



# The Call of *Grace*

Grace Lutheran Church

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**June/July 2022**

## **From the Pastor's Desk...**

# *Here we go!*

Dear friends and family of Grace,

This month we're "off to the races," as they say, in a number of different, important ministry areas.

Please mark your calendars to come to the church on Monday evening, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. as we are blessed to host *The Sunrise Singers* of Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas as they bring us their original live musical drama presentation called "***Moment of Truth.***"

We have all had defining moments in our lives. Possibly it was the moment when we took our first step, or had our first kiss, or got our first job. Maybe it was the moment when we got on the bus for school all by ourselves without mom or dad, or we drove off to college for the first time, or we entered into retirement after a long career.

Do you remember that Moment – that Moment of Truth? When Christ captured your heart and mind in one singular moment. Maybe it was your Baptism, or when your child was born, or in the midst of a crisis.

Come and experience how this reality works out in the story we will see and hear.

Please also continue to pray for our DCE intern, Mr. Benjamin Simmons, who will be arriving soon, and will be "inducted" into ministry service here at Grace for the next 12 months. This will occur at both services on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

(continued)...

Pray also for Jim and Tosca Grimm, who are in their final days in the frozen wastelands of Minnesota 😊 and preparing to move here to Pensacola. The date of Tosca's installation as our new Preschool Director is, at the time of this writing, still pending.

Please pray about the work being done by our Planning Team here at Grace, who are being advised by the Church Doctors regarding restructuring of our Church Governance. There is much work to do, but the possibilities are very exciting, and will facilitate Mission and Ministry and reaching people for Christ. More on that soon, as drafts are developed.

God is on the move here at Grace! God is on the move in your life, too! We celebrate His faithfulness and goodness!

See you in Church!

*Pastor Huesmann*

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## June/July Birthdays

Jordan Whitney 6/1; Kaitlyn Whitney 6/1; Linda Brown 6/3; Pete Keremes 6/7; Susan Hughes 6/9; Lester Poppe 6/12; Jackie Claussen 6/15; Rich Trampe 6/17; Allison Daseler 6/20; Fran Roberts 6/23; Vendela Balogh 6/23; Staci Barsuhn 6/24; Brent Chapman 6/24; Paul Miller 6/25; Cheryl Blessing 6/26; Ilene Barney 6/27; Terry Hoffman 6/27; Susan McFarland 6/28; Elly Fisher 7/5; Walt Senkow 7/8; Rex Roberts 7/13; Jeff Foretich 7/13; Kathleen Seader 7/14; Eunice Carr 7/14; Barbara Nehring 7/15; Lynette Hill 7/15; Bob Noyes 7/18; Debbie Hoffman 7/21; Gary Bunde 7/21; Stephen Bevans Jr. 7/24; Cassie Balogh 7/25; Kiera Chapman 7/26; Julie Howell 7/26; Orlando Ingvaldstad 7/27

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## June/July Anniversaries

Dave & Sandy Hartranft 6/2; Terry & Debbie Hoffman 6/7; Brent & Richelle Chapman 6/16; Scott & Elly Fisher 6/20; Ed & Susan Hansen 6/21; Peter & Debbie Keremes 6/25; Dick & Christine Bevans 7/5; Rich & Pam Trampe 7/15; Bernhard & Staci Barsuhn 7/24

# June Calendar

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<b>5</b> 8:00 am Traditional Service 9:15am Bible Class 10:30 am Contemporary Service 5:30 AA Mtg. CB	<b>6</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 5:30pm Yoga FH Meeting OC 7:00pm AA Meeting CB <b>7:00pm SONRISE SINGERS</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00pm Men's BSF CB	<b>8</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 10:00am Senior Adult Bible Study CB 6:00pm Praise Team Practice S	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	<b>11</b> 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast FH
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## Flowers & Candles for June/July



June 5 – Mike & Melissa Holloway

Flowers are given in honor of son Courtland's Birthday

June 19 – Mike & Melissa Holloway

Flowers are given in honor of daughter Lara Castellani's Birthday

June 26 – Karin Moore

Flowers are given in honor of son-in-law Dave Taylor's Birthday

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## Exercise Your *Spiritual Gifts*

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In March, over 40 of us participated in a Spiritual Gifts Workshop where we each completed a Spiritual Gifts Profile. We did not collect the results of the profile so each of us could consider our own gifts and how we may use them. It has been a month and a half now and we would like to start identifying the congregation's Spiritual Gifts. Our goal is to begin developing a Spiritual Gifts profile of the congregation (Where are our strengths?) and to provide opportunities for individuals to use their gifts should they choose.

If you are willing to provide this information, we ask that you photograph the completed back of your scoring sheet with your cell phone and text it to Terena at 850 495-1355. Make sure the writing is dark enough to be read. As an alternative, you can email the information to [grace@gracepensacola.org](mailto:grace@gracepensacola.org) or simply bring a copy to the church office.

If you were not able to attend the workshop, we will be doing another one in the future. Meanwhile, if you would like to identify your Spiritual Gifts, contact the church office for the profile work sheets.



