



Grace Notes

January 2011 Newsletter of Grace and Glory Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship at 10:15 A.M.

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Dear Grace and Glory congregation:

What an inspiring Christmas! What a testament to the faithfulness and friendship of the people of Grace and Glory, their family, and friends.

We took a risk this year. We planned two services instead of just one. Both were beautiful. Each was unique. And together, they helped us grow multi-dimensionally in our service and evangelism. Our total attendance on Christmas Eve climbed from 112 in 2009 to 143 in 2010. We gave 18 blankets to warm our neighbors in Fluvanna and 14 Barn Banks were given. The confirmation youth will count and roll the coins at their retreat over the Christmas break.

The 6:00 PM worship brought out the best of what the Lutheran tradition celebrates in this Major Festival in the church year. Confession, communion, dimmed light in the company of "Silent Night"...it all worked to inspire our praise and put the spotlight on our Savior.

The chime choir graced us with Christmas selections they have labored over, and soloist Jen Starkey soared above our voices in descant, taking us to the heights of praise for God's greatest gift. As the choir sang successive Noels (French for *Birthday*) at the offertory anthem, those 15 voices called my heart to attention, that this is the birthday of birthdays—For Christ's birth puts all others in perspective. What an amazing music ministry our Director of Music, Julie Martell continues to develop among us! And what better way for us to grow in our comprehension of God's grace and God's glory than through music and worship?

The 11:30 PM service under the stars drew some out a second time, while others came at an invite or because it worked better with their family's Christmas Eve itinerary.

A new tent was up, given to Grace and Glory, which housed home-baked cookies, cider, and hot chocolate to fuel friendly conversation following the service. The commercial-grade tent will be a blessing for years to come as groups use it for groundbreaking and cook-outs, blessing of the animals, Vacation Bible School, and things we haven't even imagined yet.

Paul and Amanda tended the fire, which people gravitated to for warmth and light amid the evening cool and cloud cover. In all, 55 people turned out for the service under the stars.

I heard comments like: "This idea was just crazy enough to be a hit." "Can we do this outside again next year, even if we have our building?" "Can the youth camp out here some time?"

What impressed me most from the Under the Stars service was how the youth took ownership of it. They planned it—everything from what Scriptures would be read, to what carols would be sung, to what the banner on the property would say. They put an invitation to it on Facebook. They asked their friends to come. And sure enough, they came!

Also impressive was that a number of our newest members jumped right in and made it happen. Their ideas refreshed us. Their desire to serve renewed everyone's.

Thank you, people of Grace and Glory, for your spirit of adventure, and for making Christmas, for me and many others, an authentic experience of God's swaddling love.

With awe and appreciation,

Pastor Ken Albright

Leadership Team Meeting Summary

The Leadership Team met December 13 and discussed the following issues:

Guest Ken Duffau discussed the possibility of church fund-raising through Aramark, which operates the concession stands at UVA sporting events and concerts at JPJ. Workers from non-profit organizations can earn 10% of the profits at their assigned stands. A substantial amount of money can be earned this way and he related his own experience of being able to send his daughter to Italy with money earned through Aramark. He stressed that it is hard work with a definite commitment of time. Groups must work 10 events in a calendar year. Most stands require 6-8 workers, so the church would need to have a pool of 15-20 workers available. If we choose to participate, we will decide how to divide the proceeds. Suggestions included youth activities and the building fund.

Treasurer Parsons reported that giving in November and thus far in December will cover the remaining expenses for this calendar year without needing to tap into our Reserves. The new computer has not yet been ordered, pending resolution of who will perform the software installations. Jared Feury will do the accounting software installation, with Administration chair Teal and Wayne Carney installing the remainder of the software. Larry Teal will contact Jared Feury to finalize the ordering of the computer.

President Geurtsen thanked Leadership Team members for their hard work on the 2011 budget and reminded them that our challenge now will be to make sure this budget works. We can only spend money if we have it. It was suggested that year-end reports be distributed a few weeks in advance of the congregational meeting to permit proper review by the congregation. Another idea raised was a two-year budget to allow for better planning.

