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The Joy of Serving

2021 High School Lutherock Group Building week
by Anne Monroe



This summer our High School Youth spent a week at Lutherock Camp backpacking on the Appalachian Trail, whitewater rafting on the Nolichucky River, conquering the high ropes challenge course, ziplining, and worship campfires with counselor devotions. Another adult attending Lutherock the same week as our youth remarked on how quickly the Grace Youth volunteered to help or support other campers and counselors without even being asked. We are so proud of our Grace Youth and their hard work!

Our Purpose:
*Transforming Lives
Through Christ*

Our 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

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

- Our 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



A pilgrimage is a journey, often into an unknown place, where a person goes in search of new meaning about their self, others, nature, or a higher good, through the experience. During my sabbatical in May 2019, I went on a pilgrimage walking the way of the Camino Primitivo, one of the Camino de Santiago routes. The Camino de Santiago is a historic pilgrimage across northern Spain, and is an inward faith seeking journey as well as physical. The scallop shell is the most iconic symbol associated with the Camino de Santiago. It's seen everywhere, from churches and distance markers to pavements and backpacks. The modern pilgrim embarking on The Way can see the scallop shell at every turn, guiding them on milestone markers and providing a reassuring point in the right direction. The shell can also be a symbol of baptism and reminder we are God's beloved children. Traditionally, many pilgrims wear the shell, either around their neck or attached to their backpack.

Grace member and volunteer receptionist, Kathy Morgan Reinhard, who has walked the entire Camino Frances route, surprised me with the gift of my own pilgrim shell to attach to my backpack which I carried on the Camino Primitivo. While our students were at Lutherock they were on a pilgrimage, even if not walking one of the Camino routes in Spain. Therefore, they needed the gift of a shell to carry on their packs along the Appalachian Trail. I gave each of them a personal symbol on the shell back that reminded me of their unique personalities. I have included the symbol meanings after each of their thank you notes.

Thank you to all Grace members, friends, and family members who took the time to write a 'special' letter to one of our 2021 Lutherock participants. Each night of the trip our teens received 'mail' from various Grace members or family. Over 65 letters were shared with our youth! 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. Here in their own words a huge THANK YOU to Grace:



Dear Grace Lutheran: Thank you for sending me on this trip to Lutherock. I also really appreciate the letters you've written to me, they were very encouraging. I feel like this camp has been a great opportunity for me to grow as a person and in my faith. This trip has also been a great opportunity for me to learn more about my fellow youth group members. The challenge of backpacking brought us closer and strengthened our relationships. While backpacking was very hard the experience was worth it. I got to experience the beauty of God's nature, while challenging myself. Another experience I really enjoyed on this trip was whitewater rafting.

Rafting was a really fun experience and is definitely something I will be doing again. Despite going into this trip nervous, I really enjoyed it and will be hiking more. I think this trip really opened my eyes to the beauty of nature and help me recognize that God's work is everywhere. I feel like now I have I am more faithful and devoted disciple of God. Overall, I think this trip was a wonderful experience and can't thank you all enough for sending me.
~~Elizabeth

Pilgrim shell symbol: OWL- connecting with wisdom and knowledge, these are gifts she shares with our group. She views the world with open eyes and is able to see many different perspectives of beauty in God's creation.



Dear Grace family: Thank you so much for providing the opportunity for all of us to attend Lutherock! I was able to experience God's creation firsthand along with the wonderful friends I was able to meet and relate to. I learned that God's path for me isn't always straightforward and blunt, but rather twists and winds and filled with hardships. I think that the hardships found when we were hiking on the Appalachian Trail perfectly mirror the hardships we find in life. There are always hardships climbing mountains but there is always an amazing and peaceful view at the summit. This week at camp I discovered that I am stronger in a group environment and all people around me in life are always there to support me, which is why I would love to say thank you one more time!

~~Nathaniel

Pilgrim shell symbol: LUTHEROCK LOGO—he encouraged us to experience this place together having been to camp here before. The mountain is a stoic symbol of strength and place for listening and reflection. He models these qualities with his life and in service to others.

