

# Grace Vine

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## Stewardship Corner – Youth Ministry

The Grace Youth Ministry (GYM) and children (KIDDS Club) did an amazing job of leading worship and sharing their faith on Youth Sunday, April 17. That depth of faith and the number of youth and children does not happen by accident. A number of essential elements create a vibrant ministry to younger disciples of Jesus.

First is the work of the **Holy Spirit**. The Spirit poured into each of us in baptism calls forth faithful adult leaders, gathers gifted staff and creates a growing faith in the youth/children.

Another is the faith of **parents** who make faith formation a priority in their families. They worship together; support participation in weekly GYM/KIDDS Club; actively serve in numerous ways (chaperone, drive, planning, etc.) to support transformative events like LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization in the NC Synod), ELCA National Youth Gathering, mission trips and Youthquake.

How does our family support faith formation? Share your ideas ... post of the Grace Facebook page or send ideas to [pr@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:pr@gracehendersonville.com).

# Faith Formation

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Our **Celebrate Grace Youth Sunday** was an amazing worship experience! We appreciate all members and visitors who attended the service. Thank you to all youth for their leadership on this special day. Extra thanks to adult helpers Burton Bumgarner, Christine Smith, Christopher Smith, Kevin Filson, Pastor Ken Langsdorf and Jolie Herman who helped us prepare. Thank you to the Women of the ELCA Circles for providing snacks during our practices.

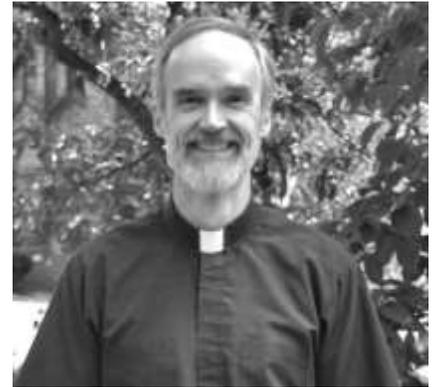
## Sr. Pastor's Message

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### Communion Practices Updated

At its March 13 meeting, the Congregational Council approved a recommendation from the pastors to update Communion practices at Grace to include any baptized Christian.

In Fall 2015, I led a study of practices and teachings about Baptism and Communion in the ELCA. There was a strong sense of the need to make these approved changes at Grace.



The two recommendations approved with a very brief rationale are:

- 1.** Grace Lutheran Church welcomes all who are baptized into Christ from any Christian body to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. (This clarifies our practice of “open Communion” in accordance with Christ’s words to “do this” whenever we gather in his name. Holy Communion is a gift of the Lord for the baptized family of God.)
- 2.** Grace Lutheran Church respects and supports the parents of baptized infants and children as the people with primary responsibility for the faith formation of their child(ren). Parents are now entrusted with the decision of when their child is ready to begin receiving Holy Communion and have the responsibility to contact a pastor for conversation prior to beginning to receive Communion. (Holy Communion is a gift from the Lord to the entire baptized family of God. Receiving the benefits of forgiveness and salvation is through faith, not intellectual ability. The mystery of the Real Presence is beyond human understanding at any age. The pastors also desire to use every tool to nurture faith and including children at the Lord’s Table is powerful. Parents will decide and consult with one of the pastors. Grace will continue to celebrate a “Communion Milestone” on Maundy Thursday. For some it will be First Communion, for others a milestone in their faith development.)



The entire rationale and implementation plan presented by the pastors is included in the March Council minutes. It is also on the Grace website. Click the “About” button.



## Reflections from Pastor Ken Langsdorf

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

I am so grateful for the opportunity to have a sabbatical this summer. I am grateful to you, members of Grace Lutheran Church, for giving me the time to be away. I am grateful for Pastor Greg, our staff, retired pastors, Sallie Staton-Knott and others who will fill in for me while I am away.

I am also grateful for the grant we received to make this sabbatical financially possible. Grace Lutheran Church received a grant of \$33,784, so I can participate in the 2015 National Clergy Renewal Program. Grace is one of 144 congregations across the country selected to participate in this competitive grant program, which is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and administered by Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.



This summer will be a significant time of transition in my life. On July 5, I will have served Grace for ten years. This is the longest I have served a congregation. I will take time during sabbatical to be refreshed and look to ways I can further benefit and enhance the ministry of Grace. Several of the books I plan to read relate to how to serve as an effective associate pastor.

This is also a significant transition in my personal life as my children will go away for college. This is an exciting time in our lives. We want to have some intentional family time and Catherine and I will also take some time for the two of us to enjoy the “empty nest” phase of our lives.

I have served all of my 24 years of ministry in North Carolina. This sabbatical will allow me to have some extended visiting time with my family in Wisconsin. I look forward to time with my parents, brother, sister, their families and even a family reunion with extended family.

Included in my sabbatical was a week at the Davidson Clergy Center in April. This was one of the most enriching weeks of my life. A variety of professionals helped me develop a plan for healthy living and effective ministry. This plan has already made a difference in my health and direction for ministry. My sabbatical will give me time to build on this plan.

