GRACENOTES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page –

For by Grace you have been saved, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may

boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

I have enjoyed and benefitted from going to the ecumenical Wednesday Lent Lunches and Worship hosted by five downtown congregations, and in which we were included this year. It's been great to see both new and familiar faces – this past Wednesday (3/20) I sat next to the wife of the pastor of First Pres from 1976 – 1993, and a brand new resident of Waynesboro who just moved into Summit Square a month

ago, a Roman Catholic.

Pastor Barrett Owen of First Baptist – who will be joining us in our Palm Sunday procession this year – preached, and he started with a statement about Lent, that it is no fun, because he said, one of Lent's messages is "you're going to die." From dust you came and to dust you will return, we start the Season with, and we conclude with Jesus' death, and his being put into the ground. And yet, Pr. Owen went on to say, between the dust we have been borne from, and the dust we will return to, there is life, and the promise that the dust we will return to is not the end of the story.

The Apostle Paul shared the words that are at the heart of our Lutheran faith – they are printed above, that it is what God has done that saves us, that gives us life. And we know that

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God promises through the risen Christ that God will be with us until the close of the age, to lead us to God's very self, forever.

We will die, this is true, but in between the dust from which we were formed, and the dust to which we will return, is THE NEW LIFE WE LIVE. The life that God created for us in Christ Jesus "for good works" – for the good of this world and for ourselves! That's why we gather all through Holy Week, celebrate on Easter Sunday, and name ourselves Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! By Grace we have been saved!!

Here's our Holy Week Schedule:

Palm/Passion Sunday, 10 a.m. – St. John Episcopal, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic, Main Street United Methodist, First Baptist, Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, and maybe Waynesboro Seventh Day Adventist! – will join together on our front lawn to shout together "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord" – and process down Main Street to show our unity and hope in Christ, the Crucified One, who died and rose again for all of us!

Maundy Thursday, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. – We'll share in Holy Communion, offer Footwashing (7 p.m.), and strip the Altar in preparation for Good Friday. Special Music during the stripping of the Altar will help to lead us into pondering in our hearts (like Mary, the mother of our Lord) the great love God has for the world in order to send his Son for the sake of our dying to sin and rising to new life with Christ.

Good Friday, 3 p.m. – We join with St. John the Evangelist for *The Way of the Cross*, walking in our neighborhood at the stations of the Cross. We meet at St. John, travel down 11th street to Wayne Avenue and the Library, then return to St. John.

4:30 p.m. – The Gospel of John – We will view the Gospel of John (the movie) from its start to the burial of Jesus. The movie uses no language other than the gospel itself. To "read" the gospel of John and follow the gospel until the crucifixion gives an opportunity to understand the Passion of Jesus and why Jesus died on the cross for our sake, and what our life as followers of Christ is all about. We'll watch the movie and have a light meal available while viewing up to the time of Jesus' arrest.

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7:00 p.m. - Good Friday worship at Grace – we'll "read" the Passion according to St. John using the film "The Gospel of John" and its account of Jesus' arrest, death, and resurrection. Grace choir will also present an anthem, and we'll behold the Life Giving Cross of Jesus.

Easter Vigil, 7 p.m. – We gather outside to process inside for this ancient liturgy that reminds us of the fullness of God's desire for our care and salvation, and we'll Affirm our Baptism and welcome *five new members* into the life of Grace!

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of our Lord – 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. Worship - We rejoice that Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Death has lost its sting, We live a new life every day because of Christ's Resurrection from death to life!

Highlights of Congregation Council Meeting

March 19, 2019

Lenten lunches at noon with downtown churches and Wednesday nights with the Lutheran churches. The youth service will be held on March 31th with the youth serving in all parts of the service.

Tuesday, April 9, there will be a noon piano concert with a light lunch with a good time for fellowship after.

The Listening sessions on the Wedding guidelines started Monday night. The next session is Monday the 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Ron Almarode spoke on the financial status at this time. He also said the new computer system is looking good. Tith-ly is being tested and will be offered as a way of donating on line after Easter.

