



Grace Notes

October 2011 Newsletter of Grace and Glory Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship at 10:15 A.M.

Fluvanna County Middle School

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Dear Grace and Glory congregation:

All around us things are transforming. A ride on the parkway confirms that the landscape is changing. Dogwood leaves are turning fiery red and ferns are fading from green to brown. The landscape of our church property is being transformed before our eyes. The ground is being flattened, and the banks by the road side are being bulldozed.

Yes, we are being transformed too. Over a few weeks' time we follow Mr. and Mrs. Q in worship as their lives transform from focus on self to living through giving of self. We are being changed, by the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We go through experiences, sometimes joyful, and sometimes painful, which turn us toward God and living in ways that bear the faithful fruit.

As I write this article, I have a delightful expectation of the transformation that will take place through our "Beyond the Walls" Sunday, as we step out and take a risk to use our time in ways that will benefit the "least of these" whom Jesus so closely identifies with. What wonderful transformation is in store for all who step forward saying "Here I am, Lord....send me."

I love the hymn which says "Take, oh, take me as I am. Summon up what I shall be. Set your seal upon my heart and live in me." May the Spirit of the living God continue to transform our lives—creating in us that which is pleasing in God's eyes, until that day when God is all, and is in all.

Being transformed together,

Ken Albright, Pastor

Upcoming Worship Opportunities

On Sunday, October 23rd there will be a **Youth-Led Worship**. In addition to receiving new members through baptism and affirmation of faith, the Middle and High School youth will be deeply involved in the planning and every aspect of worship leadership that day. Youth—be on the lookout for more details about the worship planning event.

On Sunday, November 6th, **All Saints Day** will be celebrated with opportunity to light candles in remembrance of those who died. There will also be a special opportunity to renew your baptismal covenant. We'll ask parents to bring their children to the font that day, in remembrance of the promises they made when their children were baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.

On Sunday, November 13th we will have a **Service of Healing** during our regular worship hour. All who desire laying on of hands, anointing, and prayer for healing are invited to come. This is an opportune time to invite someone you know who earnestly desires healing for themselves or a loved one.

Potluck Luncheon to be held October 16

In order to welcome our newest members and share about the history, mission, and organization, we will have a congregational potluck luncheon on Sunday, October 16th immediately following the worship service. A sign-up sheet will be surfacing at worship, so please plan to be a part of this exciting day.

Summary of Leadership Team Meeting – Sept. 12

Treasurer Parsons reported that our contributions have been healthy, we are able to make our Synod contribution, and we have little outstanding liability. She structured her report to reflect which line items were under or over budget to enable planning for the 2012 budget.

LaVerne Chandler was confirmed and welcomed as a new Leadership Team member responsible for Youth and Education. She is filling the vacancy left by Terry Shifflett's resignation.

With an eye toward future growth of the church, the Leadership Team reviewed possible changes to its structure and responsibilities. The possibility of splitting Evangelism and Outreach into two separate committees was discussed. The Time and Talent survey was moved from Parish Life to Stewardship.

There was continued work on the 2012 Budget. Property will review budgets of similar size churches to determine reasonable numbers for the budget. Added to the budget will be funding for a Nursery Worker for Sunday mornings in our new facility. In preparation for moving into our new building, options for janitorial services will be researched.

Telephone service at the church office was changed to save money.

Initial discussion was held regarding the annual LT retreat.

The Fall congregational meeting will be held after worship on November 20.

Submitted by Monica Daniels, Secretary

President's Message

I found a great quote recently from the basketball legend Michael Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to six NBA championships:

"I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game-winning shot and I missed. I have failed over and over again in my life. And that's exactly why I succeed."

In planning for the Christmas Eve services last year, the Leadership Team mulled over the idea of holding a service under the stars at our property. We could envision many reasons why it was possibly not a great idea. What if it rained or snowed or was miserably cold? What if parking was a problem? What if the only net result was that we pulled people away from the earlier family service? And the most oftenly expressed fear: What if no one came?

We talked about it at length and prayed about it together -- and finally decided that we would dare to fail.

And what a liberating decision that was!

And the reality was that we had a great turn-out that evening, including people we had never seen before. Our attendance between the two services was higher than ever. And we had people asking us if we could continue the tradition of holding the outdoor service even after our church home is built.