**My sabbatical will officially begin on Monday, June 6. I will return from sabbatical on Tuesday, Aug. 30,** just in time to be a part of our Centennial Celebration. While I'm away, Pastor Greg will be assisted by our retired pastors and Sallie Staton-Knott to provide pastoral care, preach and lead worship. Each week the bulletin will note the name of the pastor who will help Pastor Greg with visitation and be the on-call contact. In addition to visits to hospitalized and homebound members, our pastors will be available at the church for pastoral care and counseling. We have an incredible gift in our retired pastors and Sallie. Because of them I can go away for the summer knowing that you will be well cared for.

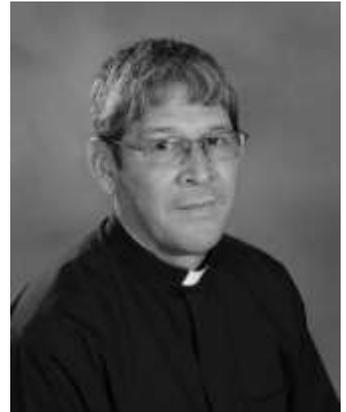
**Following my sabbatical we will study together a book titled: *Healthy Churches, Faithful Pastors - Covenant Expectations for Thriving Together*.** In small group studies, we will look at the expectations we have of the pastors and staff, as well as the expectations of the congregation. These conversations will help us move forward together with renewed enthusiasm and direction.

Please include me and my family in your prayers while I am away this summer, and I will daily remember you in my prayers. God bless us in our time apart and in our renewed ministry together in the fall.

With gratitude and joy, Pastor Ken

### Follow Me!

*As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:57–62 (NRSV)*



A parallel shorter version of this narrative is Matthew 8:18-25. Synoptic gospel scholars advise us to study every version of a narrative as a unit and not to "inform" "complement" or "blend" these narratives. They say every writer writes from a particular perspective, for specific purposes, and with a specific audience in mind. I offer an interpretation from an American-Hispanic perspective, which may enrich the classical ones we already have learned.

Luke the evangelist writes from a Hellenistic perspective to a gentile audience to whom certain social duties were very important. The three encounters of Jesus with wannabe disciples seem to highlight some of those social expectations. The first one portrays a disciple who seems fully committed to follow Jesus. To this person, Jesus reminds the social expectation of self-care, having a place of residence - a home. But perhaps that home isn't necessarily a single, fixed, geographical place: "Home is where God, grace, love, family, \_\_\_\_\_(fill in the blank) is."

In the second encounter, Jesus becomes the recruiter and the invitation is simple: "follow me." Then the other person reminds Jesus of another social expectation: duty to parents. Jesus doesn't question the duty to parents, doesn't even say that being a disciple is more important than caring for parents or vice versa, but he said: "go and proclaim the Kingdom of God." In other words, Jesus' followers stop being "the dead burying their own death" once they go and announce the Kingdom of God, which includes fulfilling the social duty of caring for parents.

Finally, in the third encounter, another person says: "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." The social expectation highlighted here is the importance of leaving home, family and community in peace when embracing independence and a new lifestyle. Only then, the risk of coming back to work out "unfinished business" at home will be minimal. Today more than ever, in the midst of elections campaigns, rhetoric and divisive evil talk, it is important to remind us that "home" is more than our own buildings in fenced spaces, but "home" is the whole world, country, community: people, social institutions and land.

Social duties such as self-care, honoring our parents and seeking harmony with our extended families and neighbors, are not outside of the realm of duties of Jesus' followers as the citizens of the Kingdom of God. In fact, such duties are central to our new given life and identity as followers of Jesus.

Thanks. Pastor Alfredo

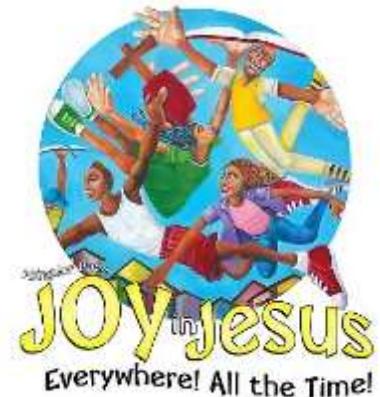
Another school year is about to end. I would first like to recognize and thank this year's Sunday school teachers. Richard Christiansen, Laura Freeman, Kim Hansen, Caroline Sancho and Mary Tody. We tried a new online curriculum this year in our Pre-K to 2nd grade group, and I believe it was a success. The teachers were able to access all the class materials and videos online, which translated to time and money saved. More importantly, the kids really connected with the material and videos. We will continue to use this curriculum through the summer

during Bible Story Time at the 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. services. If you are interested in leading during the summer, please contact me at [jwingard@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:jwingard@gracehendersonville.com).



### **VBS at Trinity Presbyterian, 9 a.m.-Noon, June 27-30**

This year's theme Joy in Jesus: Everywhere! All the Time! will help all of God's children – girls, boys, young and old – understand that healing and happiness go hand in hand and that whether on a roof, under a roof, in an upper room or a room without a roof, joy is found in the mighty works of God through Jesus Christ. They will better understand God's promise in the overall Scripture, "The joy from the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).



**VBS is free** and open to children who will be 4 years of age by Aug. 31, 2016, through completion of 5th grade by June 2016. **Register online by June 20, at [bit.ly/grace-vbs](http://bit.ly/grace-vbs).** You will also receive a CD of VBS music – one per family - when completed applications are received.

Volunteers are needed. Rising 7<sup>th</sup>-graders, register at [bit.ly/volunteer-vbs](http://bit.ly/volunteer-vbs).

