



Grace ABOUNDS

August 2022

From Our
Interim
Pastor



The Good Samaritan

It's the Monday morning after the gospel reading for yesterday was the parable of the Good Samaritan. Somehow, I heard it anew, and it is staying in my mind. I especially am pondering that our acts of compassion are not the way we inherit eternal life; they ARE THE WAY OF LIFE we are called to live as God's baptized children.

One of my devotional resources is a blog by Diana Butler Bass who writes a column titled "Sunday musings." In yesterday's column she shared two of her experiences with living this parable. In the first, she was on a steep and long escalator in a mall in Washington, DC. An elderly man way ahead of her on the escalator collapsed and fell toward her, hitting his head and blood gushed out. She was able to get to him and stop his fall. A young man, also on the escalator, came and lifted the man into his arms so that his body did not hit the top of the escalator stairs. The young man carried him to a bench there in the food court. A teenager working in one of the restaurants brought paper towels for the man's head. Another worker from another restaurant brought a bottle of water. A bystander had called 911, and everyone stayed with the man until medical assistance arrived. They all smiled at one another, shook hands went their separate ways. The Good Samaritan story in action!

In just a few weeks, Dr. Butler writes, she was in her quieter suburban town walking across a street. She tripped and fell face forward in the middle of the crosswalk. She was so stunned at her fall that she couldn't move. And then the light changed, and cars were coming her way. She was sure someone would stop and help her. Not so! A woman driver rolled down her window and yelled at her to get up and get out of the way. Dr. Butler still couldn't move. The woman blew her horn and yelled at her again. Then, yelling "idiot" out her car window, the woman drove off. By that time Dr. Butler had managed to get herself to the curb where she sat with her head in her hands, her knees bleeding. She was sure that someone in the cars driving by would stop and help. No one stopped. Also the Good Samaritan story, is it not?

Her two stories led me to ponder how sometimes we are the helper but sometimes we are in the ditch. And maybe, when we realize that, when we own that sometimes we are vulnerable and need help we might be surprised at who comes to help – and who does not. Or, the other way around. Who do we see that needs help but "pass by on the other side." If ever there were a time when acts of compassion are needed, it's now. May God empower us, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, to live out our baptismal identity and "love God...love neighbor" no matter what the cost.

Blessings, Pastor Jane

August Worship

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Scholarship Sunday

Aug. 7

Blessing of Bookbags

Aug. 14



Our service is also
livestreamed on
Facebook at
Grace Lutheran
Church-ELCA.

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

First Tuesday Communion

Aug. 2

2 p.m.



*A quiet Communion Service
that lasts about 20 minutes.*

All are welcome!



Breakfast: 9-9:25 a.m.

in the Ministry Center

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Children/Youth: Ministry Center

*Adults: Grace Sease Classroom
(across from church office door)*

AUGUST Birthdays

- 1 - Billy Leaphart
- 2 - Lexi Medlock
- 5 - Kimberly Farr
- 6 - Megan Templeton
- 9 - Catherine Eldridge
- 11 - Casey Dawkins, Mike Whitlock
- 12 - Candace Frick
- 13 - Jeanna Hall, Deborah Ruff
- 15 - Carol Mercer, Gina Wasiluk
- 16 - Sue Hartman
- 19 - Ben Derrick
- 21 - Sandy Lemay
- 22 - Kenny Shealy
- 23 - Anna Sandor
- 24 - Mallory Pitts
- 25 - Wayde Dominick
- 26 - Ronnie Derrick, Makyia Senn
- 28 - Lagina Harmon
- 30 - Ronnie Pridgen, Kim G. Metz
- 31 - Lauren Derrick, Dean Harmon

AUGUST Baptisms

- 1 - Donna Jacobs
- 2 - Grace Eldridge
- 5 - Lewis Bedenbaugh, Beverly Merck, Lynn Wessinger Marie Summer
- 7 - Maria B. Morgan
- 11 - Tim Dominick, Ronnie Pridgen
- 12 - Camryn Shealy
- 13 - David Luther, Melodie Waters
- 15 - Claudia Pollard, Brad Waters
- 19 - Corey Fowler
- 21 - Everett Crafts
- 22 - Sharon Neel
- 23 - Rev. Al Potter
- 25 - John David Dawkins Tara Stewart
- 29 - Brittany Templeton
- 30 - Zoila Lipscomb
- 31 - Hunter Hall



IN THE MAIL . . .



