



Grace Notes

September 2011 Newsletter of Grace and Glory Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship at 10:15 A.M.

Fluvanna County Middle School

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Dear Disciples at Grace and Glory:

An exciting conversation has been taking place through the summer among our members. As we have had opportunity to hear the visions of people like Rev. Doug Smith, Sheriff Washington, Warden Wendy Hobbs, MACAA's Bertha Armstrong, and the Fluvanna/Louisa Housing Foundation's Howard Evergreen, we have found ourselves inspired with fresh ideas and renewed commitment to volunteer in ways that our skills and gifts can be used for the good of our greater community.

As we have sought the guidance of the Spirit in this journey, the Adult Education Planning Team spawned the idea to have a day when people can come and explore the outreach ministries that our members are currently involved with, and to step up to new opportunities to serve.

Sunday, September 25 will be developed around the theme: "Beyond the Walls: Widening the Circle of God's Grace." There will be opportunities before and after worship to speak with people who are engaged in ministries like Habitat for Humanity; Fluvanna Nursing Home Singers; Meals on Wheels; Fluvanna Women's Correctional Center; Fluvanna Christian Service Society; Social Justice Small Group...and more.

We'll also get the opportunity to support *new efforts*. For example, one of our members has heard God's call to meet the needs of homeless people in Charlottesville with a care package. Perhaps others from our congregation can find ways to support that caring outreach effort.

The worship service that day will also include opportunity to pray for our ministry in our local and global community, to celebrate what we have done, and to be inspired to allow God to use our hands to accomplish God's work of restoring lives.

Where will all this lead? No one can really venture to guess, but I do believe it will most certainly move us deeper into God's compassion for those in need.

Looking forward,

Pastor Ken Albright

Two-Session Study of the Gospel of Matthew

As we have been hearing the Gospel of Matthew since last November almost weekly in worship, you may wonder about what you've been encountering. Who is Matthew? When did he write? Why are there so many references to the Old Testament? Why does the language against the Jews seem so bitter in this gospel? What stories are unique to Matthew's gospel, and why did Matthew want to include them?

Bring along your Bible and your questions on Sunday, September 4th and Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 AM in the library as Pastor Albright will lead a two-session exploration into the Gospel of Matthew. All ages are welcome.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Summary of August 8 Leadership Team Meeting

Treasurer Parsons was pleased to report that we continue to have a positive balance in our bank account even in these summer months, but that everyone needs to keep an eye on expenses since several groups are currently over budget.

Pastor was charged at the June meeting with developing and executing a plan for exploring worship options. He shared an outline of the plan and the members of the team. Jared Feury, Janet Rockafellow, Paul Crowther, Mary Jane Bredder, Katie Shifflette, and Kayla Ferguson have agreed to be the team to explore worship options. Pastor and Julie Martell will serve as resource persons to this newly-formed Worship Exploration Team.

Committees are working on their respective portions of the 2012 budget. They were asked to consider the effect on their expenses of moving into our new building.

The appeal for 2012 giving to the Building Fund Campaign will be done in conjunction with the annual stewardship appeal.

The expense of repairing our office printers and purchasing a new laptop computer for Pastor Albright fall outside of our budget, so the congregation will be asked for contributions in a special offering to cover these expenses.

Submitted by Monica Daniels, Secretary

President's Message

As I sat recently at the memorial service for Brent Hawkins, listening to his various family members and friends reminisce about Brent's life and what he was like, it struck me how little I actually knew about him. That was due in part, of course, to the fact that he was with us for far too short a time. But it was also because I hadn't had, or rather taken, the opportunity to try to get to know him better. I can't begin to tell you how much I wish I had. I just assumed I had more time to do so.

I'm sure these same kinds of thoughts have struck many of you, not just in terms of Brent but of others in

our congregation. We simply don't know each other as well as we could or should.

So, how do we remedy this?

