



Grace Notes

July 2009 Newsletter of Grace and Glory Lutheran Church Sunday Worship at 10:15 A.M.

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Dear fellow members of the body of Christ:

We are drawing close to having a new logo for Grace and Glory. Dani Antol, one of our newest members, is a graphic artist who has designed several worthy logos for consideration by our Leadership Team. We are grateful for Dani's excellent work on this. Thanks also to Roy Schurmann, Larry Teal, and Doris Meyer who submitted sketches which were presented to Dani as she worked to produce a mark for our congregation which will be inspiring and telling of our mission as God's people in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

Why do we need a new logo? The issue which calls forth the need for a new logo is that the digital graphic of the current one is too expensive to reproduce. We would like to produce color letterhead for stationery, imprint t-shirts, and other items with our logo, but the current one has many colors and shades which make the cost of reproducing it prohibitive. All of the proposed designs in consideration contain only 2-3 colors.

I learned recently that the current logo is not Grace and Glory's first, but has been utilized for several years. The current logo consists of a cross with a dove in motion near its center. Its semblance also serves as a standing cross in worship. Recently the cross was discovered to be badly damaged, and Walter Parsons employed his gift of craftsmanship and repaired it. Thanks to Walter for his many

hours spent in doing so. The cross will continue to serve in worship as it has.

I am confident that the new logo design selected by the Leadership Team will serve effectively for years in helping identify and express visually the caring and sharing community of believers that Grace and Glory comprises.

Together in mission,

Pastor Ken Albright

Change in Location for Worship on Sunday, August 2

Don't forget, on Sunday, August 2 we will be having a joint worship service with Salem United Methodist Church on their site (Salem Church Road). **Service time is 10:00 AM** that day.

As the ELCA looks to approve a Full Communion Agreement with the UMC at its Biennial meeting later in the month, we will already embody our unity in a service of Holy Communion. Remember to bring backpacks, book bags, and school supplies to that service, as they will be donated to Fluvanna Middle School for youth who need them.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Leadership Team Summary

The Leadership Team met on June 8 and discussed the following:

Treasurer Carol Parsons reported that offerings increased over the past month and spending decreased. There was also an increase in the Capital Campaign. She and Financial Secretary Mary Stowe will attend training on the use of the Church Windows software. She also noted that former Treasurer Jared Feury has continued to cover some of the Treasurer's responsibilities while she has been learning the system.

The Leadership Team discussed the draft Privacy Policy as presented by Administration chair Larry Teal. A number of questions still remain regarding its implementation, so the policy was not yet finalized.

Grace & Glory purchased \$1000 in materials for use in the Habitat for Humanity home currently under construction. That amount includes our own donations plus matching funds from Thrivent.

Larry Teal reported that the church office computer seems to be working fine following the recent upgrades. Contributions made to replace that computer will instead be retained for the eventual purchase of a computer in our new building.

The Audit Team's report was distributed and reviewed. Overall the Audit Team found the books to be in good order. Several recommendations included in the report will be followed up by appropriate members of the Leadership Team, including use of tax-exempt forms, investigation of more cost-effective ways to get workers' compensation and liability insurance, and more expeditious payment of substitute pastors and organists.

The Building Task Force Steering Committee, as well as President Frits Geurtsen and Pastor Albright, will be interviewing architectural firms this week. Due to the sensitive nature of contract negotiations, the identities of those firms cannot be disclosed at this time.

The Leadership Team discussed the idea of creating a "gift registry" of items (furniture, etc.) that will be needed in our new facility. Those who wish to purchase specific items would be able to select something from the list.

Janice Brown, who served as one of our delegates to the recent Virginia Synod Assembly, shared her experiences and noted that our youth delegates will give a report at worship this Sunday.

Hospitality Chair Carol Wade has asked for suggestions for changes to the hospitality hour as she has difficulty finding enough volunteers. There will be a limit of four items served each Sunday, which will hopefully entice more people to volunteer.

Larry Teal reported that graphic designer Dani Antol, one of the newest members of our congregation, has worked on developing a new logo and will be presenting several options to the Leadership Team in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rockafellow, Secretary

Mark your Calendar for the Next Service of Healing

On Sunday, September 6 at 10:15 AM we will offer opportunity for laying on of hands and anointing with oil for those who desire healing for themselves or others. It will be a fitting opportunity as the story of the healing of the Syro-Phoenician Woman's daughter (Mark 7:24-37) is the Gospel story appointed for that Sunday.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Worship Space:

How Do We Get This Thing To Serve?

