



Grace Notes

May 2010 Newsletter of Grace and Glory Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship at 10:15 A.M.

Fluvanna County Middle School

on Route 15 by Carysbrook

Pastor Kenneth Albright

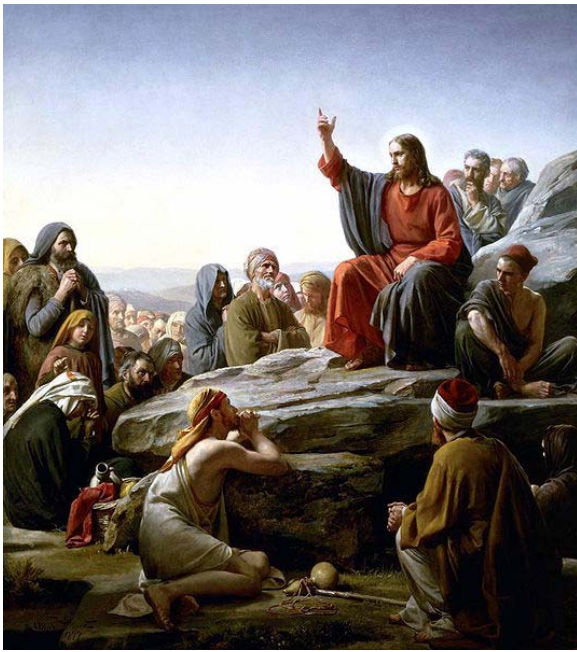
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Dear Grace and Glory congregation:

On Sunday, May 2 we will hold the first of two scheduled congregational meetings. One takes place in the Spring—by the 5th Sunday in the season of Easter. It primarily focuses on the election of leaders in the congregation. The second mandated meeting is in the Fall, just before Advent, and its primary focus is the receiving of ministry reports and approval of a ministry spending plan, or budget, for the upcoming year. Both of these meetings are critical to the life and strength of the congregation.

One dynamic that has been noted by a number of persons is that when the time comes to hold the meeting, a goodly number of people make their exit. I will not attempt to rationalize the myriad of reasons why people leave. I know they are many, and valid. But I will say that the ministry of the congregation is compromised when only a portion are left to make decisions that affect the whole.

When we join a congregation, we pledge to support it financially and with the gifts the Spirit has given us to build up the body of Christ. How can we know how much to contribute to the church if we have no knowledge of its operating expenses? How can we support congregational leaders whose names we do not know and whose responsibilities are outside of our awareness? How can we teach our children the value of supporting the work of the church if they see us

make our exit each time the church conducts its business?

We have important information to share on Sunday, May 2, such as, information about the exciting development of our church building project and the electing of people to offices in the church who will give many hours and energy to the church. Let us give them the benefit of strong participation, from children, youth, and adults at every stage in life—that they may know that *together*, we are “Caring Christians sharing God’s message of Grace.”

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Ken Albright

Mark Your Calendar

Congregational Meeting

May 2

After Church Service

Election of Leaders

Leadership Team Meeting Summary

The Leadership Team met April 12 and discussed the following items:

The ballot for Leadership Team positions to be elected at the Annual Spring Congregational Meeting, to be held May 2, will be as follows: President Frits Geurtsen, Treasurer Carol Parsons, and Youth and Education Chair Terry Shifflett.

The delegates to the Synod Assembly in June were approved. Youth delegates will be Amanda Downs and Kyle Jenkins, and adult delegates will be Janice Brown and Carol Parsons.

Treasurer Carol Parsons reported that a 9-month CD in the Capital Campaign Fund has matured and was transferred into the Capital Campaign savings account. Monies left over from memorial gifts that were not designated for a specific purpose were transferred into the Capital Campaign fund, after she consulted with the families involved. Union Bank will be issuing new debit cards and will require a specific name on it, even though it is a corporate card.

