



Grace Notes

April 2010 Newsletter of Grace and Glory Lutheran Church Sunday Worship at 10:15 A.M.

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Dear disciples at Grace and Glory:

We've been on a self-prescribed "hiatus" from the Exchange of Peace in our worship through the winter. Due to the concern not to contribute to the spread of the H1N1 virus, we agreed for a time to simply have the verbal exchange between pastor and people and forego the hand to hand contact until it seemed safe to resume.

The Worship and Music committee decided to resume the sharing of the Peace on Palm Sunday. Some may say "yippee" while others may lament what they see as a superfluous activity that disrupts the flow of worship.

Perhaps as we re-enter full participation in this portion of the liturgy, it may be useful to explore what it is intended to provide in the worship service, and pave the way for a fuller appreciation and practice of the peace.

The kiss was a common greeting in the near-eastern culture, and is noted many times in the New Testament. Paul encouraged in his letters to the Corinthian church "Greet one another with a holy kiss." In 1 Peter 5:14 Peter says: "Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ."

As Christians, we believe that peace is the quality of calm which Jesus delivers to those who are fearful.

Remember, he calmed the waves on the sea saying "Peace, be still." That was not for his sake, or for the fragile boat, but to still the hearts of the disciples in the boat with him!

Jesus invited the hemorrhaging woman to "go in peace" after she touch the hem of his garment and was healed.

Peace was the first word the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples when he encountered them in their fear and grief. In the face of persecution, he wanted them (and us) to have peace. In the midst of troubling news, he wanted them (and us) to have peace. In the ups and downs of relationships with one another, he wanted them (and us) to be at peace.

This peace was possible because of the power of his resurrection. Peace was something Jesus secured in his death and resurrection. The cross event is the way God decided to make peace with humanity. It says in Colossians 1:20 "and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross."

So, what then are we to do as God's people? How are we to relate to one another in peace? Hebrews 12 encourages us to "pursue peace with everyone." It has long been thought that making peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ involves reconciliation. In other words, not allowing our grievances to go unaddressed

and therefore compromise the strength of the worshipping community. In Matthew 5:23 ff. Jesus teaches: "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there at the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." So, the peace, liturgically, is an opportunity in worship to go and be reconciled with another in the congregation as preparation for coming to the meal together.

So, what can we gain from these things? Perhaps some sense of intentionality. Who shall we move toward in the exchange of peace? Toward those we know to be going through anxiety producing experiences? By all means. Toward those who have hurt our feelings? By all means. Toward those who are new in our midst and long for a warm greeting? Certainly.

Some may not be comfortable exchanging a hug. That should be honored. Reading and respecting the body language of others is useful. What should you say during the exchange of peace? Simply "Peace be with you" or "The peace of the Lord" is sufficient. Note: this is not the time to engage in trivial conversation. "What a pretty dress" or "Hey, I saw you at Sam's Club yesterday" is not worshipful conversation.

Likewise, seeing this as the perfect time to take a stretch in the hallway or an extended bathroom break does not serve the occasion well either.

Is the exchange of peace valuable in worship? Years ago, I remember one elderly woman who said to me after worship one Sunday: "This is the only time I am touched by another human being all week long." How important is the gift of a welcomed touch! How important is the gift of the peace of our Lord, who has conquered death and freed us from all earthly powers!

God's peace is with us. Let us share it, and share it well!

Together in mission,

Pastor Albright

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will be worshipping with our ecumenical partners this year during Holy Week.

Easter Sunday service will be held at the Fluvanna Middle School Cafeteria at 10:15 AM, the services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be held jointly with Salem, Zion, and Palmyra United Methodist Churches.

Maundy Thursday, April 1 will be held at Salem United Methodist Church at 7:00PM.

Good Friday, April 2 will be held at Zion United Methodist Church at 7:00PM.

Come and join as we live in response to Jesus' prayer that "we may be one" as we walk through the events of his passion to the joy of resurrected life.

Peace, Pastor Ken Albright

President's Message

I once attended a training session on possibility thinking. The example used in that class was Jim Abbott. Those who are baseball fans will recall that Abbott was a major league pitcher for ten years and represented the United States in the 1988 Olympics. Oh, yeah, and he was born with only one hand.