By making a concerted effort to look for opportunities to learn what is important to others in our congregation, to share their joys and sorrows, to discover their passions which might match our own, to find out how others might benefit from our ministering or how we might benefit from theirs, to reach out to others and to be open to being reached out to in return.

There are already a number of mechanisms in place to help us accomplish this. For instance, the 5 G's group. Or the WAGG group. Or the newly formed Men's group. Or the ongoing dinner groups. Or any of the existing teams and committees. Or the choir, singing or handbells. Or the Sunday School program.

And maybe the answer doesn't exist yet. There's been lots of talk over the past year of creating various small groups in the church. Groups based on shared interests or needs or stage of life. One of the hallmarks of such small groups is sharing about what's going on in each other's lives.

What kind of new small group would you like to belong to? Perhaps one for parents of small children. Or parents of high school youth. Or maybe a group that gets together once a month in a different restaurant. Or a group that does crafts together. Or plays golf together. Or enjoys a monthly movie and a meal together.

The possibilities are endless. If the kind of group that touches your heart doesn't yet exist, please let Pastor or me know and we'll be happy to help you launch it.

Please join me in making a concerted effort to getting to know one another even better than we already do!

I'm looking forward to it.

With you in His service,

Frits Geurtsen
Congregation President

Grace and Glory Breaks Ground!

The ground-breaking ceremony held on Sunday, August 7th at our 10-acre church property was the fulfillment of a 10-year dream by our charter members.



The ceremony, led by Pastor Albright, involved four readers positioned at the four corners of the proposed building, each reading in turn a passage from the bible, then driving a stake into the earth, consecrating the land for God's works. With the chiming of the multi-generational handbell choir, led by Music Director Julie Martell, all 150 attendees were invited to close

surmise that, while we surely place our trust in God, it's wise to plan for all of His contingencies!



Honored guests and speakers were Virginia Synod Bishop James Mauney; the Rev. Chip Gunsten, Assistant to the Bishop and the Synod's Mission Director; The Rev. Bill Stewart, Pastor Developer; and Frits Geurtsen, Congregational President. Using a small shovel, Ceremonial Groundbreakers and Building Steering Committee members symbolically turned over the earth that had been quickly scooped up in a small box and brought to the Library. After the Youth choir sang, all in attendance were invited to "break ground" in the same symbolic way as they came up to partake of a picnic dinner prepared by parishioners.



ranks in the center of the property to sing the joyous and moving hymn, "All Are Welcome (in this place)". When the weather turned suddenly ominous, with black clouds and lightning traveling quickly in, the decision was made to continue the ceremony across the road at the Fluvanna Public Library. One can



Construction is expected to begin shortly on the 7,243 square foot building, with a completion date around June of 2012.

Original article by Irma Forger

Worship Exploration Team Begins Work

As we seek to grow with this new building that is being constructed, our Leadership Team has been concerned about how we best incorporate new people through the worship life of our congregation.

As we enter our new building, certainly some folks will be delighted with our traditional Lutheran liturgy and the hour at which it is currently offered. But what about the others who may worship with us once and never return? And what about those who would love to attend our worship, but the hour is impossible for them given their work schedule or personal responsibilities?

Cognizant of our context in Central Virginia, where Lutheranism is largely an unknown commodity, we are called to the work of discerning how best, through worship, to reach those who come from a predominantly Baptist or Methodist background, or no faith background at all. To that end, a Worship Exploration Team has been established and will begin its work in September.

This team will consist of seven members: Mary Jane Bredder, Paul Crowther, Kayla Ferguson, Jared Feury, Janet Rockafellow, Katie Shifflette, and Sharon Williams. Pastor Albright and our Director of Music, Julie Martell, will serve as resource persons to the team.

The Worship Exploration Team is tasked with exploring worship options and presenting a report and recommendations back to the Leadership Team at its March, 2012 meeting. Join us in praying that the fruit of their work may bless many for generations to come as we seek to expand our opportunities to reach people with the Good News of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Jesus Christ.

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.

