

Grace Vine

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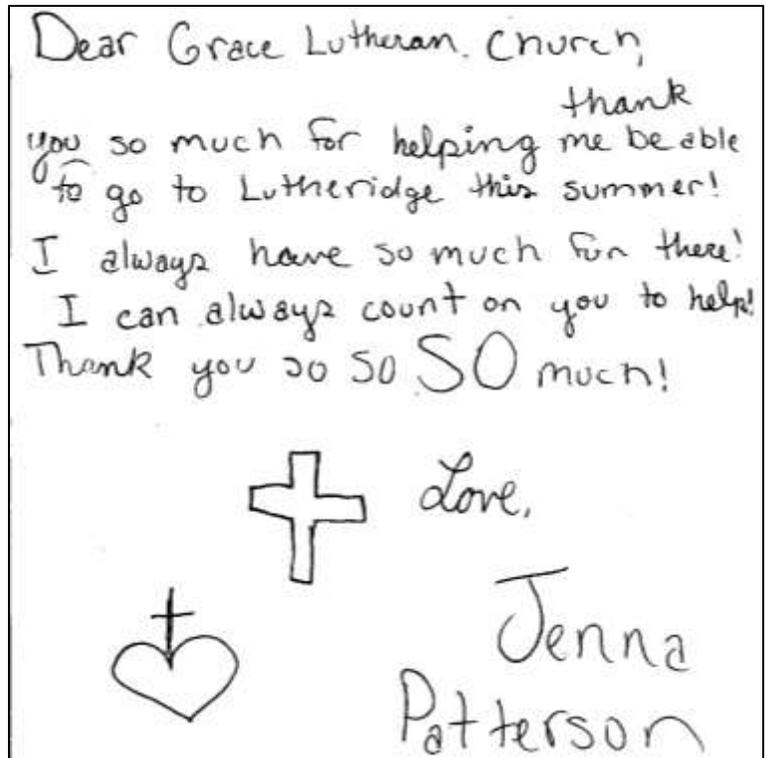
August / September 2016

Called to be Generous

As Christians, we are **called to be generous**: generous with time and financial support. All one needs to do is examine the activity on any given day in Fellowship Hall, Stull Hall, the classrooms, the Library or on the grounds. Or take a look at the church budget to see how much it takes to provide the support and services to the many people in need.

As you read the Sunday bulletin, weekly e-mail, Grace Vine or the website, you will see stories that describe **the impact our actions have on real people**. We thank all who answer the call to serve through our ministries. **Without you, it would not and could not happen.**

Over the next two months, we ask that you give prayerful consideration to the many needs within our church and decide where YOU are being called to be generous. To help you out, we'll hold a **Ministry Festival**, and brunch, **Sunday, Sept. 18**. The festival will showcase many of the ministries we offer to those in our church and our community.



Dear Grace family,

Thank you so much for your continual support to me in so many different realms. The Grace Academic grant I've received for the 2016-2017 academic year has made an unbelievably HUGE difference in my ability to not just attend, but truly embrace my university education. Being able to take the time I'd have to work another job and put it towards my studies, personal growth, spiritual journey, and emotional, mental and physical health is invaluable.

I recently began attending an ELCA church in DC, and I cannot say how much I enjoy sharing in the liturgy and sacraments that I know are also being given at Grace. (And of course, I'm a little too proud and talk about Grace a little too much there!)

Thank you so much--again for not only the financial support, but the continued love, kindness and support from across the miles.

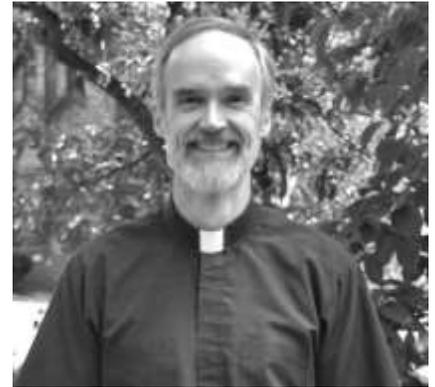
Much love and thanks, **Allison Pfozter**

Sr. Pastor's Message

Pastor Greg Williams – gwilliams@gracehendersonville.com / 828-693-4890 x307

Reflections from Lutherland Trip

As I write this, the group from Grace has just returned from visiting sites in Germany that were significant in Martin Luther's life and in the Reformation. Here are some of my thoughts from the trip.



