

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

A message from Pastor Chris,

May 30, 2017



I wonder what it was like for the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit to come after Jesus ascended. Waiting can be hard! We wait all the time: we wait for the birth of a new baby, for the end of the school year and even at the grocery store. Most of us don't like to wait. While the disciples waited, it says they devoted themselves to prayer.

Grace has begun its own period of waiting, as you wait to call a new lead pastor. This will be like a birthing process, but might even take longer than 9 months. During this time, God will be working in you as you prepare for a new pastor, and God will be working as God prepares a pastor for you.

There will be many tasks that will need to be done in the days ahead, but the most important one, is that you devote yourselves to prayer. Pray for the council as they lead you through the process, pray for the interim who will be called to serve you in the in between time, pray for the staff as they take on additional responsibilities, pray as a call committee is selected, pray for the congregation as you help to discern the gifts your new pastor will need to bring. Most importantly, pray for God's will to be done. And I will be praying for you and I hope that you will pray for me as I begin a new call.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and future." Jeremiah 29:11

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

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.

NOVUS WAY SPECIAL OFFERING - Grace will be collecting a special donation to Novus Way, the ELCA based camp ministry (Lutheridge, Lutherock) in conjunction with the First Time Camper Milestone on Sunday, June 11, at both services. Please support this outdoor ministry next Sunday.

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.

NEW GRACE KIDS PAGE - Amy Gamerl, our Children's Minister, is pleased to announce the launch of Grace Kids page: 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, June 6 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 folks to provide a simple lunch for counselors Monday through Thursday (plan for around four young adults). Lunch needs to be at the church by 11:30 AM. We are still looking for volunteers to help with snack at Lutheroad and to provide transportation on Tuesday, June 6. Contact Amy Gamerl (gracekids@comporium.net) or text her (803-389-1024) 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.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - May 29

MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

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

TUESDAY - May 30

Pastor Rebecca Vacation

9:30 AM NO Bible Study (109)
6:30 PM AA (101)

WEDNESDAY - May 31

Pastor Rebecca Vacation

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:30 PM AA (101)

THURSDAY - June 1

Pastor Rebecca Vacation

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
6:00 PM Champions in Motion (FH)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Commission (108)

FRIDAY - June 2

Pastor Rebecca Vacation

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - June 3

Pastor Rebecca Vacation

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY - June 4

Pastor Rebecca Vacation

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
5:30 PM GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM AA (101)

June 4, 2017

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

ShirLee Alfors

Muggers:

Kathy Schwandt

Nursery:

Patti Saunders

Tabulators:

Harrison/Stonebraker

Altar Guild:

Patti Saunders and Ellen Gwyn

Home Communion Ministers:

Huitt; Gignac; Sliney/Westbrook

8:30 AM

Lector: Justin Anderson

Communion Assistant: Bob Schavey

Petitioner: Ruth Wasserman

Crucifer: Dustin Stegall

Acolytes: Carsen Gamerl, Tyler Stegall

Greeter: Bob Wasserman

Ushers: Bob Wasserman, Kevin Winsch,

Doug Gay, Kendall Anderson

11:00 AM

Lector: Don Horst

Communion Assistant: Nora Sliney

Petitioner: April Hershey

Crucifer:

Acolytes: Michael Echegaray

Greeter: Norma and Frank Surratt

Ushers: Chad Seigler, Chris Cassidy,

Kenny Meetze, Pat Nadeau

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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