



Grace ABOUNDS

June 2022

From Our Interim Pastor



What an exciting day at Grace Lutheran Church yesterday, May 22! Thanks to Mike Shealy, breakfast is back up and running! The adult Sunday school class continues to meet and a children/youth Sunday school class is well underway! All that even before we get to worship! During worship we recognized our graduates, heard their plans for their next steps in life, and presented them with a gift from the congregation. Then, came more food! A delicious meal of soup and sandwiches both in honor of our graduates and to precede our Congregational Conversation on Grace – past, present and future! A summary of that conversation can be found on pg. 5 in this newsletter. And then, believe it or not, Council met for its May meeting! It was a great day – a Spirit-filled, Spirit-led day!

A Congregational Transition Packet developed by the Office of Bishop and the Interim Ministry Task force now guides the call process for all congregations. Yesterday's conversation is one of those steps. In addition to yesterday's conversation, a Congregational Sustainability Assessment form which looks at such things as Building Age and Maintenance, Current Building Usage, Financial Stewardship, Pastoral Compensation, Leadership and Worship needs to be completed and submitted to the Office of Bishop. The Council is working on this form and it should be completed by the June council meeting. The manual also calls for various policies to be updated and in place as well. That process, too, is underway. While this sounds like a whole lot of paper work, it pays off when the interview phase of the call process begins. Both council and call committee will have a strong grasp of current and future goals of this congregation and will be well-prepared to discern the next called pastor for Grace whom God is already in the process of preparing to accept that call.

I believe we stood on holy ground yesterday as we talked about Grace congregation.
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June Worship Opportunities

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

June 5: Pentecost and Confirmation

Holy Communion will be celebrated each Sunday.



Worship in the Sanctuary or watch the livestream on Facebook at Grace Lutheran Church - ELCA.

Suggestion from Pastor Jane for our online worshipers: have bread and grape juice or wine ready and commune as those present at Grace receive Communion.



First Tuesday Communion

**Tuesday, June 7
at 2 p.m.**



Sunday School

Breakfast: 9-9:25 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast is served in the Ministry Center.

Children/Youth meet in the Ministry Center

*Adults meet in the Grace Sease Classroom
(across from the church office door)*



Grace VBS

June 6-9

6:30-8 p.m.

JUNE Birthdays

- 2 - David Luther, Angela Mercer
- 4 - Everett Crafts, Sadie Epting
- 7 - Wendy Long
- 8 - Hanna Renwick
- 9 - Eddie Rivers, Bailey Stewart
- 12 - Ben Long, Ronda Mewbourn
- 13 - Grace Eldridge
- 15 - Donna Jacobs
- 16 - Easton Griffin, Lynn Wicker
- 18 - Paula Pridgen
- 19 - Hunter Hall, Melodie Waters
- 20 - Lewis Bedenbaugh
- 22 - Nancy Bedenbaugh
McKenna Shealy
- 25 - Margaret Brackett
- 27 - Corey Fowler
- 30 - Billy George, Brianna Stewart

JUNE Baptisms

- 2 - Megan Templeton
- 5 - Robert Neel
- 7 - Jimmy Braswell
- 8 - Caroline Dominick
- 9 - Georgie Riley
- 11 - Andy Metz
- 13 - Kris Lindler, Mike Whitlock
- 15 - Tommy Dawkins
- 17 - Cody Dominick
- 18 - Camryn Long
- 20 - Michael Derrick, Hayden Hall,
Lillie Waters
- 24 - Ally Nelson
- 30 - James Derrick
- * - Steve Stubbs

Grace People in the News

SALLY DOMINICK was chosen Support Staff of the Year at Little Mountain Elementary where she is school nurse.

RONDA MEWBOURN was named Teacher of the Year at Pomaria-Garmany Elementary.



IN THE MAIL ...



To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the prayers, cards, and texts you sent my way before and after my recent surgery.

