

GRACENOTES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly, Jesus announces to anyone who would hear it (John 10:10)! God's abundant

intentions for us and for the world can be known in many different ways in and through Grace:

Grace's Bible Study on the Book of Acts – We have two times during the week, once during the day, another in the evening, to take part in the study of God's Word together. The story of the Book of Acts is one of God's abundant Holy Spirit guiding the Church in ways they wouldn't have thought of. It's a powerful Word from God for this year 2020. We've only just started; It's an hour of your week that "will not come away empty," God tells us directly through the prophet Isaiah (55:11), in a section entitled "An Invitation to the Abundant Life" in the Lutheran Study Bible!

WARM Cold Weather Shelter – Grace is hosting the Cold Weather shelter for its fifth year, I believe. Volunteers have filled all the ways we host: signing in our guests and welcoming them, feeding them, staying with them over night. There are also volunteers who help to set up things, and those who have worked with the Fire Marshall each year to fulfill the many requirements to host the shelter according to City regulations. St. Paul in I Corinthians 12 talks about us as "the Body of Christ", made up of many members who function as Christ's Body in this world. When we care for the homeless, we are working together to do just that! And we've got all our spots filled! Thank you for your abundant support of this ministry!

WARM Funding – Staffing and maintaining these ministries and the high success rates WARM has helping the homeless AND providing the necessary skills to NOT be homeless, takes staff and resources. So we've been sponsoring a WARM fundraising campaign in January,

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that ENDS February 2nd. *If you haven't yet taken part*, please pick up an envelope in the narthex at Grace, or call the church office to bring by an offering toward the ministry. What we're also proud of at Grace is the **ELCA Grant** *that was given to WARM* over a three year period (now in its second year) that supports the WARM ministry with a \$4500 grant each year. The grant writing was accomplished in large part by Linda Meyer here at Grace!

Grace's Sharing Its Abundance – In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, when there is a need (a famine in the Jerusalem area), the people respond abundantly (II Cor. 9:7-8). At Council in January, Treasurer Ron Almarode pointed out the ways Grace – through our Endowment, and also through the generosity of our members – gave or pledged over \$80,000 in gifts over and above our budget. We are blessed to be a blessing, and you have been abundant in being a blessing, financially. Thank you for your Stewardship of your resources for the benefit of many! We'll hear more about this at our February 16th Annual Congregation Meeting. You'll read elsewhere in this newsletter, and through February, of the opportunity you have to propose the use of our Grace Mission Endowment Funds (see the article). February is the time for **you** to think creatively to propose ways these funds will be distributed. ***This is the third year YOU have directed the use of these funds through various proposals.*** *We have supported Mental Health efforts in the area; supported seminarians; helped Habitat for Humanity, and WARM; given money and time to high school graduates with special needs, supported musicians through VMA*

(through the Keefer Scholarship Fund), among many other projects! It's a part of God's abundance and Grace that allows US to be a blessing. Take a look at the article later in this issue (or in February bulletins), and help Grace share abundantly!

Lent starts on February 26th – Ash Wednesday is on February 26th. Look for a schedule of Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship Services in the next couple of weeks. We'll be teaming up with Bethlehem, St. James, Zion, as well as possible ventures with St. John Episcopal, and other downtown area partners for various activities for worship, fellowship, and food this coming Lent, as we both remember and prepare to move forward as God's people who are made new through God's love for us through Jesus Christ.

Christ Tabernacle Rescheduling and the Book of Acts – Please continue to pray for Pastor C.D. Brown and the people of Christi Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, as we look to reschedule the fellowship event in February or March, and continue to grow in an abundant relationship with one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

God's Abundant Life for Grace in 2020 – One of the most important thing that the Book of Acts teaches us is that the Holy Spirit keeps MOVING the church to witness to all kinds of people in the world they lived in. The stories tell us that the Church engages in plenty of discussion, even debate about this! In 2020, we hope to have some of those same discussions; about how we reach out, and

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how we welcome others in our community, and who we are open to welcoming: “Jew, Greek, male, female, slave and free,” is how the apostle Paul describes it in his letters to the Galatians and Ephesians. Who is that for us, and how do we continue to reach out and be a vital congregation here at Grace? What lines are the Holy Spirit asking us to step over, just as the Holy Spirit does in the early Church? These are questions for discussion and prayer for you and me in 2020.

Care for One Another – The letters of Paul, which with the book of Acts give us a picture of the early Church, also include the urging of Paul for the Church to care for one another. As we give witness to the world around us, we also are called to look out for one another. When a person cares for their body, it’s important to pay attention to those parts of our body that need attention. This is another way of having 2020 vision for Grace. Look for more about this in the coming weeks.