The new contract with Century Link for a bundled telephone and internet package was signed. This will result in a cost savings to us as well as better service. Century Link did indicate that there should be no problem in transferring this service to our new building when needed.

Changes to the Child Protection Policy, including the requirement that new members shall not work with children until they have been members for six months, were reviewed and approved.

There were seven bids received for the job of general contractor for construction of our new church building, and the Steering Committee has narrowed the choices to two. The contract for the sewer work will be signed by the Trustees in the very near future. The Mission Investment Fund has indicated that our reapplication is fine and will not need to go before the full review board until our numbers are firm.

Setup for services on Sunday mornings remains an issue. There is often no one there who can move equipment/supplies before they are needed for Sunday School. Property chair Steve Jenkins will ask the person in charge of the sound system each Sunday to come in earlier to help. Additional help is always appreciated.

Treasurer Carol Parsons reported that \$390 was collected at the Lenten Soup Suppers for Habitat for Humanity and sent to them. Pastor Albright stated that a letter of thanks was received from the ELCA for the \$1300 our congregation donated for Haiti through the ELCA International Disaster Response.

Pastor Albright also reported that Linda St Clair will be attending a parish nurse retreat at Smith Mountain Lake April 17-20. After the retreat, Pastor will meet with her and the parish nurse from Cunningham Methodist Church to discuss how we might utilize the position of parish nurse in our congregation.

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow

President's Message

"I'm afraid you have cancer."

Not words any of us ever want to hear, but it seems that more and more of us are hearing them these days, including several of us right here in the congregation. I was certainly stunned to hear them myself recently.

As we struggle with that sudden, unexpected and very unwelcome reality, we can't help but ask ourselves "Where is God in all this?"

From my own perspective, He has been everywhere.

He is in the outpouring of love and prayer that continues to come my way as others hear my news. He is in the phone calls and cards and emails that we get every day. He is in the hugs and smiles and words of encouragement and offers of assistance. He was in the heart-holding teddy bear that came to my door and in the very appropriate "Star of Bethlehem" and "Crown of Thorns" plants that I received.

And He was waiting for me in the “Christ in Our Home” devotionals: on March 12, the day I learned I had cancer, I read that “Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord” and that “Martin Luther writes that when we pray, we are reminding ourselves that it is God who gives all good gifts – including health ...” On March 15, I was reminded that “God is in the midst of all of our tragedies, suffering with us. In our weakness, we seek God’s strength. In our pain, we ask for healing.” On March 19, I read that “When we pray for God’s healing and grace in our lives or in the lives of others, we can be sure of God’s action.” And so on. If you do not already make use of the “Christ in Our Home” devotionals, I strongly encourage you to do so.

And there is more. God was on a small slip of paper on the bulletin board in the waiting room in the Radiation Oncology Department, written by a cancer patient:

“What Cancer Cannot Do: Cancer is so limited. It cannot cripple love, or shatter hope, or corrode faith, or eat away peace, or destroy confidence, or kill friendship, or shut out memories, or silence courage, or invade the soul, or reduce eternal life, or quench the Spirit, or lessen the power of the Resurrection.”

God has been very visible to me in my every encounter with each of you here at Grace and Glory. You have truly been “Caring Christians Sharing God’s Message of Grace.” I thank you all for that, but more importantly I thank Him for you.

With you in His service,

Frits Geurtsen, Congregation President

T-Shirt Coordinator Needed

We need a volunteer to coordinate a plan to have polo shirts and/or t-shirts made with the Grace and Glory logo. If you have the time and energy to take on this short-term project and help our members begin sporting the beautiful Grace and Glory logo out in the community, please contact Pastor Albright.