I want to let you all know that everything went great, and I am doing wonderfully!

Peace Be With You! Jeanna Hall

Dear Church,

On behalf of the Gideons international and the Newberry Camp, I want to thank you and your congregation for the privilege of giving the Gideon presentation in your church. Attending with me was fellow Gideon, Tom Richter. As always we were blessed by being in Sunday School and a part of your very warm and loving church.

Your contribution of \$170 will be used to purchase scriptures to go in to the hands of the lost and change lives. Please pray for this ministry, and let the power of God work in this world.

Be assured that we pray for your church and the pastors in this area each Saturday morning. Without pastors the Gideon Ministry would be very limited.

Yours in Christ, Heyward Riddle

JUNE Anniversaries

- 1 - Bob and Heather Harris (31st)
- 4 - Ronnie and Paula Pridgen (34th)
- 5 - *Ralph and Andrea Lewis +*
- 10 - Perry and Georgie Riley (66th)
- 11 - *Jerry and Lisa Vaughn +*
- 11 - Steve and Edith Bedenbaugh (34th)
- 19 - Craig and Susanne Nelson (24th)
- 21 - David and Edna Riley (64th)
- 25 - Maria and Jonathan Morgan (6th)
- 26 - Bryan and Jeanna Hall (23rd)
- 28 - Billy and Rhonda Ackerman (14th)

+ Memorial Anniversary

CONTACT information



When your contact information changes, please share your new address, telephone, or email address with the church office! If we learn of an illness or death in your family and don't have a current phone number, we can't reach out until we find someone who can give us your number. Every time a newsletter is returned to the office by the post office, we have to pay the return postage. Thank you!

Celebrate Our Confirmands

On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, we will recognize this year's confirmands Zoe Frick and Hunter Hall during the Sunday School hour. Congregation members, family, and friends are encouraged to gather in the Ministry Center for a special recognition of our confirmands.



Grace VBS June 6-9

Vacation Bible School will be held at Grace Monday, June 6 through Thursday, June 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. each night. This year's theme is **Make Waves** (*What you do today can change the world around you*). Contact Susan Dawkins for information.



2022 Synod Assembly June 12-14

The annual South Carolina Synod Assembly is June 12-14 at the Charleston Marriott. This year's theme is "I Love to Tell the Story." Voting members representing Grace will be Deborah Ruff, Johnny Merck, Lynn Wessinger, and Pastor Jane.

**I Love
to Tell
the STORY**

South Carolina Synod
Assembly 2022

Baptism Opportunity

Covid impacted us in a number of ways, one being the lack of opportunity for parents to present their children for baptism. Some conversations have taken place about inviting families who have children who have not yet been baptized to come together for an opportunity to have their children baptized. This could be done as a group.

If you are interested in baptism for your child or yourself or have questions about baptism, see Pastor Jane or call or text her at 803-530-2045.



First Tuesday Communion

Pastor Jane will offer a brief Quiet Communion Service on Tuesday, June 7 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The "come-as-you-are" service will last about 20 minutes. All are welcome. Thirteen people attended our initial First Tuesday Communion on May 3.



**First Tuesday
Communion**

June 1: Day Camp Deadline

Deadline to register for Lutheroad Day Camp at St. Luke Lutheran in Prosperity is Wednesday, June 1. St. Luke's Day Camp is scheduled for July 11-15. Children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5 can participate in Day Camp, which is led by counselors from Lutheridge. Cost is \$100, but help may be available through the Campership Fund. Day Camp and Campership applications are available in a pocket outside the office window.

Our area Day Camp with Mt. Tabor, Mt. Pilgrim, and Macedonia was cancelled due to a lack of applications, but St. Luke's invited our children to join them.



**Manna House
Item of the Month:
4 lb. bags of sugar**



Manna House Volunteers Needed

Grace is scheduled to volunteer at Manna House on June 21 and June 23. Volunteers will pack and distribute bags of food to folks in need in our county. If you can serve, please call Sharon Neel at 803-271-2498.