A meeting has been held regarding the parking lot repairs and it was felt that more handicap parking is needed. Several options are being studied to make this happen.

Everything is set for last day of the Warm Shelter on March 30 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church where we are hosting with Christ Tabernacle Church.

Respectfully submitted, Deloris Wertman **April Calendar of Events**

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|--|---|---|---|--|----------------|----------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 4th Sunday In Lent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion | 11:00 a.m. Wedding Guidelines Forum (Seminar Room) 1:30 p.m. New Member Class (Seminar Room) | 9:30 a.m. Quilting (Fellowship) | Noon Ecumenical Lunch & 12:35 p.m. Worship St. John's Catholic 6:00 p.m. Season of Lent Soup Supper & 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Zion Lutheran 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir | ACTS Set-Up 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship) | ACTS Set-Up | ACTS |
| | | | Worship Choir | | | |
| 5th Sunday In Lent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. Wedding Guidelines Forum | 1:30 p.m. New Member Class (Seminar Room) | 9:30 a.m. Quilting (Fellowship) 7:00 p.m. Roundtables | Noon Ecumenical Lunch & 12:35 p.m. Worship Main Street Methodist 6:00 p.m. Season of Lent Soup Supper & 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Grace 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir | 9:00 a.m. Backpacks 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship) | 12 | 13 |

April Calendar of Events Continued

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 14 | 15 (10 ⁴⁰) Si ≈TAX DAY= | 9:30 a.m. Quilting (Fellowship) | 17 | MAUNDY 18 Thursday | GOOD FRIDAY | EASTER VIGIL |
| Palm Sunday | 1:30 p.m. | | | Maundy Thursday | Good Fri- day | Easter Vigil |
| 9:00 a.m. Sunday School | New Member Class (Seminar Room) | 7:00 p.m. Council (Conference Room) | | 8:30 a.m. Newcomers (Fellowship) | | |
| 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion | 6:00 p.m. | Room | 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir | 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship) | 7:00 p.m. | |
| Communion | Kiwanis (Conference Room) | | 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir | 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship | Good Friday Worship | 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| S. | Office Closed | 9:30 a.m. Quilting (Fellowship) | | 9:00 a.m. Backpacks | | |
| Easter Sunday | | | | 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship) | | |
| 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast | | | 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir | | | |
| 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion | | | 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir | | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Second Sunday of Easter | | 9:30 a.m. Quilting (Fellowship) | | 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club | | |
| 9:00 a.m. Sunday School | | | 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir | (Fellowship) | | |
| 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion | | | 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir | | | |

Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Homebound Members

| Allan and Genevieve Arneson 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980 | Mary Bertelson Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Apartment 400 Waynesboro, VA 22980 | Jimmy and LizAnn Binns 9281 Dick Woods Road Afton, VA 22920 |
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| Jean Brower Shenandoah Nursing and Rehab 339 Westminster Drive Fishersville, VA 22939 | Morris Elliott Brookdale Hillsmere Lane Staunton, VA 24401 | Maribeth Faivre Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980 |
| Phyllis Kite 57 Skyline Avenue Stuarts Draft, VA 24477 | Bob and Carol Knemoller Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Apartment 316 Waynesboro, VA 22980 | Shirley Krizovsky White Birch Estates 847 Oakwood Drive, Room 33 Harrisonburg, VA 22801 |
| Janet Lunger Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980 | Polly McKinley The Legacy 1410 A North Augusta St. Apt. 2029 Staunton, VA 24401 | Glen & Flossie Myers 104 Patton Farm Road Apartment 361 Stuarts Draft, VA 24477 |
| | Pete Rufe Summit Square Healthcare 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980 | |