### **Who Doesn't Love Care Packages?**

If your children are heading off to Lutheridge or Lutherock this summer, and you haven't taken advantage of the Grace member scholarships, money is still available. I also like to send **a care package** during the week your child is at camp, so please send me the dates your child will be at camp, if you haven't already done so.

**Have a blessed and fun summer!**

## Grace Youth Ministry

Director of Youth Ministry: Anne Monroe – [amonroe@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:amonroe@gracehendersonville.com) / 704-604-3772

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

**Sunday, June 5: \*\*Summer Mission Trip Final Meeting\*\*** Our 28 Mission Trip youth, participants, adult guides AND PARENTS: final information meeting, complete with necessary forms, etc., 10-11 a.m. in Stull Hall. \*\*Complete the packet items mailed to you and bring to the meeting.

**Sunday, June 12: Camp and Mission Trip Blessing** at 11:15 a.m. worship service. If you are attending Lutheridge Camp or the Mission Trip this summer, please join us for this special blessing. Wear your GYM Centennial Shirt.

**June 12- June 18: Campfirmation** at Lutheridge for our 8th grade youth! Pray for our six Campfirmation campers this week: Kevin, Cassidy, Leila, Andrea, Elise and Walt.

**Monday, June 27-Thursday, June 30: Youth Service Project!** We will serve together as teen guides helping with the Hendersonville Community Vacation Bible School at Trinity Presbyterian. Come out on the days you can from 9 a.m. to Noon to help out.

**Monday, July 16-Monday, July 23: Summer Mission Trip** in Bayou La Batre, AL! Pray for our 21 youth and seven adult guides who will be serving and the Bayou La Batre community we will be learning from and caring for. While participating in the FIRST LOVE YouthWorks service week, our group will complete work and beautification projects, assist with children's programs and advocacy organizations, serve in thrift stores, soup kitchens and food banks. The 'First Love' theme focuses on 1 John 4:19. Thank you to everyone at Grace and our community who have made it possible to attend this very special ministry experience!

**Sunday, Aug. 7: 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. 16: GYM Service Project** with the Grace Quilters, 10 a.m.-Noon! This is our annual invitation to hang out with the Grace Quilters and be a part of this loving ministry. We 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. Come 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** 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: the GYM Kickoff party for the 2016-2017 school year is Sunday, Aug. 28.\***

### All Grace Graduates 2016

We give thanks to God for our graduates and the opportunity to celebrate this milestone in their lives. Listed on Page 7 are the graduates who responded to the information request form. If you know a Grace graduate not listed, please send their information to the church office, and we will include it at a later date.



<b>High School Graduate</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Graduation Plans</b>	<b>Parents or Guardians</b>
Kiersten Sue Gracelyn Buman	East Henderson High School	Pursue veterinary assistant degree at local community college	Sue and Steve Buman
Amy Vanessa Colin-Solano	North Henderson High School	Attending Furman University and study to be an anesthesiologist	Vianey Solano Saul Colin
Jacob Scott Freeman	North Henderson High School	Attending North Carolina State University to major in Political Science	Jamie and Laura Freeman
Evan Langsdorf	West Henderson High School	Attending Western Carolina University studying athletic training	Pastor Ken and Catherine Langsdorf
Nadine Langsdorf	West Henderson High School	Attending UNC Charlotte majoring in Cellular Biology and minoring in Business	Pastor Ken and Catherine Langsdorf
Ronald G. Monroe	Henderson County Early College High School	Attending Appalachian State University studying biology to enter the pharmacy field	Bridget and Ronald Monroe
Sharon Zaragoza Solano	East Henderson	Attending Gardner Webb- School of Nursing	Jenny Solano Javier Zaragoza

<b>College Graduate</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Graduation Plans</b>	<b>Parents or Guardians</b>
Karen Kniffen	Blue Ridge Community College	Working as Registered Nurse in a local hospital	Michael and Vicki Kniffen (deceased)
Kelly Meinhold	University of Georgia	Attending graduate school to become CPA	Terri and Bill Meinhold
Jonathan Rholl	NC State University, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Valedictorian	Accepted position as mechanical design engineer at Sandia National Labs, Albuquerque, NM, while simultaneously working at Sandia and pursuing Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering	Jim and Vicky Rholl



*Proud to display their graduation quilts, left to right: Kiersten Buman, Evan Langsdorf, Amy Colin-Solano, Nadine Langsdorf, Sharon Zaragoza, Jacob Freeman and Ronnie Monroe. \*Thank you to our Grace Quilters who put their time, love and hard work into making beautiful quilts for our High School Graduates!*

## Adult Ministry

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

### Tour “the First Grace” Church

What an exciting time it has been to be a part of the 100 years/100 gifts campaign! As I look back over the past several months, it has been particularly special to highlight and help those ministries that some of us knew little about. As we continue to celebrate our 100 years, you will have an opportunity to tour the first Grace church in Hendersonville, now Reformation Presbyterian, 120 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. West. Our guide will be the gentleman who originally headed up the restoration of the current church. **The tour will be at 10 a.m., Friday, June 17.** Meet at Reformation Church for the tour. For those interested, we will lunch in Hendersonville together after the tour. Please sign up for this event at the Sign-up Station so we can plan accordingly.