Youth and Education Team Retreat

A newly established Youth and Education Team will set aside time on Friday, September 16th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and Saturday, September 17th from 8:00 AM to Noon for the purpose of developing the foundations of our education and youth ministry programs at Grace and Glory. They will be discussing everything from the overarching vision of this ministry to the nuts and bolts of program activities for the coming year. Let us all be in prayer for the Spirit to dwell among this group, and for sturdy and creative foundations to be laid that will serve well as we sprout both roots and wings.

Submitted by Pastor Albright

Women at Grace and Glory (WAGG)

Please start saving Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. There is an expiration date on the box tops, so please check. The labels need the product code and the picture of the Campbell Kid. Check the box in the hallway for further information. Canceled stamps are also being collected and need a 1/4" border (if possible).

The next meeting of the WAGG will be on Tuesday September 20th at 10:00 AM when we will review the Spring program, "Space for God" and discuss future programs. An offering will be taken for the continuing programs of the VSWO.

Submitted by Janice Brown

5 G's Trip to The Marine Corps Museum

Save the date of Tuesday, September 27th for a trip to the Marine Corps Museum. We will be traveling to Triangle, VA to tour the National Museum of the Marine Corps (Legend, Learning and Lore) and have lunch there too. There will be a sign-up sheet and information pamphlets on the table outside the cafeteria on Sundays between September 4th and September 25th.

Submitted by Darlene Weimer

Dear Grace and Glory Congregation,

I wish to thank everyone for your concern and kindnesses, and especially for your prayers. I know that they made a great difference in how I responded to everything. I am now finished with radiation and am free to continue healing. Praise God! He is ever good to me. With sincere thanks,

Carol Wade

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone for the beautiful cards that were sent to me on the passing of my Mother. It is so nice to know that we belong to a warm and caring congregation, Thank you again everyone.

Diane Wolf

Worship and Music Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Worship and Music Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 2:00 PM. Please contact Janice Brown if you will not be able to attend.

Submitted by Janice Brown

Small Dinner Groups

Get to know other members of Grace and Glory better by having dinner together!! A quiet, unhurried relaxing dinner or lunch, at home or in a restaurant, is truly a wonderfully fun way to become better acquainted with other members of our congregation. We worship together so let's take time to have fun together, too!

Each group has about six people in it and meets three times over a period of about six months, whenever it fits into your schedule. Everyone is always busy with lots of activities, but make time to enjoy fellowship with folks whom you normally see just on Sunday mornings!

If you are interested, please contact me at 293-5543 or DuckyOaks@embarqmail.com. You will be glad you did!

Submitted by Helen Ida Moyer

Thy Kingdom Come

As I have taken on the new responsibility as Chair of the Evangelism Committee, I have given much thought to the phrase above. Each week, as we utter the Lord's Prayer, we ask that "thy kingdom come" and "thy will be done" on earth as it is in heaven. But I am concerned that at times we think that the kingdom is to come way out into the future, as we anticipate the second coming of Christ. But I ask you to focus with me on that phrase which says that it is to happen "on earth". In the gospel of Luke in Chapter 17, Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would begin. He told them that they wouldn't be able to say it was begun here or there in that part of the country for the "Kingdom of God is within you". So, let us remember that it takes each and every one of us to display our Evangelism, through our acts and the sharing of our story and our faith that brings about Thy Kingdom Come. I would welcome your sharing with me those people and situations when you have witnessed those in our Grace and Glory family who have demonstrated a desire to make "Thy Kingdom Come".

Submitted by Joe Shaver

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Let us schedule an Adopt-A-Road pickup for Saturday, September 10th. We will meet on the church property at 9:00 AM. Since I have to work that morning, Ray Weimer has agreed to coordinate the day's work. If you have any questions or just want to let him know that you will be glad to participate, please call Ray at 591-1239.

