



# GRACE NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*"To what might God's Holy Spirit be calling us?"*

## **GRACE LUTHERAN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

*As disciples in Christ, we support our faith community, encourage spiritual growth in everyone, and serve all creation with Christ-like love.*

*We accomplish this by:*

- ♦ *spreading God's Word*
- ♦ *building relationships*
- ♦ *serving the community*
- ♦ *reaching out to those in need*

*July*  
*2021*



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## From the Pastor...

Who guided the people Israel through the Wilderness? Who guided Israel as one nation? Who guided the disciples to travel in pairs, and yet to feed many thousands at a time? We know the stories of Moses, of kings Saul/David/Solomon, and of Jesus. And we know that the people and these leaders were guided by... God. So, it is with us.

### **This is our guide, according to Grace's Mission Statement.**

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### **This is our guide, according to Grace's Ministry Site Profile [with my changes included].**

Be Christ-centered, reach out to those in need, and build relationships with young families and youth for our continued [survival faithfulness].

### **This is our guide, according to this resolution adopted by the 2021 Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly.**

...an intentional period of mutual discernment and conversation that includes a time of dwelling together in God's Word, prayer, and shared listening and conversation around the question, "To what might God's Holy Spirit be calling us?" and; be it further resolved

that during this year-long season of spiritual discernment, all conferences, congregations, and ministries across the synod are invited and encouraged to include a similar intentional period of mutual discernment and conversation in their life together for the purpose of deepening our spiritual engagement with [ ] God and being formed through the Holy Spirit into the people God is calling us to be.

**My goodness, what can we do with so many different guides? Might not so many guides lead us everywhere and nowhere at the same time? How can we travel together while going down different roads? Well, we don't have to. Upon closer look we can see how each of these guides actually do relate to the others.**

We are Christ centered in our worship and fellowship, in our service and planning. We are asking lots of questions about who we are and what we do (that very asking is part of what it means to engage the Spirit). Committees are identifying their purpose and goals. We are Grace; transitioning through a pandemic and working together (not for the sake of change, but because we know that if we don't, we can expect nothing other than what we have been experiencing/trending). This is not to say that Grace isn't doing God's work in many wonderful ways, but it is to acknowledge that it may not be sustainable as is.

So, where are the places that you fit (are called) into this?  
How can you put faith into action, while still respecting good stewardship of your own time and needs (one expression of which is our trying a Wednesday rather than a Saturday service)?

Grace is a people of many ministries and committees (that is, people sharing an interest in loving and serving God, our neighbors, and our selves). Let it be said and seen that we are guided by God's Holy Spirit; so it is with us.

with Grace, Pastor Krieger



### **From the Cantor J.B. George...**

While J.B was on vacation upon publishing of this Grace Notes, the office and congregation would like it noted we appreciate J.B's leadership, efforts and many hours given, along with Randy Heidorn and Pastor Krieger's content, on continuing to publish well made videos for worship each week. J.B. has been learning and developing his computer knowledge and we thank him for his efforts as well as he and his family's contributions musically.



## **YOUR HEALTH NEWS**

### **Parish Nurse... Diana Weyhenmeyer**

I thought I would continue with the article on Alzheimer's that I started last month. This month I would like to focus on resources for those with the disease and family support.

This is an online for videos. They range from wellness, caregivers dementia care, nutrition and activity.

[https://okrah.com/catalog?gclid=EAIaIQobChMlr\\_zEvqOG8QIVvW1vBB2wxQA6EAAYAAEgKxhD\\_BwE](https://okrah.com/catalog?gclid=EAIaIQobChMlr_zEvqOG8QIVvW1vBB2wxQA6EAAYAAEgKxhD_BwE) is the web site.

Videos range from 3 minutes to 20 minutes.

Visiting Angels is a web site I found for home care. [https://www.visitingangels.com/springfieldil/home?keyword=alzheimers%20caregivers&gclid=EAIaIQobChMlp-\\_81KWG8QIVY\\_rjBx2BnQ4SEAAAYASAAEgKqf\\_D\\_BwE](https://www.visitingangels.com/springfieldil/home?keyword=alzheimers%20caregivers&gclid=EAIaIQobChMlp-_81KWG8QIVY_rjBx2BnQ4SEAAAYASAAEgKqf_D_BwE) was their web site.

The Alzheimer's Association's web site is <https://www.alz.org/> You can connect with local resources on this web site. This web site has a lot of information as well as the Senior Center located on corner of Walnut and Madison.

There is a lot of information out there. If you need any help, ask one of our nurses to help you find what you are looking for. Jerry, Jan, Pat, Josie or myself will be glad to help you.