### OWLS June 9: Tour and box lunch at Burnt Shirt Winery

Enjoy a relaxing day as we taste wine from one of our local wineries and have a boxed lunch together on the grounds (64E, in Hendersonville). The OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans) is a fellowship group that is open to all members of Grace. There is no age limit, either way! Information can be found on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board under “Adult Ministry.”

### 50Forward Retreat at Lutheridge, October 7-9



This fall, adults 50 years and older have an amazing opportunity to attend a three-day retreat at Lutheridge. The new retreat is designed for almost/newly retired folks and is called 50Forward. *“50Forward is a faith-based learning community inspiring adults 50+ years old to embrace life’s continuing journey in mind, body and spirit.”* The weekend promises to be enriching and

inspiring as well as fun. Group discounts are available – we have 15 from Grace already attending! If you would like to know more about this special retreat, go to [50forwardlife.com/](http://50forwardlife.com/) and/or contact either Sue Filson or Donna Hamilton. If you’re a Facebook user, like their page at [facebook.com/NW50forward/](https://www.facebook.com/NW50forward/), where you’ll find retreat updates and tips for 50+ folks.

**Brochures** are available to take from the bulletin board at the entrance to the education wing.

### Retreat Highlights

- Entertaining and enlightening keynote speakers Jeff Yeager and Pastor Tom Hafer
- Saturday workshop options to help you live well, peacefully and faithfully
- Optional Saturday afternoon outings, including a craft brewery tour, prayerful walking and painting
- “Farm to table” dinner, including discussion with the chef
- Entertainment by “Sound Investment,” a fun-loving, crowd-pleasing 4-piece band featuring classic rock of the ‘60s and ‘70s

## Gifts Ministry

Director of Gifts Ministry: Karen-Eve Pfozter – [kepfozter@gracehendersonville.com](mailto: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.

- Grounds Clean-up Day- **Building & Grounds and all the helpers**
- Evangelism Ministry- **Thom Tews, Stella Varnell; Alfie Zalys**
- Cinco de Mayo- **Maria Circle, Chocolate class, Hospitality**
- Patriotic Concert- **Dave Carver, John Knapp, Bill Schmidt and choirs**

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

- Homebound Visitation Team-**Jim Stoltenberg** (chair), **Donna Christensen, Maria Hetzel, Mary Tatham Pam Badin, Tim & Susan Snyder, Lynne Pressley, Judy Stoltenberg, Ruth Klug, Becky Schmidt, Vicki Marthaler, Sallie Staton-Knott, Susan Fitzgerald**
- Hot Dogs & Hugs Coordinator- **Tim Synder**
- Check Writer- **Jim Nelson**
- Hosts 11:15- **Thom Tews & Alfie Zalys, Linda Daleure**
- Columbarium Support- Maintenance-**Tim & Susan Synder**; Internments-**Tom Morgan, Suzie Carlson**
- 2nd Sunday Lunch 2015/16 coordinator- **Anita Slagle**
- Birthday & Anniversary Cards – **Carol Ontko**
- First Communion Assistance- **Leslie Owen, Brenda Williams, Jim Stoltenberg (Iamb)**
- Hispanic Service Pianists- **Brenda Williams, Vicky Marthaler, Helen Just**
- B&G- **Playground for Preschool**
- Soaking Prayer- **Prayer Ministry Team**
- Liaison Homes For Youth- **Jim Nelson**
- Do Tell support- **Jim & Jane Nelson, Karen Kniffen, Harriet Sterling, Sharon Doty, Donna Christensen**
- Do Tell bakers- **Darla Krause, Joyce Eddy, Susan Fitzgerald, Joan Frederiksen, Harriet Sterling, Barb Koch, Nancy Engstrom, Ethel Van Der Vliet, Pat Berry, Becky Schmidt, Skip Andersen, Carol Ontko, Jane Nelsen**
- Hot Dogs & Hugs- **Bill & Linda Daleure**

### Centennial Sacred Art Project Show June 19

in Fellowship Hall between services! Look for new art around our church this summer. Thank you to all our artists!



### Special thanks to special folks for years of service:

- **Lois Bauman** is retiring as librarian after 20+ years. Well done!
- **Vicki & Steve Stanfield-Switzer** are moving to Wilmington. Thank you for all your service in social ministry and many other areas. Best Wishes!
- **Flip Fisher** is retiring as our check writer after years of service!



## A Note from Council President

Christine Ring – kenandchris828@bellsouth.net

2016 is half over and I wanted to give an update. The Centennial Celebration has been moving right along, thanks to our Centennial team led by Susan Albers. Our guest pastors have been wonderful. Every month you, the congregation, has met or surpassed goals for the 100 gifts project. Many of you went out into the community and worked on Servant Saturday Projects. THANK YOU! **You are awesome.**

By the grace of God, the business of serving our Lord and Savior is running rather smoothly. We are a church that belongs to Christ. Our mission: *Christ is central to all life, we worship him through telling his story, we are growing in faith, we support each other and care for his world. We are the church together.*

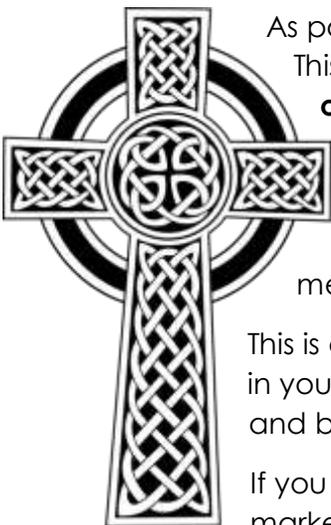
**“We” means you!** The church council represents you. If you have any comments or suggestions to serving our Lord as we begin our next hundred years, please let council know. You can leave a note in the council president mailbox or talk with any council member. Let us also look forward and continue our ministry of transforming lives through Christ.