I went to Lutheridge and as always, had a great time. I met new friends and learned a lot about myself and others. The challenge to grow spiritually and mentally is always there. I want to thank my Grace family for helping me attend through your donations to the Campership Fund. I missed the last 2 years and it was great to be able to go again. Thank you again.

Love, Bailey Stewart

We will be going to Lutheroad Day Camp at St. Luke's this year. We aren't quite sure what to expect, but we are excited. Thank you to the Grace Campership Fund for making sure we could attend.

Love, Raelynn and Jaxon

AUGUST Anniversaries

- 1 - Barry and Wanda Hartman (29th)
- 2 - Donna and Lewis Hawkins (58th)
- 5 - Eddie and Marysue Rivers (50th)
- 6 - Allene and James Dawkins +
- 13 - Bob and Cissie Dibble (56th)
- 13 - Steve and Renee Stubbs (39th)
- 15 - Lorrie and Jamie Capps (24th)
- 19 - Eugene and Donna Jacobs (45th)
- 22 - John and Susan Dawkins (29th)
- 30 - Ronnie and Linda Cromer (53rd)
- + Memorial Anniversary



Announcement

Congratulations to Pastor Jane and Pastor Mitch on the birth of their identical twin great-grandsons, Nolan and Woods, on July 7. We pray God's blessings for these children and for their parents, Ellen and John Taylor.

CONTACT information



Email Update:

Susan Dawkins:
sdawkins@sdnc.org.

Please help us stay in touch by letting the office know when your contact information changes!

Blessing of Bookbags Aug. 14

Our annual Blessing of the Bookbags will be Sunday, Aug. 14 during our 10:30 a.m. service as we ask God to bless the new school year.



Blessing of the
Bookbags

Students of all ages, teachers, and school staff are encouraged to bring your backpack, bookbag, or other school bag to be blessed. We also invite you to bring your laptops, tablets, notebooks, or other devices that you may be using for this school year.

We'll recognize our students and staff and pray for God's blessing on the new school year.

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.

Children's Bucket Project



Our children are reminded to bring their offering on Sunday mornings to place in the bucket during our Children's Time. This bucket offering is going toward the purchase of a goat through the ELCA Good Gifts project to help a poor family somewhere in the world. The goal is to collect \$50 toward the purchase of a goat, which supplies a family with an ongoing supply of milk. Children are asked to give their own money from their allowance or from doing an extra chore. Go to elca.org/goodgifts to learn more about the Good Gifts program.

First Tuesday Communion

Pastor Jane will offer a brief Quiet Communion Service on Tuesday, August 2 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The "come-as-you-are" service includes Confession and Forgiveness, a Scripture reading and brief reflection, prayers and the Sacrament of Holy Communion and lasts about 20 minutes. This service is designed for anyone who is unable to attend service on Sunday for whatever reason, but all are welcome.



First Tuesday
Communion

Scholarship Sunday Aug. 7

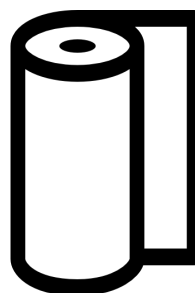
Our annual Scholarship Sunday is planned for Aug. 7 during the 10:30 a.m. service. We will recognize our 2022-2023 recipients of the Grace Bedenbaugh-Chariker Scholarship. We ask recipients to be present for this service.



We give thanks to God for the scholarships awarded to Grace students since 1997 made possible by your donations, the generous initial donation and matching funds from the late Earle and Jeannine Bedenbaugh, and the more recent matching donations in memory of Kathryn D. Chariker from Susan and John David Dawkins.

