

# Grace Vine

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## 2017 Rescue Mission Food Drive – June 25 – July 16

For more than 35 years, the Hendersonville Rescue Mission has provided services to the less fortunate of our community, without funding from the federal or state government. As a Christian ministry, the staff and volunteers at the Rescue Mission share their faith freely with everyone who enters its doors. Because of the faithful support of Grace Lutheran Church, those struggling with alcohol and drug addictions find recovery; those who need shelter from the elements have a hot shower and warm bed; those who are hungry are fed; those who have no clothing are provided with clothes; those who need medical care receive it.



The following story symbolizes how the life of one individual was impacted by the love and support that he received at the Rescue Mission ...

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/hendersonville-rescue-mission/remembering-andre/418034421862381>

### **The Social Ministry committee invites you to participate in our annual food drive beginning Sunday, June 25-Sunday, July 16.**

Please take home a grocery bag located in our church 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.



### **Give a Unit of Blood in Celebration of 30 Years of June Blood Drives**

Grace will host WLOS Operation Blood Drive, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., **Thursday, June 22**, in Stull Hall. A donation takes about an hour and can save up to three lives. **Donors can schedule appointments at Grace's Sign-up Station, or by calling The Blood Connection at 828-233-5302. Walk-ins are always**



**welcome, although appointments are encouraged.** Donors will receive a "30th Annual Operation Blood Drive" T-shirt, a free order of pancakes at The Fireside Restaurant and Pancake House, and enjoy Grace's wonderful canteen the day of the drive, supported by food donations from local businesses and restaurants. The Blood Connection allows healthy individuals from ages 16 to 100+ years to donate if you weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors need to eat well several days before and eat a good meal before coming to donate. **All the blood from this blood drive stays local and will go to area hospitals.**

## Message from Pastor Ken Langsdorf

Pastor Ken Langsdorf – [klangsdorf@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:klangsdorf@gracehendersonville.com) / 828-693-4890 x305

### Passing on a Holy Legacy

*I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever. ~ Psalm 45:17*

So much of who we are is shaped by our family heritage. Think about it. Who were your grandparents? What was important to them? What were their values for life? How much of this was passed on to you?

When I think about my family heritage, it is not surprising that I am a Lutheran Christian. On my father's side of the family, Lutherans go back as far as we can trace our family tree. Some of these ancestors were instrumental in starting a Lutheran church where they settled in Minnesota. My mother's side was Lutheran, too. This Christian faith was passed on from one generation to another. It is not too surprising that I married a woman who also has a long Lutheran family heritage.



But it is not only our Christian faith that has been passed on from one generation to another; values like generosity, community involvement, serving and caring for other people have been passed down. **How much of what is important to you has been passed on to you from your parents and grandparents?**

This summer, we will offer a **“Healing Our Family Legacy” workshop (3-5 p.m., July 16, 23 and 30)** to help us intentionally look at our family legacy. We will not only celebrate the strong values, faith and blessings that have been passed down to us, but we will also consider negative influences that have been passed down. Some families have generations of people who suffer from alcoholism, anger, oppression, unforgiveness, etc. We will consider these negative influences so that we can be healed from their wounds and seek God's help in not passing these things to future generations.

Some groups of people have experienced trauma that is passed from generation to generation. For example, Native Americans experienced the trauma of being a conquered people. Some of this pain is still lived out in the lives of Native Americans today. God can bring healing to these generational wounds; God also brings forgiveness to the conquering people.

Before the July workshop, think about the legacy that has been passed on to you – both the good and the bad. Talk to other relatives about family traits and values that have been passed down. Then consider what you want to be intentional about sharing with future generations and what you want to be healed from, so these things do not hurt future generations the way you have been hurt.

“As we offer our families to God, we give thanks for all the blessings that have come down to us through our family generations. We also invite Jesus' love to move into those places of generational hurts and struggles that are robbing our family members of the fullness of God's peace and joy and well-being for them and for ourselves. Healing begins as Jesus surrounds those places with his love and forgiveness. Tension within families begins to diminish, while joy and peace begin to increase. This is a tangible, practical way of choosing life, choosing God's blessings, so that we and our descendants may live.” ~Fr. John Rice.

