

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

September 5, 2017



A message from Pastor Rebecca,

Churches are striving to become more "seeker" or "none" friendly: these are both labels for people who visit a church, but do not claim a certain religious belief. It is always the call of the church to welcome all people, "seeker", "none", and "cradle" alike, but there are interesting strides taken by some churches to make our worship spaces, our liturgy, and our hymns less intimidating. Our Gospel text for Sunday did not get the message of easing people who might be wary of religion into following Christ. We don't have to be perfect, or perfectly faithful to take up the cross, we just have to trust that Jesus will be there to help and guide us in what we are called to do.

PASTORAL CALL ROTATION - This week: Pastor Rebecca has Tues 9/5 and Thurs 9/7: Pastor Ken has Wed 9/6, Fri, 9/8 - Sat 9/9. Questions: call the office (803) 324-5295, [9 AM - 5 PM, Mon - Fri].

GRACE RINGERS - the hand bell choir, resumes practices on **Monday, September 11, at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary**. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Larry (gracemusicguy@comporium.net).

PARISH CHOIR - the 11:00 AM traditional choir resumes rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM in the Music Room**. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Larry (gracemusicguy@comporium.net).

FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL CANCELLED - Saturday, Sept 9 rehearsal is cancelled.

WOMEN'S GROUP - meets **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.

HUNGER OUTREACH PROGRAM - is on **Thursday, September 7 and Friday, September 8**.

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD BANK TRUCK - is **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). Contact Doris Lourigan (803-684-3816) for details.

HABITAT BUILD - the next Habitat build will be framing at 414 Flint Street on **Saturday, September 16**, starting at **8:00 AM**. The Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall: contact Earl Gatlin for details (803-517-2403).

SENIORS@GRACE - **September 28 at 11:30 AM** for good food, fellowship and an engaging presentation from our very own Donna Wylie who recently wrote and published *Dark Corner of War*, a biography of her uncle Charles Sumpter Wylie. Seniors@Grace will meet at the usual time 11:30 am Thursday September 28th!

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 **September 10 and 17**. New members will be received into Grace on Sunday, September 24.

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 lunch: bring a dessert to share. Cost: \$8:00/adult; \$5.00 (children 7-12); FREE (children under 6).

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING - The next Safety Committee meeting is **Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00 PM in Room 107**. Contact Floyd Ritchie (floyda@comporium.net) for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL EVENT - **Bishop Herman Yoos** will be at Grace on **October 22**, for a **10:30 AM** worship service (NO Sunday School), followed by a covered dish brunch, then a discussion of how God is at work in our congregation during this time of transition. Please plan to attend this important Sunday.

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. This year's theme is "**Re-formed through God's Grace.**" The Retreat cost is \$150. Contact Laura Maciag at lmaciag@lmaciag.com or 216-789-6716 with any questions.

GRACE CALENDAR

TUESDAY - September 5

6:30 PM WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM AA (101)

WEDNESDAY - September 6

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:30 PM Executive Council (Common)
6:30 PM Women's Group (Maciag's)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - September 7

HUNGER OUTREACH

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

FRIDAY - September 8

HUNGER OUTREACH

8:00 AM Mobile Food Bank Truck (Flint Hill Baptist)
5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - September 9

2:00 PM Rachel Pollari's Celebration of Life (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY - September 10

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)
9:45 AM Sunday School
9:45 AM New Member Class (Common)
1:00 AM Traditional Worship
12:00 PM Annual Picnic (Elk's Park)
4:30 PM NO GYM (Youth)

September 19, 2017

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Kathy Schwandt

Nursery:

Heather Litzinger

Tabulators:

Martha Hester and Larry Winsch

Altar Guild:

Kathy Schwandt and Ruth Wasserman

Home Communion Ministers:

Seigler; Johnson; Bartel/Cafarella

8:30 AM

Lector: Steve Johnson

Communion Assistant: Sara Johnson

Petitioner: Anne Johnson

Crucifer: Coby Johnson

Acolytes: Connor Johnson, Jacob Bell

Greeter: Vicky and Bob Goodbar

Ushers: Eddie Hinson, Bob Wasserman,

Doug Gay, Kevin Winsch

11:00 AM

Lector: Robin Ketner

Communion Assistant: Debbie Gignac

Petitioner: Melissa Tucker

Crucifer: Noah Gamerl

Acolytes: Carsen Gamerl, Dawson Harbert

Greeters: Dewain Thiessen

Ushers: Chris Cassidy, Kenny Meetze,

Larry Winsch

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SEPTEMBER 2017

First Confirmation Class - September 16

Habitat Build - September 16

Joint NC/SC Synod 500th Anniversary

Reformation Capstone Worship -

September 23, 2:00 PM

Covenant Presbyterian Church (Charlotte)

New Member Reception - September 24

GYM Fundraiser "Luther" Movie Night -

September 24 - 5:00 PM

OCTOBER 2017

Oktoberfest - Oct 7 - Epiphany Lutheran - 3:00 PM

Family Promise - October 1 - 8

Bishop Yoos Visits Grace - October 22

10:30 AM One Service (No Sunday School)

Brunch and Presentation Following

Fall Festival - October 28 - 4:00 PM

NOVEMBER 2017

First Communion Classes - Nov. 6 & 13 - 4:30 PM

Women's Retreat - November 10-12 - Lutherock

First Communion at Both Services - Nov. 19

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

JUNE 2018

National Youth Gathering - June 27 - July 1, 2018

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