Communion Sending Team

Pastor Jane would like to revive our Communion Sending Team to help take Communion to our shut-ins and nursing home residents. Let the church office know if you are willing to serve. Training will be provided.



Grace Prayer List

Grace Family: Marysue

Rivers (*Greenwood Rehabilitation*); Everett Crafts (*National HealthCare, 2993 Sunset Blvd., West Cola. 29169*); Cissie/Bob

Dibble; Jeanna Hall; Evelyn Harmon; Terry Shaver; Nancy Bedenbaugh; Margaret Kluttz; Wayne Mitchell; Sue Hartman; Faye Hartman; Lois Amick; Heather/Bob Harris.

Residential Care: Margaret Brackett (*White Oak, Rm. 321A*); Paula Epting (*White Oak, Rm. 323B*); Allene Dawkins (*Springfield Place, Rm. 19*); Wendy/Michael Riley (*Faith Nursing Home, Florence*).

Extended Family: Alexander Capó (*Roberta Meyers Capó's nephew*).

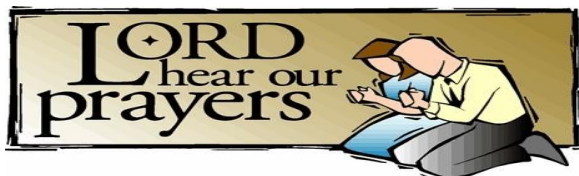
Military: SGT. Anderson Dibble (*Marines/Iraq - Cissie/Bob Dibble's granddaughter*); Everett Crafts V (*Air Force/Guam - Glenda/Everett Craft's grandson*); Walker Eldridge (*Coast Guard/VA*); Caleb Salyers (*US Army Calvary Scout, Ft. Hood, TX - Rev. Al Potter's grandson*).

Community: Alex Gaytan Meza; Tony Draeger; Violet Wilmot; Dean Rowe; Mary Lawson.

God's World: Ukraine and neighboring countries; those suffering and under stress due to COVID-19 in the US and across the world; those affected by wildfires, flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornadoes; military families; homeless; jobless/underemployed; refugees; those suffering due to natural disasters, unrest, and fighting throughout the world; our enemies.

Online Prayer List is available at graceluth.org on the Resource page and is updated as needs become known. Passcode is: 1859.

Contact the office by phone (803-364-3331) or email (gracelutheran2@att.net) to add or remove someone from the Prayer List.



May Memorials and Honorariums

Gifts to the Current Budget Fund

In memory of Joe Elolf (*Lois Amick's grandson*) by Faye Hartman

In memory of Rev. Charles Dawkins by Judy Bedenbaugh

To the glory of God and in remembrance of the wedding anniversary of parents John and Judy Bedenbaugh by Kim and John Uhas

In honor of all the helpers keeping the church doors open by Heather and Bob Harris



Gifts to the Building Loan Fund

In memory of my friend, Nancy Griffith, by Lynn Wessinger

In memory of Rev. Charles Dawkins

By: Faye Hartman
Edd Wicker
Edwina Wicker
Emmett Wicker

In loving memory of Frances M. Dawkins on Mother's Day by George W. Dawkins Jr.

In memory of Sybil Quattlebaum (*Walt's sister-in-law*) by Heather and Bob Harris

Gifts to the Youth Ministry Fund

In honor of Lyric McCormick on her 3rd birthday May 8 with love by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

in honor of our June birthdays - Brianna (6/30) and Bailey (6/9) by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

Gifts to the Campership Fund

In honor of Bailey Stewart and Raelynn and Jaxon Wessinger with love by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

in honor of Mr. Edd Wicker by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

Gift to the Front Door Fund

In honor of Teresa and Chop Cooper by Lynn Wessinger

Gift for the Front Sign

In memory of Sydney Shealy by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

Congregational Conversation Report

On Sunday, May 22, members of the congregation gathered to reflect on Grace Lutheran Church – its past, present and future. Below is a summary report of that conversation.