Child Protection Policy Training Scheduled

The next Child Protection Policy Training will be held on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM at the Weimer home (45 Marwood Drive at Lake Monticello). We strongly encourage every member of Grace and Glory to receive this training, and require it of all persons who will work directly with children and youth. Please call Pastor Albright to confirm your attendance.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Power in the Spirit: July 8-10, 2010



Shaped by the Master's Hands

Keynote speaker: Susan Briehl
Bible Leader: Diane Jacobson
Musician: Marty Haugen
Entertainment: Night Crossing
(Celtic ensemble)

Mark your calendars for a great spiritual experience!
(Yes, Lutherans have spiritual experiences!)

There is power in the spirit - the Holy Spirit

Check the VaSynod.org website for more information and registration materials.

Submitted by Helen Ida Moyer

Grace and Glory Church Picnic

We will hold a congregational picnic on Sunday, May 16 from 2-4 PM at the church office (96 Garden Lane, Palmyra). Bring your lawn chair, your bocci bag, and your pot-luck dish and let's enjoy some fellowship. We'll take some time at the picnic to honor our 2010 Confirmands, who will have been confirmed that morning in worship. Carol Wade will be coordinating the meal, so look for the sign up sheet on Sunday mornings on May 2nd and 9th.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

From the Director of Music

Music Appreciation Sunday on May 2nd

“Alleluia! Voices raise, sounding God Almighty’s praise”. These words in the first line of Hymn #828 in the ELW accurately describe the singers, chimers and instrumentalists at Grace and Glory. Week after week, these people attend rehearsals and share their time and musical talents at our Services. May 2nd will be a day set aside to thank the musicians and to let them know how much we appreciate them using their gifts to glorify God. Come celebrate with us on that day!

Setting 8

The teaching of Setting 8 in the *Evangelical Book of Worship* has finally been completed! After snowstorms caused us to cancel two Worship Services in February, we were forced to postpone the teaching of the Hymn of Praise and the Gospel Acclamation until the Easter Season. It’s been a long journey, but we have finally reached our goal. Setting 8 is a contemporary setting, beautifully written by several different composers. Our congregation is now able to sing Settings 1, 4, 8, and 10 from the *ELW*, as well as custom designed settings compiled from the Service section of the *ELW*. In addition, we also have learned Setting 5 from *With One Voice*. Our congregation has a wealth of liturgical settings from which to choose throughout the year, adding freshness and variety to our worship services.

The Communion Hymn

The choir would like some help in singing the communion hymn. Perhaps we have given the wrong impression by standing in the back of the cafetorium to lead the hymn. We are providing support to the singing of the hymn, not offering it as a special choir selection. We understand that it is difficult to sing when you are in line to receive communion, and that often you will want to have your own prayer time, but please join us in singing the hymn when it works for you. The choir misses your voices!

Chime Choir

We’re completing our first year of our new multi-generational chime choir, and it has been a big success. This choir, made up of middle schoolers, high school students, moms, and seniors, has worked

hard and progressed well, meeting every Tuesday evening. However, the real gift of this group is the formation of relationships that otherwise might not have happened. How nice to see the interaction of the three generations – hearing the good-natured banter and expressions of concern and caring. These were unexpected benefits received, in addition to the development of a new choir.

Summer Chime Choir

I’m always looking for new people who might be interested in playing the chimes. Please speak to me if you are interested in learning to ring. If enough interest is shown, I will start up a summer chime choir which will rehearse on selected Thursday evenings.

Adult Choir

The choir will finish their season of singing on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30th, and take a much-deserved summer break by sitting in the congregation during worship, while soloists and instrumentalists will fill the anthem spots. Although our choir has a roster of 16 people, we certainly could use more singers in each section. There are times that we barely have enough people to sing, because of traveling and illness. Please consider joining us when we reconvene in August. You don’t need to read music in order to join us. A love of singing and enjoying the presence of a great group of people is all that is needed. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30.

Yours in Christ,
Julie Martell
Director of Music

Bread for the World Thanks Participants

Thanks to all who participated in the Bread for the World special offering and letter writing offering. Over fifty letters were written by members of Grace and Glory asking Congress to renew the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit laws, both of which helped to bring people permanently out of poverty and reduce hunger in the US.