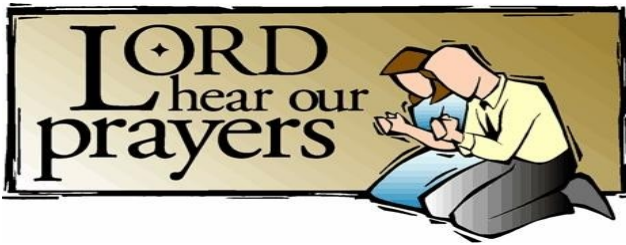
Donations to the fund may be made at any time in honor or in memory of loved ones. If you, your child, or grandchild received a scholarship through Grace's Bedenbaugh-Chariker Scholarship Fund, you are encouraged to support the Scholarship Fund so that others may also benefit.

Scholarship Fund envelopes can be found in the narthex behind the guest register. Remember: your donation will be matched!



Manna House Item of the Month: Paper Towels

Donations can be left in the Manna House box in the narthex. Thank you for supporting Manna House!



Grace Prayer List

Grace Family: Heather Harris (*Lexington Medical Center Extended Care, 815 Old Cherokee Rd., Lexington, 29072*); Bob Harris; Meghan Hartman; Evelyn Harmon; Marysue Rivers; Glenda Crafts; Everett Crafts (*home*); Kellsey Bryant; Cissie/Bob Dibble; Jeanna Hall; Terry Shaver; Margaret Kluttz; Wayne Mitchell; Sue Hartman; Faye Hartman; Lois Amick.

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: Katherine Bennett (*Sharon Neel's sister*); Karl Rohland (*Wayne/Sue Mitchell's son-in-law*); Mary Kennington (*Wanda Hartman's mother*); Alexander Capo (*Roberta Meyers Capo'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 Cavalry Scout, Ft. Hood, TX - Rev. Al Potter's grandson*).

Community: Tony Chapman; Violet Wilmot; Dean Rowe; Mary Lawson; Davida Monsanto.

God's World: victims of gun violence; 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.

To add or remove a name from the Prayer List, contact the office at 803-364-3331 or gracelutheran2@att.net or leave a written note in the office box. Thank you!

July Memorials and Honorariums

Gifts to the Current Budget Fund

In memory of Nancy Bedenbaugh
By: Heather and Bob Harris
Faye Hartman
Melodie and Brad Waters and girls
Dale and Julie Shealy and Family

Gifts to the Building Loan Fund

To the glory of God and in memory of Nancy Foy Bedenbaugh by Kim (Bedenbaugh) and John Uhas
In memory of Joe Counts on his birthday (July 10) by Melodie and Brad Waters and girls

Gift to the Youth Ministry Fund

In honor of all Grace youth and leaders by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

Gift to the Bedenbaugh-Chariker Scholarship Fund

In memory of Nancy Bedenbaugh by Judy Bedenbaugh

Gift to the Campership Fund

In honor of Emmett Wicker by Phil and Deborah Ruff

Gifts to the Front Door Fund

In memory of Bill Ackerman by Billy Ackerman

In memory of Nancy Bedenbaugh
By: James and Nancy Derrick
Edna and David Riley

Gifts to the Bereavement Meal Fund

In memory of Nancy Bedenbaugh by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

In loving memory of Vickie Warren by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

Gifts to Grace Christian Schools

In memory of Nancy Bedenbaugh
By: Chop and Teresa Cooper
Robbie and Harold Hunter

Memorial Gifts - Fund Not Designated

In memory of Nancy Foy Bedenbaugh
By: Aaron W. Rentz
Peggy and Brad Bedenbaugh
David and Shannon Hurst
Marie Leaphart
Donnie R. Mills
Sara Foy Jones
Doug Jones
Franklin-Summer Insurance Agency
Ladison and Paula Hamm

Gift to Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift

In honor of Mike Shealy by Phil and Deborah Ruff

Where Are We in the Call Process?



