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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE From the Pastor



Pastor's Page

We have a wonderful gift from the Holy Spirit as we will be having two baptisms in the span of a less than seven weeks: two baptisms!

Malachi Dolan was baptized on June 25th, the first baptism at Grace in about four years. And early in August, on Sunday the 6th, we will baptize Jackson Chaffin, who has been attending worship at Grace for a number of months now. He's been attending with his girlfriend Brooke Smith – whom I baptized about 20 years ago at my first call in Floyd County, VA!

Martin Luther tells us the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens and makes holy the Church, the Body of Christ. It is a source of joy that we also welcomed the Dolan family and the Wilson's by Affirmation of Baptism on the 25th of June; and will be welcoming Jackson into the family of faith here at Grace. The wonder we have is the amazing claim of God's Word about what is going on here: the Spirit is gathering together the "parts of the Body" – which is what you and I are - in order to function as the Body of Christ in our community.

It's an amazing claim made by the apostle Paul in I Corinthians 12: We are the Body of Christ and individually members of it. Each of us has gifts of the Spirit that bear fruit in this world, so that the world – the community around us – may know the Good News of Jesus Christ. It's one very visible way God is at work in this world! One that *includes* and *involves* us!

August is often a time in the life of a congregation where we reflect the rhythms of the community around us. School starts once again. Many activities that had a break over the summer resume. Here at Grace we are gearing back up for Christian Education (adult, confirmation, children's classes) – stay tuned for

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more information during August – and our Property Committee is completing summer projects to make sure we can continue the ministries that use our church building not only this Fall, but for years to come. Worship and Music, Fellowship, Finance, Stewardship, all are preparing for the coming months and New Year.

And yet, our Baptismal Life is what defines us. We "go in peace, [to] serve the Lord, thanks be to God!" Every day, whether we are here at Grace, or whether we are at school, at work, in the neighborhood, gathering with family; our Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection make us who we are: the Body of Christ in this world. Holy Baptism is NOT a one day, one morning event: it transforms our lives, and it blesses the world, because God's Spirit is working through you and me so that the world can recognize Jesus in and through us. In what we say and do. For each of us who welcome Jackson in August, who laughed and "awww'd" when Malachi squirmed and voiced his surprise at the water splashing on

his forehead, this is yet another time to "ponder anew, what the Almighty can [and does!] do" through you and me (from the Hymn Praise to the Lord, ELW 858), as the very Body of Christ in this world.

The Baptismal Font – The Worship and Music Committee this month will once again begin a conversation about our Baptismal Font, of which we will be having a study of Holy Baptism, and a history of the Baptismal Font and its design and use over the centuries. Look for opportunities to join in this study in the coming weeks.





Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event—Grace is coordinating a **Rise Against Hunger** food packing event with some area churches. The event will be held on Saturday, September 9, at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro. It will start at 10:00 am and be completed in about two hours. The last event Grace coordinated was pre-Covid and there were over 20,000 meals packed. The event is a fun morning with a variety of processing stations including mixing food, weighing food packages, sealing food packages, packing boxes of bagged food and runners who move items to each station. It is an event that everyone can help with. Grace Mission Outreach Team will be using a grant that we received from the Mission Endowment to help support this event. Watch for signup sheets coming in August or you can register online at www.events.riseagainsthunger. org/Waynesboro2023. Our goal for the event is to pack 20,000 to 25,000 meals based on support from area churches. Remember to bring a hat or baseball cap because we are packing food. They do provide hairnets. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Gwen Kite.



Bishop's Installation in October! Bishop-Elect Phyllis Milton's Installation and Reception will be in Waynesboro, VA on Saturday, October 21st, at 1:00 pm; and Grace - as we did with Bishop Humphrey six years ago - will host the reception. We're just starting to plan and detail this out, but there may be an opportunity to help with the reception and transportation. Stay tuned in August and September for more detailed information!



Christian Education at Grace: Look for information over the next few Sundays in August about our Fall Christian Education! Adult Sunday School, Confirmation, Children's Classes, Holy Baptism and the Font weekday class...There is much to choose from to grow in Faith through Christian Education at Grace this Fall!



Project Esperanza Fund Drive Update—We have surpassed our \$6000 goal and have raised enough money to fully sponsor 12 children at \$600 per child, with donations and pledges totaling \$7225. **If you still plan to donate, please be sure all donations are in by August 3rd.** Grace members can contribute directly to the Church, noting the money is contributed to support Project Esperanza as a memo.

