

July 2021

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

From the Pastor

By Paul H. Pingel



Pastor's Page

The pandemic and the world we now live in – in this 21st year of the 21st Century – has made me think about basic things,

such as the order of worship we have used.

We GATHER:

What do we often do in summer? We get together for a picnic, we meet family or friends at the beach, we meet friends for ice cream at Klein's. Or, there is an issue, good or bad, that motivates us to go to the City Council meeting...It's a basic human impulse to gather. We did not do that for a long while during Covid-19. We still felt the need however, and used technology to help us gather; via Zoom, YouTube, Face Time, etc. I was talking with a 30 year old daughter of long-time friends the other day, and while we agreed that technology can keep us connected when we cannot gather as

we traditionally do, there remains the recognition that face-to-face is different. She was attending her mother's birthday party, she was preparing something special to eat. The whole family gathered. It would not have been the same without the people gathered. We remain in a transitional time this summer, and at Grace we know that not everyone is on the same page for Gathering. But I hope that as you continue to venture out to shop, or to see family, or to travel, that you remember the first part of our Worship - of the God who created us, who we name as the Lord of the nations, whose Son came in-person to reveal God most clearly – is to Gather. We gather in God's presence. Because in whose presence do we better bring our whole lives, and our care for one another? We GATHER in God's presence.

We HEAR THE WORD:

I am reading the biography of Eugene Peterson, who is perhaps best known for the Message translation of the Bible, and Peterson's mother was a devout Pentecostal evangelist,

who became well known in Montana's mining communities for her preaching the Word to rough and tumble men who worked in the isolated camps of that area. She "wove the Scriptures seamlessly into the hardscrabble life of these men who spent these days covered in soot, snow and sawdust." What other words were these hardscrabble men hearing? What other stories did they hear and tell? We gather, and bring our own stories. We do not spend our days covered in soot, snow and sawdust; our lives may have more of dissatisfactions, desires, defeats, or dread. And still, God's Word speaks a different Way, Truth and Life into our own lives, that help us to make our way by faith at whatever comes our way. It's why we gather.

We SHARE IN THE MEAL:
So often when something is meaningful in life, food is a part of it. If there's a celebration, there is likely food. When things are not going well, one of the ways Grace has responded is to bring food to the grieving, those recovering from surgery or injury. A neighbor of ours surprises us with cookies or brownies as she comes by to gather and say hello. Whenever we gather, Jesus offers his very life; the Body and Blood of Christ, a meal of life, a meal of forgiveness, a meal that strengthens us for the journey. For many months we were hungry during the pandemic, hungry for this meal

in a wilderness time. Once again, we adjusted and made room for what God was doing, helping us to see that when we weren't able to gather together, we could still share Jesus' meal apart. Like the Jews say during the seder meal at Passover, "next year in Jerusalem!" we shared the meal apart in anticipation of being able to gather together again. We continue to offer the communion chalices of bread and wine for those not able to attend. The meal unites us as the Body of Christ, no matter where we are. At the same time, like the daughter who came for her mother's birthday (above), we share in the joy of the incarnation of Jesus when we gather together.

We are SENT:
Vacations end, family visits conclude, even after gathering at Klein's or a City Council meeting, we return to whatever else is a part of our day. But we carry what happened with us, it becomes a part of our lives. In the same way, when we gather together for worship, God's Word doesn't come away empty, the meal we share with Jesus nourishes and changes us, our direction in life has changed.

GATHERED, NOURISHED BY WORD AND SACRAMENT, SENT INTO THE WORLD. Whether In-Person or via You Tube or Zoom, wherever you are, hope to see you soon.