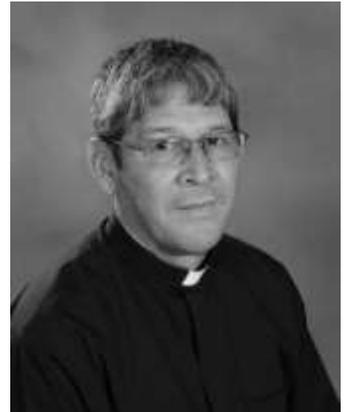
- † **Luther and his colleagues, convinced by the witness of the Scripture and driven by faith, stood up to the greatest political and religious power in the western world – the “Holy Roman Empire”** (the emperor and the pope in particular). These academics, theologians and pastors would not back away from the central message of Scripture: we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Their passionate labors created a movement within the Christian faith that continues to this day. This is part of our heritage as Lutherans. It transformed the world 500 years ago. It can do so again today.
- † **It is not just the faith of Luther and Phillip Melanchthon that astounded me but also their scholarship, intelligence and theological acumen they applied to their work during the Reformation.** Both received their academic doctorates at an astoundingly young age – 21 years or younger.
- † **I was allowed to climb into the pulpit of the chapel at Hartenfels Castle in Torgau.** It was dedicated by Luther as the first Protestant church. Standing in the pulpit where Luther preached was humbling and a reminder of my calling in this contemporary time of change in the Church.
- † Finally, **the most powerful place we visited was Buchenwald, a Nazi work camp in the forested mountains outside of Wiemar** (it had nothing to do with Luther). Sabrina, our guide, was passionate about this horrible time in history and why it is so important to remember and to understand how these atrocities were allowed to be perpetrated against those the government determined were, basically, sub-human (Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, homeless people, sick or crippled, convicted criminals and so forth). As I sobbed at the skin temperature memorial on the assembly ground, I understood why Sabrina was so passionate – people throughout Germany knew something about what was happening and chose to remain silent, looking the other way, while benefiting from the torturous (slave) labor the internees were forced to provide. We are called to follow Christ above all human authority. This call is to love, serve, care for, welcome, defend, strive for justice, advocate for and value every human being as a beloved child of God – following the example of Christ. If we do not live out our faith in Christ in the presence of evil ... if we do not speak the love of Christ to hatred in our culture, we run the risk of history (at least parts of it) repeating itself.

“The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.” ~ Romans 13: 9-10

Pastor Greg

Unexamined Life is not Worth Living (Socrates, V Century BCE)

"My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh, the walls of my heart! My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep silent; for I hear the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Disaster overtakes disaster, the whole land is laid waste. Suddenly my tents are destroyed, my curtains in a moment. How long must I see the standard and hear the sound of the trumpet? "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." ~Jeremiah 4:19-22 (NRSV)



I was preparing to write this reflection back in July. I chose the lectionary reading for 9/11. Very soon I became aware it wasn't the smartest choice, for I have to struggle to make sense of God's anger and somehow transform it into good news. 9/11 brings a lot of mixed emotions. One of the purposes of our lectionary is to force us to look into scriptures that otherwise we won't choose. A working premise I have adopted in my study of the Bible is to be attentive and listen to the voices speaking through the text. In modern literary studies, this process has the fancy title of deconstruction. This sounds like a daunting task entering the obscure house of text criticism, though it is not so. I actually believe it is a process of discovery guided by the Holy Spirit; it is like selectively listening to a melody instead of noise.

Who may be saying: My anguish, my anguish! ...? At least three choices: God through the prophet Jeremiah, Jeremiah himself and the People of God. We may add three more voices: The writer (pre-Babylonian exile) of the book of Jeremiah, the editor (post-Babylonian exile) of the book of Jeremiah and your voice, the voice of the reader who speaks from a particular social and historical location.

The most important question is: whose voice seems to be more consistent with the voice of God according to your own experience? Is God as presented in a given text consistent with God as you experience in your daily life?

The theme of this particular text in Jeremiah is harsh judgement and depicts an anguish angry god, very upset at foolish people who happen to be His own people, skilled in doing evil and not knowing how to do good. Is God an angry god that punishes His people by means of war, destruction, and despair? Jeremiah's voice seems to say what was self-evident according to the primetime news of his time, in which the Babylonian Army was coming from the North.

The voice of the People of God speaks of a post Babylonian exile motif in which Israel becomes a suffering nation in hands of Gentiles. From the voice of a pre-Babylonian exile writer, we will expect a self-examination cry and critique and a call to repentance; which is included at the beginning of the chapter. A post Babylonian exile editor will speak a voice of interpretation of the traumatic event as a warning for future generations.

For us, God's voice in this text is an invitation to make choices, to weigh voices, to self-awareness and self-examination: better said, to choose God over angry gods or goddesses. Hebrew people have developed an interesting concept regarding Scriptures; they speak about the Unfolding of the Torah. In this view, God has not only spoken in the past through many voices, God continues speaking through the voices of those who dare to listen. Therefore, you may add your own voice to this text, so your interpretation becomes God's voice for today. Amen.

Children & Family Ministry

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

First and foremost, I want to thank all those who made Joy in Jesus! Everywhere! All the Time! VBS a success. Parents, thank you for bringing your kids to participate and volunteer. I especially want to thank Grace Welch, Kim Hansen and Savannah Gleason for leading the music and Nadine Christensen, Shadai Acosta-Oviedo and Syedi Acosta-Oviedo for being lead tour guides. **This year's VBS included more than 100 children from over 10 churches and 50 volunteers from many different churches.** VBS participants donated: \$200 in donations, school supplies, towels and first aid supplies to the Boys and Girls Club of Hendersonville.



Looking forward to the fall, the Grace ministry staff is planning two special services. The first is our **Centennial service Sept. 4**. We will gather as a congregation for one service that Sunday at 10 a.m., and NC Synod Bishop Tim Smith will be our special guest. A potluck lunch will follow the service. Burton, our Director of Music, is preparing special music during the service that will include a children's choir, and the children are also invited to be part of a processional at the service.