Larry Teal reported that \$82,264 was received in Capital Campaign pledges for 2011 on December 12, as well as an additional \$30,000 in memorial gifts. President Geurtsen reported that the Resource Advisory Group will be meeting to devise a plan to close the remaining \$200,000 cost gap.

The annual resolution regarding Pastor Albright's housing allowance, done solely for tax purposes, was adopted and signed.

Suggestions were made for celebrating our tenth anniversary in February. Among them were having charter members and new members write reflections; creating a timeline of photos; and inviting members of our sister churches, representatives of organizations we serve, and community members to attend. Pastor Albright will organize a team to begin planning for this very special event.

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow, Secretary

Lutherans and Episcopalians Celebrate Epiphany Together

Join us on Thursday, January 6th at 7:00 PM for the first joint worship between Grace and Glory and St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbia (43 Washington Street). The worship will feature Grace and Glory's Chime Choir, with Pastor Albright preaching and Rev. Richard Singleton presiding at Eucharist.

St. John's is a beautiful, historic parish and is finding new and creative ways to work ecumenically to restore the Columbia community. We delight in this opportunity to celebrate the MAJOR FESTIVAL of Epiphany with them. Epiphany marks the end of the season of Christmas, as Jesus is revealed as Savior to the magi, who travel by light of the star to the feet of the Savior. A time of fellowship will follow the service at the rectory around the corner from the church, where a piñata will be placed for the children to burst. We hope this will be the beginning of many more opportunities to partner in ministry with this church, with whom we share a full communion status. You can learn more about the special relationship between Lutherans and Episcopalians at www.elca.org

Submitted by Pastor Albright

President's Message

Happy New Year! I enter this new year with great excitement and anticipation and hope that you all do as well.

It's a big year for Grace & Glory as a congregation. In February we'll be celebrating our tenth anniversary. For those who have been involved since the beginning, it must seem like just yesterday that you had those initial exploratory discussions. I laud your vision and diligence in making it all come to pass. We'll be looking for ways to properly celebrate this significant milestone and welcome any suggestions any of you may have.

It'll also be a big year for us because we'll finally be breaking ground and raising up a structure in which to gather in God's name and do the work that He has called us to do here in Fluvanna County. As I am fond of repeating, I am pleased to say that we have not waited to have a building before becoming a church. I am always amazed at how many people in the county already know about us due to the many ministries in which we participate, living out our motto of being "Caring Christians sharing God's message of Grace."

I'm thrilled with how everything has been falling into place recently, due to God's provision and to your faithfulness in responding to the call. If you look through this issue of the newsletter, you will see examples of just how this is so. For instance, our treasurer has reported that we were able to finish out the year without tapping any further into our reserves. As I mentioned at the congregational meeting, I firmly believe that 2011 will be a year when we refill our warehouses. The pledges that we have received to date bear this out, as does your faithful giving over the past several weeks.

I want you to know that the Leadership Team takes very seriously its responsibility to be good stewards of your money. We will keep you posted along the way on where things stand in regard to both the General Fund and the Building Fund. We will not dip into the reserves and we will not spend money that we don't have.

We will also continue to explore alternative sources of funding. One great example of this is the Aramark fundraising opportunity that Ken Duffau spoke about at worship a couple of weeks ago and which I have

written about elsewhere in this newsletter. This is a great opportunity for raising money without reaching into our own pockets. I plan to be involved with this activity and hope you will consider doing so, too.

The Resource Advisory Group (Stewardship chair Roy Schurmann, Capital Campaign chair Joe Shaver, Administrative chair Larry Teal, Pastor Albright and me) have been meeting to discuss other possible funding sources. Pastor Albright and I will be meeting soon with Chip Gunsten, Assistant to the Bishop, to explore other possibilities with him. We will keep you posted as ideas develop.

In the meantime, I encourage all of us (myself included) to continue to be faithful in meeting our pledges, in raising our congregation and its building program up in prayer, and in sharing ideas and encouragement with one another.

God's blessings to you all in the new year!

With you in His service,

Frits Geurtsen, Congregation President

Holy Communion Distribution Training Set for Sunday, January 30

Pastor Albright will be training a handful of persons interested in sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion with members who are not able to be present with the congregation in worship. The first training opportunity will be on Sunday, January 30th at 4:00PM at the church office.

