



Grace Notes



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

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Dear Grace and Glory congregation:

I love the season of summer. It seems that the sweetness of the garden pours in during these months. From the satisfying smell of strawberries to the sticky-sweet juice of the watermelon, the fruits of summer seem to have a call all their own. Paul must have written to the Galatians in the summer-time. He relates to them that they are to bring a sweet freshness to an otherwise dry and dusty world. As Christians, Paul encourages the followers of Christ in the region of Galatia to bear the fruit that comes from being rooted in Christ and watered with the Spirit.

June 27 begins a summer sermon series on the “Fruits of the Spirit.” The Spirit is busy even now building up the body of Christ, encouraging us to dwell richly in God’s refreshing word, and to bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. *Read all of Galatians chapter 5 for more on this.*

To live and be guided by the Spirit is our calling. To let the above-mentioned fruit be born out in our relationships with those all around us—that is our goal.

But it isn’t that easy, is it? There’s a lot of talk about love these days, but how does that stack up against the love Jesus calls us to bear? And self-control? What does that look like in a world where being “out of control” is in vogue? We’ll certainly be enriched as we explore the dimensions of these healthy fruits at the center of our walk with Christ.

I look forward to exploring these themes with you in worship over the coming weeks:

- June 27: Love
- July 4: Joy
- July 11: Peace
- July 18: Patience
- July 25: Kindness
- August 1: Generosity
- August 8: Faithfulness
- August 15: Gentleness
- August 22: Self-Control

Yours in Christ,

Ken Albright, Pastor

Habitat Supporters, Mark Your Calendars

Those from Grace and Glory who have a particular passion for Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity will be getting together for a cookout at the home of Ray and Darlene Weimer on Sunday, August 15 at 6:00 PM. At the cookout we’ll have opportunity to share ideas and begin making plans for a Habitat Sunday at Grace and Glory. Please confirm your plans to attend with Ray and Darlene.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

June Leadership Team Meeting Summary

At the Leadership Team meeting on June 14, the following items were discussed:

The sale of the donated lot has been completed and a net amount of \$27,784.78 placed in an undesignated line item on the balance sheet, since it was not needed to guarantee the MIF loan.

The Mission Investment Fund (MIF) requires that we have a separate treasurer for our Capital Campaign account. A question remains as to how long this is necessary. The exact procedure for paying bills is also not clear. Administration chair Larry Teal will contact Karen Sumner from the MIF for further explanation. Pastor Albright will contact members who might be interested in serving as Capital Campaign Treasurer. Our application to the MIF will be finalized once a final figure is received from our builder.

Janice Brown and Carol Parsons reported on their experience as our adult delegates to the recent Synod Assembly. Both found it a very worthwhile experience. The worship services and music were both very powerful, and the small group breakouts were interesting. The sexuality issue remains a struggle, but it appears that the Virginia Synod is ready to move on and not belabor this issue any further. Our Synod has the most youth involvement of any synod in the ELCA!

Mary Jane Bredder is gathering information regarding the persons responsible for providing information for updating the church website.

A Groundbreaking Planning Team has been formed and will hold its first meeting on June 16 at 2:00 PM. No date for the groundbreaking has been set as of yet.

A new chairman of the Evangelism Committee is needed as Wayne Carney is stepping down after serving in that position. Paul St Clair will continue to represent the Committee on the Leadership Team but will not serve as actual chair. If you are contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee, please consider serving in this very important capacity in the life and growth of our church!

Pastor Albright described the concept of a Small Group Ministry, which consists of a variety of intentional groups, typically fewer than 12 people per group, who enjoy fellowship and also perform ministry. Our Action Plan calls for the formation of 3-

4 small groups each year. Representatives from Peace Lutheran Church are available to do training in small group principles. After discussion, it was decided to have temple talks to kindle interest in a small group ministry, identify those who may already have participated in it, get speakers from Peace Lutheran to explain the functions of small groups, and provide lists of the types of interests around which small groups might be formed. All small groups should reflect our mission statement of Caring Christians sharing God's message of grace. No timeline was established for initiating small group ministry but training will most likely begin after the Leadership Team retreat in the Fall.

Robert Candea has offered to coordinate our activities at Old Farm Day again and the Leadership Team gratefully accepted his offer. He will request our usual spot at Pleasant Grove, if it is still available.

Worship and Music chair Janice Brown reported that our keyboard needs repair. Director of Music Julie Martell is waiting for an estimate from the repair technician. The keyboard was purchased in 2002 and may be nearing the end of its lifespan. No decision on purchase will be made until repair and replacement estimates are received.

Pastor Albright distributed copies of a talking paper entitled "Building Blocks for Ministry," which was intended as an evaluation of what we are currently doing and a guide for the future once we have our own building. Some areas to be explored are whether to offer a second service or perhaps offer a different type of worship service, whether to transform the confirmation classes as confirmation groups change, etc. Further development of the various topics will occur at the Leadership Team retreat later this year.