A hotline number is: 800 272-3900 or on the computer push a button for a live chat with someone. We have support groups in Springfield thru the Alzheimer's Association.

The main thing to remember is you are not alone. We are here to help and support you in any way you need.

In Christ's Love, Diana



Kids say the darndest things....WHEN GEORGIA LUCKEY CAME HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL WITH HER NEW SON, ROLLY, HIS 2 1/2 YEAR OLD BIG BROTHER, TUCKER, SAID "MOMMY HAS A NEW TOY".

## **Join us weekly for worship online: FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE, OR BY EMAIL**

You can go to either our website at  
[www.gracelutheran-springfield.org](http://www.gracelutheran-springfield.org)  
on Facebook to *Historic Grace Lutheran Church* or to our YouTube  
Channel: Grace Lutheran Church Springfield IL and you will be taken  
to a link that will allow you to view the video of the services for  
Saturday/Sunday.

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### **Community Ministry of Grace has dates to help the Daily Bread and Specialty Meals on Wheels programs for July**

**2021.** Please call Jean Scherer at 217-725-0301  
with the date you can help, your name and phone  
number. Thank you for helping to feed our home  
bound Seniors! Please call me if you need help or  
cannot do the date you signed up for. Thank you!  
Many thanks to the volunteers who have already  
signed up to deliver meals! The Daily Bread times

have been filled which are the earlier times picked up from the Senior  
Center at 9:30 am and warming/cooling bags returned there to door 2  
when done. I have the following dates left for the Springfield Specialty  
Meals on Wheels which are picked up from the loading dock at  
Memorial Medical Center, NE corner of Miller and Rutledge, at 11:15  
and warming/cooling bags returned to the Senior Center, door 2 when  
done.

July 20 – Tuesday route 7

July 21- Wed. route 8

July 23 Friday route 7

July 26 Mon. route 3

July 27 Tues route 7

July 28- Wed route 8. Rosie and Tom O'Fallon

July 30 Fri. route 7

Please call me at 217-725-0301 or email me

at [j.d.scherer2@gmail.com](mailto:j.d.scherer2@gmail.com) if you can help with the other  
dates. Thanks for helping feed our homebound seniors.

**Families...** We are excited to announce Grace (Pen) Pals! Grace Pals will be a pen pal project between children and adults of Grace Lutheran Church. The goal of this project is to create relationships to support one another in faith. Information has been shared with families with children. If you would like to participate as an adult, please contact Katherine Galloway at 217-553-3958 or [Galloway.katherine@gmail.com](mailto:Galloway.katherine@gmail.com).



**Jr./Sr. High Youth Join us Sunday July 11th** at AMC 8 Dirksen pkwy for a showing of "Black Widow" rated PG-13 and ice cream to follow. We hope to go in the afternoon around 3 o'clock but will let you know closer to the exact time. Keep an eye on email.



**Evangelism at work...** With the leadership of Pastor Krieger, the Evangelism Committee has been studying *The Invitational Christian* by Dave Daubert. The book of eight short chapters examines some reasons that America's mainline churches are in decline and offers "some solid, simple and practical things that every congregation needs to put into place." In the first five chapters the Committee has discovered that studies show that in this modern world people are

looking for a place where they can find answers to relevant questions in their lives. Today's church can provide answers if the people of God listen for those concerns and respond to them by sharing their experiences and understanding of God and God's work in their own lives. The author writes that a healthy congregation encourages people to "move the sermon from the pastor's lips to the lips of the people." One of the first steps in creating this listening/sharing relationship is an invitation by a member to visit our worship service or to become involved in one of our congregational activities. In Chapter Five Pastor Daubert presents four reasons why many Christians fear inviting others: fear of fanaticism, fear of rejection, fear of harming a good relationship, and fear of appearing stupid or foolish. He provides some suggestions for overcoming those fears and empowering congregational members to act more confidently as invitational Christians. Extra copies of *The Invitational Christian* are available in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who wishes to learn more.



## Stephen Ministry

### Why "Stephen" Ministry?

The Biblical Story of Stephen is found in Acts chapter 6. Stephen was selected as one of the seven to serve the day to day needs of the church, chosen because they were known "to be full of the Spirit and of wisdom."

Stephen ministers bring the light of Christ to those they serve. They wash feet, kneeling in service and willing to face the messy stuff. Gently examining and washing, they create the environment for healing. In the example of Stephen, these ministers serve at table. At the table is where stories are told, nourishment is provided, and relationships find time and space to develop. And these Stephen types aren't pushy about it, but find helpful ways to tell the stories of our God, and to point to Christ's great love, compassion, and mercy. What you share is confidential; what Stephen Ministers share is hope, companionship, prayer, and gentle, deep listening.

