GRACENOTES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

At the Gathering of the Ministerium this past week, I was asked to take part in a simple exercise. We were asked to get a person sitting next to us, and

answer three simple questions: Think about the times in your life when you became more conscious of the fact that Jesus really loves you. Who are three persons who made that come to life for you? How did they do it?

The presenter, Rev. Dave Daubert (who came to Grace about 7 years ago to help us with our Mission statement and giving voice to our purpose as a congregation) gave an example in his life: he was a kid in college and had two friends who he'd play flag football with,

study with, go to the dining hall with, etc. But every Saturday afternoon at 4:30, they would stop their playing, and head off to Roman Catholic Mass held at the Catholic Center. They'd invite him to come, this kid who never grew up in the Church. He'd ask them why they'd stop their game and go to Mass. And they said that it mattered to them to hear about God's love for them through Jesus Christ. Enough to stop what they were doing each week to attend worship. Plus they could sleep in on Sunday! After they invited him the fifteenth time (literally), he said yes. And he credits their invitation as changing his life, because otherwise he wouldn't have discovered the love of Jesus that indeed has made his whole life completely different from the path he had been on until then. (And not just because he's a pastor!)

My experience of those who taught me *(Continued on page 2)*

the love of Jesus in my earlier years came from being a part of a family that was at worship regularly, Sunday School, youth group, etc.

I can talk about learning how Jesus really loves me from my mother, who took seriously Martin Luther's admonishment that parents are the most important pastors a child will ever have. But it was not only in the family that I learned of Jesus' love.

I learned from Mrs. Grabb in 2nd grade Sunday School how much Jesus loved me, and remember even now how she radiated God's love, and how she made the stories of Jesus come alive. I remember Rudy and Anne Yobs at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, back in the late 1970's and 1980's – among many others – who, as a young adult a long way from home attending college, made me feel welcome, asked about my life, modeled service in the Church, and shared how Jesus' love made a difference in their lives.

And maybe this is the most important thing to say - I continue to learn from others about Jesus' love for me, and all the world - from members of Grace; from people in this community of Waynesboro, Augusta County and the surrounding area. It is a Present Tense "thing;" I learned of Jesus' love for me from my friends and colleagues in the Waynesboro pastor's group I was on retreat with this past weekend, as we talked not only about working together, but supporting each other along the way with prayer, and sharing our stories.

Dave Daubert's presentations these past few days made me realize how important it is for us to practice telling our faith stories. Jesus, in Matthew's gospel, tells us to go and make disciples. You and me. That's our Great Commission. That's our reason for being.

We heard some grim statistics about the ELCA while at the Ministerium. At 3.4 million members, we are 1.8 million people smaller than 20 years ago. Some people say by 2050, the ELCA will number in the hundreds of thousands, if that. Some reasons why? The average ELCA member invites someone to worship once every 23 vears. And our denomination - and this next fact is a huge irony, because the Reformation was in large part begun because Martin Luther **REDISCOVERED JESUS** – has largely forgotten how to regularly ask ourselves and to share our answers – of how we know that Jesus loves us, and to share the stories of those who helped us to realize this. Because this is Jesus' call, to be witnesses to the gospel; Ambassadors for Christ, the apostle Paul calls us.

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So that's our call together as Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We can be known for many things: what we've done in the community, our beautiful building, a 126 year history, the friendships and fellowship we have here as a family of Christ. And yet most of all, we have a purpose, to share in the word and work of Jesus. We have a story to tell; the old, old story of Jesus and his love. Except it's not just an old, old story; it HAS TO BE a present tense story as well, for the Gospel to continue to be known, through Grace, through you, and through me. We exist for this reason at Grace. So, ask someone at Grace over the next few weeks, to share a story of someone who helped them to know Jesus' love. And do the same for them; so we can practice in order to share that gospel in the lives that Jesus, in love, have given us to live.