Grace and Peace be with you.



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## New Cross Wall



As part of our Centennial Celebration, Grace will begin to form a “Cross Wall.” This interior wall, to the left of the main entrance, will be a **permanent display of donated crosses from Grace’s members.**

As part of the display, we will create a book with pictures of each donated cross. Along with the picture will be a statement by the donor explaining the “specialness” of that cross. We are looking for any style, medium and size, but the cross must be able to hang on a wall.

This is an excellent way to share with others your faith journey, a special moment in your life or simply a unique cross. We will collect donated crosses through July and begin hanging in early August, or when we have at least 15 crosses.

If you are interested in donating to this project, place your cross in the basket marked “Cross Wall” in the office hallway beneath the mail boxes. When you leave the cross, please include on paper or note card your name, contact info (phone number or email address) and a paragraph telling about your cross. If possible, please also email your paragraph, so we have it electronically.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Susan Snyder at 828-393-7995 or Susan Albers at 828-697-7584.

## Centennial Update from Susan Albers

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

Fellow Travelers! We are eight months into our year long journey! I hope you are all enjoying this trip down memory lane and thinking and praying about our next 100 years. Do you feel that you have had an opportunity to participate in this celebration? If you have more ideas on celebrating, please let either Pastor Greg or me know what you would like to see done.



When I was much younger, my dad said to me, "Susan, put 30 seconds on the timer and watch it." I did. Those 30 seconds were quickly gone. His response to me was "that will be how your life will feel – very fast with no stopping time." My heart heard: "So, make a difference." I have been thinking about our ancestors – those original 14 brave individuals who became our first "Grace family." Surely they felt the moments of time and knew "fire in their hearts"! So, what ignites fire in your heart? Where does your passion lie? The original brave 14 members felt God's fire within them and became a blaze of God's love within this church and in this community and the world that God entrusted to us. Allow God to grow the spark within you to become a fire. Do what is deemed impossible!

In April we had the opportunity to hear the Reverend Jan Huntley – she is a daughter of our congregation. May brought us Bishop Jim Mauney, the Bishop of the Virginia Synod, ELCA and the grandson of Reverend J.D. Mauney, our first called pastor. He is also a relative of Catherine Langsdorf. On July 10, Pastor C. Judd Ludder will preach. He was pastor at Grace 1983-1992.

On May 13 we revealed our bears – look for "Grace and Luther" when you stroll Main Street!

Please note that the picnic at Lutheridge scheduled for July has been canceled.

### 110 years...100 gifts

- † In February, you gave \$1,585 to provide scholarships for our youth to attend Lutheridge this summer.
- † In March, we donated \$1,340 and numerous bags of food to IAM.
- † In April, our charity was ELCA Good Gifts program to help hungry families around the world. You donated \$1,110 – enough to give 110 families 10 chicks each.
- † In May, we donated to the Veterans Hospital in Asheville. Results to come soon.
- † In June, we will support the Prison Ministry. They are requesting books and Bibles and financial donations for the "Hot Dogs and Hugs" program.
- † In July, we will support the Rescue Mission. They are in need of personal supplies, food and monetary donations.

Please refer to the displays in the foyer each month!

There is a fire blazing in the hearts of the members at Grace Lutheran Church! Let that spark become a fire. Do what is deemed impossible and allow Him to grow that fire within you!

God's work ... Our hands.