### ***Why the name Stephen?***

Stephen was among those chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need. Since Jesus' time, caring ministry has been a hallmark of the Christian faith community. (Acts 6)

### ***Who are Stephen Ministers?***

Stephen Ministers are members within our congregation trained to provide one-to-one Christ-centered care. They have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting and are equipped with caring ministry skills by our congregation's Stephen Leaders. A Stephen minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support.

### ***In what types of situations do Stephen Ministers provide care?***

Stephen Ministers provide care to individuals facing difficult times in life—grief, cancer, divorce, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, disability, a spiritual crisis, or other life struggles.

### ***What does the Stephen Ministry logo mean?***

The Stephen Ministry logo represents a care receiver's journey from brokenness toward wholeness through the cross of Jesus. In this way, it illustrates "Christ caring for people through people."

If you or someone you know have questions about Stephen Ministry or would like to request a Stephen Minister, please call the GLC office (850) 476-5667 or contact Melissa Holloway (850) 377-3348.



# WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Weekend Backpack Buddy food ministry has wrapped up another school year in partnership with Holm Elementary school. Grace provided over 1450 bags of food to needy students at the school. We started the school year with 27 students and ended in May with 58 students enrolled in the program. A huge thank you to all that supplied their prayers, volunteered their time and their financial support to this ministry. We will be on hiatus for the summer but will be in touch when we restart for the next school year in August.

*Sharon D'Ambra*

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## MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear friends in Christ

I am writing this from Breckenridge CO. And the temperature is 36 degrees on a sunny morning. I know it is hot back home.

Between May 20-22 this town has received more than 22" of snow. I came here to hike on dirt trails but I learned how to snow shoe up the ski slopes.

Looking forward to June, I have a lot of hope for the rest of the year as Grace grows in opportunities.

When I was at the Best Practices for Ministry (BPM) conference in February in Phoenix, AZ, I attended all the lectures on what other churches were doing in the Audio Visual world and video clip production. Now I pray we can turn that information into action.

My hope is that when Dr. Tosca and Jim Grimm arrive and get settled, I can talk to them about their experiences in shooting videos at their past church and from what I learned at BPM find the best way to set up video production to support Graces ministries.

My hope is with the Spiritual Gifts of our adults, youth and young adults we can establish a fun filled video ministry.

This will include learning skills in scripting, lighting, video shooting, acting in videos and editing the final project to support Pastor Huesmann's vision for Grace.

Blessings in Christ

Dan

Dr. Daniel F. Dull



### **Your GLC Prayer Shawl Ministry at work**

The GLC Prayer Shawl Ministry has been hard at work, having given out 40 shawls this year already. At the historic gifting rates, we should easily reach over 2000 total shawls distributed by year end. Since we began our ministry in January, 2008, we've gifted 1954 shawls.

Even though 2020 greatly affected all of us with Covid-19, we persevered and continued meetings virtually via email, gifting 62 that year. We also gift items to outreach projects, confirmands, high school and college graduates as well. This year, our ministry will be making blankets and scarves for the youth at Lutheran Services Currie House as our outreach project.

Some wonderful news is that over the last few months, our membership has increased by God's grace. We have gotten four new members since September, 2021. By the way, do you know who our Prayer Shawl Ministry members are and who are not members of Grace Lutheran Church? Well, let me tell you who these wonderful ladies are:

Our newest members are: Deborah Brathovde, Carlene Mount and Gwen Myers, with Judith Lucas working on a shawl now, hoping to attend her 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on May 28, 2022. Deborah is a new member at Grace Lutheran. Our steadfast members are Cheryl Blessing, Betty Edge, Sandy Fogg, Penny Krevatas, Karin Moore, Terri Mullen, Christine Paravalos, Sonia Payne, and me. Penny and Christine worship our Lord and Savior elsewhere, but Christine has been a preschool assistant at Amazing Grace. Penny is Christine's aunt. See how wonderfully word of mouth works. We thank all of you that tell others of our ministry.

There are prayer shawl request sheets in the Welcome Center across from the Nursery. Please fill one out if you know of someone that would benefit from the receipt of a shawl. And, don't forget to call the church to add someone to the Prayer Chain.

*Jeanie Taylor*



Our Childrens' Sunday School class has ended for this school year. Thank you to our teachers: Donna Dull, Linda Brown, Chris Bevans, Amy and Stephen Bevans, and Allison Daseler. Thanks, also to our substitute teachers: Shelly Evans, Sue Miller, Debbie Keremes and Nicole Weber. We also wanted to give a shout out to Cheryl Blessing and Sharon D'Ambra who helped us with our service projects for the Backpack Club Ministry. We were able to put decorated treats in food bags for the student s from Holm Elementary during each holiday season.

We look forward to starting again in the fall. Our start date will be announced next month. As always, we welcome your prayers for our program next year. We ask God to lead us in building a program that will honor Him and be of great value to our Friends at Grace.

Have a safe and restful summer!

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## PICTURES OF AMY'S RETIREMENT & POT LUCK



THANKS FOR MAKING IT SPECIAL