

Grace Vine

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*"I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord,
because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service."
1 Timothy 1:12*



Exactly a century before my birth, a German author wrote: "der Apfel fällt nicht gerne weit vom Baume" ("the apple does not usually fall far from the tree."). As I reflect on my call to God's service, I know the seeds were sown from early childhood in my home on 7th Avenue. We were what one would call a "nuclear" family, here in Hendersonville, with our Baptist grandfather and Catholic grandmother and Dad and our Lutheran Mom. Each adult in our household of seven, modeled service to us. Their lives serving others in and through their churches and their civic and professional lives fulfilled their ongoing calls to serve. I thank God for them and the examples they set for my two brothers and me. We were brought into their service. We were happiest when we were doing things for others who were less fortunate than we were. That joy of serving has stuck with the three of us throughout our respective careers and lives. We are so fortunate to have had our most recent calls bring us back to our hometown and Faith Families. Indeed the apples did not fall far from the tree!



I am grateful for the calls that came from God to me throughout my life. After high school I entered the convent in Massachusetts and served there and in Asheville for 13 years. After more than 50 years in education, I was searching for a type of service that I could give in my retirement years. God truly opened my eyes at my husband's death bed in Las Vegas. Realizing that Alan was being called home, I asked for a chaplain. "Our chaplain does not work on the weekend" was the astonishing reply. I became Al 's Chaplain. Within a few weeks, I was back at Grace for a long weekend and discussed my future with Pastor Ken. Together we agreed that I should pursue Chaplain Studies in preparation for my return home after retirement. My desire was to be able to serve the same church that Mom had served for almost 50 years,

Grace Lutheran Church. And talk about the joy of service! I could never be happier than I am now to serve this wonderful Faith Family. Although my studies were in an interfaith Chaplain program with the military in Las Vegas, my passion was to serve this church family. Faith, Family, Friends and Humor help us through life and those very traits can work in each one of us in responding to our respective calls to serve.

Grace Lutheran Church is known as a church of outreach. We are proud of that image and response to our collective calls. We marvel at the grace of God working in and through our three blessed Pastors and each member within our church family and the wider church family beyond our walls. On any given day, one can find no fewer than 20 Grace members and pastors and often times 100+ reaching out and serving the poor, the needy, the grieving, the

searching, the inquisitive, young and older alike. How blessed am I to find myself “called home” to Hendersonville to engage in the waning years of my responding to a lifelong call to serve God and others! –Sallie Staton Knott

“You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him.” Deuteronomy 13:4

Message from our Pastors

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Covenant of the Pastors

With an eye to clarifying for ourselves and for members of Grace how your three called pastors serve together, we developed this covenant. As we each share our unique gifts in our mutual calling as pastors, trust and strong patterns of communication are essential. We are committed to honesty, trust in God, frequent conversations about pastoral care, and supporting each other's ministry. We are committed to caring for members pastorally. We are also committed to consistently guiding and assisting members to discuss concerns directly with the one(s) involved for positive reconciliation of relationships.

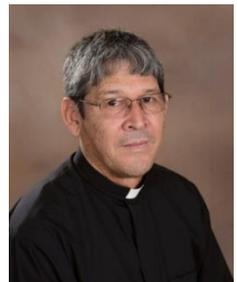


We are grateful to Pastor John Propst for assisting us in developing our Covenant. Our Covenant is based on the published Purpose, Mission and Core Values of Grace.

Here is our Covenant: *“It was He (Jesus) who gave out the gift of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to equip God's people in skilled servant work, so that the body of Christ might be built up.”* (Ephesians 4:11-12 from *Today's NIV* and *The Message*)

For the good of Grace Congregation and for the shepherding of God's mission through Grace, we covenant with one another and with Grace Congregation to:

- Pray for the congregation and each other;
- Communicate intentionally and honestly with each other and Grace;
- Trust the Spirit's gifts and guidance in each other;
- Mutually support each other's ministry and our shared ministry
- Serve according to the mission, purpose and core values of Grace Congregation



So that we:

- Speak with one voice publicly and in private conversations while modeling Christ like servanthood; (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- Help equip the saints at Grace to fulfill the ministry to which God calls us all. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Your pastors - Greg, Ken, and Alfredo

Adult Ministry

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A note from Irene Syvertson to all Grace Disciples:

“Our Disciple Vision Team is gearing up for next September when Disciple classes will begin. As a facilitator for Disciple 1 for the past 11 years, I can attest to the wonderful discipline of reading and sharing God's Word with so many of you! It is a privilege to be able to hear God speaking not only through His Holy Word, but through the participants in the class. If you have not yet begun this spiritual journey, consider signing up for Disciple 1. Disciple 1 is the first class that all new participants take and is an overview of the entire Bible. Each consecutive year after Disciple 1, the readings go deeper into selective books for each year.



If you have taken all of the Disciple series, consider signing up to retake one. I guarantee the spiritual commitment will deepen your understanding and walk with God! Below is an excerpt of one of our Disciple participants. She attends a Catholic Church in Brevard and she gives a beautiful witness to her journey through the Disciple Series. Look for a summary of the Disciple series posted in the Fellowship Hall under Adult Ministry.”

"I'm not sure I can put into words what Disciple study has meant to me these past 3½ years. I have taken Disciple 1, Disciple 2 and Disciple 4 and am currently in Disciple 3. As a cradle Catholic, I have so appreciated the interchange between faiths in each of the classes I have been privileged to attend - we have had not only Lutherans, but Methodists, Catholics and Baptists. Every one of us learned from each other and above all we have come to appreciate that God's Word is for everyone. Disciple has helped me put into perspective the scripture readings in our church service. There are times in class when I have that "aha" moment and think "Oh, that's what that really means!" I feel so much further along in my spiritual journey because of Disciple and thank Grace Lutheran every day for making me feel so welcome!" -Pat Hurtak

Grace Preschool

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One of the most important philosophies of Grace Preschool is to learn to think and care for others at our Preschool and Hendersonville community. Being caring allows you to be empathetic, respectful, and to live a life of affection, love, and compassion for our neighbors. The Preschool provide many opportunities for our children to learn compassion- singing Christmas carols to the retirees at Carolina Reserve of Laurel Park, collecting donations for our furry friends at the Blue Ridge Humane Society and participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring for the Storehouse.



The most recent service opportunity involved Preschool families and church members creating fleece hats and Linus blankets for Henderson County children. Jill Wingard obtained a Thrivent grant to purchase the fleece materials. Each family provided food for the potluck meal and after eating everyone



joined together to create this wonderful service project. We look forward to more opportunities to work in collaboration with our church family in the future.

Preschool Scholarships: We have many families who have financial difficulty sending their child to our Preschool but would like the educational opportunities and Christian environment of our Lutheran school. To support these families, contact Beth Ann Lehr.

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Many blessings and heartfelt gratitude to all from the Preschool, Beth Ann Lehr

Grace Youth Ministry

Director of Youth Ministry: Anne Monroe – amonroe@gracehendersonville.com / 704-604-3772

Last month, 31 youth and adult guides attended the NC Lutheran Youth Organization Retreat in Greensboro, NC. 'LYO' is a fun weekend of fellowship, worship, games, dance, banquet and small group time for our youth with other Lutheran teens in our state while staying in the Embassy Suite Hotel. The theme for this year's event focused on 1 John 3:16 --"We know love by this that he laid down his life for us-and we ought to lay down our lives for one another."



Grace Youth Ministry was honored as the top five finalists for the NC Synod 'Tell It' Video contest with their creation and submission of 'Love One Another' video assisted by GLC parent and guide, Adrian Clark. Thank you Grace family for your continued support in making experiences like this happen for our youth! Thank you to our LYO adult guides: Adrian Clark, Mike Ericksen, Ayman Kaddouri, and Heather Wiggins.



Special this year - our very own senior youth, Grace Welch, was LYO president and led important assembly presentations. During LYO, board members share a personal faith story with the entire assembly. Here is Grace Welch's faith story board talk:

"I think that all of us can agree to this, that it's hard sometimes to be patient. I know for myself and my youth group, we count down the days every year for LYO, enjoying every moment for the weekend. Registration, the bus ride, laughs, songs, group devotion, and of course the breakfast line. By enjoying every moment of LYO, we are practicing patient love.