The Congregation Sustainability Assessment and Early Assessment forms have been completed and returned to the SC Bishop's office. Once these forms have been received in the Bishop's office and reviewed, Bishop Aebischer will make an appointment to meet with Council to discuss the next steps

in the process of moving forward to call a pastor.

Ways You Can Help Keep In Touch

Please let the church office know when a family member is admitted to or discharged from the hospital; a new baby arrives; a death occurs in the congregation or your family; your team or group schedules a meeting date and time or changes its meeting date and time; you are moving or your telephone number, email address, or physical address changes. Call the church office at 803-364-3331 (*answering machine is on 24/7*) or email the office at gracelutheran2@att.net. In an emergency, you may reach Pastor Jane at 803-530-2045. You may also contact her by email at pjmitcham@gmail.com.



Lock the Exterior Doors

When the Sunday service begins, ushers should lock all outside doors. Late arrivals should use the main entrance on Grace Street. One usher should remain in the narthex during the service to monitor the doors and admit late arrivals. Likewise, exterior doors should be locked and not propped open during meetings at the church.

If you are the last to leave after a meeting or event, please remember to be sure that all doors are locked and closed securely as you exit. Offering tabulators are responsible for a final check on the doors as they leave after their Sunday duties.

Turn Off the Lights and Air

Please be sure to turn off the lights and air conditioning when you leave. Also, check the bathrooms and be sure lights and water are off.

Check Your Mailbox

If you are a Ministry Team leader, church officer, or church treasurer, you have a mailbox outside the pastor's office. Please check your box regularly so you don't miss any important information that may be waiting for you.

Grace Leaders

Congregational Officers

Susan Dawkins, vice president
Deborah Ruff, secretary

Congregation Council

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

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| Chop Cooper | Robert Martin |
| 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 August

Assisting Ministers

7 - Sally Dominick
14 - Teresa Cooper
21 - Deborah Ruff
28 - Susan Dawkins



Altar Flowers

7 - Suzanne and Jeremy Medlock
14 - Kay and Billy George
21 -
28 - Roberta Capó

Acolyte

Jonathan Shealy

Communion Assistant

Jessica Shealy

Communion Preparation

Mike Whitlock

Communion Clean Up

Judy Bedenbaugh, Andrea Lewis

Ushers

Walt Quattlebaum (head), Bryan Hall,
Hayden Hall, Hunter Hall, Mike Hall

Greeters

Lorrie Capps, Melodie Waters

Offering Tabulators

Sally Dominick (head), Chop Cooper,
Teresa Cooper, Wayde Dominick

Altar Guild

Judy Bedenbaugh, Nancy Derrick

Pew Helper

Beverly Hawkins

Front Sign

Mike Shealy

SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORS



During the month of August, the Sanctuary Lamp burns to the glory of God and in honor of Sullivan, Skylar Grace, Camryn, and Jonathan by Phil and Deborah Ruff.

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 |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| 7/3 | 49 | 16 | 65 |
| 7/5 Tues. Communion | 10 | — | 10 |
| 7/10 | 57 | 0 ** | 57 |
| 7/17 | 45 | 28 | 73 |
| 7/24 | 46 | 14 | 60 |

* Total Online viewers = Peak views x 2 per SC Synod instructions. ** Technical issue with livestream and statistics.



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| 7/7 | 21 |
| 7/10 | 15 |
| 7/17 | 14 |
| 7/24 | 15 |

Altar Flower Donors Needed

Altar flower donors are still needed for a number of Sundays in 2022: Aug. 21; Sept. 2; Oct. 2; Oct. 9; Nov. 6; and Nov. 27. Sign up on the chart in the narthex or contact the church office by phone or email to reserve any of these dates.