Pray – I offered a challenge to Grace’s Council which I will extend to you. Any of us knows that when a person has a strong relationship with someone else, chances are the communication is good. Prayer is our communication with God. We are so blessed at Grace! God’s grace has blessed us so abundantly. And we know that our risen Jesus has a mission for us! Pray regularly – either daily, or weekly – for Grace. For our life together, for our witness in our community, for our sharing of the gospel, for our love for each other, for patience, and the Spirit’s guidance beyond our fears to the confidence we have in our Lord Jesus Christ to lead us where he wants us to be!

Thrivent



THRIVENT
FINANCIAL

Do you have a favorite community organization you volunteer to serve? Could you use financial, promotional, and volunteer assistance with your favorite project?

Then a Thrivent Financial Action Team Program may be for you! We have scheduled an informational presentation by Thrivent Action Team presenters on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:30—7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Dessert will be served.) The presentation is open to all congregational members that have a passion for helping others in our community.

Thrivent established the Action Team Program about five years ago to inspire Thrivent members and associated members to make a difference in their community.

The Action Team Program makes it easy to bring people together to make positive change in our community! All you have to do is: see a need, apply to lead a volunteer team, and submit a request. Once approved, an Action Team Kit is delivered to your door. It contains everything you need to complete your project. The kit includes \$250 of seed money per project.

Many of our existing service programs qualify as Action Team Projects. (WARM dinners, mission trips, Disciples Kitchen)

Grace has thirty (30) Thrivent members. Each member is entitled to receive two Action Team Kits yearly. If each member received one approved Action Team Plan annually, we would receive \$7500 of seed money. More importantly, we would have 30 successful community outreach programs.

Bob Barrette

Grace Mission Endowment Opportunities



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has a Mission Endowment Fund with seven different categories that are listed below:

You can submit your grant proposal by placing them in offering place, giving them to a Church Council member or turn them into the church office. Requests need to be submitted by March 15 and Church Council will review proposals in their March 17 meeting to select the grants. ***Please see grant request form*** (page 6).

Christian Education - Purpose: “To provide education and training for lay and professional leaders in the congregation (seminar’s workshop, etc).”

Seminary/Missionary Education – Purpose: “Primarily intended to help with the tuition and expenses of seminary students from our congregation but may be applied to individuals in sister congregations in our area or the Virginia Synod. Earnings may also be used to help train missionaries for national or international mission development.”

Social Ministry - Purpose: “To provide support for those outside the congregation in need.”

Disaster Relief – Purpose: “To provide support for mission trips and disaster relief efforts.”

Alleviating Hunger – Purpose: “To be applied to local, national or international mission needs, including but not limited to: helping local indigent families, local Food Banks or the ELCA World Hunger programs.”

Special Music - Purpose: “To provide support to the Music programs of the Church.”

The Grace Fund - Purpose: “The Grace Fund category is to support mission oriented projects with grants from GELC to our local area, United States or World. Grants may be used to support local, national or global missions through existing organizations (examples: WARM [local], Lutheran Disaster Relief [national] or Habitat for Humanity [international]). Grants may also be for specific projects, or support of individuals serving in mission. The Fund also may be used for startup mission programs within Grace. Grants may be given to support needs or programs for a one-year period or multi-year periods (up to three years) to help support special projects or mission organizations that have been approved by Congregation Council. The purpose is not limited to any specific ministry or outreach category, although The Grace Fund may be used to support any of the (above) designated funds under the Mission Endowment Fund, whether currently existing or established in the future.”

Amounts available for distribution from each fund will be available in February bulletins.

Grace Mission Endowment Grant Request

Category Fund*:

Grant Proposal Amount \$ _____

Organization or Purpose:

How the grant would assist the organization or purpose:

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Place in offering plate, give to a Council member or turn into church office by May 6th.

*Indicate which Fund you are making a proposal for:

- Christian Education
- Seminary/Missionary Education
- Social Ministry
- Disaster Relief
- Alleviating Hunger
- Special Music
- and/or The Grace Fund

Odds and Ends

Education Outreach



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UVA will be offering an interesting and stimulating assortment of member-directed short courses this spring. Registration begins on January 14th and classes begin on February 24th. OLLI courses range over topics from the arts and history to

public affairs and lifestyle issues. Class meetings are during day time hours and take place in and around Charlottesville and Staunton. Generally classes meet six times during a semester for a period of 90 minutes. Catalogs are available at the back of the Church or online at www.olliuva.org.

For additional information contact Hal Aaslestad at 946-2530.