Submitted by Jean DeMarco
Chair, Social Justice Small Group

Worship Service to Celebrate Ascension

Thursday, May 13 is the day which celebrates the Ascension of our Lord. This is considered a principal festival in the church year, noting the occasion of our Lord's being taken up into heaven (see Luke 24: 50-52). We will mark that day with a brief service of holy communion at 9 AM at the church office. Join us for sweet rolls, coffee and fruit following the service.

Four Youth To Be Confirmed May 16

The worship on May 16 will present opportunity for four 8th graders to Affirm their Baptism. They are: Julia Albright, Conor Bredder, Kyle Jenkins, and Katie Shifflette. These youth have completed the Head2Heart Curriculum instruction in a small group setting on Sunday mornings. They have been growing in serving in worship, and in the local and wider community. In the worship service they will be wearing albs—the clothing of servant leaders. This provides them and the whole congregation a reminder that in baptism we are clothed in Christ, and set aside for God's work of love and forgiveness in the world. Each of these youth will be taking a leadership role in the service—a significant reminder that they now are called to fill even greater roles in the work of the church.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Two Grace and Glory Youth to Graduate

Two youth from Grace and Glory are to graduate from Fluvanna County High School on Saturday, May 22. Paul Duffau has been accepted to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, where he will matriculate this fall. Kayla Ferguson will begin her first two years of college work at PVCC in Charlottesville. Congratulations to these young people on their accomplishments, and we pray for God's guidance in their lives as they explore their gifts and vocational paths. We will bless them in worship on Sunday, May 9.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Picketts on the Move

Bob and Sue Pickett have moved to Charlottesville. Their new address and phone number are: 209 Harvest Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22903, 434-293-3838.

Women at Grace and Glory (WAGG)

WAGG will meet Tuesday, May 18th at 10:00 AM for the next session of "Lord, Teach Us To Pray". Please come and learn more about prayer and get news about the Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO). An offering will be taken to further the work of the VSWO to help a delegate go to the Convention, July 16-18, 2010.

The VSWO Convention, July 16-18, 2010, will be held at Roanoke College in Salem, VA. The Convention Theme is "Washed and Forgiven. Called to Serve". There will be opportunities to attend Awareness Sessions. Some of the topics are "How Does Your Spiritual Garden Grow?", "Diversity, God's Dream", "Going Green", "Creating a Safe Space for Victims of Domestic Violence" and also Bible study. For further information, please see Janice Brown, or call 589-6358.

The All Lutheran Women's Retreat (ALWR) will be held October 22-24, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Harrisonburg, VA. Titled "Laughter is a Gift from God", this retreat will be led by the Rev. Jean Bozeman, Assistant to the Bishop. This involves Lutheran women from the Metro DC Synod, Missouri Synod and, of course, the VSWO. This is a great opportunity for fellowship. If interested, please see Janice Brown, or call 589-6358.

There will be a box at the Middle School for collection of Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. These can be cut off various food items: Campbell's Soup (cut off the Campbell Soup Kid and the UPC label), Pillsbury products, such as cereal, nutrition bars, Swanson products, and Prego spaghetti sauce. If you don't want to cut out the label or box top, put the whole label in and I will cut them out. For a complete list of eligible products, go to labelsforeducation.com. Also, canceled stamps are being collected. If you can, leave 1/4" around the stamp so that the stamp can be steamed off easily. I realize this is not possible all the time, but be sure the stamp is not damaged. These will go to the VSWO and I will take them to the Convention which is July 16-18, 2010 at Roanoke College in Salem.

Submitted by Janice Brown

Preconstruction Services Contractor Selected

The Grace and Glory Church Building Steering Committee has voted unanimously to select Nielsen Builders, Inc. to provide preconstruction contractor services to the congregation.

During the coming few weeks, Nielsen will be working closely with our architectural firm, Hughes Associates of Roanoke, and with the Steering Committee to come up with definitive and precise cost figures pertaining to our proposed new church facility on Route 53.

