



Grace Notes

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

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Dear Grace and Glory congregation:

The ELCA has made headlines. Surely you have read them and know of the buzz that surrounds the resolve “that the ELCA commit itself to finding ways to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support, and hold publicly accountable life-long monogamous, same-gender relationships.”

Few issues may touch us as acutely as matters involving one’s faith and one’s sexuality. Many of our own households differ in their understanding of the role of Scripture and their approach to making moral decisions.

The ELCA social statement “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust” which was adopted at the Assembly by a 2/3 majority vote, addresses those differences in understanding quite well. I encourage you to download a copy of the amended Social Statement and spend some time studying it if you have not done so already.

What will be the impact upon the church? It is difficult to say. For some, the actions of the church wide assembly represent an affirmation of God’s unconditional love and acceptance for a group that has long been ostracized by the Christian faith. For others, it characterizes a lapse in our collective judgment of the authority of God’s word.

Important in all this is to recognize that as members of the body of Christ, none of us are being asked to forsake our understanding of God’s word. We are humbled, certainly, by the task of expressing our conscience in matters of sexuality, and by the task of

listening attentively and seeking to understand the rationale of those who disagree.

I want you to know that I am here to listen attentively to you, as you share joys or concerns, for individuals, for the wellbeing of our dear ELCA, or your own grappling with the effects of the recent decisions. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me if you would like to find a time to talk in confidence. Also, if you feel that it might be beneficial to discuss things as a group, please let me know that as well.

The ELCA continues to be a church of which I am most proud. It does not back away from seeking to engage God’s Word, or veer from the centrality of Christ’s grace. It seeks to engage people in dialogue for the sake of neighbor, and the wellbeing of all creation. And even in the midst of an issue that might threaten to eclipse the ministry we accomplish each and every day as individuals, families, churches, synods, agencies and institutions, the work of doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly continues to be lifted up like a beacon in the night. Just look at the “other” actions taken at this year’s assembly listed in this very newsletter and you will see a church responding to neighbor, both near and far, with tangible support and unfathomable prayer. Of this I am most humbled.

May the Lord continue to guide us as we “journey faithfully together.”

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Ken Albright

Leadership Team Meeting Summary

The Leadership Team met on August 10 and discussed the following:

Treasurer Carol Parsons stated that expenses this summer have exceeded income. Unless giving increases, we may end the year with a deficit. However, summer is traditionally a slow giving period and giving is expected to increase in the fall. She also suggested that an advisory group be created to provide investment advice.

Building Task Force chair Walter Lindenmann reported that the Task Force Steering Committee has unanimously recommended the selection of architectural firm Hughes Associates Architects of Roanoke. This firm was chosen out of three finalists that were interviewed. The Leadership Team unanimously approved the hiring of Hughes Associates Architects for a fee not to exceed \$100,000. A special Congregational meeting will be held on August 23 to present this recommendation to the congregation.

A separate treasurer for the Building Program is required by the MIF. President Frits Geurtsen will be contacting members who might be willing to serve in this capacity.

Attendance patterns for the past three years were reviewed and discussed, including possible reasons for the many peaks and valleys in attendance, that attendance on the first Sunday of each month seems higher, that attendance might be “commitment” driven, and that there appears to be a “summer attitude” (church is not considered as important in the summer, which we might be feeding into by limiting the programs we provide in the summer, i.e. no Sunday School or choir). Also, because our congregation consists of many retirees, their lifestyles, which may include frequent travel and an unwillingness to drive in bad weather, could affect attendance. Suggestions to improve attendance were made, including possibly changing summer worship hours to an earlier time, organizing carpools in the winter, having a sermon series, more youth participation, and creating a plan for contacting people who have not attended for several weeks. Discussion on this

topic will continue at the upcoming Leadership Team Retreat on September 12.