Our last session of the worship space course will be held at the church office on Wednesday, July 1 at 7:30 PM. Don't miss it! If you have missed one or more sessions, you can go to the website to download the course material used in those sessions. Also, if you'd like a copy of the book called [A Place of Encounter](#) by D. Foy Christopherson, please see Pastor or Ed Martell.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

President's Message

When Jane and I were first married, we attended a Lutheran church up in Arlington, VA. One of the first people we met there was a delightful elderly woman named Jackie, who made us feel immediately welcome. Over time, as her eyesight began to deteriorate, she was not always able to recognize others as they approached her. Until they spoke, that is – and then she knew them before they even had to say their names. That certainly made you feel special.

Scripture tells us that the sheep will know their shepherd's voice. With Jackie as my example, I like to think that we sheep can know each other's voices too. But that can only happen when we've spent enough time getting to know each other better than simply what you get from a quick "Good Morning" or even a "Peace of the Lord be with you."

How do we get there?

Very simply, we can seek out opportunities to spend a little time together with those we don't yet know. We can approach them during coffee time – which, of course, means we need to stay for coffee time in the first place – and talk to them long enough to learn something beyond their names, although that's certainly a good start.

We can call them out of the blue and invite them to breakfast or lunch or dinner. Or a round of golf. Or a movie. Or a shopping trip.

We can invite them to sit with us in church and introduce them to others.

We can invite them to join us in a church activity, not because we need the help, but because it would just be a great way to get to know each other better.

We can invite them to spend a holiday with us if they don't have another place to go.

You get the idea.

Sounds like a community to me, one I'd love to be part of. How about you? Let's make it happen. Together.

By the way, how are you doing today? I really do want to know!

With God's love,

Frits Geurtsen, Congregation President

July 5-11 Hurley Servant Event for Youth

On the afternoon of July 5, Pastor and four of our youth (Julia, Katey, Amanda, and Tamara) will be traveling to Hurley, in southwest Virginia, to serve the people of that community with basic housing repairs. There will be approximately 60 people all together, as we join with youth and adults from Our Savior, Warrenton and another sister congregation. Pray that the Lord will prosper the work of our hands, and fill hearts with hope as we go in Christ's name to serve.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

W.A.G.G.

If anyone has new or like-new books for children for me to take to the VSWO Convention in July, please have them to me by Sunday, July 12th. If you would like me to pick up any books, call me at 589-6358. These will go to the Roanoke Rescue Mission. The Blessing Boxes came to \$75.00 so I will take a check to Convention in that amount to go towards the Love Offering. Thanks to all who contributed.

Submitted by Janice Brown

The Travelin' Singers and Friends

Save the 5th Wednesday in July (July 29th) for our visit to the nursing home at Fork Union. Invite a friend to join us for singing and visiting with the folks there. We will meet at the church office at 10 a.m. for carpooling and will return by noon.

Submitted by Sue Pickett

FCSS News:

During the month of May, food distribution went to 88 families, 205 individuals. Our last collection was 12 bags of food. Our next Food Sunday is July 19th. Pancake mix and syrup are needed, as well as canned fish and meats.

I will also be collecting gently used toys all summer for the "Happy Face" event in December.

Submitted by Barbara Smith

Thrivent Supports Our Youth

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has contributed **nearly a thousand dollars** (!) this year to help the youth at Grace and Glory who will be attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. The youth have had quite a few fundraisers during the past six months to pay for this adventure. You may remember their very colorful first one selling poinsettias last December netting \$366 which Thrivent matched. Then in January some of you had a very special sub made by our youth on Super Bowl Sunday, netting over \$300 to which Thrivent added another \$150. February brought more culinary treats at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which helped the youth raise another \$165 which Thrivent matched. Finally, as spring approached, thoughts once again turned to beautiful flowers which the youth provided in their plant sale before Easter, netting \$254 which Thrivent also matched. For those keeping count, that makes a grand total of \$935 provided by Thrivent. We wish our youth a wonderful experience this summer at the National Youth Gathering and look forward to hearing all about it when they return!

*Submitted by Helen Ida Moyer,
Thrivent Congregational Coordinator*

Attendance Figures

Average Sunday attendance at Grace and Glory for May was 76. Average attendance at Sunday School was 13. The running average attendance through June 21 was 77.