We learned once again the lesson that God doesn't call us to be successful. He just asks us to be faithful in trying and to leave the results up to Him.

I'm excited about our many new experiments underway right now and confident that God will be supporting us along the way. For instance, as I write this I'm looking forward to gathering with other men in the congregation tomorrow morning at our monthly men's breakfast. A couple of days ago I was informed about how well the initial meeting of the newly formed Worship Exploration Team went. I also heard about all of the folks, especially newcomers to our congregation, stepping up to the plate to participate in our growing youth and education program. All trying something new.

I'm pleased that we're willing to try. Will all of these programs succeed as initially planned? Probably not -- but maybe so. I've given up trying to outguess God. He's got better plans for us than we can ever come up with for ourselves. We simply need to be willing to try.

Thrilled to be in His service with you all,

Frits Geurtsen, Congregation President

Baptism and Receiving New Members

On Sunday, October 23rd in worship we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism, and receive new members into our fellowship at Grace and Glory. If you desire to be baptized, or to join in membership, please contact the pastor at your earliest convenience.

Worship Exploration Team Begins

On Wednesday, September 21st the newly formed Worship Exploration Team began meeting. This team has been formed at the direction of the Leadership Team and will serve to explore the many dimensions of adding an additional worship service to meet the needs of the people God has placed us here to serve. The team consists of the following members: Mary Jane Bredder, Paul Crowther, Kayla Ferguson, Jared Feury, Janet Rockafellow, Katie Shifflette, and Sharon Williams. Pastor Albright and Director of Music Julie Martell will serve as resource persons to the team at their request. Please be in prayer for this team as they embark on a mission that has much potential to expand our outreach to those who hunger for God's presence in worship, which can be facilitated by their faithful approach to developing additional worship opportunities. They are scheduled to report back to the Leadership Team at the March, 2012 meeting with specific recommendations.

Crafters needed

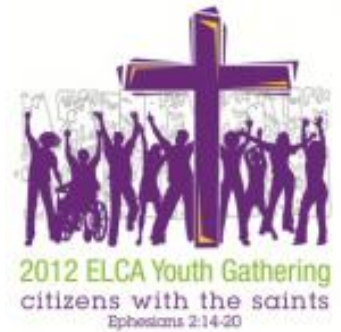
CRAFTERS and VENDORS are needed for Grace and Glory's Craft Shopping Extravaganza. The Youth Group is hosting an event at the Fluvanna County Library on Saturday Nov 19th from 9:00 to 3:00. We are in need of anyone who would like to rent a table to sell your items. Registration/booth fee is \$20.00 per table. All fees will help offset the cost of the youth attending the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. If you are interested in a table, please contact Carol Sanders at 591-0434.

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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 October 24.

National Youth Gathering

The 2012 National Youth Gathering for grades 9-12 is less than a year away (July 18-22, 2012) and believe it or not, now is the time to make your commitment to join the fun, fellowship and faith that are a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience!



The ELCA Youth Gathering occurs only once every 3 years and you don't want to miss it! Nearly 40,000 High School youth and leaders will fill the Louisiana Superdome and the streets of New Orleans over the course of 5 days worshipping, learning and serving. The 2012 theme is "Citizens with the Saints" and the accompanying theme scripture is Ephesians 2:14-20, paraphrased here:

Jesus is our peace. In his life and death on the cross, Jesus broke down the dividing walls so that we are no longer strangers and outsiders, but we are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God. The foundation of God's house was built of apostles and prophets, and Jesus, the cornerstone, holds it all together.

Are you ready to be a "Citizen with the Saints"? Are you ready for a life-changing experience with 40,000 other young people?

Registration opens on October 8th and will close when it reaches capacity.

More information can be found at <http://www.elca.org/ELCA/Youth-Gathering.aspx> and by contacting Lynette Kacmarcik at 434-996-5238 or lkacmarcik@comcast.net.

Women of Grace and Glory (WAGG)

WAGG will meet Tuesday October 11th at 10:00 AM at the church office to begin studying the Gospel of Mark. If you subscribe to Gather (formerly Lutheran Woman Today), the study is included each month beginning in the September issue. You can subscribe for \$12.00 a year by calling 1-800-328-4648. Ask to begin your subscription with the September issue and let them know that you would like to receive the September issue ASAP. See Janice Brown for details.