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow, Secretary

Leadership Team to Go on Retreat

The Grace & Glory Leadership Team and staff will be spending Saturday, September 12 on retreat. This will give the team an opportunity to step back and reflect on the big picture, including long-range planning, examining structure, and facilitating our mission. The Rev. Chip Gunsten, assistant to the Bishop, Virginia Synod, will be leading a good portion of the retreat. Thanks to Dick Graves for his hospitality in allowing us to use his home for the day. Remember to pray for the Leadership Team as it seeks to be faithful to its calling to lead us forth in being “caring Christians sharing God’s message of grace.”

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Bible Study for All!

Pastor Paul St Clair will begin a bible study on Revelation Tuesday, September 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This bible study is intended for men and women. If you missed the bible study on Revelation previously held, there will be an overview of the first six chapters. Pastor St. Clair would love to have a large bible study group, so please carefully consider committing to be a part of this study. Tell your friends; they are welcome to attend. Frequency of the study will be discussed at this first meeting.

Submitted by Janice Brown

Caught Up on Your Pledge?

Just a gentle reminder that our church bills need to be paid just as our home ones do. As it always seems to do, our giving dipped during the summer months. If you can do some catching up, it will help us to do the same. Thanks in advance!

President's Letter

One of my favorite passages in Scripture is in the second chapter of Acts where it describes the followers of Jesus as being “together” and having “everything in common.” It certainly felt that way at our special congregational meeting where, following the lead of both the Church Building Steering Committee and the Leadership Team, you also voted unanimously to select our architect. It really touched my heart that the votes were unanimous throughout the process, that we were all together in that, and truly one.

So, now we're a giant step closer to making our dream a reality, the dream of having our own church building. There have probably been days when you wondered if that dream would ever come to pass. Well, thanks to all your prayers, financial contributions, and participation, it really is happening.

Thanks too to Walter Lindenmann and the members of the Church Building Steering Committee and the Task Force as a whole for all of their hard work which led up to this milestone achievement.

I'd like to report that we can now break ground tomorrow, but that's not quite true. Lots of paperwork needs to happen first. But, in the meantime, we can keep doing what we've been doing so well right from the beginning. Being the church. We should never lose sight of the fact that the church is us, not the building. And we really are doing that well.

I was very moved, and I know many of you were as well, by the presentation made by those youth and adults from our congregation who traveled to New Orleans recently to participate in the National Youth Gathering. They learned some new ways there to “be the church.” And then passed it on to the rest of us.

I've also seen several new faces in our midst lately and expect to see even more as we continue to grow. More importantly, I've seen many of these new folks stepping up to take part in the many

ministry opportunities that we have to offer at Grace & Glory. They too are “being the church.”

Are there new ways you'd like to get involved? If you think all the jobs are filled, think again. We can always use more teachers, more greeters and ushers, more members to do the work of the various committees, more voices in the choir. Where do you fit in? What would you like to get involved in? In what new way would you like to “be the church?” Please join me in giving it some prayerful thought.

In His service with you,

Frits Geurtsen
Congregation President

ELCA Adopts Full Communion Agreement with the United Methodist Church

MINNEAPOLIS (ELCA) – By a vote of 958-51, the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) adopted a full communion agreement with the United Methodist Church (UMC). The agreement is the ELCA's sixth full communion relationship.

In 2008 the UMC General Conference adopted the same agreement.

The churchwide assembly, the chief legislative authority of the ELCA, met here August 17-23 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. About 2,000 people participated, including 1,045 ELCA voting members. The theme for the biennial assembly was “God's work. Our hands.”

The assembly also adopted an implementing resolution by a vote of 922-15.

Full communion makes possible a variety of joint ministries, sharing of resources and interchangeability of clergy.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Summary of Special Congregational Meeting

A special Congregational Meeting was held on August 23, 2009, for the purpose of approving the selection of an architectural firm. 56 members were in attendance and heard Church Building Task Force chair Walter Lindenmann present the recommendation of the Church Building Steering Committee and the Leadership Team that the congregation contract with Hughes Associates Architects of Roanoke, VA. This choice was the unanimous decision of both the Steering Committee and the Leadership Team for numerous reasons, as spelled out in Walter's report below.

After brief discussion, the congregation voted unanimously to hire Hughes Associates Architects at a fee not to exceed \$100,000.

