

GraceNotes

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

This month has a lot going on, things that as God's people in Jesus Christ, are a part of our daily life of faith.

All Saints Sunday:

The very first day of November we are reminded that we are a part of a great cloud of witnesses that the writer of Hebrews 12 calls us. I'm going to print the first two verses here: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

We live in a time of feeling weighed down – by a virus that will not seem to

go away; by an election fraught with tension and disagreement; by times that appear to be changing into what we do not know; by whatever trials we face in our own daily lives; health, work, finances, relationships. And yet this life of Faith goes on. It's a powerful Word to be reminded that we can set aside "every weight and sin," and know that the Lord of life, Jesus Christ, and his Spirit will "pioneer and perfect" our faith and strengthen us for the journey, as we follow and trust in HIS lordship, even here and now.

Thanks to five singers and musicians, and the Confirmation Class for helping out with All Saints Sunday's worship service! And, you are invited Sunday evening, November 1st, to access the Virginia Synod's Facebook page for a 7:00pm statewide worship service. Six pastors, including Bishop Humphrey and myself, will be offering a reflection.

Election Day: My friend Frank Honeycutt writes a monthly column in the Living Lutheran magazine. I commend to

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you his November column, entitled “Jesus and the election.” Call it an assignment! It is worth your time to read: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2020/10/jesus-and-the-election/>. If you cannot access a computer, call the Church Office, and we’ll print a copy of it for you and mail it. I will share a small portion of it here: *Many Novembers ago, I was sitting in a pub with church friends and the topic turned toward the coming election. One close pal said, “You know, I love Jesus, but I’d never vote for him for president.” I remember lots of laughter, including mine. I think I know what my friend meant by that, but I left the pub that night with an odd feeling, and it had nothing to do with the beer.*

I sincerely doubt that Jesus would even want to be president of our country. His Lordship, for Christian starters, is global, concerned with many flags.

But what I felt that night, in retrospect, was a rather dismissive shelving of Jesus in certain realms of our lives. If he’s not Lord of all, he may soon be Lord of very little.

Student Care Center to begin at

Grace – Starting November 9th, staffing has finally been found to expand the “C4” Student Care centers to Grace. They’ll be using the Fellowship Hall Monday-Friday from early morning to 5:30pm. Pray for the health and safety of the approximately 20 children who will be using our space!

Thanksgiving – This unique national holiday traditionally has included a scene of Native Americans sharing a meal with their European settler counterparts. Historians share that whether the scene was exactly that way or not, For the first 56 years after settling on Plymouth Rock,

there were numerous instances of mutual respect and cooperation between the settlers and Native Americans. Sadly, it disintegrated into conflict and war. One tradition that remains from this national celebration is a time to pause to give thanks. I’ve heard a lot of people say 2020 can’t end soon enough. And we know the things that make us say so. And yet the witness of our forebears in faith, far before Plymouth Rock, reaching back into ancient and biblical times, is thanksgiving by the faithful, even when things were at their toughest. What can you be thankful for this year? What can we at Grace be thankful for? I have heard recently from many people that they are now more aware of one another, both as neighbors, as congregation members, reaching out to others more. One other example of that at Grace is our outreach with Christ Tabernacle – not the most ideal, as it is by Zoom, but with hopes that we can continue to grow in understanding with one another, and deepen our Christian commitment to one another, and our one-ness in Christ.

A New Church Year – We begin the Season of Advent on November 29th! Beginning with the New Church year is the possibility of resuming some form of In-Person worship, *depending on the situation with Covid-19 and the recent spike in the number of cases in our area.* Nonetheless we are making preparations, and will be sending out information in the next few days.



Highlights of Congregation Council Meeting October 20, 2020

The church council met on Oct 20, 2020. Following a devotion led by Linda Meyer, in which she reminded the council of its role which is to listen to and talk with our church members. Pastor Pingel followed up with a reminder that in spite of the inconvenience of coronavirus, we as a congregation need to share and follow Jesus, wherever he leads.

According to Ron Almarode, the congregation is no longer meeting its budget for receipts, and except for property, expenditures are also down.