The instructor asked us to imagine young Jim thinking to himself "I want to be a baseball player, but I only have one hand." End of dream. Or end, that is, until he replaced the word "but" with "and." "I want to be a baseball player **and** I only have one hand."

Abbott taught himself to hold his glove on the stump of his right arm and transfer the glove quickly to his left hand after making the pitch. That enabled him to field the ball when it was hit back in his direction or even just thrown back by the catcher.

Abbott went to Michigan on a baseball scholarship and led the Wolverines to Big Ten titles in his

freshman and junior years. He had a career record of 26 wins and 8 losses at the school and won the prestigious Golden Spikes Award as the outstanding college baseball player in the U.S. He participated in the 1988 Summer Olympic Games, pitching a complete game seven-hitter and leading the U.S. in a 5-3 victory over Japan for the United States' first ever gold medal in baseball. He then joined the California Angels and made it into the major leagues without ever having played in the minor leagues. Later with the New York Yankees, he threw a no-hitter at Yankee Stadium. Not bad for a one-handed player, eh? All by changing "but" to "and."

That's the same kind of thinking that led to the founding of Grace and Glory. "We want to attend a Lutheran church, **but** there is none in Fluvanna County" became "We want to attend a Lutheran church **and** there is none in Fluvanna County." Our charter members thought that way, began to meet in the fitness center and now at the middle school, and very soon we'll be worshiping in our very own building. Not bad for a small group of faithful individuals, eh? All by changing "but" to "and."

Recently our youth decided that they wanted to do something about world hunger **but** figured they couldn't make much of an impact because there were only a handful of them. Changing the "but" to "and," they joined up with the youth group at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Warrenton for a 30-hour fund-raising fast and together they raised over \$190,000 (helped in part by a 10X match provided by the sponsors of World Vision). Not bad for a "handful" of kids, eh? All by changing "but" to "and."

Are there similar challenges, or should I say opportunities, in each of our lives?

"I have a heart for a certain ministry **and** it does not yet exist at Grace and Glory ..."

"I would love to support Habitat **and** I'm unable to do construction work ..."

"I have some dear friends **and** they don't have a church home ..."

Need I say more? Let me know where this kind of thinking takes you.

With you in His service,

Frits Geurtsen, Congregation President

Summary of Special Congregational Meeting

A special congregational meeting was held on March 7 for the purpose of providing a status update of the building project and authorizing the Leadership Team to approve building-related expenses as they arise.

Building Task Force chair Walter Lindenmann showed slides of the proposed building and explained that changes had been made from the initial drawings presented to the congregation. These changes included enlargement of the restrooms and pastor's office, as well as provision of a windowed office for the administrative assistant. The entire plan was "flipped" to accommodate these changes.

The proposed Phase II will include the addition of a fellowship hall, more classrooms and a larger sanctuary. A site plan for both phases has been prepared, including a future columbarium, picnic area, ball field and a possible school building.

Negotiations for installation of a sewer line have been taking place between Steering Committee member Keith Cuda and county representatives. His efforts have resulted in the reduction of our tap-in fee from \$6500 to \$4500 and the county's agreement to cover the difference in cost between a 12" pipe and a 6" one. Negotiations with the excavator to perform the work should be complete within the next few weeks.

Eight contractors have been invited to bid for preconstruction services. Hughes and Associates likes to use the "team build" concept and have the contractor involved early in the process. Bids are due by March 9. Contractors who submit bids will be narrowed down to three and will be further interviewed by a representative for Hughes and Associates and members of the Steering Committee, before a final contractor is selected.

The site plan goes before the Fluvanna County Planning Commission on March 24 at 7:00 PM. A few members of the Steering Committee and a representative from Hughes & Associates will attend.

Pastor Ken Albright explained that a new loan application to the Mission Investment Fund (MIF) is necessary because the building will be larger and cost more than first proposed. The new application is complete and ready for mailing. The proposed project

cost, minus furnishings and equipment, will be \$1,084,845. We have approximately \$350,000 cash on hand and expect to receive another \$285,000 in giving between now and the end of construction. That means the amount we are requesting from the MIF has decreased from \$526,100 to \$476,346, which will leave us with a monthly payment, based on 3.5% interest and a 15-year amortization, of \$3,405.31.