Highlights of Congregation Council Meetings June 15, 2021

- Bob Barrette shared a memory from childhood he never forgot - the question at his First Communion in a Roman Catholic Church: Why did God make you? And the answer: to know, love and serve God.
- We welcomed new Council members Fred Biggers, Jean Morgan Nancy Schwiesow, and Andrew Sell, and took some time to review Council responsibilities and reports.
- Council approved option masking for worship beginning July 4th. Pew distancing and Communion by individual chalices will remain.
- We'll begin moving to "hybrid meetings," continuing to offer both In-Person and Zoom options.
- HVAC work has been completed throughout the building, allowing more fresh air to enter the building wherever we Air Condition.
- The building continues to be used more (and safely) by VMA, Bridge Club.
- Synod Assembly highlights may be seen on You Tube. It was recommended to watch Rev. Adam Schultz's sermon (starting minute 31 of the Assembly, which contains a powerful personal testimony).

We will be sharing in worship with St. James Lutheran, Fishersville in August at Barren Ridge Vineyards in Fishersville. The date will be Sunday, August 29th. More details forthcoming.

worship WITH US

In-Person Worship at Grace - A notice was sent out to all members and regular visitors this past week sharing the worship guidelines for the month of July:

- Starting *July 4th*, masking will optional in worship for all in attendance who are fully vaccinated.
- Those who are not vaccinated - or partially vaccinated - we ask you continue to mask.
- Distancing continues, with every other pew blocked off.
- Holy Communion continues to be shared in the pews
- You Tube and Zoom continue to be available

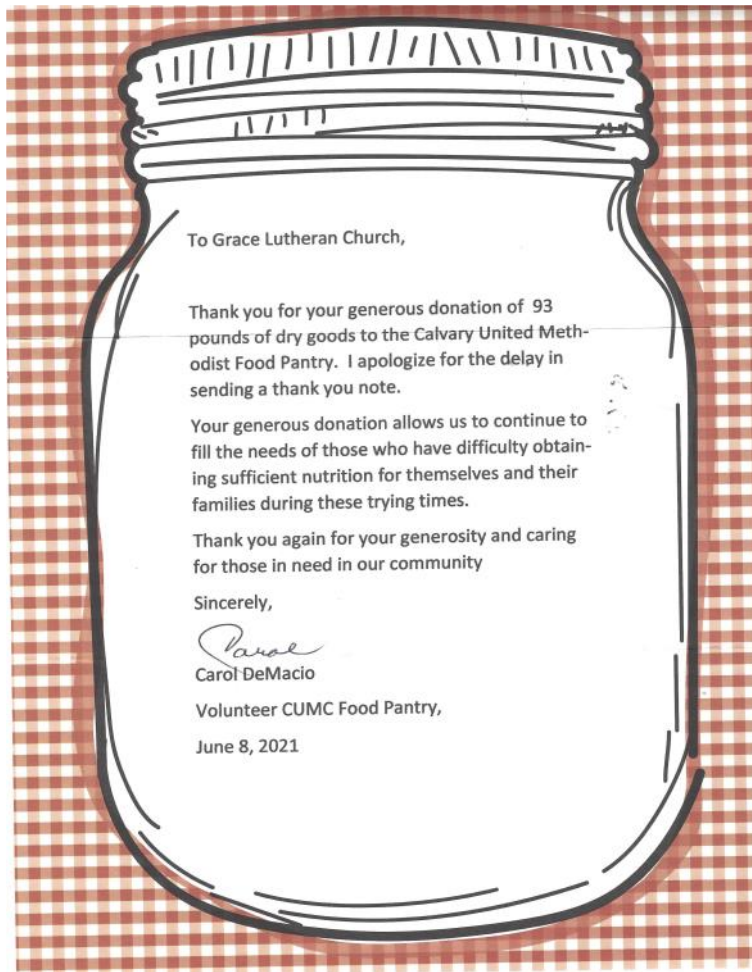
The full set of guidelines is available from the email/letter sent this past week, or online at our website.



Fresh Air, God's Creation, Christian Fellowship! Enjoy walk on the Greenway or the Tree Streets in downtown Waynesboro, on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.! In this time where outdoor fellowship no longer requires masks, our Grace Walker group has resumed! Come and enjoy good exercise, good fellowship and the beauty of Spring and Summer! They meet in the Grace Parking Lot.