Submitted by Joe Shaver

Sunday	Attendance	Offerings
August 7	94	\$6,924
August 14	85	\$2,340
August 21	77	\$2,490
August 28	79	\$2,029
Total Contributions to Date		\$13,783
Monthly Needed Funds		\$14,295

Summer Sunday School - Special Presentation

As we have focused this summer during our adult education hour upon our call to be of service and to examine "what does God expect of us", we want to bring to you a presentation by one of our own who has been of service internationally. Hannah Scruggs is a native of Fluvanna County and the daughter of Theresa Scruggs, a Fluvanna County Teacher, and Horace Scruggs, the Music Director at the Fluvanna County High School. Hannah is a third year student at William and Mary and is majoring in History. Before her graduation here in Fluvanna, she worked with the Fluvanna County Historical Society and received recognition from that group.

This past summer Hannah participated in a 4-week study abroad program in Cape Town, South Africa. There she took a class in Multicultural Societies and Inequality Differences. She also had the opportunity to work with middle school students in an African township as well as working with their parents on computer skills. Through this experience she learned about a completely different culture and about how wealth inequality heavily affects Cape Town.

Come and join us on September 18th for an Adult Education presentation to hear from Hannah Scruggs about her experiences. She has certainly demonstrated her service to those who are among "the least of these".

Submitted by Joe Shaver

September Birthdays



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

Brief Summary of Actions Twelfth Churchwide Assembly • Aug. 15-19, 2011 • Orlando, Fla.

The 12th Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was held Aug. 15-19, 2011, at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Fla. The assembly included 1,025 voting members. The theme was "Freed in Christ to Serve."

ELCA Malaria Campaign officially launched

The assembly officially launched the ELCA Malaria Campaign under the auspices of ELCA World Hunger. Along with our full communion partners, ELCA members will join with Lutheran churches in Africa to work toward a malaria-free future. A goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million over a four-year period. The assembly acknowledged that gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign are not intended to replace gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

"Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" social statement adopted

The assembly adopted "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility," a social statement on genetics. The statement, described as the first by a North American church, develops a comprehensive ethical framework for addressing advancements in medical and agricultural research. It is the 11th social statement of the ELCA.

Review process for social statements adopted

The assembly called for a review process of current procedures for the development and adoption of social statements. No new social statements will be considered until a review process has been completed and shared with the ELCA Church Council in the fall of 2012, followed by a report to the 2013 Churchwide Assembly. During this time, the process for developing the criminal justice social statement and the justice for woman social statement will continue.

Living into the Future Together implementing resolutions adopted

There were resolutions put forth by the ELCA Church Council and the Living into the Future task force, designed to set a course for the ELCA's future and to consider this church's structure and relationships.

Churchwide Assemblies will transition from a biennial to a triennial cycle, starting after the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

The assembly also approved recommendations that focus on strengthening connections within and across the expressions and partner ministries of this church.

Voting members of the ELCA Church Council shall include the four churchwide officers and the chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops. Thirty-three members will continue to be nominated by their synods; the council may not exceed 45 members. Additional members may be nominated by the Church Council to ensure diversity and expertise. All will continue to be elected by the Churchwide Assembly.

The Congregational and Synodical Mission unit of the churchwide organization will review a recommendation for ministry with mentally and physically "handi-capable" children and adults.

The assembly invited members of the ELCA to initiate collaborative work by congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, institutions of the church and others to create and support diverse non-legislative forums and events that bring together leaders of this church to participate in theological study and reflection, foster leadership development and enhance the interdependence of this church.

The assembly provided a means to continue the work assigned to the Living into the Future Together task force in collaboration with the Church Council and the Conference of Bishops.

ELCA budget proposals adopted

The assembly approved a 2012 current fund spending authorization of \$61,792,900, and approved a 2012 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$18,500,000. This vote included approving a 2013 current fund income proposal of \$61,939,400, a 2013 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$18,500,000, and authorizing the Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.

Memorials adopted

The assembly adopted a variety of resolutions to expand multicultural ministry, acknowledge the International Year for People of African Descent and work to prevent bullying, harassment and related violence.

The assembly supported immigration reform and the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act, which would provide a path for citizenship for undocumented high school graduates.