## DRAFT Excerpt of Church Council Meeting Minutes May 15, 2016

1. **Finance Highlights:** Donna Christensen reported that YTD expenses exceeded revenues by \$38,203 through the month of April 2016. Council approved 3 requests from Finance Ministry: (1) Building and Grounds: installation (retroactive) of lock sets for Preschool classroom doors so they can be locked from the inside, in accordance with N.C. regulations; (2) Building and Grounds: upgrade to several offices and the sacristy area, not to exceed \$7500; (3) Building and Grounds: conversion of Grace's telephone system from an AT&T land line based system to VOIP (voice over internet protocol). Three bids were examined and Ring Free was selected to do installation, not to exceed \$5500, with a monthly service charge savings of \$500.
2. **Unfinished Business:**
  - \* **Personnel Policy Manual:** A motion was made to accept the Personnel Policy Manual, distributed to Council at the April meeting. During discussion Council raised the question of how policies are shared with staff and volunteers on a regular basis. An amended motion was made and approved to table the original motion and send the Manual back to the Personnel Committee for further revision. Council recommended that it be stated in the Personnel Policy Manual itself how the new Policy Manual will be communicated.
  - \* **Update from Security Ministry:** Barry Pierce explained that the proposed security system update would involve programmable FOBS. For example, FOBS would be adjusted/customized to the various staff and members involved. Dan Fredrick is doing the logistical work on this. The church would be subdivided into sections, enabling certain sections to easily be secured (e.g, staff offices, choir wing, sacristy). It was suggested that the security proposal be tabled until the June 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, allowing time for the equipment request to go through the Finance Committee.
  - \* **Update on Disposal of Church Furniture and Equipment:** Council approved, with corrections, the Procedure for Disposal of Church Furniture proposal made by the Building and Grounds Ministry.
    - **Child Safety Policy** (revised) was tabled until the June Council meeting.
    - **New Business: Replacement of Ana Vogel on Council:** Council approved the appointment of Dave Weber to finish out Ana's term (~1.5 years).
3. **Committee Reports:**
  - **Building and Grounds Ministry:** This ministry changed its regular meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Barry reported the successful disposal of 9 vinyl chairs and the piano formerly in Fellowship Hall.
  - **Youth Ministry Request:** Ashley Albers brought to Council a request from Anne Monroe and the Youth Ministry Committee, asking Council members to write letters of encouragement to Grace youth going on the Mission trip. A signup sheet was circulated, and all slots were filled.
  - **Updating of Bylaws:** In preparation for updating Grace's bylaws, Council liaisons to various Ministries were asked to have their Ministry look over its individual Mission Statement and other related provisions for each Ministry previously adopted by the congregation in the form of Continuing Resolutions.
4. **Correspondence/**letters were circulated to members during the meeting.
5. **Pastor Williams' comments:** (1) Pastor Greg called our attention to the upcoming Synod Assembly to be held in Charlotte June 3,4. Pre-session workshops will focus on stewardship, as well as effective use of social media. Pastor Greg and Hal Derrick will attend the pre-session presentations. (2) Many on Council attended the Leadership Forum in which Julia Dearing explained the new information/communication system, Access Grace app (for the computer) and ACS app (for cell phones). For those who missed the Leadership Forum, Julia will attend the June Council meeting to explain how the new apps will work; Pastor will ask Julia to send Council members her handout on the apps. (3) Pastor Greg will meet May 25<sup>th</sup> with parents of youth to encourage participation and answer any questions they may have. (4) On May 12<sup>th</sup> Pastor Greg and Father Martin signed the Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue.
6. **Pastor Langsdorf's comments:** Pastor Ken's sabbatical will begin June 5/6 and end Aug. 30. Pastor Ken thanked the Lily Foundation for funding, Pastor Greg and Pastor Alfredo, as well as retired pastors in the congregation, for enthusiastically filling in while he is away. He has completed a master chart of fill-ins for preaching, visitation, "on call" pastors during his absence. Pastor Hoffman will attend Council in June.
7. **Pastor Oviedo's Comments:** (1) Pastor Alfredo noted that turnout was excellent for the Cinco de Mayo cross-cultural gathering. Attendees participated fully and enjoyed good fellowship time. (2) Pastor's Seminary studies, with a focus on multicultural ministry, are going well; he has completed his first year.
8. **President's comments:** President Ring noted that Council has traditionally not met in July. Council approved a motion to take July off, with the understanding that there could be a called meeting, if necessary. To assure a quorum, she will ask members at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for a show of hands as to

their availability to meet in July, should the occasion arise. President Ring announced May 29<sup>th</sup> as the day we will honor Pastor Greg's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination! Congratulations!

Respectfully submitted by Helen Just, Council Secretary



submitted by Rhoda Hargrave, President of the Grace Unit

### Meetings of Circles and Groups

Naomi Circle – Tues., June 7, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall, Rm. 221  
Tues., July 5, 9:30 a.m., F.Hall, Rm. 221  
Leah Circle – Wed., June 8, 2 p.m., Luther Lounge  
Wed., July 13, 2 p.m., Luther Lounge  
Rachel Circle – Thurs., June 9, 7 p.m., Library  
Thurs., July 14, 7 p.m., Library  
Dorcas Circle – Thurs., June 16, 2 p.m. Off campus  
Thurs., July 21, 2 p.m. Off campus  
Sarah Circle – Thurs., June 16, F. Hall, Rms. 221, 227-229  
Thurs., July 21, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall., Rms.  
221, 227-229.  
Maria Circle – see church calendar for summer meetings  
Quilting Group – Tuesday, June 21, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall  
July 19, 9:30 a.m. F. Hall  
Mission Action – Tuesday, June 14, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall  
Tuesday, July 12, 9:30 a.m. F. Hall  
Prayer Shawl Group – Thur. June 23, 10 a.m.  
Thurs., July 28, 10 a.m.

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### 2017 Wild Women Weekend, Lutheridge

Early Group Registration is open May 15-Aug. 1 for guaranteed group housing. **Weekend dates are as follows: Feb 3-5, Feb. 10-12, March 10-12, March 17-19, March 24-26, 2017.** Last year, we from Grace were all together at Kohnjoy Inn, which is not available on the Feb. 10-12 week. **The price is \$215.**

Pastor Mary Canniff-Kuhn, Lutheridge Program Director has announced: "The program for next year will focus on REFORMATION WOMEN (not just Lutherans!). As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation we'll be challenged and inspired to live out our faith in fresh and exciting ways. Of course, we'll also have some fun at Martin Luther's expense ... in honor of his wife Katie, a true 'Reformation Woman'!"

If you are interested in attending with a group from Grace, please let your wishes be known to me, Rhoda Hargrave, or to Sue Filson via the sign-up sheet on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.

