



Grace Notes

September 2010 Newsletter of Grace and Glory Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship at 10:15 A.M.

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Dear Grace and Glory congregation:

Ninety is the goal! Ninety—the number our Leadership Team has set as the number of people, on average, we expect to have in worship on any given Sunday. The average weekly worship attendance goal for 2010: 90.

For the past two years, our average weekly worship attendance has been steady, but not growing— an average of 82 people per Sunday.

Why any of us aren't able to make it to worship on a given Sunday is varied. One person's car didn't start. Another person had a medical emergency. Another person had unexpected company. Another person (*insert your own experience here*)...it all adds up.

All our challenges aside, as a congregation, we are committed to growth. We believe that God has called us to be caring Christians sharing God's message of grace SO THAT more people will follow the Lord, and worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth. The average worship attendance is one of the greatest indicators of fulfilling our mission.

So, what can you do to help us reach the goal of 90? Here's my TOP TEN list of ways we might get there quite easily if all of us do our part:

1. **Bring them with you.** When family comes to visit...ask them to attend church with you.
2. **Leave them at home.** When family makes it clear they don't "do church"...leave the juice and bagels on the table and tell them when you'll be back. Your faithfulness is a witness.

3. **Identify three people** who have asked you about your church affiliation in the past few months. Invite one to church each month and treat them to lunch afterward.
4. **Set a personal goal**—if you attend 2 services a month—make it a goal to make it 3 per month through the remainder of 2010.
5. **Sign up to serve.** When we commit to reading or providing refreshments, generally we fulfill our responsibilities.
6. **Go all out...**set a goal to be in worship every Sunday you're in town.
7. **Follow up with a first-time visitor.** When someone new comes to worship—form a relationship and tell them you hope they come back next week. Be there when they do. When people connect, they come back. We're all hungry for community.
8. **When in doubt...reach out.** Is there someone you haven't seen in worship lately? Give them a call and let them know you care.
9. **Join the choir!** Choir members are some of the most faithful worship attenders, as they provide musical leadership every Sunday, and practice in between.
10. **Remember,** worship is God's way of restoring and refreshing you—so that your spiritual tank is full for the adventure of the coming week. And, it is amazing what the Spirit does when we all come together to give thanks and praise.

See you in worship!

In Christ,

Pastor Ken Albright

Summary of Leadership Team Meeting

The Leadership Team met on August 2 and discussed the following:

Walter Lindenmann reported that the Building Task Force Steering Committee is working closely with the architect and builder on the builder's estimate that came in higher than expected. The architect has come up with revised plans, which were sent to the builder who will provide a new cost estimate by August 4. The Steering Committee, architect and builder will meet on August 9 to review the new plans and estimate. The Steering Committee has also been exploring other options to resolve the issue, including obtaining a bigger loan from MIF, which is not desirable since it would mean supporting a larger mortgage, and contacting local financial institutions to investigate getting a loan from them instead (they are not eager to make such a loan and also cannot lend us money at the low interest rates that the MIF can). The builder has also provided some cost cutting suggestions that can save approximately \$250,000 without reducing the size of the building.

Mary Stowe has taken over as Building Fund treasurer, and Carol Parsons is working with her until Mary gets familiar with the software system.

Treasurer Parsons reported that finances continue to be very tight and that we will need to use \$5,000 recently withdrawn from a CD to meet payroll next week. Year to date, we are running approximately \$1,400 short in contributions every month; for example, in July \$11,300 was received and fixed expenses amounted to approximately \$12,500. LT members were asked to identify ways to reduce costs in their individual areas of responsibility by the next meeting.

Administration chair Teal reported that our landlord has signed an extension to the office lease and agreed that we can stay as long as necessary. Lou Cooper was asked to obtain a signed contract with the school for our worship space.

Justin Wade has agreed to serve as chair of the Evangelism Committee until the Spring Congregational meeting next year, but is not interested in accepting an LT position. Carol Parsons agreed to be the Evangelism liaison to the LT. The Leadership Team expressed appreciation for the work of Wayne Carney and Paul St Clair in this regard.