The second **special service will be Sept. 11 at Mills River Park**. An outdoor acoustic, bilingual service will take place at 11:15 a.m., -- no 11:15 service will be held at Grace that morning. **Bring a picnic lunch for your family**; Grace will provide drinks and games for fun and fellowship after the service.

Study Buddies will start up again Wednesday, Sept. 14. **Study Buddies is a Wednesday night mentoring program for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade.** The buddies meet at either 4:15 or 5:15 p.m. for 45 minutes with an adult Grace member to do homework, read or play games. Study Buddies is not just a great ministry for the kids of Grace, but it's also for the mentors, who forge a bond with a younger member of our great church. **If you want your child to be part of Study Buddies, please email me at jwingard@gracehendersonville.com** with the name and age of your child and the time you prefer (4:15 or 5:15 p.m.). If you are interested in being a mentor, or if you are willing to be a substitute mentor, please contact me through email or by phone 828-693-4890 ext. 344.

Sunday School will resume Sept. 18 at 9:45 a.m. each week. Teachers and leaders are needed for the Sunday School and Bible Story Time rotation for the school year. All materials are provided and are available in print or online.

Grace Youth Ministry

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

Grace Youth Ministry August Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 7: Mission Trip Reunion and breakfast, 10 a.m., Stull Hall. All Gathering participants (youth and guides) join us for this breakfast, so we can finalize our presentation for the congregation.

Tuesday, Aug. 16: GYM Service Project with the Grace Quilters 10 a.m.- Noon. Youth: we have been invited to hang out with the Grace Quilters for the morning and be a part of this loving ministry. We will spend time with the quilters, assist with making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and have a sandwich lunch together afterwards. These quilts go to refugee families around the world who are displaced. Be a part of this global ministry! No sewing experience is required; we certainly need cutters and sorters also.



Sunday, Aug. 21: Mission Trip presentation and Ice Cream Social, 3 p.m., Stull Hall. All participants and guides meet at 2 p.m. to prepare and setup for the presentation.

Sunday, Aug. 28: GYM Kickoff Wacky Olympics party at the YMCA across the street, 4-6 p.m. Go for the gold! Bring your swimsuit/towel and game clothes/shoes, ready for some fun! Enjoy a pizza party dinner afterwards.

Sunday, Sept. 4: Centennial Celebration—Youth assist with 10 a.m. worship. Celebrate 100 years of Grace with this special worship and guest pastor NC Bishop Timothy Smith. Potluck lunch to follow the service.

Middle School September

Wednesdays	Sundays
Sept. 14: MS Youth begins. Topic: Uncomplicating the Bible. 6th grade receives Bibles. Small group get to know you.	Sept.18: 9:45-10:45 a.m. MS Sunday School
Sept. 21: MS Youth Topic: Annunciation, Birth of Jesus, The Magi, Simeon and Anna. Reform: Mary Mother of Jesus	Sept. 25: 9:45-10:45 a.m. MS Sunday School
Sept. 28: MS Youth Topic: The Wilderness Temptations. Reform: John the Baptist	

*Wednesdays are 5:30-7:30 p.m., with parents invited for 'Final Fifteen' at 7:15 p.m.

High School September

Date	Activity
Sunday, Sept. 4	Grace Centennial Celebration and Lunch. ALL YOUTH assist with 10 a.m. worship
Sunday, Sept. 11	Cross + Generational and cross cultural event: Outdoor worship and picnic at Mills River Park
Sunday, Sept. 18	9:45-10:45 a.m., High School Sunday School *10 a.m., Summer Mission Trip registration. Deposit and paperwork due. 6-8 p.m., HS Youth dinner and "Grace Space." Mission Trip Meeting #1
Sunday, Sept. 25	9:45-10:45 a.m., High School Sunday School 4-6 p.m., HS Youth service project with Building & Grounds. Light dinner provided.



(Above) Our **five confirmation campers** this year (see below): Kevin Colin-Solano, Cassidy Haydock, Andrea Rasco, Elise Trexler and Walt Wingard. We had an amazing week with the Yahweh's Phive cluster – joining together students and pastors from around NC and SC at Lutheridge.

(Below) Our team of 21 high school youth and seven adult guides who attended the Summer Mission Trip in July.

We thank our team for their ministry with the Bayou La Batre community and our Grace family for the support and prayers! During the week, our group completed work and beautification projects and assisted with children's programs and advocacy organizations.

We will share our experiences at the Cross + Generational Ice Cream Social at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21. Don't miss this fabulous presentation!



YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO
THE GAMES OF THE
GYM Wacky Olympics!
Go for Gold
Sunday, August 28th
4:00-6:00pm
YMCA across from Grace
*Bring swimsuit/towel. Dinner provided.
Let the Games Begin!