Nielsen, the firm that was awarded the contract to build the new Fluvanna County senior high school, was selected after a comprehensive search that involved soliciting bids from seven different Virginia-based general contractors. Steering Committee members visited the construction sites of several of the contractors and checked out references before selecting Nielsen for this project.

It is important to note that at this point in time, Nielsen will only be providing preconstruction consulting services. Once we have determined what the final costs will be to construct a brand new 7,243 square foot facility on our 10-acre site, then a decision will be made regarding the selection of a general contractor for actual construction work. The congregation will be involved in the final decision to select a building contractor and will be asked to approve the final cost estimates for the new facility.

When it comes to finalizing plans for our new church facility, the next two to three months are crucial. Numerous congregational committees have been meeting in recent weeks to offer suggestions regarding what ought to be included in the structure.

The Worship and Music Committee, under the chairmanship of Janice Brown, has met several times to discuss building-related issues. The Interior Design Committee, under the co-chairmanship of Janet Rockafellow and Barbara Smith, held a two-hour meeting in mid April to discuss ideas and plans a follow-up meeting for further discussion on May 15. A sub-committee of the Administration Committee, under the chairmanship of Lou Cooper, met in April to discuss computer, audio-visual and general wiring needs pertaining to the new building and also began reviewing exterior design options. A Sunday School Committee

that included Beth Jenkins, Julie Martell, Terry Shifflett and Carol O'Dell outlined a wish list for things that might possibly be included in the five classrooms that are planned for the new facility.

If anyone in the congregation has specific ideas and suggestions that have not as yet been addressed by any one of these or other church committees, please notify Walt Lindenmann, chair of the Building Steering Committee, and he will see to it that those recommendations are passed along to the appropriate people who need to be contacted. It works best if ideas and suggestions are submitted in written form; that way possible misunderstandings can be avoided. Phone: 434-589-5822; e-mail: lindenmann@comcast.net.

In mid April, a contract was signed with Shelbeck Excavating of Scottsville, the firm that has been laying Fluvanna County's new sewer pipeline along Route 53. During the first week in May, that firm will hook the county's sewer pipeline to a manhole on church property and then extend the pipe onto our church property bringing it close to the planned location of our proposed new structure.

People keep asking, when will we have a groundbreaking for the new church? It's difficult to give a precise date at this point in time. However, we do anticipate that it will take between two and three months for representatives of Hughes and Nielsen to finalize plans for the building and to submit those plans to key Fluvanna County agencies and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) officials for approval and necessary permits. At the moment, the hope is that we can schedule a groundbreaking for sometime in the late Summer of this year.

Keith Cuda, a member of the Steering Committee who has a considerable amount of experience in supervising work on building construction projects, has been chosen by the Building Steering Committee to serve as the congregation's building project director. He will be our direct contact with Hughes and Nielsen on all construction issues. Members of the congregation need to be aware that -- chiefly because of safety concerns -- visits to the church construction site by congregation members will *not* be permitted, without the specific advance approval of Keith.

*Submitted by Walter Lindenmann, chair
Church Building Steering Committee*

You are Invited to A Dialogue on Crime and Justice

Date: Monday, May 17, 2010
Time: 6:30 PM - Refreshments
6:50 PM - Presentation and Dialogue
Location: Lake Monticello Clubhouse
(Non-lake residents, when coming through the gate, say you are attending the prison presentation at the clubhouse to gain entry).
Speakers: Melanie Snyder, author of *Grace Goes to Prison: An Inspiring Story of Hope and Humanity* and Helen Trainor, Attorney with the Legal Aid Justice Center

Last fall some of us were fortunate to hear Melanie at St. Mark's. In May she is coming to Fluvanna County to discuss her new book, *Grace Goes to Prison*, about one ordinary woman, Marie Hamilton, who made a critical difference in the lives of many prisoners. This was done by challenging the conventional wisdom about punishment and justice by looking for and affirming the good in convicted criminals. As a volunteer in prisons for three decades, she created unique programs to promote responsibility, accountability and non-violence among inmates and support them to be successful when paroled. Her work raises important questions about our criminal justice system, questions we can no longer afford to ignore. A recent study by the Pew Center on the States reveals that more than one out of every 100 American adults is now in prison or jail, and hundreds of thousands are released from prisons each year.