For the upcoming Leadership Team retreat, Pastor Albright has confirmed the dates of October 22-23 with Pastor Matt Henning (Gretchen Feury's brother) who has been a mission developer in Grayson, GA and has special insights into our current situation. Suggested goals for the retreat were distributed by Pastor Albright, discussed by the LT and will be sent to Pastor Henning for possible suggestions and revisions. A new retreat location is necessary as the Lake Monticello firehouse is not available that weekend. One possibility discussed was holding the Friday evening session at the church office and the Saturday session at the home of one of our members. President Geurtsen emphasized that we should not spend money on the retreat and hoped that food could be provided by congregational donations through the hospitality committee.

The Leadership Team discussed changing the format of the prayer list in our bulletin. Suggestions included "starting from scratch", dividing the list into the categories of Members, Friends and Family, and Military, and establishing a renewable time limit of 30 days for remaining on the prayer list. Coordinator Carol Parsons will write an explanatory notice for the weekly bulletins and Grace Notes.

Pastor Albright reported that the Old Farm Day Committee has met and suggested that bake sale proceeds be donated to Meals on Wheels and that raffle proceeds go to the Pastor's Relief Fund. In addition, our youth who attended the Hurley Mission trip this summer have agreed to be present at our booth to talk about their trip.

Treasurer Parsons asked committee chairs to begin to think about their budget needs for the coming year.

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow, Secretary

YOUTH LOCK-IN

All 6th-12th grade youth at Grace and Glory are invited to meet up on Friday, September 17th at 7:00PM at the church office (96 Garden Lane) for food, fun, and a focus on planning a special youth-led worship service for Reformation Sunday! Event ends at 9AM on Saturday morning. Bring a favorite board game, your sleeping bag, and a snack to share.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

President's Message

I read recently that there are three fundamental tasks of a Christian community: *inviting*, *forming* and *servicing*.

INVITING

We gather as followers of Jesus Christ, who told us to go out and invite others to join us as disciples. Keep telling others about Grace & Glory and the community we are building here. Scripture tells us we are each given different gifts and that we are to go out and use them, not hiding them under a bushel. I think sometimes we think that evangelism, spreading the good news, is a gift that only some of us have. That is just not so. The Great Commission was given to every one of us. We may approach it differently, using our individual skills, but we are definitely each called to be doing it. What does that mean for you?

I want to take this opportunity to thank Paul St Clair and Wayne Carney for the wonderful work they have done in coordinating our evangelism efforts to date. I also want to thank Justin Wade and Carol Parsons for stepping up to take over the reins of the Evangelism Committee. I'm not sure there's a more important function in our church.

FORMING

Forming means growing more fully into the people God created us to be. In worship and education, we should each seize the opportunity to learn more about our faith. This summer we had a great cross-generational educational opportunity to learn. That model was so successful that we'll be using something similar with the Sunday School for the older youth and adults this year. I strongly encourage you to give serious consideration to being a co-leader of a Sunday morning discussion with the new "Seasons of the Spirit" curriculum when approached about it.

There are also plenty of other learning opportunities, both on Sundays and throughout the week. Look at the calendar in the newsletter as well as notices in the weekly bulletins. Perhaps you've got an idea for a learning opportunity you'd like to see instituted at Grace & Glory. If so, please let us know. For instance, I'd love to see a monthly men's breakfast formed.

SERVING

And finally we are called to go out in the power of the Spirit to serve others. From the beginning I have been impressed with how seriously we at Grace & Glory take this call and in the rich variety of ways that we do so. Our young people (and a few of the adults) experienced the rewards of serving when they went on the mission trip to Hurley this summer. Those interested in supporting the local Habitat for Humanity recently met for a barbecue and brainstorming session. And there are lots of other examples. Again, look at the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletins for opportunities to serve, and also let us know if you have ideas for other service activities.

With you in His service,

Frits Geurtsen, Congregation President

Growing in the Word—A Weekly Challenge

Putting Scripture to heart can be a great way to let the Lord speak to your heart. As we begin a new year in education, take time to put to memory the "Memory Verse" in your bulletin each week. It is usually a "one-liner"—a single verse of Scripture that connects with Sunday's worship theme. It is located on the inside back cover of your weekly worship bulletin, underneath the prayer list. Put it on your dash and put it to memory as you drive to town. Put it on your bathroom mirror and repeat it as you wash your face. Put it in your bible and say it several times before you begin your devotional reading.