Adult Ministry

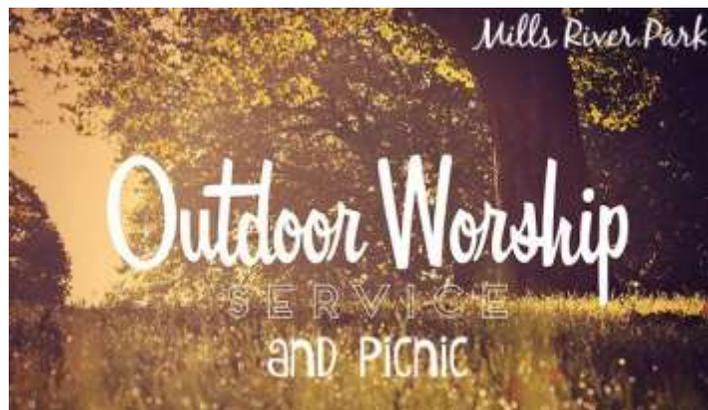
Director of Adult Ministry: Sue Filson – sfilson@gracehendersonville.com / 828-693-4890 x304

Disciple begins in August! This Bible study is one of the best, most comprehensive studies of the Old and New Testament, drawing from the work of biblical scholars, using DVDs and group discussions to deepen participants' knowledge of the Bible as well as develop strong Christian leaders. The course has been shortened in length this year. Disciple 1 is a pre-requisite to any of the other classes. If you have not taken a Disciple course in the past, this fall is the perfect time to begin! **Register online** (see Grace website) **or in Fellowship Hall.**



Other small group studies and activities will be offered this fall. Watch for the Educational Booklet outlining courses, time and dates. The Grace Lutheran staff and lay leaders encourage every member of our congregation to worship on Sundays and be involved in a small group study or one of the ministries at Grace.

On a personal note, I want to **thank the many people for all the beautiful words of encouragement** during the recognition of my 20 years on staff. What you might not know is that when I came to Grace, I came as an infant in the faith. **It is here, through Bible studies, personal relationships with members and mentors, worship and serving with others that my faith walk has been nurtured and supported.** So it is to you and the Holy Spirit that has guided this spiritual congregation over the years, I give my thanks.



We are excited to host an outdoor worship service and picnic at 11:15 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, at Mills River Park! This will take the place of our regular 11:15 a.m. service. We hope you will participate in this family friendly, Cross + Generational and cross-cultural service followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch (drinks provided) at 12:30 p.m. **Our two traditional services will be at the regular time at Grace. If you attend an earlier service, bring your picnic and come for fellowship and lunch** together under the shelter at the park. All are welcome, bring friends, family, neighbors. Service and lunch will take place **rain or shine** – we're covered! Extra parking is available at the end of the park. Please save closer spots for those who can't walk as far.

Gifts Ministry

Director of Gifts Ministry: Karen-Eve Pfozter – kepfozter@gracehendersonville.com / 828-693-4890 x316



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.

With appreciation from the bottom of our hearts for new acts of service...

- Door Painting: **Dave Litogot**
- Preschool help: **Building & Grounds**
- Faith and Future: **Kim Hansen, Pat Chambers**
- Small Group Leaders: **Rachel Cumming, Heather Wiggin, Mike Ericson, Ayman Kaddouri**
- Youth Parents Meeting: **Peter Gollup**
- Data input: **Tom Morgan**
- Luther & Grace Centennial Bear: lead artists **Catherine Langsdorf** and **Gerri Schwake**; designer, **Pat Chambers**, committee member **Phil Kispert**, property & platform - **Barry Pierce**, driver - **Dick Miley**, contributing artists: **Sharon Doty, Joan Nyitrai, Bonnie Pierce, Dustin Colin, Ella Sochia, Payton Brown, Olivia Brown, Lauren Sochia, Ruth Klug, Judy Smith, Tim & Susan Snyder, Bobbi West, Beth Spencer, Penny Bailey, Leslie Owen, Susan Fitzgerald, Jill Wingard, Kyra & Riley Parson, Cynthia Zaragoza, Denise McDorman, Ann K Harrison, Dorothy Hall, Mimi Laux, MacKenzie Davis, Janice Mickle, Ilona Smith, Diane Butler, Penny Bailey, Thomas Elley, Jessie White, Josue Solano, Evan Langsdorf, Nadine Langsdorf, Grace Welch, Brenda Decker, Beth Spencer, Sue Filson**
- Sacred Art Show Artists: **Anthony Acosta, Randall Elley, Kitty Etterman, Ted Lawshe, Sandy Lawshe, Carol & Dick Miley, Tamara Miller, Dave Litogot, KiDDs Club, Judy Smith, Nancy Hinshaw, Barb & Henry Koch, Karen-Eve Pfozter, Peter Gollup, Bonnie Pierce, Phil Kispert, Sue Janowiak**

- VBS volunteers: **Kim Hansen, Grace Welch, Savannah Gleason, Nadine Christensen, Shadi Acosta-Oviedo, Syedi Acosta-Oviedo, Lara Wingard, Abigail Welch, Walt Wingard, Vanessa Wingard, Jake Patterson, Lillie Keener, Dustin Solano, Kevin Solano, Garrett Socia, Kathy Bland**, (treats & snacks set-up) **Pat Robinson, Susan Fitzgerald, Sue Albers**
- Mission Trip Adult Guides: **Nery Acosta, Mike Ericson, Jamie Freeman, Ayman Kaddouri, Joan Nyitrai, Leslie Owens**
- Summer Class Leaders: **Jim Stoltenberg, Jane Andersen, Mary Jones, Ruth Klug, Jill Wingard, Wendy McConville**
- Bible Storytime Helpers: **Suzie Carlson, Kim Hansen, Grace Welch, Lynne Wenze, Barb Arndt, Carolina Sancho, Jennifer Parson, Caroline Patterson**
- Joseph Center Volunteers- **Bob Farrell, Dave & Lois Roach**

YOUUnique Workshop

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,
Saturday, Sept. 10

Discover more about YOU,
your personality, passions
and gifts.