Stephen Ministers are not "cure-givers," that is, they do not fix or solve problems of others. Instead, they are "care-givers," who listen, walk alongside, and point to the "cure-giver," our faithful God.

We are thankful that Stephen Ministry is provided through our congregation. We are here to help. Contact us through the pastor, the church office, or by submitting your name confidentially via the information on the wall near the stairs in the fellowship hall. Fill out the form, seal it in an envelope and give it to the office or hand it to a Stephen Minister.



**Our Library...** there is a large variety of books in our little library. We have some Christian teenage series, some mysteries, one shelf of Christian/Lutheran educational books, most of a shelf of biblical stories for young children, several year of devotional books, as well as hymnals that members may want to accompany our services.

**TWISTED STITCHERS...** is a group of ladies that get together the first Tuesday evening of the month in someone's home and have an evening of fellowship and stitching crafts (knitting, crochet, cross-stich, quilting or anything else). July 6 at 6:00 pm at the home of Debbie Rigg. Then in August join us at Duncan Park!



# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p><i>4<sup>th</sup> of july</i>  <i>United States</i>  <i>Independence day</i>            9:15 am Worship</p>			
	<p><b>5</b>            FOOD PANTRY AND            OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6            9:30 am Staff Meeting  <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>            6:00 pm Twisted Stitchers</p>	<p>7            12            G            7:</p>
<p>11            9:15 am Worship            Bold Woman Reception            Sheedy Shores Outing</p>	<p>12  <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>            4:00 pm Stewardship  <b>Kim gone</b></p>	<p>13            9:30 am Staff Meeting            10:30 am Property  <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>            12:00 noon Admin &amp; Finance            6:00 pm Evangelism</p>	<p>14            4:            Co            M            7:</p>
<p>18            9:15 am Worship</p> <p>→</p>	<p>19  <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i></p> <p>→</p>	<p>20            9:30 am Staff Meeting  <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>            1:30 pm Pastor &amp; JB at            Concordia Village            6:30 pm Ruth Circle  <b>Daily Meals delivery</b></p>	<p>21            7:</p>
<p>25            9:15 am Worship</p>	<p>26  <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>  <b>Daily Meals delivery</b></p>	<p>27  <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>            6:30 pm Council</p>	<p>28            S            7:</p>



# 2021

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>	2	3
2:30 pm Faith/ Grace Circle 4:00 pm Worship	8 <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>	9	10 9:00 am Sew'n Sowers
4 4:00 pm Community Ministry 6:00 pm Worship	15 <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>	16  <b>Aaron gone</b>	17
1 6:00 pm Worship	22 <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>	23	24
3 Memorial Service for Gene Rubley 6:00 pm Worship	29 <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>  Grace Notes	30	31

## **Worship Participants**

**July 4** Greeters: Nelson's Usher: Paul Derlitzki

Assisting Minister/Reader: Harold Janssen

**July 11** Greeters: Orr's Usher: Jean Scherer

Assisting Minister/Reader: Pat Casper

**July 18** Greeters: Schofield's Ushers: Weyhenmeyer's

Assisting Minister/Reader: Adalyn Lowery

**July 25** Greeters: Laurie Farrell Ushers: Schlicht's

Assisting Minister/Reader: Addison Downey

*LORD JESUS, HELP ME TO USE MY HANDS FOR THE WELFARE  
OF THOSE AROUND ME. AMEN*



**Fellowship Outing...**An afternoon outing is planned for **Sunday, July 11** at the Sheedy Shores Winery in Loami. We have gone there in the past and have enjoyed refreshments and are allowed to bring our own food. Doors open at 12:00 noon and there will be live entertainment, so seating is limited. Please come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon!

## **MEMBERS HOMEBOUND OR LIMITED MOBILITY**

DIXIE ALVIES  
DOROTHY BAHRE  
GLENDA BOWLES  
GEORGIANN  
BREDEHOFT

GLORIA GAGNON  
JOHN GEORGE  
MARGE HANNER  
EUNIE KRONE  
HELEN MOORE

ELEANOR SAKRIS  
ANN SCHLICHT  
CRYSTAL SHADID

## FOOD PANTRY REPORT

*Doug McFarlan, Director*

*As Christ fed the multitudes, the mission of the Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry is to feed the hungry.*

During the month of May the Food Pantry served 275 families and 651 individuals. This is slightly higher than our client numbers in May 2020 when the pandemic had our society pretty well shut down, but still significantly less than we had been serving in "normal" years. We continue to attribute the lower numbers to the many new and temporary sources of support people in need are receiving from free food distributions organized by the Central Illinois Food Bank, extended or expanded food stamp and unemployment benefits, and stimulus checks.