A worship resumption committee was formed to recommend how and when to resume live worship inside the sanctuary. The four criteria recommended were (1) a low coronavirus positivity rate, (2) required masking, (3) social distancing, (4) no more than 40 participants. Other precautions recommended were temperature readings upon entering the church, all members attending need to be ushered in and out, and marking the pews with tape to provide for proper social distancing. Pastor noted that other local churches have already opened and were averaging about 45 attendees, per Sunday plus U-Tube. The target date for Grace ELC resumption of "live" services is Nov. 22 or Nov 29. It was noted that a dependable ushering crew will be critical for in-person worship. Communion assistants will also be needed, however, Pastor indicated he would offer communion solo, if necessary. Prior to opening the sanctuary for in-person worship, parking lot services will be held on Oct 25 (Reformation Sunday) and November 1 (All Saints Sunday).

\$21,500 has been approved for the installation of 4 Goodman HVAC units plus wiring. This work will be done in the next couple of months. The Cavalier Restaurant Supply Co. of Waynesboro has agreed to remove the refrigerator in our kitchen and replace with another for \$2495.00

The parking lot paving is completed. Trees will be planted in coming weeks.

School day care is coming to Grace! The target date is Nov. 21. All funds left in the Christian Ed Fund were donated to the Augusta County Correctional Center (Pastor Burke) and to the Western State Hospital (Pastor Cynthia Long).

The Outreach Committee distributed 40 meals in addition to bag lunches to 4 disciples' kitchen. They are currently working on a family giving tree.

The Racism Round Table Committee has been conducting bible studies with Christ Tabernacle Church. Future goals are to include other members in our community and to engage in community service activities with Christ Tabernacle.

Council wishes to remind all committee chairpersons to begin to prepare its annual report, and to submit their reports no later than January 15, 2021.



Given in Memory of:

*Mary Bertelsen
Patricia Carini
June Huff
Janet Lungert
Fielder Pitzer, Jr.*

*Jimmy Binns
Stephen Dowdy
Myrtle Kite
Julie Moyer
Mickey Shook*

*Jean Brower
Morris Elliott
Peggy Lucas
Lillian Pingel
Flo Walck*

Given in Honor of:

Nancy Dowdy and Pastor Paul Pingel

The Memorial Gifts were Given by:

Berenice Archambeault, Theresa & Ron Augustin, Beth Ann Brady, Patrick & Sandy Brady, Bridge Club, Barbara & Stephen Callender, Marge Cloutier, Priscilla & Richard Dreibelbis, Mary & James Furr, Charles & Judi Goodrich, Donna Gum, Carolyn & Bobby Hite, Imogene & Bobby Hull, Anne Jenkins, Wilda & Brad Keefer, James Kite, Gwen & Jerry Kite, Sandy & Ron Knicely, James & Latane Long, Bill Lucas, Donna & Richard Marshall, Linda Meyer, Ernestine & Dwight Moomaw, Jean Morgan, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Muncy, Paul Pingel, Betty Jane Pitzer, Mr. & Mrs. L.E. Price, Annette & Marvin Schaff, Mr. & Mrs. Holly Seamon, Dottie Sheaffer Family, The Curtis Family Foundation, Flo Walck, Rew Walck Family, Margaret Catherine Walker, Amy & Pete Warren, Wharton-Aldizer-Weaver Firm, Carol Wolf

Memorial Gifts Given for the Following:

Disciples Kitchen, ELCA World Hunger, Friends Fund, General Fund (budget), Grace Music Fund, Kitchen Fund, Parking Lot Trees, Thanksgiving & Memorial Fund, WARM (homeless).

NEWS



.. Exercising our Right to Vote as Christians - Followers of Jesus Christ living in this Republic and Democracy have a wonderful blessing and responsibility, to be able to vote in local, statewide and national elections. During this year of Covid-19, the ways we are voting are different, and the results of the election as a result of mailed-in ballots may take a longer period of time. We live in an anxious time as November 3rd approaches. However, we know who "is Lord!" The Risen Christ, Lord of creation, of the nations, of our lives. And so we place our confidence in the One who is bringing all creation to himself, even as election day approaches, and our leaders are elected.



Student Care Center to open at Grace in early November.

At long last there is enough staff available for the "C4" area-wide program—which provides care for students whose parents work—to open at our Grace location! Mondays through Fridays, 7 a.m.—6 p.m., 18-20 students and YMCA staff will be present onsite learning and receiving care for their distance learning, at Grace! Pray for the students and for the Student Care Center program! There is still a need for staff to open more facilities.