This is an extension of our ministry to the homebound, and a way to express the outward reach of our worship, which seeks to include those who would be in worship with us if they were able. Please pray about this opportunity to serve, and if you are interested, speak with Pastor about it. Likewise, if you are unable to attend worship, whether temporarily or for an extended period, and would welcome a visit from a member, sharing in the distribution of Holy Communion, please be in touch with Pastor.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Upcoming Worship and Music Committee Meeting Fundraising Opportunity!

The Worship and Music Committee will meet Wed. Jan. 12th at 2:00 PM in the Church Office. Call Janice Brown at 589-6358 if you can attend, or see me at Church.

WAGG will be starting the study on Space for God the first Tuesday in February, the 1st. We will be meeting again the 3rd Tuesday, Feb. 15th. Meeting time is 10:00 AM at the Church Office. An offering for the Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) will be taken once a month. Any questions, contact Janice Brown at 589-6358.

Submitted by Janice Brown

Dear Friends in Christ,

Dick and Barbara Haas wish to thank the members of the Congregation for their prayers, support and meals during Dick's recent life threatening bout with pneumonia. Words alone cannot express our heartfelt gratitude. He is making progress and is beginning to supplement his tube feeding with soft foods by mouth. Still an uphill battle to have the tracheotomy removed. His visits for kidney dialysis are minimal at this point and may end soon, as his kidneys seem to be responding.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We know that God will grant Dick the ability to return to a life as close to normal as possible. He is gaining more strength every day. The New Year is full of God's promise that "You can accomplish miracles – with His help." Dick is a product of this belief. The year 2011 will be a better year and Dick will continue to patiently wait to celebrate the first service in the new church building. Perhaps with prayers and faith it will be soon. Love to you all and a Healthy Happy New Year.

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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 **January 24, 2010**.

As promised, the Leadership Team has been exploring creative alternatives to raising funds both for our new building and to support our youth programs. We know that there are families and individuals in the congregation who would like to contribute to the building fund, but simply cannot afford to give much in these economic times. Similarly we know that some of our youth are hampered from participating in activities such as the mission trip to Hurley and the various ELCA youth gatherings due to the costs involved.

Ken Duffau approached the Leadership Team recently with a suggestion that we consider doing fundraising through Aramark, the company that manages concession stands at UVA sports events and concerts at JPJ Arena. He and his children have earned thousands of dollars in support of the local youth soccer league and a school trip to Italy. He admits that it was hard work, but well worth the effort given the results.

Basically, non-profit organizations can earn 10% of the proceeds of their assigned concession stands. Typically 6-8 workers are needed per event and we would have to promise to work 10 events throughout the year. We envision that a pool of 15-20 volunteers would be needed to guarantee full coverage each time.

Each volunteer can designate where their earnings go, whether that be our building fund or youth activities. Further discussions will need to be held regarding exactly how the youth money would be handled. For instance, the youth who devote the most hours should reap the greatest benefits in terms of subsidizing of their trip costs.

To participate youth must be at least 16 years of age. The jobs require a lot of standing, so potential volunteers, old and young, should keep that in mind. There would be no tax implications for individuals as the monies would be paid directly to the church.

If you have any questions, Ken Duffau and his daughter, Sarah, will be pleased to answer them. If you are interested in being involved in this creative alternative to fundraising, please let Pastor Albright or me know. Thanks, Ken, for this great suggestion!

Submitted by Frits Geurtsen

Upcoming Youth Events

We have several exciting upcoming events for the Grace & Glory Youth! Please note the dates responses are needed. We are also looking for people willing to chaperone and organize these, and future events! ***You don't need to be a parent of a current youth to help!*** Contact Terry Shifflett (email: tts9895@yahoo.com; phone: 434.806.1028 or just see her after Sunday services!) and let her know how, when and where you are able to help by using your talents!!

Help Wanted!! We are looking for some adults (again, you don't have to be the parent of a youth) to team with some of our high school youth to facilitate the Sunday morning *Seasons of the Spirit* sessions for the high school class. No experience necessary....if you have taken the Child Protection training and are interested, please see Terry Shifflett after church for more details & to sign up!!!