We are on our way!

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow, Secretary

Congregation Selects Architectural Firm To Provide Church Building Services

At a special congregational meeting on Sunday, August 23, the Grace and Glory Congregation voted unanimously to approve the selection of Hughes Associates Architects of Roanoke, Virginia to provide all necessary architectural, engineering, design and construction administration support services needed to construct a new church building on the 10-acre site we own on Route 53.

The congregation voted in favor of a motion made by Walter Lindenmann, chairman of the Church Building Task Force, and seconded by Barbara Smith, to retain the services of the firm at a fee not to exceed \$100,000. The amount needed will be drawn from the congregation's Church Building Fund. The Leadership Team and the Church Building Steering Committee had both recommended, unanimously, that the Hughes firm be selected.

Lindenmann pointed out that earlier this year, the Mission Investment Fund of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America had approved our preliminary loan application and told us that it was prepared "to meet a request for a loan amount up to \$526,000." When one adds the amount that has been collected as part of our capital fund-raising campaign, this means that the congregation should have enough funds available for Phase 1 of our site development plan, which includes the new church building, at a cost of just under \$900,000.

During the past year and a half, the 10-member Church Building Task Force interviewed more than a dozen different architectural and engineering firms to determine their interest in and expertise in possibly providing design and construction support services to Grace and Glory. The Task Force's Steering Committee reduced the list of finalists to three, conducted individual face-to-face interviews with each and invited them to submit written proposals and bids.

The three finalists were invited to bid because they all have excellent reputations, they all have an extensive amount of experience in designing church buildings, including Lutheran churches, and they all indicated that they take environmental and energy issues into consideration when planning church structures. In the view of Leadership Team and Steering Committee members, any one of the three firms would have the in-house capability and resources to handle the project for us. Why then was there a unanimous recommendation that the Hughes firm be selected? Chiefly for these reasons:

- Of all of those bidding, Hughes appeared to be the most responsive to our needs as outlined in our 8-page background paper and gave the impression that they were "listening" to us and were sensitive to our budgetary needs. The other two firms tended to focus more on the wonderful work they had done for other churches in the past, rather than focus specifically on our needs.
- The clarity and specifics of the Hughes proposal were impressive. Proposals from the other two firms were more difficult to follow and understand.

- The firm had a well-planned and well-thought out timeline and the costs that were quoted were in line with the costs quoted by the other two firms.
- Hughes was the only firm that made it clear that they would be willing to work closely with representatives of the ELCA/MIF (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America/Mission Investment Fund) when it came to finalizing designs and plans.
- The firm's president, D. Jeffrey Parkhill indicated that he would supervise their work for us, but the project manager he designated who would work with us on a daily basis, Martha J. Chester, has more than 20 years of experience in architectural design and is LEEDS certified, meaning in her work she has been recognized and singled out for displaying Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.
- The Hughes firm places a great deal of emphasis on what they call their "team build" concept. This means they, in cooperation with us, will call in selected contractors very early in the planning process, obtain their input, so that truly realistic budget estimates can be developed for the building project as a whole as quickly as possible.

It is the hope of Steering Committee members that a contract with the Hughes firm can be finalized by mid September, with detailed design work beginning shortly thereafter.

Lindenmann thanked the members of the Church Building Steering Committee and Task Force for their hard work in recent months regarding the selection of an architectural firm. In addition to Lindenmann, Steering Committee members are Lou Cooper, Keith Cuda, Bob Pickett and Barbara Smith. In addition to those on the Steering Committee, Task Force members include Kingsley Brown, Jean Demarco, Barbara Haas, Carol Parsons and Roy Schurmann.

Submitted by Walter Lindenmann

Summary of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly from VA Synod representative, Heather O'Bryan

The will of the gathered ELCA was to deepen our faith through the Book of Faith initiative and our worship and to strengthen our outreach in responding to the great needs of hunger and those who suffer around the globe, particularly those with HIV, AIDS, and malaria. The intent of the assembly seemed to be to want to open the doors to all to come into the life offered in Jesus Christ.