I know for myself, I am constantly asked about life after high school? "What school are you going to attend next year?" "What do you plan to study in school?" "What will your career be?" In sophomore year I would simply say- "I know that I will go to college." I had never thought about where I wanted to go or what I wanted to study. The only thoughts that I ever thought about for the future was to one day tell my grandchildren how awesome their grandma was at rocking at life! By senior year, I was starting to get upset with myself when someone was to ask me a question about college. I was becoming impatient with myself and with God.

But then I remembered a part from one of my favorite movies - Shrek. If you haven't seen the movie, sorry, but here come some spoilers. So in this movie, Shrek is an ogre who ends up going to save a princess in order to get his land back. Princess Fiona, who had been locked in a castle for years, imagined a different kind of person - or prince charming - who would save her. Needless to say, she wasn't expecting an ogre and a talking donkey to save her. When she was saved, she said things

like "this is all wrong, you're not supposed to be an ogre" and "but I have to be rescued by my true love, not an ogre and his pet." And I realized, I had a similar mindset to that of Fiona's at this point. For me and Princess Fiona, all we wanted was for the answer to the future. Together we both already had a plan set in our minds before even knowing the path to take.

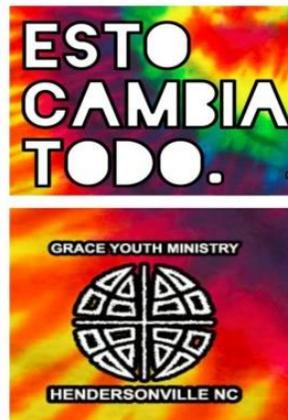
Princess Fiona and I both DO NOT practice patient love with ourselves or with God. She only sees herself living happily ever after; and I only see myself at the age of 78 years old with four grandchildren. In order for us to both to obtain the plans in life, we have to take a step back and pray to God for guidance.

After praying to God and talking with my school guidance counselor, I started to show patience. I made the decision to go to community college for my first 2 years, continue my education by obtaining my teaching license from an instate school, then go off to Seminary (pastor's school) and become a North Carolina Synod Lutheran Pastor. By choosing this career option I can still do the activities I love- teach children and be a shepherd to people- while still telling my grandchildren how awesome their grandma was at rocking at life.

At the end of the movie, Shrek, Princess Fiona chooses her ending by using patient love. For Fiona she still gets to marry, maybe not to a prince, and live happily ever after. She finds her long awaited patient love by marrying Shrek. And after talking with my school guidance counselor, I found my patient love by deciding to become a Pastor with a teaching license.

I invite all of you to think of your time after LYO- when someone asks you- "What college are you going to?" "Will you play a school sport next year?" "Are you going to try for another all A's for school." How are you going to answer them? Are you going to be mad at yourself or God for not giving you the answer right then? Or are you going to use your patience to answer the question? When you practice patience, you start to love the work you do; because you were patient with your answer. Use patient love not for wanting the future to come faster, but to listen, and see how God is moving all around us right now in this moment and in the future."-Grace Welch LYO Board President 2018

'Esto Cambia Todo. This Changes Everything.' YOUTH SUNDAY



This month Grace Youth have been meeting together to develop and prepare our annual Youth Sunday on Sunday, April 15 at the 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. Youth organize, write worship parts, and create the sermon meditation. The sermon meditation will focus on ELCA Youth Gathering topics of Community, Reformation, Home, Compassion, Love, Justice, Relationships, Advocacy and Purpose which Gathering participants have been learning about

during their monthly bible studies. The children's choir will also be singing.

Siblings Nelson (9th) and James (8th) Wiggins share a special invitation: "We would like people to come to Youth Sunday as our thank you for the congregation's support. We have worked really hard to prepare this service. It is going to be really fun!"