Our middle and high school youth will be challenging the children to memorize the verse from week to week, so you may hear more scripture being recited in the hallway on Sunday mornings.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

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, 2010**.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On a recent morning walk I reflected upon familiar words from Ecclesiastes, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, NRSV). As I walked, I prayed and pondered about this time in the life of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). It is my prayer that we use this time for discerning and engaging; for repenting and reconciling; for restraint but not timidity; and for rejoicing.

A Time for Discerning and Engaging

Throughout the ELCA I hear people asking, "Is my voice heard? Will my voice be respected as we seek together to discern God's purpose for us?" The answer is yes. Nevertheless, people of deep faith and a desire to be part of this church wonder: Do we mean it when we say we can preach, teach and hold divergent views on sexuality and be full participants in the ELCA's life and witness? Again, the answer is yes.

My confident "yes" is predicated upon our shared commitment to be engaged together in discernment. This discernment is hard work. It must be grounded in the witness of the Scriptures and the Confessions, and it needs the voices of all the baptized. It calls for the Holy Spirit's guidance and our prayerful, disciplined and respectful listening to one another.

Even more, the source for my confident "yes" is God's gracious "yes" to us, spoken through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The "yes" of Jesus empowers us to be passionately engaged. It frees us to ask questions, have difficult conversations and uncover differences and tensions. It calls each of us to be everyday evangelists, discerning together what the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ means for the world and for our common life.

Let our shared commitment be that our discerning together always will serve our proclamation of Jesus Christ in word and deed and our engagement in God's mission for the life of the world.

A Time for Repenting and Reconciling

The most powerful moment in the recent assembly of The Lutheran World Federation occurred when Lutherans asked for forgiveness from God and from

Mennonites for the violence done to Anabaptist Christians in Reformation times and through the continuing legacies in Lutheran teachings. This public act of repentance, with many delegates on their knees, was a powerful witness to the healing of wounds in Christ's body, the church.

With tears in our eyes, we heard promises of God's mercy in Christ and words of forgiveness from Mennonite sisters and brothers as we received and shared God's gift of forgiveness and healing.

This experience of reconciliation is underscored for me in the fifth chapter of 2 Corinthians: the powerful announcement that if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. This new creation rises from Jesus, who died rather than be in the sin-accounting business.

The implication for us of the gospel's transforming power is that we become ambassadors for Christ. God has entrusted to each of us the message and ministry of reconciliation.

As yet another Lutheran church body forms, we must ask how this separation in the body of Christ will serve the ministry and message of reconciliation entrusted to us by God.

The ELCA has and will continue reaching out to others for the sake of the gospel and serving our neighbor. Standing together, we are known as a church that rolls up its sleeves and solves problems, the church that is catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Our strong ecumenical relationships and global partnerships testify to that commitment. Yet before the ELCA can undertake any such efforts with a new Lutheran church body, I believe we must commit to obey the commandment against bearing false witness and commit to live its meaning in every setting, both private and public: "We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p.1161).

A Time for Restraint but not Timidity

We live in a world that is plagued by incivility, willful misunderstanding and hurtful caricatures of those with whom one disagrees. Let us declare that such behaviors will stop with us. There is room in this

church for lively conversations and disagreements about questions of faith and life. There is room in this church for vigorous dialogue that witnesses to faith without rushing to judgment and closing off discussion.

Let us be restrained in our judgments and speak charitably with and about one another. Let us not be timid as we boldly proclaim Jesus Christ and participate in God's healing of the world. Let us generously, faithfully and courageously respond to the groaning of the creation and the cries of humanity.

A Time for Rejoicing

Even in the midst of great challenges in the economy and in the church, we can rejoice because the ministry in which we are engaged is a ministry of God's mercy and reconciliation in Christ. Our ministry is not about us, our shortcomings or our problems, for we proclaim Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the forgiveness that God offers at the font and the table, in public proclamation and personal assurance. We celebrate the reconciliation from God that breaks down every dividing wall of hostility and unites humankind in the bonds of Christ. We delight in the promise of the new creation that God is bringing to life in Christ. We joyfully embrace the world and all its inhabitants in love and service. What a cause for rejoicing!