Through May 31, we had served 1,454 families and 3,738 individuals this year. Nearly 40 percent of our clients are children and about one-fourth are over age 55.

Just as happened last year, the onset of summer's heat has brought a surge of homeless clients coming to our outdoor distribution. In addition to providing them bags of food with items that don't require cooking or can openers, we are now stocking bottled water. We also are enhancing the number of personal items and toiletries we give to all clients to include toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant.

Blessed by a strong financial position at present, we also continue to provide all clients with milk, bread and eggs, and now that summer is here look forward to adding fresh produce to the mix when possible. Parkes Family Farms continues to be a generous donor of fresh eggs, and Turasky Meats recently donated 300 pounds of venison sticks and sausage rolls that are very popular.

We also continue to help stock a new micro pantry at neighboring First Presbyterian Church, and that church continues to provide us with a \$1,000 donation each month while their Good Samaritan Ministries and its pantry are closed.

In May, the Pantry account had income of \$6,451 and expenses of \$6,393, leaving us with a May 31 account balance of \$87,023. The generosity of the members of our "anchor" churches – Grace, St. John's, Peace and Our Savior's – with their donations of money, food and volunteer hours continues to give us opportunities to look for ways to enhance our services, such as we have done for the homeless and by providing more fresh foods and dairy to everyone.

Thanks to the leadership of Jim Hobbs, the **Pantry's first golf outing** fundraiser is taking shape with both sponsors and golfers beginning to sign up to support this venture. **The event will be held the afternoon of Sunday, August 29 at Piper Glen Golf Club.** Please let Jim know if you might be interested in helping us manage the event that day or have potential sponsors you could contact.

## **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**Council met in person June 22, 2021**

**May 2021**

\$35,270 Income

\$32,848 Expense

Surplus \$2,422

**YTD 2021**

\$147,793 Income

\$159,663 Expense

Deficit (\$11,870)

**May 2020**

\$42,784 Income

\$22,664 Expense

Surplus \$20,120

**YTD 2020**

\$142,944 Income

\$124,347 Expense

Surplus \$18,597

- *"To what might God's Holy Spirit be calling us?"* discernment for the CSIS
- Pairing with another congregation or specialized ministry for one year randomly chosen by Synod.
- Expectations for fellowship receptions same as CDC guidelines for worship.
- Rick Carlson transfer to First United Methodist.
- Motion to continue to provide Online Communion—**approved unanimously**
- Jan Conrady resigned from Council but with term only until 2022 will wait for Annual meeting for appointment.
- Meeting with First Presbyterian June 28 at 6:30pm.
- Motion made to continue current worship and Sunday School schedule with worship at 9:15 am and Sunday School/Adult Forum at 10:30 am through the next 9 months then reevaluate —**approved unanimously**
- Food Pantry has received 30 lbs. venison from Turaskys meats and over 500 dozen eggs from Parkes Farm.
- Evangelism working on guidelines for Ushers/greeters for more welcoming along with brochure.
- Motion was made that the Parking lot ministry of collecting funds be discontinued—**approved unanimously**

### **Worship Attendance**

### **YouTube**

### **Facebook**

Pentecost	5/23/2021	37	49
Pentecost	5/23/2021	102 In-person	
Holy Trinity	5/30/2021	32	63
Holy Trinity	5/30/2021	82 In-person	
Pentecost 2	6/6/2021	SYNOD WORSHIP	
Pentecost 2	6/6/2021	67 In-person	
WEDNESDAY	6/9/2021	8 In-person	
Pentecost 3	6/13/2021	40	60
Pentecost 3	6/13/2021	65 In-person	
WEDNESDAY	6/16/2021	4 In-person	

**ALL WOMEN** of Grace are welcome at the Women's Circle meetings and other WELCA events.

## **BOLD WOMAN 2020!**

### **Celebrating July 11 after worship (finally)**

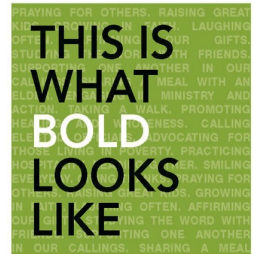
All are welcome including Bold Women past present and future are welcome to join us Sunday after worship for a reception.