Thy Kingdom Come

There is a member of the Grace & Glory community of faith who has launched an effort to make Thy Kingdom Come. Kayla Ferguson, one of our members and a student at Piedmont Virginia Community College is working to provide for the homeless in Charlottesville. She approached a couple downtown and engaged in a conversation to try and get to know them. When she asked what they needed, they said money. She said she couldn't do that but discussed some other needs. Kayla later took them a back pack with items that they could use in their daily living. When I asked Kayla what inspired her to do such work, she said that one day in church Pastor Albright was talking about how we are called to serve and specifically about those in prison. She began thinking that the homeless are in fact in a different kind of prison from which it is difficult to escape. She also has a couple of friends who themselves are homeless. Thank you, Kayla, for doing your part to make Thy Kingdom Come. If you see Kayla at church, be sure to tell her, "Good Job!!!"

Dear Friends at Grace & Glory,

I have your joy-filled invitation to the groundbreaking service before me and I ask your forgiveness for not responding sooner. Thanks so much for including me in your many newsletter mailings and especially the one to this event. I'd love to have come, but the trip just wasn't in the realm of possibility for us at that time. But nonetheless, please accept my sincerest congratulations for the progress you have made and for your efforts to continue our Lord's work in that place. Please know that the short time I was called to spend as supply for your congregation was among the finest of the memories of my whole ministry that I carry with me now. God bless and keep you all.

In Christ,

Rev. J.S. (Bud) Koiner

Thank You All

I'd like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, prayers and many other kindnesses following my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Paul for his visit and Pastor Ken for his many visits. Thanks again.

Joyce Hanson

Thanks for the Recognition of My 5 Years as Grace and Glory's Pastor

It was a delightful surprise to be recognized on Sunday, August 28 at the close of worship. Thanks for the wonderful picture frames, the cake, monetary gift, and flowers which continued to delight our eyes for a solid ten days following. How important it is for those who will serve Grace and Glory in coming decades to know that it is a part of this congregation's DNA to recognize the pastor (and their family) at appropriate milestones for their service to the congregation and community. My gratitude runs deep for all of you at Grace and Glory.

Pastor Ken Albright

Thank You Grace & Glory Congregation:

On behalf of the Brent Hawkins family, I would like to acknowledge your recent gift of \$1,815. The family is appreciative of your thoughtfulness and prayers. It is clearly a difficult time for Brent's loved ones because he has gone far before his time. However, the time we have on earth is not nearly as important as what we do with our time and Brent did many good and worthwhile things with the time he had. He shared his talents and love not only with his family but with friends and acquaintances as well. His memory will live in the hearts of all he touched.

J. Richard Worcester, CPA

Administrator, Brent Hawkins Memorial Fund

5Gs (Golden Gals and Guys at Grace and Glory) Event – Thursday, October 27

Most of us have been to the UVA Grounds on our own and know it can be tough on our feet. A more centralized tour is being planned for 5Gs which will include the Alderman Library, Harrison Institute, the Chapel and the Rotunda. Parking is available behind the Alderman Library and the walk to other three locations is doable. A tour of the Alderman Library is being planned. Hopefully, Charlotte Albright (who works at Alderman) will be our guide!! We will also have a guided tour of the Rotunda. Lunch will be fit in there sometime, somewhere. Suggestions? Joyce and Don Hanson and Marj and Roy Schurmann are making plans.

Submitted by Marj Schurmann

Fluvanna Christian Service Society Report

Our monthly meetings resumed in September. Lots of things will be happening in the months to come. Grace and Glory food donations for the past 4 months were: June, 20 bags; July, 14 bags; August and September, 22 bags. The food pantry is serving many more families than they did last year.

	Families served	Individuals
MAY	137	337
JUNE	189	588!!!
JULY	175	350
AUGUST	192	472!!!

We have our collection on the 3rd Sunday of every month. If you would like to make a monetary donation in any amount, please make your check out to "FCSS" and give it to Justin Wade, FCSS Treasurer, or myself. These monies are used for additional food, assistance for rent, electric, medical and other client needs.