### NC Women of the Elca Invite You to Join Us at the Following Events ...

- 1. A Fall Retreat at Blowing Rock Retreat Center**, will be held the weekend of Friday, Sept. 30, through Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016. More information and registration forms will be in posted on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board as soon as they are available. Watch for it!
- 2. A Lutheran World Relief Volunteer day trip** will once again be held this fall. The trip is with Christian Tours Nov. 10-13 (Thursday through Sunday). The bus leaves from the Burke Christian Tours headquarters in Newton, NC.

The price is \$669 double occupancy, and a 2% discount is offered for early booking and deposit of \$200 at registration. Or a 5% Early Booking Discount for reservations and full payment by cash or check (no credit cards) received by Aug. 3. See brochure posted on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board.

#### The trip includes:

- Transportation in a deluxe, late-model, air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Christian Tours' Tour Director for duration of the tour.
- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 2 dinners
- 3 nights' accommodations in quality hotels.
- Admission to stated attractions.
- Luggage handling for one piece of luggage per person.

We will go to Lancaster, PA, and attend the Sight and Sound Theatre's production of "Samson" besides going to the Central Marketplace and a guided tour of Amish Farmlands.

Get a roommate and sign up on the sign-up sheet located on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board if you are interested.

## Announcements & Events

### Habitat For Humanity – 2016 Grace Build, Saturday, July 9

(rain date, Saturday, July 16). Our build this year will be part of the Thrivent Builds Habitat Interfaith Home. Our work crew, along with 11 participating congregations from Henderson County, will meet at the jobsite and raise all the walls. Additionally, we will have a ceremony for volunteers to write their well wishes and prayers for the family on the walls.

Construction experience is not required! Supervision is provided by Habitat personnel. Tools will also be available from Habitat, but if you have a tool belt, hammer, tape measure, etc., it would be good to bring them.

**Work begins about 8 a.m. at the job site** – Habitat Subdivision, Dodd Meadows, in East Flat Rock at the intersection of E. Blue Ridge and Crest roads. We won't gather at the church; just proceed directly to the job site. Lunch will be provided.

**Sign-up sheets will be available in the**

**lobby on Sundays beginning June 12.** If you can't work a full day, you may sign up for a half day. We will also need volunteers to help serve lunch. So, we have something for everyone! It's a great day for us; but a greater day for the family that later gets the keys to this new home. Be a part of this experience!

Questions? Contact: Jim Krause, 828-595-3120. For more information on Habitat for Humanity, see the article on Page 13.

### Be A Hero – Give a Unit of Blood on June 23

Our 29th annual WLOS June blood drive will be held Thursday, June 23, in Stull Hall. While the blood drive runs 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., a donation takes an hour or less and saves up to three lives! **Donors can schedule appointments at Grace's Sign-up Station or by calling The Blood Connection at 828-233-5302.**

Donors will receive a special "Be A Hero" T-shirt, a coupon for a free order of pancakes at The Fireside Pancake House and enjoy Grace's wonderful canteen, supported by food donations from local restaurants and vendors.

The Blood Connection allows healthy individuals from 16 years old to 100+ to give "The Gift of Life" as long as you weigh 110 pounds or more. Donors need to eat well several days beforehand and include iron-rich foods like beef, chicken, fish and green, leafy vegetables. Be sure to eat a good meal before you come to donate.

**All the blood from this blood drive will stay local and go to area hospitals!** This blood drive is a Thrivent Action Team event.



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### Habitat for Humanity of Hendersonville

The Grace Habitat Build for 2016 will be part of the "2016 Thrivent Builds Habitat Interfaith Home" scheduled for Saturday, July 9, at the Habitat development Dodd Meadows in East Flat Rock. Building in the development began in 2013, and phase one was completed in 2015 with 26 partner families moving into their new homes. Phase two has all the infrastructure established and has its first six homes under construction.



The "2016 Thrivent Builds Habitat Interfaith Home" will be owned by partner family member Bianca Reynolds. Bianca is a single mother who has a five-year-old son and a two-year-old daughter. They currently rent one bedroom from a paternal grandmother of the children. All three share this bedroom with one bathroom. They keep a cot in the closet during the day and bring it out at night for one of the kids to sleep on.

Bianca is working on her nursing education at Blue Ridge Community College while working full time at Pardee Hospital and part time at Park Ridge Health. She is originally from Hendersonville and is working hard to provide a better life for her children. She is grateful for the support of all the churches building her new home and is looking forward to the day she receives the keys.

For more information on the Habitat partner family program go to [habitat-hvl.org](http://habitat-hvl.org).

### Rescue Mission Food Drive, June 26-July 17

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." ~John 15:5*



For 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 Bible verse above, located in the lobby of the Rescue Mission, symbolizes how the life of the Christian community is shaped by love and intertwined with the abiding presence of God and Jesus. **The Social Ministry committee invites you to participate in our annual food drive beginning Sunday, June 26 through Sunday, July 17.** 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.



## June & July Birthdays



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

# CELEBRATING AN *Anniversary*



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

## **Time for Summer Travels**

Summer is upon us, and so the season of vacations and getaways begins. If you visit other churches during your travels, pick up a bulletin and other interesting publications/ideas. We're always interested in seeing how other churches communicate. Drop items/ideas in Donna Hamilton's mailbox.