Sunday, January 9, 2011 Youth Sunday Planning Session 30 Hour Famine Kick-off Session ALL YOUTH (grades 6 and up) will meet at the church office at 2:00 PM to plan for the upcoming Youth-led Worship Sunday and have a fundraising kick-off for the 30 Hour Famine. We will start off with the worship planning & end with the kick-off. We encourage parents to be present for the 30 Hour Famine session as we will be sharing videos, information and personal testimonies from youth who participated in the famine last year.

January 28-30 VA Synod Youth Winter Celebration for High School Youth (grades 9-12) will be held at Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center in Lynchburg, VA. This is a gathering of several hundred youth & adults for large & small group experiences with lots of worship, singing, & faith sharing. There is also a "Talent Show" on Saturday evening. Registration forms were handed out several weeks ago. ***Deadline to turn in for registration forms is Sunday, Jan.9th!!*** We are also in need of at least one other adult to chaperon/drive for this event. Please see Terry for information and registration forms.

Saturday, Feb. 5 Youth Sub-Making Event for ALL YOUTH grades 6 and up will be held at the

church office. We will meet at 12:00 PM to make & fill sub orders for Super Bowl Sunday. We will need at least 2 more adult chaperones. We will also need families who will be willing to bake & donate cookies for the orders. Please see Terry Shifflett to sign up to help with this fun event!!

Feb. 25-26 30 Hour Famine with Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Warrenton for ALL YOUTH grades 6 and up. We will once again join forces with Pastor James Fore' and the youth of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Warrenton. More information will be forthcoming over the next several weeks. 30 Hour Famine, which raises money for World Vision to help fight world hunger. The youth of both congregations joined together in Feb. 2010 for fun and education while going without food for 30 hours and raised a combined total of \$198,000 for World Vision! This amount was matched 10 times by sponsors of World Vision! We hope to beat that total this year! So, please make sure to attend the kickoff meeting (date TBA) and learn what it's all about, get your pledge packet & get those donations!! (We are also looking for chaperones/drivers for this event!! See Terry or Pastor for more details!)

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YOUTH SUPER BOWL SUBS WILL BE MAKING A RETURN IN JANUARY!!

OK...actually Super Bowl Sunday is in February, but during the 5 (yes count 'em) Sundays in January, you will have the opportunity to place your order for the best sub sandwiches in town, handcrafted by the best sandwich artists around!! Your choice of Ham & Swiss cheese or Cold Cut! Each sub comes with lettuce, tomato, onion, mustard, mayo and pickle spear (all "on the side"), and a cookie. ALL that for the bargain price of \$6 per sandwich!! All proceeds will go to the Youth Outings & National Youth Gathering funds here at Grace and Glory, to help offset the costs of our youth events.

Submitted by Terry Shifflett

HOW ARE WE GONNA GET THIS THING TO SERVE?

In the summer of 2009, a five session series was held, concerning the issues of worship space. As we drew closer to the reality of a new building on the property this coming year, we saw the need to ask that same question in many areas of congregational life.

The Leadership Team believes that each person is a vital member of the body of Christ, and each person has a perspective worth noting and a voice that can shape our future. Six listening sessions were established with a set of questions presented by group facilitators that helped the Leadership Team get a sense of direction from our collective input in the areas listed below.

Members of the congregation were contacted with a request to participate at one of the sessions, to add their voices to the process. Several time slots were provided, with the opportunity to join in with all the other congregational members. Finally, to further assist you in the process and your preparation for participating, several areas were included that would provide for lively and thought-provoking sessions as we continued our journey of spreading the “Good News”. These areas included:

1. Stewardship of Facilities

- Is cleaning the church, mowing the lawn, etc. something we’ll do as part of our stewardship, or will we pay to have others provide it as a service?
- How can tasks such as these contribute to our sense of community and stewardship?

2. Worship

- How do we maintain and strengthen our ecumenical relationships in our new building?
- How happy are you with the worship service we currently offer? 1—Lowest 5—Highest
- What needs significant attention/improvement in the current worship service before we enter our new building?

- If we add an additional worship opportunity on Sunday morning, what style/format would best meet the needs of un-churched Fluvanna residents?