I look forward to sharing with you in Healing Our Family Legacy. – Pastor Ken

### Prophets of The Lord

*24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. 26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those*

*registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" 30 And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. (Numbers 11:24-30 NRSV).*

Rabbinic and Christian traditions agree the main themes of this narrative are God's spirit, prophets and appointed leadership. The philosophical assumption of both Jewish and Christians is that the ideal form of government for God's people is a theocracy, though it functions as a priest/clergy/ professional and lay-led institution. Like a pendulum, if the institution moves to an extreme, it becomes an unhealthy autocracy sometimes disguised as democracy. Christian liturgical traditions like ELCA Lutherans still are making working progress seeking agreement in the role of Bishops and ordained clergy in the larger expressions of the Church and local congregations.



Our narrative in the book of Numbers chapter 11 illustrates well that issues of leadership and government have long posed challenges and opportunities for God's people. The larger context of this narrative tells us the appointment of the 70 elders, in whom the spirit of God rested and made them prophesied, was God's response to Moses' lament when people were grumbling and questioning his leadership. Moses' and God's people's expectations had not been fulfilled and they were not willing to continue trusting one another ... nor even God. Let us be honest about these Israelites who just had been liberated from the yoke of the Egyptians: they were in the desert. They had been enduring the hardships of a nomadic life for more than a year. They continued dreaming of a promised land flowing milk and honey and instead they were eating manna every day ... Thus, they started asking: What is this? It seems some dormant underlying signs of rebellion began popping up making Moses very uncomfortable. Moses followed God's instruction – as he listened to and interpreted – by choosing 70 elders, which seems problematic for the ideal would be 72 -- six leaders from each tribe -- thus, two qualified ones are left out. As God pours his spirit on the 70 elders in the tabernacle, everything seems perfect ... until a messenger brings news that Eldad and Medad are prophesying at the camp. The content of the prophecy was secondary to the event for we are told nothing about it. But we are told that Joshua, the hand-picked successor of Moses, appointed and spirited, overreacts to the news: he cried out to Moses, "stop them," (another translation: "destroy them"). It seems Joshua felt threatened by these two qualified and spirited prophets, and he wanted no competition nor to inherit a nation made with freelance prophets. Thanks to God, Moses knew better: nobody has monopoly of God's spirit; God is free of human ownership and manipulation. Moses' answer to Joshua seems to be, in Luther's dictum: Let God be God! Therefore, God's people are better off, safe and able to fulfill our call for the sake of the world when we listen to one another and honor and support each other's vocation and spirited prophecy, especially in times when our prophecy (what we say God is saying) seems to contradict the ones of those around us.

For practical purposes, autocratic leaders -- ordained and lay -- deliberate and make choices out of fear and self-preservation, seeking uniformity, causing unintended (sometimes intentional) harm and disruption in the life of the congregation. On the other hand, theocratic leaders -- lay and ordained -- deliberate and make choices out of confidence and for the well-being of the congregation, welcoming multiple manifestations of the spirit and can tolerate disagreement and diversity. By doing this, the life of the congregation is enriched. Most church leaders operate between a combination of these two models of leadership. May God bless you.

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## Grace Youth Ministry

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### Grace Youth Ministry Information

During the summer, GYM takes a break from our regular schedule. Below are some opportunities for our Grace youth to connect during this time. Mark your calendars now to join the fun!



#### June Activities

**Sunday, June 4, 10-11 a.m., Stull Hall: \*\*SUMMER MISSION TRIP FINAL MEETING\*\*** for 18 Mission Trip youth, participants, adult guides AND PARENTS. Complete the packet items mailed to you and bring with you.

**Sunday, June 11:** Camp and Mission Trip Blessing, 11:15 a.m. worship service. If you are attending Lutheridge Camp or the Mission Trip this summer, join us for this blessing. Wear your GYM blue shirt.

**June 11-17:** CAMPFIRMATION at Lutheridge for our 8th grade youth! Pray for our six campers this week: Dustin, Rylan, Jake, Avery, Noah, Nelson.

**Wednesday, June 21:** Cross + Generational Potluck and Worship – Enjoy a meal and then gather for an informal and interactive worship across generations. Meet in Fellowship Hall. Potluck dinner is at 5:30 p.m., and worship is 6-7 p.m. Bring a dish to share.

**Monday, June 26-Thursday, June 29:** Youth Service Project! We will serve together as Teen Guides helping with the Hendersonville Community Vacation Bible School in the mornings at Trinity Presbyterian. Come out on the days you can from 9 a.m. to Noon to help.

#### July Activities

**Sunday, July 9:** Grace Congregational Picnic at the Park at Flat Rock after worship.

**Monday, July 15-Monday, July 22:** Summer Mission Trip in Washington DC! Pray for our 18 youth and adult guides who will serve and the DC community we will be learning from and caring for. While participating in the TeamEffort week, our group will serve through a variety of hands-on projects with homeless ministries, children programs, the elderly and disabled individuals. Several of these outreach programs provide an opportunity to experience the context of inner city ministry. Our visual theme for the week is SCAFFOLDING, along with the focus text of Isaiah 9:6, which encounters a different name of God each night. Thank you to everyone at Grace and our community who have made it possible to attend this very special ministry experience!