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow, Secretary

Travel Encounter to Israel & Palestine

Over January 9-25, 2011 Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) is offering a cross-cultural immersion and spiritual retreat in Israel and Palestine. Departing from New York, the cost of the trip is \$3,049.

You may contact Dr. Monte Luker for details at LLUker@mac.com or phone (803) 719-2057.

Submitted by Pastor Albright.

President's Message

First of all, let me extend my heartfelt thanks once again for your ongoing prayers, cards and phone calls during my current bout with cancer. I cannot begin to tell you how much they have all meant to me and Jane during this difficult time.

One comment made by a fellow congregation member when I first discovered that I had cancer has really stuck with me. It was: "Why is this happening to us?" The us being Grace & Glory.

That really drove home to me that I was indeed part of a larger body of believers, one in which we rejoice together and grieve together, one in which anything that happens to one of us happens to all of us, and one that is faithfully living out the vision that Jesus has for his followers.

One of the questions that we as a Lutheran congregation here in Fluvanna County will continue to wrestle with is "Who are we?" and "Who does God want us to be to those around us?" I don't believe those are the kind of questions that get answered by taking a poll of those around the county.

We chose (or more accurately received from God) our motto: "Caring Christians sharing God's message of grace."

I can personally attest to the fact that that's exactly how you have all come across to me over the past several weeks. I couldn't ask for a more caring Christian community to be part of. Caring Christians is the reputation we've swiftly gained throughout the county, and indeed our Synod, and that's the reputation that is going to attract others to join us.

We don't need to determine who "they" all want us to be. We need to continue doing what we've already been led to do. God will take care of the rest.

As always, I encourage each of you to give prayerful consideration as to your role in making all this happen. There are certainly plenty of roles to go around!

Again, my sincere thanks to each of you for your prayers and good wishes.

With you in His service,

Frits Geurtsen
Congregation President

Donation policy information

The Interior Design Team is already working on selecting furnishings, materials, and colors for our new church home. There will be many items necessary to completely furnish our new surroundings, and as the time for completion of our building draws closer and our list of needs is finished, it will be publicized. Anyone who wishes to donate money for the purchase of any of the items on the list will be welcome to do so.

Many of you have items in your homes that you may wish to donate. Please be reminded that although we are grateful for your generosity, we may not have need for everything you wish to donate. All donations must be approved by the Interior Design Team, so please be understanding when you are informed that your offer must wait for approval at our next meeting. Anything brought to the church without prior approval may possibly be disposed of in any manner we feel is appropriate.

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow

From your Treasurer

Fun-in-the-sun season is here. Folks will be headed out for the beach, the mountains, perhaps even someplace foreign. But for the needs of the church, summer days prove to be very much like they always are: bulletin preparation, various committee meetings, visits by the cleaning crews -- and paying the bills.

"Traditionally" giving decreases over the summer months, simply due to the fact that folks get incredibly busy during that time of year. But in order for the lights to stay on and salaries to be paid, as well as all our other bills, there is no vacation.

So for those who are unable to attend on a given Sunday, please consider prepaying your contributions, or even mailing them into the church office before you leave, in care of Larry Teal who will make sure they get deposited. If you choose to mail in your contribution, please be sure to include your filled-out donation envelope so that the tellers can properly allocate the funds you contribute.

If you have any questions, please call me at 589-6068.

Submitted by Carol Parsons

Welcome Chris and Sharon Williams!

Chris and Sharon Williams are two of our newest members here at Grace & Glory. They are both native Virginians and have been married for 23 years. Their blended family consists of 10 children and 10 grandchildren.

They moved to Lake Monticello permanently about a year ago from Hanover County, VA after Chris retired from the Richmond public school system, where he worked as a teacher of children with special needs. He also did some coaching. Since moving to the Lake, Chris has worked as a substitute teacher with the Fluvanna County school system and has taught at both Central Elementary and Fluvanna Middle School.

Sharon has worked professionally as a real estate agent for many years. After moving to Lake Monticello, she has become an agent for the Monticello Country Realtors. Sharon says that she loves her work, because she loves the client contact and sees herself as performing a valuable service for those that are looking for a property.

Leisure time for Chris and Sharon is spent with friends. They love golf and fishing. Chris was once very active with athletic pursuits, but new knees have slowed him down a bit. However, their absolute favorite activity is spending time with their family and grandchildren.

They are excited about joining with us at Grace & Glory, and we welcome them as part of our faith community.

Submitted by Joe Shaver

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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 **July 24, 2010**.

Meet Jim Reeves!

Jim became a Grace & Glory member on June 13, but you've already seen him singing with the choir on Sunday mornings for the past year.

He's a retired Cartographer, was a mapmaker for the U.S. military, and was involved in mapping the site of the first lunar landing.

Jim and Carol (Parsons) recently celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Carol has been a member of Grace & Glory for years, is presently our Treasurer, sings in the choir, and is very active in many other areas. Jim calls her a butterfly, and in order to spend more time with her, he first decided to join the church choir (if you know Carol, then you understand). He appreciates the music program at Grace & Glory and thinks that Julie Martell is doing a wonderful job. Then, Jim says, "I fell in love with the people and the good things they are doing in the community" and he wanted to join the church.

