

# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

A message from Pastor Rebecca,

June 26, 2017



*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3-4*

Our gospel text for this week contains a lot of unsettling messages about division, denying Jesus, putting God above family, and taking up the cross to follow Jesus. Perhaps one of the most used verses from our text warns about God denying us in heaven if we deny Jesus before others. The good news in our Gospel comes at the very end when we see that those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. When we lose our old sinful life and gain a new life in Christ, we have nothing to fear. In baptism, we die the hardest death we'll ever have to face, and receive a new and better life in Christ. This week, be assured that we know a God who does not only acknowledge us, but in the waters of baptism, names us his own, and claims us forever. We can walk in newness of life every day, because of what Jesus has already done, and the work he continues doing every day in us and in this world.

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**CALL PROCESS MANUALS** - entitled "A Spirit Led Time of Renewal" from the South Carolina Synod and the ELCA are available for free on the counter in the office. Get yours during normal business hours.

**ARE YOU A BRAVE BELIEVER?** - That will be the question answered during Vacation Bible School, July 24 - 28, 2017. Sign-Up sheets for both attendees and helpers are on the Sign-Up Table in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a minute to register your child(ren) (age 3 through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade). For more information, contact Amy Gamerl, Children's Minister ([gracekids@comporium.net](mailto:gracekids@comporium.net) or 803-389-1024).

**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.

**PASTOR CHRIS'S FAREWELL AND GODSPEED RECEPTION** - is **Sunday, July 2, at 9:45 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend either service and send Pastor Chris to her new call at Holy Trinity Lutheran, Chandler, AZ, with our love and prayers. Oh, and there will be cake!

**SUMMER CHOIRS** - Come join the choirs for the summer. Rehearse thirty minutes before 8:30 or an hour before the 11:00 am services. For more information, contact Larry Peterson (563-340-1443).

**SAVE THE DATE** - Summer Supper Club get-2-gether will be **Saturday, July 15, at Chet & Ginny Miller's house**, 2056 Balmoral Drive, Rock Hill. Phone: 803-984-2256. Starting at 5:00 pm until.... Will host a BBQ providing the meat(s), condiments, and drinks. Please bring a dish to share. Please sign up on the Tear and Share, or let us know by July 8 if you will be able to attend. Thanks! Hope to see you in July !!!

**FAMILY PROMISE COMING TO GRACE** - It is time for Grace to host our week with Family Promise, July 16-23. Sign Up sheets are posted on the sign up board: please take a moment and get yourself involved with this wonderful ministry. Contact Sig Huitt for more information (704-576-0407 cell).

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING** - the ELCA's National Youth Gathering will be **June 27 - July 1, 2018**, in Houston, Texas. An Interest and Informational Meeting will be at Grace **Sunday, July 30 at 4:45 PM** in the Youth Room. Deadline for registration is September 10, 2017. Please contact Pastor Rebecca with any questions.

## GRACE CALENDAR

### MONDAY - June 26

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

### TUESDAY - June 27

1:30 PM Newcomers KnitWits (Common)  
6:15 PM Worship & Music (106)  
6:30 PM SCWW (105)  
6:30 PM AA (101)  
7:30 PM Bridge Group (102)

### WEDNESDAY - June 28

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

### THURSDAY - June 29

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

### FRIDAY - June 30

### CHRISTMAN WEDDING REHEARSAL

5:30 PM AA (101)

### SATURDAY - July 1

### CHRISTMAN WEDDING

### SUNDAY - July 2

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)  
9:45 AM Pastor Chris's Godspeed Reception (FH)  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship  
5:30 PM GYM (Youth)  
7:00 PM AA (101)

## July 2, 2017 Worship Assistants

### Hospitality:

Parish Life

### Muggers:

Martha Hester and Larry Winsch

### Nursery:

Heather Litzinger

### Tabulators:

Landsly/Stonebraker

### Altar Guild:

Stephanie Beer and Pam Ritchie

### Home Communion Ministers:

Huitt; Gignac; Sliney/Westbrook

### 8:30 AM

*Lector:* Joyce Eickmeyer

*Communion Assistant:* Brian Beer

*Petitioner:* Windy Cole

*Acolyte:* Emory Beer

*Greeter:* Vicky and Bob Goodbar

*Ushers:* Sig Huitt, Stave Ashley,  
Harold Williams, Dan Bartel

### 11:00 AM

*Lector:* Rick Richter

*Communion Assistant:* Dee Westbrook

*Petitioner:* April Peterson

*Acolyte:* Cameron Cassidy

*Greeter:* Norma and Frank Surratt

*Ushers:* Larry Winsch, Michelle del Castillo,  
Craig Ketner, Mike Dunnett

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### JULY 2017

GYM Mission Trip – July 9 – 14

Family Promise - July 16 - 23

VBS - July 24 - 28

NYG Info Meeting - July 30

### AUGUST 2017

WELCM Summer Retreat - August 11 - 13

GYM Beach Retreat - August 25 - 27

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Picnic at Elk's Park - September 10

NYG Registration Deadline - September 10

### OCTOBER 2017

Women's Retreat – October 20 -22 - Lutherock

### JUNE 2018

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Houston, TX