Worship Assistants

| April 7 | April 14 Palm Sunday | April 18 Maundy Thursday | April 20 Easter Vigil | April 21 Easter | April 28 Second Sunday of Easter |
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| Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel | Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel | Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel | Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel | Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel | Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel |
| Assisting Minister Ron Almarode | Assisting Minister Tripp Franklin | Assisting Minister Wilda Keefer (a.m.) Beth Ann Doerring (p.m.) | Assisting Minister Rev. Cynthia Long Ushers Ron Almarode | Assisting Minister Linda Meyer | Assisting Minister Ron Almarode |
| Communion Assistants Kathy Bump Carrie Jones Ushers Marge Cloutier Linda Meyer Jean Morgan Marlene Shaw | Communion Assistants Jerry Kite Marlene Shaw Ushers Ron Knicely Dwight Moomaw Robert Shaw | Communion Assistants Donna Gum (p.m.) Linda Meyer (p.m.) Ushers Pat Brady (p.m.) David Proctor (p.m.) | Linda Meyer Offering Stewards TBD Altar Guild Jean Morgan | Communion Assistants Jerry Kite Karla Rankin Ushers Ron Almarode Rick Bump Lee Lynch | Communion Assistants Kathy Bump Tripp Franklin Ushers Jack Eckstrom Carrie Jones Brad Keefer David Proctor |
| Offering Stewards Pat Brady Bob Shumate Acolyte Thea Franklin | Offering Stewards Sharon Lynch Kate Van Bremen Acolyte Karley Hull | Offering Stewards Pat Brady Altar Guild Jean Morgan | | Offering Stewards Ernestine Moomaw Kate Van Bremen Acolyte Brodie Franklin | Offering Stewards Pat Brady Bob Shumate Acolyte Kaitlyn Hull |
| Cup Gatherer Karla Rankin Altar Guild TBD Altar Flowers Linda Meyer | Cup Gatherer Donna Marshall Altar Guild TBD Altar Flowers Pat & Pete Giesen | April 19 Good Friday Assisting Minister Brian Lundstrom | | Cup Gatherer Quinn Franklin Altar Guild TBD Altar Flowers Gail Johnson | Cup Gatherer Jean Morgan Altar Guild Kathy Meicke Altar Flowers Open |
| Nursery Jill Pingel Council Member of the Week/ Sunday School Support | Nursery Kim Hull Jane Stein Council Member of the Week/ Sunday School Support | Ushers Ron Almarode David Proctor Offering Stewards TBD Altar Guild | | Nursery Sarah Kite Deloris Wertman Council Member of the Week/ Sunday School Support Linda Meyer | Nursery Susie Driskill Jean Morgan Council Member of the Week/ Sunday School Support Gordon Putnam |



The Season of Lent since the earliest years of the Church has been a time of preparation and discipline; a time of deepening one's faith in the One who lived, died and rose again, so that each of us, and the whole world (John 3:16-17) might truly live. There is a whole range of activities, from an exercise of Lenten discipline, to Worship, to Lunch or Supper Fellowship. Come and join in the Season of Lent at Grace!

Wednesday Ecumenical Lunch and Worship - 12:00 Noon Lunch, 12:35 p.m. Worship - A long standing tradition in Waynesboro has been for a number of downtown congregations to meet for lunch with a devotional worship service during the noon hour. Lunch begins at Noon and consists of soup, sandwiches, cookies and a beverage; the cost is \$3.00. It's requested that we have a count of people taking part in the lunch from our congregation, so please use the Wednesday Lunch Sign-Up to make a reservation for lunch each week. Here's the Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon Schedule:

- Wednesday, March 27th at First Presbyterian Church, Rev. George Chapman preaching
- Wednesday, April 3rd at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Rev. Linda Kusse-Wolfe (Main Street United Methodist), preaching
- Wednesday, April 10th at Main Street United Methodist Church, Father Rolo Castillo (St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic), preaching

Wednesday Lenten Worship: We'll share a Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m., and Evening Prayer worship at 7:00 p.m. with our neighboring Lutheran Churches, with one of the churches hosting the Wednesday service each week. Our focus this year: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear - We'll explore God's Word to consider God's love for us and the love of Christ we share, and what that looks like in our daily lives. Our Schedule:

- <u>Wednesday, March 27th</u> at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ladd Road at U.S. 340, Waynesboro
- Wednesday, April 3rd at Zion Lutheran Church, 297 Zion Church Road, Waynesboro
- Wednesday, April 10th at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Odds and Ends Continued