The mission of Project Esperanza is to form a global community focused on creating positive change and a sustainable future for Haitian refugee and immigrant youths in the Dominican Republic through education And empowerment. For the past 16 years, Project Esperanza has served the Haitian refugee and immigrant population of Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic in the areas of education, social aid, and community development. The project runs two schools serving 275 Haitian immigrant children in the DR. More information is available at the project's web site: https://esperanzameanshope.org/



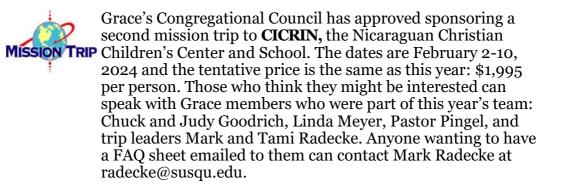
The "First Sunday Fellowships" are in full swing! Each "first Sunday" of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up in the Nave for your group so the congregation can learn more about what goes on in the life of our church! A sign- up sheet has been placed in the back of the church with enough dates for at least 19 counted groups, which are listed! Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.

Schedule for 2023 First Sunday Fellowships Hosts:

- August 6
- Altar Guild
- September 10*
- October 1

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*Date change due to Labor Day



Baptism Sunday, August 6 — Jackson Chaffin, a 23-year-old who has been visiting with us regularly, will be baptized during worship on Sunday, August 6th! In Holy Baptism "...by water and the Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the Church, the body of Christ." (Liturgy of Holy Baptism, ELW, Page 227) We rejoice that the Holy Spirit is gathering Jackson into our life together here at Grace!



Blessing of the Backpacks - The week of August 6th, school starts! Please pray for our children and young adults who will be starting elementary, middle or high school, and those who will be starting college classwork sometime in August. For all grade school children, we invite you to bring a Backpack or your Notebooks to worship on *Sunday, August 6th*, where we will "bless the backpacks," and pray for our children's learning this year.



A **secure entry system** has been installed for the Office Entrance Door. Ring the bell located beside the door during office hours; and if someone is available, they will buzz you in. Reminder: **Office Hours:** 8:00–11:30 a.m. and 12:30– 2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday **Closed Friday**

RENOVATIONS

What's Happening Around Grace?! The Property Committee's preparation to address a number of issues around Grace is underway!

- Scraping, repairs and repainting outside the church building is well underway! This includes power washing stone and concrete surfaces.
- The A-frame canopy over the side entrance to the worship space has been completed. Try to make it move! It's sturdy and has stopped making creaking sounds!
- A new roof is still ahead of us, but scheduled to happen in the next few weeks.

Many thanks to Fred Biggers, Ron Myers and Rew Walck for their planning and research. If you have questions about the contractors and their work, please let them know.



Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made <u>thirty-four</u> *deliveries* thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and nineteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,654 pounds of food**! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Budget Barometer–June 2023

For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget, resulting in a deficit of \$13,763.

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$121,270	\$148,525	\$27,256
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$123,197	\$162,288	\$39,091
	(\$1,927)	(\$13,763)	(\$11,836)





THE CHURCH AND GUN VIOLENCE

A workshop to discuss the Church's voice in addressing gun violence in America.

Saturday, August 19 9:30-11:00 a.m. Verona United Methodist Church 407 Lee Hwy, Verona, Virginia (540) 248-7777 www.veronaumc.net

"My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you." John 14:27 "Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding." Romans 14:19

Dear Friends in Christ,

You and members of your church are invited to participate in a workshop on Saturday, August 19, to discuss what the Church's role and voice should be in speaking to the prevalence of gun violence in our nation. Churches in Augusta County and Staunton are all invited to send members.

The purpose of this event is to encourage conversations about how Christ's Church can address the epidemic of gun violence that plagues our communities and our nation.

This is not intended to be a partisan or political event. We are not gathering to debate or take positions on the 2^{nd} Amendment, gun control, or gun ownership. This is not about blaming or pointing fingers.

The Church is the body of Christ in the world. As Christ's hands, feet, and voice, we not only proclaim the good news of God's redemption, mercy, and love, but we are also called to speak Christ's peace to the world in the face of violence, fear, pain, and death.

This event is intended to encourage local churches to continue to hold conversations about and identify ways that they can be the voice and presence of Christ's peace in the world. What does it look like for God's people to address the epidemic of gun violence in our culture? How can we support law enforcement? What can we do to lessen the possibility of gun violence in our own community? How can we be faithful in ways that bring Christ's grace, healing, and peace in the event of gun violence?