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen. (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 75)

In God's grace,



The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
August 24, 2010

Prayer List Undergoes Overhaul

Prayer is an integral part of our Christian life and our prayer list is used by many of us in this effort. Over the years, members have approached me with suggestions to make our prayer list more helpful. Several ideas were put forth by your Leadership Team so we will be implementing some changes and will see how it goes.

First of all, we're going to start over. What that means is that our prayer list will be emptied -- this is to encourage anyone who has put someone on the list to evaluate the situation to see if the individual still belongs on the list.

Second, the prayer list will be broken into two or more categories: members and friends-and-relations. And in the friends-and-relations group, the relationship to the member will be shown; for example John Adams, son of David & Mary Adams or Kelly Manix, friend of Carol Pelman. In this way, we can more closely care for those on the list and those who made the request.

The third thing we want to change is the length of time folks are on the list. For our members, follow up is minimal; however, for others it is an ongoing challenge to maintain contact. So for anyone in the friends-and-relations group, there will be a renewable 30-day time limit. After 30 days, if the individual is still in need of prayer, all that needs to be done is to call the church office or Carol Parsons (589-6068), and the person will be on for another 30 days; otherwise the name will be removed. The notification date will be the 24th of the month, the same day articles are due for Grace Notes (that way, we only have to remember one date).

These changes are tentatively scheduled to be implemented on the Sunday we celebrate All Saints Day which will be November 7th this year. If you have any concerns or comments, please contact Pastor Albright or Carol Parsons. We look forward to hearing all comments and suggestions.

*Submitted by Carol Parsons,
Prayer List Coordinator*

What's Happening With The Church Building Program?

If you're like most members of the congregation, that question is probably one that has crossed your mind in recent months. The quick answer to the question is, we are making progress, but it is taking longer than we had originally anticipated.

As most people know, in mid June our architectural firm, Hughes Associates of Roanoke, VA, came up with a design for the new building that was very favorably received by those in the congregation. Unfortunately, when the design was submitted to Nielsen Inc., the firm we had hired for preconstruction building consulting services, their price tag to develop the site and put up the structure ended up far higher than anyone had anticipated, or that the congregation could afford -- almost \$1.6 million.

Hughes went back to the drawing board and keeping pricing concerns in mind, in early July came up with a dramatically altered design that reduced the height of the structure and changed some basic building elements (e.g. substituting wood for metal in most places, changing the style, look and materials used in windows, etc.) Although that second design did significantly reduce the overall cost of the proposed building -- to almost \$1.1 million -- most of those serving on the Church Building Steering Committee and on the Leadership Team felt the new design now fell short of meeting the congregation's needs for an appropriate new structure.

Therefore, after extensive negotiations with the architect and the building services consulting firm, we have asked Hughes to go back to the drawing board a third time and make some compromises, keep some of the design components in the first version that we liked so much, while trying to cut costs in other areas (e.g., such as reducing the size of the proposed paved parking lot or substituting less expensive materials for higher-priced items in other sections.)

Why is the process taking so long? Because every time changes are suggested, it takes time to develop revised designs and to come up with appropriate -- and realistic -- cost estimates. The important thing

for congregation members to keep in mind is that the Church Building Steering Committee, with support from the Leadership Team, is making every effort to end up with a church structure of the highest quality possible, within the budget constraints that face all of us.

What is the possible time line right now? It is the Steering Committee's hope that we can have a finalized design within reasonable budget parameters in place by early this Fall. Once we have that design in place and have received final budget estimates, it will then be up to the congregation, at a special meeting, to approve the design and the budget. That will lead to our submitting a revised loan application to the Mission Investment Fund (MIF).

After all of those steps have been taken, it will then take at least four to five weeks for the architect to come up with final building plans for the structure. These will then need to be reviewed and approved by Fluvanna County officials before they can be put into place, and that will probably take an additional four or five weeks.

When can we have a groundbreaking? Realistically, probably not until next year. Building Steering Committee members realize that these delays are frustrating and annoying to all of us, but it's more important that we design and eventually build a structure that adequately meets our needs as a congregation, than it is to accept second-best or rush the process.

