unfortunately, advancing age and declining health issues forced my hand to step down from the committee last year. I greatly miss the comradery of the hard working, dedicated folks who keep Grace Church looking and functioning so very well.

Spotlight on Social Ministry

Children & Family Resource Center

Community. Kids. Connections. These three words best describe the Children and Family Resource Center. Dede is on the staff of this agency, and I recently interviewed her. She works with the Parents as Teachers program, one of many offered by the agency to help children, parents, and teachers. From birth to kindergarten Dede works with families to insure that their children are successful in school. During her home visits twice a month she has the following three goals:

1. Parent and child interactive play,
2. Developmental screening,
3. Networking with community resources.

In addition to home sessions, Dede works with families in group sessions once a month to participate in learning activities emphasizing life skills such as time management. Dede says she develops a bond with all the families she serves. Not only does she form a strong relationship with her clients, but with the other staff at the center. She describes her role as a "Parenting Coach" who listens and directs families to any additional services their children may need. Dede is one of many staff members who exemplifies the commitment and dedication to families and education that is so much a part of the focus of Children and Family Resource Center.



~ Diane Sellers, Social Ministry Liaison to Children and Family Resource Center

Invite a new member to your circle!

In May, a group of women from Grace attended the Women of the ELCA Smoky Mountain Conference held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Brevard. The Conference theme was "Called to be Global Sisters: Seeing Each Other with New Eyes"

A panel discussion was held with participants from the Philippines, India/Pakistan, South Korea, Ireland, Guatemala and the Cherokee nation, all of whom now reside in the United States. The discussion was fascinating as they detailed the difficulties they encountered relocating to a different culture, perhaps with a different language, and even a vastly different climate.

We came away with a new understanding of the need for widening circles of Sisterhood, and the importance of being inclusive and vigilant for Sisters who may need us to reach out to them in support and friendship.

On May 19th, the Women of the ELCA had their Spring Gathering. During the business meeting, Lori Schaefer was installed as Vice President and Nadine Christensen was installed as Secretary. The proposed budget for 2018 was presented and approved. The women in our circles provided a delicious brunch.

We were honored to have as our guests Tonya Marthaler and her father, Kenzie Diggers, founders of the Unbroken Circle Project. The vision of this project is to see that every Native American youth has the opportunity to set educational and life goals, and can achieve them by having the barriers to these goals minimized or removed. They are currently involved with the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, home of the Lakota Indians, in South Dakota. They related heartbreaking statistics regarding life on the Indian reservations.

- 80% of the children drop out of school
- Most who do graduate are still illiterate
- Alcohol remains a serious problem
- The suicide rate is 4 times higher than the national average
- The life expectancy is only 52 years
- No employment is available
- Teenage girls miss up to a week of school a month because they don't have access to sanitary supplies

A chief stated, "We need a hand up, not a handout" The Unbroken Circle Project provides much needed supplies so that the children will stay in school, and partners with the Boys and Girls Club of Rosebud where many students attending are above the national average in education. According to Kenzie, "We want them to see the Lord through what we do. We make the plans, let him direct our paths." Tonya and Kenzie had Indian crafts items for purchase and spoke of ways people could help. For more information, go to www.unbrokencircleproject.org or call 828-231-0343. Tonya is the daughter-in-law of Grace members Vicki and Mark Marthaler.

The Grace Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering will be here at Grace on Sept. 22, and the Smokey Mountain Conference Fall Gathering will be here at Grace on Oct. 20. Put those dates on your calendar and watch for information on those gatherings.

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, Bonnie Pierce (315-657-6099).