3. Ministry of Hospitality

- When people walk into our building for the first time, what do we want them to walk away with? (*Tangibles and intangibles.*)
- What can we be intentional about on Sunday morning that promotes welcome, warmth, and connection from beginning to end?
- How can our new space be used to provide a place for ALL people to grieve and pray?

4. Administrative Structure and Staffing

- What makes it easy (or hard) to begin a new ministry at Grace and Glory?
- Is there a better way to identify and recruit congregational leaders?
- What do leaders need to better equip their serving? For example, what discipleship traits do they need to possess?
- Beyond a paid nursery caregiver, where do you see the greatest need for future staff development?

5. Ministry of People and Pastor

- As we move toward and into the new facilities, how do you anticipate the role of the pastor changing?
- What will be the most needed and productive areas of emphasis for the pastor?
- Correspondingly, to which areas will lay leaders need to give more emphasis?
- What equipping/training/resources will lay leaders need to provide strong leadership into the next phase of ministry?

The results of the discussions by all participants are listed on the church web site. Sixteen pages of collected information provide a sense of concern, responsibility, and thought-provoking reflections on “How Are We Gonna Get This Thing To Serve?”

Submitted by Ed Martell

Fluvanna Christian Service Society (FCSS)

FCSS Happy Face was a big success, it was a joy to see the little faces light up. Our monetary donations for vouchers was \$420.00. Thank you all.

This past Sunday we collected 30 bags and 1 case of food. A RECORD !! Thanks.

Submitted by Barbara Smith

Prison Ministry:

Chaplain Perry and the warden received many letters of appreciation from inmates.

Prior to distribution many of us met at Effort Church and sorted 40,000 cards! Each inmate received 32 cards, some Christmas, Birthday and a variety of all occasion cards. Since many congregations (Statewide) had difficulty finding non-alcohol products they sent money and Chaplain Perry was able to purchase the products for the 1235 inmates we served. We spent a wonderful 5 hours with them.

Submitted by Barbara Smith

Thank you for Supporting Fair Trade

The Social Justice committee sends out a big ***Thank You*** the Grace & Glory members and friends who purchased Fair Trade items during our recent winter sale. Purchases of coffee, tea, chocolate and hot cocoa mix amount to over \$230 so far.

An additional ***Thank You*** to those who said 'keep the change' or wrote checks for more than the amount they purchased. This will contribute seed money for the Social Justice Committee's mission to advocate for the poor and disadvantaged who have no voice, and promote ecological justice for our earth community.

Your generosity and support are helping small farmers around the world to receive a fair price for their crops, support their families, and raise awareness that we don't have to settle for mass-produced agricultural products of questionable quality from giant corporations.

Submitted by Marilyn Crowther

Welcome the Hawkins Family

As Grace and Glory continues its plans for a new church building, we are always excited to continue to plan the growth of our church family. The Hawkins family, Brent, Bernadette, and their daughter Brynn, was welcomed to our church community in November. Brent's work for a local engineering firm, WDP & Associates, relocated their family from Richmond, Virginia this past year. They are also excited to move to a home recently purchased in early January from their rental condo. It will be nice to have room to spread out and let their family Beagle, "Bubba Sue" have room to roam! Bernadette's background is in the education field. She enjoys the opportunity to serve as a tutor in the Fluvanna County School's SES program, in addition to caring for their 2 year old daughter. The family enjoys time together and all things outdoors, especially family jogs. Brent welcomes any Virginia Tech Fan to come and enjoy viewing "real" football and even welcomes the UVA crowd as long as the in-state rivalry stays friendly. The Hawkins enjoy attending services at Grace and Glory and have expressed interest in working with our youth programs. If you have not already, take time to meet the Hawkins and welcome them to Grace and Glory.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Hawkins Family Sponsors:

The Feury Family

(Jared, Gretchen Delaney and James)

January Birthdays



<i>NAME</i>	<i>BIRTH DATE</i>
<i>Laura Shields</i>	<i>1/01</i>
<i>Jo Martin</i>	<i>1/03</i>
<i>Dick Graves</i>	<i>1/08</i>
<i>Rich Benske</i>	<i>1/18</i>
<i>Frits Geurtsen</i>	<i>1/21</i>
<i>Jonathan Gibson</i>	<i>1/23</i>
<i>Katey Sanders</i>	<i>1/24</i>
<i>Helen Ida Moyer</i>	<i>1/31</i>

Encouraging Generosity for Generations

The formation of a generous heart begins at an early age. My two adult children and their spouses have their hands full at the moment. Their children, my grandchildren, now 17 months and 13 months, are beginning to interact with each other and are reluctantly coached “to share.” This is where encouragement of generosity begins. It is a good thing. It, also, is the beginning of a steep learning curve for the next generation in our family.

