



I will wait....

"Therefore be patient until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rains. You also be patient. Establish your hearts for the coming of the Lord is at hand." James 5:7-8

A petition from a prayer found in "God's Minute" for June 1:
"...Keep us calm while all about us is turbulent. Keep us patient when conditions are most trying....."

A quote from devotional book, "Jesus Calling:" (to be read as if Jesus were speaking)
"...I am involved in each moment of your life....Because the world is in a fallen condition, things always seem to be unraveling around the edges. Expect to find trouble this day...As you trudge through the sludge of this fallen world, keep your mind in heavenly places with Me."

Patience. Trudging. Waiting. Unraveling. Turbulent. Trying times. Troubles.
I get tired just reading these excerpts. I am weary.

The turbulence and daily troubles weigh on my mind, my heart and my body.

I need renewal, refreshment and hope. A good, good dose of hope.

And so I wait. Standing in the need of prayer.

I wait.

I wait on the Lord, Who never slumbers nor sleeps.

I wait on the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.

I wait on the Lord, Who knows me and my frame and remembers that I am but dust.

I wait on the Lord, Who is always with me, an Abiding God.

I wait on the Lord, Who calls me by name for I am His.

I wait on the Lord, Who is a Promise Maker and a Promise Keeper.

I am not forsaken, nor abandoned.

I am treasured and sought after.

I will not be afraid.

I will wait. I will be patient.

I believe in the love of God and in His mercy and His grace.

Heavenly Father, Descend with Your host of ministering angels to this hurting, struggling world. Blanket this world with Your peace. Attend to us all and raise up, in every nation, Peace Makers who will go the distance. Thank You for Your faithfulness. Be ever near. In Jesus' Name, Amen.





The Grace WELCA Unit is having a fundraising project to benefit local charities. Offered is a tote bag with your choice of three different logo designs. The price includes embroidering the logo onto the white front area of the bag. The logo patches are pictured below. The dimensions of the bag are 17" H x 14"W x 4"D with 23" handles. The bags are white with navy trim made of polyester with heavy vinyl backing and a zippered top.

Patches may also be purchased separately if you would like to stitch it onto an item of your own. Prices as shown. **Please indicate your choices and send a check made out to "WELCA – Grace Unit" to the address below. Please put "Logo Project" on the memo line.**



Size: 3" X 3.5"

Price of patch alone \$15

Price of patch embroidered onto bag \$25



Size: 4.5" X 2.5"

Price of patch alone \$15

Price of patch embroidered onto bag \$25



Size: 4.25" in diameter

Price of patch alone \$20

Price of patch embroidered onto bag \$30



Name and Address	Phone Number	Email	Amount enclosed

Mail to:

Kathy Stancar, WELCA Treasurer
1015 Carousel Lane
Hendersonville, NC 28792

And thank you for your support!

While we are “waiting” (patiently?) for life to fall into some kind of normal, the leadership of your WELCA Grace Unit are not sitting idly by. There are several new ventures we would like to introduce to you!

First, Grace WELCA Tote Bags and/or Patches!

Lori Schaefer is very forward-thinking. As she looked ahead, Lori anticipated that our Women of Grace would want to continue to be benevolent and disperse monies to various local charities as their usual practice at the end of the year. However, without our General Gatherings and our monthly Circle Meetings where offerings are accepted and put into the WELCA fund.....well, Houston, we have a problem. With no money coming in, there can be no money going out!

Sooooo, Lori, being good friends with Leah Scroggin who happens to have an amazing embroidery machine and is known for her expertise in the stitching business, came up with the idea of raising money by creating a WELCA patch. The discussion concluded with this pitch to offer for sale WELCA patches and WELCA Tote Bags for the sole purpose of raising monies to be distributed at the end of the year to our local charities! Please review the Order Form on the previous page. Patches can be purchased separately or they can be stitched on the classy looking, handy-to-have tote bag shown on the order form.

The emblem of the Cross and the Lily Pad is the national logo of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA.) The symbol, with the cross, water and a white lily, identifies the Women of the ELCA as children of God: baptized, forgiven, adopted into God’s family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water. It is also a reminder of the mission of the church to *‘Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’* (Matt 28:19)

Orders are now being taken! Make out checks to: WELCA-Grace Unit. Please pass the word to your neighbors and friends! It isn’t advertising when we are basically tucked away at home. Please, please help us spread the word and while you are at it, order yourself a patch or a tote bag!

Thanking you in advance for your participation.

And thank you, Lori Schaefer and Leah Scroggin, for pitching this idea, to Chira Kirkland for selecting the “classy” tote bag and creating the order form, and to Kathy Stancar for offering suggestions and providing support!