Spotlight on Social Ministry

Hendersonville Rescue Mission

My name is Pam. I am 56 years old. Before I came to the Mission, I'd been an English & ESL teacher in the United States and abroad. Though I'd maintained some level of success and was able to support myself, my life had its ups and downs stemming from a series of nervous breakdowns I'd had since the age of 19. When I first arrived at the Mission, I felt angry and humiliated. I'd also had a history of drug and alcohol abuse. Upon the recommendation of the Mission, I agreed to be put in the hospital and was subsequently diagnosed as bi-polar/schizoid/psychotic. I learned a lot in the classes there about my mental health conditions and how to use coping skills to manage them. Since I've returned to the Mission, I've been taking classes with Samantha. I learned that I'm passive aggressive. I need to be more assertive, to stand up for myself with confidence, to address my concerns from a fact-based and strength-based foundation. Now I stay calm, watch my body language, express myself in clear, simple sentences that start with "I". After 3 months of classes I was made Mission Attendant, and given the opportunity to practice what I've learned. All my life I've been passive-aggressive—swinging back and forth— but now all I have to do is stay calm, give it up to God, let Jesus steer my boat. Jesus is the light inside me and if I fan that flame it will grow stronger. Each and every day I get better. I used to be angry all the time, now I'm calmer. I used to be anxious all the time, now I'm braver. I used to be depressed all the time, now I'm hopeful and, at times, even joyful. As scripture tell us—Forget the old self / Behold the new! II Corinthians 5:17



2018 Rescue Mission Food Drive, June 24–July 15

The Social Ministry committee invites you to participate in our annual food drive. Take home a grocery bag located in our lobby and return it with food, toiletries and other supplies listed on the bag (large size non-perishables are always appreciated). If you prefer to give a monetary donation to help purchase hamburger meat and hotdogs for summer cookouts at the Mission, make your check payable to "Grace Lutheran Church", indicate "Rescue Mission" in the memo section and place in the offering plate. We urge you to give generously during the food drive. Thank you for your participation.

<div data-bbox="131 1339 207 1402"></div> <div data-bbox="224 1344 472 1407">THRIVENT FINANCIAL®</div> <div data-bbox="232 1415 542 1444"><i>Connecting faith & finances for good.™</i></div> <p>By directing designated Choice Dollars (\$M) through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars.</p> <p>Grace Lutheran Church</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Nancy Bellick</td> <td>Christine Ring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barbara Fountain</td> <td>Timothy Snyder</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gary Gardner</td> <td>Einar O Syvertson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Patricia Gardner</td> <td>Irenen Syvertson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marjorie Jones</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Grace Lutheran Preschool</p> <p>Nancy Bellick Susan Snyder Warren Weber Young Weber</p>	Nancy Bellick	Christine Ring	Barbara Fountain	Timothy Snyder	Gary Gardner	Einar O Syvertson	Patricia Gardner	Irenen Syvertson	Marjorie Jones		<h3>Memorials –</h3> <p>Steve Shuford Edgar and Emily Trexler Robert Dahm Elaine McRee</p> <p>Dorothy Miller Robert and Delores Andersen Patricia Pod</p>
Nancy Bellick	Christine Ring										
Barbara Fountain	Timothy Snyder										
Gary Gardner	Einar O Syvertson										
Patricia Gardner	Irenen Syvertson										
Marjorie Jones											