**EPIC Leadership
Conference**
at Muhlenberg, Harrisonburg



EPIC meeting for Grace Leaders! Grace

Council and Round Table leaders will take part in an "Effective Practice for Innovative Congregations (EPIC)" conference on Saturday, February 1st. The event is hosted by the Virginia Synod and will have presentations in Council leadership (for Presidents and Vice-presidents), Stewardship, Congregational Vitality, Worship, Communications, Talking about Difficult Topics, "Growing Young," and Finances. Please pray for your Grace Council and Round Table leaders as they take part, learn and share!

Thank You



Dear Members of Grace, As I start my third year with you, I want to let you know what a blessing you have been to me, thank you! Also, thank you for recognizing my commitment and hard work with my Christmas Bonus. I look forward to another year of production and fellowship. Thank you! Regards, Nancy



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Grace Annual Congregation Meeting scheduled in February—The Annual Congregation meeting, in which we receive Grace's Annual Report of our ministry together, will be Sunday, February 16th immediately following Worship. In case of inclement weather, our "make-up date will be Sunday, February 23rd. Please mark your calendars for this important time in our life together.

Thank You



January 3, 2020

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 S. Wayne Ave.
Waynesboro, VA 22980-4897

Dear Pastor Pingel and Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous Christmas Eve designated gift of \$1,089.59. The holidays are a season of abundance for many people, and you are helping build abundant lives for the people with whom we work all year long.

Your gift allows adults with a range of abilities have opportunities to volunteer, interact socially, and engage in their communities. The students in our Minnick Schools are supported in the classroom through virtual learning programs, classroom wide technology, individualized social skills and behavioral programs. Youth coming into foster care are provided new clothes and opportunities to socialize with other foster families. Families coming to our offices for counseling are welcomed into comfortable and trusting environments with age appropriate activities.

Thank you for all you do and for sharing in our mission. Best wishes for the New Year!

Sincerely,

Ray Ratke
Chief Executive Officer

Thanksgiving and Memorial

Memorial Gifts in Memory of:

Hunter H. Akers

Allan Arneson

James (Jimmy) H. Binns

Morris Elliott

Sam Grove

Frank Gum

Joanne Hagwood

Harvey Huiner

Valla Myers

Fielder Pitzer, Jr.

Marian & Paul Posey




Gifts Given in Honor of:

LizAnn Binns 90th Birthday


Susan & Mike Myers

Gifts were Given by the following: Ron & Sylvia Almarode, Willemina Akers, Berenice Archambeault, Patricia Berry, Jean E. Fontana, Judi & Chuck Goodrich, Grace Choir Members, Donna Gum, Betty & Paul Kipps, Caroline B. & Kennedy Kipps, Joyce Kipps, Bradley & Wilda Keefer, Gwen & Jerry Kite, Ron & Sandy Knicely, Peggy & Bill Lucas, Donna & Richard Marshall, Dwight & Ernestine Moomaw, Jean Morgan, Helen & Sam Moyer, Glen & Flossie Myers, Betty Jane Pitzer, Joan & Joe Ranzini, Nancy & David Schwiesow, Thursday Bridge Group, Carol Wolf.

February Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| <p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>4th Sunday After Epiphany</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship Choir</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>WARM Shelter</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>WARM Shelter</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>WARM Shelter</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Bible Study Conference Room</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Office on Youth Seminar Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Handbells</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Worship Choir</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>WARM Shelter</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study Conference Room</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>WARM Shelter</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>WARM Shelter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VMA Musikgarten</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>5th Sunday After Epiphany</p> <p>WARM Shelter</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship Choir</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">10</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>Backpacks</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Bible Study Conference Room</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Office on Youth Seminar Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Handbells</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Worship Choir</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study Conference Room</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | <p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VMA Musikgarten</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>6th Sunday After Epiphany</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship Choir</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>Annual Meeting MEF Grant Requests Due</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p> <p>No School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Kiwanis (Conference Room)</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Church Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | <p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Bible Study Conference Room</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Office on Youth Seminar Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Handbells</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Worship Choir</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Newcomers-Fellowship Hall</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study Conference Room</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">21</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VMA Musikgarten</p> |

February Calendar of Events

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| <p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p><i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship Choir</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>(Alternate Date for Annual Meeting)</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>4:00 p.m. WARM Board (Conference Room)</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting Group</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> </div> <p>Backpacks</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Bible Study Conference Room</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Shrove Pancake Supper Bethlehem Lutheran</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Office on Youth Seminar Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study Conference Room</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">28</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VMA Musikgarten</p> |