HISTORY

What events/markers have made Grace “Grace?” Have there been bumps in the road? How has the community seen Grace through the years?

Events/Markers included: dedication of members, especially the older ones, down through the years; donation of land by the Bridges family (connection to Moseley family); the welcoming spirit; the old church building (although it was noted that while the pews were full there was no air conditioning); its location in center of town and county; commitment to mission field/missionaries; preschool; shared ministry with Wightman Methodist and other shared ministries; the live nativity scene; the thanksgiving meal

Bumps in the Road: loss of youth members; unexpected loss of a beloved pastor; tearing down of the old church building; building the Ministry Center

PRESENT

What’s your image of Grace right now? What strengths are here? What challenges?

Images: good; holding pattern; home; uplifting and affirming; pillar of the community; older and diminishing congregation; safer congregation (referring to adherence to COVID guidelines)

Strengths: core, dedication of those attending; welcoming; extended ministry; Ukraine bucket; wonderful facility; struggling; choir/Eddie; preschool; responsive to needs; willingness of members to use their time/talents; women’s Bible study; caring

Challenges: youth engaged; active members; called pastor; COVID; struggling; finances; lack of attendance; enthusiasm

FUTURE

What’s God’s vision for Grace for the next 5-10 years? What gifts are needed in next called pastor to shepherd you there?

Vision: better discipleship; increase our faith; outreach; use our talents; fill the pews; active youth group; leaders for youth; refocus on “church”; worship is important; modern technology; more contemporary music; female pastor (not an issue)

Gifts of next pastor: outgoing; sense of humor; not worried about money; called; inclusive (all ages); compassion; relate to all ages; broad-minded; good preacher; vibrant; motivator; not political

Grace Leaders

Congregational Officers

Susan Dawkins, vice president
Deborah Ruff, secretary

Congregation Council

Deborah Ruff, chair
Susan Dawkins, vice chair
Cindy Amick, secretary

Chop Cooper	RC Mercer
Ronnie Cromer	Wayne Mitchell
Lisa Farr	Nathan Shealy
Candace Frick	Brad Waters
Chad Frick	Lynn Wessinger
Beverly Hawkins	Allie Waters (youth)

Care and Fellowship Team

Dale Shealy, chair

Christian School Team

Sarah Eargle, chair

Community Hope Team

Wayne Mitchell, chair

Facilities Team

Walt Quattlebaum, chair

Finance Team

Steve Stubbs, chair

Good News Team

Beverly Hawkins, chair

Lifelong Education Team

Andrea Lewis, chair

Worship Team

Deborah Ruff, Emmett Wicker, co-chairs

Youth Ministry Team

Lynn Wessinger, chair

Church Staff

Julie Shealy, Office Secretary
Eddie Rivers, Choirmaster/Organist
Chop Cooper, Preschool Administrator
Tim Harmon, Janitorial Services Contractor
Craig Farr, Groundskeeper Contractor

Fund Treasurers

Linda Cromer, Current Fund, Sunday School
Kim Metz, Building Fund
Edwina Wicker, Maintenance Fund
Julie Shealy, Community Service Fund
Teresa Cooper, Campership Fund
Candace Frick, Scholarship Fund



Serving in June

Assisting Ministers

5 - Melodie Waters
12 - Judy Bedenbaugh
19 - Allie Waters
26 - Jessica Shealy



Altar Flowers

5 - Andrea Lewis (Pentecost/red)
12 -
19 -
26 -

Acolyte

Allie Waters

Crucifer - June 5

Camryn Shealy

Communion Assistant

Johnny Merck

Communion Preparation

Donna Jacobs

Communion Clean Up

Teresa Cooper, Deborah Ruff

Ushers

Dale Shealy (head), Sue Mitchell,
Wayne Mitchell, Emmett Wicker

Greeters

Sue and Wayne Mitchell

Offering Tabulators

Emmett Wicker (head), Judy Bedenbaugh,
Dale/Julie Shealy

Altar Guild

Jessica Shealy, Julie Shealy

Pew Helper

Jessica Shealy

Front Sign

Jessica Shealy, Julie Shealy

SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORS



During the month of June, the Sanctuary Lamp burns to the glory of God and in honor of Grace's graduates by Wayde and Sally Dominick.

