

GRACENOTES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery

on you...It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows (Galatians 5:1,13, The Message)

July 4th is our nation's Independence Day; it is the day we celebrate our living in this nation of freedom. There's a BIG

conversation going on in our nation about what freedom means, and who freedom is for. There are more and different voices on our national stage that have gained a voice and a hearing that they haven't had before. In some cases, there are voices that are re-asserting themselves that have not been heard in the public sphere for a while.

To even name these voices can set one on guard, but to ignore them is equally dangerous. We hear these voices on the national stage, in political conversation, and because they exist in our own communities, and the issue is freedom: People of color – African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans; Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender people; Women

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and the issues of freedom relating to a woman's equal treatment; Elderly adults and issues of freedom related to their right to work and access to health care; White people, on one hand giving voice to changing systems of power that have been designed for their advantage, and on the other, giving voice to keeping the rights and privileges they've enjoyed.

As followers of Christ, you and I look to God's Word to inform us in the midst of many voices speaking about freedom. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, makes clear that God does intend us to be free, and that freedom is for all. The same Christ who sets us free is the same Christ who makes us one; *"neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, slave nor free."* (Galatians 3:28-29) We're intended to live a free life. However, our freedom is not *"an excuse to do whatever you want...!"* The freedom we have as God's people in this free nation is a *"freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows!"*

In the third paragraph above, there

is a *list* of people giving voice to freedom. The apostle Paul is all about lists! Shortly after his profound statement about freedom and its relationship to love, he supplies a list of *"what happens when we live God's way? God brings gifts into our lives...fruits... like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely...That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.* (Galatians 5:22-26, *The Message*)

We DO have a freedom to celebrate that God has given us, in this nation, and this world! And in a world of many competing voices, it's a Word and a Voice offering ALL of us away forward, in this land of Freedom.

Highlights of Congregation Council Meeting

June 18, 2019

Newly elected council members, Holly Carper, Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson, and Zach Bandy, were welcomed. Election of officers was held with Linda Meyer as President and Gordon Putman as Vice President. In an orientation for the new members, Pastor reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the council members. Each council member will be Council Person of the week, where they could be called to help as needed. Ron Almarode gave a review of the financial reports, categories, accounts, budgets, and procedures.

The Mission Endowment Fund grants, approved last month, have been distributed. Plans are still being developed for the 2019 Sabbatical and also for the Council Retreat.

**Respectfully submitted,
Deloris Wertman**

July Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastor—Off Nancy— Off (Gwen Kite in Office)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Blessing of Animals Planning Meeting (Conf. Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastor—Off</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nancy—Off (Carolyn Hite in Office)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Round Tables</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Kiwanis (Conference Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Council (Conference Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastor— Off</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>

Worship Assistants

<i>July 7</i>	<i>July 14</i>	<i>July 21</i>	<i>July 28</i>
Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel
Assisting Minister Cathy Crowder	Assisting Minister Beth Ann Doerring	Assisting Minister Tyler Wertman	Assisting Minister Kathy Bump
Communion Assistants Robin Crowder Donna Gum	Communion Assistants Linda Meyer Bill Meicke	Communion Assistants Brodie Franklin Tripp Franklin	Communion Assistants Ron Almarode Hannah Pingel
Ushers Ron Knicely Dwight Moomaw Robert Shaw	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
Offering Stewards Ernestine Moomaw Eleanor Sampson	Offering Stewards Pat Brady Bob Shumate	Offering Stewards Ernestine Moomaw Eleanor Sampson	Offering Stewards Sharon Lynch Kate Van Bremen
Acolyte Kaitlyn Hull	Acolyte Brodie Franklin	Acolyte Quinn Franklin	Acolyte Thea Franklin
Cup Gatherer Karley Hull	Cup Gatherer Donna Marshall	Cup Gatherer Jean Morgan	Cup Gatherer Donna Marshall
Altar Guild TBD	Altar Guild Lisa and Glen Gray	Altar Guild TBD	Altar Guild Kathy Meicke
Altar Flowers Jean Morgan	Altar Flowers Linda Meyer	Altar Flowers Pat and Pete Giesen	Altar Flowers Open
Nursery Susie Driskill Jean Morgan	Nursery Lisa Gray Eleanor Sampson	Nursery Jill Pingel	Nursery Open
Council Member of the Week/Sunday School Support Kathryn Johnson	Council Member of the Week/Sunday School Support Gail Johnson	Council Member of the Week/Sunday School Support Linda Meyer	Council Member of the Week/Sunday School Support Pete Giesen

Odds and Ends



Grace Walkers! Interested in starting the day with a good walk outside in the Shenandoah Valley's wonderful Spring? Starting the day thankful for our gracious God keeping us safe through the night, and giving us a new day to be a blessing? Having the additional blessing of good fellowship combined with good exercise? Then join the Grace Street Walkers! We will walk every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Meet at Grace parking lot to walk the Greenway and/or the neighborhoods around us. No matter what your pace - there will be someone to walk with you!



