



Grace Lutheran Church, ELCA  
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## Grace Annual Meeting & Election of Council Members

Grace's Annual Meeting will be held at 9:45 a.m., **Sunday, Nov. 12**. Council nominees, who will begin their term in January 2017, will be voted upon. A Grace church member must be present to vote for Council members, proposed budget and any other items of business. All active, confirmed members are encouraged to participate. Due to the annual meeting, we **will not hold 9:45 a.m. service** on Nov. 12.

Watch for photos and information in an upcoming Sunday bulletin. **Nominees are:**

Lot Acosta Juarez  
Bill Schmidt  
Chuck Albers  
John Simons

Christine Smith  
Christina Welch  
Joy Keifer

Mike Hoffman  
Jon Lambert  
Joan Nyitrai

We are now searching for members for our 2018 Nominating Committee. If you'd like to recommend someone, please place their name in the offering plate/jar or Council President's church mailbox by Oct. 31.

## Mutual Ministry

The Congregation Council has reoriented and is revitalizing Grace's Mutual Ministry Committee. Our Constitution charges this committee with the following responsibilities:

1. *"Strengthen the ministry of the congregation by facilitating open communication within the congregation.*
2. *Receive, communicate and oversee the resolution of issues, which are of concern to the congregation.*
3. *Identify early warning signs of misunderstanding within the congregation, and assist in resolving conflict.*
4. *Inform the Senior Pastor and the Personnel Committee of congregational concerns and/or suggestions which involve paid staff members."*

The Council appointed Lynne Presley, Peter Gollup and Jim Florine. Pastor Greg appointed Richard Christensen, Chuck Clay and Christine Smith. The Committee will use *Pastor and People* as a resource. Training is being scheduled to equip them for this important ministry. After training, they will begin their ministry. We are grateful for their willingness to serve.

## Message from Pastor Ken

Pastor Ken Langsdorf – [klangsdorf@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:klangsdorf@gracehendersonville.com) / 828-693-4890 x305

### Reformation

On Oct. 29, 2017, we will join fellow Lutherans and Christians around the world to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. At Grace, we will bring the best of our four worship services together for one worship service at 10 a.m. A potluck lunch for the whole congregation will follow this festive worship. We invite you to wear red for this celebration and bring a favorite dish to share.

Many wonderful resources are on our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America website ([elca.org](http://elca.org)). They help us, as a congregation and as individuals, to bring the significance of this celebration to life. What follows is the introduction to the anniversary information called: *Freed & Renewed in Christ— 500 Years of God's Grace in Action*.



### What happened in the Reformation?

*Martin Luther posted his "Ninety-Five Theses" in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, and the resulting debate about Christian teaching and practice led to changes that have shaped the course of Western Christianity for almost 500 years. At the heart of these wide-reaching changes was a deep conviction that God's mercy or grace in Jesus is given freely to all. When Luther and others learned to trust God's mercy with "a living, daring confidence," they discovered in that faith the freedom to give themselves generously, lovingly in all of life's undertakings with everyone they met.*

*The changes began with a critical look at confession and forgiveness, preaching and the sacraments — what Luther called the "means of grace." The sale of indulgences, the practice of penance, the content of preaching, the administration of Baptism and the Lord's Supper — all the restrictions that impeded the message of God's mercy from being heard and received fully by all came under close scrutiny. Repeatedly, Luther made changes and took initiatives to give full and free expression to the gospel, the message of God's liberating mercy in Jesus Christ. He translated the Scriptures into German so that ordinary believers could hear the Word of God in their everyday language. He composed many hymns including "A Mighty Fortress" (based on Psalm 46) that put the Word of God to music, the language of the heart. He preached for the people in Wittenberg in simple, everyday terms, and he used those sermons as the basis for teaching resources that parents and local pastors could use — his Small and Large Catechisms.*

### Why is the Reformation still relevant?

*The Lutheran Reformation offers to Christian communities everywhere a liberating way of listening to and speaking the Scriptures. The Reformation teaching that Christ's life flows through faith into a life of service to the neighbor is especially liberating in our culture today.*

