

# Grace Vine

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**Mission Statement:** We believe that God in Christ is central to all life and we WORSHIP him through TELLING his story, GROWING in faith, SUPPORTING each other, and CARING for his world.

**Strategic Vision:** Grace is a diverse community of faith serving Christ and sharing the love of God.

**Purpose:**  
Transforming Lives Through Christ.

**Core Values:**

- Being a nurturing family of faith
- Growing faith in God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit
- Serving others with the heart of Jesus
- Seeking unity in Christ
- Embracing people seeking Christ
- Welcoming cross-cultural, Cross+Generational

## The Joy of Serving: Serving in Small Ways Grace Youth Ministry

Our Lutheran teenagers are busy in our community! We all have a part to play in the story of God's love for the world. Grace Youth share summer job or internship experiences during Covid-19 and stories of how they see these positions meeting community needs. The following youth volunteered to contribute to the August newsletter:



### Elise, 2020 Graduate

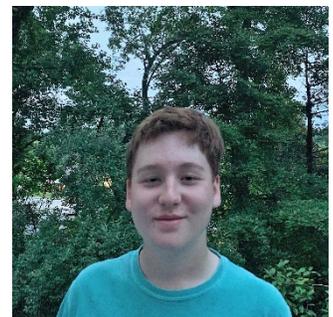
Adventure Center of Asheville: Camp counselor helping kids go through the camp with ropes courses, zip lining, rafting, biking, tree climbing, games, team building.

Elise shares: "There are a ton of parents who need to work during this pandemic and their kids have nowhere to go. I get to help the children feel like they have a place to go, have fun, and challenge themselves. This job has made me so much happier and I really love being a camp counselor!"

### Jake, Senior

Kenmore Country Club: Golf Cart Attendant cleaning golf carts, cleaning golf clubs (pre Covid-19), stocking the driving range, and completing tasks members and guests need.

Jake shares: "Without me and the rest of the golf staff, it would be extremely difficult for people to enjoy the natural beauty of God's creation. We all need to get outside, and I help many do that. It is hard work, but a lot of fun. The best part is talking to all of the members. They always have great advice and interesting stories to share. A highlight is my ongoing trivia battle with a member, we play for \$3 a question. I would like to say I am up a lot of money on him, but unfortunately that's not the case."





**Abbagail, Junior**

Linda's Plants and Shrubs, Edneyville: Assisting customers with planting questions. Cashier, carrying plants, and loading the cars. Cleaning up around the green houses and sometimes washing the owner's truck and dog.

Abbagail shares: *"I help people build an oasis of beauty in their personal sanctuary. I guide people to the correct vegetables so they can enjoy their summer bounty. Some customers need physical assistance with loading their cars, and others need direction to situate their plants for a safe ride home. I spend most of my time engaging others with a smile and an attentive ear. I enjoy working outside and am grateful to have such great co-workers."*

**Garett, Junior**

Dairy Queen, Fletcher: Cashier, grilling burgers, food preparation, serving ice cream.

Garett shares: *"I try to show kindness to customers during stressful times. The job can be very stressful if we run out of something or our machines break down."*



**Vanessa, Junior**

Airborne Gymnastics: Recreational coach for kindergarten through third grade the basics in gymnastics.

Vanessa shares: *"I have done gymnastics since I was seven years old and I loved it. Now that I work as a coach, I can help other kids share in that experience while also staying physically active. I am able to see other kids learn to love the sport that I grew up loving as well."*

**Sam, Sophomore**

Pardee Hospital: Junior Volunteer in HR, internship  
Justus Orchard: working with customers.

Sam shares: *"For the Pardee internship, I am helping in public health during the pandemic and working for Justus Orchard - I am helping the local agricultural business. The Pardee internship began in July, 2 days a week through the first week in August. The Orchard begins in mid-August and lasts all the way through Apple season. I will be working weekends there through mid-October. This is my second season working at the Orchard."*



**Jenna, Sophomore**

Pardee Hospital: Junior Volunteer internship with biomedical engineers. Learning about the hospital equipment and different hospital departments such as the operating room to see what equipment they use as well.