Congratulations Kaitlyn Hull, daughter of Brad and Kim Hull and granddaughter of Karl and Jane Stein. An essay Kaitlyn wrote was one of eight regional winners in the fifth annual Virginia municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" contest. View Kaitlyn's essay at

<https://www.vml.org/education/essay-contest>.



Property Committee did a landscape update, have you noticed? On May 6, the bank along 13th street sidewalk had the 'dying bushes removed and replanted by Waynesboro Landscape and Garden Center with 17 Green Beauty Boxwoods, 15 Pink Drift Roses, 1 Japanese Maple and added 5 Admiration Barberrys.

On May 28, the other beds were freshly mulched with a donated pick-up load from Blue Ridge Lumber Company. Bill Lucas lent us his pick-up to haul two loads. Your following members spread the two loads in 80+ degree heat: Brad Keefer, Jerry Kite, Linda Meyer, Jean Morgan, and Zachary Rankin.

Also in May, Lisa Gray and her team planted flowers in the beds along the walkway in from the parking lot.

Odds and Ends Continued



• **Rise Against Hunger Fall Packing Event**—Save the date of Saturday, September 7 for this fall's Rise Against Hunger Event which will be held at Kate Collins Middle School from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Grace will be hosting the event again this year with Churches from the Southern Valley Lutheran Conference and area churches. Watch as more information as we get closer to the September 7 food packing event.



Grace Council Officers Elected: Linda Meyer was elected Grace Council President, and Gordon Putnam Grace Council Vice-President. Ron Almarode continues as Treasurer, and Deloris Wertman is Grace Council Secretary. We give thanks for the gifts of leadership given by these Grace members!



Linda and I are grateful for all the wonderful friends at Grace Church; the many prayers, cards, phone calls and food as I recover from a fall here at home. While it's been a slow process, I now see the light at the end of the tunnel. Also special thanks to Pastor for his visit and bringing communion to us. Look forward to being back in church soon. Blessings, Dick Tomey



Virginia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

2019 Virginia Synod Assembly Update Faithful + Bold + Serving

Synod Assembly is our annual opportunity for the 150 congregations of the Virginia Synod to come together and be reminded what it means to be a part of the wider church. Our theme during our June 7-8, 2019 gathering was “**Faithful + Bold + Serving**”. This year the Assembly was located in the Kerr-Cregger Fieldhouse on the campus of Roanoke College in Salem Virginia. There, those in attendance met for both the Assembly business sessions and worship.

During the weekend, **Bishop Humphrey**, helped explore the theme for the Assembly based off of Hebrews 10.23, “Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope that we confess, for God, who made the promise, is faithful,” with a keynote presentations that led into group discussion for those seated together.

The Rev. Dr. Sandy Chrostowski, the director of DEM Relationships of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, was present at this year’s Assembly to represent the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, bringing good news from the wider church. She shared with us that in 2018 ELCA World Hunger accompanied congregations and partners in over 60 countries, and through Domestic Hunger Grants supported two Virginia ministries, Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM) in Waynesboro, and IMPACT: Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together in Charlottesville.

The Rev. John Wertz Jr. delivered a report for the ForwardingFaith campaign. He celebrated the success of the campaign, with over \$2.74 million in estimated gifts and over 1430 individuals and congregations sharing their support. He shared that thanks to ForwardingFaith, the Virginia Synod is supporting existing ministries such as ACTS and youth events, as well as creating new opportunities like the recent Young Adult Retreat. Thank you to all the congregations and members who have helped us exceed our goal for ForwardingFaith. Pastor Wertz also shared our new Virginia Synod App, created in partnership with Tithe.ly. On the Synod app you can keep up to date on news, online giving, and more.