June & July Birthdays

Terrell	West	6/1	Minnie	Laux	6/21	Sandra	Brust	7/8
Mannon	Stallings	6/1	Olivia	Slagle	6/21	Harold	Johnson	7/9
Larry	Cannady	6/2	Darrell	Kruse	6/22	Beth	Carver	7/10
Joe	Martinez	6/3	Elsa	Keiser	6/22	Keith	Greene	7/10
Hildegard	Schmidt	6/4	George	Celtrick	6/22	Joe	Dixon	7/11
Mike	Dacko	6/4	Molly	Zink	6/22	Vera	Wynne	7/11
Misty	Masha	6/4	LeRoy	Goldman	6/23	Barbara	Koch	7/11
Martha	Bashore	6/5	Robin	McIntosh	6/23	Charles	Lamb	7/12
Judy	Stoltenberg	6/5	Noah	Trexler	6/23	Tracy	Owen	7/12
Rebecca	Jackson	6/6	Joe	Warren	6/24		Juarez	
Josephine	Knight	6/7	Lisa	Johnson	6/25	Betzy	Resendiz	7/12
Sebastian	Knight	6/7	Louise Ann	Larsen	6/25	David	Juarez	7/12
Marisol	Gollnick	6/8	Lynne	Wenz	6/25	Barbara	Kurdelmeier	7/13
Kindra	Taylor	6/8	Charlynn	Fennell	6/25	James	Shaw	7/13
Olivia	Brown	6/8	Christine	Renken	6/27	Linda	Koos	7/13
Payton	Brown	6/8	Doug	Sigmon	6/28	Thomas	Kasischke	7/13
Irene	Carlson	6/9	Donna	Christensen	6/28	Bridget	Monroe	7/13
Cheryl	Fangmann	6/9	Christopher	Davis	6/28	Barbara	Parrish	7/14
Steven	Nyitrai	6/9	Roxanna	Resendiz	6/28	Harriette	Gibson	7/14
Brad	Parson	6/9	Christian	Renken	6/28	Theresa	D'Avanzo	7/14
Gil	Romstadt	6/10	June	Ogden	6/29	Terry	Andersen	7/14
Myrnelle	Wulff	6/10	Jeanny	Hart	6/29	Constance	Weber	7/14
Robert	Greco	6/10	Bill	Hamilton	6/29	John	Goins	7/15
Joseph	Stancar	6/11	Phyllis	Seibert	6/30	Anthony	Yannuzzi	7/16
Jill	Wingard	6/11	Janet	Geyer	6/30	Emmy	Tody	7/16
William	Butz	6/12	Margaret	Korner	7/1	Suzanne	Davis	7/18
Joan	Nyitrai	6/12	DaLora	Trumann	7/1	Keegan	Geiler	7/18
Leah	Harmon	6/12		Juarez-		Micah	Haack	7/18
James	Stockman	6/14	Shirley	Resendiz	7/1	Evan	Langsdorf	7/18
Donald	Henderson	6/14	Robert	Frederick	7/3	Nadine	Langsdorf	7/18
Joe	Gillett	6/14	Bettie	Sanderson	7/3	Joseph	Copeland	7/19
	Brusick		J Gregory	Smith	7/3	Shirley	Howard	7/19
Lita	Johnson	6/14	Debra	Sanders	7/4	Mary Claire	McCarthy	7/21
Tony	Bumgarner	6/15	Ronald	Monroe	7/4	Erin	Moore	7/21
Mason	Smith	6/15	Walter	Wingard	7/4	Delores	Andersen	7/23
Debbie	Solano	6/15	Allan	Huffman	7/5	Maria	Almert	7/23
David	Haack	6/16	Owen	Freeman	7/5	Andy	Pytel	7/24
Michael	Freeman	6/17	Joselyn	Resendiz	7/5		Staton-	
George	Plowman	6/18	Dennis	Gough	7/6	Sallie	Knott	7/25
Steve	Presley	6/19	James	Fisher	7/6	George	Kiefer	7/25
	Klingensmit		Kathy	Boland	7/7	Rose-Marie	Rasco	7/26
Kevin	h	6/19	Elizabeth	Bradley	7/7	Einar	Syvertson	7/26
Hannah	Michels	6/19	Kelly	Meinhold	7/7	Stephanie	Guest	7/26
Della	Taylor	6/19	Nicholas	Owens	7/7	Helga	Silman	7/27
Pat	Gardner	6/20	Jane	Rose	7/8	Phil	Rymer	7/27
Bertha	Solano	6/20						

Jenna	Patterson	7/27	Darla	Krause	7/28	James	Mayfield	7/29
Blanche	Dejmal	7/28	Ronald	Korner	7/29	Virginia	Ideker	7/29
Richard	Luy	7/28	Helen	Just	7/29	Phyllis	Vogt	7/30
Sandra	Davis	7/28	Jan	Leavitt	7/29	Timothy	Snyder	7/31