For honorary or memorial information to be included in the newsletter and bulletin, information and \$30 donation should be received by the office by the last Sunday of the month prior to the month you sponsor.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Sanctuary	* Online	Total
5/1	55	18	73
5/3 Tues. Communion	13	—	13
5/8	58	18	76
5/15	48	**	48
5/22	61	20	81

* Total Online viewers = Peak views x 2 per SC Synod instructions.

** Technical issues with livestream on 5/15.



5/1	14*
5/8	22
5/15	15
5/22	20

* No Youth or Children's Sunday School attendance recorded for May 1.

Altar Flower Sign Up

The 2022 Altar Flower Chart is posted on the narthex board. A number of Sundays are still available, including June 12, 19, and 26; July 3, 10, 17, and 31; and Aug. 7, 14, and 21. Sign up on the chart or contact the church office by phone or email to reserve your special dates.



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

**Deadline for
the July 2022
Newsletter:
June 20**

Spotlight On Our Graduates

Grace celebrated the graduations of six members during the May 22 worship service. We were glad to have Casey Dawkins, Hayden Hall, Payton Metts, and Jessica Shealy present for the recognition as well as their family members. Caroline Dominick and Matthew Shealy were unable to attend the recognition due to out-of-state commitments.

Casey Dawkins, daughter of John David and Susan Dawkins, graduated from Newberry College on May 14 with a bachelors in nursing. She has accepted a position in the Emergency Department Residency program at Rose Medical Center in Denver, CO.

Caroline Dominick, daughter of Wayde and Sally Dominick, graduated from Mary Baldwin University in Virginia on May 14. She received an Occupational Therapy Doctorate degree. She has accepted a position at OrthoVirginia specializing in hand therapy and began work on May 23.

Hayden Hall, son of Bryan and Jeanna Hall, will graduate from Mid-Carolina High on June 1. While at MCHS, Hayden took Machine Tool Technology at the Newberry County Career Center and will graduate with a 2-year Certificate of Completion. He plans to attend Piedmont Technical College in the fall to pursue an Associate Degree in Applied Science with a major in Machine Tool Technology.

Payton Metts, daughter of Ashley Metts and Chris Metts, will graduate from Mid-Carolina High on June 1. While at MCHS, she also earned an associate degree from Piedmont Technical College. She plans to attend USC-Aiken to major in nursing.

Jessica Shealy, daughter of Dale and Julie Shealy, graduated magna cum laude from Winthrop University on May 7 with a double major in English and Political Science.

Matthew Shealy, son of Dale and Julie Shealy, graduated cum laude from Winthrop University on May 7 with a degree in Mass Communications and a minor in Coaching. He began Senior Staff instruction at Lutheridge on May 17 and will spend his summer with Lutheridge as Area Road Director, leading Lutheroad Day Camps in SC and NC.

Congratulations to each of our Grace graduates. May God bless each of you in all of your future endeavors.



Scholarship Forms Due July 1

Applications for the Grace Bedenbaugh



- Chariker Scholarship are available in one of the wall pockets outside the church office window. The deadline to apply is July 1. The Grace Bedenbaugh - Chariker

Scholarship Fund provides assistance for active Grace members enrolled in post-high school degree programs.

This fund was founded by the late Earle and Jeannine Bedenbaugh who provided financial support for many years. In 2018, Susan and John David Dawkins began matching donations as an ongoing memorial to Susan's mother, Kathryn D. Chariker, a long-time educator.