Elections also took place over the weekend. **Charles Downs**, of Christ in Roanoke was reelected as the Virginia Synod Council Vice President. **Blythe Ann Scott** of First in Norfolk reelected as the Virginia Synod Council Secretary. **Molly Beyer** of Bethel in Winchester, and **Darrell Short** of St. Paul in Shenandoah were both reelected to Synod Council. **Richard Corliss** of St. Timothy, Norfolk, **Carlton Hardy** of St. Mark, Yorktown, **Patricia Hunter** of Redeemer, Bristol, **Timothy Hoffstaetter** of Faith in Suffolk, **Elizabeth Leonard** of St. Philip in Roanoke, and **The Rev. Harry Griffith** Pastor of Our Saviour in Virginia Beach are the newly elected members joining Synod Council.

One resolution was passed over the weekend, honoring **Tent of Nations**, a working farm in Bethlehem, Palestine that seeks to educate and build bridges between people and the land. This resolution encourages congregations to designate a Sunday in 2019 and beyond as “Tent of Nations Sunday”, for prayer, education, and encouraging visits and attendance at Tent of Nations farming and peace-building workshops.

Worship at this year's Synod Assembly brought together with worship planners from across Virginia. Worship planners included **Kevin Barger**, **The Rev. Ingrid Chenoweth**, **The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick**, **The Rev. Anna Havron**, **The Rev. Rachel Manke**, **The Rev. Heidi Moore**, **Lenae Osmondson**, **The Rev. Kathryn Pocalyko**, **The Rev. Paul Toelke**, **The Rev. Leslie Webber**, and **The Rev. Meredith Williams**.

Two young women were commissioned for Young Adults in Global Mission. **Maren Corliss** and **Jayne Kokkonen** have both accepted one-year appointments as YAGMs to Central Europe, and Madagascar.

Turner Barger of Epiphany in Richmond, president of the Lutheran Youth Organization, presented the Youth Assembly report, centered on the Youth Assembly theme of “Faith Shall Reign”. He shared a summary of this year’s Youth Assembly, and raised up how many youth attendees at the assembly are fully confirmed adult members of the church, “We are no longer the future of the church, we are the church- as youth and as adults.” The incoming LYO Board president will be **Mairi Bachman** of Grace in Winchester.

Women of ELCA



May 21, 2019

Dear ELCA VA Synod Sisters-in-Christ,

This letter is a personal invitation to the All Lutheran Women's Retreat. The 2019 retreat is being held at the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and Conference Center, in Natural Bridge, Virginia, November 7 - 9, 2019.

We are sending personal invitations to congregations within a 50 mile radius of the Lexington/Natural Bridge area. We are making every effort to include as many Lutheran women as possible, although women of all denominations are welcome and have attended over the years.

The All Lutheran Women's Retreat has been in existence for 38 years and has held a retreat every 2 years since 1981. For all these years, women from the different branches of the Lutheran faith have taken turns serving on the planning committee. The 2019 retreat planning committee members are from the ELCA Virginia Synod. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are faithfully committed to planning a memorable retreat. We gather together for enjoyment, spiritual growth, and renewal, and at the same time, forming new bonds and friendships along the way. We are not keeping this wonderful retreat a secret. We are making every attempt to spread the word, so please help us.

Enclosed you will find a registration brochure. Please feel comfortable to ask any questions. We are most excited to have you attend and be a part of the retreat. I can be reached by cell at 703-727-7957 or by email at alwretreat2015@gmail.com.

Blessings, JoAnn Fawley

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All Lutheran Women's Retreat

For Everything There is a Season.....

This is a two-night Lutheran women's retreat open to ALL women, at the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and Conference Center in Natural Bridge, VA, November 7 - 9, 2019. (Registration includes all meals Friday; Saturday breakfast; dinner Thursday on your own)

The theme will revolve around how we are always changing, physically and spiritually, led by Donna Marie Todd, motivational speaker, master storyteller, and singer. Authentic, playful, challenging, loving, and truth-filled, weekends with her are a special treat. She's spent years digging deep into and writing about her own "stuff," is a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, and brings a visionary creative spirit to her retreat leadership. There will be opportunities for fellowship, prayer, worship, music, rest and reflection.

Registration deadline: October 15, 2019

Facebook: [AllLutheranWomensRetreat](https://www.facebook.com/AllLutheranWomensRetreat)



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2019 All Lutheran Women's Retreat

Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and
Conference Center
Natural Bridge, VA

November 7 - 9, 2019



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Hotel Information

Retreat attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. We have a block of rooms reserved at a rate of \$89 per night plus tax. Call the Natural Bridge Hotel and Conference Center at 540-291-2121 and mention that you are part of the All Lutheran Women's Retreat.