Dear Grace Lutheran: Thank you so much for allowing me to go on this trip to Lutherock. I had a good time and I'm very happy that I had this experience. Along with strengthening my



relationship with my youth group members, it also strengthened my relationship with God tremendously. Backpacking through the Appalachian Trail challenged me, but it allowed me to put more trust in God. I was able to try new things along with backpacking, including whitewater rafting and camping. Overall, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity, I'm very thankful for it. ~~Jenna

Pilgrim shell symbol: BUTTERFLY—for her willingness to step out of her comfort zone and to try a new experience is courageous. It is not easy to step out and do a new thing. She had a willingness and trust to grow closer to God, find new meaning in the outdoors, and to be transformed by this experience.



Dear Grace family: Thank you so much for the amazing time that I had at Lutherock! I had a lot of fun but most importantly I have grown closer with God. The time we spent backpacking through his creation showed me that God is everywhere, even when things are completely silent. I remember going on a solo hike and only focusing on the chirping birds and the sound of rushing water. The whitewater rafting was so awesome! At first, I was a little nervous since the river was moving twice as fast as the day before, but once I got out in the raft, I had a blast. Thanks again for this life changing experience! ~~James

Pilgrim shell symbol: COMPASS--he steps into a senior leadership role in GYM. Younger youth will be looking to him

for guidance and support as he models what it means to practice your faith. A teaching from the Indigenous people's culture is the Leadership Compass is based on a Four-Fold Way, each direction has a main 'human resource' from which to draw support and strength: North represents Action, South represents Empathy, East represents Vision, and West represents Analysis. These are all wonderful qualities for a leader to model in balance.



Dear Grace Lutheran: Thank you so much for the giving me the opportunity to attend summer camp at Lutherock. It has been a wonderful opportunity to grow as a person and in my faith. I have been challenged in many ways but have grown so much through this trip. As we began our backpacking trip I struggled and did not know if I could make it, but as we kept walking and got to our first camp site, I became more confident. I became better at setting up the tent, packing my backpack, and making it through the tough trails. After making it to our final destination I felt super accomplished, and it made the hard trip worth it. At the Nolichucky River we were able to whitewater raft. Which after the intense rain we had the night before seemed terrifying, but it ended up being my favorite part of the trip.

Overall, this trip taught me not to shy away from activities that scare me. Thanks again for sending me on this amazing trip to Lutherock. ~~Vanessa

Pilgrim shell symbol: DAISY—her gifts of kindness and positivity connect with the daisy flower. Also symbolizes new beginnings, her senior year will bring new opportunities and changes which unfold. It also represents cheerfulness in service to others which connects with her willingness to help others and a leadership gift she models.



*Dear Grace Lutheran: Thank you all very much for allowing me to go to Lutherock over the summer! I've learned that I can adapt to even the toughest terrains of the Appalachian Trail with God's help. However, I also learned that I still have plenty of room to grow. This trip has helped me with that as I continue to learn how to grapple unfamiliar territory and grow as a child of God. Again, thank you all very much!
~~Noah*

Pilgrim shell symbol: HEADPHONES--this represents the courage to use his voice and tools as needed. Many people in life do not learn how to advocate for themselves or struggle to do so. Also represents his gift advocating for himself, others and his gift of resilience.



Dear Grace family: Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to go to Lutherock. It has been such a meaningful experience for me in many ways. It has helped remind me how God is present even in the toughest times. Even when we were tired from the hardest part of the trail, you could still look around and see God present in all of the beauty. When we reached the top of this one mountain, you were able to see all the other mountains breaking through the clouds. It was truly breathtaking. This trip has also reminded how strong I truly am. I went into this trip hesitant of how I would handle backpacking 20 miles when I had no experience before, but I surprised myself. I was able to do it and encourage those around me during it. This might have been one of the hardest weeks of my life but it has also

*been one of the most fun. Thank you again for all of y'all's encouragement through the letters!
~~Nelson*

Pilgrim shell symbol: HEART--connects to her confirmation verse and senior sermon. Also chosen because of the great compassion she has for others. She has wonderful gifts of encouragement and empathy to share with others.

Thrivent Choice

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

Grace Lutheran Church

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Thank you for designating Grace for your Thrivent Choice dollars!

Message from Senior Pastor Greg Williams

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Resuming Ministry Depends on You

"We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness." - Romans 12:6-8



Someone recently asked me, "Pastor, was it harder at the start of CoVid or harder coming out of CoVid?" Without hesitation, I responded, "It is much more challenging now as we regather and begin to resume worship and ministries. Stopping in March 2020 was a piece of cake compared to now."