**Wednesday, July 26:** Cross + Generational Potluck and Worship – See Weds., June 21, for info.

#### August Activities

**Sunday, Aug. 6:** Mission Trip Reunion and breakfast at 10 a.m. in Stull Hall. All Mission Trip participants (youth and guides) join us for this breakfast, so we can finalize our presentation for the congregation.

**Tuesday, Aug. 15:** GYM Service Project with the Grace Quilters, 10 a.m.-Noon. This is our annual invitation to hang out with the Grace Quilters making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, followed by a sandwich lunch together afterwards. Quilts go to displaced refugee families around the world. Be a part of this global ministry! No sewing experience required; we need cutters and sorters, too.

**Wednesday, Aug. 16:** Cross + Generational Potluck and Worship – See Weds., June 21, for info.

**Sunday, Aug. 20:** Mission Trip presentation and Ice Cream Social in Stull Hall, 3 p.m. All participants and guides meet at 2 p.m. to prepare and set up for the presentation.

**\*\*Mark your calendars: High School Kickoff for the 2017-2018 school year, Sunday, Aug. 27, and Middle School Kickoff Cookout Wednesday, Aug. 30**



## Children & Family Ministry

Dir. of Children & Family Ministry: Jill Wingard – [jwingard@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:jwingard@gracehendersonville.com) / 828-693-4890x344

As we finish our school year activities, I want to thank the teachers, buddies and volunteers who helped make this year a success.

I was thankful to spend two days in Greensboro at the Children and Family Ministry retreat. Youth and family ministers from across NC came together to learn, exchange ideas, fellowship and have some time away. This year we were lucky to have Jim LaDoux speak to us about helping our members find a sense of calling. Anne Monroe and I returned home with an affirmation of many of the things we already do and some great ideas we can implement to find passionate people to help us in our ministry.



**VBS, Passport to Peru takes place 9 a.m.-Noon, June 26-29** at Trinity Presbyterian. Children who turn 4 by Aug. 31, 2017, through those finishing 5th grade this year are welcome to trek through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible points and immerse kids in Peruvian culture. Register online at <http://bit.ly/vbs-peru> VBS is open to the community.

VBS will also need volunteers. Rising 7<sup>th</sup>-graders on up are welcome to join the fun. Register online at <http://bit.ly/vbs-peru>



*The Elementary youth helped out Youth Sunday, singing an anthem, Need to Breathe's "Brother" with solos by Kyra Parson and Lara Wingard*



*First Communion at Maundy Thursday service.*

## Adult Ministry

Director of Adult Ministry: Sue Filson – [sfilson@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:sfilson@gracehendersonville.com) / 828-693-4890 x304

As we bring our Christian educational year to a close, a heartfelt **thank you to those who have led us in a deeper understanding of the Word and the pursuit of discipleship.** Grace appreciates all the facilitators of Disciple, Sunday school, small groups and Bible studies. It is in these small group communities where faith is nurtured and relationships are strengthened, for God did not intend for us to live the Christian life alone.

This is our 13th year of Disciple Bible Study. Please see page 11 for this year's graduates.

**Summer studies at Grace** - in addition to our regularly scheduled classes:



**Women's Beth Moore Bible Study "Entrusted," June 12-July 24**, information at the Sign-up Station; Summer Learning Series facilitated by our pastors. Watch for topics and times in the bulletin.

This summer, don't miss one of the two showings at Grace of **Rick Steves' "Luther and the Reformation."** The two-hour program will be presented in Stull Hall **1-3 p.m., Tuesday, June 20**, and again **6-8 p.m., Wednesday, July 12**. These programs are free, open to the public and family friendly. Childcare will be available for elementary age children and younger on July 12 by contacting Jill Wingard. Refreshments will be served and time will be allocated for discussion following the movie. From Rick Steves' website:



*"Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther kicked off the Protestant Reformation, which contributed to the birth of our modern age. In this one-hour special — filmed on location in Europe — Rick Steves tells the story of a humble monk who lived a dramatic life. Rick visits key sites relating to the Reformation (including Erfurt, Wittenberg, and Rome) and explores the complicated political world of 16th-century Europe — from indulgences to iconoclasts, and from the printing press to the Counter-Reformation. It's a story of power, rebellion and faith that you'll never forget."*



Put it on your calendar! Three **Cross + Generational potluck and worship services for all ages will be held 5:30-7 p.m. on June 21, July 26 and Aug. 16**. We will meet for dinner and fellowship followed by an informal worship service. Plan to join us and invite a friend.