**Deadline for the
September 2022
Newsletter:
August 22**

*Newsletter Team will meet Tuesday,
August 30 at 9 a.m. to assemble the
September newsletter.*

Lutheran Men Meet Aug. 18



Heartland Conference Lutheran Men will host their annual Youth Night on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. at Macedonia Lutheran Church. The meal will be hamburgers with baked beans, chips, slaw, and ice cream. Cost of the meal will be \$10 a person. More information to come on the program and how to make reservations. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss out.

Meal for MC Football Team

As an outreach into our community, Grace will be providing a meal for the Mid Carolina High School Football Team on Friday, Aug. 19. We will be feeding 60 hungry young men and coaching staff at 4 p.m.

Donations to help cover the cost of the meal would be appreciated. Please designate your donation "Mid-Carolina Team."

Contact Johnny Merck for more information.



Join Us for A Trip to Carowinds



Grace Youth Ministry is sponsoring a trip to Carowinds on Saturday, Oct. 22. ALL are welcome. Craig Farr has agreed to drive the bus, and our new youth leaders, Kim and Andy Metz, will join us for the trip. More information with

times, cost, etc., will be coming soon. A sign up sheet is posted on the narthex board. The more people who sign up, the better the price we can get on tickets! If you have any questions, please let Kim or Andy know or text Lynn Wessinger at 803-924-5039.

Christmas Cantata Preview Aug. 17 at Grace

Preparation for the Christmas season begins in August as the choirs of Wightman Methodist and Grace Lutheran come together to preview this year's Christmas cantata on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. in Grace's Ministry Center.

This year's cantata is titled *Bethlehem Morning*. Anyone from the congregation who likes to sing is invited to come for this preview. More details to come later.



CHRISTMAS
CANTATA
PREVIEW



CHOIR PRACTICE
BEGINS AGAIN

Wednesday
Aug. 10
7:30 p.m.

Council Minutes *continued from pg. 10*

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m.

Shepherding concerns were shared, and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

From Minutes by Cindy Amick, Council Secretary





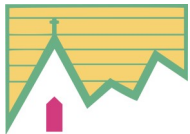
A WORSHIP
EXPERIENCE FOR THE
COMMUNITY

BEER & HYMNS

Thursday, August 4
BAR FIGARO
6:30PM - 8:00PM

Sing and stay for a pint,
or skip the glass.
All are welcome!





Church
FINANCES

Our Offerings for July

Through July 24
(Does not include July EFTs)

MINISTRY BUDGET Our Monthly Need: \$12,676

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Given during month..... | \$5,779.00 |
| Given year-to-date..... | \$68,508.00 |
| Goal through July 31 | \$88,732.00 |

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

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| Given during month..... | \$3,224.31 |
| Fundraisers year-to-date | \$00.00 |
| Given year-to-date (includes fundraisers) | \$24,692.05 |
| Required through July 31 | \$33,040.00 |

MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND

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| Given during month..... | \$365.00 |
| Given year-to-date | \$3,375.00 |

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

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| Given during month..... | \$1,160.00 |
| Given year-to-date | \$1,775.69 |
| Fund Balance, July 24..... | \$13,140.69 |

PARSONAGE FUND

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| Given during month..... | \$25.69 |
| Given year-to-date | \$150.69 |
| Fund Balance, July 24..... | \$4,269.00 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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| Given during month..... | \$80.00 |
| Given year-to-date | \$423.25 |

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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| Given during month..... | \$25.00 |
| Given year-to-date | \$225.00 |

CAMPERSHIP FUND

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| Given during month..... | \$90.00 |
| Given year-to-date | \$291.38 |

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Community Assistance..... | \$40.00 |
| Given year-to-date | \$290.00 |
| 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..... | \$290.00 |

SPECIAL 2022 OFFERINGS

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| Lutheran Disaster Response (Ukraine) | \$2,750.00 |
| Ukraine Bucket Offering | \$2,146.00 |
| World Hunger | \$2,000.00 |
| Lutheran Disaster Response..... | \$625.00 |
| Lenten Offering (Interfaith Comm. Services) | \$433.00 |
| Easter Lilies..... | \$237.25 |
| Pentecost Geraniums..... | \$175.00 |