How To Make A Donation

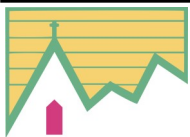
Scholarship Fund envelopes are available behind the guest register in the narthex. Donations may be made in honor or in memory of loved ones. If you or your child or grandchild received a scholarship through Grace's Scholarship Fund, you are encouraged to support the Scholarship Fund so that others may also benefit in the years to come. Remember: your donation will be matched!

STONEY HILL CENTER
PRESENTS A

Gospel Concert Fea-
turing

TERRY SHEALY (GOD'S TOOL BOX)
GLORYMEN & TIFFANY
June 25, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Stoney Hill Center
3044 Stoney Hill Rd., Prosperity, SC





Church
FINANCES

Our Offerings for May

Through May 22
(Does not include May EFTs)

MINISTRY BUDGET *Our Monthly Need: \$12,676*

Given during month.....	\$6,159.00
Given year-to-date.....	\$46,192.81
Goal through May 22.....	\$60,844.00

BUILDING LOAN FUND *Our Monthly Need: \$4,720*

Given during month.....	\$3,243.37
Fundraisers year-to-date.....	\$00.00
Given year-to-date <i>(includes fundraisers)</i>	\$16,844.18
Required through May 22.....	\$22,656.00

MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND

Given during month.....	\$305.00
Given year-to-date	\$2,520.00

FRONT DOOR FUND *(Goal = \$10,000)*

Given during month.....	\$10.00
Given year-to-date	\$590.00
Fund Balance, May 22	\$11,955.00

PARSONAGE FUND

Given during month.....	\$00.00
Given year-to-date	\$125.00
Fund Balance, May 22	\$4,269.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Given during month.....	\$81.00
Given year-to-date	\$277.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Given during month.....	\$0.00
Given year-to-date	\$0.00

CAMPERSHIP FUND

Given during month.....	\$65.69
Given year-to-date	\$225.69

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

Community Assistance.....	\$40.00
Given year-to-date	\$250.00
Bookbag Food Ministry	\$0.00
Given year-to-date	\$0.00
Thanksgiving Meal	\$0.00
Given year-to-date	\$0.00
Total year-to-date.....	\$250.00

SPECIAL 2022 OFFERINGS

Lutheran Disaster Response <i>(Ukraine)</i>	\$2,750.00
World Hunger	\$850.00
Lutheran Disaster Response.....	\$525.00
Lenten Offering <i>(Interfaith Comm. Services)</i>	\$433.00
Easter Lilies.....	\$237.25
Pentecost Geraniums.....	\$175.00
Youth Ministry <i>(Thrivent)</i>	\$134.00

T	MINISTRY BUDGET
E	Needed Thru May 22: \$60,844
G	Given thru May 22: \$46,193
E	Amount Behind Goal: \$14,651
U	BUILDING LOAN
D	Required Thru May 22: \$22,656
U	Given thru May 22: \$16,844
B	Amount Behind Goal: \$ 5,812

Ukraine Offering Ends May 29

In March, Grace children and youth began a "bucket project" for refugees from Ukraine. As the weeks passed, we met our initial goal of \$100 then surpassed new goals of \$500, \$1,000, and \$1,500. Our new goal is to raise \$2,000 by Sunday, May 29 when our "bucket offering" will be blessed.



Grace Wicker Campership Fund

The Wicker Campership Fund provides financial assistance to our baptized, active Grace youth who attend any Novusway summer camp such as Lutheridge, Lutherock, or local Lutheroad summer day camp. Green Campership forms are available now in one of the pockets outside the office window.

Thanks to the family of Edd Wicker and the late Jane Wicker who made the initial donations in October 2000 to begin the Campership Fund and to all who have generously contributed to the fund over the years.

Please continue to support the Campership Fund. Envelopes are available behind the guest register in the narthex.