**Open Prayer – 6-7 p.m., Tuesday evenings** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to share prayer concerns as well as praise and celebrations. "He (Jesus) was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'?" Mark 11:17 NRSV







Proud to display their graduation quilts, left to right: , Bobby Slagle, Micah Haack, Mason Stallings, Savannah Geiler. Thank you to our Grace Quilters who put their time, love and hard work into making these beautiful quilts for our High School Graduates!

## Grace Graduates 2017

We give thanks to God for our graduates and the opportunity to celebrate this milestone in their lives. Listed below are the graduates who responded to the information request. 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 or Guardians
<b>Savannah Geiler</b>	Hendersonville High School	Attending Blue Ridge Community College for Animation and Visual Arts Degree	Duane and Caren Geiler and grandparents, Don and Jane Henderson
<b>Micah Paul Haack</b>	North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics	Attending Grove City College, Majoring in Electrical Engineering and Minorng in Computer Science	David and Tricia Haack
<b>William Robert Slagle</b>	West Henderson High School	Attending Western Carolina University's School of Stage and Screen	Dave and Anita Slagle
<b>Mason Gillett Stallings</b>	Hendersonville High School	Attending Appalachian State University	Monica Gillett-Stallings and Nathan Stallings



Dear Grace Family:

Thank you so much for the lovely prayer shawl and your prayers and encouragement in my

move to Houston to be close to my family. Sister Millie, Kitty Bo-Bo and I arrived safely on April 4, with the Good Lord watching over us. We drove in that awful rain the first day. I attend church at Lord of Life Lutheran with sister and husband, Holy Week was very busy. There is also a very strong music program there and many opportunities to serve. I was very fortunate to grow in faith at Grace with great members, leaders and pastors, and I am most grateful. May God be with you all.

**Margie Brune**

Dear Grace Family,

We want everyone to know how much we appreciate all the cards we receive from the various Grace ministries. We also thank you for keeping both of us in your prayers concerning our health problems. All of this means so much to both of us.

**Larry & Ethel Van Der Vliet**

Dear Grace family,

I was overwhelmed by the cards, prayers, and food you provided following my hip replacement surgery. I know the prayers have been a major part in my recovery. Many, many thanks for your love and support.

**In Christ, Brenda Williams**

## **Stephen Ministry Minute – The After People**

Stephen Ministers are there:

**after** you've washed and returned the last casserole dish

**after** the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.

**after** the last child honks the horn, waves and drives away – and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty.

**after** you arrive home following the funeral service & the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

**after** the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.

**after** the doctors said, "There's nothing more we can do."

**after** the door has slammed shut – for the very last time.

**after** the phone call you'd always hoped you'd never get.

**after** you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you every imagined.

**after** the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

**after** the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

**after** the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you every dreamed possible.

**after** you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck.

**after** your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." We are ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, coworkers or relatives and provide comfort and support for as long "**after**" as we are needed.



## Gifts Ministry

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*Connecting volunteers to meaningful ministries.*

Want to volunteer or have a need to advertise? Sign up in lobby or see me to help you make meaningful connections. Submit volunteer needs by email

before noon on Monday for the next Sunday bulletin.

**Thank to our Lawn Care Teams-** Dick Miley, Dan Fredrick, Bob Sebby, Reid Northrup, Henry Koch, Bill Hamilton, Larry Cannady, Heather Wiggins, Dick Miley, Richard Christensen, Mark Marthaler, Alfie Zaylas, Nick Cummings, Dan Wingard, Mike Ericksen, Bill Pankhurst, Wade Patterson, Bernie Socia, Jim Florine, Dick Belanger, Terry West, and Rick Conrad.