Don't miss this unique worship experience in the life of our congregation! A congregational fellowship luncheon will follow the service at 12:30 p.m. Good news! The cost of the lunch is free, but all donations received go to support the Grace Youth Ministry Investment Fund.

Gifts Ministry

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Connecting volunteers to meaningful ministries.

We still need more volunteers and we invite YOU to volunteer in 2018! **Want to volunteer or have a volunteer need to advertise?** SIGN UP IN LOBBY to volunteer or see Karen-Eve Pfozter x316 to make meaningful connections.



STORY CORNER from our members on “What is it like to volunteer”...

‘Being part of Grace Lutheran Church’s **Social Ministry program** for the past 20 years has been one of the most satisfying activities of my retirement. As Director of the Attic, I was able to work with, and see firsthand, the positive effect of our efforts to provide furniture to folks in real need. Being on the Board of the Henderson County Hunger Coalition, and helping organize and participate in the annual Hunger Walk, for which Grace Church is a leader, has brought me into another satisfying aspect our Christian involvement in our community.’ **Liaison Jack Fitzgerald**

‘**Visiting Grace members who are hospitalized** is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of our church community with members who may be needing comfort or support during a difficult time. It is an opportunity to help family members who may be feeling overwhelmed. Often the simple knowledge that there is someone who cares about the patient and will pray with them gives the whole family a tremendous feeling of peace. A quiet, heartfelt prayer with patients often strengthens them and eases their minds. It is a privilege to be able to represent Grace in this ministry.’ **Hospital visitor, Paige Willms**

Special thanks to our many groups who do so much:

Prayer Shawl Ministry- How to Knit Workshop for over 50 Cross+Generations!

Encouragement Ministry for all the light and care they share with many!

Building & Grounds who keep the lawns mowed and our grounds and building looking great and functioning well.

Getting To Know Our Council

Bill Schmidt

For most of my life I have considered myself as "multi-denominational". Through ancestry I was a Scandinavian Lutheran but I was raised and baptized a Southern Baptist. As a 36 year career Naval Officer, I was close to the church -- depending on the faith of the rotating Navy Chaplain, dedicated to raising three children in a Godly environment through baptism (United Church of Christ) and confirmation (two Lutheran, one Methodist). For our children church selection depended mostly on the strength of the youth groups whether the on base chapel or local church. As a "war fighter" protecting the sea lanes of American freedom you are naturally drawn close to God seeking his guidance to keep your ship, squadron and battle group unscathed as you go in harm's way and return every Sailor and Marine safely back to homeport. As a Council member, I endeavor to share my leadership talents in the pursuit of the mission and core values of Grace and strive to set an example of dedication to its ministry. When I'm manning the desk between services on the second Sunday of the month, please stop by so we may become better acquainted and share your views and concerns about the future of Grace.

April & May Thank Yous!

Lenten Evening Speakers- Aurora Solano, Susie Carlson, David Pigors, Maria de Jesus, Aaron Solano, Christine Smith, Jenny Zaragoza, Harry Steiner, Amy Colin, Sharon Barrow

IAM Volunteers from GLC- Bill & Sandi Brust, Dan Fredrick, Don Klug, Linda Koos, Mimi Laux, Ted Lawshe, Charline Moon, Claudia & Reid Northrup, Pat Robinson, Emily Roseler, Phil Rymer, Tom Schober, Jan Thompson

Bible Storytime leaders- Stella Varnell, Lynne Wenz, Mike Ericksen, Grace Welch, Susie Carlson

El Centro speaker and Spanish Translators- Linda Rymer, Laurian Mapp

Fleece Friday Project- Janet Harms, Charn Fennel, Leah Scroggins

Audit Team- Pam Badin, Bill Pankhurst, Linda Bowman, Conrad Shannon, & Bernie Sochia

Grace Guides- Karen & Joel Wolfram, Darla & Jim Krause, Susie Carlson, Bob & Skip Andersen, Terry & Lori Schaefer, Bob Dahm, Nancy Bellick, Peter Gollup & Karen Eve P, Mike & Jan Hoffmann, Ken & Chris Ring, Catherine Langsdorf, Bill & Linda Pankhurst, Jim & Heather Wiggins, Bonnie Wells, Denny & Ada Gough, Jessie White, Jack & Susan Fitzgerald, Bill & Linda Daleure, Doug & Brenda Sigmon, Brenda Williams, Tom & Layne Kasischke, Chris & Gailliee Davis, Rachel Cumming, George & Joy Kiefer, Mike Ericksen, Nancy Hinshaw, Thom Tews, Roger & Nadine Christensen