*The evangelical Lutheran Reformation offers the promise of God's love that makes possible a life of "living, daring confidence in God's grace."*

*The Reformation teaching that faith is the work of God's Holy Spirit is especially liberating in a culture that assumes a faith relationship with God is an act of human "free will."*

*Many, both within Christian communities and beyond, are held captive by ideologies that limit the full scope of God's mercy in Christ to demographic groups defined sociologically by certain beliefs, behaviors or experiences. The Reformation teaching that Christ's life flows through faith into a life of service to the neighbor is especially liberating in a culture that makes religious life into a demonstration of one's own worthiness and privilege to the disadvantage of others.*

God bless us in this celebration and in the ongoing reformation of the church. ~ Pastor Ken

### Get Yourselves a New Heart and a New Spirit!

*The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.*

*<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live. --Ezekiel 18:1-4, 18-32 (NRSV)*

Every society throughout the history of humankind has to wrestle with the role of community and the role of individuals, who both shape and are shaped by the communities they belong to. A very fine line sets the limits of individuals, articulated as rights and duties, and the laws set by the community for the purpose of safeguarding the rights and enforcing the duties of all individuals. Any abuse or negligence of the community or its individuals on performing their duties or violation of individual rights, ends up on social chaos; usually accompanied of injustice, oppression, anarchy, and deprivation of life and opportunities for many.



From the experience of Israel, gathered as God's people and sustained by a covenant of Grace, in our lectionary text today in the words of the prophet Ezekiel, we can sense this tension between community and individuals. The historical context of this text seems to be the Babylonian exile. A proverb is quoted to illustrate the tension. Proverbs are mostly popular wisdom, like our contemporary bumper stickers intend to be.

Proverbs are, for the most part, lessons learned by experience – the school of life as my grandfather used to tell me – though they are always contextual to time, social customs and geographical space. Could you imagine the younger generation of Jewish people living in Palestine (VI century B.C.E) anticipating or living in the midst of rubble left by the destruction caused by the Babylonian army? Surely, they thought, they have done nothing to deserve it. Could it be that children must pay for their parents' rebellion or negligence?

Ezekiel is prompt to debunk such a reasoning ... popular wisdom was wrong in that context. He then echoes the perennial and foremost call a prophet must voice: "repent and turn from all your transgressions! Get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! At times, society may impact our lives so hard that we are tempted to lose faith in God and hope in humankind.

There are places in the world where people can't even confess openly their faith in God and gather to worship. We are so blessed that we are only called to repent and turn ... and summoned to get a new heart and a new spirit. I can hear Luther's voice arguing ... wait a second: wasn't a new heart and a new spirit given to us in baptism? Aren't we saints and sinners? Don't we start worship with confession? All of the above are true.

My question is: have we repented and turned from our transgressions? If not, my educated guess is that God will continue calling us to repent and turn away from our sins ... then we can get a new heart and a new spirit for *today*, to face the challenges of our *present*, to live a *full life* of service and dedication to Christ – to whom for sure we can find among the poor, the oppressed, the widow, the orphan, the alien, the one who suffers for whatever reason. Then we can dream of building a great society embodying kingdom values where the least is greater. Amen.

## Children & Family Ministry

Dir. of Children & Family Ministry: Jill Wingard – [jwingard@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:jwingard@gracehendersonville.com) / 828-693-4890x344

As I write this, we are gearing up for the beginning of our fall ministry activities. Hurricanes Harvey and Irma have disrupted our lives and the lives of so many. During our Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings this fall, we will find ways to talk about the concerns our kids have, as well as find ways we can help those who are in need.

Elementary youth in 3rd through 5th grades, mark your calendars, Youthquake! is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21. This is an all-day event in Hickory, NC, for all western NC Lutheran youth.



The fall schedule is listed below. **A Christmas musical is planned Dec. 10** at the 2nd Sunday Lunch. **All elementary youth are invited to be a part of the musical.** I am excited that two of our high school youth will help out. Lara Wingard will work with Burton 6-6:45 p.m. Wednesday nights putting together the musical, and Michelle Angelos will lead the kids 6:45-7:30 p.m. in a devotional, highs and lows and games.