### Thank You for Your Service

- Servant Saturday Project Leaders - **Hal Derrick/ Roger Christensen, John Bentz, Carol Miley, Diane Sellers, Jack Fitzgerald, Becky Schmidt, Harry Steiner**
- Library Open house - **Sandi & Dave Litogot, Linda Bowman, Linda Rymer**
- DO TELL- **Jim Nelson, Harriet Sterling, Karen-Eve** (We raised \$700+.)
- Fire Marshall - **Roger Bohn**
- 28 nave floodlights extensions - **Bob Sebby**
- Worship & Music Chair - **Brenda Fisher**
- Preschool flower beds - **Chuck Clay**
- Facilitators of the Shift book study
- Grace quilters for graduation quilts



- Feed the Kids Lead Cook - **Dave Roach**
- Music memorials & services - **Helen Just**
- Building & Grounds - **Preschool mulch & fire drill**
- Power Outage 4/23 - **Altar Guild & Phyllis Voght, Dick Miley, Barry Pierce, Roger Christensen, Dan Frederick, George Kiefer, and all who helped out.**
- Choir Easter Brunch - **Pat Robinson, Sallie Staton-Knott, Susan Albers, Barbara Fountain**
- Grace 101 Luncheon - **Nadine Christensen, Sallie Staton-Knott, Tracy Pace**
- Holy Week Crucifers - **Kiran & Riley Parsons, Brandon Buman, Christine Smith, Becky Schmidt**
- 1st Communion- Chalice - **Leslie Owens; Bread: Brenda Williams; Lamb - Jessie White**
- Council meeting admin - **Carol Ontko**
- Youth Sunday lunch - **Carol Ontko, Council members**
- New Receptionists - **Kathy Reinhard, Helen Just**
- Spanish translators - **Oviedo family**
- IAM & Offering Counters - **Sandy & Bob Brooke**
- GYP party - **Melissa Walden**
- LRP Bible Study Leaders - **Rod Hansen, Bill Daleure, Irene Syvertson, Sue Filson, Tim Snyder**
- Lutheridge Cabin renovation - **Dave Klingensmith**
- Grace 101 hospitality - **Nadine Christensen, Tracy Pace, Sallie Staton-Knott**
- Spring Cleanup - **Building & Grounds and volunteers**
- Memorial services - **Choirs, Hospitality & Fellowship**
- Lenten Services - **Middle school youth**
- Think & Drink - **Gaillee & Chris Davis, Peter Gollup, Jason & Jen Heilemann, Rachel Cummings, GYP**
- Patriotic Concert - **Jenna & Jake Patterson, Grace Welch, Roger Christensen, Barry Pierce, Dave Carver, Brenda Williams, Lynn Nichols, Burton Bumgarner, the choir**
- IAM volunteers- **Bill & Sandy Brooks**
- WNC Dementia Workshop- **Karen Wolfram**
- Encouragement Ministry- **Mary Jones, Marie Mortisen, Carlene Belanger**
- Grief Rite Class- **Sue Cobb**

**Meetings of Circles and Groups**

**Naomi Circle** – Tues., June 6; July 4; 9:30 a.m., F. Hall, Rm. 221  
**Leah Circle** – Weds., June 14; July 12; 2 p.m., Luther Lounge  
**Rachel Circle** – Thurs., June 8; July 13; 7 p.m., Library  
**Dorcas Circle** – Thurs., June 15; July 20; 2 p.m., Off campus  
**Sarah Circle** – Thurs., June 15; July 20; 9:30 a.m. F. Hall, Rm. 221, 227, 228, 229  
**Maria Circle** – Wednesdays after Oasis  
**Quilting Group** – Tues., June 20; July 8; 9:30 a.m., F. Hall  
**Mission Action** – Tues., June 13; July 11; 9:30 a.m., F. Hall  
**Prayer Shawl Group** – Thurs., June 22; July 27; 10 a.m.

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**In-Kind Gifts for Triennial**

Rhoda will have some room in her luggage for in-kind gifts. They are asking for such things as Quilt Kits, Days for Girls Kits, (see requirements for Quilt Kits and Girls Kits in the Spring Issue of Interchange located on the bulletin board), hygiene items, clothing (socks and underwear) and gift cards. I believe it would be easiest to pack gift cards. Gift cards (minimum value \$10) may be purchased from the following national retailers: Target, Walmart, T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, Home Depot, Ace Hardware and Lowe's. Visa gift cards are also welcome. I will be happy to pack them in my luggage. Call Rhoda, 828-808-4334.

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**Ministry of Hope**

Save the Date for ...  
 The **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon at Montreat, to be held Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017.**  
 Read the newest newsletter from the Ministry of Hope posted on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.

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**Project Linus**

In 1995, during the Christmas season, an article titled "Joy to the World" by Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Eddie Adams appeared in Parade Magazine. The article featured a petite, downy-haired child who had been going through intensive chemotherapy. She stated that her security blanket had helped her get through treatments. Karen Loucks decided to provide homemade security blankets to Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center. Project Linus was born.

Project Linus was named after the adorable security blanket-toting character from the Peanuts comic strip. Creator Charles Schulz was aware of the effort and was delighted to have Linus inspire blanket makers to help comfort children in need.