Ministry Festival

Sunday, Sept. 18

See how your offerings
are used in our ministries,
and sign up to volunteer!
Brunch will be served all
morning long!



Thanks to our great support pastors and chaplain for office and pastoral support during summer vacations and Pastor Ken's sabbatical:



Bill Battermann, Mike Hoffmann, Carl McKenzie, Bill Seibert, Trex Trexler, Thom Tewes, Jim Stoltenberg and Sallie Staton-Knott.



submitted by Rhoda Hargrave, President of the Grace Unit

<p>Meetings of Circles and Groups</p> <p>Adah Circle – Thurs, Aug 2 & Sept 6, 9:30 a.m., F.Hall, Rm. 221</p> <p>Naomi Circle – Tues, Aug 2 & Sept 6, 9:30 a.m., F.Hall, Rm. 221</p> <p>Leah Circle – Weds, Aug 10 & Sept. 14, 2 p.m., Luther Lounge</p> <p>Rachel Circle – Thurs, Aug 11 & Sept. 15, 7 p.m., Library</p> <p>Dorcas Circle – Thurs, Aug 18 & Sept. 15, 2 p.m., Off campus</p> <p>Sarah Circle – Thurs, Aug 18 & Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall, Rms. 221, 227, 228, 229</p> <p>Maria Circle – See church calendar</p> <p>Quilting Group – Tues, Aug 16 & Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall</p> <p>Mission Action – Tues, Aug 9 & Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Group – Thurs, Aug. 25 & Sept 22, 10 a.m.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Report on the NC Women of the ELCA 29th Annual Gathering in Hickory, NC, June 24-26</p> <p>130 NC Women met on the Lenoir-Rhyne University campus for the Gathering, whose theme was: "I Am Created-Called-Empowered." Rhoda Hargrave, Nadine Christensen and Lynne Wenz represented Grace Unit.</p> <p>Special guests included Cathy Lee Phillips, Keynote Speaker, who shared humorous personal stories along her faith journey, and the Rev. CeCee Mills, Gathering Chaplain, whose words touched the hearts of those present. The following were elected to the Executive Board: Susan Harris, President; Nena Babb,</p>	<p>Treasurer; Chelsea Jones, Secretary; Terri Brown, Tamarah Hefner, Toni Neal and Melissa Holden-Jernigan, members of the Board.</p> <p>Of special interest was the election of voting members to the 10th Triennial Gathering to be held July 13-16, 2017, in Minneapolis, MN, with the theme "All Anew." Greetings were brought to us by our own former NC President Judy Springer, who is now the President of North Carolina Church Women United.</p> <p>Awareness sessions were offered topics, including Human Trafficking, Social Media and Cyber Safety, a Seminary Update, Bible Studies, and "What Do Muslims Believe?"</p> <p>Total offerings amounted to \$3,245, which will be divided equally between our Church Wide Organization and Ministry of Hope, the organization that provides the chaplains for the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women in Western NC. \$120 was donated to the Christine Bohr Anderson Scholarship Fund for Seminary Education and \$50 for Pennies for the Children's Advocacy Network. In-Kind gifts to Lutheran Services Carolinas were estimated to a total value of \$2,265.93 plus cash and checks of \$954.</p> <p>The Gathering closed on Sunday with a Service of Holy Communion, including a message from Bishop Timothy Smith, installation of officers and board members and commissioning of the delegates elected to the 2017 Triennial Gathering.</p>
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GRACE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual
General Fund		
Revenues	\$ 1,155,760	\$ 485,719
Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,155,760</u>	<u>556,051</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under)		
Expenditures		<u><u>\$ (70,332)</u></u>
Capital Fund		
Revenues	\$ 244,200	\$ 100,809
Expenditures	<u>\$ 244,200</u>	<u>194,186</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under)		
Expenditures		<u><u>\$ (93,377)</u></u>

Note - Capital Fund expenditures include loan principal payments of \$151,040 in 2016. The loan balance at June 30, 2016 is \$684,936.

GYP — Grace Young Professionals

Grace Young Professionals, 20s to 40s. Anne Monroe – amonroe@gracehendersonville.com / 704-604-3772

Tuesday, Aug. 2: Bible study at 7 p.m. "The Story of God" with Morgan Freeman. Viewing and discussion:
<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/the-story-of-god-with-morgan-freeman/>

*September GYP events not available at the time of Newsletter printing. Please contact Anne for information concerning future GYP events.



Spotlight on Social Ministry

Thrive Clubhouse

The Thrive Clubhouse is a psychosocial rehabilitation day program for adults with mental illness. Members are striving to become more productive and self-sufficient citizens of the community. The Clubhouse assists members get back on their feet, helping them learn coping, social, independent living and vocational skills.



Most people with mental illness have a sense of “not fitting in,” of isolation and rejection. This is why the Annual Picnic and Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee, are so important and meaningful to them. These events give them the opportunity to interact with Grace members and feel their self worth.