When we hit the "PAUSE" button, everyone understood because we were facing something totally new. Nobody knew how dangerous the virus was and precisely how it was spread. Regathering we waded through mountains of information, discussing dozens of possibilities, and doing our best to discern how to resume in-person worship as well as the many ministries of Grace. We encountered as many differing opinions as there are people reading this article.

After 15+ months of keeping apart for our safety and the safety of others, resuming the dozens of ministries at Grace takes time. Ministry leaders and staff members are planning events to help us fully re-engage with our community in the ways for which Grace is known.

The essential key to resuming ministry is YOU. Whether you are part of our online community or feel comfortable enough to return to in-person activities, YOU are the heart of Grace's ministries that transform lives. Members are responding to the Spirit's call to serve. Some of the ministries resuming their in-person activities include: quilters, prayer shawl, Bible/book studies, GYM (youth ministry), choir, band, office/receptionist volunteers, Altar Guild, Stewardship, Outreach/Evangelism, Social Ministry, Buildings & Grounds, Worship & Music, Banquet Bearers, Hospitality & Fellowship ... the list grows weekly.

Just as prior to the pandemic pause, YOU generously, graciously, and joyfully sharing the gifts God has blessed you with in one or more ministries are the living engine that propels God's mission at Grace. Read and reflect on Paul's words above to the believers in Rome. Ponder the gifts God has given to you. Pray about how and where you will share them in God's mission through Grace. Any staff member will gladly help you connect with a ministry.

Resuming and revitalizing ministries hinges on YOU and other faithful disciples sharing your gifts ... your time ... your talents for the sake of our neighbors and God's mission. My prayer and hope has always been that every member of Grace serves in at least one ministry.

What gifts is the Spirit calling you to share? In what one ministry will you commit to share your gifts? When will you begin? Who will you invite to join you in serving?

Pick a ministry from the enclosed list of Ministry Opportunities and get started today!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Greg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gifts Ministry Opportunities

Altar Guild for 9 a.m. Sunday Service - Set up communion and altar candles on Saturday mornings. Serve on a rotating schedule. Contact Joy Kiefer, joykiefer44@gmail.com

Altar Guild for 11:15 a.m. Sunday Service - Clean up and prepare communion Sundays before the 11:15 a.m. service. Contact Joy Kiefer, joykiefer44@gmail.com

Host Team Volunteers & Leader for 11:15 a.m. Service – Assist in ushering, reading, Communion, and other tasks. Contact Jolie Herman, 828-693-4890 ext. 315

Memorial Services Host Team – Set up and host receptions. Contact Jolie Herman, 828-693-4890

Nursery Attendant – At least 2 Sundays a month from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Must be 18 years of age. \$13.50/hour. See Jill for details.

Oasis Hospitality Team – Beginning Sept. 15, help Chef Nicola set up, serve, and clean up after Wednesday evening meal. Contact Jolie Herman, 828-693-4890 ext. 315

Preschool Garden – Team needed to create a children's garden. Will pay for plants, flowers, etc. Contact Beth Ann Lehr, balehr@gracehendersonville.com

Study Buddy Mentor - Wednesday evenings - September through May, mentor an elementary school child for 45 minutes at either 4:15 or 5:15 p.m. See Jill for details.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship Team – Beginning Aug. 15, set up and serve cookies and coffee in Stull Hall from 10-11 a.m. Contact Jolie Herman, 828-693-4890 ext. 315

Sunday School Leaders - Lead Pre-K through 3rd grade or 4th-6th grade hour-long Sunday School. All materials provided. See Jill for details.

Tech Team – Assist in running the PowerPoint for the 9 a.m. Sunday service. Contact Dave Carver, dcarver@gracehendersonville.com

Most volunteers serve on a rotating schedule. Questions about volunteer opportunities? See Jolie Herman, Administrative Assistant, for details.

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

Ministry Opportunities Continue to Increase

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Due to COVID-19, the need for our ministry at Grace has grown. Many have suffered with illness, loss of income and hunger. To be a nurturing family of faith, Grace used the virtual world with our worship services, Bible studies, weekly online devotions in both English and Spanish, and conducted Zoom meetings, classes and small groups. We held food drives and drop-off collections while fully funding our Social Ministry partners and church staff.

