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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

A new year, a new decade! What does the living God have in mind for us? I hope that in this

New Year, in all aspects of 2020, that you will pray for God to guide your daily life.

What does that mean? It means our life together at Grace, to be sure. How God will guide us in worship, in decisions about ministry, the ways that we continue to reach out in the community, the ways we care for one another. The more I find myself in God's Word, that more I find that to look for God active in the world is to look for God in unexpected places, or in the faces and activities of people that have been guided into my life by God's active Spirit.

The basic truth in all four Gospels, is that the resurrected Jesus tells his disciples to look for Jesus where they live. And in the book of Acts, and the letters of the New Testament, one finds that the Holy Spirit guides the Church to where they did not expect to go, and reminds the Church along the way that going backward, or looking beyond Jesus to the world's ideas of success are not what God wants for us.

So, this year at Grace, we may be having some conversations together that take into account the "Galilee" we live in:

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- The Youth Program we are a part of with St. John Episcopal, First Baptist, and Westminster – designed to reach out to unchurched youth - may introduce us to lots of people we haven't known before.
- We'll continue to grow our relationship with Christ Tabernacle, Church of God in Christ for the purpose of being faithful to God's desire, and the witness of God's Word, that in Christ, we greet and welcome one another where we are and who we are, and at the same time, in Christ we are NOT the ways we are different, but the ways God makes us one in Jesus Christ.
- We'll be encouraged to engage in discussion and conversation together about things like how we are called welcome all people to Grace, and what that means for our life together: black, white, male, female, straight and gay, and how to be examples of considerate disagreement, in a time when it appears to be harder in our nation and world to listen to one another, especially when we have differing viewpoints.

The other part of God's guidance in life is actually the most important: it's how we live as Jesus' disciples apart from Grace: When we are at work; when we volunteer, when we are enjoying some leisure time, when we are reading, or surfing the net, or watching the news. When we are with family, friends, when we're traveling, or when we encounter someone we don't know; and in this election year, when we are deciding how to vote for our elected leaders. Undoubtedly this year will have its ABUNDANT share of information about the candidates, the issues, with plenty of debate, and, if the last few years have shown us a pattern, plenty of mud-slinging. HOWEVER ... Our task as followers of Christ, and as good Lutheran Christians, is to be faithful, FIRST, beyond our human fears, to the One who is ultimately in control.

Isaiah the prophet tells us that God's Word never comes away empty. (Isaiah 55:11) And more than that, God's Word accomplishes what it is intended for. Whenever we hear the Word on Sunday mornings, or whenever you read God's Word in devotions, it changes our lives. So, in the New Year, we'll also emphasize the disciplines of faith: Prayer, Scripture Reading, Giving of Time and Resources, Friendship in Christ – that allows us to bear one another's burdens and share each other's joys. And that's a place of Hope to begin the year: God has GOT US - in our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection – and by his Spirit's gathering us together to be his people here in Waynesboro/Augusta/Wintergreen/ Nelson/Staunton. And continuing to make us a Blessing - to the community, and to one another, in this New Year, 2020!

Highlights of Congregation Council Meeting December 17, 2019

HIGHLIGHTS OF GELC Council Meeting - 12/17/19

This time of year is always busy with visits to shut-ins, open houses, attending music programs, weekly Advent worship services, all leading up to the birth of Jesus and the Christmas Eve services. Plans are also under way for the new year such as our January 19th fellowship and dinner with Christ Tabernacle. The round table a question was raised of changing our lectionary next fall to a Narrative Lectionary which allows a different approach to the lessons we'll hear each Sunday.

Grace, St. John Episcopal, First Baptist and Westminster received a \$15,000 grant and will each have two representatives to organize a new youth ministry for unchurched youth. They would like to join with the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club for ideas and suggestions. The grant money will be in a separate account and Ron Almarode has agreed to manage the account.

Respectfully submitted, Deloris Wertman

Odds and Ends



The Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM) is currently doing a fundraiser to obtain operating funds for their 2020 programs. The WARM ministry operates WAYNESBORO AREA REFUGE MINISTRY both the Cold Weather Shelter that rotates from church to church from November 25 to April 12 and the year

round program at the Ruth's WARM House. There is a display board with 100 envelopes on the board in the Narthex. Each envelope has a dollar amount on it ranging from \$1 to \$100. Please take the envelope with the dollar amount of your choice and write a check; made payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church for the amount on the envelope.....of course you can give more. Place your contribution in the envelope and drop it into the collection plate. The fundraiser will run from Jan. 5 thru Feb. 2. Please be in prayerful consideration on lending your financial support and helping someone have a WARM and safe place to sleep.