Highlights of Congregation Council Meeting October 15, 2019

Pastor was asked to be a part of an ELCA Coaching Seminar designed to help congregations and/or individuals to set up achievable goals and determine the steps that a person or group is willing to invest to achieve those goals. It's our prayer that this can be of help to us at Grace as we look to God's future for us.

There were meaningful community activities that Grace was involved in through the CROP Walk and the Ecumenical Animal Blessing. Concern was expressed about the low attendance at worship and other activities in which Grace is a part. What does this mean for Grace? Part of our future that is in God's Hands does involve our participation.

Pumpkins with the Pastor will be held October 27 with a Octoberfest meal and pumpkin decorating with prizes and games. Fun and fellowship for everyone.

Respectfully submitted, Deloris Wertman

Odds and Ends



Keefer VMA Scholarship Fund has two recipients this school year! The Bradley Keefer VMA Music Scholarship Fund for gifted and talented musicians will benefit two recipients from Kate Collins this year: *Kalissa Myers (flute)* and *Callie Deaver (euphonium)* will receive a

scholarship for 50% of their lessons for a full teaching year (36 lessons). The Keefer Scholarship Fund was established approximately four years ago as we celebrated 50+ years of Brad's service to Grace through the Property Committee, and many other ways of being a blessing in and through Grace! The Keefer Scholarship is dependent on continuing donations in order to fund talented musicians otherwise unable to afford lessons that deepen their abilitiesto play their instrument. Consider a donation to the Keefer VMA Scholarship Fund through your financial stewardship.



WELCOME New Members to join Grace on All Saints

Sunday - Hal and Peggy Aaslestad, Marie Brown, and Andrew Sell will affirm their baptism and join

with all the saints at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church today, All Saints Sunday, to continue to live out their faith in daily life through God's Grace, as the Living Christ calls all of us to do. Please greet these new members as a part of the household of faith here at Grace!



"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Revelation 7.12, NRSY

Service of Healing and Thanksgiving - Tuesday, November 26th, we will have a worship service at Grace, 7:00 p.m., where we have opportunity to give thanks to God for the ways we know we are loved, and the ways God is with us to guide and keep us from day to day. We'll also ask for healing for others, or ourselves, in mind, body and Spirit, with oil of anointing as a sign of God's healing in our lives. Our friends at Zion, Bethlehem and St. James will be invited to join us. Come

and worship on November 26th!

Odds and Ends Continued



Making Family Time a Priority Celebrating Advent and

Christmas - Two resources are available to families, grandparents, and those who would like to prioritize the journey of Advent to the Birth of Jesus and what it means for us and for the world - through an Advent Calendar and Nativity Scene OR Advent and Christmas Cards (daily "flash cards") that offer suggestions for making time

within busy schedules to see the month of December and early January (Advent, Christmas and Epiphany) in a different way. See the samples on the narthex table, and sign-up if you'd like to order.



Parking Lot... - We have pledged and donated \$43,524. That represents 91% of the \$48,000 necessary to complete the STEWARDSHIP Parking Lot Campaign! If you've not yet made a commitment

toward completing our Parking Lot Campaign, please prayerfully consider and make your pledge today. There are Commitment Cards on the narthex table.

...Pledges and Prayer - Commitment Sunday was Sunday, October 6th. We are thankful for many who have made a commitment to our 2020 budget plan for ministry and helping to fund God's Mission for our congregation. If you have not yet made a Commitment, please give thanks for God's grace and blessings, and make your pledge today.

Thank You for Hiker Hostel

Hi Woody + Erman! I'm at the Church of the Monstan Hiker in Delawane Water Gap. The hike has been going really well. 3 I still have fond memories of staying at Grace! I hope you both are able to host Agam Next year ... it made Waynesboro feel special. I could have kept this wetil the end but I figured how many posterneds do they yet from DWG ?"