HAPPY FACE will be December 3rd. I will be collecting new and gently used toys until mid-November. There will also be boxes throughout the community beginning October 17th. If you would like to help on this festive day for the needy children of Fluvanna, we will be setting up at Central Elementary School at 4:00 PM, December 2nd. Distribution will be on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There are other ways to help which will be outlined in next month's newsletter. Call me at 589-8459 with any questions.

Submitted by Barbara Smith

Sunday	Attendance	Offerings
September 4	70	\$4,955.00
September 11	91	\$3175.25
September 18	87	\$2,346.00
September 25	89	\$2,385.00
Total Contributions to Date		\$12,843.25
Monthly Needed Funds		\$14,295.00

October Birthdays







NAME	BIRTH DATE
<i>Diane Wolf</i>	10/02
<i>Ed Martell</i>	10/04
<i>Trudy Acker</i>	10/09
<i>Megan O.</i>	10/16
<i>Paul Crowther</i>	10/17
<i>Bill Milstead</i>	10/18
<i>Betty Cseh</i>	10/23
<i>Kingsley Brown</i>	10/26
<i>Walter Lindenmann</i>	10/26
<i>Ray Weimer</i>	10/28
<i>Bob Sanders</i>	10/29
<i>Ester Teal</i>	10/30



"I downloaded them from a cloud."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	26 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office	27 5G's Outing to the Marine Corps Museum 7:30 PM Handbell Choir/Grace	28 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office	29 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Marj 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Grace	30 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 10:30 AM Construction Meeting/On-Site Project Trailer	1 9:00 AM Old Farm Day/Pleasant Grove
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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.

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30	November 6
Minister	Kenneth Albright	Paul St Clair	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright
Lay Assistant	Justin Wade	Joe Shaver	LaVerne Chandler	Janice Brown	Sue Pickett	Justin Wade
Reader	Helen Ida Moyer	Carol Parsons	Pam Hokanson	Charlotte Albright	Janet Rockafellow	Helen Ida Moyer
Ushers/Greeters	Beth & Steve Jenkins	Marilyn & Wayne Carney	Helen Post Mary Stowe	Joyce & Don Hanson	Jan Crowther LaVerne Chandler	Ellen & Walter Lindenmann
Acolyte	Tamara	Bridget	Meredith	Cameron	Amanda, Sarah and Marian	Katie, Stephanie and Bridget
Sound System	Ken Duffau	Richard Pfister	Dennis Wolf	Paul Hokanson	Don Hanson	Steve Jenkins
Altar Care	Ellen Lindenmann Jan Crowther	Marilyn Carney Ester Teal	Ruth Haverstrom Helen Post	Mary Stowe Barbara Haas	Alice Shifflett Clara Cooper	Carol Wade Helen Post
Refreshments	Carol O'Dell Joyce Schmidt	Jan Crowther Ellen Lindenmann	Diane Wolf	Carol Sanders Helen Post	Monica Daniels Alene Nelson	Ester Teal Charlotte Albright
Tellers	Barbara Smith Justin Wade	Helen Post Irma Forger	Barbara Haas Paul Crowther	Alice Shifflett Roy Schurmann	Jan Crowther Terry Shifflett	Barbara Smith Justin Wade
Visitor Contactor	Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger	Wayne Carney	Sue Pickett	Jean DeMarco	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, provide our sound system and count our offerings and to those who organize and secure our readers and worship assistants, greeters and ushers, hospitality providers, sound system providers and tellers.

Greeters/Ushers

Patty Shaver – 589-6050

Readers and Assisting Ministers

Sue Pickett – 293-3838

Sunday School

Pam Hokanson – 814-873-4795

Hospitality

Diane Wolf – 589-8904

Jean DeMarco – 589-5165

Altar Care

Mary Stowe – 589-8621

Helen Post – 589-6937

Altar Flowers

Joyce Hanson – 465-8222

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 Requests

E-mail Carol Parsons at carolarson1@hotmail.com or call her at 589-6068 to add or delete a Prayer List concern.

Website Updates

E-mail Marilyn Crowther at minkisi@comcast.net or call her at 589-9002 to post any events directly onto Grace and Glory's website's homepage's "Upcoming Events" section.

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).