Volunteers Needed for WARM's Cold Weather Shelter February

3 to 10—Grace will be hosting the WARM's Cold Weather Shelter the week of February 3rd to 10th and we need volunteers to support and staff the shelter at Grace. Help is needed for check in host from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and overnight hosts from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. This year we will need only one overnight host per night of operation. New this year, WARM is asking for one overnight host from Grace to help staff the overflow shelter site during our shelter week. The hosts take turns sleeping during the evening with one host staying awake at all times. The check- in hosts assist WARM staff with nightly registration and other tasks. Please contact Jerry Kite at 910-3372 or jerrykite@ntelos.net if you have questions or would like to volunteer. Please see the signup sheets on the table in the back of our church.

Odds and Ends



Worship Service

Our next Grace Evangelical Lutheran/Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ event!! Sunday, January 19, 2020 we will share in a time of fellowship and unity in Christ with Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, here at Grace, time TBA. We'll be sharing with each other our Lutheran and Church of God in Christ heritages, and share in a potluck meal where both congregations will bring their best to share the foods of our cultures - an Informative,

Fun, and Delicious time together, as we continue to grow in friendship in Christ!! *Put Sunday afternoon, January 19, 2020 on your calendars!*

Thank You



Dear friends and family at Grace,

Thank you so incredibly much for the sweet card, goodies, and prayers you have sent! It has been a struggle during these last few weeks of the semester and finals week, but your package

made me so happy! Today (Friday, December 6th) actually marked the last day of classes for me at JMU, and finals start this upcoming week, so these snacks are going to help me out with all of the studying I will be doing over the next week! I appreciate it so much, and have especially been enjoying the homemade cookies.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, and Merry Christmas to all of you!

Thanks again, Katelyn Morrison



Dear Grace,

Thank you so much for sending me a care package! It was much needed during finals week. I miss you all and I'll see you soon!

Love, Lily Pingel



Dear Members of Grace,

PackagesThank you so much for your support and generosity by sending meFor Collegea college care package as I went through final exams atStudentsRoanoke College. The care package really made my day when I

received it and helped me get through exams. Thank you so much for the grateful hearts and a Happy New Year to all.

Tyler Wertman

Thank You



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 500 S Wayne Avenue Waynesboro, Virginia 22980-4836

Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran,

Your community investment, through Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM), has made a difference and is sincerely appreciated! Our work has grown over the recent years and, thanks to supporters like you, we are continuing to impact the lives of many homeless and formerly homeless neighbors. *Each donation is an investment into the future of our community and its most vulnerable members.* Your gift has been invested into life changing programs such as our:

- WARM Cold Weather Shelter- emergency winter shelter focused on public health intervention/reduction of cold weather related health and harm occurrences, and resources/referrals for 125-135 homeless adults each year. 100% of our guests are offered the opportunity to work towards stability and the guests served include many homeless older adults and seniors on fixed incomes, veterans, and adults with disabilities.
 - Outreach- partnerships with other service agencies that link homeless veterans and older adults to housing and/or support through our direct services and intakes. This year alone we've helped move 11 homeless veterans and family members off the streets and out of homelessness!
- Ruth's WARM House- 3-6 months transitional housing, case management, onsite groups/trainings, mentorship, mandatory employment and savings, and professional support for up to 7 homeless moms with children at one time. Last year, 18 families with 31 children were given hope for the future through the program and most transitioned into stable housing. Each year, our staff are able to help over 75% of the families served move into more stable and self-reliant chapters of their lives.
 - Aftercare & Outreach- Our intensive in-home case management and homeless prevention support services that are offered to all families transitioning from Ruth's WARM House. Former residents participate for up to one year with the goal of remaining stably housed long-term, increasing wages, reducing public assistance reliance and more. We also work with many nonresidential families and individuals to prevent homelessness and address additional risks.

On behalf of the homeless children and adults we serve, thank you for your gift of \$250.00. You are a hero to the most vulnerable members of our community! Please contact me by email to debra@warmwaynesboro.org or by phone at 540-324-8166 if you'd like to see your gift at work firsthand or to hear more about our efforts to eliminate homelessness.

Every gift to WARM ander

With WARMest Regards,

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Executive Director

Donor Name	Gift Date	Gift Amount	Gift Type	Fund/Designation	
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	11/30/2019	\$250.00	Check 80037	Bedroom Sponsorships Unrestricted	

Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry, Inc. (WARM) is a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, your donation/gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.