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| E | MINISTRY BUDGET |
| T | Needed Thru July 31: \$88,732 |
| E | Given thru July 24: \$68,508 |
| E | Amount Behind Goal: \$20,224 |
| E | BUILDING LOAN |
| D | Required Thru July 31: \$33,040 |
| Update | Given thru July 24: \$24,692 |
| E | Amount Behind Goal: \$ 8,348 |



Front Door Project Update

Grace has received the funds we need to move ahead with replacing the front doors, and a contract has been signed with Capstone Glass. They hope to be able to begin the project in the next two to three months. Thank you to everyone who donated to this project.



There will be some additional costs for painting and getting the doors keyed to match our other locks. In addition, the original door handles need to be refinished so they can be incorporated in the final product. These are items that Capstone Glass does not do and that were not included in the contract. Contributions toward these additional costs would be appreciated.

Donations may be made to the Front Door Fund through the Maintenance Fund (yellow envelopes). Be sure to mark your envelope "Front Door." Front Door Fund envelopes are also available behind the guest register in the narthex.

SPECIAL 2022 OFFERINGS continued

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| Bereavement Meal Ministry | \$151.37 |
| Youth Ministry..... | \$147.07 |
| Youth Ministry (Thrivent) | \$134.00 |
| Grace Christian School..... | \$95.00 |
| Lutheran Disaster Res. (US tornadoes)..... | \$50.00 |
| Manna House | \$40.00 |

Preschool Gearing Up for Fall

Grace Preschool is getting ready for fall with new faces and a busy August schedule.



Staff orientation is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 11 with teacher workdays also beginning that day. Get Acquainted visits for preschoolers and their parents will be scheduled between Aug. 22 and Aug. 25 (tentative). First Day of Preschool is Sept. 6.

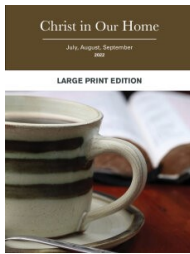
Limited spaces are still available for 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds, and 4-year-olds. Registration packets are available outside the church office window. In addition, packets may be printed from the Preschool page at graceluth.org.

Contact Administrator Chop Cooper at 803-924-0352 or Director Andrea Hawkins at 803-364-3330 for more information.

Help spread the word about this special program.

Quarterly Devotionals

Christ in Our Home devotionals for July, August, and September are available on the table in the narthex. Both large and regular print copies are available. Please pick up a copy for your home and a copy to share with someone else.



VBS: Make Waves

Vacation Bible School got off to a great start on Monday, July 25 with 24 children and youth present to *Make Waves*. We appreciate all of our volunteers who are helping make VBS happen at Grace this year. Special thanks to Macedonia Lutheran Church for sharing their decorations with us. More on VBS in the September newsletter.





Congregation Council met on Tuesday, July 19 for its regular monthly meeting.

Transition Team reported that the number of Covid cases is climbing in Newberry County. We will continue to be safe and give individuals a choice on wearing a mask to resume normalcy as much as possible.

Pastoral Transition Report: Paperwork has been completed. The next step is to call the Bishop and set up a meeting with Council to get the call process started. After that, a vitality survey will be sent out.

The next step toward improving the livestreaming of worship is to establish a media team. Information will be shared with the congregation via email and newsletter.

Steve Stubbs represented Grace at a meeting with the Bufkin Law Firm about the gift from the Larry Spotts Estate to the congregation. He reported that the will reads that the gift is unrestricted. Council decided to use the tithe of the gift for the Lutheran Retreat Centers.

Council voted for Robert Martin to fill the vacancy on the Council. Council meetings will be changed to the second Tuesday of the month because of scheduling concerns.

With Nathan Shealy's approval, Council decided to use the Special Gift in Memory of Sydney Shealy towards livestreaming equipment.

Upcoming Calendar Events: VBS is July 25-28. We need extra help for preschoolers. VBS offering will be designated for the ELCA Good Gifts project that Grace's children are donating towards.