#### **Bold Woman 2020 at Grace Lutheran Church is Wanda K. Williams.**

Wanda has been a member of Grace Lutheran for over 40 years, after moving to Springfield to take a job with the Illinois Department of Human Services in the mid 1970's. Wanda has been a big part of making Grace a welcoming church. She serves on the church council and is a member of the Fellowship committee and the Worship and Music committee. Wanda is also a long time member of the church choir. After her retirement, she has become a big asset to the Grace Food Pantry, working there at least 2 days a week. Wanda also serves on the Food Pantry Board. It is fair to say that Wanda knocks herself out at the food pantry. In addition, Wanda is an active member of Ruth Circle and the WELCA Unit at Grace. Wanda has served as a voting delegate to WELCA's Triennial Convention and attends every Gathering that she can. Wanda supports the Grace WELCA Unit by serving as the chairwoman, many times, for our yearly giving projects. If the WELCA unit needs something done, we know that we can count on Wanda. Whether it is projects, rides to meetings or help organizing an event, Wanda is there. Wanda has also recently been leading the Brown bag Bible study. Wanda says that she enjoys people and enjoys helping them when she can.

Rounding out her already busy life, Wanda loves to cook and has trying her hand at gardening. We at Grace Lutheran are so blessed to have Wanda Williams in our church.

She is a great example of what a Bold Woman can do.



**Ruth Circle** meets the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. We visit, share personal experiences and concerns, have a devotion and pray for our concerns, we then have the Bible study lesson from the Gather magazine. If you would like to join us, contact Mary Plymire 217-303-6907 or Judy Wollet 217-620-8467. All are very welcome!

## **July Birthdays**

### **July 2**

Amy Harshman

### **July 3**

Ashley Streck

### **July 4**

John Rigg

### **July 6**

Jennifer Derlitzki

Tucker Luckey

### **July 9**

Nicole Brockmeyer

Georgia Luckey

### **July 11**

Adam Hobbs

Hailey Schlicht

### **July 12**

Stephen Christell

Kathy Kreutzer

Carter Streck

### **July 13**

Gary Courtwright

Crystal Shadid

Diana Weyhenmeyer

### **July 14**

Salli Shields

### **July 15**

Karen Clark

Kyle Gietl

### **July 16**

Carolyn Nelson

### **July 17**

Marilyn Dees

Eunie Krone

### **July 18**

Rosie O'Fallon

Don Thannen

### **July 19**

Randy Krone

Jackie O'Fallon

### **July 20**

Dr. Agnes Wood

### **July 21**

Chris Thompson

### **July 22**

Emma Harshman

### **July 23**

Velma Lawson

### **July 24**

Addison Christell

### **July 25**

Margot Galloway

### **July 27**

Corrine Kircher

Jean Scherer

Jennifer Weakly

### **July 28**

John Weakly

### **July 29**

Larry Garrison

### **July 30**

Addison Downey

Mark Thannen

### **July 31**

Carolyn Sandidge

 *Happy Birthday and God's blessings!*

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE COMMITTEES THEY REPRESENT**

**Vice President,** Randy Heidorn

**Treasurer,** Susan LeMasters

**Secretary,** Phil Galloway

**Administration & Finance** Ed Wollet

**Christian Education** Jessica Thannen, Amy Monahan, Mary Plymire

**Community Ministry** Diana Weyhenmeyer, Randy Heidorn

**Evangelism** Josie Anderson, Amy Monahan

**Fellowship** Mary Schofield, Wanda Williams

**Long Range Planning** Ed Wollet

**Parish Life** Rosie O'Fallon, Josie Anderson

**Property** Mark Anderson

**Stewardship** Mary Plymire, Phil Galloway

**Worship & Music** Wanda Williams, Rosie O'Fallon, Randy Heidorn

**Youth** Katy Gietl

**Stephen Ministry Representative**

**REMINDER:** Committee chairs and/or secretaries please stop at the work room every week so that you can sign off on transactions vouchers.

Thank you for giving your time.

**Join Our  
Golf Outing**



**DRIVE OUT HUNGER  
GOLF OUTING  
At Piper Glen Golf Course,  
Springfield  
Sunday August 29  
beginning at 12 noon  
To benefit Grace Food Pantry**

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**IN PERSON WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday 9:15 am and Wednesday 7:00 pm  
The church is ACCESSIBLE for wheelchairs.

**You can also join us for worship online [gracelutheran-springfield.org](http://gracelutheran-springfield.org)**

**Church in Office Hours:** Tuesday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Monday by remote

Please call the church office for any information Phone (217) 522-3965

**Grace Food Pantry** is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday  
11:00 am– 1:30 pm Food Pantry Phone (217) 522-9707

**OUR STAFF**

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