Anniversaries

James & Brenda Fisher	6	3	1972	William & Sandra Brust	6	25	1972
John & Jennifer Moore	6	3	2006	Burton & Cathy Bumgarner	6	25	1977
George & Laura Spencer	6	3	1965	Joseph & Helen King	6	25	1961
Mike & Debbie Freeman	6	4	1983	Allan & Lynn Huffman	6	26	1982
James & Vicky Rholl	6	4	1988	Damian & Mary Tody	6	26	2004
Joe & Joyce Dixon	6	5	1965	Greg & Brenda Williams	6	26	1982
Mike & Lorraine Dacko	6	6	1953	Charles & Irene Carlson	6	27	1964
Tony & Lilly Cruz	6	7	1975	Mike & Jan Hoffman	6	27	1992
Arthur & Joyce Eddy	6	8	1984	Patrick & Paulette Zachman	6	27	1970
Joseph & Alice Copeland	6	9	1951	James & Francia Shaw	6	30	1962
Kevin & Amber Klingensmith				William & Janice Butz	7	1	1967
Fort	6	9	2001	Ed & Robin McIntosh	7	1	1995
David & Tricia Haack	6	12	1993	Salatiel & Bertha Solano	7	1	1974
Fred & Judy Bevan	6	13	1981	Joe & Lynda Martinez	7	8	1967
Larry & Beverly Cannady	6	13	1964	David & Marilyn Pigors	7	8	1972
William & Phyllis Seibert	6	13	1959	Moises & Maribel Colin	7	10	1996
James & Kindra Taylor	6	14	2014	Steven & Sue Buman	7	12	2003
Steve & Lynne Presley	6	15	2006	LeRoy & Judith Goldman	7	15	1961
Steve & DaLora Trumann	6	15	1975	Steve & Heather Brown	7	17	1999
Einar & Irene Syvertson	6	18	1966	Bernard & Kristine Sochia	7	19	1997
Roger & Nadine Christensen	6	19	1965	James & Susanne Stockman	7	19	1957
Don & Jane Henderson	6	20	1987	Robert & Beatriz Funk	7	23	1977
Charles & Marjorie Jones	6	20	2008	Ted & Sandra Lawshe	7	24	1953
Ken & Marjorie Ann Loken	6	20	1980	Joe & Judy Prasil	7	25	1980
Walter & Martha Bashore	6	21	2015	Nicholas & Lily Hinshaw	7	26	2014
Zachary & Candice Pritz	6	21	2014	Adrian & Miriam Oviedo Clark	7	27	2002
Hal & Ruthie Derrick	6	22	1974	Steven & Leslie Owens	7	29	2000
Patrick & Shirley Drake	6	22	1974	Charles & Kelly Spangler	7	29	1989
Robert & Myrna Guengerich	6	22	1958	David & Kelly Beaty	7	30	1988
Harry & Susan Steiner	6	22	1991	Lot & Amparo Acosta	7	31	1999
Doug & Brenda Decker	6	23	1963	Tony & Peggy Bumgarner	7	31	1982
Carl & Barbara McKenzie	6	24	1961	Chuck & Shelley Clay	7	31	1971
Reid & Claudia Northrup	6	24	1978	Richard & Carol Honeycutt	7	31	1976
Whipp & Lita Johnson	6	25	1977				

Love is patient, Love is kind,

It always protects, Always trusts,

Always hopes, Always perseveres.

Love Never Fails.

1 Corinthians 13:45-78



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*****Return Service Requested*****

Bill and Becky Schmidt and the Amy Christie family wish to extend to our Grace family our sincerest thanks for your prayers during Amy's health struggles over the past six months. She continues to make progress overcoming neuropathy in her extremities and recently began using a walker with assistance. At this point in time she is no longer a candidate for a liver transplant. God is good and His presence has been an endless source of refreshment, renewal and restoration. Your prayers have sustained us during this challenging time for our family.

