

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

May 15, 2017



A message from Pastor Chris,

Where is your favorite place? Jesus says in the Gospel lesson from John 14, "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?" To have a place means simply: We belong. We have dignity and worth, because we are God's children. We have a space in which to move and act. We need not fear being thrown out because the rent hasn't been paid. And we have a guaranteed place in God's scheme of things, both in this world and the world to come. The wonder of it is that even when to the rest of the world, we appear to have no place at all, no place to lay our heads, we know that God has prepared a city for us.

Christ's home is available to us today among the people of God, in prayer when you call on Christ's name, in the welcoming smile of a child. And we are reminded each day, that we live in the light of Christ's resurrection, when we wash our face and remember our baptism and as we are fed each week at the table with all the saints, the Family of God and we taste and see that God has prepared a place for us! Thanks be to God, that we have a place and a home in God's love!

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING - the next (and only before Lutheroad and VBS) Child Protection Training event will be on **Sunday, May 21**, at **12:30 PM** in the **Common Area**.

NURSERY ITEM REQUEST - The Nursery Staff is looking for a donation of a gently used rocker or glider that can be utilized for infants in our nursery. Contact Amy Gamerl (gracekids@comporium.net) if you can help.

NEW GRACE KIDS PAGE - Amy Gamerl, our Children's Minister, is pleased to announce the launch of Grace Kids page: [Grace Kids@GraceELCARockHill](https://www.facebook.com/GraceKids@GraceELCARockHill) on Facebook. There is also a closed group that you can access upon request once you "Like" the Grace Kids page.

LUTHEROAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We need families to host counselor meals (in your home or bring to the White House) Monday through Thursday (plan for around six young adults). We are still looking for volunteers to help with snack at Lutheroad and to provide transportation for field trips for the week of June 5. Contact Amy Gamerl (gracekids@comporium.net) if you can assist.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Join us **Tuesday, May 9 at 9:30 AM in Room 109** (note room change) for the weekly Bible Study. We will be discussing the book of James - "exposing hypocritical practices and to teach right Christian behavior". Bring your bibles, (any version), and have the entire book of James read before class. Contact William Karlson at 803-328-8250, or wkarlson7@gmail.com for any questions. Please email/call Bill if you plan to attend.

SIGN LANGUAGE - There is a man in our community who would like to come worship at Grace. He is deaf and needs someone who can sign during service. If you are someone who knows sign language, and are able to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Chris.

SENIORS@GRACE - Seniors@Grace are on the road on May 18th! Sue and Karlo Waataja have invited us to come to their house on the lake for our next meeting. Plan to be at their house (2780 River Ridge Place, Fort Mill, SC 29708) by 11:30 AM. If you need a ride then come to the church by 11:00 am and we will car pool. Contact Annie-Laurie Wheat (803-980-1834) for more information.

SC SYNOD ASSEMBLY - Keep in your prayers Grace's representatives to the South Carolina Synod Assembly in Charleston, SC, as they prepare for the Assembly May 21 - 23: **Pastor Rebecca Lord-Philips, Adrianna McMurphy, Heather Litzinger, Sig Huitt, Amy Gamerl.**

NEW HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR - Parish Life is in need of a new hospitality coordinator. Duties include scheduling food hosts once a month, coordinating people for coffee preparation and clean up on Sundays. Contact Ginny Miller (803-984-2256) or Anne Blount (803-327-8317) for more information.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - May 15

1:30 PM Newcomers KnitWits (Common)
5:30 PM Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM Grace Alone (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - May 16

P. Rebecca First Call (Columbia)

US House District 5 & SC State House District 48 Runoff (FH)

9:30 AM Bible Study (109)
5:30 PM Chrysalis (Conf)
6:30 PM AA (101)

WEDNESDAY - May 17

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
10:00 AM Ebenezer Ave. Elem. Teacher Lunch (School)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - May 18

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
11:30 AM Seniors@Grace (Waataja's Home)
6:00 PM Champions in Motion (FH)

FRIDAY - May 19

DANI WALKER WEDDING (FH AND SANCTUARY)

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - May 20

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8:30 AM Confirmation (107, 108, 110, 111)

SUNDAY - May 21

Pastor Chris Vacation

Pastor Rebecca to SC Synod Assembly (PM)

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)
9:45 AM Last Day of Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
12:30 PM Child Protection Training (Common)
5:30 PM GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM AA (101)

May 21, 2017 Worship Assistants

Hospitality:
Coffee Only

Muggers:
Robin Ketner and Doug Gay

Nursery:
Katie Romero

Tabulators:
Hester/Winsch

Altar Guild:
Linda Horst and Kay Lynes

Home Communion Ministers:
Seigler; Johnson; Bartel/Cafarella

8:30 AM

Lector: Anne Johnson
Communion Assistant: Cameron Tuck
Petitioner: Windy Cole
Crucifer: Emory Beer
Acolytes: Jaxon Sidden, Coby Johnson
Greeter: Kendall Anderson
Ushers: Bob Schavey, Bob Goodbar,
Eddie Hinson, Floyd Ritchie

11:00 AM

Lector: Robin Ketner
Communion Assistant: Debbie Gignac
Petitioner: Bill Davis
Crucifer: Josh Corbett
Acolytes: Jacob Corbett, Michael Echeagaray
Greeter: Dewain Thiessen
Ushers: Craig Ketner, Mike Dunnett,
Wally Seigler, Eric Waataja

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JUNE 2017

Lutheroad - June 5 - 9
LCY Convention - June 16 - 18
Confirmation Camp - June 18 - 24
Seniors@Grace - June 22

JULY 2017

GYM Mission Trip - July 9 - 14
VBS - July 24 - 28

AUGUST 2017

WELCM Summer Retreat - August 11 - 13
GYM Beach Retreat - August 25 - 27

OCTOBER 2017

Women's Retreat - October 20 - 22 - Lutherock