I encourage kids to invite their friends to any of the events we have at Grace. Let me know if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns about our children's ministry. I hope and pray that Grace is a place your child feels comfortable and loved, and also where they can learn to live out their faith.

### Wednesday Nights Sept. 13 through Dec. 6

**Study Buddies meet at 4:15 and 5:15 p.m.**

**Oasis Dinner 4:45-5:30 p.m.:** Sign up by the Sunday before if you plan to attend. Dinner costs \$3 for kids, \$5 for adults, \$16 max per family.

**Christmas Musical Practice:** 6-6:45 p.m. (with a few exceptions through Dec. 6)

**KIDD's club:** 6:45-7:30 p.m., Devotions, Highs and Lows, Prayer, Snack and Games

**Sunday Mornings:** Sept. 17 through Dec. 10, (except Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday and Nov. 26 Thanksgiving break)

**Sunday School:** 9:45-11 a.m. Pre-K to 5th Grade in the large activity room.

**Pre-K to 2nd grade,** learn real-life Biblical values with the help of the Whirl animated characters. Check out a video at: [sparkhouse.org/shop/productfamily/350/Whirl](http://sparkhouse.org/shop/productfamily/350/Whirl)

**3rd-5th graders,** learn how the Bible relates to your life, through the help of hosts Becky and Todd. Check out a video at: [sparkhouse.org/shop/productfamily/348/Connect](http://sparkhouse.org/shop/productfamily/348/Connect)

**Children's Church:** 11:15 a.m. service, children are dismissed after the children's sermon and return before communion. Curriculum is based on the lessons read in the church service. Children hear a short sermon, pray, eat a snack and play games related to the sermon.

## Grace Youth Ministry

Director of Youth Ministry: Anne Monroe – [amonroe@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:amonroe@gracehendersonville.com) / 704-604-3772

### Middle School October Calendar

Wednesdays	Sundays
	Oct. 1: MS Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Oct. 4: MS Youth Topic: Apostles Creed—Article Three. Holy Spirit as Sustainer	Oct. 8: MS Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m., After 11:15 a.m. Service, 2nd Sunday Lunch. <b>All Youth assist!</b>
Oct. 11: MS Youth Topic: Intro to the 10 Commandments	Oct.15: MS Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Oct. 18: MS Youth Topic: 10 Commandments—God First	Oct. 22: MS Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m. *Gathering meeting for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25: MS Youth Topic: 10 Commandments—Honoring Others	Oct. 29: 9:45 a.m. Service Affirmation of Baptism. <b>ALL YOUTH support Confirmands</b>

Typical Weds. Schedule: 5:30-7:15 p.m.-Middle School Youth; 7:15-7:30 p.m.-Final 15, parents & youth

### High School October Calendar

Date	Activity
Sunday, Oct. 1	5-7 p.m.: HS Youth Service Project Blessing of the Animals * Youth meet at 5:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 8	2nd Sunday Lunch. ALL YOUTH assist! * Setup 10:45 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14	10 a.m. HS Outing: Hike and Picnic Lunch * weather permitting
Sunday, Oct. 22	4:30 p.m.: 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders and parents- Confirmation Rehearsal 5:30-7:30 p.m.: HS Youth Dinner and <b>GATHERING</b> Meet #2
Weds., Oct. 25	*NEW! 7-8 p.m. Sundaes on Wednesdays
Sunday, Oct. 29, 9:45 a.m.	Affirmation of Baptism. ALL YOUTH support Confirmands

### Middle School November Calendar

Wednesdays	Sundays	Fri-Sat
Nov. 1: MS Youth *Small groups--Dia de Los Muertos Cross-Generational event	Nov. 5: MS Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.	
Nov. 8: MS Youth 10 Commandments -- Honesty, Fairness, Truth	Nov. 12: MS Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.	
Nov.15: NO MS Youth Retreat weekend		Nov. 18-19: Annual Retreat-Lutheridge
	Nov. 19: Assist Ms. Jill, 9:45-10:45am; * <b>GATHERING</b> meeting for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	
Nov.22: No MS Youth. Thanksgiving weekend.	Nov.26: NO MS Sunday School Thanksgiving weekend	
Nov.29: MS Youth 10 Commandments—Giving Thanks		