The assembly received memorials related to investment for positive change in Palestine, and encouraged members, congregations, synods and agencies of this church to achieve a deeper understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The assembly also recognized and celebrated Lutheran Campus Ministry and the central role of farmers and ranchers in providing an abundant supply of food and fiber for our nation and the world. The assembly declined to change governing documents that would increase the number of voting members to Synod Assemblies and Churchwide Assemblies who are layperson.

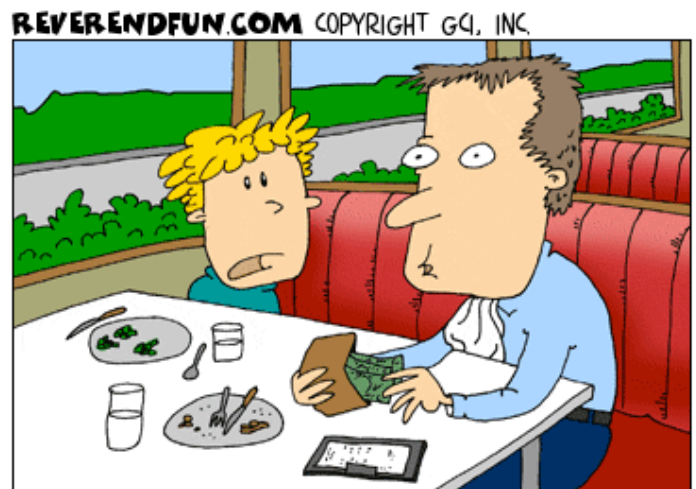
Constitutional amendments adopted

The assembly moved to change ELCA governing documents related to Living into the Future Together, the redesign of the churchwide organization and other matters.

Resolutions from the Reference and Counsel committee

The assembly considered and approved a variety of resolutions on topics ranging from suicide prevention to confronting injustices in immigration, from youth-related matters to mission support.

From ELCA Web site








Thanks to Shirley Ostrander

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP 2:30 PM Germanna Conference/Resurrection, Fredericksburg	29 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 7:00 PM Adult Education "Beyond the Walls" planning/Glory	30	31 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 10:00 AM Travelin' Singers/Meet at Office to Carpool 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 12:30 PM Staff Meeting/Glory	1 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Grace 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Grace	2 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	3
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Remember: The most up-to-date information and details about events listed is available on our website calendar at www.GraceandGlory.org.

If you have a need for the office or additional information that should be included on the calendar, please send the information to Gabi Dech at gglcelca@embarqmail.com, or call her at 589-2217.

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25	October 2
Minister	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright
Lay Assistant	Justin Wade	Janice Brown	Helen Ida Moyer	Monica Daniels	Justin Wade
Reader	Helen Ida Moyer	Kingsley Brown	Carol Parsons	Ray Weimer	Helen Ida Moyer
Ushers/Greeters	Carol & Justin Wade	Jane & Frits Geurtsen	Clara & Lou Cooper	Marilyn Carney Ruth Haverstrom	Beth & Steve Jenkins
Acolyte	Bridget	Marian	Sarah	Katie	Tamara
Sound System	Steve Jenkins	Larry Teal	Ray Weimer	Paul Crowther	Ken Duffau
Altar Care	Clara Cooper Alice Shifflett	Carol Wade Charlotte Albright	Janet Rockafellow Ruth Campopiano	Mary Stowe	Ellen Lindenmann Jan Crowther
Refreshments	Diane Wolf	Josephine Martin Patti Shifflette	Janice Brown Beth Jenkins	Marilyn Crowther Diane Wolf	Carol O'Dell Joyce Schmidt
Tellers	Barbara Smith Justin Wade	Lou Cooper Joe Shaver	Larry Teal Jeff Chervenak	Alice Shifflett Jan Crowther	Barbara Smith Justin Wade
Visitor Contactor	Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger	Wayne Carney	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, 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

Terry Shifflett – 589-8270

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).