The hotel is handicap accessible. Individuals are responsible for arranging any special accommodations or dietary needs with the hotel.



Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and Conference Center

Registration Information

Retreat check-in is 3:30-6:45 p.m. Thursday, November 7.

Mail this registration form by October 15 with your check made out to the "All Lutheran Women's Retreat" in the amount of \$125.

Mail to:
All Lutheran Women's Retreat
P.O. Box 1441
Louisa, VA 23093-1441

The registration cost covers all Friday and Saturday meals and retreat materials (Dinner Thursday is on your own). *Lodging is separate.* Meals covered include: Friday: breakfast, lunch dinner; Saturday: breakfast.

Questions? Call JoAnn Fawley at 703-727-7957 or email at alwretreat2015@gmail.com
Limited scholarships are available.

You may also register online with PayPal at:
<https://sites.google.com/email.vccs.edu/alllutheranwomensretreat/home>

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15 Appledore Lane
Natural Bridge, VA 24578

Registration Form

Retreat registration 125.00

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Congregation Name _____

Congregation Location (city/state) _____

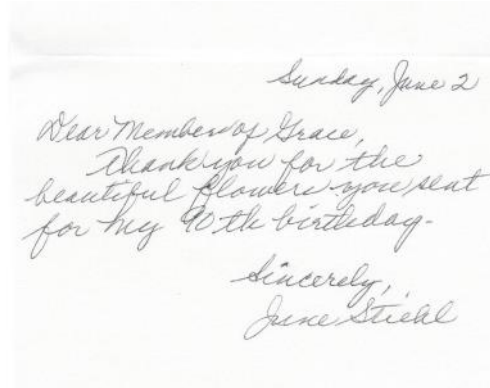
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If you choose to register online with PayPal, please also send an email to alwretreat2015@gmail.com with the above information and stating that you have paid by PayPal.

Thank You

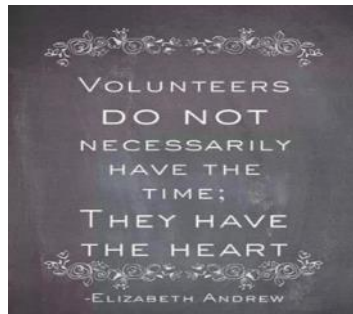


Our Heartfelt Thanks

The staff and students of Berkeley Glenn Elementary School would like to thank the following Grace Lutheran members for their generous gift of time given during Teacher Appreciation Week at our school:

Sylvia Almarode, Sharon and Lee Lynch, Erik Hilker,
and Jean Morgan

These fine folks are exemplary of Grace's purpose: "A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus."



July Birthdays

7/1 Tyler Wertman	7/4 Bob Garber	7/5 Randolph Varner
7/6 Joan Ranzini	7/7 Zander Bandy	7/9 Maribeth Faivre
7/11 Cindy Glenn	7/13 Linda Quickel	7/14 Carolyn Shields
7/16 Zanny Bandy	7/17 Sandra Brady	7/21 Bill Lucas
7/22 Al McKechnie	7/22 Kelly Rankin	7/23 Bobby Hite
7/23 Diane Lundstrom	7/24 Cindy Trauscht	7/25 Sue Kelly
7/25 Terry Snyder	7/27 Sloane Franklin	7/30 Gail Johnson

July Baptisms

7/? Mike Myers	7/11 Todd Knicely	7/17 Drew Kozubal
7/20 Fred Brower	7/28 Pat Goble	7/28 Sharon Parmer

Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Homebound Members

Genevieve Arneson 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980	Mary Bertelson Summit Square 501 Oak Ave., Apt. 400 Waynesboro, VA 22980	Jimmy and LizAnn Binns The Legacy 1410 A N. Augusta St. Apt. 2026 Staunton, VA 24401
Jean Brower Oak Manor 8 Rainbow Lane Waynesboro, VA 22980	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 Ave., Apt. 316 Waynesboro, VA 22980	Shirley Krizovsky White Birch Estates 847 Oakwood Dr., Room 33 Harrisonburg, VA 22801
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	



Financial Barometer

As of May 2019

Financial Barometer	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
1. Pledge/Giving of Record/Faith	\$115,753	\$119,615	-\$3,862
2. Total Budget Receipts	\$119,558	\$123,607	-\$4,049
3. Total Budget Disbursements	\$118,885	\$126,858	-\$7,973



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

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