Jenna shares: *"Hopefully I will pursue a career in health care which would allow me to work in my community and help many others. It is interesting interning at a hospital during COVID-19 because they are taking many steps to ensure other people's safety."*

## Message from Pastor Ken

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

### Fortified

I am writing this reflection on July 8, 2020 after having received Holy Communion for the first time since March 8, 2020.

In my lifetime I have received Holy Communion more times than I can count, but the Holy Communion received today is one I will remember for a long time.

What made it so special for me? First of all, I don't remember ever going that long without receiving Holy Communion, so I was hungry for it. I had been longing for Communion. For me, Holy Communion is a powerful way to celebrate that I am fully joined to the grace of Jesus. He lives in and through me, and I have life new, abundant and eternal in him. Holy Communion is an assurance that I am in the steadfast love of God. Through the bread and wine I am joined, not only to Jesus, but to everyone who is joined to Jesus. Today I had a renewed sense that I am not alone, but we are joined together in life, grief, and ministry.

As we were setting up and preparing for the service, my spirit was lifted as I got to see some of you, my sisters and brothers in Christ. We could talk face to face (even as we kept appropriate distance). I got to see pictures of a grandbaby. I heard what you have been doing. I received encouragement that you are watching worship services and listening to sermons and programs we have put up on the internet.

As I walked out onto the driveway I could see the cars lined up and my church family waving at me. This sent my spirit soaring!

Then as the service started the words, God's Word, had power and meaning that spoke directly to my spirit.

As I distributed Communion to you as you drove up, I truly felt connected with you again.

After serving all of you it was my turn to receive Holy Communion. When I ate the bread and drank the wine I felt fortified. I felt built up in the grace of Jesus. I felt connected to him and his people. I felt fortified.

When I got home I looked up this word, *fortified*, to see if it was the right word to describe what I was feeling. Look at the definition of fortified:

1. provided with defensive works as protection against attack.: "a fortified manor house".
2. (of wine) having had spirits added to make port, sherry, etc.: "many fortified wines are sweet".

Yes, and Amen to both definitions!

I felt protected as I was joined to Jesus. I felt protected from the weight on my spirit from all that has been going on these past several months. I was renewed in the sense that I am not alone in this; Jesus is in this with me, as well as all of you. And having the Holy Spirit added to my life has made it sweet!

I look forward to hearing from you about what this Holy Communion service meant to you, too.

I can't wait to share Holy Communion with you again on Aug. 5!

Until then, may you be fortified in the Lord Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit! Amen!

Pastor Ken Langsdorf



**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of the welcome table,  
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness  
and have been united by your presence among us.  
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts  
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.  
**Amen.**

**ELCA World Hunger**

Did you know that gifts to ELCA World Hunger support partner ministries' work toward the 17 Sustainable Development Goals identified by the United Nations in over 60 countries?

Central Africa Republic – Farmer Paul Daina started an association to help local farmers, especially women, improve techniques and reduce harmful practices. Instead of cutting down trees to harvest caterpillars, for example, farmers now wait for the insects to come down the trees in the evening. Through ELCA World Hunger funds, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic is increasing the impact of the association. Daina recently finished a year of community-based learning on rural development at the Asian Rural Institute in Japan, which also received support from the ELCA.

Thank you for your gifts to the July "First Sunday ELCA World Hunger Offering"! Your gifts totaled \$1,841. THANK YOU!

The next First Sunday ELCA World Hunger Offering will be Aug. 2.



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**Grace Lutheran Church**

Barbara Fountain

**Grace Lutheran Preschool**

Robert W. Frederiksen

**Thank you for designating Grace for your  
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## A Message from Our President: Vicki Marthaler

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!