### High School November Calendar

Date	Activity
Wednesday, Nov. 1 5pm Stull Hall	Cross-Generational and cross-cultural event: 'Dia De Los Muertos'
Sunday, Nov. 5	Time/Place: TBD; High School Youth
Sunday, Nov. 12	5:30-7:30 p.m.: High School Service Project. College Care Packages
Sunday, Nov. 19	5:30-7:30 p.m.: HS Youth Dinner and <b>GATHERING</b> meet #3
Sunday, Nov. 26	No Youth -- Thanksgiving holiday
Weds., Nov. 29	*NEW! 7-8 p.m. Sundaes on Wednesdays

## Adult Ministry

Director of Adult Ministry: Sue Filson – [sfilson@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:sfilson@gracehendersonville.com) / 828-693-4890 x304

*“Does the Bible ever say anywhere from Genesis to Revelation, ‘My house shall be called a house of preaching’? Does it ever say, ‘My house shall be called a house of music’? Of course not. The Bible does say, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’. Preaching, music, the reading of the Word – these things are fine; I believe in and practice all of them. But they must never override prayer as the defining mark of God’s dwelling. The honest truth is that I have seen God do more in people’s lives during ten minutes of real prayer than in ten of my sermons.” (Jim Cymbala, Brooklyn Tabernacle Pastor)*



**Prayer.** God calls us to pray in many passages in the Bible. Jesus modeled prayer for us. Prayer humbles us. It strengthens our relationship with God. It strengthens our relationship with one other. You are invited to share in this vital part of our Christian walk, **6-7 p.m., each Tuesday** in Fellowship Hall, where disciples of Grace **meet and pray together**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Seeds of Hope - Chronic Condition Support Group.** This group will meet the second Thursday of each month to inform, share and encourage those age 60+ who have a chronic condition. Our purpose is to help with self-management using creative, practical strategies to nurture mind, body and spirit.



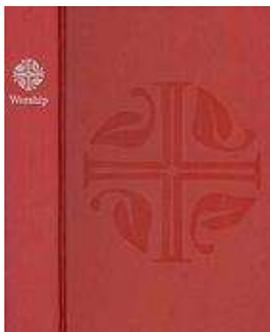
1-3 p.m. second Thursday of the month, beginning Oct. 12  
Co-facilitators: Karen Wolfrom and Vicki Marthaler

**Hope and Healing Support Group.** Participants explore their own grief journey through understanding how to manage symptoms of grief by sharing memories of their loved one and in finding hope and strength for their faith journey.

3:30-5 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14 and 21. No cost.  
Co-facilitators: Mike and Jan Hoffman

Detailed information can be found at the Sign-up Station on classes and activities.

The OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans) fellowship group flyers and sign-up sheets can be found in Fellowship Hall under “Adult Ministry.”



**Hymns Ancient and Modern Class.** In this three-part class facilitated by Music Director Burton Bumgarner, participants will look at the great variety of hymns in our “Evangelical Lutheran Worship” hymnal. As the title “Hymns Ancient and Modern” suggests, the hymnal included hymns that dated back to Roman breviaries and the different branches of the Reformation. It also included “new” hymns such as “The Church’s One Foundation” and “Holy, Holy, Holy.” “Hymns Ancient and Modern” is still in publication and is still expanding with both old and new hymns.

## Gifts Ministry

Director of Gifts Ministry: Karen-Eve Pfozter – [kepfozter@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:kepfozter@gracehendersonville.com) / 828-693-4890 x316



*Connecting volunteers to meaningful ministries.*  
Want to volunteer or have a need to advertise? Sign up in lobby to volunteer or see Karen-Eve Pfozter to help you make meaningful connections. Submit volunteer needs by email before noon on

Monday for the next Sunday bulletin.

