

# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

August 7, 2017



A message from Pastor Rebecca,

*They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. Matthew 14:17-20*

The feeding of the (over) 5000, is a rich text, full of God's promise. We see how Jesus takes a time out, has compassion for those who follow him, recognizes a need to feed people, gathered what was there, blessed it, and saw it multiply as it was distributed. At Grace, we are called to much the same pattern right now. We are in a holy time of discernment. Right now while we are experiencing change, we are called to pray and discern, to take a time out and reflect. But just as Jesus taught us, we are also called to continue to have compassion for our neighbors, recognize need and try to meet that need. We see that in Jesus, what seems scarce, can be made into an abundance that can be multiplied to give everyone their fill. In this time, we are called to be good stewards. We are called to be good stewards with this holy time, as well as good stewards of what we already have. We are called to really look at what we have ( which is a whole lot here at Grace) to give thanks for it, bless it, and to give it over to Jesus and watch what he will do with it. I cannot wait to see how God will multiply mission here at Grace in the days and years to come.

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**PASTORAL CALL ROTATION** - Pastor Ken and Pastor Rebecca are sharing after-hours pastoral needs calls. Any questions: contact the office first (803) 324-5295, during business hours [9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday].

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED** - Grace is in need of Sunday School teachers and helpers for the children's Sunday School classes this fall. Please contact Tammie Harbert (803-980-5114).

**REFORMATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** - You are invited to attend a Reformation Celebration Planning meeting **TODAY, AUGUST 7 at 4:30 PM** in the Common Area.

**SENIORS@GRACE** - Plan to attend the next Seniors@Grace event on **Thursday, August 24 at 11:30 AM**. We start with a time of fellowship, followed by lunch, then Grace's Interim Minister, Rev. Kenneth Gillikin, will be making a Gospel Chalk Art Presentation. Chalk art is an entertaining and dramatic way to share the gospel. People remember eighty percent of what they see versus only twenty percent of what they hear. The chalk artist uses this learning principle to his advantage when explaining spiritual truths. Some things that are difficult to explain in words may be better conveyed with a picture. You can view Pastor Gillikin's chalk art pictures at [www.chalkinitup.wordpress.com](http://www.chalkinitup.wordpress.com). Join us for a meaningful and entertaining program!

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** - Pastor Ken and Pastor Rebecca will be offering a series of new member classes on Sunday mornings at **9:45 AM** in the **Common Area** (outside church offices). The class dates are **August 27, September 10 and 17**. New members will be received into Grace on Sunday, September 24. Contact the church office (803-324-5295) or sign up on Sunday's Tear and Share if you are interested in attending.

**CONGREGATIONAL EVENT** - Bishop Herman Yoos met with the council July 16 to explain the next steps in the call process. The bishop will be at Grace on October 22 (tentatively), to lead worship and host a congregational event after to discuss how God is at work in our congregation during this time of transition. More details to follow as they are confirmed.

**GYM BEACH TRIP** - The GYM Youth Beach Trip to Isle of Palms will be **Friday, August 25** until **Sunday, August 27**. All rising 6-12 graders are invited to attend. Please contact Pastor Rebecca with any questions.

**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.

## GRACE CALENDAR

### MONDAY - August 7

10:00 AM	Pastor Rebecca Mutual Ministry (Prayer Room)
1:00 PM	Staff (Prayer)
1:30 PM	Newcomers KnitWits (Common)
4:30 PM	Reformation Celebration Planning (Common)
6:00 PM	Girl Scout Leaders (FH)
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

### TUESDAY - August 8

#### COUNCIL REPORTS AND NEWSLETTER DUE

6:30 PM	SCWW (105)
6:30 PM	AA (101)

### WEDNESDAY - August 9

#### Amy Gamerl Vacation

9:30 AM	Grace-C Quilters (103)
5:30 PM	Outreach (108)
6:30 PM	AA (101)

### THURSDAY - August 10

7:30 AM	Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
1:00 PM	Racial Reconciliation (Common)
6:00 PM	Champions in Motion (FH)
6:30 PM	Public Relations (Conf)

### FRIDAY - August 11

#### Amy Gamerl Vacation

#### WELCM Summer Retreat (Van Reserved)

8:00 AM	Chrysalis Training (Conf)
5:30 PM	AA (101)

### SATURDAY - August 12

#### WELCM Summer Retreat (Van Reserved)

8:00 AM	Property (Patty Wagon Café)
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### SUNDAY - August 13

#### WELCM Summer Retreat (Van Reserved)

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

## August 13, 2017 Worship Assistants

#### Hospitality:

Coffee Only

#### Muggers:

Jean Faut and Kevin Winsch

#### Nursery:

Patti Saunders

#### Tabulators:

Harrison/Stonebraker

#### Altar Guild:

Pam Ritchie and Pam Kirby

#### Home Communion Ministers:

Seigler; Johnson; Bartel/Cafarella

#### 8:30 AM

*Lector:* Anne Johnson

*Communion Assistant:* Cameron Tuck

*Petitioner:* Pam Kirby

*Acolyte:* Kaila Stegall

*Greeter:* Bob Wasserman

*Ushers:* Tom Sturniolo, Jack Lockwood,  
Bob Schavey

#### 11:00 AM

*Lector:* Eric Schmidt

*Communion Assistant:* Debbie Gignac

*Petitioner:* Kristy Austin

*Acolyte:* Abby Ketner

*Greeter:* Dewain Thiessen

*Ushers:* Wally Seigler, Eric Waataja, Chad Seigler

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#### AUGUST 2017

WELCM Summer Retreat - August 11 - 13

Seniors@Grace - August 24 - Chalk Art

GYM Beach Retreat - August 25 - 27

New Member Classes - Aug 27, Sept 10, 17

9:45 AM (Common)

#### SEPTEMBER 2017

Picnic at Elk's Park - September 10

NYG Registration Deadline - September 10

New Member Reception - September 24

#### OCTOBER 2017

Family Promise - October 1 - 8

Bishop Yoos Visits Grace - October 22 (tentative)

Women's Retreat - October 20 - 22 - Lutherock

#### JUNE 2018

National Youth Gathering - June 27 - July 1, 2018

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