Without our General Gatherings and our monthly Circle Meetings where offerings are accepted and put into the WELCA fund, the Women of Grace will not be able to continue supporting our local charities as is their custom. So the idea of raising money by creating a WELCA patch was born. (WELCA = Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) WELCA patches and WELCA Tote Bags are now on sale for the sole purpose of raising monies to be distributed at the end of the year to our local charities! **Please use the Order Form found on this website.** 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 patch is also in Spanish. The emblem of the Cross and the Lily Pad is the national logo of WELCA. **Orders are now being taken! Make out checks to: WELCA-Grace Unit.** Please pass the word to your neighbors and friends! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Vicki Marthaler (vicki.marthaler@gmail.com) or Lori Schaefer (lori.schaefer3@gmail.com).

### Second, "Gathering Grace" Program!

The Women of Grace Lutheran  
Welcome you to  
Gathering  
Grace  
A sharing of faith stories

This online YouTube program offers encouragement and an opportunity to share a faith story by the Women of Grace. A new program will be posted on YouTube every two weeks. Each woman shares from her heart in her own words, in her own style. And each, we pray, will bring a blessing to your heart.

**How to find "Gathering Grace?"** The easiest way is to go to the church's website: [www.gracehendersonville.com](http://www.gracehendersonville.com) On the main page are two boxes. Click "Connect to YouTube." Now you can see all the videos made for you!

The Women of Grace continue to sew quilt squares at home, plan for school kits, pray for our members, a few circles are "Zooming," worship with the Facebook Congregation, sew face masks and much more as we continue to serve our Lord Jesus by serving our neighbor. Church Women are not diminished in their efforts by pandemics! We live to serve!

**For additional information about this and other ministries of the Women of the ELCA, see the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact our president, Vicki Marthaler (218-849-5683).**

## Birthdays



Sandra Liese	8/1	Diane Butler	8/15	Charles Spangler	8/22
Wiley Danner	8/2	Kyra Parson	8/15	Janet Harms	8/23
Marietta Archis	8/4	James Tatham	8/15	Sallie Free	8/24
Joanne Helppie	8/4	Roger Christensen	8/16	Shadai Acosta-	
Barbara Bair	8/5	Marcia Kruse	8/16	Oviedo	8/25
Adrian Clark	8/6	Edward		Kenneth Etterman	8/26
Roger Bohn	8/7	Lichtenhagen	8/16	Keith Johnson	8/26
William Gollnick	8/7	Jonathan Rholl	8/16	Mark Powell	8/26
Said Solano-Jimenez	8/7	Glen Bonetti	8/17	William Bulow	8/27
Gyongyi Horvath	8/10	Gaillee Davis	8/17	Janice Hendley	8/27
Felipe Vargas	8/10	Candice Pritz	8/18	June Hreha	8/27
Natalie Solano-		Sandra Lawshe	8/19	James Krause	8/27
Villalon	8/11	Endi Morava	8/19	William Seibert	8/27
David Weber	8/11	Charles Albers	8/20	Elisabeth Obertein	8/28
James Hendley	8/12	John Elliott	8/20	Barbara West	8/28
Carol Morain	8/12	Gabriele Wirt	8/20	Chris Trumann	8/29
Kevin Havener	8/13	Jane Andersen	8/21	Karen Wolfrom	8/29
Steven Owens	8/13	Catherine Langsdorf	8/21	Aurora Solano-	
Linda Pezzimenti	8/13	Richard Christensen	8/22	Delgado	8/30
Benjamin Salgado	8/13	Carrie Everhart	8/22	Whipp Johnson	8/31
Mason Stallings	8/13	Karen Lewis	8/22	Geraldine Schwake	8/31
Daniel Wingard	8/13	Belen Salgado	8/22	Cathy Wilder	8/31
Mackenzie Davis	8/14				