I would begin by attesting to always catching my breath when I see again the breadth of the ELCA. Our ten voting members seemed very small in an assembly of 1045 voting members from all around our country, including the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico!

But we had a wonderful group of ten from the Virginia Synod! They remained highly engaged, speaking at the mikes, talking, sharing faith, exchanging ideas, praying with one another throughout the week. I was very proud of our group, and I commend their coming very prepared and their being fully present as well as being close and caring for one another. We were also joined with our two Assistants to the Bishop, The Rev. Jean Bozeman and The Rev. Chip Gunsten.

We enjoyed our time sitting next to our partner synod in the ELCA, the Southwestern Minnesota Synod with Bishop Jon Anderson and 30+ voting members!! We also enjoyed an evening of fellowship with them.

In addition to our voting members, three young leaders in our synod were invited to come and meet together and to observe the first four days of the assembly. I was most proud to see Diaconal Minister Christie Huffman from Epiphany, Richmond, The Rev. Kristin Hunsinger from Christ, Richmond, and The Rev. Sarah Trone Garriott from Martin Luther, Bergton invited and participating in this special event! Our own Assistant to the Bishop, The Rev. Chip Gunsten, was the invited preacher for the closing worship of this gathering of young leaders within our church!!

The worship was inspirational with powerful preachers, huge choirs, wide varieties of instruments, long opening processions, with Holy Communion offered in the middle of the day, every day.

While you no doubt heard about several decisions, I want to make sure that you hear about some other decisions.

We voted almost unanimously to join in full communion with the United Methodist Church! For us in Virginia, who are partners with the largest Methodist Conference in North America, this is coming to the communion rail with a much larger gathering! Our 42,000 are in full communion with over 342,000! I have known Bishop Charlene Kammerer for several years now, and I am most impressed with her leadership and faith! One of her assistants, The Rev. Tom Joyce, is the current President of the Virginia Council of Churches.

We voted to raise millions of dollars for the strategy of our church raising \$10 million through our World Hunger Fund against the spread of HIV and AIDS around the world.

We voted to begin an initiative through the Lutheran World Hunger Fund to join in partnership with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and the United Nations Foundation and to raise \$25 million for the controlling of the spread of malaria, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. The United Nations Foundation is supporting this effort with a major grant.

We re-elected Carlos E. Pena as the Vice-President of the ELCA for a six-year term. In the five ballot election process, however, we even had our own Dr. Robert Benne in 5th place in the balloting!!

We approved the Social Statement on Human Sexuality with the necessary two thirds majority.

We approved “that the ELCA commit itself to bear one another’s burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound consciences of all.”

We approved “that the ELCA commit itself to finding ways to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support, and hold publicly accountable life-long monogamous, same-gender relationships.”

We approved a much longer resolution on how the previous two resolutions would be implemented. This resolution also included a conscience clause for members who believe we should not allow such roster actions.

As the resolutions were voted upon and results seen on the screen, there were tears flowing all around the assembly hall. There was a majority of people there who had waited through many years for the passing of these resolutions that brought to people they loved greater acceptance and participation in the ELCA’s rosters. There were tears of gratitude for the coming of these votes. There were also many who disagreed with these resolutions who found these decisions hard to bear and hard to share and so tears came as well.

You may see the votes taken by going to elca.org and looking under Assembly Actions.

These were some of the major actions.

We watched almost two dozen wonderful videos by individuals and congregations responding to the theme, “God’s Work. Our Hands.” So many delightful expressions of creativity about serving in the Name of our Lord. They were delightful!

The videos of active congregations and faithful folks made me homesick to return among you, grateful for the life we have together within this synod, and aware of the many vital ministries and connections we have throughout the country and world as the church.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Information Request

As we seek to provide effective ministry at Grace & Glory, we realize that we can only be as effective as our information database. When new members join Grace & Glory we share an information questionnaire that we ask to be completed and returned to the church office. Unfortunately our rate of return is not 100 percent. Our information on a number of our church members is incomplete. Our office assistant, Gabi Dech, will be making contact with those households where more information is needed. Please supply the information at your earliest convenience so that we may be able to give accurate reporting and make ministry happen as effectively as possible. Thanks for your assistance.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

What's Happening Here?