In-Person Worship at Grace - Grace Council, by the recommendation of Grace's Worship Resumption Committee - has tentatively approved a restricted return to In-Person worship at Grace, with hopes that - given an acceptable Positivity Rate of Covid-19 in our area -

we may offer worship both remotely, and indoors on a limited basis, beginning the *Season of Advent in late November and December*. You will be sent a detailed letter of the procedures we will be following to ensure as safe a worship experience as possible for those who wish to participate indoors. And be assured that we will continue to offer our You Tube Worship for all those who - because of pre-existing conditions; or out of an appropriate sense of caution - do not feel they can attend in-person worship at this time. Finally, do note that this decision IS conditional on stable Covid-19 rates. Any exceptional rise in rates may delay or cancel our return to In-Person worship. Please pray for this process, to be faithful and safe, as we worship the Lord of life, Jesus Christ, who gives us life that really is life every day!

NEWS



**DISASTER
RELIEF**

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) to Wildfires and Hurricanes - Fires out West devastating territory larger than the entire state of New Jersey; Hurricanes Laura, Sally and Delta, arriving through the Gulf of Mexico in a six week period, rocked the Gulf coast of Texas, Louisiana and Alabama, wreaking devastation across these states. You can help through LDR. Donate through elca.org, or through Grace, with “LDR Wildfire and Hurricane” in the memo line.



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 banks. We have made *nine deliveries* thus far, five to Main Street United Methodist, and four to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Christmas at Disciples’ Kitchen—We have a request to help with gift bags for the Disciples’ Kitchen participants this Christmas. We would like to collect 20 pairs of socks (men’s and women’s), 10 pair of adult gloves, deodorant, children’s toothbrushes, children’s toothpaste and children’s knit hats. We will have a box for the items in the hallway near the Church office. We need to have them by December 10th.



Lutheran Churches will be teaming together for an outdoor home repair project for a home near Mt. Solon. The project includes repairs to a wheelchair ramp, under skirting around the home and two exterior door frame repairs. We will be meeting at the west end of the Lowes parking lot in Staunton at 8:30 a.m. Tools needed could include hammer, pry bar, shovel, battery power drill and a digging bar if you have one. Renewing Homes always provides a skilled site leader with a good supply of tools. If you can help or have questions please contact Jerry Kite at 910-3372 or jerrykite@ntelos.net.



Thanks!



Renewing Homes of Greater Augusta
Renewing Homes and Lives for People in Need

23 September 2020

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 S. Wayne Ave.
Waynesboro, VA 22980-4836

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church members,

On behalf of RHGA and our clients I want to thank the members of Grace Evangelical for your generous donation on 7 September 2020 of \$400.00 to our mission in the greater Augusta region. Your donation will help us to fund life-impacting projects this year as we carefully resume our critical home repairs within the public health and safety guidelines that are evolving. We look forward to once again having volunteers from your fellowship join us on projects that serve those in need when health and safety concerns are resolved.

Thank you!



Sharon Coplai
Renewing Homes of Greater Augusta
Interim Executive Director

P. O. Box 3152
Staunton, VA 24402



October 5, 2020

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 S Wayne Avenue
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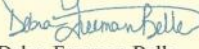
Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran,

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 non-residential 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 \$500.00. **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 makes a difference. Thank you for your support & heart for others!
-Debra*

With WARMest Regards,

Debra Freeman-Belle
Executive Director

*****Please keep the below information for your tax records*****

Donor Name	Gift Date	Gift Amount	Gift Type	Fund/Designation
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	10/03/2020	\$500.00	Check 80173	Bedroom Sponsorships Unrestricted-Designated to Specific Program/Purpose

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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To Grace Lutheran Church,

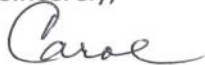
Thank you for your \$60.00 donation to the Calvary United Methodist Food Pantry.

Your generous donation allows us to continue to fill the needs of those who have difficulty obtaining sufficient nutrition for themselves and their families during these trying times

In 2019 we distributed a total of 826,972 pounds of food and supplies to families in our community. This provided help to 7,544 households and 21,426 individuals.