It is important at this point to keep the faith and recognize that the leadership of the church is taking all steps necessary to move this process along as rapidly as possible.

Questions about the church building program may be directed to any of the members of the Building Steering Committee -- Lou Cooper, Keith Cuda, Walter Lindenmann, Bob Pickett or Barbara Smith - - or to Pastor Albright.

*Submitted by Walter Lindenmann,
Chair, Building Task Force*

September Celebrates New Members

A congregational potluck will be held on Sunday, September 12 following the worship service. Bring a salad, side dish, or main entrée to share and we'll welcome those who will be joining Grace and Glory the following Sunday in worship, and have a chance to hear leaders share some about the history and current status of our congregation. Then, on September 19 in worship we will welcome new members by affirmation of faith.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity Day of Prayer Service

Members of all area churches are invited to join together for an inspirational service at 3:00PM on Sunday, September 12 at New Fork Baptist Church in Fork Union. We'll pray for the success of Habitat's mission, hear special choir music and homeowner testimonials, and praise the Lord who is doing great things in the lives of Fluvanna families. If you'd like to carpool, contact Pastor at 531-3551.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Women at Grace and Glory (WAGG)

The September WAGG meeting is Tuesday, September 21st at 10:00AM in the Glory Room at the Church Office. We will be studying Understanding Difficult Scriptures in a Healing Way. Pastor Ken will be leading the discussion. There will be two sessions in October. An offering for the VSWO (Virginia Synodical Women's Organization) will be taken once a month. Contact Janice Brown at 589-6358 if you have any questions.

The All Lutheran Women's Retreat (ALWR) will be held October 22-24 in Harrisonburg at the Holiday Inn on East Market St. Pastor Jean Bozeman, the Retreat leader, will lead us in "Laughter is a Gift from God". Registration deadline is September 22nd so registration must be there by that date. The Registration Fee is \$90.00 which includes all retreat materials, Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast. You make your own hotel reservation at the Holiday Inn. Hotel rooms are \$93.25 per night. See Janice Brown for a brochure.

Submitted by Janice Brown

Fall Stewardship Program

On September 19 your Stewardship Committee will introduce the fall program. It is our hope that, as it unfolds, you will see Stewardship as a labor of love – love for God who first loves us and love for one another as we work together in God's Kingdom.

The program will conclude with our celebration of Commitment Sunday on October 17.

*Submitted by Roy Schurmann,
Chair/Stewardship Committee
(other members of this committee include, Ruth Campopiano, Gretchen Feury, Marj Schurmann, Joe Shaver and Justin Wade)*

What does a Mutual Ministry Committee Do?

This group is established for the ongoing evaluation of the shared ministry between pastor and congregation. At each session devotions and prayers are shared, and reflection takes place on congregational dynamics, pastoral issues, etc. Members of this committee are: Wayne Carney, Paul Crowther, Gretchen Feury, Doris Meyer, and Pastor Albright. Members of the congregation may speak with any of the above if they have a topic or area of concern they would like to submit for the agenda. The next Mutual Ministry Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00PM.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Adopt-a-Road

Let us gather on the church property on route 53 on Saturday morning, 9/25, at 8:30 AM. There we shall do our litter pickup and make the highway nice, at least temporarily. As always, I shall have the donuts. Call me at 589-6050 if you have any questions or to let me know that you'll be attending. Thanks. See you then!

Submitted by Joe Shaver

World Hunger

Old Farm Day 2010

It does not take a vacation as many of us do. Even though I have been very remiss for several months in reminding all of us about this world-wide problem, it has not gone away and the millions of people suffering from it are still hungry. Even in our own country, there are many living in poverty and without adequate nourishment. About 25% of the ELCA World Hunger funds are used in the U.S., the rest is spent internationally.

I know it is hard for most of us who have never known hunger or even want of any kind to envision the vast numbers of people who do not have adequate daily sustenance. Even though I grew up in poverty, I never went hungry and it is difficult for me to understand it.

It is very real though to those suffering from it and you and I can help alleviate the suffering by contributing to the ELCA World Hunger Funds through our church or by sending a check to ELCA World Hunger, PO Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764.