Submitted by Dick Haas

5Gs Have Wonderful Time Again

On Wednesday, June 24, the 5Gs (the Golden Gals and Guys of Grace and Glory) traveled to the Shenandoah Valley. First they visited the Andre Viette nursery where Gary gave us a tour of many of the colorful plants that were available and answered many of the participants' questions. After filling up our trunks with new plants, we drove to Waynesboro for lunch at the South River Grill. Lunch was excellent as well as the fellowship that goes along with these events.

Unfortunately, the 5Gs will take the summer off but we all look forward to the next event on September 29 when we will visit Montpelier.

Submitted by Helen Ida Moyer

July Birthdays



NAME	BIRTH DATE
<i>Doug Rockafellow</i>	7/01
<i>Don Hanson</i>	7/02
<i>Katie Shifflette</i>	7/02
<i>Jan Crowther</i>	7/04
<i>Lee Moyer</i>	7/07
<i>Angela Marshall</i>	7/07
<i>Lou Cooper</i>	7/08
<i>LaVerne Chandler</i>	7/08
<i>June Leonardo</i>	7/17
<i>Joe Shaver</i>	7/19
<i>Sue Pickett</i>	7/21
<i>Rosemarie Sutton</i>	7/21
<i>Jared Feury</i>	7/21
<i>Ann Pfister</i>	7/26
<i>Doris Meyer</i>	7/30

God's work, our hands

When addressing groups, I often ask people to “turn to the person next to you and introduce yourself with the words you most often use.” What if I said, “After your name, use only four words”? Could you find four words to express the heart of who you are? Could these words invite more conversation, engage the hearer’s interest and provide lasting reference points?

What four words would you use to describe the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)? We live in a culture where we will miss the opportunity to tell our story if we do not creatively and consistently “brand” ourselves. The purpose and challenge of the [ELCA](#)’s tag line “God’s work, our hands” is not to replace Scripture and the confessions, the constitutional statement of purpose or churchwide mission statement—but to open a door to conversation that gives you the opportunity to witness to your faith and tell the story of how you live in service for the life of the world.

Let me offer a way of using “God’s work, our hands” to share more about our faith, hope and mission with the kind of fluency in the first language of faith that we seek as a [Book of Faith](#) church.

God. The most important message we have is not about ourselves, but about what *God* is doing. *God* is at work, and Jesus embodies what God is working on—the new creation. The Holy Spirit, who moved over the waters at creation’s beginning, now uses the stuff of creation—water, bread, wine, words—to call, gather, enlighten and sanctify a people who live in Jesus Christ. “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ” ([Philippians 1:6](#)).

God’s work. God is at *work*. In a time when some see God as a distant and detached observer or master planner, we witness the God who was, is and will be actively working “for us and our salvation.” The heart of this witness is the cross of

Jesus, where God’s work of reconciliation for the life of the world is most truly known.

For this reason the tag line is designed not to stand alone, but as part of a larger brand mark that includes the [ELCA](#)’s name and emblem. The emblem is built around a cross constructed of black, rough-edged lines that convey the reality of Jesus’ crucifixion. Jesus’ cross was not an abstract idea, but a harsh reality suffered by the one who gave his life for all of us. The empty spaces in the four quadrants of the globe each form a cross, so that the emblem is like the traditional Jerusalem cross. It shows that God’s mission to the four corners of the world and to people of every language and color is always the message of the cross—“foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” ([1 Corinthians 1:18](#)).





Our hands. In a culture that has reduced matters of faith to a private consumer choice that leaves people isolated in self-serving lives, we have a liberating message that is incarnational and vocational. God joins you in Jesus to a community, the body of Christ. In the life of that body God is working both *in* us and *through* us and our hands. *In* us God’s Holy Spirit is accomplishing what nothing else, not even God’s law, could accomplish—a life freed from serving sin and death, a life where our hands are generous and loving. Living in us, God entrusts to us the ministry of reconciliation, to be done *through* us. “All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation” ([2 Corinthians 5:18](#)).

God’s work. Our hands. We do God’s work, not because God needs us to do so, but because our neighbor does. We do God’s work in Christ’s name for the life of the world.

How would you describe the [ELCA](#)? Please join me in using the tag line and brand mark as tools to witness to our common life and work.

Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop

JULY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:15 AM WORSHIP	29 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	30	1 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 7:30 PM Worship Space Summer Course/Church Office	2 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Grace 7:30 PM Adult Chime Choir/Grace	3 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Building Task Force Steering Committee/Library	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 9:00 AM Mission Trip to Southwestern VA 10:15 AM WORSHIP	6 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 9:00 AM Mission Trip to Southwestern VA 3:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting/Glory	7 9:00 AM Mission Trip to Southwestern VA	8 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Mission Trip to Southwestern VA 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 2:00 PM Evangelism Committee/Glory	9  Handchimes 9:00 AM Mission Trip to Southwestern VA 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marj 7:30 PM Adult Chime Choir/Grace	10 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 9:00 AM Mission Trip to Southwestern VA	11 9:00 AM Mission Trip to Southwestern VA
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19  Camp Mar-lu-ridge FOOD BANK SUNDAY 10:15 AM WORSHIP 2:00 PM Grace and Glory Golf Outing/Lake Monticello Golf Course	20 Camp Mar-lu-ridge 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	21 Camp Mar-lu-ridge	22  Camp Mar-lu-ridge 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM National Youth Gathering/New Orleans, LA	23 9:00 AM National Youth Gathering/New Orleans, LA 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marilyn 7:30 PM Adult Chime Choir/Grace	24 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 9:00 AM National Youth Gathering/New Orleans, LA	25 Pastor on Vacation through August 1 9:00 AM National Youth Gathering/New Orleans, LA
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Remember: The most up-to-date information and details about events listed is available on our website calendar at www.GraceandGlory.org.

If you have a need for the office or additional information that should be included on the calendar, please send the information to Gabi Dech at gglcelca@embarqmail.com, or call her at 589-2217.

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2
Minister	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Paul St. Clair	Kenneth Albright
Lay Assistant	Helen Ida Moyer	Justin Wade	Paul Crowther	Dick Haas	Janice Brown
Reader	Frits Geurtsen	Kingsley Brown	Helen Ida Moyer	Janet Rockafellow	Charlotte Albright
Ushers/Greeters	Clara & Lou Cooper	Ester Teal Patty Shaver	Joyce & Don Hanson	Linda & Robert Candea	Jan & Paul Crowther
Acolyte(s)	Tamara S.	Katie S.	Julia A.	Katey S.	Sarah D.
Sound System	Steve Jenkins	Larry Teal	Bob Pickett	Paul Crowther	Ken Duffau
Altar Care	Carol Parsons Charlotte Albright	Patty Shaver Marilyn Carney	Barbara Smith Alice Shifflett	Janet Rockafellow Jan Crowther	None
Refreshments	Carol Wade Janice Brown	Carol Parsons Carol Sanders	Helen Post Marge Miesemer	Sonja Erickson Joyce Schmidt	None
Tellers	Roy Schurmann Joe Shaver	Barbara Smith Justin Wade	Jan Crowther Jane Geurtsen	Helen Post Lou Cooper	Larry Teal Kingsley Brown
Visitor Contactor	Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger	Sue Pickett	Sue Pickett	Wayne Carney

Sunday Helpers

We all give thanks to our faithful Sunday helpers who provide our music, set up and take down the equipment, chairs, altar and other worship aids, and to those who organize and secure our readers and worship assistants, greeters and ushers, and hospitality providers.

Greeters/Ushers

Patty Shaver – 589-6050

Readers and Assisting Ministers

Sue Pickett – 589-5994

Sunday School

Terry Shifflett – 589-8270

Hospitality

Carol Wade – 589-3232

Jean DeMarco – 589-5165

Altar Care

Mary Stowe – 589-8621

Janet Rockafellow – 589-9608

Altar Flowers

Rachael Huddle – 589-3360

Music

Julie Martell – 591-0503

Acolytes

Lynette Kacmarcik – 589-8413

Tellers

Marj Schurmann – 589-1206

Sound System

Marj Schurmann – 589-1206

If you have signed up for a duty and find that you cannot make it for some reason, please arrange to find a replacement.

Prayer List Request

E-mail Carol Parsons at ggprayerlist@embarqmail.com or call her at 589-6068 if you wish to add or delete a Prayer List concern.

Bulletin, Office and Calendar Requests

E-mail Gabi Dech at gglcelca@embarqmail.com or call her at 589-2217 to:

1. Have an announcement included in the Sunday bulletin
2. Schedule the office meeting spaces
3. Have an activity or meeting included on the church calendar. The calendar is posted on our Website (www.graceandglory.org).

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Sunday School at 9:15 A.M.

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