Living into our mission and embracing our core values are the cornerstones of all we do at Grace. Each of us has the gift of God's grace and are led by the Holy Spirit to help transform lives through Christ. Here are a few examples of service that transforms lives:

- + The Quilters already have 129 quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
- + With True Ridge and Delia Jovel, Hispanic neighbors received culturally appropriate food through Abundancia.
- + Twice we have collected food for Living Waters Food Pantry as they meet critical needs for 2,000 people each month.
- + Our most recent collection for the Rescue Mission has filled the lobby collection area thrice during the ingathering time.

Returning to in-person worship, meetings, classes, and other ministries offers us additional - and NEW - ministry opportunities. These include:

- + Compassionate care through hospital visitation, Banquet Bearers (taking Communion to homebound members), contacting shut-in members, and Stephen Ministry (continuing Stephen Ministers as well as training for new ministers).
- + Venture into a new worship ministry by serving on our Tech Team. You know the incredible work Dave Carver does with the video for live streaming. Each live streamed event is supported by a team of folks who have all learned new skills related to sound, camera work, PowerPoint, and streaming. Streaming will continue for Sundays (English & Spanish worship) as well as for memorial services, when requested. This burgeoning new ministry will provide you useful skills. Check it out by contacting Dave Carver.

In all of these ministries and more, we welcome people from both cross-cultural and multi-generational backgrounds to serve and lead.

Grace is phenomenally generous with financial support for our partner ministries. For example, we provided over \$14,000 to ELCA World Hunger last year to help feed the hungry. In 2020, our Grace family provided over \$411,000 to support others in Henderson County, our state, and around the globe.

Say **"Yes!"** to a new or an additional ministry opportunity so that Grace is as generous in hands-on ministries as we are with financial support.

As Paul told us in the verses above, we are blessed with many gifts given through the grace of our God. We can respond by being generous with our time, talents and financial resources as we all touch and know the saving grace that comes through Christ.

Women of the ELCA

A Reflection from our President, Vicki Marthaler



Happy August, dear Grace Family!

As I reflect on a wonderful vacation recently shared with our Vermont family on the North Captiva Island of Florida, this hymn of praise written by Katherine K. Davis and set to a joyful Welsh Melody came to mind as we walked the beach discovering life in all forms and shapes!

"Let All Things Now Living"

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's Light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into Light!
2. God rules all the forces; the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, **the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine!**
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Walking the beach, we found a vast variety of uniquely created life!

Star Fish.....Buried turtle eggs.....Urchins.....Sponges!.....A beautiful welk..... seashell egg casing



The living things we carefully returned to the water. We marveled at the site of the buried turtle eggs knowing the hatchlings will automatically crawl to the water unaided, and the seashell egg casing was a testament to life that had been born and released.

We also found scads of Sand Dollars. I had never found a sand dollar before and when we went out at low tide, the beach was littered with them! I was quite mesmerized by them. They all had five holes in the same sequence like Someone (guess Who!) had a template just to mark sand dollars. On one side was a star-shaped imprint and the other side was more of a flower imprint. Later when I googled Sand Dollars, I learned of a traditional Christian meaning of the sand dollar design. The sand dollar represents the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The star imprint side represents the Star of the East announcing the birth of Christ. The five holes represent the five wounds of Christ as He was crucified: the head pierced by the crown of thorns, both hands pierced by nails, the feet together pierced by one nail and the soldier's piercing of Jesus' side to prove His death. The flower imprint side represents the Easter Lily celebrating the resurrection of Christ.



AND, inside the sand dollar is said to be five little birds that when released bring joy, peace, love, faith and hope!

I didn't have the heart to break any of the whole sand dollars that weren't living any more. I was blessed to hold one knowing that I was holding in my hand one of God's amazing creations that so vividly reminds me of the many gifts He desires for us: His love, great joy, abiding peace, deepening faith and abundant hope! So I triumphantly raised my voice in thanksgiving and rejoiced "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!" May you have opportunity to do the same!

Vicki Marthaler



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).