SPECIAL 2022 OFFERINGS continued

Youth Ministry	\$95.69
Bereavement Meal Ministry	\$85.69
Lutheran Disaster Res. <i>(US tornadoes)</i>	\$50.00



Preschool Closes Successful Year

Grace Christian Preschool celebrated the end of its 22nd year with closing programs on May 16 and 17. A total of 237 family members attended these special occasions. The closings were also livestreamed on Grace's Facebook page.

Grace Preschool would like to thank our parents and congregation members for a fun and faith-filled preschool year. We experienced many of God's blessings each day we were together. We appreciate your continued support of this ministry.

We hope that everyone will have a fun and safe summer - and we look forward to our 23rd Preschool year in the fall!

We give thanks for the leadership and love provided by our Preschool staff this year: director and teacher Andrea Hawkins; teachers Madison Abrams, Abby Lasater, and Nikki Hughes; and teacher assistants Edith Elsenheimer, Cheryl Mitchell, and Jennifer Templin.

We also give thanks for the leadership, guidance, and support provided by our dedicated administrator, Chop Cooper.

We thank Shelby Felker for leading music each week and Karen West for her service as treasurer. In addition, we appreciate Pastor Jane, who led our weekly Wednesday Chapel and thank Pastor Ron Brown, who filled in before Pastor Jane arrived.

We bid farewell to teachers Madison Abrams and Nikki Hughes and assistants Jennifer Templin and Edith Elsenheimer, who will not return in the fall. They will be greatly missed.



Grace Preschool Class of 2022

(Graduating 4-Year-Olds)

Brooks Bannister
Sterling Beckham
Case Graham
Aubrielle Johnson
Jackson Lathrop
Elaine Odom
Jude Pitts
John Samuel Pugh
Wesley Riber
Enzo Romano
Mia Romano
Paxton Ruff
Avery Suber
Candace Turner
Ellie Cate Ware
Garen Williams

Register Now for Preschool

Preschool Registration for the 2022-2023 year is going on now.

preschool registration



Registration packets are available outside the church office window or may be printed from the Preschool page at graceluth.org. We have classes for 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds, but space is limited. Birthday deadlines are Sept. 1. Contact Administrator Chop Cooper at 803-924-0352 or the Preschool office at 803-364-3330 for more information. Leave a message and someone will get back with you as soon as possible.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Preschool Teachers, Aides Needed

Grace Christian Preschool is now accepting applications for teachers and assistants for the 2022-2023 school year. Contact Chop Cooper (803-924-0352) for more information.



Thank You

Thank you to all of our Preschool parents, family, friends, and guests who donated \$1,000 in offering from the Preschool Closing programs for 7-year-old Alex Meza, a former Grace Preschool student who is battling a brain tumor.

... a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this a great year for our Grace Christian Preschool ministry!

Youth / Children's Summer Sunday School, Breakfast



Children's and Youth Sunday School and Sunday School breakfast resumed May 1 in the Ministry Center. Please remember that breakfast is served from 9 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. so that class can start at 9:30 a.m.

For May / summer months, leaders are:

1st Sunday: Kathy Brown

2nd Sunday: Mike Shealy

3rd Sunday: Ronda Mewbourn

4th Sunday: Andrea Lewis

5th Sunday: Lynn Wessinger.

We thank them for volunteering their time and talents in this important mission. Thank you also to Mike Shealy for heading up the Sunday School breakfast.

Summer Office Hours



Beginning June 1, summer office hours for the church secretary will be Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Pastor Jane plans to be in the office on Mondays from 9 a.m. to noon, but will also be available as needed.

Interim Pastor's Column...from pg. 1

You have an amazing history, a Spirit-led history. Faithful members, strong pastoral and lay leaders, care for one another and for the community are strong benchmarks. While decrying the impact of the COVID Pandemic on all that Grace has been in the past, there was excitement about getting the doors open again and the various ministries up and going. And the vision of the future spoke to a particular focus on children and youth ministry and continuing to be a congregation well-known and well-respected in the synod and in this community.