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 **sixteen deliveries** thus far, eight to Main Street United Methodist, and eight to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **93 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! **Overall, we have given well over 1,200 pounds!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.





JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Tyler Wertman

7/9 Maribeth Faivre

7/14 Carolyn Shields

7/19 Ethan Lynch

7/22 Al McKechnie

7/24 Cindy Trauscht

7/30 Gail Johnson

7/6 Joan Ranzini

7/9 Zoey Mahoney

7/16 Zanny Bandy

7/21 Bill Lucas

7/23 Bobby Hite

7/26 Sherry Helsel

7/7 Zander Bandy

7/11 Cindy Glenn

7/17 Sandra Brady



7/22 Kelly Rankin



7/23 Diane Lundstrom

7/27 Sloane Franklin



7/18 Sandra Brady

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				¹ Pastor Vacation Nancy Dowdy Vacation 8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers 1:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m. Discussion with Christ Tabernacle (Seminar Room)	² Nancy Dowdy Vacation	³
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⁴ 6th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Service of the Word In-Person and via YouTube Holy Communion 10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom	⁵  Fourth Observed Church Office Closed	⁶	⁷	⁸ 8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers 1:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)	⁹	¹⁰

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<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>7th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word In-Person and via YouTube</i> Holy Communion</p> <p>10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Grace Anti-Racism Book Study</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Round Tables</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>8:30 a.m. <i>Grace Walkers</i></p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. <i>Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. <i>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle (Seminar Room)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>FRIENDS OF CHRIST</p> </div> <p>3:00 p.m. <i>Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconcil. (North Park)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>8th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word In-Person and via YouTube</i> Holy Communion</p> <p>10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Church Council</p> </div> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Council</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>8:30 a.m. <i>Grace Walkers</i></p> <p>1:00 – 3:00 p.m. <i>Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>9th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 a.m. <i>Service of the Word</i></p> <p>10:50 a.m. <i>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</i></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: right;">29</p> <p>8:30 a.m. <i>Grace Walkers</i></p> <p>1:00 – 3:00 p.m. <i>Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>

July



Sunday July 4	Sunday July 11	Sunday July 18	Sunday July 25
Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel	Preaching & Presiding Pastor Paul Pingel
Altar Flowers Open	Altar Flowers Open	Altar Flowers Jean Morgan	Altar Flowers Rew & Karen Walck
Altar Guild Jean Morgan	Altar Guild Jean Morgan	Altar Guild Jean Morgan	Altar Guild Jean Morgan
Assisting Minister Ron Almarode	Assisting Minister Cathy Crowder	Assisting Minister Robin Crowder	Assisting Minister Linda Meyer
Council Person of the Week Kim Hull	Council Person of the Week Jerry Kite	Council Person of the Week Jean Morgan	Council Person of the Week Nancy Schwiesow
Offering Steward Pat Brady	Offering Steward Pat Brady	Offering Steward Pat Brady	Offering Steward Pat Brady
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

June 10, 2021

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

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in April 2021.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries including the United States. It is providing access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining with the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

In Christ,

The Rev. Robin Brown
Director, Congregational Mission Funding

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.



Budget Barometer
May 2021

For the year, actual receipts are below budget and actual disbursements are below budget resulting in a surplus of \$303

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$125,957	\$119,083	(\$6,874)
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$117,148	\$118,780	\$1,633
	\$8,809	\$303	(\$8,507)



**Nursing Home, Assisted Living
and Homebound Members**

Genevieve Arneson 220 Adventure Trail Waynesboro, VA 22980	LizAnn Binns The Legacy 1410a North Augusta Street Apartment 3027 Staunton, VA 24401
Maribeth Faivre Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. 130 Waynesboro, VA 22980	Sandra Hoy Accordius Room 111 1221 Rosser Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980
Phyllis Kite Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. 217 Waynesboro, VA 22980	Bob Knemoller Summit Square 501 Oak Avenue, Apt. AL-13 Waynesboro, VA 22980
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Mon–Thu: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

(Lunch 11:30– 12:30 p.m.)

Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Noon