In Christ's service, Pastor Ed Rigg

Program

- Welcome & Introductions
- Worship
 - o Scripture
 - o Hymn
 - o Prayers
- Statistics & Facts about Gun Violence in America
- August County Sheriff Donald Smith
- Questions, Comments & Conversation During this time, we will dialogue to share our thoughts and ideas with one another. A whiteboard will be used to list key observations and ideas.
- Worship
 - Prayers
 - o Hymn
 - o Blessing



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July 5, 2023

Mr. Robin Crowder Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 500 South Wayne Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980-4836

Dear Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Members,

Thank you for the grant of \$1,500.00 to support the patient-centered work of Augusta Health. Your gift will support the new Augusta Health Mobile Clinic. It provides primary care to members in our community who may be experiencing poverty, transportation barriers, lack of insurance, housing insecurity, language barriers, disability, or other personal and social disadvantages that impact health.

It is through the support of community individuals, businesses and organizations that Augusta Health Foundation is able to support the many programs and services needed to serve our diverse community needs.

We are grateful for your support and the ways in which your gift will ensure care for those in need within our community.

Sincerely,

Peggy Caister

Development Officer - Major Gifts

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Augusta Health Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Please consider this letter a receipt for your contribution received on 7/5/2023. For purposes of reporting to the Internal Revenue Service, we confirm that no goods or services were received in consideration of this donation.



July 6, 2023

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Thanks to generous and caring donors like you, the Community Foundation continues to provide grants, scholarships and awards in remembrance and in honor of the people and causes that touch our lives.

It will be our honor to recognize this gift as having been contributed by Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in our 2023 Annual Report. Please notify us if you wish to make a change or remain anonymous.

President/CEO Dan Layman

Sincerely, Dan Layman

Dan Layman President/CEO THE ANK YOU FOR THIS VORY GENERUS GIFT AND CONFRICTING YOUR 3. YOUR PRODUCT SUPPORT FOR THE MADE PROJECT. LE LIM HARING PROVIDE YOU WITH A ROBER ON THE EXPENDITURE of THESE FROM SAND THE FAMILIES SOUND.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel			10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)	8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)	CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
			6:00 p.m. Yoga (Seminar Room)	6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group Meeting at Grace		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost			10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)	8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers	CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	
10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel				12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)		11:00 a.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
<i>Baptism</i> First Sunday Fellowship - Altar Guild			6:00 p.m. Yoga (Seminar Room)	5:30 p.m. Virginia Organizing (Conference Room)		11411)

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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel		Church COUNCIL 7:00 p.m. Council (Conference Room and	10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel) 10:00–3:30 Encircle Regional Managers' Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation 11:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconcil. (Constitution Park) 11:00 a.m.
		Zoom)	6:00 p.m. Yoga (Fellowship Hall)			Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion			10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)	12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall		Hall)
Pastor Mark Radecke		7:00 p.m. Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m. Yoga (Seminar Room)			
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Thirteenth Sunday After			10:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers 12:30 p.m.	CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	11:00 a.m. Yoga
Pentecost 10:00 a.m.			Prayer Group (Chapel)	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall		(Fellowship Hall)
Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel			6:00 p.m. Yoga (Seminar Room)	6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group at Christ Tabernacle		



8/5	Landon Lynch	8/7	Paige Smith	8/9	David Proctor
8/11	Rachel Hilker	8/16	Cathy Firkin	8/25	Robin Crowder
8/25	Jack Eckstrom	8/29	Tom Carper		



8/1	LizAnn Bins	8/9	Emily Almarode	8/20	Kelly Rankin
8/23	Chris Carper				



Worship Assistants

August 6 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Preaching and Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel Altar Flowers Pat Giesen

Altar Guild

Assisting Minister Mike Traucht Communion Assistants Allison Fink Carolyn Hite **Council Person** of the Week Donna Yohs Offering Stewards Pat Brady Robin Crowder Ushers Jerry Kite Maella Hilker Gail Johnson

August 13 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost **Preaching and** Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel **Altar Flowers** Open **Altar Guild** Assisting Minister Kathy Bump Communion Assistants Carolyn Hite Gloria Nelson **Council Person** of the Week Robin Crowder Offering Stewards Pat Brady Jean Morgan Ushers Rick Bump Linda Meyer

August 20 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost **Preaching and** Presiding Pastor Mark Radecke **Altar Flowers** Karl & Jane Stein **Altar Guild** Kathy Meicke Assisting Minister Andrew Sell Communion Assistants Tami Radecke Karen Walck **Council Person** of the Week Jack Eckstrom Offering Stewards Pat Brady Vivian Proctor Ushers Pat Brady Jean Morgan

August 27 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Preaching and Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel Altar Flowers Jim & Gloria Nelson Altar Guild

> Assisting Minister Marsha Howard Communion Assistants Eric Hilker Carolyn Hite Council Person of the Week

> > Allison Fin

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