## **Pictures of Grace People and Events**

If you attend Grace events and get a good picture of our people and activities, we'd love it if you'd share. Either email the photo (full size) or if you've taken several, put them on a flash drive or SD card; place in an envelope with your name on it; and place in Donna's mailbox. Once I've retrieved the photos, I'll notify you that the drive/card is back in my mailbox for your pickup.

**GIVING HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016**

	<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Capital Fund</b>	
	<b>Pledge Budget</b>	<b>Pledges</b>	<b>Pledge Budget</b>	<b>Pledges</b>
Total Pledge	\$ 930,000	\$ 808,823	\$ 220,000	\$ 175,269
Received on Pledge		\$ 251,419		\$ 57,615
Pledge to date (Historical basis)		266,410		60,050
Over (Under) Pledge at April 30, 2016		\$ (14,991)		\$ (2,435)

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Revenues	\$ 1,155,760	\$ 317,027
Expenditures	\$ 1,155,760	355,229
Net Revenues Over (Under)		
 Expenditures		\$ (38,202)
 <b>Capital Fund</b>		
Revenues	\$ 244,200	\$ 67,921
Expenditures	\$ 244,200	169,568
Net Revenues Over (Under)		
 Expenditures		\$ (101,647)

**Note -** Capital Fund expenditures include loan principal payments of \$138,871 in 2016. The loan balance at April 30, 2016 is \$697,105.

**Lutheran Men in Mission**

Dick Pemble – [rapemble@gmail.com](mailto:rapemble@gmail.com)



**2nd Annual Barbeque and Bluegrass, 5-8 p.m., Saturday, June 18**

Hosted by Grace Lutheran Men in Mission. We have a really good menu, an excellent band - Last Road, and special clogging exhibition by Southern Connection. A Cross+Generational event: adults \$15 and children 18 years and younger free-of-charge. Tickets available between Sunday services. Proceeds benefit Grace Foundation to supplement a scholarship for a deserving Grace youth.



**Men's Lectionary Breakfast Group meets each Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.** at Dixie Diner—across from the Laurel Park Ingles. We read and discuss the scripture lessons for the upcoming Sunday worship. Questions? Contact Bob Andersen 828-697-0464. Please join us!

**Men's Lunch Group.** All Men are invited to the Men's Lunch Group at **11:15 a.m., June 17 and July 15.** This group meets with Pastor Ken at Bay Breeze for fun, fellowship, a Bible story discussion, and to hear about Lutheran Men in Mission opportunities. We will save a seat for you!

<p><b>Memorials – June / July</b></p> <p><b>Sigrid Ross</b> Helga Shopp</p> <p><b>Debbie Parker</b> Elizabeth &amp; Hugh Tenison</p> <p><b>Ruth Doten</b> Edgar &amp; Emily Trexler</p> <p><b>James Holditch</b> Edgar &amp; Emily Trexler</p> <p><b>In Honor of...</b></p> <p><b>Kelley Beaty's birthday</b> Roy &amp; Carolyn Beaty</p> <p><b>Loved Ones</b> Delores Shrum</p> <p><b>Phyllis Vogt</b> Roberta Davern</p>	<p> <b>THRIVENT FINANCIAL®</b> <i>Connecting faith &amp; finances for good.™</i></p> <p>By directing designated Choice Dollars (\$M) through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars.</p> <p><b>Preschool Amount of Deposit: \$603</b></p> <p>Nancy Bellick Dennis Gough Ronald Korner Carol Ontko Patrick Patterson Timothy Snyder</p>	<p><b>Grace Lutheran Church Amount of Deposit: \$5,111</b></p> <p>Evelyn Skinner Els Wolters Nancy Bellick Emma Boedecker Alice Copeland Robert Dahm Kenneth Etterman Ingeborg Georg Shirley Gray Charles Jones Marjorie Jones Edith Kaiser Thomas Kasischke Virginia Kuglin Peggy Midstokke Thomas &amp; Geraldine Schroer Paul Schuette George &amp; Charlotte Shipley Susan Snyder Charles Spangler Einar &amp; Irene Syvertson</p>
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<div data-bbox="181 926 748 1052" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>Thank You from Anne Monroe</b> "My family and I wanted to say thank you to my Grace family for all your prayers and support following the loss of my grandmother, Jane Sox Monroe, on April 13. We appreciate your kind words and care."</p> <p><b>Thank You from Ron Ontko</b> "I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my hip surgery and when I was back in the hospital with UTI. I thank God for being with me during my time in ICU and again in my room. It is wonderful to be back in church seeing everyone who was with me through this ordeal."</p>	<div data-bbox="824 947 1112 989" data-label="Section-Header"> <p><b>Library Highlight</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1242 934 1469 1144" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Have you checked out the library listings posted on the door of our library? Volunteer Lois Baumann chronicles donations and purchases each month and posts them on the door. Here's one item for May ...</p> <p><b>Let's Talk Praying Your Way to a Deeper Relationship with God</b> by Bill Crowder. Why in our times of spiritual and emotional turmoil do we not turn to television pundits or to celebrities or to anyone else offering an opinion? Why do we pour out our souls to God in prayer? Examining the significance of prayer in the lives of believers, this straightforward book encourages us to make prayer a priority. Prayer is a vital part of an ongoing pursuit of a closer walk with God.</p>
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## **Exciting News about Grace Preschool!**

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