Big Brother is watching you.....OK - not really, but we are fortunate enough to have someone who is like a big brother. Someone who wants to know a little about our life as a congregation. Someone who wants to see pictures of our fun, who wants to know what we did last week, what our plans are for next week and next month too!

Big Brother needs you. He needs you - the congregation, the committee members, Sunday School teachers, parents, grandparents, all of you, to think about what you're doing lately for, or with, Grace and Glory. Let our own "big brother" know. It's as simple as a description, and a picture if you have one, of a trip, a special event, a good deed, something that is important for everyone to hear! We want the world to know about the wonderful things going on at Grace and Glory and our "big brother" is going to help us do just that by putting them on our own website - Graceandglory.org

So whenever you do something, think of Wayne Carney as our "Big Brother". Send info and photos of any of our happenings, past or present, to wkc21@embarqmail.com. If you don't have a computer, a phone call to him at 589-6887 will work just as well. Thanks!!!

Submitted by Mary Jane Bredder

World Hunger

As a member of the Stewardship Committee, I volunteered to be a person to emphasize World Hunger at Grace & Glory. In reading some of the materials provided by the ELCA, it made me realize how extensive hunger is in the world today, even down to our own community. There has always been hunger in the world, but with the global economic recession, the needs have dramatically increased. Here in Virginia and around the nation, food banks have been strained to the breaking point. Also, hunger is not a one-time crisis, but a year-round, ongoing situation. We cannot do everything, but we can do something- by contributing through the World Hunger appeal in our church. Perhaps, we could make it a part of our stewardship giving on a regular basis. The envelopes provided for World Hunger can designate where we would like our gifts to be used-or just where most needed. We at Grace & Glory can make a difference in the fight against hunger in our world today.

Submitted by Justin Wade

Health Care Reform

Health Care Reform is a pressing issue right now. Can the US learn anything from the rest of the world about how to run a health care system, or are these nations so culturally different that their solutions would not be acceptable? The PBS documentary "Sick Around the World" will be shown on Monday, September 14 at 4:30 PM at the Fluvanna County Library. This film examines how five other advanced capitalist democracies deliver health care and what the United States might learn from their successes and failures. It does not have a bias one way or the other but is an informative documentary which will help educate us on health care. All are invited to attend. (Editor note: this was originally a PBS Frontline program and so is available on line at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/>. A great deal of additional material is also available at this web site.)

Submitted by Jean DeMarco
Chair, Social Justice Small Group

**Adult Education Course: Life after Death
Facing the Inevitable With a Firm Foundation
5 Sessions**

**Wednesdays at 10:00am:
October 7, 21, November 4, 11, 18
Location: Church Office, 96 Garden Lane**

Who will benefit from this course?

- ❖ Persons who wish to facilitate their family's grieving and well-being when they die.
- ❖ Persons seeking to make a decision on burial or cremation.
- ❖ Persons who wish to gain a deeper understanding of what the Christian faith teaches about death and resurrection.
- ❖ Adult children who are seeking to assist their parents with end of life issues.

Led by Pastor Ken Albright and Pastor Paul St Clair. Please call the church office to sign up.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

WAGG

The first WAGG meeting for the fall will be held right after the bible study of Revelation on 9/8 at 11:30 a.m. This should be a short meeting to update everyone on what is happening. There will be an offering taken to continue the work of the VSWO.

Submitted by Janice Brown

FCCW (Fluvana Correctional Center for Women)

The volunteers at the Center have been given permission to continue distributing cards at the annual December distribution day. We have been collecting and sorting cards all year, not knowing if this would actually happen this year. Helen Post and I will collect cards (any kind: Christmas, Birthday, get well, thank-you, etc.), stamps, envelopes and stationery for this year's distribution. Sorting will be done in October and November, usually once a week at Effort Baptist Church. If you wish to help, please let me know. Thanks in advance for your help.