Melanie G. Snyder is a mediator, trainer and writer whose articles have appeared in more than 50 publications across North America. She teaches writing courses at Elizabethtown College, teaches conflict resolution skills to community, school and faith groups, and speaks regularly to a variety of audiences about restorative justice, criminal justice and related topics.

Melanie will be joined by Helen Trainor, who is an Attorney with the Legal Aid Justice Center and Project Director of the Virginia Institutionalized Persons Project. She monitors prison conditions in Virginia

and will be describing these, especially the ones at the Fluvanna Women's Prison.

Join us in this dialogue and presentation; this is a wonderful opportunity to gain information and ask questions about a subject many of us know little about. It is especially pertinent, since Fluvanna County has a Women's Prison, and Grace and Glory has a Prison Ministry.

*Submitted by Jean DeMarco
Chair, Social Justice Small Group*

Small Dinner Groups

Get to know other members of Grace and Glory better by having dinner together!! A quiet, unhurried relaxing dinner or lunch, at home or in a restaurant, is truly a wonderfully fun way to become better acquainted with other members of our congregation. We worship together so let's take time to have fun together too! Each group has about six people in it and meets three times over a period of about six months, whenever it fits into your schedule. Everyone is always busy with lots of activities, but make time to enjoy fellowship with folks whom you normally see just on Sunday mornings! Please call Helen Ida Moyer at 293-5543 or e-mail her at DuckyOaks@embarqmail.com to let her know that you would like to participate. Thanks! You will be glad you did!

May Wedding

We pray for a wonderful celebration of marriage and a long and prosperous life together for Christopher Brennan and his bride, Virginia Skovira. Pastor Albright has been working with them in pre-marital counseling and the couple is to wed on Saturday, May 15 at 3:30 PM at Grace Lutheran Church in Waynesboro. Christopher is the son of Mary Brennan, and has completed instruction and is now serving as a VA State Trooper in Culpeper, where the couple will reside.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Fluvanna Habitat Accepting Applications

Fluvanna County Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for its 13th (!) home to be built here in the county. This home will be the third in Habitat's small cluster subdivision, High Mountain Acres (on High Mountain Road, off of Route 6).

Applications will be accepted from April 15 to June 1, with no late applications accepted. Only persons living or working in Fluvanna County may apply.

Applications can be picked up at the Fluvanna County Library, MACAA, Social Services or the Health Department. Applicants may also print an application and learn more about Habitat on its website at www.fluvannahabitat.org.

Grace & Glory is a covenant church with Fluvanna Habitat, providing not only an annual monetary contribution but our members also serve Habitat in a wide variety of capacities including on its Board of Directors, on construction crews, and in fundraising events. If you are interested in helping in some way, please see Pastor Albright, Frits Geurtsen or Ray Weimer.

Submitted by Jane Geurtsen

Calling All Gardeners

Now that things are beginning to rapidly move on the construction of our building, we need to think about how the rest of the property needs to look with regard to trees, shrubs, bushes, and grass.

To that end, we need to develop some landscaping plans and we need lots of ideas: what do we want around the building; what do we want along the road; what do we want around the parking lot; what plants do we want to include and what plants do we want to exclude?

Master gardeners and amateurs, landscape designers --- it's your turn. Let's meet Sunday, May 16 following the service to talk about how to proceed. For more information, please contact Carol Parsons at 589-6068.

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 **May 24, 2010**.

From the Desk of Your Administrative Assistant...