Second, "Gathering Grace" Program!



The Women of Grace Lutheran

Welcome you to

Gathering Grace

A sharing of faith stories



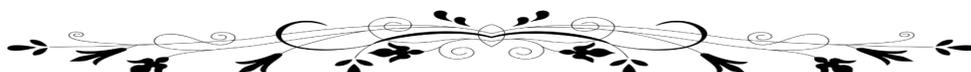
This online YouTube program was proposed by Vicki Marthaler to Judy Stoltenberg and Shelley Clay as a possibility of offering encouragement to the women of the church. One of our goals as Women of Grace is to promote fellowship, faith-building opportunities and ways to serve our neighbors with the love of Christ. Vicki was encouraged when in devotions one morning, the Lord led her to Philemon 1:6-7 *"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, have refreshed the hearts of the saints."*

With great purpose and prayer, women at Grace have been invited to share a portion of their faith journey with the goal of offering refreshment and encouragement. There has been a hearty response! Shelley Clay was the first to share, followed now by Diane Sellers. A new program will be posted on YouTube every two weeks. Look forward to also hearing Marie Mortensen, Judy Stoltenberg, Joy Kiefer, Helen Just and Susan Fitzgerald. Each share from their heart in their own words, in their own style. And each, we pray, will bring a blessing to your heart. If you would like to share a part of your faith journey, please feel free to contact Judy Stoltenberg, 443-340-4115 or jcstoltenberg@hotmail.com.

I do have to give a "high five" to the technology that allows us to be "together." With Wednesday nights with Pastor Ken & Burton, Thursday nights with Pastor Greg & Brenda, Spanish Devotions with Pastor Alfredo, Zoom Bible studies, Sunday Services Live Streamed – it is such a gift that we can add *"Gathering Grace"* from the Women of Grace!

How to find "Gathering Grace?" The easiest way is go to the church's website: www.gracehendersonville.com On the main page are two boxes. Click "Connect to YouTube." Now you can see all the videos made for you! Look for *"Gathering Grace."* As of today, there will be two. A new program will be added in two weeks. You will have to keep checking in!

Be encouraged! Be refreshed!



RANDOM INFORMATION

School Kits: Providing School Kits for Lutheran World Relief has been a long-standing tradition of the Women of Grace. No reason to stop it now! If you would be willing to sew bags for the school kits, great! We have instructions and dimensions for you. If you are willing to order supplies from Amazon or buy the needed supplies in town, great! We will create a drop-off site at the church in August. Kits are still needed. We can continue to serve with this project. All information is on the Lutheran World Relief website. Information sheets will be mailed to the Circle leaders. If you are not a member of a Circle but would like the information sheets, please drop an email to vicki.marthaler@gmail.com or call Vicki at 218-849-5683.

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We are still accepting pop-tops for the young boy in Cherokee, NC. It helps defray the cost of a back brace for him that is updated every year as he grows. Keep collecting your pop tops and we will let you know of a time in September when we will gather them together and deliver them to Cherokee.

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PRAYERS: Please continue to pray for those in our congregation who are grieving the loss of a loved one, struggling with their own health, or caregiving to someone struggling with health issues. Especially:

- +.+Family and Friends as they mourn the passing of Mathilde “Millie” Poppendick
- +.+ Alice and family as they mourn the passing of her husband, Joe Copeland
- +.+ Charlotte and family as they mourn the passing of her husband, Ed Osterman
- +.+ Bricia Miraflores and family as they mourn the passing of her brother, Santos Miraflores
- +.+ Sandy and family as they mourn the passing of her husband, Joe Jardot
- +.+ Caroline Sanchez and family as they mourn the passing of her husband, Marc Shockley

These sheltered days interfere with how we would like to surround people literally with our arms and presence. Prayer, however, knows no physical boundaries. Thanks be to God!

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A Tidbit of Grace Lutheran History

If you are attending church via Facebook on Sundays, you may have noticed that there is now a beautiful quilted banner being used as the backdrop during the sermon. It is Grace’s Centennial Quilt. Susan Albers shared this background with me. “The Mariners Compass pattern symbolizes finding one’s way in life. The compass is off-center as if leading the way as Christ would. The quilt is crafted in the colors of the church year during which we commemorate the events and teachings of the life of Christ. Looking closely at the quilt, you will see that the quilting is completed using red thread. The red thread and the quilting design symbolize the Holy Spirit. “ This Centennial quilt was designed and crafted by Catherine “Kitty” Etterman and Jane Andersen and quilted by Peggy McCaffrey. Peggy is not a member of Grace but a member of the community so we can celebrate community involvement as well! Jesus is the Way! He is our Compass and our Guide!