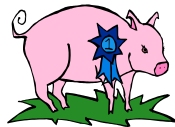
Let's all do our part in stamping out this scourge that plagues the world around us!

Submitted by Justin Wade

5G's on the Road to the State Fair (The "Golden Gals and Guys at Grace and Glory")



The 5G's will be going to the Virginia State Fair on September 30th. We will meet at 9:00AM at the Church Office. The ticket fare is \$13.00 but Dick Graves will get us a group rate which will be less. Gert Barton will get us free parking for the drivers. We will spend about 3 hours at the fair and there are places to sit down all around. Lunch will be on your own. Sign-up sheets will be available on the entrance tables. So come on out... those funnel cakes are waiting! Call the Carney's at 589-6887 for more information.



Had enough hot summer weather? It's time to think of that annual fall fun community event, to be held this year on Saturday, October 2nd (Rain Date Sunday, the 3rd), at Pleasant Grove. The hours this year have been expanded, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and we expect to have our traditional booth, selling home-made baked goods and small craft items. So bakers, we hope you'll think cool, get your ovens started up, and begin baking. Since many items freeze well, things can be made in advance. We'll need many pairs of hands "manning" the booths in two-hour increments, so sign-up sheets will be on the table in the hallway after Sunday services. Please sign up for whatever you can do – there's a job for you, and all help is welcome. All proceeds will go to Fluvanna County Meals on Wheels. And of course we'll offer the Grace and Glory cookbooks, *A Taste of Grace*, for sale at \$10 a copy, going toward our church Building Fund.

In addition, we'll have a Raffle, as last year, with at least three very nice prizes, which include a 6-foot Dogwood tree, color of your choice, delivered and planted within a 50 mile radius, from Mountain Laurel Landscaping (thanks Jeff O'Dell); a piece of functional pottery from Frog Moon Pottery (thanks Jan Crowther); and a 10-inch serving platter with 4 matching dishes, plus a cheese server, from Fluid Glass Works (thanks Mary Jane Bredder). Tickets will be available in advance of Old Farm Day, at \$1 each. We hope you'll invite your neighbors, and friends at golf/Mah Jongg/Bridge, to buy a ticket or two. More information to come. Proceeds from the Raffle will go toward the Pastor's Emergency Relief Fund (aka Pastor's Discretionary Fund).

Questions? Call Bob Candea, 286-2352, or Irma Forger, 589-6939.

Attendance

The average attendance at Grace and Glory Lutheran Church for the month of July was 72.
The average attendance for the month of August through Sunday, August 22 was 86.
The running average attendance through Sunday, August 22 has been 81.

Submitted by Dick Haas

September Birthdays



<i>NAME</i>	<i>BIRTH DATE</i>
<i>Rachael Huddle</i>	<i>9/01</i>
<i>Carol Sanders</i>	<i>9/03</i>
<i>Al Miesemer</i>	<i>9/04</i>
<i>Julia A.</i>	<i>9/08</i>
<i>Tamara S.</i>	<i>9/08</i>
<i>Irma Forger</i>	<i>9/14</i>
<i>Robert Cox</i>	<i>9/17</i>
<i>Ken Haverstrom</i>	<i>9/26</i>

Duct Tape or a Nail

A man dies and goes to Heaven. Of course, St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into Heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says. "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"Three points?" he says, "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service."

"Terrific!" says St. Peter. "That's certainly worth a point."

"One point!?! I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's good for two more points," St. Peter says.

"Two points!" Exasperated, the man cries, "At this rate the only way I'll get into Heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Bingo, 100 points! Come on in!"

We often try to fix problems with WD-40 and duct tape. God did it with a nail!

What is Worship

For Lutherans, worship matters. In fact, worship lies at the heart of how we understand ourselves together. While some of the approaches to worship may differ from one congregation to another, we hold certain things in common.

There is a basic pattern for worship among Lutherans. We *gather*. We encounter God's *Word*. We share a *meal* at the Lord's table. And we are *sent* into the world.

But we do not think about worship so much in terms of what we do. Worship is fundamentally about what God is doing and our response to God's action. Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.