Social Ministry- Lilly Cruz, Linda Daleure, Ruth Klug

Prayer Chain- Ruth Klug, Sochia Family

Preschool Library- Jeanny Hart

Communion Servers- Judy Bevan, Peter Oesterlin, Brenda Williams, Lilly Cruz

Red Cross Shelter- Brent Janowiak

Super Bowl Sunday- Glenn & Lilly Bonetti, Sandi & Bill Brust, Kevin Milford, Ruth Birge, Catherine & Peter Samuloski, Joyce Eddy, Mary Sebbby

Altar Guild- Linda Daleure

B&G- Tony Cruz, Lilly Cruz

Prayer Shawl Ministry- Lilly Cruz, Sandi Brust

Hospitality & Fellowship- Layne Kasischke, Brenda Williams, Catharin Banta,

Counters/Posters- Ruth Birge, Alice & Joe Copeland, Rick Honeycutt, Reid Northrup, backups-Johnanna Dokter, Leah Cosoi

Handbells- Ginger Horvath, Jeanny Hart

Choir- Joyce & rick Honeycutt, Chuck Clay, Brandon Buman

Solo- Savannah Geiler

Grace 101- Nadine Christensen, Pat Robinson, Jan Hoffman, Sallie Staton-Knot, Phil Rymer, Dorothy Kellinghusen, Ada Gough, Joel Wolfram

Lunch & Learn- Barb Fountain



Justice and Advocacy – Our call to stand with all our brothers and sisters

Joy, hope and gratitude are antidotes to the daily reports oppression, fear and confusion. Doing something that brings joy and hope for others, in gratitude for the gifts we have received, blesses others, brings glory to God and lifts our spirit.

God calls us to seek justice for everyone through the Old Testament kings and prophets. Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. - [Proverbs 31:8](#). He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? - [Micah 6:8](#)

Jesus and Paul call us to seek justice for everyone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. - **Luke 10:27** Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.2 [Corinthians 8:13](#)

Fellow Lutherans call us to seek justice for everyone. "The second virtue of a Prince after securing justice "is to help the poor, the orphans, and the widows to justice and to further their cause; (LW) vol.13, 53. [Martin Luther](#) We promise to "...strive for justice and peace in all the earth." [ELCA Baptism](#) Faith is active in love; love calls for justice in the relationships and structures of society. [ELCA Church in Society: a Lutheran Perspective](#)

Join us! Gather each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 229 to hear inspiring stories and plan non-partisan, advocacy action. **Our vision:** We see our faith shared humbly, in a ministry of reconciliation, to raise awareness, provide education, and concrete, timely action on matters of public policy and systems, for the good of all our brothers and sisters. Some focus areas at Grace, supported by Synod (facebook.com/NCSynodSJA) and ELCA church-wide efforts (facebook.com/ELCAadvocacy), are: Immigration, Gun Safety, Health, Race, LGBTQ, Environment, Education, Women's issues.

Currently, we are working with other churches and community groups to host a multicultural immigration event at Grace on May 5. We have over 30 Grace disciples on our email news list. Contact Tim Snyder to learn more and/or participate, TimSnyder78@att.net

Spotlight on Social Ministry

The Good Samaritan Attic is a joint Ministry of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, providing furniture and household items for those in need.

Over 500 families have been helped in the past year. They have been provided with everything from tables, chairs, beds, mattresses, bedding, to pots and pans. We have helped people who had everything destroyed by a fire, those who have left the Rescue Mission, and women who have fled from a dangerous situation.

An example of the Holy Spirit working through this ministry: A dining room table and six chairs were to be picked up on a Thursday, but rain delayed their pickup and delivery to the Good Samaritan Attic until Saturday morning. At that moment, a family with 6 children drove up. All they had was a small table to seat 3. Perfect timing!