Thanks AgAN very much, LUNAD

9/6/2019

Dear Grace Lutheron congregation -

Bhank you for your hospitality during our recent journey through Waynesboro. I'm pleased to share that our entire trail family (Sisu Lung, Trail Nigic, Gear Boy & Gazelle) completed the entire AT right around the 4-month mark. I'm certain our success was largely due to the kindness and generousity of so many trail angles like you. You cannot understand how much it affects morale and increases our desire to keep oping when we face adversity on trail. Mease continue This autstanding project Best Wishos

Paty "Sisu" Matiskella

Thanks for the great stay !!!

(from Mt. Washington)

- DogTreat (citadec) - Odysseus - Flash

Thank You



September 26, 2019

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

Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran,

On behalf of Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM), I would like to thank you for your support and generous donation of Bird Feeder Basket for our Men Who Cook Competition's Silent Auction. Your commitment to helping ensure the success of this year's event is sincerely appreciated.

Each year the Men Who Cook Competition has gained a stronger presence and this year WARM set a goal to surpass last year's success. The funds that are raised at our events represent a significant portion of our annual donations and are critical for our mission's success. The ability for us to raise significant funds through events is directly related to our Silent Auction supporters...,so, thank you for helping make it another successful year.

Thanks again for your generous support of our fundraising efforts to provide shelter and support to the homeless. Please feel free to contact me directly at debra@warmwaynesboro.org or 540-324-8166 if you'd like more information on the funds your donation raised or to hear about WARM's recent successes. Thanks again for believing in a better tomorrow for homeless children and adults in our community.

With WARMest Regards, boo Humon Belle Debra Freeman-Belle Executive Director

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Dear Rov. Ringel,

September 30, 2019

I am writing to extend vincere appreciation to you rous staff, and congregents for the use of space the winner level classes for hearn English cand Reading now. your warm welcome touched our hearts.

The air conditioning made every one feel more comportable and able to teach and Learn inclosed please find a contribution toward the electricity you perobably know about our

Thank You

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September 16, 2019

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund! Your donation ensures that LWR Quilts and Kits get into the hands of a person who needs it.

With your help, we have delivered Quilts and Kits to families in Mozambique whose communities were utterly ravaged by Cyclone Idai. For refugee families, your gift means so much. A School Kit can make the difference between getting an education or missing out. A Personal Care Kit helps families provide for basic hygiene needs, freeing up precious resources. Quilts help families through cold winter nights.

Thank you for your generosity and partnership! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the LWR staff at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve together, please accept my heartfelt thanks once more for your gift and all that it will do.

Warm Regards, occhbar

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.) President and CEO

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November Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Reformation Sunday	28	29 Pastor— Vacation	30 Pastor— Vacation	31	1 Pastor— Vacation	2 Pastor— Vacation
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Choir		ILTING GRO	vacuation	Halloween Pastor—	Meals on Wheels	vucution
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion		9:30 a.m. Quilting Group	June .	Vacation 8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers	ACTS (Fellowship)	ACTS (Fellowship)
Pumpkins with Pastor			7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir	12:30 p.m. Bridge Club		
3 All Saints Sunday	4	CAST YOUR	6 Backpacks	7	8	9
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Choir	Meals on Wheels	Election Day No School	Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels	
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion		Meals on Wheels	11:00 a.m. Bible Study	8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers		
Daylight Savings Time Ends	2:00 p.m. Finance Committee (Conference	JILTING GRO 9:30 a.m.	June order	12:30 p.m. Bridge Club		
AO FALL BACK	Room)	Quilting Group 11:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. Waynesboro Garden Club (Seminar Room)	7:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir	7:00 p.m. Bible Study		
10	VLITERWSDAY 11	12	13	14	15	16
22nd Sunday After Pentecost	Veterans'	Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels	
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.	Day Meals on Wheels	QUILITING GROUP	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers 12:30 p.m.	10:00 a.m. MEF Committee	
Worship Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy		9:30 a.m. Quilting Group	Bible Study	Bridge Club	Meeting	
Communion			7 :00 p.m. Handbells 7 :30 p.m. Worship Choir	7:00 p.m. Bible Study		