### Special Thanks to

- **Hospitality & Fellowship Teams and GYP** for Oktoberfest
- **Youth and Hospitality & Fellowship** for Faith Festival
- **Brian Hahn** for years of Sound Tech
- **Karen Kniffen** for years of for Coordinating 11:15 a.m. hosts & **Stella Varnell** for taking up this role
- **Gretchen Hahn** for years as Congregational Care Chair
- Congregational Care New Leaders: **Sallie Staton-Knott, Brenda Sigmon**
- **John & Pat Bentz** for years on Evangelism team, prayer chain, praise band, Council & more!
- **Greg Munson** for years as PR King!

**With appreciation from the bottom of our hearts for new acts of service...**

- Hot Dogs & Hugs: **Doug & Brenda Sigmon, Chuck & Shelly Clay**
- Ushers: **Peter Oesterlin, Ruth Birge**
- Clean up day and LED lights: **Building & Grounds**
- Meal for Visiting Youth: **Sallie Staton-Knott, Dorothy & Tim Little, Dave & Lois Roach, Brenda Sigmon**



- Joseph House Ministries: **Carlene Belanger, Dale Scott, Judy & Roger Bohn, Linda Pankhurst**
- Feed The Kids: **Joan Frederikson, Jan Dokter, Phil and Linda Rymer**
- The Attic: **Jan Dokter**
- Sound Techs: **Terrell West, Dan Wingard, Chris Smith, David Haack, Steve Buman, David Carver, Marty Geyer, Marty Berger, Tom Morgan, Catherine Langsdorf**
- 11:15 Host Coordination: **Stella Varnell**
- VBS teachers/helpers- Adults: **Jenny Bufalino, Sandi Brust, Kim Hansen, Marsha Bone, Leah Scoggins, Kathy Reinhard**. Teens: **Grace Welch; Lara, Walt and Vanessa Wingard; Jake Patterson; Garrett, Lauren and Ella Socia; Savannah Geiler; Michelle Angeles; Adelaide Haack; Lillie Keener; Nathaniel Clark**
- LED Lights all over Grace: **Roger Bohn**
- Umbrella Stands/flower brackets: **Bob Sebby**
- Greeter Coordinators: **Bill Daleure, Phil Rymer**
- Mutual Ministry Team: **Chuck Clay, Richard Christensen, Christine Smith**
- New/returning Study Buddies: **Bill Daleure, Bill Pankhurst, Whipp Johnson, Bonnie Pierce, Brenda & Doug Sigmon, Jesse White, Judy Stolttenberg, Rosealee Dawes, Susan Fitzgerald, Jim Stolttenberg, Richard Mummert, Tim Snyder**
- Weds. Night Kids Assistant: **Michel Angeles-Solano**
- Faith Festival: **Grace Welch, Grace youth, Hospitality & Fellowship, Marie Mortensen, Jan & Joanna Docker, Delia Gobel, Shadia Acosta, Soles of Mexico, Peter Gollup, Karen-Eve Pfozter**
- Mutual Ministry Team: **Chuck Clay, Richard Christensen, Christine Smith, Peter Gollup, Jim Florine, Lynn Pressley**

### URGENT NEEDS:

#### Hospitality & Fellowship request

helpers/volunteers for Coffee Morning on Sundays, memorial receptions, Oasis meals, and committee members to sustain their important role in our church.

**Dinner for Grace Youth Group** at 6 p.m. Nov. 19, Feb. 11 and May 6 (15 to 18 kids)

**Feed the Kids** needs cooks and helpers.

Director: Beth Ann Lehr – [balehr@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:balehr@gracehendersonville.com) / 828-693-4890 x318



On Sept. 4, 2017, **Grace Lutheran Preschool celebrated its 33rd birthday!** The commitment to provide a preschool for the Hendersonville community was founded on a desire to provide a **great foundation for lifetime learning in a Christian environment.** In the 33 years, hundreds of children have been educated by Grace Preschool and have become leaders in the Hendersonville community. I look forward to another terrific year of fun in learning! This year, we continue our Bible Storytime with the Grace Lutheran Church staff. Every week, Bible Storytime is presented by Pastor Williams, Pastor Langsdorf or Jill Wingard. The children thoroughly enjoy the Bible stories, Christian songs and the chance to get to know the staff. We also

offer Music and Movement/Yoga and Phonics for 2s through Pre-K and Spanish for 12 months to Pre-K.