The dedication of over 40 volunteers from Grace Lutheran and Immaculate Conception make this all possible: Input coordinators, drivers, helpers and warehouse workers.

If you have furniture or household items to donate to those in need, call the Grace Lutheran Church office at 828-693-4890 to arrange for a pickup.

Good Samaritan's Attic

April Birthdays

Kathlene Brems	4/1	Francia Shaw	4/14	Chandler Bolick	4/22
Jake Patterson	4/1	Lois Roach	4/15	Julie Goins	4/22
Catherine Samulski	4/1	Philip Seidel	4/15	Linda Pankhurst	4/22
Diane Sellers	4/1	Sarah Beth Freeman	4/16	Daniel Solano	4/22
Mark Ross	4/2	Carol Gillett	4/16	Pamela Badin	4/24
Fred Martin	4/3	Jeffrey Michels	4/16	Lynne Presley	4/25
Adelaide Haack	4/5	Jackson Temple	4/16	Jean Vierra	4/25
Jennifer Bufalino	4/6	Rosaleen Dawes	4/17	Brenda Fisher	4/26
James Wiggins	4/6	Dale Beardsley	4/18	Roderick Hansen	4/26
Ted Lawshe	4/8	Maria Resendiz	4/18	Anne Monroe	4/26
Steve Walker	4/8	David Sebby	4/18	Gabrielle Renken	4/26
Dorwin Larsen	4/9	Sophia Brown	4/19	Katherine White Sill	4/26
Edward McIntosh	4/9	Sheila Hartzell	4/19	Aram Davis	4/27
Emily Trexler	4/9	Tom Morgan	4/19	Kenneth Langsdorf	4/27
Jan Hoffmann	4/10	Monica Stallings	4/19	Renne Barolet	4/28
Dorothy Hall	4/11	Karen Bowman	4/20	Dave Slagle	4/28
Delia Dubon	4/12	Thomas Tews	4/20	Donna Hamilton	4/29
Janice Mickle	4/12	Marcella Sims	4/21	Melissa Walden	4/29
Nancy Bellick	4/13	Kristine Sochia	4/21	Angelika Yannuzzi	4/29
Vicki Marthaler	4/14	Yong Weber	4/21	Stephen Shuford	4/30
Lynda Martinez	4/14	Gregory Berger	4/22		

May Birthdays

Denise Pryor	5/1	Elise Trexler	5/11	Susie Carlson	5/20
Heather Brown	5/1	Bill Killian	5/12	Caroline Chavez	5/20
Don Bell	5/2	Ada Gough	5/12	Horst Wenz	5/23
Margie Capell	5/2	John Simons	5/12	Mike Hoffmann	5/24
Doug Fennell	5/2	Claire Darrah	5/12	Shelley Clay	5/24
Miranda Freeman	5/2	Megan Pigors	5/13	Eric Hagstrom	5/24
Dave Carver	5/3	Vanessa Wingard	5/14	Katherine Van Horne	5/24
Kevin Milford	5/5	Karla Edwards	5/15	Buzzy Hoegger	5/26
Ada Morava	5/5	Doug Decker	5/16	Mary Tody	5/26
Carol Honeycutt	5/6	Irene Syvertson	5/16	Wes Curry	5/27
Helen Dunn	5/7	Patricia Malinak	5/16	Cindy Bonincontri	5/27
Pam Zachman	5/7	Chris Ring	5/17	Judy Waldrop	5/28
Delores Braun	5/8	Debbie Freeman	5/17	Bob Andersen	5/29
Ann Keiser	5/9	Billie Slear	5/18	JoAnne Mummert	5/29
Virginia Rehn	5/10	Steve Buman	5/18	Dennis Waldrop	5/30
Jennifer Parson	5/10	Phil Barrow	5/19	Rita Purdy	5/30
Maddi Havener	5/10	Noe Acosta	5/19	Beverly Cannady	5/30
Evelia Jimenez	5/11	Ellen Morrison	5/20	Kyle Rees	5/30