I love my job! And I love working for all the warm, caring and kind folks that are the congregation at Grace and Glory! Many of you stopped in over the past couple of weeks to thank me orally, in writing, or with food and other gifts for what I do for you. At first I didn't know what was going on...but then someone reminded me that a day is taken out of the year to recognize those who take care of the administrative duties in the work place (a.k.a. Administrative Professionals Day, observed in April). But my work is often the result of a collaborative effort, and I wanted to thank you all back for your efforts and thus for making my job easier. This church really works like a team, and I truly feel blessed to be a part of it! THANK YOU.

Submitted by Gabi Dech

5G's May Event (the Golden Gals and Guys at Grace and Glory)

On Wednesday May 26, the 5G's will travel to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond. The gardens are on property that was originally a Powhatan Indian hunting ground and was once owned by Patrick Henry. The property was purchased by Lewis Ginter in 1884, and has been a bicycle club house, a convalescent home, and later a private home whose owner developed the gardens. On the death of the owner, Richmond took possession of the gardens but allowed them to deteriorate. In 1981 a group of citizens and botanists formed the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Inc. and redeveloped them for research and public enjoyment.

The gardens cover 50 acres and are divided into 15 theme gardens. There is walking involved so dress comfortably. You can visit as much or as little of the garden as you wish. The cost is \$9.00 per person for admission. We will leave the church office parking area at 8:30 AM, and have lunch at the Garden Café in the Visitors Center. This is a self service restaurant with a varied menu and reasonable prices.

If you plan to attend, please notify Janet Rockafellow (589-9608, drockafellow@comcast.net), or sign up on the sheet in the hallway at church no later than May 23.

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow

5G's September Activity Date Change

Please change the date for the September activity on your 5G schedule. The trip to the Virginia State Fair is now scheduled for Thursday, September 23. If you have questions, call Marilyn Carney at 589-6887.

Grace and Glory Attendance

The average attendance for Grace and Glory for the month of April 2010 was 86.

The running average attendance to date (April 25, 2010) has been 85.

An interesting statistic follows: The combination of attendance on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday in 2009 = 98 + 143 which totals 241, 1 more than the total for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday of 2010 which was 106 + 134 = 240.

Submitted by Dick Haas

May Birthdays



<i>NAME</i>	<i>BIRTH DATE</i>
<i>Ed Erickson</i>	<i>5/04</i>
<i>Justin Wade</i>	<i>5/05</i>
<i>Paul D.</i>	<i>5/05</i>
<i>Alex Prats</i>	<i>5/05</i>
<i>Helen Post</i>	<i>5/06</i>
<i>Ruth Haverstrom</i>	<i>5/08</i>
<i>Donald Bossong</i>	<i>5/09</i>
<i>Paul St Clair</i>	<i>5/10</i>
<i>Flo Walsh</i>	<i>5/14</i>
<i>Jean DeMarco</i>	<i>5/17</i>
<i>Joyce Schmidt</i>	<i>5/23</i>
<i>Marj Schurmann</i>	<i>5/23</i>
<i>Larry Teal</i>	<i>5/25</i>
<i>Deena Cuda</i>	<i>5/28</i>
<i>Ruth Campopiano</i>	<i>5/30</i>
<i>Darlene Weimer</i>	<i>5/31</i>

Evangelism Workshop

An Evangelism Workshop will be led by Pastor Chip Gunsten, assistant to the bishop, at Jubilee House Retreat Center, Abingdon, on Friday and Saturday, May 21-22. The workshop will open Friday at 7 PM.

The workshop announcement invites participants to "Come to enjoy a relaxing weekend in a beautiful setting to share and learn with other Lutherans how to grow into your calling as an evangelical Lutheran Church." The ecumenical retreat center is operated by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. The cost of the workshop will be under \$100 for double occupancy and under \$50 for commuters, meals included.