We Need Your Help at Grace! One of the blessings that God's Spirit gives us as a congregation is that we ALL have gifts, talent and time TO SHARE, which allows the ministry of Grace, and God's Mission for us, to continue:

- Altar Guild We need help with simple tasks (a) Filling the oil candles at Christmas and Easter and (b) we need regular volunteers for our Guild to continue strong, and not overburden current members. Can you volunteer even once per quarter? Contact Nancy at the Church Office, or Jean Morgan, chairperson of the Altar Guild.
- **The Nursery** We need Nursery volunteers in order to have the required two persons to care for young children under five during the service. Contact Nancy at the Church Office if you can help, or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Prayers and Parking Lots—Over the last several months, members of the church council, Pastor, and the Property Committee have been discussing the need to resurface, restripe, and increase the number of handicap parking needed for our members. Believe it or not, we do not think the parking lot has been resurfaced for 60+ years!!! How can that be? Mainly due to the hard work of our members, over the years, they have patched, tarred, prayed, and made some minor repairs. Their work has allowed us to make our parking lot serve this congregation for the life of our building. A typical parking lot is good for about 20 years and we have well exceeded that statistic.

Let's be honest — none of us really wants to spend money to repair the parking lot! It is not like an organ, or the chapel, or fellowship hall, something we see or enhances our worship experience. It is not the most glamorous of projects, kind of like replacing windows or HVAC systems — we don't necessarily think about them or focus on them, but we know when we do not have them or they break. Being good stewards of our building and property has been important to the life of this facility. The new parking lot will provide our members, visitors, and guests that use our building, a welcoming experience to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We anticipate the cost of this project to be approximately \$60,000+ dollars. Over the next several weeks, please take some time to look at our current parking lot and see for yourself the need we are facing. You will be hearing more about this project after the Easter season.

Communication Subcommittee February 5, 2019

At the Church Council retreat last fall a subgroup of Gordon Putnam, Robin Crowder, Marlene Shaw, and Pete Giesen was formed to look at how we communicate with one another at Grace. Ron Almarode later joined the group. Traditionally we have communicated by talking to each other and sending things through the mail. These are still excellent ways that members of Grace communicate with each other. However there are limitations to that communication style.

Grace is moving into the 21st century of communication. Tyler Wertman in the last few years had developed our website, Facebook page (two in fact, more later), Instagram page, and other electronic communications. Gordon Putnam has taken over the web page and is working to keep it updated with the help of others. It goes without saying that not everyone is on-line or interested in our electronic communication, but it is a fast and sometimes easy way to inform the congregation of events and changes.

<u>Email and One Call</u> have been used to inform about 200 members of Grace concerning important events or changes that come suddenly; for example the death of a member and funeral arrangements, closing of the church, special events, etc. Email is also used to contact individuals with committee notes, or special information. We have not learned how to use texting to distribute information but that may be coming.

<u>Facebook</u> has been used to share our worship serve, photos from events, information that people want to give out to others. There are two Facebook pages, one is a general page that anyone has access too. The other is restricted to only those who ask for permission to be on it. This restricted page allows us to post information and pictures that are specific to Grace members.

<u>The Web page</u> has information about Grace for both members and non-members. The weekly Sunday bulletin is available and in the future members may choose to use their electronic tablet for the Sunday morning service. Grace Notes is published on the web page. The sermons and worship services can be accessed from the Web page.

There is information about our staff and who we are as a church. Our church calendar is updated in real time. The web page has information about our 125-year history and pictures from our past 125th celebration. The web page will continue to grow and be a tool for members and also for those wanting to know about Grace.

Moving into the 21st century of communication is not easy however the communication committee is attempting to use it as best as we can.

Thomas Keesecker offers Noon Concert, April 9th

Congregations in the Southern Valley Conference are invited to Grace Lutheran Church in Waynesboro, for a special Lenten concert on Tuesday, April 9, at noon. Composer and pianist Tom Keesecker will lead us in a quiet hour of piano music, reflection, and poetry.

His new collection of piano music, "The Quiet Journey", takes its inspiration from the hymn

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey" (ELW #326) - Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.