Special thanks were extended to Larry Teal and Carol Parsons for all their work on preparing the loan application. Pastor expressed gratitude for the generosity of the congregation.

President Frits Geurtsen explained that even though the expenditure of up to \$100,000 for architectural services has already been approved by the congregation, additional non-architectural costs (e.g., sewer excavation and hook-up) will be incurred and need to be approved. The congregation gave unanimous approval for the Leadership Team to authorize such expenditures as they arise.

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow, Secretary

Leadership Team Meeting Summary

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

The Nominating Committee is trying to find members to fill upcoming vacancies on the Leadership Team. In order to make it easier to find candidates, the Leadership Team discussed possible changes to our Constitution regarding designating specific positions upon election and also reducing term lengths. Since there have also been changes to the ELCA's model Constitution since we last revised ours, a Constitution Committee will be formed to review our Constitution.

Helen Post, Glenn Bredder and Doug Rockafellow have agreed to serve on the Audit Committee.

We have been mission partners with Peace Lutheran Church and have received funds from them to help us become established. We in turn became a partner with Grace Lutheran Church in Massaponax. The Synod is suffering in this economy which makes it even more crucial that start-up congregations receive assistance. The Leadership Team will give this consideration when they prepare next year's budget.

CenturyLink has contacted us regarding modifying our telephone and DSL services. If we bundle these services we can increase the speed of our DSL and receive unlimited long distance service. Since our DSL speed has been an issue, this would be a benefit to us as well as a cost savings. However, we will not accept the proposal unless CenturyLink can guarantee that they will provide DSL when we move to the new building.

Synod Assembly will be June 4-6. We will need four delegates (two adults and two youth) plus the Pastor.

Our loan application to the MIF has been mailed! We are requesting less money than when we first applied due to increased pledging because the interest rate has fallen from 4% to 3.5%.

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow, Secretary

Adult Sunday Education "Hour"