Thank you again for your generosity and caring for those in need in our community

Sincerely,



Carol DeMacio

Volunteer CUMC Food Pantry

September 21, 2020



Budget Barometer September 2020

For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget resulting in a deficit of \$934.

For September, spending exceeded receipts resulting in a deficit for the month of \$5,758

R100—Pledge + Giving of Record is \$10,993 below budget

Total Budgeted Disbursements are \$11,231 below budget

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$223,316	\$215,462	-\$7,846
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$218,776	\$216,395	-\$2,381
	\$4,451	-\$934	\$5,474



Birthdays

We give thanks for you at Grace and wish you a Happy Birthday!

11/4 Jeff Spooner

11/6 David Glover

11/6 Charlotte Jones

11/6 Zaden Bandy

11/7 Clay Rankin

11/7 Jill Pingel

11/8 Willie Keefer

11/9 Tom Varner

11/9 Sam Moyer

11/9 Jackie Meeks

11/10 Jean Morgan

11/13 Hannah Pingel

11/14 Lisa Spooner

11/15 Lily Skelton

11/15 Ashley Stollings

11/22 Robert Moyer

11/25 Tripp Franklin

11/27 Woody Graf

11/27 Kathy Bump

11/28 David Schwiesow

11/30 Wyatt Carper

Baptisms







11/7 Willie Keefer

11/10 Gary Morrison

11/24 Bob Knemoller






11/29 Bill Meicke

november

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word via YouTube</i> Communion</p> <p>10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Election Day</p> 	<p>4</p>  <p>9:00 a.m. <i>Bible Study via Zoom</i></p>  <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Book Study via Zoom</i></p>	<p>5</p>  <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word via YouTube</i></p> <p>10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>   <p>9:00 a.m. <i>Bible Study via Zoom</i></p>  <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Book Study via Zoom</i></p>	<p>12</p>  <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>24th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word via YouTube</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>7:00 p.m. Council via Zoom</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>7:00 p.m. Book Study via Zoom</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>5:30 p.m. Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>Christ the King</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word via YouTube Communion</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Round Tables via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Nancy Dowdy Off</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>7:00 p.m. Book Study via Zoom</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Service of the Word via YouTube</p> <p>10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>					

NOVEMBER



Sunday November 1	Sunday November 8	Sunday November 15	Sunday November 22	Sunday November 29
Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel
Assisting Minister Tripp Franklin	Assisting Minister Cathy Crowder	Assisting Minister Brian Lundstrom	Assisting Minister Joe Ranzini	Assisting Minister Donna Gum
Children's Sermon Stollings/ Cooper Family	Children's Sermon Bokelman Family	Children's Sermon Jones Family	Children's Sermon Van Bremen Family	Children's Sermon Stollings/ Cooper Family
Offering Stewards Pat Brady	Offering Stewards Pat Brady	Offering Stewards Pat Brady	Offering Stewards Pat Brady	Offering Stewards Pat Brady
Altar Flowers Open	Altar Flowers Peggy Marks	Altar Flowers Open	Altar Flowers Gail Johnson	Altar Flowers Open
Council Member of the Week Anne Putnam	Council Member of the Week Bob Barrette	Council Member of the Week Kathy Bump	Council Member of the Week Holly Carper	Council Member of the Week Robin Crowder



Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Homebound Members

<p style="text-align: center;">Genevieve Arneson 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LizAnn Binns c/o Steve Binns 8921 Sturgeon Point Road Charles City, VA 23030</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Maribeth Faivre Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Phyllis Kite 57 Skyline Avenue Stuarts Draft, VA 24477</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bob and Carol Knemoller Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Glen & Flossie Myers 104 Patton Farm Road Apartment 361 Stuarts Draft, VA 24477</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pete Rufe Summit Square Healthcare 501 Oak Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980</p>	



Members of Grace Congregational Council



Linda Meyer, President
 Jerry Kite, Vice-President
 Bob Barrette, Kathy Bump,
 Holly Carper, Robin Crowder,
 Kim Hull, Gail Johnson,
 Kathryn Johnson, Anne Putnam

Hannah Pingel, Youth Representative
 David Proctor, Secretary
 Ron Almarode, Treasurer
 Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer
 Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

Carrie Jones, Sunday School Superintendent

CLASS	LOCATION	TEACHERS
Pre-K-K	Lower Level	Deloris Wertman Sarah Beth Kite
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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Church Staff

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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