Submitted by Barbara Smith

Countercultural Themes in Christianity

Pastor recently purchased 5 copies of *Un-American Activities: Countercultural Themes in Christianity*, by Tom Wilkens and his daughter, Kim.

Mark Allen Powell, a former student of Tom's, says of the book: "Reading this book is like sifting through a box of souvenirs: stories, letters, papers, and sermons laced with personal vulnerability, theological depth, and a profound sense of social responsibility. It is a book that "goes the distance" traversing hemispheres, cultures, and generations."

Copies should be arriving from the printer soon, and the cost is \$20. If you would like a copy, please see contact Pastor ASAP to reserve yours.

We'll plan to meet once a month to discuss chapters of the book over lunch at "Rivahsyde" starting in late September.

You can learn more about the book at unamericanactivities.blogspot.com

Peace,

Pastor Albright

FCSS Notes:

We will have our next meeting on Sept. 10th, after a July/August break.

Our church collected 20 bags of food in July and 22 in August for the Food Bank. THANKS!!! Thanks also to the Ericksons for delivering the food each month to the food bank. The next "Food Sunday" is Sept. 20th.

Many thanks also to all those who have been contributing to "Happy Face" during the summer. Thanks for the bikes, toys and games. I will continue collecting through the fall. We are also collecting calendars.

Submitted by Barbara Smith

ADOPT-A-ROAD

We've done the Vernal Equinox and Summer Solstice. Now we can schedule our next clean up right around the time of the Autumnal Equinox (which falls on Tuesday, 9/22). I also note on my calendar that Monday, 9/21, is World Gratitude Day. What better way to express our gratitude for God's creation than to come out and dispatch the litter that is lying around. Let's gather on the church property at 8:30 AM on **Saturday, 9/19**, and be about the business of baggin' up. See ya there, and I'll have the doughnuts. Any questions, call me at 589-6050.

Submitted by Joe Shaver

Gleaning the Fields; a Perfect Opportunity to Help the Hungry in Local Counties

There will be opportunities through September to glean from various local fields in order to donate the produce picked to area food banks. The first one is occurring on Friday, September 4th at 6:00 PM at Fruit Hill Orchard on Route 53 in Palmyra. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at 589-5165 to sign up. You can call me as well for future dates and locations of gleaning opportunities.

Submitted by Jean DeMarco

Member's Son Studies Abroad

David DeMarco, son of Jean DeMarco has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Germany for a year. After completing an intensive, six-week German-language course, he will begin his studies in September at the University in Tübingen. His focus will be on reading the works of church fathers St. Augustine and Basil in Latin. David is a fourth-year doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago in New Testament and Early Christian Writings.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Attendance

Our average attendance at Grace & Glory for the month of July was 80. Running average through August 23 was 77. Average attendance for the month of August through August 23rd has been 87.

Submitted by Dick Haas

Youth Activities

YOUTH LOCK-IN

The Youth lock-in scheduled for August 21 was postponed. The new date and details will be announced at a later date. The Youth did have a planning session for the upcoming **Youth Sunday service scheduled for September 27**. We are looking forward to all the Youth participating in this special service.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all adult volunteers who helped plan and organize Rally Day. Also thanks to all the children and youth for participating in Rally Day to get our Sunday School year off to a great start.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Parents of **all** Sunday School children & youth please submit registration forms for each family by September 23rd. Please see Beth Jenkins or Terry Shifflett for forms.

HELP WANTED:

1. 2-3 adult volunteers needed to serve as "mentors" for the new Senior High Bible study titled "Amazing Bible Race". Mentors need to be available from September through May for student weekly check-in. This study will be fun as well as educational for all. See Terry Shifflett for details.

2. Adult volunteers for Youth Ministry Team to plan and organize Youth Mission trips, fellowship and fundraising. Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist with these programs. We need organizers and planners, as well as volunteers to chaperone events. See Lynette Kacmarcik or Terry Shifflett for more information.