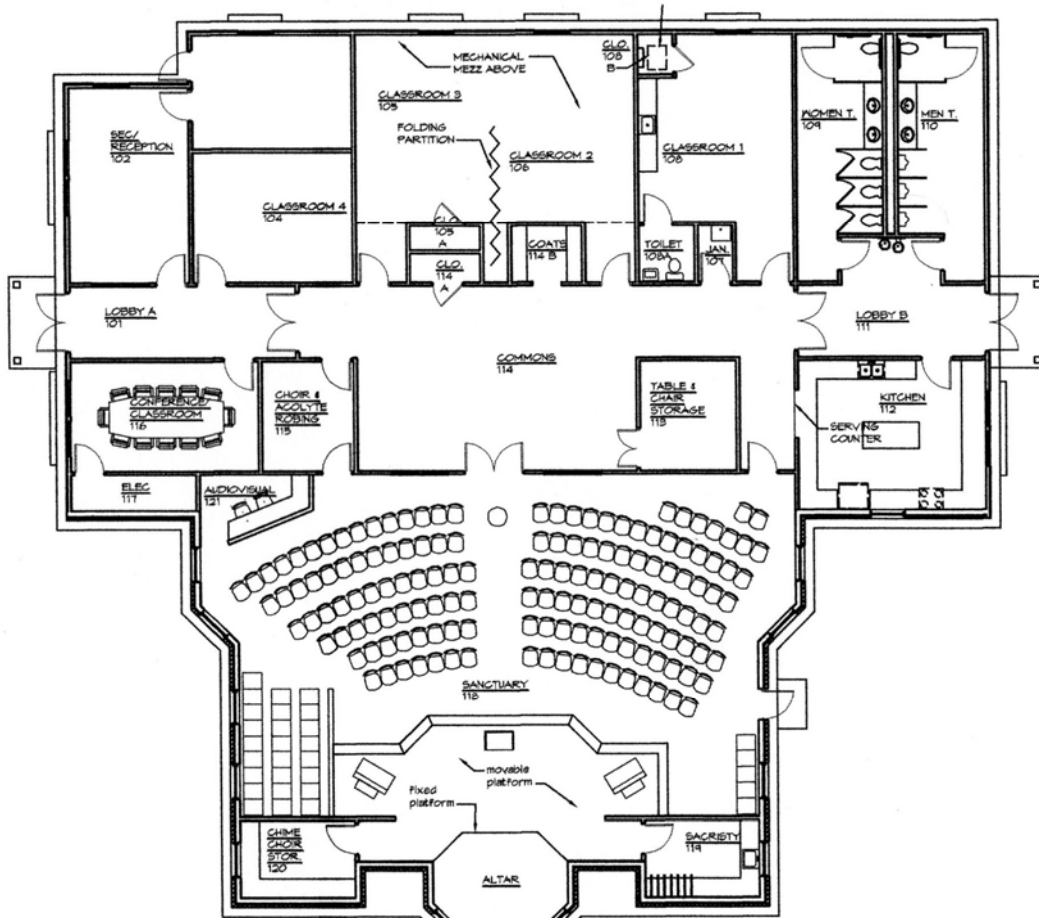
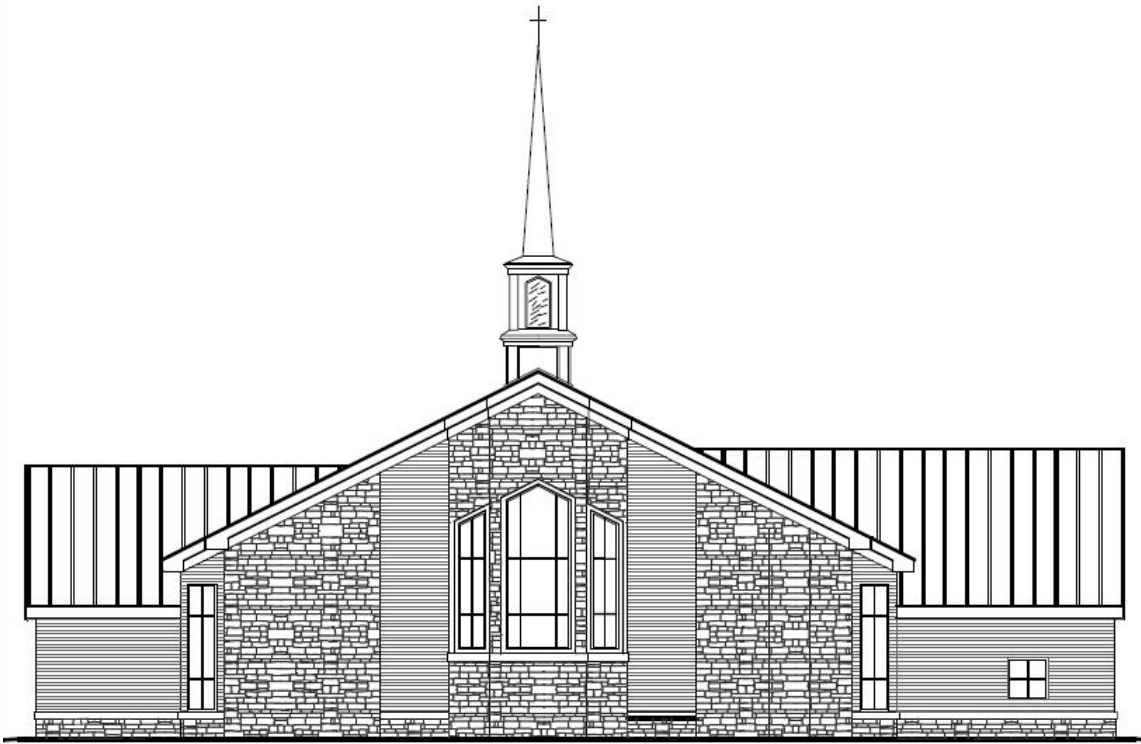
On Sundays we meet in the Library to examine the Scriptures in group discussions. No special insight or knowledge of the Bible is required. Through our combined questioning and understanding of the text under study, we engage in meaningful discussions. We use study questions or books to guide our inquiries as we learn from each other.