Think about it like this. God's Spirit calls us together. God speaks to us through readings from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, through preaching, prayer, and song. God feeds and nourishes us in a saving way. And God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Taken together, the Word proclaimed and the sacraments -- both Holy Baptism and Holy Communion -- are called the means of grace. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in these means through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we describe worship as a "gathering around the means of grace." This is a way of saying that we trust that God is genuinely present with us in baptism, in preaching, and in sharing the bread and wine of Holy Communion. In that sense, Lutherans believe that God's presence permeates all of Christian worship.

The cross is the central symbol that marks our worship spaces and when Lutherans worship, singing fills the air. The voices of all the people joined in song and the participation of all the people in the worship is a witness to our conviction that in worship we are being drawn in to God's own saving story.

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SEPTEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 RALLY DAY 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP 3:00 PM Youth Rally at Trinity United Methodist in Orange 7:00 PM Italian Festa/Ashlawn Grill/Fluvanna Habitat Fundraiser	30 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	31 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	1 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee/Glory	 Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in Office 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Grace 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	3 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	4
 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	6 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	7 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	8 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 2:00 PM Evangelism Committee/Glory	9 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in Office 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marj 7:15 PM Finance Comm/Library 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	10 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 10:00 AM Building Steering Committee Meeting/Glory 5:00 PM Leadership Team Retreat/Location TBD	11 9:00 AM Leadership Team Retreat/Location TBD
12 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM Congregational Potluck Luncheon/following worship 3:00 PM Habitat Prayer Service at New Fork	13 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 1:00 PM Building Steering Committee Meeting/Glory 7:00 PM Leadership Team/Glory	14 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	15 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 4:00 PM Administration Meeting/Glory	16 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Jan 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	17 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 7:00 PM Youth Lock-In Event/Church Office	 9:00 AM Youth Lock-In Event Concludes/Church Office
 Welcome Our New Members FOOD BANK SUNDAY NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	20 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	21 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in Office 10:00 AM WAGG Bible Study/Glory 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	22 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	23 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marilyn 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	24 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office GRACE NOTES DEADLINE	25 8:30 AM Adopt-A-Road Clean-up/Rte. 53 Property
26 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	27 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	 New Bible Study Series 10:00 AM WAGG Bible Study/Glory 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry Meeting/Library 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	29 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 10:00 AM Travelin' Singers/Meet at Office to Carpool 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	30 5G's to VA State Fair 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in Office 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marj 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	1 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	2

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 5	September 12	September 19	September 26	October 3
Minister	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright
Lay Assistant	Justin Wade	Janice Brown	Joe Shaver	Irma Forger	LaVerne Chandler
Reader	Carol Parsons	Kingsley Brown	Ruth Campopiano	Charlotte Albright	Justin Wade
Ushers/Greeters	Marilyn & Wayne Carney	Ruth Haverstrom Gertrud Barton	Ester Teal Mary Stowe	Helen Post Patty Shaver	Beth & Steve Jenkins
Acolyte	Julia	Tamara	Bridget	Katie	Kyle
Sound System	Kayla Ferguson	Steve Jenkins	Paul Crowther	Larry Teal	Roy Schurmann
Altar Care	Charlotte Albright Doris Meyer	Janice Brown Joyce Hanson	Helen Post Patty Shaver	Carol Wade Flo Walsh	Charlotte Albright Janet Rockafellow
Refreshments	Carol Parsons Alene Nelson	Get Acquainted Lunch for new members	Carol Wade Janice Brown	Grace Bomberger Jennifer Starkey	LaVerne Chandler Kayla Ferguson
Tellers	Barbara Smith Justin Wade	Lou Cooper Kingsley Brown	Paul Crowther Alice Shifflett	Barbara Haas Irma Forger	Barbara Smith Justin Wade
Visitor Contactor	Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger	Ester Teal	Sue Pickett	Wayne Carney

Sunday Helpers

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

Greeters/Ushers

Patty Shaver – 589-6050

Readers and Assisting Ministers

Sue Pickett - 589-5994

Sunday School

Terry Shifflett – 589-8270

Hospitality

Carol Wade – 589-3232

Jean DeMarco – 589-5165

Altar Care

Mary Stowe – 589-8621

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).