Jim contracted polio when he was 8 years old, leaving him with a weak left leg. But he loved sports, all kinds of sports, so much so that he tried out for the teams in high school, made the football team, and played that sport with the help of a leg brace made especially for him by the shop teacher. Later on, he coached many different sports teams: softball, baseball, basketball, soccer – "You name the sport," says Jim, "I love it!"

With his indomitable spirit he became a volunteer fireman at the age of 16 (his Dad was the Fire Chief in their Maryland town) and has powerful memories from those experiences.

He was also in his high school's Glee Club, sang in a Barbershop Quartet, and was the high school chess champion.

We're very happy to welcome you into the Grace & Glory family, Jim!

Submitted by Irma Forger

Women at Grace and Glory (WAGG)

Our study in September will be on Understanding Difficult Scriptures in a Healing Way by the Paulist Press. Price is \$12.95. I don't know if I can get a discount on multiple orders. If I can, the savings will be passed on to you. There may be a shipping charge added. Pastor Ken will be leading this discussion which will begin on Sept. 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the Glory Room at the church office. If this time is not convenient, please let me know what day or time is good for you. Call me at 589-6358 to order the book, or see me at church.

Contributions are still being taken for the work of the VSWO (Virginia Synodical Women's Organization) and Blessing Box money which will go towards having two women from Papua New Guinea attend the Triennial Convention in Spokane in July, 2011. Also, anyone keeping track of their walking miles, these are due to me by July 11th so I can take them with me to the Convention in Salem at Roanoke College.

Submitted by Janice Brown

FCSS News

Our last meeting until September was held on June 10th. In May, the food bank served 116 families (268 individuals).

Rebecca, a Senior at FCHS, was the recipient of the \$500 Mary Morton Scholarship for community service.

On Sunday June 20th we collected 12 bags and 2 cartons for the food bank, about half of what we usually receive. Thanks to all who contributed. Many of you donated pancake mix, syrup and jelly, which were on the need list and are greatly appreciated. My special thanks to Ed and Sonja Erickson for delivering the food to the food bank so faithfully every month.

REMEMBER: July 18th is our next food collection.

I will start collecting gently used and new toys for "Happy Face" in September for the December event.

Thank you, *Barbara Smith*

July Birthdays



NAME	BIRTH DATE
<i>Doug Rockafellow</i>	7/01
<i>Don Hanson</i>	7/02
<i>Katie S.</i>	7/02
<i>Jan Crowther</i>	7/04
<i>LeRoy Moyer</i>	7/07
<i>Lou Cooper</i>	7/08
<i>LaVerne Chandler</i>	7/08
<i>Ted Antol</i>	7/14
<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

Grace and Glory Attendance

The average attendance for the month of May was 81. The average attendance for the month of June through Sunday, June 20th was 75. The running average to date (through Sunday, June 20th) has been 83.

Stay cool, *Dick Haas*






Thank You!

We would like to thank our wonderful church family for all of the support and prayers on our behalf as we continue to walk this health journey. Without a doubt, the prayers of so many have given us the strength and peace that we have felt these past months. The journey continues as we go to the next step leading up to a stem cell transplant.

With love and blessings,

Ann and Bill Milstead

JULY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	28 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 10:00 AM Building Steering Committee Team Build Meeting/Glory	29 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry Committee/Librar y	30 10:00 AM Travelin' Singers/Meet at Office to Carpool 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	1 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Grace 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	2 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	3
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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 4	July 11	July 18	July 25	August 1
Minister	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Bill Stewart	Kenneth Albright
Lay Assistant	Helen Ida Moyer	Paul Crowther	Joe Shaver	Dick Haas	Justin Wade
Reader	Justin Wade	Irma Forger	Helen Ida Moyer	Ruth Campopiano	Carol Parsons
Ushers/Greeters	Carol & Justin Wade	Jan & Paul Crowther	Sonja & Ed Erickson	Ester & Larry Teal	Marge & Al Mieseimer
Acolyte	Marian	Bridget	Tamara	Stephanie	Katey
Sound System	Steve Jenkins	Larry Teal	Dennis Wolf	Roy Schurmann	Ken Duffau
Altar Care	Marilyn Carney Charlotte Albright	Mary Stowe Janice Brown	Barbara Smith Joyce Hanson	Ellen Lindenmann Clara Cooper	Helen Post Flo Walsh
Refreshments	Diane Wolf Alene Nelson	Marj Schurmann Jan Crowther	Helen Post Joyce Schmidt	Ellen Lindenmann Ruth Haverstrom	Mary Stowe Carol O'Dell
Tellers	Barbara Smith Justin Wade	Barbara Haas Roy Schurmann	Alice Shifflett Larry Teal	Kingsley Brown Irma Forger	Barbara Smith Justin Wade
Visitor Contactor	Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger	Ester Teal	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

Doris Meyer – 589-8034

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 – 996-5238

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 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)