Ministry Team Updates

Good News Team: A meeting will be held in August. The team is working on pamphlets and long-range planning.

Lifelong Education Team is continuing to look at ways to get members back in Sunday School. We are averaging 8-10 each Sunday.

Old Business : No update on the Current Fund Treasurer.

The Parsonage Committee will meet in the coming months to discuss the Growing in God's Ministry grant.

Other: Deborah received a letter from the Mid-Carolina High School asking if Grace would feed the football team and have devotions on Aug. 19.



**Tuesday,
August 9
7 p.m.**

In the Choir Room

***Note: Council will
now meet on the
2nd Tuesday
of the month.***

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June Financial Reports*

| | <u>Balance, 6/1</u> | <u>Received</u> | <u>Disbursed</u> | <u>Balance, 6/30</u> | <u>Additional Information</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Current/Budget Fund | \$48,770.21 | \$13,171.18 | \$10,965.29 | \$50,976.10* | \$10,756.00 CD |
| Building Loan Fund | \$31,235.35 | \$ 3,506.56 | \$ 4,719.85 | \$30,040.06 | (\$223,592 balance owed) |
| Maintenance Fund | \$13,766.93 | \$ 390.24 | \$ 645.04 | \$13,512.13** | n/a |
| Sunday School Account | \$ 3,028.44 | \$ 66.25 | \$ 16.41 | \$ 3,078.28 | n/a |
| Christian Schools Acct. | <i>not available</i> | | | | n/a |
| CS Educational Fund | \$ 4,730.45 | \$ 4,793.00 | \$ 679.00 | \$ 8,844.45 | 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 (\$1,581); or Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift (\$4,950.68) contained within the Current Fund Checking Account. **Maintenance Fund balance does not include Parsonage Fund (\$4,269) or Front Door Fund (\$11,980.69) contained within the Maintenance Fund Checking Account.

August 2022



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|----------|
| | 1 | 2 First Tuesday Communion - 2 p.m.  | 3 | 4 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m. | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9th Sunday after Pentecost Breakfast - 9-9:25 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - Scholarship Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  | 8 | 9  Council Meeting - 7 p.m. Choir Room | 10 Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.  CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES | 11 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.  Teacher Orientation Preschool Staff Orientation (Tentative) | 12 | 13 |
| 14 10th Sunday after Pentecost Breakfast - 9-9:25 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - Blessing of the Bookbags - 10:30 a.m. | 15 | 16 | 17  CHRISTMAS CANTATA PREVIEW Cantata Preview - 7 p.m. Ministry Center | 18 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m. Heartland Conference Lutheran Men Youth Night - 7 p.m. at Macedonia | 19  MC Football Team Meal in Grace Ministry Center - 4 p.m. | 20 |
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| <div> <div>←</div> <div>Preschool Get Acquainted Visits</div> <div>→</div> </div> | | | | | | |
| 28 12th Sunday after Pentecost Breakfast - 9-9:25 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. | 29 | 30 Newsletter Team - 9 a.m. | 31 Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m. | 1  SEPTEMBER Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m. | 2 | 3 |



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August Highlights



First Tuesday Communion

First Tuesday Communion
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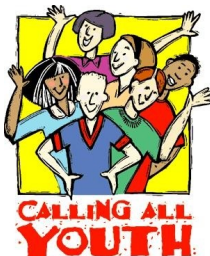
**Grace
Scholarship
Sunday**
August 7

**Blessing of the
Bookbags**
Aug. 14



**Christmas
Cantata Preview**
August 17
7 p.m.

**Lutheran Men
Youth Night**
Aug. 18
7 p.m.
at Macedonia



**MC Football
Team Meal**
Aug. 19
at Grace



Looking Ahead



Labor Day
Sept. 5

**First Day of
Grace
Preschool**
Sept. 6



**First Tuesday
Communion**
Sept. 6

**God's Work.
Our Hands.**
Sept. 11

God's work.
Our hands.