Everyone is invited to join us at 9:15 AM on Sunday morning, a wonderful way to start the week. For April and May we will be studying the following topics:

- 4/4 Easter - no class
- 4/11 The Penitent Thief: A Positive Witness
- 4/18 Witnesses to the Resurrection
- 4/25 Witnesses Whose Eyes Were Opened
- 5/2 Jesus Prepares His Witnesses
- 5/9 The Patriarchs - Abraham
- 5/16 The Patriarchs - Isaac
- 5/23 The Patriarchs - Jacob
- 5/30 The Patriarchs - Joseph

Submitted by Wayne Carney

North Face Elevation



County Approves Church Building

A great deal of progress has been made in the Grace and Glory church building program, along several fronts.

On March 24, the Fluvanna County Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve our congregation's site development plan request to construct a 7,243 square foot church sanctuary, with adjoining parking spaces, on the 10-acre site we own on Route 53. Approval is contingent on our final site plan adhering to county parking, landscaping, tree protection and outdoor lighting requirements, as well as our meeting specific Health Department and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requirements.

Grace and Glory was represented at the meeting by W. Michael Woolwine, civil/site development specialist with Hughes Associates, our architectural firm, and by Lou Cooper, Keith Cuda and Walter Lindenmann, members of the Church Building Steering Committee.

In addition, Grace and Glory has received approval from the Fluvanna County Department of Public Works to connect to and use the new sewer pipeline, currently under construction on Route 53. As soon as a contract has been reviewed and approved by all of those involved, Shelbeck Excavating of Scottsville, the firm laying the pipeline, will hook the county's pipe to a manhole on church property and extend the sewer pipe to the site of the proposed new church structure. Keith Cuda played a key role in seeing to it that the hook-up to the sewer pipeline was accomplished.

Progress also is being made regarding the selection of a firm to provide preconstruction contract services to the congregation. In cooperation with Hughes Associates, interviews with selected general contractors have been scheduled and a decision will be made shortly to retain the services of one firm to work with Hughes and with members of the Building Steering Committee to come up with more definitive and precise costs pertaining to the new church facility.

Submitted by Walter Lindenmann

Galatians Bible Study Make-Up Sessions

Pastor St Clair will be completing the Bible Study on Galatians on Wednesday April 21 and 28 at 7:00 PM, to make up for the sessions missed in the inclement winter weather. The material will focus on chapters 4 and 5. Sessions will be held at the church office.

5G's April Event

On Wednesday, April 28, we will travel to Yogaville for a guided tour of the Temple. The cost for the one and a half hour tour is \$6 per person. We will meet at the church office by 9 AM to car pool and get directions to Buckingham. Lunch will be at **By the River** restaurant. Please sign up by April 25. Questions? Contact Clara Cooper.

Submitted by Grace Bomberger

Fluvanna Christian Service Society (FCSS) News

The "Happy Face" Christmas celebration was a huge success. A total of 190 families were served. There were 688 people at the party, including 350 children. Thank you all for your contributions and support.

FOOD BANK: In 2009, 1,076 families (2,636 individuals) were served. In January, 86 families were served (203 individuals) and in February 36 families (85 individuals). Grace and Glory contributed 29 bags of food in January, we were snowed out in February, and gave 26 bags in March. **THANK YOU** Ed and Sonja Erickson for delivering the food to the food bank every month.

Our next event is the baccalaureate service at FCHS. We give a \$500 scholarship in memory of Mary Morton, a founder of FCSS, to a deserving senior who has done community service. Contributions are welcome. Only \$100 is taken from the FCSS budget. I will start collecting "Happy Face" toys again in August through November. Questions?? Please call Barbara Smith at 589-8459.

Submitted by Barbara Smith

Adopt-a-Road

Our area for Adopt-a-Road is sorely in need of a pickup. I am looking at Saturday, April 10 at 2 PM. Please call me at 589-6050 if you can make it, so that I can make other arrangements if not enough can come then.

Submitted by Joe Shaver

Attendance at Grace and Glory

Church attendance average was 83 for February and 82 for March. The running average through March 21 has been 82. Sunday school attendance average for January was 10 and for February was 13.