Some Clubhouse members worked alongside Grace members on Servant Saturday. **I asked one of the members if she was planning to attend the picnic in September; her face lit up, and she shared that she had gone to the picnic and Christmas party for the past ten years and she was really looking forward to it.**

The picnic is Thursday, Sept. 8, at Jackson Park. Mark your calendars now! Watch for more details in the bulletin and email. Sign-up in mid-August.



By directing designated Choice Dollars (\$M) through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars.

Preschool
Amount of Deposit: \$20
Mildred Engstrom

Grace Lutheran Church
Amount of Deposit: \$99
Kelly Spangler
Barbara Fountain
Dick & Carol Miley
Emily Trexler

Centennial Update from Susan Albers

"...the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart throughout all generations."
~Psalm 33:11

Today is July 10, and I have just returned home from the 8:15 a.m. worship service. Our guest preacher today was The Reverend C. Judd Ludder – the gospel reading was Luke 10:25-37, and his text was "God's Grace is sufficient." Our guest preachers have blessed us with their very timely sermons. And now, we look forward to meeting and hearing The Rev. Terry Hannon in August and Bishop Tim Smith in September. How quickly this centennial year is flying!

Continue to travel with me as we complete this year and look forward to the next 100 years!



100 Years...100 Gifts: In August we will support our Preschool. Please check the display beginning Aug. 1 for the supplies they need.

Watch for the sign-up sheets for our "Celebration Pot-Luck" on Sept. 4, following the **10 a.m. Celebration Service with Bishop Tim Smith. We will have only one service that Sunday.**

God bless you all, dear church family. God's Work ... Our Hands.

AccessGrace – a New Service for You!

A new **online tool** is now available! AccessGrace will provide up-to-date directory and event information as well as your own giving record.

To get started, you'll need to make sure the office has your current email address; this is what you'll use to create your account. Couples can share emails and accounts or create their own. Need to update your email address? Contact the church office.

Steps to take:

1. Go to gracehendersonville.com (church website)
2. In the blue, horizontal menu bar, click on "Resources," then choose **AccessGrace**.
3. Click on the link "Create your account by clicking this link." You will be redirected to the AccessGrace login page.
4. Below the blue box, click the link "Need a login? Click here."
5. Use your email address and first and last name to locate yourself in the system. Then click "Find Me."
6. An email will be sent to you with your log-in information. Use the link in the email to complete your registration process and create a password.
7. If you cannot locate yourself, contact the church office.

NEXT! Download Church Life on your smart phone – it's an up-to-date mobile member directory as well as our Grace calendar! Links to the app for iPhone and Android are on the AccessGrace web page.



Announcements & Events

Catholic-Lutheran Covenant Events

Grace Lutheran and Immaculate Conception recently signed a covenant to make a concerted effort to learn more about each other. Our first activities will be to share a meal together and take a tour of each other's churches. **At 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10,** Immaculate Conception will host a potluck dinner in the St. Francis room, and Fr. Martin will lead a tour. **At 5:30 p.m., Aug. 17,** Grace will host the dinner and tour. Bring a dish for your family and to share – it's a picnic theme! For more information, call Colin Thomas at 828-692-8291.

Learn More about Grace Lutheran Church, Aug. 13

Grace 101 is a fast-paced class for those of any faith who are interested in learning about Grace Lutheran and the Lutheran faith. The 9 a.m.-Noon session is designed to deepen each attendee's knowledge of who Grace is as a church-family, what Lutherans believe, how to become a part of the ministries and community outreach programs that are of interest and how those who decide to become members can grow with Grace as the church continues to fulfill its mission of 'Transforming lives through Christ!'

Class will be followed by lunch. Childcare is available by request. Sign up online or at the Sign-up Station. New members will be received Sunday, Aug. 21.



34th Annual Hendersonville County Hunger Walk, Saturday, Sept. 17

Grace Lutheran Church has always been a leader among all the churches supporting this event in the county. Proceeds from the annual hunger walk, around \$100,000, are distributed to 11 local agencies. **These agencies help meet the needs of many less fortunate families living right here in Henderson County.**



You can participate in this worthy cause in two ways:

1. Sign up to be a Walker (1, 5 or 10 miles), gathering pledges from the congregation and your neighbors and friends.
2. Be a Sponsor for one of our Church Walkers, contacting them directly with a pledge, or signing up at the Hunger Walk table for one of our listed walkers.