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17 23rd Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	18 Meals on Wheels 6:00 p.m. Kiwanis (Conference Room)	19 Meals on Wheels OUTING GROUP 9:30 a.m. Quilting Group Church Council	20 Backpacks Meals on Wheels II:00 a.m. Bible Study II:00 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Worship Choir	21 Meals on Wheels 8:30 a.m. Newcomers 8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	22 Meals on Wheels Lost and Found– Youth at Eagle Eyrie	23 Lost and Found– Youth at Eagle Eyrie
24 Christ the King 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Lost and Found– Youth at Eagle Eyrie	25 Meals on Wheels	26 Meals on Wheels Quilting GROUP 9:30 a.m. Quilting Group 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing	27 Meals on Wheels No School 4:00 p.m. WARM BOD (Conference Room)	28 Thanksgiving No School Church Office Closed	29 Meals on Wheels No School No School <i>Church</i> <i>Office</i> <i>Closed</i>	30

Worship Assistants

November 3 Preaching &	November 10	November 17	November 24
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Pastor Paul Pingel	Rev. Gordon Putnam	Pastor Paul Pingel	Pastor Paul Pinge
Assisting	Assisting	Assisting	Assisting
Minister	Minister	Minister	Minister
Ron Almarode	Robin Crowder	Karla Rankin	Tripp Franklin
Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
Assistants	Assistants	Assistants	Assistants
Bill Meicke	Cathy Crowder	E. G. Rankin	Brodie Franklin
Jerry Kite	Linda Meyer	Carrie Jones	Mike Trauscht
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Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Marge Cloutier	Ron Knicely	Ron Almarode	Jack Eckstrom
Linda Meyer	Dwight Moomaw	Rick Bump	Carrie Jones
Jean Morgan	Robert Shaw	Lee Lynch	Brad Keefer
Marlene Shaw		-	David Proctor
Offering	Offering	Offering	Offering
Stewards	Stewards	Stewards	Stewards
Pat Brady	Sharon Lynch	Ernestine Moomaw	Pat Brady
Bob Shumate	Kate Van Bremen	Eleanor Sampson	Bob Shumate
Dob Situitate	Rate van Dremen	Eleanor Sampson	Dob Situliate
Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte
Cup Gatherer	Cup Gatherer	Cup Gatherer	Cup Gatherer
Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
TBD	Anne & Gordon Putnam	TBD	Kathy Meicke
Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers	Altar Flowers
Linda Meyer	Open	Peggy Marks	Gail Johnson
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Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Jill Pingel	Kim Hull	Sarah Kite	Susie Driskill
	Jane Stein	Deloris Wertman	Jean Morgan
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
Rudy Yobs	Gordon Putnam	Linda Meyer	Jerry Kite



November Birthdays

11/06 David Glover 11/07 Clay Rankin 11/09 Tom Varner 11/10 Jean Morgan

- 11/06 Charlotte Jones11/07 Jill Pingel11/09 Sam Moyer11/13 Hannah Pingel
- 11/06 Zaden Bandy 11/08 Wilda Keefer 11/09 Jackie Meeks

November Baptisms

- 11/05 Mary Bertelsen1124 Bob Knemoller
- 11/28 Jordan Driskill
- 11/?? Bob Barrette
- 11/07 Wilda Keefer11/25 Linda Garber11/29 Bill Meicke
- 11/10 Gary Morrisin
- 11/27 Hannah Lundstrom
- 11/?? Anne Putnam

Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Homebound Members

Genevieve Arneson 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980	Mary Bertelson 3935 Sunnyside Drive, Suite C Harrisonburg, VA 22801	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 Knemol- ler Summit Square 501 Oak Ave., Apt. 316	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	

Budget Barometer—September 2019

Budget Barometer	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Total Budget Receipts	\$228,728	\$223,316	-\$5,412
Total Budget Disbursements	\$225,557	\$218,776	-\$6,781
For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget resulting in a surplus of \$4,541.	\$3,171	\$4,541	\$1,370



Members of Grace Ministers



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Council Members

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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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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