PROJECT LINUS' mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Our local Western North Carolina Chapter of Project Linus began in January 1999. Due to the generosity of our local communities, we have distributed thousands of blankets to the many facilities we service.

Your help is needed to continue servicing the needs of children in crisis who are touched by the security a Linus blanket provides. Supplies are given to people who want to help but whose budgets cannot afford the expense. Donations of yarn and fabric appropriate for children's blankets are welcome. Contact Rhoda Hargrave at 828-808-4334 if you are willing to donate your time to help with this project.

To make a financial contribution, contact the Chapter Coordinator at 828-645-8800. Thank you.

## Announcements & Events

### Help Out at B&G Work Days, Third Tuesday of Every Month

Help the Building & Grounds Committee with various indoor and outdoor projects each month. No special skills needed. B&G will provide all materials and tools (but bring gloves). We are done by Noon. Questions: Dan Fredrick, 828-309-0960.

### Men's Lunch Group Grace Vine invitation

All men are invited to The Men's Lunch Group at 11:15 a.m., June 16 and July 21, at Bay Breeze. Join other men for fun, support, prayer, lunch and discussion based on a Bible story. A meeting of Grace's Lutheran Men in Mission will follow the lunch and Bible discussion. *We have more fun than expected.*

### Grace Young Professionals Think & Drink on First Tuesdays

In partnership with Evangelism Ministry and Long Range Planning, GYP continues this community-based discussion group in downtown Hendersonville. The group encourages discussions of relevant topics to under 40s and the social time to eat, drink and think. See Meetup.com and Bold Life.com calendars for topics and more information. Children and babies with parents are welcome. Free and open to the public. June 6, Aug. 1, Sept. 5.



### Help Wanted, Bitte

A meeting will be held at **12:30 p.m., Sunday, June 25**, in the Grace library for anyone interested in helping plan **Oktoberfest 2017**. Please sign up at the Sign-up Station, so we know how many to expect. Questions? Contact Rachel Cummings, 828-244-2478 or [williamrachel@gmail.com](mailto:williamrachel@gmail.com).



## Disciple Participants 2016-17

### Disciple 1

Irene Syvertson, facilitator  
Judy Bevan  
Roger Christensen  
Nadine Christensen  
Marilyn Conrad

Irene Crosby

Elsa Keiser

### Disciple 2

Barbara Fountain, facilitator  
Terrell West, facilitator  
Pat Chambers  
Tim Chambers  
Bob Farrell  
Jim Nelson  
John Simons  
Rochelle Simons  
Stella Varnell  
Tom Morgan

### Disciple 2, con't.

Irma Pierce  
Bettie Sanderson  
Beth Spencer  
Joe Strange

### Disciple 4

Sue Cobb, facilitator  
Pat Trevathan, facilitator  
Barbara Arndt  
Karen Boerger  
Beverly Cannady  
Larry Cannady  
Nancy Chiarenza  
Pat Hurtak  
Sandi Liese

### Jesus in the Gospels-day

Sue Cobb, facilitator  
Mary Jones, facilitator  
Diane Butler

### Jesus in the Gospels-day, con't.

Janet Harms  
Gerri Schwake  
Susan Snyder  
Tim Synder

### Jesus in the Gospels-evening

David Carver, facilitator  
Helen Just, facilitator  
Bill Daleure  
Linda Daleure  
Hal Derrick  
Ruthie Derrick  
Marian Goodman  
Jim Krause  
Herb Mensch  
Linda Mensch  
Richard Mummert  
Rick Rehn  
Virginia Rehn





Asheville Tourists Visit on April 27



"The Gift of Grace" Youth Sunday 2017

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We are proud to announce rising senior **Grace Welch** has been asked to serve as the **2018 North Carolina Synod Lutheran Youth Organization president**.

Grace was also accepted to Region 9 Bishop's School this summer in South Carolina. President Grace

shares a meaningful verse from Psalm 16:11: "You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore." She says: "This is a verse of trusting in the security of God and God will give me the right path to travel on in my life."

What is Bishop's School? The purpose of Bishop's School is to provide in-depth exposure to solid theological thinking and inquiry by bringing together about 30 youth who will spend five days together with faculty from ELCA colleges and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and one of the bishops of Region 9--this year hosted by Bishop Herman Yoos of the SC Synod.

Our Gift of Grace Youth Sunday was an amazing worship experience! Middle school youth wrote and led worship parts throughout the service. High school youth presented special "Grace Moments" in honor of the 500th Reformation year. Two Grace graduating 2017 high school seniors led the sermon meditation. The children's choir also sang a special offering anthem.