Memorials – August / September

Sigrid Ross

Jim & Suzie Stockman

Paul Sellers

Dennis & Ada Gough

Ken & Chris Ring

Brian & Gloria Ranier

Donnie Biernum, brother of Sharon Wohlt

Tom & Connie Hurlocker

Kathie Fredrick

Helen Fredrick

Joyce & Ron Brandon

Ken & Chris Ring

Jessie White

Terrell & Bobi West

Edgar & Emily Trexler

Dennis & Ada Gough



August & September Birthdays

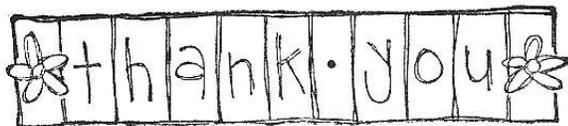


Sandi Liese	8/1	Janet Harms	8/23	Becca Janowiak	9/8
Harold Bell	8/3	Sallie Free	8/24	Micah Mujica	9/8
Val Murtha	8/4	Shadai Acosta-Oviedo	8/25	Joy Kiefer	9/9
Rita Archis	8/4	Ken Etterman	8/26	Carol Miley	9/9
Joanne Helppie	8/4	Myrna Guengerich	8/26	Andrea Skillman	9/9
Barbara Bair	8/5	Linda Stocker	8/26	William Moyer	9/9
Adrian Clark	8/6	Mark Powell	8/26	Jackie Siverly	9/9
Bill Gollnick	8/7	June Hreha	8/27	Anita Slagle	9/10
Said Solano-Jimenez	8/7	Bill Seibert	8/27	Pat Murtha	9/11
Andrea Rasco	8/7	Jan Hendley	8/27	Pat Bentz	9/11
Dave Weber	8/11	Jim Krause	8/27	John Korner	9/11
Natalie Solano-Villalon	8/11	Virginia Free	8/28	Heather Wiggins	9/11
Jim Hendley	8/12	Bob West	8/28	Karen Kniffen	9/11
Carol Morain	8/12	Dorothee Kellinghusen	8/28	Norma Wegman	9/13
Amber Fort	8/12	Karen Wolfrom	8/29	Jane Henderson	9/14
Linda Pezzimenti	8/13	Joe Dejmal	8/30	Syedi Acosta-Oviedo	9/14
Kevin Havener	8/13	Aurora Solano-Delgado	8/30	Nyles Clark	9/14
Dan Wingard	8/13	Mallory Perry	8/30	Diane Hatfield	9/15
Steve Owens II	8/13	Cathy Wilder	8/31	John Stocker	9/15
Mason Stallings	8/13	Gerri Schwake	8/31	Jill Kaddouri	9/16
Mackenzie Davis	8/14	Jean Lightner	9/1	Duane Geiler	9/16
Marjorie Haddock	8/15	Russ Milliken	9/1	Jacob Freeman	9/16
Bob Hatfield	8/15	Cricket Crigler	9/2	Rev. Trex Trexler	9/17
Diane Butler	8/15	Kathy Purdy	9/2	Cathy Bumgarner	9/18
Kyra Parson	8/15	Miriam Oviedo-Clark	9/2	Charlie Freeman	9/18
Ed Lichtenhagen	8/16	Roger Arndt	9/2	Dorothy Miller	9/19
Roger Christensen	8/16	Marjorie Jones	9/3	Carl McKenzie	9/19
Marcia Kruse	8/16	Rev. Bill Battermann	9/4	Faye Ross	9/19
Cameron Hahn	8/16	Linda Finster	9/4	Beck Miller	9/19
Jonathan Rholl	8/16	Bill Schmidt	9/4	Warren Erickson	9/20
Glen Bonetti	8/17	Chris Smith	9/4	Sandy Jardot	9/20
Josué Solano-Oviedo Jr.	8/17	Shirley Bell	9/5	Sharon Wohlt	9/20
Sandra Lawshe	8/19	Deanna Plowman	9/5	Brian Davis	9/20
Endi Morava	8/19	Rick Rehn	9/5	Barbara Pytel	9/21
Jack Wilson	8/20	Nancy Chiarenza	9/5	Henry Schwenk	9/23
Chuck Albers	8/20	Jeff Miller	9/5	Andy Johnson	9/23
John Elliott	8/20	Patrick McCarthy	9/5	Linda Smith Rymer	9/23
Daniel Beaty	8/20	Dick Pemble	9/6	John Simons	9/23
Carolyn Woodrick	8/21	Wayne Forsythe	9/6	Shirley Gray	9/24
Jane Andersen	8/21	Bob Funk	9/7	Dick Jackson	9/24
Catherine Langsdorf	8/21	Sarah Hutchinson	9/7	Dr. Vicky Rholl	9/24
Richard Christensen	8/22	Bea Funk	9/7	Amparo Acosta	9/24
Eddie Spangler	8/22	Aileen Flax	9/7	Fred Jonischus	9/25
Karen Lewis	8/22	Dick Robinson	9/8	Pat Robinson	9/25
Belen Salgado	8/22	Ann Moroni	9/8	Larry Sewall	9/25

Kyle Kaddouri	9/25	Sage Klingensmith	9/27	Bill Slear	9/30
Madden Stallings	9/26	Bob Dahm	9/27	Linda Daleure	9/30