The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

A free will offering will be accepted. Tom will have CDs of "The Quiet Journey" available for purchase after the program.

Thomas Keesecker has served as a musician in both Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. His award winning choral music is published by several publishers. His studies at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Catholic University School of Music in Washington, D.C. prepared him for a career in which he has mixed classical technique and jazz improvisation. Thomas' time with us at Grace is in the midst of a Lenten tour of congregations in our area which also include Epiphany Lutheran Church, Richmond, and Grace Lutheran Church, Winchester.

There will be a Lasagna and Salad luncheon following the Concert in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will come and enjoy fellowship with one another! There will be a \$3.00 charge for the lunch. Please sign-up on the Sheet in the Narthex if you'd like to attend! you'd like to attend!





| 4/1 | Jayme Morris | 4/2 | Ty Elliott | 4/6 | Hal Walck |
|------|----------------|------|------------------|------|---------------|
| 4/7 | Quinn Franklin | 4/8 | Kasey Goble | 4/9 | Gordon Putnam |
| 4/13 | Sam Biggers | 4/13 | Laura Shaw | 4/15 | Bradley Hull |
| 4/18 | Michael Ekman | 4/18 | Sandra R. Hoy | 4/18 | Jerry Kite |
| 4/19 | Glenn Myers | 4/20 | Trotter Franklin | 4/20 | Barbara Susen |
| 4/22 | Joelle Miller | 4/24 | Kai Blosser | 4/26 | Will Walter |
| 4/27 | Ann Ekman | 4/28 | Flo Walck | | |

April Baptisms

| 4/?Carolyn Barrette4/?Jane Blosser4/?Shirley Loftus4/?Jayme Morr | ., , |
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| 4/4 Aaron Lynch 4/5 Kayla Metca | lf 4/6 Bobby Hite |
| 4/7 Alex Skelton 4/7 Jenna Smith | n 4/7 Paige Smith |
| 4/9 Frannie Knicely 4/10 Janet Lunge | er 4/10 Andrew Moomaw |
| 4/11 Sharon Lynch 4/11 Owen Keefe | r 4/11 E. G. Rankin |
| 4/12 Jim Kite 4/12 Carol Varne | r 4/14 Donna Gum |
| 4/14 Tom Carper 4/14 Katie Morris | son 4/15 Kaitlyn Hull |
| 4/19 Kaitlyn Myers 4/19 Kristen Mye | ers 4/25 Greg Ranzini |
| 4/26 Carolyn Shields 4/27 Ann Ekman | 4/28 Kim Hull |
| 4/29 Anne Barnes 4/29 Ellen Miller | |

Financial Barometer

As of February 2019

| Financial Barometer | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Difference |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 1. Pledge/Giving of Record/Faith | \$43,536.19 | \$45,568 | -\$2,032 |
| 2. Total Budget Receipts | \$44,736.72 | \$47,614 | -\$2,878 |
| 3. Total Budget Disbursements | \$45,325.41 | \$50,162 | -\$4,836 |

| CLASS | LOCATION | TEACHERS |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Pre-K-K | Lower Level | Deloris Wertman Sarah Beth Kite |
| Grades 1-3 | Lower Level | Amy Warren Jane Blosser |
| Grades 4-5 | Lower Level | Jill Pingel Jane Stein |
| Grades 6-8 Catechism Lower Level | | Pastor Pingel Fred Biggers Marlene Shaw Robin Crowder (SUB) |
| Senior High | Lower Level | Linda Meyer Antoinette Eckstrom |
| Adult | Upper Level | Gordon Putnam |



Members of Grace Ministers



Robin Crowder, President

Linda Meyer, Vice President

Deloris Wertman, Secretary

Council Members

Jack Eckstrom, Pete Giesen, Kim Hull, Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, Gordon Putnam, Marlene Shaw, Rudolph Yobs

> Hannah Pingel/Laura Shaw Youth Co-Representatives

Ron Almarode, Treasurer Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer

Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary



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Mon-Thu: 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.) Friday: 8:30 a.m.—Noon