Worship Assistants

| <i>February 2</i> | <i>February 9</i> | <i>February 16</i> | <i>February 23</i> |
|--|--|---|--|
| Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel | Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel | Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel | Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel |
| Assisting Minister Linda Meyer | Assisting Minister Karla Rankin | Assisting Minister Ron Almarode | Assisting Minister Brian Lundstrom |
| Communion Assistants Jerry Kite Hannah Pingel | Communion Assistants Donna Gum Bill Meicke | Communion Assistants Tripp Franklin Marlene Shaw | Communion Assistants Cathy Crowder Robin Crowder |
| Ushers Ron Almarode Rick Bump Lee Lynch | Ushers Jack Eckstrom Carrie Jones Brad Keefer David Proctor | Ushers Bill Meicke Pat Brady Chris Carper Tom Carper | Ushers Bob Moyer Fred Biggers Jerry Kite E. G. Rankin Zachary Rankin |
| Offering Stewards Pat Brady Sharon Lynch | Offering Stewards Pat Brady Bob Shumate | Offering Stewards Ernestine Moomaw Eleanor Sampson | Offering Stewards Pat Brady Sharon Lynch |
| Acolyte | Acolyte | Acolyte | Acolyte |
| Cup Gatherer | Cup Gatherer | Cup Gatherer | Cup Gatherer |
| Altar Guild Anne & Gordon Putnam | Altar Guild Jane Stein | Altar Guild Anne & Gordon Putnam | Altar Guild Kathy Meicke |
| Altar Flowers Open | Altar Flowers Karl and Jane Stein | Altar Flowers Open | Altar Flowers Open |
| Nursery Susie Driskill Jean Morgan | Nursery Lisa Gray Eleanor Sampson | Nursery Jill Pingel | Nursery Kim Hull Jane Stein |
| Council Member of the Week/ Sunday School Support Jerry Kite | Council Member of the Week/ Sunday School Support Carrie Jones | Council Member of the Week/ Sunday School Support Kathryn Johnson | Council Member of the Week/ Sunday School Support Gail Johnson |



February Birthdays

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|------|-----------------|------|---------------|------|------------------|
| 2/4 | Becky Jones | 2/6 | Janet Lunger | 2/7 | Jennifer Apesa |
| 2/10 | Irma Graf | 2/10 | Sarah Knicely | 2/13 | Dick Tomey |
| 2/13 | Helen Moyer | 2/17 | Carolyn Hite | 2/17 | Justin McCloskey |
| 2/18 | Mike Trauscht | 2/26 | Carol Bowers | 2/27 | Marcus Crowder |
| 2/28 | Richard Quickel | 2/28 | Ed Driskill | 2/28 | Carol Varner |
| 2/28 | Kim Hull | 2/29 | Pete Rufe | | |



February Baptisms

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|------|-----------------|------|---------------|------|-------------------|
| 2/13 | Randolph Varner | 2/19 | Zaden Bandy | 2/21 | Justin McCloskey |
| 2/23 | Dick Tomey | 2/29 | Kevin Knicely | | Genevieve Arneson |

Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Homebound Members

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Genevieve Arneson 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980 | Mary Bertelson Summit Square, 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. 400 Waynesboro, VA 22980 | LizAnn Binns The Legacy 1410 A N. Augusta St. Apt. 2026 Staunton, VA 24401 |
| Jean Brower Oak Manor 8 Rainbow Lane Waynesboro, VA 22980 | 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 Ave., Apt. 316 Waynesboro, VA 22980 | Janet Lunger Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980 | Glen & Flossie Myers 104 Patton Farm Road Apartment 361 Stuarts Draft, VA 24477 |
| | Pete Rufe Summit Square Healthcare 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980 | |

Budget Barometer—December 2019

For the year, actual receipts finished below budget and actual disbursements finished below budget resulting in a surplus of \$723.

| Yearly Budget Barometer | Actual 2018 | Actual 2019 | Difference |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Budget Receipts YTD | \$281,186 | \$299,659 | \$18,472.64 |
| Total Budget Disbursements | \$284,941 | \$298,935 | \$13,994.03 |
| | (\$3,755) | \$723 | \$4,479 |



Members of Grace Ministers



Linda Meyer, President

Gordon Putnam, Vice President

Deloris Wertman, Secretary

Ron Almarode, Treasurer

Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

Council Members

Holly Carper, Pete Giesen, Kim Hull,
Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson, Carrie Jones,
Jerry Kite, Rudolph Yobs

Grace Church Sunday School Teachers

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

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Pastor

Nancy Dowdy
Administrative Secretary

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Director of Music & Organist

Church Office Hours

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