CELEBRATING AN
Anniversary 

Alan & Janet Harms	8/4	Richard & Charlotte Nelson	9/1
Rev. Thom Tews & Alfie Zalys	8/4	Dave & Stella Varnell	9/1
Ed & Connie Nielsen	8/5	Larry & Gerri Schwake	9/2
Harold & Lisa Johnson	8/6	Jim & Shirley Howard	9/3
Rick & Wendy Withrow	8/8	John & Julie Goins	9/4
Dale & Karen Beardsley	8/9	Philip & Vicki Safriet	9/4
John & Laurie Elliott	8/9	Don & Karolyn Killian	9/6
Steve & Joan Nyitrai	8/9	Dick & Carlene Belanger	9/9
Joe Warren & Cindy Bonincontri	8/9	Tim & Pat Chambers	9/9
Joel & Karen Wolfrom	8/14	Martin & Anne Geyer	9/9
Ron & Carol Ontko	8/10	Doug & Cathy Wilder	9/11
Tom & Layne Kasischke	8/13	Peter & Amy Knight	9/12
Terry & Lori Schaefer	8/14	Tony & Linda Pezzimenti	9/16
Kevin & Sue Filson	8/15	Tony & Ann Yannuzzi	9/16
Barry & Bonnie Pierce	8/20	Mary & Bob Jones	9/17
Dorwin & Louise Larsen	8/21	Dick & Rheta Luy	9/17
Denny & Ada Gough	8/21	Richard & JoAnne Mummert	9/17
Trex & Emily Trexler	8/21	Richard & Donna Christensen	9/18
John & Rochelle Simons	8/22	Horst & Lynne Wenz	9/19
Dave & Nancy Shaffer	8/22	Dan & Jill Wingard	9/19
Don & Rosaleen Dawes	8/26	Sam & Kathy Boland	9/22
Joe & Sandy Jardot	8/26	Chuck & Cheryl Fangmann	9/23
Marty & Fran Berger	8/27	Glen & Lilly Bonetti	9/25
Ed & Charlotte Osterman	8/28	Ron & Joyce Brandon	9/25
Ken & Chris Ring	8/29	Bill & Marie Mortensen	9/27
Stan & Carol Davidson	8/30	Darrell & Marcia Kruse	9/29
		Ron & Carolyn Woodrick	9/29



Thank you to all Grace members, friends and family members who took the time to write a special letter to one of our Mission Trip participants. Each night of the trip, our teens received 'mail' from various Grace members or family. In this digital age where our young people receive most of their information through a screen, think how wonderful this ministry is for each participant to get a loving, handwritten note of support and encouragement from a 'Triple A' adult—authentic, available and affirming.

Thank You from Rita Archis

On behalf of the Archis family, I want to thank my church family for the prayers, the Memorial Service and reception for Ron. I want to thank you all for your cards, your caring and surrounding me with love. I feel truly blessed.

Thank you from Dan Fredrick

Words can hardly express the amazing support myself and my and Kathie's families received from our Grace family during the time before and after Kathie had to go to the Elizabeth House. The meals every night from different groups, the visits of friends, the cards and the support of Pastor Mike were all amazing, thoughtful and greatly appreciated. I am blessed to know each and every one of you.

Ministry in this Digital Age

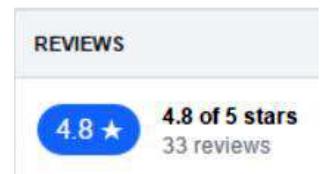
A workshop prior to the Synod Assembly shared numerous, simple tips for congregations to improve their visibility on the Internet and in local culture. Here are some we use at Grace:

- **Facebook.** Our page contains information about events, photos of our ministry and (soon) some regular posts to encourage faith. Members should join our Grace group for up-to-the-minute information about Grace activities.
- **Youtube.** Our channel shares each Sunday's sermon.
- **Website.** Our site contains basic information about Grace. The site highlights some events and is the go-to, online resource for calendar, policies, registrations, etc. You can get to AccessGrace and donate online from our website.
- **"AccessGrace"** and the **Church Life app** (for smart phones). They provide immediate online access to our church directory and church leaders. Classes, small groups and committees can use it as a communication center. In addition, you can make a one-time donation or easily set-up a recurring donation to support the ministry of Grace.



Here are some simple things you can do to support our digital or Internet presence.

- **Join the Grace Facebook page**, so our posts appear in your news feed. **"Check-in"** whenever you come to Grace for an event. **"Like"** or **"React"** to posts on the Grace page. **"Share"** posts from our page to your page. **"Rate"** Grace on our Facebook page (we like 5's!). Doing these things publicizes Grace to your Facebook friends and beyond ... (the "church" word for this is **"evangelism"**)
- **Subscribe to our Youtube channel.** Share sermons you find especially meaningful on your Facebook page. **"Like"** or comment on a sermon after you watch it.
- **Visit the** (newly updated) **Grace website** and refer guests to it. If you're not on Facebook, you can still see the posts on the website.
- Use **AccessGrace** and **Church Life** as your church directory, to donate online, to schedule space at Grace for an activity you are planning and more.



Website Update and Fall Communication Survey

Have you checked out the new Grace website? Go to gracehendersonville.com and take a look around. Knowing that **49%** of those who read Grace's weekly email are doing it on a **mobile device**, we set out to create a streamlined website that would work on mobile. Additionally, we worked to create an **easy-to-navigate** site that would be **informative, up-to-date and helpful** to first-time and new visitors, as well as existing members.

Two years ago, we conducted a **communication survey** to see if we were meeting your needs. We'll be doing a similar survey this fall to check the pulse of our congregation – have our needs changed? Do you have suggestions for more effective communication? We'll be anxious to hear from you, so when you get the notice that the survey is ready, please respond. **Your opinion matters!**



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Final Centennial Speaker & Brunch – Watch for Details!



**ELCA NC Synod
Bishop Tim Smith
Guest Preacher
10 a.m.,
Sunday, Sept. 4**

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