SR. HIGH YOUTH & PARENT ORIENTATION

There will be an orientation session for the new Sr. High Youth class and their parents on **Tuesday, September 15th** at 7:00pm at the church office, right before youth choir practice. Pastor Ken & Terry Shifflett will be discussing the **Amazing Bible Race** curriculum to be used in this class. Please see Pastor Ken or Terry with any questions.

Submitted by Terry Shifflett

5Gs September Trip:

All you Golden Guys and Gals of Grace and Glory, mark the date, Thursday, September 24th for a tour of Montpelier, James and Dolley Madison's restored home (\$12.00 per person, group rate), lunch at the Silk Mill Grille in Orange (good food at modest prices); and on the way home a tour and wine-tasting at Barboursville Vineyards (\$6.00 per person). Besides the house tour at Montpelier, there is an archeological dig in progress alongside the house, and a bit further on the lawn is the restored English Garden. We'll meet at the church office at 8:45 a.m. to arrange car pools, and leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. Of course, wear sturdy shoes.

Look for the sign-up sheet after Sunday services, or contact Irma Forger, 589-6939 (satindoll@ntelos.net) or Barbara Smith, 589-8459 (bfs4kan@embarqmail.com) to reserve your spot. You are encouraged to bring a friend who would enjoy meeting our members, but let either Irma or Barbara know so we can have an accurate count.

Submitted by Irma Forger

September Birthdays



NAME	BIRTH DATE
<i>Rachael Huddle</i>	9/01
<i>Chad Parker</i>	9/02
<i>Carol Sanders</i>	9/03
<i>Al Miesemer</i>	9/04
<i>Julia Albright</i>	9/08
<i>Tamara Shifflett</i>	9/08
<i>Irma Forger</i>	9/14
<i>Robert Cox</i>	9/17
<i>Ken Haverstrom</i>	9/26

Youth-Led Worship -- Mark Your Calendars!

The next youth-led worship is set for Sunday, September 27. Join us as we enter God's courts with praise, and celebrate the gifts of our youth!

Submitted by Pastor Albright

We're Organizing!

In an effort to organize the office files, we are looking to have all records pertaining to Grace & Glory maintained at the church office. If you are in possession of any files that should be in the office, please contact me (Helen Post at 589-6937) or drop the records off at the office. Thanks!

Submitted by Helen Post

Old Farm Day

Old Farm Day is quickly approaching, and Grace and Glory will once again be participating by having a table and holding a bake sale. Please look in the Announcement section of the Sunday Bulletins during the month of September for information on how you can help out in this great event.

Submitted by Bob Candea

Children's Letters to a Pastor

Dear Pastor,
I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8, Nashville.

Dear Pastor,
Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9, Phoenix

Dear Pastor,
My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. Robert, Age 11, Anderson

Grace Notes Newsletter

If you have any information that should be placed in the newsletter, please submit the material to LeRoy Moyer at Lee_Helen@embarqmail.com. The next newsletter deadline is **September 24, 2009**.

Graceandglory.org -- Your Member Webpage

On September 1st the Member section of our website will be activated. To enter this section, click on the **Member** button at the top of the Home page.

This section will provide easy access for members to information about our church plans, policies, procedures and reports. The section will be password-protected as this information is not meant for public dissemination in general but rather for use by the congregation. The contents of this section will include the various types of documents listed below as that information and data is developed in each month's planning cycle. The initial release will have links to our Governing Documents and the current Member Directory.

When you click on the **Member** button on the Home page, you will be directed to a registration dialogue where you will be asked for your e-mail address as shown in the church directory. Use your first name (as it appears in the directory) and

append 99 (i.e. John99) as the initial password. On your first registration you will be directed to a page where you must change your password in order to continue. After that you will be directed to the Table of Contents of information available or planned. This will be a series of links to the various documents displayed in a PDF file.

In order to open these documents you will need a PDF reader which may be obtained from Adobe at no charge. If you do not have a PDF reader, click on the link at the bottom of the page to go to the Adobe web site and download the reader.