Submitted by Dick Haas

Bread for the World – Offering of Letters

This year, during Bread for the World's 2010 Offering of Letters, Christian churches from all denominations will work together to protect and strengthen tax policies that benefit low-income families. This campaign will call on Congress to change tax policies so that low-income workers will have more money to spend on food and other necessities. Winning these legislative changes is essential. Our nation has experienced an alarming rise in hunger. Nearly one in four children in the United States lives in a family where meals are skipped or foods with less nutrition are substituted.

In the months ahead, Bread for the World will work to expand and improve child nutrition programs, which are scheduled to be authorized this year. Increasing access to school meals and to summer feeding programs – along with improving the nutrition of these meals – will help children grow and learn. But child nutrition programs by themselves won't solve the real causes of hunger. Our nation must reduce poverty if we are to achieve our goal of ending childhood hunger in the United States by 2015. One way to make progress towards this goal is to strengthen tax credits, in particular Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit that help increase the income of our nation's poorest citizens (more than 20 million households).

Several tax cuts are scheduled to expire this year, so this is an opportunity to urge Congress to make changes that will help low-income families make ends meet. Our Offering of Letters will take place on April 18th after worship.

Submitted by Jean DeMarco

WAGG

WAGG will meet on Tuesday, April 20th at 10:00 AM to continue the study on Prayer led by Pastor Albright. The Prayer study is about the discipline of prayer and is entitled "Lord, Teach Us To Pray". Come and learn more about prayer and news of the Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO). An Offering will be taken to be sent to the VSWO.

GERMANNA SPRING CONFERENCE

Mark Saturday, April 17th on your calendar and plan to attend the Germanna Spring Conference to be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Warrenton. This begins at 9:00 AM so we need to leave by 7:45 AM. I plan to drive and can take 3 other persons in my car. Let me know if you can attend this meeting.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

This committee will meet Monday, April 19th at 2:00 PM. There are very important decisions to be made concerning procedures for our church building. Please call me at 589-6358 to let me know if you can attend.




Submitted by Janice Brown



April Birthdays

NAME	BIRTH DATE
Linda Candea	4/11
Mary Stowe	4/15
Bob Pickett	4/23
Gretchen Feury	4/25
John B.	4/26
Stacy Williams	4/28

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 PALM SUNDAY 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	29 9:00 AM Building Committee Interview Meetings/Glory 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	30 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	31 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 10:00 AM Travelin' Singers/Meet at Office to Carpool 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	1 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Grace 7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP at Salem UMC	2 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP at Zion UMC	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	5 Holiday 8:00 AM Gabi Dech in office	6 Pastor Off-site at Leadership Seminar (Winchester) 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	7 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	 Pastor on Vacation 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marj 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	9 Pastor on Vacation 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office	10 Pastor on Vacation 2:00 PM Adopt- A-Road Clean Up/Rte. 53
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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.

	April 4 Easter	April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2
Minister	Kenneth Albright	Paul St Clair	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright
Lay Assistant	Justin Wade	Janice Brown	Joe Shaver	Dick Haas	Justin Wade
Reader	Ray Weimer	Charlotte Albright	Ruth Campopiano	Helen Ida Moyer	Janet Rockafellow
Ushers/Greeters	Patty Shaver Carol Sanders	Ruth and Ken Haverstrom	Jan Crowther Ester Teal	Marge and Al Miesemer	Carol Benske Jo Martin
Acolyte	Paul D. Sarah D. Julia A.				
Sound System	Ken Duffau	Roy Schurmann	Larry Teal	Dennis Wolf	Steve Jenkins
Altar Care	Alice Shifflett Charlotte Albright	Patty Shaver Ester Teal	Clara Cooper Ellen Lindenmann	Ruth Haverstrom Barbara Smith	Janet Rockafellow Marilyn Carney
Refreshments	Carol Wade Kayla Ferguson	Janet Rockafellow Bettina Orlando	Janice Brown Barbara Smith	Helen Ida Moyer Beth Jenkins	Terry Shifflett Alice Shifflett
Tellers	Barbara Smith Justin Wade	Paul Crowther Irma Forger	Lou Cooper Joe Shaver	Jan Crowther Roy Schurmann	Barbara Smith Justin Wade
Visitor Contactor	Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger	Wayne Carney	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

Joyce Hanson – 825-4584

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 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).