But then, of course, there is challenge ahead as well. We are being called to "come on over to the 21st century church." We are in the early stages of a new Reformation. Some of our old beliefs and practices will need to die. Our hearts and minds will need to be opened to the "God is doing a new thing" message. And we'll have to struggle to both let go and add on. And that's going to take prayer, visioning derived from conversation and debate, and a strong attentiveness to the voice of the Holy Spirit. This is God's church – not ours. We simply are called, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to shape this church into one that reflects in every way possible the body of Christ on this earth.

Having done that so well over all these years that Grace congregation has existed, I have no doubt that same spirit of faithfulness and commitment will lead Grace right into that 21st century church!

God bless, Pastor Jane

May 22 Council Meeting: Because Council's meeting was delayed until May 22, Minutes from the meeting were not available at publication time.




April Financial Reports

	<u>Balance, 4/1</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance, 4/30</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Current/Budget Fund	\$50,958.34	\$12,235.88	\$14,135.84	\$49,058.38*	\$10,756.00 CD
Building Loan Fund	\$32,593.87	\$ 3,738.81	\$ 4,719.85	\$31,612.83	(\$231,483 balance owed)
Maintenance Fund	\$12,829.61	\$ 600.26	\$ 68.18	\$13,361.69**	n/a
Sunday School Account	\$ 2,932.57	\$ 125.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 3,057.57	n/a
Christian Schools Acct.	\$12,477.31	\$ 7,340.34	\$4,558.64	\$15,259.01	n/a
CS Educational Fund	\$ 5,911.33	\$ 2,196.00	\$ 439.27	\$ 7,669.06	n/a

* Current Fund Balance does not include designated monies for the LED Bulb Fund (\$534.37); Sound System Fund (\$335.39); Bereavement Meal Fund (\$1,515.32); or Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift (\$4,925) contained within the Current Fund Checking Account. **Maintenance Fund balance does not include Parsonage Fund (\$4,269) or Front Door Fund (\$11,945) contained within the Maintenance Fund Checking Account.

June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Deadline to Register for Lutheroad Day Camp at St. Luke's Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	2 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	3	4
5 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> Confirmand Recognition - 9:30 a.m. Worship - Confirmation - 10:30 a.m.	6 	7 First Tuesday Communion - 2 p.m.	8	9 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	10	11
Vacation Bible School June 6 - 9 Classes: 6:30-8 p.m.						
12 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> Breakfast - 9-9:25 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m.	13 SC Synod Assembly June 12 - 14 Charleston Marriott	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	16 Bulletin Dead-line - 9 a.m.	17	18
19 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> Breakfast - 9-9:25 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m.	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 	21 Grace Volunteers at Manna House Council Meeting - 7 p.m.	22 Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	23 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m. Grace Volunteers at Manna House	24 WELCA Convention at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Newberry	25
26 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> Breakfast - 9-9:25 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m.	27	28 Newsletter Team - 9 a.m.	29 <i>Office Closed - Jury Duty</i> Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	30 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	1  <i>Deadline for Bedenbaugh-Chariker Scholarship Applications</i>	2



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June Highlights



Confirmation

**Pentecost
Sunday
and
Confirmation
June 5**

**Vacation
Bible School
Make Waves
June 6 - 9**



First Tuesday
Communion

**First Tuesday Communion
June 7 - 2 p.m.**

**SC Synod
Assembly
June 12-14**



**Grace
Volunteers at
Manna House
June 21, 23**



**Don't Take
a Vacation
from Church**

Looking Ahead

**Bedenbaugh-Chariker
Scholarship Application
Deadline: July 1**



**First Tuesday
Communion
July 5**



**Lutheroad Day Camp at
St. Luke's
July 11-15**

**Grace Works
July 15, July 16**