## Anniversaries

Alan & Janet Harms	8/4/1968
Thom & Alfie Tews	8/4/2014
Ed & Connie Nielsen	8/5/1989
Harold & Lisa Johnson	8/6/1960
John & Carolyn Ledford	8/6/1966
Rick & Wendy Withrow	8/8/1978
Dale & Karen Beardsley	8/9/1975
John & Laurie Elliott	8/9/1997
Steve & Joan Nyitrai	8/9/1975
Joe & Cindy Bonincontri Warren	8/9/2003
Jerry & Saundra Davis	8/12/1961

Tom & Layne Kasischke	8/13/1983
Terry & Lori Schaefer	8/14/1976
Joel & Karen Wolfrom	8/14/1971
Kevin & Sue Filson	8/15/1981
Barry & Bonnie Pierce	8/20/1988
Mike & Linda Williamson	8/20/1970
Denny & Ada Gough	8/21/1960
Trex & Emily Trexler	8/21/1960
John & Rochelle Simons	8/22/1965
Marty & Fran Berger	8/27/1983
Ken & Chris Ring	8/29/1970
Peter & Catherine Samulski	8/30/1996

**Drive-Up Communion  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Wednesday, Aug. 5**

**PROCEDURE**

- + Worshipers arrive, park in the main lot on 6th Ave. West, and remain in your car. The Handicapped lot will be closed to parking.
- + Service will be broadcast using Zoom and will be accessible only on your cell phone. If you do not have a cell phone, please, come gather and receive the sacrament.
- + The Zoom room for worship will open for you to dial in 10 minutes before the start of the service. **Print & bring this with you.**
- + There will be one Zoom account available. It accommodates 100 callers. One call per car, please.
- + Remain in your car throughout. You are welcome to talk with those in the car(s) beside you while remaining inside your car.
- + The liturgy will be abbreviated.
- + Reflective music will play throughout the distribution through your phone.
- + **An offering will be received when you drive up. Regular giving as well as First Sunday gifts for ELCA World Hunger.**
- + Distribution will be under the front portico. Parking lot ushers will direct you when to drive up.
- + Lower the window beside each person in your car.
- + Pastor will give you the bread and wine in a paper bowl. Grasp the bowl on the side closest to you. Please do not touch the pastor to avoid the delay caused to sanitize hands again.
- + While stopped, consume the bread and wine inside your car. Take the bowl and plastic cup with you to dispose of at home.
- + Drive through the Handicapped lot and exit onto 6th Ave. West at the main entrance.
- + Be patient. We do not know how much time will be needed.

**MORNING SERVICE: 10 a.m.**

Please do not dial in until 9:50 a.m. when the account will be open.

**Zoom Phone Number:** 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 885 5454 6548

Password: 950601

**EVENING SERVICE: 7 p.m.**

Please do not dial in until 6:50 p.m. when the account will be open.

**Zoom Phone number:** 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 870 8807 2205

Password: 072288



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**COVID Update for July 17**

**On July 14, Gov. Cooper extended the Phase Two - Safer at Home order until Aug. 7. Grace Lutheran Church will continue our current Phase Two procedures until the Covid-19 situation changes and Gov. Cooper moves our state to the next phase. There is no need for reconsideration until that time.**

In practical terms, this means Grace will continue Sunday worship online **only at least through Aug. 16**. This could change based on the guidance of state and local public health officials as well as our synod. Ministry gatherings of Grace groups are permissible for groups of no more than 10 people while wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. Any small group desiring to gather must schedule their in-person meeting at Grace through Greg Dodd, Executive Director of Parish Operations.

Grace continues to offer numerous online faith formation opportunities through Facebook and our YouTube channel. We encourage you to nourish your faith with them during our time of separation.

**School Supplies Collected Lutheran World Relief**  
Sept. 1 through Sept. 30

70-sheet notebooks - wide or college-ruled; rulers with centimeters and inches; pencil sharpeners; blunt scissors; #2 pencils; ballpoint pens (no gel); erasers approximately 2 ½" long; and 24 count crayons. Place supplies outside the front entrance or write a check designating LWR school kits and mail to Grace. Questions? Call Carol Ontko, 828-458-6590.