We appreciate all members and visitors who attended the service. Thank you all youth for your leadership on this special day. Extra thanks to adult helpers Burton Bumgarner, Christine and Christopher Smith, Tom and Tyler Matthews, Miriam Oviedo-Clark, Kevin Filson and Jolie Herman. Thank you to the Women of the ELCA Circles for providing snacks during our practices.



### From the Grace Library Open House Contest ...



**Number of volumes in the library: 2,248.** 1<sup>st</sup> place – Leah Scoggins (2,250); 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Tim Snyder (2,272); 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Walter Wingard (2,360).

**Author of most books in the library: Luther (63 books).** Five winners: Vanessa Wingard, Tim Snyder, Patrick Kelly, Bruce Darrah, Walter Wingard.

All winners get to choose a favorite book and place a bookplate in it!



## June & July Birthdays



Mannon Stallings	6/1	Noah Trexler	6/23	Tom Kasischke	7/13
Terrell West	6/1	Joe Warren	6/24	Linda Koos	7/13
Larry Cannady	6/2	Charn Fennell	6/25	Barbara Kurdelmeier	7/13
Joe Martinez	6/3	Lisa Johnson	6/25	Bridget Monroe	7/13
Mike Dacko	6/4	Louise Larsen	6/25	Jim Shaw	7/13
Misty Masha	6/4	Lynne Wenz	6/25	Terry Andersen	7/14
Molly Parkhill	6/4	Liz Huffman	6/27	Terri D'Avanzo	7/14
Hildegard Schmidt	6/4	Christine Renken	6/27	Happy Gibson	7/14
Marcy Bashore	6/5	Donna Christensen	6/28	Barbara Parrish	7/14
Becky Jackson	6/6	Chris Davis	6/28	Connie Weber	7/14
Josephine Knight	6/7	Christian Renken	6/28	John Goins	7/15
Sebastian Knight	6/7	Roxanna Resendiz	6/28	Emmy Tody	7/16
Olivia Brown	6/8	Doug Sigmon	6/28	Tony Yannuzzi	7/16
Payton Brown	6/8	Bill Hamilton	6/29	Suzanne Davis	7/18
Marisol Gollnick	6/8	June Ogden	6/29	Keegan Geiler	7/18
Kindra Taylor	6/8	Anne Geyer	6/30	Micah Haack	7/18
Irene Carlson	6/9	Phyllis Seibert	6/30	Evan Langsdorf	7/18
Cheryl Fangmann	6/9	Shirley Juarez-Resendiz	7/1	Nadine Langsdorf	7/18
Steve Nyitrai	6/9	Marge Korner	7/1	Joe Copeland	7/19
Brad Parson	6/9	Bob Frederick	7/3	Stan Davidson	7/19
Bob Greco	6/10	Bettie Sanderson	7/3	Shirley Howard	7/19
Gil Romstadt	6/10	Greg Smith	7/3	Greg Munson	7/19
Mynelle Wulff	6/10	Ronnie Monroe	7/4	Mary Claire	
Jill Wingard	6/11	Debi Sanders	7/4	McCarthy	7/21
Bill Butz	6/12	Walt Wingard	7/4	Erin Moore	7/21
Joan Nyitrai	6/12	Owen Freeman	7/5	Skip Andersen	7/23
Joe Gillett	6/14	Allan Huffman	7/5	Maria Hetzel	7/23
Don Henderson	6/14	Joselyn Resendiz	7/5	Andy Pytel	7/24
Jim Stockman	6/14	Flip Fisher	7/6	George Kiefer	7/25
Tony Bumgarner	6/15	Denny Gough	7/6	Terri Meinhold	7/25
Mason Smith	6/15	Kathy Boland	7/7	Sallie Staton-Knott	7/25
Debbie Solano	6/15	Betsy Bradley	7/7	Stephanie Guest	7/26
David Haack	6/16	Kelly Meinhold	7/7	Rose-Marie Rasco	7/26
Ross Freeman	6/17	Nick Owens	7/7	Einar Syvertson	7/26
Laura Freeman	6/18	Sandi Brust	7/8	Jenna Patterson	7/27
Way Plowman	6/18	Jane Rose	7/8	Phil Rymer	7/27
Dean Klingensmith	6/19	Harold Johnson	7/9	Helga Silman	7/27
Hannah Michels	6/19	Beth Carver	7/10	Blanche Dejmal	7/28
Steve Presley	6/19	Keith Greene	7/10	Darla Krause	7/28
Della Taylor	6/19	Joe Dixon	7/11	Dick Luy	7/28
Bertha Solano	6/20	Barb Koch	7/11	Lynn Broadbooks	7/29
Mimi Laux	6/21	Vera Wynne	7/11	Helen Just	7/29
Olivia Slagle	6/21	David Juarez	7/12	Ron Korner	7/29
Elsa Keiser	6/22	Betzy Juarez Resendiz	7/12	Jan Leavitt	7/29
Darrell Kruse	6/22	Brent Owen	7/12	Phyllis Vogt	7/30
Molly Zink	6/22			Tim Snyder	7/31
Lee Goldman	6/23				
Robin McIntosh	6/23				

