

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

August 21, 2017



A message from Pastor Ken,

How far does God's love reach? Where do the shores of God's love end? God loves us and nothing *"will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:39). We have little or no difficulty asserting this promise. The challenge, right now as we engage in our nation's debate on race relations, lies in living out our Christian faith by standing up against the voices of hatred in our society that are directed at people of color and race who are different than us. We are called to speak the truth of God's Word and participate in this debate. Our church teaches: *"Racism – a mix of power, privilege, and prejudice – is sin, a violation of God's intention for humanity... The job of Christ's people today is to celebrate the diversity of God's creative work and embrace all people in the spirit of love, whatever race or ethnicity, economic status or gender"* (ELCA social statement *"Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture"*). May we stay informed and may our voices be heard, giving witness to our faith as our nation's laws and policies are shaped by this debate.

PASTORAL CALL ROTATION - Pastor Ken and Pastor Rebecca are sharing after-hours pastoral needs calls. This week: Pastor Rebecca has Monday 8/21 - Wednesday 8/23: Pastor Ken has Thursday 8/24 - Saturday 8/26. Questions: contact the office (803) 324-5295, during business hours [9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday].

SENIORS@GRACE - 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.

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.

GRACE ALONE - the 8:30 AM Contemporary choir, resumes practices on **Monday, August 27, at 7:00 PM** in the **sanctuary**. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Larry (gracemusicguy@comporium.net).

CONGREGATIONAL EVENT - **Bishop Herman Yoos** will be at Grace on **October 22**, for a **10:30 AM** worship service, followed by a covered dish brunch, then a congregational event to discuss how God is at work in our congregation during this time of transition. Please plan to attend this important Sunday.

GYM BEACH TRIP - The GYM Youth Beach Trip to Isle of Palms is **Friday, August 25** until **Sunday, August 27**. There will be **NO GYM** on Sunday, **August 27**.

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD BANK TRUCK - Mark your calendars **for Friday, September 8 at 8:00 AM**. Grace Lutheran and Flint Hill Baptist will once again sponsor a Second Harvest Mobile Food Truck at Flint Hill Baptist Church (Rock Hill). Last year we served almost 300 families in less than 3 hours! Sign-up sheet and details page on the Sign-Up table in the Fellowship Hall.

GRACE WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT - is Friday evening, **NOVEMBER 10** - Sunday morning, **NOVEMBER 12** at the Crow's Nest at beautiful Lutherock in Arden, NC. (*Please note date change.*) This year's theme is **"Re-formed through God's Grace."** The Retreat cost is \$150, and includes 2 nights accommodation, meals, and all retreat materials. To reserve your space, please submit your deposit of \$50 by September 10th, mark your check "Women's Retreat" in the memo line. The balance of \$100 is due by October 8th. Contact Laura Maciag at lmaciag@lmaciag.com or 216-789-6716 with any questions.

ANNUAL PICNIC - Join Parish Life for Food, Fellowship and Fun at Grace Lutheran's Annual Picnic, Sunday, **September 10, noon until 3:00 PM at Elks Park (Rock Hill)**. Parish Life is providing BBQ, hot dogs, baked beans, slaw, potato salad and drinks - bring a dessert to share. Cost: \$8:00/adult; \$5.00 (children 7-12); FREE (children under 6). The maximum charge per family unit is \$25.00.

WOMEN'S GROUP - Are you thinking about attending the Women's Retreat in November, but want to learn more? Join us on **Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 PM** at the home of Laura Maciag to for some fellowship and fun—and, of course, we'll be makes plans for the Retreat! The address is: 1357 Secret Path Drive, Fort Mill (off of Gold Hill Road). Please RSVP to Laura at lmaciag@lmaciag.com or call (216) 789-6716.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - August 21

Winthrop Classes Begin

9:00 AM	York County Quilter's Class (FH)
10:00 AM	Staff (Prayer)
6:00 PM	York County Quilters (FH)
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - August 22

9:00 AM	York County Quilter's Class (FH)
1:30 PM	York County KnitWits (Common)
5:30 PM	Worship & Music (107)
6:30 PM	SCWW (105)
6:30 PM	AA (101)
6:45 PM	Stewardship (Common)

WEDNESDAY - August 23

9:30 AM	Grace-C Quilters (103)
4:00 PM	Reformation Celebration Planning (Common)
6:30 PM	AA (101)

THURSDAY - August 24

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

FRIDAY - August 25

GYM Beach Trip (Isle of Palms)

5:30 PM	AA (101)
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SATURDAY - August 26

GYM Beach Trip (Isle of Palms)

8:00 AM	York County Quilters Class (106)
8:00 AM	York Boy Scout Training Day (FH and 107)

SUNDAY - August 27

GYM Beach Trip (Isle of Palms)

8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship (FH)
9:45 AM	Sunday School
9:45 AM	New Member Class (Common)
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship
4:30 PM	NO GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM	AA (101)

August 27, 2017 Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Martha Hester and Larry Wunsch

Nursery:

Leslie Dunnett

Tabulators:

Landsly/Stonebraker

Altar Guild:

Pam Ritchie and Pam Kirby

Home Communion Ministers:

Huitt; Gignac; Sliney/Westbrook

8:30 AM

Lector: Steve Johnson

Communion Assistant: Sara Johnson

Petitioner: Jackie Wille

Crucifer: Coby Johnson

Acolytes: Connor Johnson, Tyler Stegall

Greeter: Sig Huitt

Ushers: Tom Sturniolo, Jack Lockwood,

Bob Schavey, Bob Wasserman

11:00 AM

Lector: Linda Horst

Communion Assistant: Craig Ketner

Petitioner: Dee Westbrook

Crucifer: Noah Gamerl

Acolytes: Carsen Gamerl, Michael Echegaray

Greeters: Norma and Frank Surratt

Ushers: Wally Seigler, Eric Waataja, Chad Seigler

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AUGUST 2017

New Member Classes - Aug 27, Sept 10, 17

9:45 AM (Common)

SEPTEMBER 2017

Second Harvest Mobile Food Truck - September 8

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

10:30 AM One Service (No Sunday School)

Brunch and Presentation Following

NOVEMBER 2017

Women's Retreat - November 10-12 - Lutherock

Annual Dinner/Meeting - November 19 - 5:00 PM

JUNE 2018

National Youth Gathering - June 27 - July 1, 2018

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