April & May Anniversaries

Chris & Gailee Davis	4/4	Wade & Caroline Patterson	5/11
David & Myrnelle Wulff	4/6	Bill & Becky Schmidt	5/13
Val & Pat Murtha	4/7	Tani & Misty	5/17
Joe & Kathy Stancar	4/8	Jon & Muriel Lambert	5/18
Gary & Pat Gardner	4/9	Sharon & Bill Wohlt	5/19
Ronald & Bridget Monroe	4/11	Dave & Barbara Bair	5/19
Bob & Diane Hatfield	4/14	Jim & Jane Hunt	5/19
Dave & Lois Roach	4/15	Jeff & Simons Michels	5/20
Steve & Ivy Walker	4/16	Wayne & Yvonne Forsythe	5/21
Marc Shockley & Carolina Sancho	4/16	Andy & Barbara Pytel	5/24
Bruce & Lesley Darrah	4/18	John & Cindy Simons	5/24
Doug & Charn Fennell	4/18	Fred & D'Anne Martin	5/25
Wayne & Leah Scroggin	4/19	Jerry Liedl & Emilee Cantieri	5/28
Chris & Chris Smith	4/19	John & Bonnie Wells	5/30
Rick & Virginia Rehn	4/20	Joe & Carol Gillett	5/30
Jim & Jan Hendley	4/21	Charlie & Katie Bolick	5/30
Bill & Billie Slear	4/27	Conrad & Patti Shannon	5/31
Way & Deanna Plowman	4/28	Nick & Rachel Cummings	5/31
Saul & Vianey Solano	4/29		
Brad & Jennifer Parson	4/30		
Daniel & Aurora Solano	5/1		
Henry & Barb Koch	5/3		
Shay & Cornelia Nelson Hane	5/5		
Gary & Lynn Kester	5/8		

Love is patient, Love is kind,
It always protects, Always trusts,
Always hopes, Always perseveres.

Love Never Fails.

1 Corinthians 13:45-78

A Message from our President

Bonnie Pierce

Our attendance at the February One-Day Smokey Mountain Retreat, "Joyful Noise", at Lutheran Church of the Nativity was excellent. We had close to 20 Grace Lutheran women there! Vicki Marthaler's presentation was outstanding.

Martin Luther was also a musician, and we learned that his most well-known hymn "A mighty Fortress" was also his favorite! Music was very important to him and he once said, "A person who ... does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God... should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs!"

Vicki showed us what a marvelous resource our hymnal is. "It shows how the church organizes time by the church year, telling the story of God through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ." You would be amazed at the amount of information to be found at both the beginning and end of the hymnal. (Just don't check it out during the sermon!)

"As long as we live, there is never enough singing." Martin Luther.

That said, we spent the rest of the time joyfully singing our favorite hymns accompanied by Vicki at the piano.

Join us for the Smokey Mountain Spring Gathering at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Brevard on **May 5**.



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Shirley Gray
Thomas Kasischke
George Kiefer

Larry VanDerVliet Memorials

Reverend and Mrs. Trexler
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Dear Grace Family,

Prayers Work! Thank God and thank you!

Last October, I was admitted to Mission Hospital with a bowel perforation. I was in ICU, in serious condition, for 11 days, and was concerned that I might die. I started to pray, more worried about leaving my wife, Pat than about my getting better. Improvement took time and rehab. Luckily we were able to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary on Veterans Day in my Hospital room. I know that it was not my prayers alone, but the prayers from our Grace family that sustained us both. Your get well cards and wishes, plus personal visitations while in the hospital, helped us both tremendously. For your prayers and for your concern and myriad kindnesses, I am extremely grateful! Pat and I extend our deep and sincere thanks.

Dick Robinson

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Roger and Renne Barolet, we want to thank you for your prayers, concerns and encouraging cards. Roger has just completed chemo and radiation. He still has a battle to confront with 2 foot surgeries for achilles heel plus gaining strength to have it done. He has lost 65 pounds and is very puny immune system which is why we have hibernated this winter with cold and flu season. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Renee Barolet

How does God work through you?
Share your story!

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