Walter & Marcy Bashore	6/21	Jim & Fran Shaw	6/30
Fred & Judy Bevan	6/13	Steve & Beth Spencer	6/3
Bill & Sandi Brust	6/25	Harry & Susan Steiner	6/22
Burton & Cathy Bumgarner	6/25	Einar & Irene Syvertson	6/18
Larry & Beverly Cannady	6/13	Butler & Kindra Taylor	6/14
Chuck & Irene Carlson	6/27	Damian & Mary Tody	6/26
Roger & Nadine Christensen	6/19	Rev Greg & Brenda Williams	6/26
Joe & Alice Copeland	6/9	Pat & Pam Zachman	6/27
Tony & Lilly Cruz	6/7	Lot & Amparo Acosta	7/31
Mike & Lorraine Dacko	6/6	David & Kelly Beaty	7/30
Doug & Brenda Decker	6/23	Steve & Heather Brown	7/17
Hal & Ruthie Derrick	6/22	Steve & Sue Buman	7/12
Joe & Joyce Dixon	6/5	Tony & Peggy Bumgarner	7/31
Chris & Shirley Drake	6/22	Bill and Jan Butz	7/1
Joyce Eddy & Arthur Green	6/8	Adrian Clark & Mariam Oviedo-Clark	7/27
Flip & Brenda Fisher	6/3	Chuck & Shelley Clay	7/31
Mike & Debbie Freeman	6/4	Colin & Maribel Colin	7/10
Bob & Myrna Guengerich	6/22	Bob & Bea Funk	7/23
David & Tricia Haack	6/12	Lee & Judy Goldman	7/15
Don & Jane Henderson	6/20	Nick & Lily Hinshaw	7/26
Mike & Jan Hoffmann	6/27	Ted & Sandra Lawshe	7/24
Allan & Lynn Huffman	6/26	Joe & Lynda Martinez	7/8
Chuck & Marjorie Jones	6/20	Ed & Robin McIntosh	7/1
Paul & Barb Kamin	6/21	Steve & Leslie Owens	7/29
Joe & Helen King	6/25	David & Marilyn Pigors	7/8
Dean Klingensmith & Amber Fort	6/9	Joe & Judy Prasil	7/25
Ken & Marj Loken	6/20	Bernie & Kristy Sochia	7/19
Rev Carl and Barbara McKenzie	6/24	Bertha & Salatiel Solano	7/1
Russ & Joann Milliken	6/28	Eddie & Kelly Spangler	7/29
Reid & Claudia Northrup	6/24	Kelly Spangler	7/29
Steve & Lynne Presley	6/15	Jim & Suzie Stockman	7/19
Jim & Vicky Rholl	6/4		
Bill & Phyllis Seibert	6/13		

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**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH APRIL 30, 2017**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Revenues	\$ 1,118,600	\$ 322,025
Expenditures	\$ 1,118,600	355,894
Net Revenues Over (Under)		
Expenditures		\$ (33,869)
<b>Capital Fund</b>		
Revenues	\$ 226,300	\$ 62,321
Expenditures	\$ 226,300	56,045
Net Revenues Over (Under)		
Expenditures		\$ 6,276

**Note -** Capital Fund expenditures include loan principal payments of \$29,798 in 2017. The loan balance at April 30, 2017, is \$623,524.

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**Time for Summer Travels**

Summer is upon us, and so the season of vacations and getaways begins. Don't forget your Grace giving while you're gone ... and happy trails to you!





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## Save these Dates:

### Spirit of Grace Picnic

Enjoy a summer picnic with your friends on July 9. Details to come, but start planning your invitation list!



### Grace Oktoberfest 2017!

Be part of this fun celebration held **Friday, Oct. 13, 2017**, at Grace. Look for details in the next issue of Grace Vine, but talk to your friends and family NOW and plan to bring a group for some good German food, fun and beer.