ELCA Council Authorizes Rite

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) authorized a rite designed to receive pastors from Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) onto the ELCA's roster of ordained ministers. ELM is an organization that credentials qualified candidates of all sexual orientations and gender identities for ordained ministry.

The council's authorization of the rite is intended to receive 17 ELM pastors who were not previously on the ELCA clergy roster or on the roster of ordained ministers of a predecessor church body; who have been approved by a candidacy committee of a synod; and who have received a call in the church. The rite had been recommended by the ELCA Conference of Bishops.

The Rev. Robert G. Schaefer, executive, ELCA Worship and Liturgical Resources, said that "Reception to the Roster of Ordained Ministers with Prayer and the Laying on of Hands" is intended "to be a rite that brings liturgical expression to the deep desire ... for reconciliation both in this church and within the Church catholic. It intends to recognize what the ELCA has not yet recognized. At the same time (the rite) is intended to be recognizable by world Lutheran ecumenical partners, echoing patterns that are important for ordination."

MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Bread for the World Sunday - Letter-Writing Day 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	26 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	27 10:00 AM Adult Education Meeting/Glory	28 5G's Event/Yogaville 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 7:00 PM Bible Study/Library 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	29 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marj 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	30 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	1
2 MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM Spring Congregational Meeting	3 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	4 Pastor Off-site at Leadership Seminar (Winchester) 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	5 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marj 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	7 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	8
9 MOTHER'S DAY 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP - Blessing of Graduates	10 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 7:00 PM Leadership Team/Glory	11 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	12 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	13 9:00 AM Ascension of our Lord Service/Church Office 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Jan 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	14 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	15 9:00 AM Interior Design Team Meeting/Glory
16 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP 2:00 PM Congregational Picnic - Church Office	17 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	18 10:00 AM WAGG Meeting/Glory 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	19 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 4:00 PM Administration Meeting/Glory 7:00 PM Child Protection Training Session/Weimer home	 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Jan 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	21 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	22
23 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP - Brayson Nelson and James Feury Baptisms	24 Grace Notes Submission due today 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	25 Pastor Off-site at Leadership Seminar (Winchester) 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	26 5G's to Ginter Gardens 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	27 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marilyn 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	29
30 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	31 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	1	2 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	3 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Grace	4 Lutheran Youth Organization at Synod Assembly/Salem, VA 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office	5 Lutheran Youth Organization at Synod Assembly/Salem, VA

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.

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30	June 6
Minister	Kenneth Albright	Paul St Clair	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright
Lay Assistant	Justin Wade	LaVerne Chandler	Julia A.	Irma Forger	Helen Ida Moyer	Justin Wade
Reader	Janet Rockafellow	Charlotte Albright	Katie S.	Sue Pickett	Janice Brown	Ray Weimer
Ushers/Greeters	Jo Martin Carol Benske	Beth and Steve Jenkins	Joyce and Don Hanson	Clara and Lou Cooper	Helen Post Doris Meyer	Marilyn & Wayne Carney
Acolyte	Julia A.					
Sound System	Steve Jenkins	Larry Teal	Kayla F.	Paul Crowther	Paul Crowther	Ken Duffau
Altar Care	Janet Rockafellow Marilyn Carney	Helen Post Flo Walsh	Clara Cooper Ellen Lindenmann	Ruth Haverstrom Barbara Smith	Janet Rockafellow Marilyn Carney	Ester Teal Carol Wade
Refreshments	Terry Shifflett Alice Shifflett	Gertrud Barton Marge Miesemer	Pot Luck	Alene Nelson Selena Nelson	Fonda Stevenson Marilyn Crowther	Jean DeMarco Flo Walsh
Tellers	Barbara Smith Justin Wade	Larry Teal Joe Shaver	Helen Post Ellen Lindenmann	Jan Crowther Barbara Haas	Irma Forger Kingsley Brown	Barbara Smith Justin Wade
Visitor Contactor	Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger	Wayne Carney	Sue Pickett	Wayne Carney	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 – 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).