I am pleased to see my children and their spouses “step up to the plate” to teach life’s basic lessons. Oh, they have a long way to go; but, at this early stage of development, they are planting the right seeds. Yes, it is good, but it is not easy.

Some who read this are in the busy stages of parenting, like my children, teaching a younger generation to share; others are observing, as I, how important these lessons are for the long haul. Consistency and patience, challenging for the mentors, are desperately needed to facilitate a desired outcome. Stay the course, “Encourage generosity.”

Learning to share dolls or books or push toys is a first step. The best is yet to come ... giving of self in time, abilities, and financial resources. It is never too late to model how one might give *and* be an example for others.

One way of sharing is often overlooked. At the end of life, a portion of accumulated assets could be directed to benefit others, beyond family, through ministries of the church or other charitable organizations. Imagine, the last “word” you or I could have is one that demonstrates this form of generosity. Imagine ... a will that demonstrates how the principles of sharing you taught your children and reinforced in your grandchildren, are consistent with a final act of sharing. To learn more about charitable giving through your will or other estate plans, contact us. **877-526-2448** or by email: director@plan2giv.org

Somewhere along the way you learned sharing offers a good feeling. Discover it again, when you prepare or update your will and include charitable causes. Let your will reflect the values you share and always want to impart to others. Let your will echo generosity and, in a final analysis, provide a lasting teachable moment for those you love.

George Sims

VA Synod Director of Planned Giving

“Christmas Jars”

A Model Worth Noting and Using

Jason F. Wright, who lives in the Shenandoah Valley, has written what could be a Christmas Classic. *Christmas Jars*, a novel, reveals how a newly married couple saved pocket change to buy Christmas gifts for each other. Some years later, through the unexpected gesture of their oldest daughter the couple and their children experience a *different* Christmas and gained a new perspective on giving that eventually brought their story to light.

It is nearly impossible to leave this quick read without thinking, “What about pocket change, collected over a year, in your household? What difference could that possibly make in the life of another person or family?”

When you consider some families in this world live on a dollar or less a day, it is quite possible one family’s pocket change, could feed one or more households per year. Gifts to ELCA World Hunger not only feed hungry, but work to eliminate the unnecessary reality. For other gift suggestions check out the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog www.elca.org/goodgifts. Closer to home, contact one of our sponsoring ministries (listed front page) whose special projects could greatly benefit from your family’s pocket change. Imagine a difference you could make.

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Submitted by Pastor Albright

Walking 1,000 Miles in Luther's Footsteps



Sarah and Andrew Wilson came to Salem in mid-November to visit her parents and talk about their emphasis on ecumenism during their historic 1,000-mile, 69-day walk from Erfurt, Germany, to Rome, ending a day ahead of schedule on Oct. 29.

In following a similar pilgrimage by Martin Luther exactly 500 years ago, "our grand hope is that it will set the tone for the 2017 celebrations of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation—one of honest appraisal and reaching out to one another," Sarah Wilson said. "We also wanted to send the message that ecumenism is for everybody, not just specialists or leaders."

Anybody can go for a walk, she said in an email, "or think up another creative idea that will help repair the damage of a divided church...We wanted to use (the pilgrimage) as an opportunity to educate and inspire about ecumenism, by using it as a chance to reflect on Lutheran-Catholic relations through history and especially how they've changed due to the ecumenical dialogue of the past 50 years."

Wilson, the daughter of the Rev. Paul Hinlicky, Roanoke College theology professor, and Ellen Hinlicky of the college development staff, is an ordained ELCA pastor, research professor at the Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg, France, and editor of Lutheran Forum. Andrew Wilson, her husband, is a post-doctoral fellow at the Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Research and Dialogue, Geneva, and an ELCA member.

