

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

May 25, 2018



A message from the Pastor Ken,

"Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." John 3:3

When Jesus spoke these words to Nicodemus, he was challenging him to understand how the Spirit of God creates and gives birth to new life in those who come to believe in the Son of Man. When Jesus is lifted up on the cross, God's love is revealed, so that all the world might be saved and have eternal life. When we encounter this message of the Gospel in the person of Jesus Christ, we are changed, born of God's Spirit, born from above, and born anew! We are invited by God's Spirit through the promise of our baptism to live by faith, abiding in relationship with the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us with new life!

GRACE HAPPENINGS EARLY - Since the office is closed Monday (and will close at noon today), "Grace Happening" is being sent early. Enjoy the weekend!

FAMILY PROMISE - comes to Grace **June 17-24**. Sign up sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please help!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE - The call committee continues to visit and interview candidates. The committee urges all members of Grace to pray faithfully that the Holy Spirit will guide all who are involved in the process of finding a pastor. Prayer and Patience.

PILGRIMS INN - Pilgrims Inn still needs our help. Canned good and staples are welcome. Bring them to church and put them in the grey bin at the front door and we will get them to the Inn. Thank you for your help!

HELP! - Hospitality is looking meager these days folks. If you enjoy having a bit of a snack with your coffee at 9:45 am Sunday mornings, please sign up to host. The sign up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Questions?- see Irene Pointon (point@comporium.net, cell: 704-517-5403)

REALM - Need some help using Realm? New detailed instructions for setting up and using Realm and downloading the Realm Connect app is available from the Realm Instructions link on our Grace home page or at http://www.gracerockhill.com/fileadmin/Staff_Upload/RealmInstructions.pdf. If you still need an invitation or help setting up your account, please contact our Realm administrator Bob Stonebraker at 803-980-1834 or stonebraker946@gmail.com. Once your Realm account is setup, also download the Realm Connect app to your smartphone by searching on "Realm Connect" in the App Store or Google Play.

LUTHEROAD DAY CAMP - We are hosting **Lutheroad Day Camp on June 11-15**. The counselors from Lutheridge will spend the week with us, leading the kids in worship, games, Bible study, fellowship, crafts, and prayer. Lutheroad is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The hours are 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 9 am to noon on Friday. Each child should bring a bag lunch. The cost is **\$115 per child**, and scholarships are available. Registration forms are in the fellowship hall. **Payment is due by May 27**.

CALLING ALL LADIES IN FAITH TOGETHER (LIFT) - Lutherock has been reserved for our upcoming annual retreat held at the Crow's Nest at Lutherock. The dates are: **Friday, November 9th - Sunday, November 11th**. The cost per person per room per night is \$105 (CORRECTED AMOUNT - you can room with a friend to save money). A deposit of \$55 is due by July 1st: please make your payment to the church as soon as possible and be sure to note what your contribution is for on your check or envelope. Our next quarterly meeting is **July 25th at 6:30 PM** at Kristy Austin's house where we will be selecting a topic for lessons and discussions at the Retreat and Arlene will be sharing the details of her trip to Israel.

RACE AND RECONCILIATION - The Race & Reconciliation group continues to expand and has welcomed four African-American women to the planning committee. Our meetings center around small group discussion on a central theme, and **newcomers are always welcome**. Our next event is on **June 14**, when our guest presenter, Dr. Nate Frederick, will be speaking about Juneteenth, the holiday that commemorates the emancipation of African-American slaves throughout the South. We will meet from **6:30-8:30 pm** at **Sanctuary of Life Outreach Center (SOLO Center), 213 Albright Road, Rock Hill**. Contact Larry Winsch for details (lwinsch@yahoo.com).

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - May 28

MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

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

TUESDAY - May 29

1:30 PM Newcomers Knitwits (Common)
6:30 PM AA (101)

WEDNESDAY - May 30

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - May 31

SC SYNOD - PASTOR KEN OUT OF OFFICE

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Common)

FRIDAY - June 1

SC SYNOD - PASTOR KEN OUT OF OFFICE

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - June 2

SC SYNOD - PASTOR KEN OUT OF OFFICE

Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH & Kit)

SUNDAY - June 3

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
4:30 PM GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM AA (101)

June 3, 2018 Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

ShirLee Alfors

Muggers:

Kathy Schwandt

Nursery:

Leslie Dunnett

Tabulators:

Bea and Jack Lockwood

Altar Guild:

Patti Saunders and Ellen Gwyn

Home Communion Ministers:

Seigler; Johnson; Bartel/Cafarella

8:30 AM

Lector: Windy Cole

Communion Assistant: Sig Huitt

Petitioner: Sara Johnson

Acolyte: Connor Johnson

Greeter: Kendall Anderson

Ushers: Steve Ashley, Bob Wasserman,
Harold Williams, Dan Bartel

11:00 AM

Lector: Dee Westbrook

Communion Assistant: Nora Sliney

Petitioner: Bill Davis

Crucifer: Noah Gamerl

Acolytes: Charlotte DeMartino,
Erin DeMartino

Greeter: Don Horst

Ushers: Bill Sliney, Chris Cassidy,
Dennis Hogue

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JUNE/JULY 2018

GYM Pool Party - June 10 - Adele Evan's

Lutheroad - June 11-15

Habitat Faith Build Kick Off - June 23

Family Promise - June 17-24

NYG - Houston, Texas June 27 - July 1, 2018

Fifth Sunday Worship - July 29, 10:00 AM

Covered Dish - July 29, 11:00 AM

JULY/AUGUST 2018

VBS - July 30 to August 3

SEPTEMBER 2018

Stewardship Celebration Sunday Worship

September 30, 10:00 AM

Stewardship Celebration Meal

September 30, 11:00 AM

OCTOBER 2018

Parish Picnic - Elk's Park - October 14

NOVEMBER 2018

LIFT Retreat - Lutherock - November 9 - 11

Celebration Worship & Annual Dinner - Nov 18