

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

May 22, 2017



A message from Pastor Rebecca,

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." John 14:15-16

How can such a simple statement be so complicated? I know I love Jesus, but I also know that I fail at keeping Jesus' commandments. This passage comes from one of the most difficult goodbyes ever said. This is from Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples, where he is telling them that he will go, and that they cannot go with him on this journey. Jesus must assure his disciples that even though he can no longer be with them as he had been, he will not leave them. It is this assurance, that we, as Jesus's disciples, also receive. Loving the way we ought and keeping Jesus' commands would be impossible on our own. But we are given an Advocate. This Advocate allows us to be in relationship with God, and with God's people. We are promised that we are never alone in love or in our call to keep God's commandments. Jesus is telling his disciples goodbye, but is also giving the gift of his presence, even after his death. How amazing is it that we are assured of God's presence always? When loving is tough, when keeping commandments seems impossible, rely on the Advocate that abides in you, the Spirit that promises to be with you forever.

PASTOR CHRIS - is on vacation this week. Keep Pastor Chris in your prayers as she enjoys time with family.

FREE BOOKS - Pastor Chris is clearing out her office, and in the process has donated a number of books looking for adoption into new homes. They are located on the small table in the conversation area of the office. Come adopt yours today.

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.

SC SYNOD ASSEMBLY - Keep in your prayers Grace's representatives to the SC Synod Assembly in Charleston, SC: **Pastor Rebecca Lord-Philips, Adrianna McMurphy, Heather Litzinger, Sig Huitt, Amy Gamerl.**

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

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Join us **Tuesday, May 23 at 9:30 AM in Room 109** for the weekly Bible Study. We will be discussing the book of James - 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 information. Please email/call Bill if you plan to attend.

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. Sign up on today's Tear and Share or contact Amy Gamerl (gracekids@comporium.net) if you can assist.

COFFEE HOUR CHANGES - due to the number of people Parish Life has available for cleaning up after Coffee Hour Sunday morning, they have decided to switch to paper cups. Please use the cups that have been set out on the Coffee Hour table, and thank you in advance for your understanding.

GYM POOL PARTY - Adele Evans has graciously offered her home for an end of the year pool party on **Saturday, May 27 from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM.** RSVP to Pastor Rebecca by **TOMORROW**, Monday, May 22.

FIRST TIME CAMPER MILESTONE - will be on **Sunday, June 11 at 9:45 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. If your child is going on their first overnight camping trip this summer, this milestone is for them. Families and other campers are welcomed to attend and encourage our campers on the blessings of overnight camps.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND - is next weekend. **The office will be closed Monday, May 29.** Look for your Grace Happenings on Tuesday, May 30.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - May 22

Pastor Chris Vacation

SC Synod Assembly

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM Grace Alone (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - May 23

Pastor Chris Vacation

SC Synod Assembly

9:30 AM Bible Study (109)
10:00 AM Newcomer's Bible Study (Conf)
1:30 PM Newcomer's KnitWits (Common)
6:15 PM Worship and Music (106)
6:30 PM SCWW(105)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:30 PM Bridge Group (102)

WEDNESDAY - May 24

Pastor Chris Vacation

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - May 25

Pastor Chris Vacation

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
6:00 PM Champions in Motion (FH)

FRIDAY - May 26

Pastor Chris Vacation

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - May 27

Pastor Chris Vacation

No events scheduled

SUNDAY - May 28

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
5:30 PM NO GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM AA (101)

MONDAY - May 29

MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106, 107)

May 28, 2017 Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Jean Faut and Kevin Winsch

Nursery:

Heather Litzinger

Tabulators:

Landsly/Stonebraker

Altar Guild:

Linda Horst and Kay Lynes

8:30 AM

Lector: Doug Gay

Communion Assistant: Kevin Winsch

Petitioner: Laura Maciag

Crucifer: Aleeyah Sidden

Acolytes: Jacob Bell, Dustin Stegall

Greeter: Vicky and Bob Goodbar

Ushers: Bob Schavey, Bob Goodbar,

Eddie Hinson, Floyd Ritchie

11:00 AM

Lector: Larry Winsch

Communion Assistant: Melissa Tucker

Petitioner: Donna Richter

Crucifer: Caroline Corbett

Acolytes: Dawson Harbert, Palmer Floyd

Greeter: Don Horst

Ushers: Craig Ketner, Mike Dunnett,

Wally Seigler, Eric Waataja

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JUNE 2017

Lutheroad - June 5 – 9

First Time Camper Milestone - June 11

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

SEPTEMBER 2017

Picnic at Elk's Park - September 10

OCTOBER 2017

Women's Retreat – October 20 -22 - Lutherock