The Wilsons have invited Catholics to retrace Luther's return trip from Rome to Erfurt. "We've only gone halfway. Lutherans following Luther's path from a traditionally Lutheran land into the heart of Catholicism," Sarah Wilson said.

She said their best hiking day on the 69-day walk was "from Chiavenna, at the foot of the Italian Alps across the border from Switzerland, through a chestnut forest past ruins of old stone houses to the north end of Lake Como, a gorgeous day, gorgeous scenery. It was wonderful. It was also great fun to meet people along the way—we were offered hospitality by people who saw us walking by and wanted to give us a cup of coffee."

Andrew Wilson said they had no injuries, only aches and pains of a long walk.

The couple had a busy schedule of lectures after their pilgrimage. They have been to Lenoir-Rhyne University, Roanoke and Augsburg colleges and they spoke in Wittenberg, Germany. They hope to write a book about their pilgrimage if they find a publisher.

Because they have received so much interest in their blogs about the trip, Sarah Wilson said facetiously that in 2074, the 400th anniversary of the first extended correspondence between Lutheran theologians and the Orthodox, "when I'm 98 and Andrew's 99, we're planning on making another pilgrimage. Maybe on bikes!"

From The Virginian Lutheran, Dec. 2010

Lutherans Welcoming Adults

Since 1988, there have been more than 160,000 baptisms of people age 16 and older in the [ELCA](#). That's an average of over 7,500 per year. Plus, over 1.2 million people have been received into congregations by "Affirmation of Baptism" — affirmation of the baptized life.

Our culture increasingly has more in common with the time of the early church, when Christianity was not central to communities.

Families do not automatically baptize children, Sunday is no longer reserved for religious observations, and more and more people indicate that they are not affiliated with the Christian church.







The whole Christian community has the privilege and responsibility to celebrate and support God's gift of baptism in a number of ways.

The congregation's ministries — which support the formation, education, service and evangelical witness of the faithful — deepen and enliven the community's participation in God's mission in Jesus Christ for the sake of the world.

One process, widely called the catechumenate, is based on ancient practices of forming disciples and preparing adults for baptism over several months. Catechumenal origins are found in the second century, when the vast majority of Christians were "made and not born" (as Tertullian, the early church father, said).

From Living Lutherans – ELCA Web

JANUARY 2011

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2 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	3	4 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in Office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 10:00 AM Adult Education Meeting/Glory 7:30 PM Chime Choir/Grace	5 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 3:30 PM Evangelism/Glory 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Grace	6 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Grace 7:00 PM Epiphany Service at St. John's Episcopal/click here for address	7 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	8
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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.

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30	February 6
Minister	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright
Lay Assistant	Justin Wade	Carol Parsons	Helen Ida Moyer	Joe Shaver	Roy Weimer	Justin Wade
Reader	Helen Ida Moyer	Janet Rockafellow	Janice Brown	Kingsley Brown	Charlotte Albright	Helen Ida Moyer
Ushers/Greeters	Marilyn & Wayne Carney	Ellen & Walter Lindenmann	Gertrud Barton Jane Geurtsen	Carol & Justin Wade	Marilyn & Wayne Carney	Ester Teal Patty Shaver
Acolyte	Tamara S.					
Sound System	Steve Jenkins	Larry Teal	Kayla Ferguson	Paul Crowther	Steve Jenkins	Ken Duffau
Altar Care	Carol Parsons Marilyn Carney					
Refreshments	Clara Cooper Carol Wade	Joyce Schmidt Diane Wolf	Grace Bomberger Barbara Smith	Joyce Hanson Kayla Ferguson	Ester Teal Monica Daniels	Carol Wade
Tellers	Barbara Smith Justin Wade	Jan Crowther Terry Shifflett	Joe Shaver Irma Forger	Roy Schurmann Ellen Lindenmann	Roy Schurmann Alice Shifflett	Barbara Smith Justin Wade
Visitor Contactor	Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger	Ester Teal	Sue Pickett	Sue Pickett	Marj Schurmann

Sunday Helpers

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

Greeters/Ushers

Patty Shaver – 589-6050

Readers and Assisting Ministers

Sue Pickett – 293-3838

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

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 carolarson1@hotmail.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).