On each page you will find a return button so you can go back and forth looking for different information without having to log out of the Member section. When you are finished, click on the log out button to leave the Member section.

Look for updates to this section as we progress. We welcome your feedback on this new resource.

Submitted by Wayne Carney

Governing Documents	Reports
Constitution By-laws Policies and Procedures Forms (PDF and .doc)	Leadership Team Monthly Summary Committee Reports Grace & Glory Annual Report Grace & Glory Report to ELCA
Leadership Team	Finance
Organization Committees/Members Officer Profiles	Annual Budget Annual Financial Report Monthly Financial Status
Planning	Worship Statistics
Grace and Glory Goals/Plans Committee Goals/Plans Congregation Planning Calendar	New Church Building
	Building Plan/Schedule Capital Campaign
	Member Directory

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 YOUTH RALLY DAY 9:15 AM Adult Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP/Bishop Mauney Preaching	31 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	1 10:00 AM Adult Education Planning Team/Library	2 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	3 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Grace 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	4 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 6:00 PM Apple Gleaning at Fruit Hill Orchard	5
6 9:15 AM Adult Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP - Service of Healing offered today	7 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 3:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting/Glory	8 10:00 AM Bible Study on Revelation/Glory 11:30 AM WAGG Meeting/Glory 7:30 PM Youth Choir/Grace	9 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 2:00 PM Evangelism and Outreach Committee meeting/Glory 7:00 PM Worship and Music Comm/Glory	10 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Jan 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	11 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	12 9:00 AM Leadership Team Retreat at Dick Graves' Home
13 9:15 AM Adult Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	14 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 7:00 PM Leadership Team/Glory	15 7:00 PM Senior High Youth & Parent Orientation/Church Office 7:30 PM Youth Choir/Grace	16 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 3:00 PM Administration Comm/Glory	17 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marj 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	18 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	19 8:30 AM Adopt-a-Road/church property 9:30 AM VSWO Board Meeting/Church Office
 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:15 AM Adult Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	21 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	22 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry Meeting/Library 7:30 PM Youth Choir/Grace	23 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	24 Grace Notes Submission due today/click here for more details 8:45 AM 5G's to Montpelier and Wineries/meet at office 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marilyn 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	25 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	26
27 9:15 AM Adult Education Hour 10:15 AM YOUTH-LED WORSHIP	28 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	 Children's Choir 7:30 PM Youth Choir/Grace	30 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 10:00 AM Travelin' Singers/meet at church office to carpool 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	1 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Grace 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	2 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	3 OLD FARM DAY

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.

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	October 4
Minister	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright
Lay Assistant	Carol Parsons	Justin Wade	Joe Shaver	Youth	Helen Ida Moyer
Reader	Charlotte Albright	Walter Lindenmann	Helen Ida Moyer	Youth	LaVerne Chandler
Ushers/Greeters	Alice & Terry Shifflett	Carol & Justin Wade	Ester & Larry Teal	Beth & Steve Jenkins	Joyce & Don Hanson
Acolyte(s)	Tamara S.				
Sound System	Steve Jenkins	Bob Pickett	Larry Teal	Paul Crowther	Ken Duffau
Altar Care	Janet Rockafellow	Clara Cooper Mary Stowe	Doris Parsons Barbara Haas	Alice Shifflett Helen Post	Carol Wade Ester Teal
Refreshments	Carol Parsons Florence Walsh	Sue Pickett Linda Candea	Clara Cooper Patty Shaver	Helen Post Carol Benske	Ester Teal Jane Geurtsen
Tellers	Helen Post Paul Crowther	Barbara Smith Justin Wade	Lou Cooper Joe Shaver	Kingsley Brown Irma Forger	Ellen Lindenmann Alice Shifflett
Visitor Contactor	Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger	Sue Pickett	Sue Pickett	Marj Schurmann

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

Helen Post – 589-6937

Altar Flowers

Rachael Huddle – 589-3360

Music

Julie Martell – 591-0503

Acolytes

Lynette Kacmarcik – 589-8413

Tellers

Marj Schurmann – 589-1206

Sound System

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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).