Servant Saturday

Sept. 11

For 25 of the past 26 years (missed 2020 because of Covid-19) Grace members have dedicated one Saturday each spring to provide hands-on assistance to many non-profit agencies here in Henderson County. Among these partner agencies are Hendersonville Rescue Mission, Interfaith Assistance Ministry, Four Seasons Compassion for Life, Boys and Girls Club, The Storehouse, Children and Family Resource Center and Thrive to name a few.

This year, the decision was made to move Servant Saturday to Sept. 11. While our agencies wanted Grace to assist them with spring projects, this year they did not feel the involvement of volunteers was safe until later summer or fall. So, we have selected the Servant Saturday event to take place on Saturday, Sept. 11 which is also the same weekend as the ELCA Churchwide "God's Work Our Hands" day...which is set for Sunday, Sept. 12.

Our projects range from yard clean up, painting, cleaning trails, small repair projects, to making sandwiches and quilting. There are no special tools or special talents required, only the desire to make positive changes by giving of your time and talent. This is a great opportunity to give to the local agencies and build fellowship with many grace members. Bring the total family, as we will have projects which encourage our youth to participate.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the church lobby every day from Sunday Aug. 22 through Sept. 10. Additionally, on Sundays between services a committee member will be available to answer any questions and assist you in selecting your agency/project. So, mark your calendar for this great event!

We want to include our online community in this ministry as well. If you do not reside in the Hendersonville area, pick a local non-profit where you live and arrange to do a project there on or about Sept. 11. Notify us in advance what that project is and provide your t-shirt size(s). We will mail you an eye-catching "God's Work Our Hands" t-shirt to wear for your project. All we ask is that you email us a photo of you on-site wearing your bright gold t-shirt the day of your project. Use this email address: pr@gracehendersonville.com. We are eager to hear your ministry stories.

Grace Birthdays

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

Grace Anniversaries

Alan & Janet Harms	8/4	Terry & Lori Schaefer	8/14
Thom & Alfie Tews	8/4	Kevin & Sue Filson	8/15
Larry & Nancy Edwards	8/5	Barry & Bonnie Pierce	8/20
Ed & Connie Nielsen	8/5	Mike & Linda Williamson	8/20
Rick & Wendy Withrow	8/8	Denny & Ada Gough	8/21
Dale & Karen Beardsley	8/9	Ed & Emily Trexler	8/21
Joe & Cindy Warren-Bonincontri	8/9	John & Rochelle Simons	8/22
John & Laurie Elliott	8/9	Marty & Fran Berger	8/27
Gerald & Sandra Davis	8/12	Ken & Chris Ring	8/29
Tom & Layne Kasischke	8/13	Peter & Catherine Samulski	8/30



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2021 Boys and Girls Club Gift of Giving Party

Leaders Needed!

Co-sponsored By: First United Method Church and Grace Lutheran Church

The Boys and Girls Club Gift for Giving Party is a joint effort between First United Methodist Church (FUMC), Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Boys and Girls Club of Henderson County. FUMC started the party in 2009 and Grace Lutheran became a co-sponsor in 2018. The annual party is held in December at FUMC. The children from the Boys and Girls Club come to FUMC to choose gifts to give to their most important Adults at Christmas time. Members of both churches provide gifts and many volunteer hours, to put this worthwhile party together. Grace Lutheran has 2 volunteer coordinators that are on the lead team committee at FUMC and work throughout the year planning the party.

As many of you know, we were not able to have the parties in 2020 due to Covid. We are moving ahead this year in anticipation of 2 parties Dec. 13 and 14.

We have 1 team Lead position that needs filling—Hospitality Lead. This job would require:

1. Ordering and picking up pizzas and water for Honor Students who help escort the small children at their party.
2. Getting pizza or sub sandwiches and water on the set-up day (Sunday December 12th) for the volunteers.
3. Getting water and a possible grab and go snack for volunteers on the party days during their break.

If you might be interested in this position, please contact Sandi Brust, 828-772-6898 for more information and schedule of leadership meetings.

As we will again expect over 400 children like 2019, we will need many gifts. A list of types of gifts will be out in August. If you do not want to buy the gifts, a monetary donation is always welcome and people from the Leadership team will purchase the gifts. Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran Church, B&G Gift of Giving Party in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the Church, put in the drop box outside or put into the offering plate at service.

Watch for volunteer sign ups in November!