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December Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 1st Sunday of	30 No School	31 No School	No School	2 No School	3 No School	4
Christmas		Nancy Dowdy Vacation— Carolyn Hite in Church	Church Office Closed	8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers		
No Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion		Office	New Years Day	12:30 p.m. Bridge Club		
5 2nd	6 Epiphany	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday of Christmas	Of Our Lord	9:30 a.m. Quilting Group	5:30 p.m. Office on Youth Seminar Room	8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers		7th Day Planning Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion		7:00 p.m. Round Tables	7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir	12:30 p.m. Bridge Club		
12 Baptism of	13 Pastor—	14 Pastor—	15 Pastor—	16 Pastor—	17 Pastor—	18
Our Lord	Continuing Education	Continuing Education	Continuing Education	Continuing Education	Continuing Education	Synod Council—
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion		9:30 a.m. Quilting Group	Backpacks 5:30 p.m. Office on Youth Seminar 7:00 p.m. Handbells	8:30 a.m. Newcomers -Fellowship Hall 8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers	Synod Council — Fellowship Hall	Fellowship Hall
			7 :30 p.m. Worship Choir	12:30 p.m. Bridge Club		

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19 2nd	20 No School	21 9:30 a.m.	22	23	24	25
Sunday after Epiphany	Church Office Closed	Quilting Group	5:30 p.m. Office on	8:30 a.m. Newcomers		
9:00 a.m. Sunday School	MLK Day		Youth (Seminar)	8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers		
9:30 a.m. Worship Choir	JUSTICE EVERYW <u>HERE</u>	7:00 p.m.		12:30 p.m. Bridge Club		
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	6:00 p.m. Kiwanis (Conference	Church	7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m.			
Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ	Room)		Worship Choir			
26 3rd	27	28	29 Backpacks	30	31	
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Worship Assistants

January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Preaching &	Preaching &	Preaching &	Preaching &
Presiding	Presiding	Presiding	Presiding
Pastor Paul Pingel	Pastor Paul Pingel	Pastor Paul Pingel	Pastor Paul Pingel
Assisting	Assisting	Assisting	Assisting
Minister	Minister	Minister	Minister
Lily Pingel	Mike Trauscht	Tripp Franklin	Linda Meyer
Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
Assistants	Assistants	Assistants	Assistants
Brian Lundstrom	Donna Gum	Fred Biggers	Cathy Crowder
Hannah Pingel	Linda Meyer	Carrie Jones	Robin Crowder
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Bill Meicke	Bob Moyer	Marge Cloutier	Ron Knicely
Pat Brady	Fred Biggers	Linda Meyer	Robert Shaw
Chris Carper	Jerry Kite	Jean Morgan	
Tom Carper	E. G. Rankin	Marlene Shaw	
rom curper	Zachary Rankin		
Offering	Offering	Offering	Offering
Stewards	Stewards	Stewards	Stewards
Ernestine Moomaw	Pat Brady	Pat Brady	Ernestine Moomay
Eleanor Sampson	Sharon Lynch	Bob Shumate	Eleanor Sampson
Acolvte	Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte
Charlotte Jones	Charlotte Jones	Kaitlyn Hull	Thea Franklin
Cup Gatherer	Cup Gatherer	Cup Gatherer	Cup Gatherer
Amelia Jones	Amelia Jones	Karley Hull	Quinn Franklin
Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Jane Stein	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers
Ingrid Sevigny	Gail Johnson	Amy Warren	Amy Warren
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Lisa Gray	Jill Pingel	Kim Hull	Sarah Kite
Eleanor Sampson	U U	Jane Stein	Deloris Wertman
Council	Council	Council	Council
Member	Member	Member	Member
of the Week/	of the Week/	of the Week/	of the Week/
Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School
Support	Support	Support	Support
Holly Carper	Rudy Yobs	Gordon Putnam	Linda Meyer



January Birthdays

- 1/1 Beth Brady
- 1/4 Paul Pingel
- 1/8 Linda Meyer
- 1/10 Gene McCombs
- 1/16 Karla Rankin
- 1/22 Jane McGehee
- 1/22 Emily Almarode
- 1/24 Amaya Cooper
- 1/27 Dennis Barnes
- 1/30 Mason Crowder

- 1/1 Carol Wolf
- 1/4 Carrie Jones
- 1/8 Vivian Proctor
- 1/12 Genevieve Arneson
- 1/16 Phyllis Kite
- 1/22 Rudy Yobs
- 1/22 Janet Parmer
- 1/26 Joe Ranzini
- 1/28 Tanner Walter
- 1/31 Linda Owens

- 1/4 Easton Carper
- 1/5 Mike Myers
- 1/10 Ellen Miller
- 1/13 Ron Knicely
- 1/18 Donna Gum
- 1/22 Amy Almarode Myers
- 1/23 Susan Myers
- 1/26 Lily Pingel
- 1/29 Stuart Crowder

January Baptisms

1/9	Lily Skelton	1/12	Steve Jones	1/15	Kathy Meicke
1/20	David Glover	1/28	Beth Ann Doerring	1/?	Richard Marshall

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
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	Polly McKinley The Legacy 1410 A N. 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

Budget Barometer—November 2019



Members of Grace Ministers



Linda Meyer, President

Gordon Putnam, Vice President Deloris Wertman, Secretary Ron Almarode, Treasurer Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary **Council Members**

Zach Bandy, 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 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



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Church Staff

The Rev. Paul Pingel Pastor

Nancy Dowdy Administrative Secretary

Mike Myers 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