**Link or Re-link Your Ingles and Harris Teeter Cards.** This must be redone each year. On the [Ingles Tools for Schools web page](#), search by School ID 11013. Click the link for Grace Lutheran Preschool and add your card information. **On the Harris Teeter site**, click the "Link Your School Today" button (you will need to with the email and password associated with your card). Select Grace Lutheran Preschool, #5517. We receive free supplies at no cost to you through this program. Thank you!



**Continued Enrollment:** If you or someone you know needs a preschool anytime throughout the school year, please send them our way. I would love to give them a tour.

**Financial Donations:** Many families have financial difficulty sending their children to our Preschool but would like the educational opportunities and Christian environment of our Lutheran school. Please contact me if you are interested in donating any amount of money to this worthy cause.

**Show and Tell: October – Uniformed Community Helpers.** Contact me if you or someone you know would like to come for "Show and Tell," contact me (teachers, crossing guards, policemen, firemen, doctors, nurses, dental hygienists, military personnel, librarians, etc.).

**Looking ahead: November is Music Month.** If you'd like to play an instrument for the Preschool children, please contact me.

**Items Needed:** Ketchup bottles, buttons, pom-pom balls, jewels, scrapbook scraps, foam shapes, feathers, wallpaper scraps, boas, beads (all kinds), any leftover arts and crafts (Our motto: "We can turn anything into something").

**Little Free Library:** Our Little Free Library is part of an international organization that promotes a love of reading for children, literacy for adults a sense of community around the world. Little Free Libraries are handcrafted structures that contain constantly changing collections of books donated and shared by people in the community. Our LFL is located near the Preschool banner adjacent by Rt. 64. Stop anytime to get a free book for you, your child or grandchild. We always take donations of adult, high school and middle school books. Place your donations in the Little Free Library box in Fellowship Hall or contact me. Thank you.



## Music Ministry

Director of Music: Burton Bumgarner – [bbumgarner@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:bbumgarner@gracehendersonville.com) / 828-693-4890 x306

### Lutheran Church Music Conference

The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians is the professional organization for directors, organists, singers and Lutherans who just plain love worship and sacred music. The ALCM serves churches in our ELCA, as well as Missouri Synod, Wisconsin Synod and other Lutheran synods. It serves Lutheran colleges and universities within these synods, and covers churches and schools across the United States and Canada. Every other year the organization holds a conference in a different part of the United States. I first joined this group when I arrived at Grace seven years ago. At the urging of Pastor Greg, I attended my first conference at Seattle University in Washington State. Since that first incredible experience, I have not missed a conference. I have attended conferences at Valparaiso University in Indiana, in Atlanta and most recently in Minneapolis.



The five-day conference was held at the Hilton Hotel, Marquette Street, in downtown Minneapolis. This put us within walking distance of several of the churches where classes, lectures, worship and concerts were held: Central Lutheran, Westminster Presbyterian and St. Olaf Catholic. Each day featured worship in many different styles, reading sessions, classes and plenary addresses given by outstanding speakers. Plenary topics included "The Cantor in the 21st Century," "Re-Membering the Role of the Cantor," "Re-Forming Congregational Song: the Identity Relevance Dilemma" and "Lutherans and Catholics in the 500th Year." We also met in regional gatherings, and I saw many old friends and colleagues.



We were transported by bus to Augustana Lutheran Church in St. Paul for opening Eucharist and plenary address. The music was led by the organist and members of the St. Olaf Choir and a brass and woodwind ensemble. At St. Olaf Catholic Church that evening, we were led in a hymn festival by the National Lutheran Choir, led by David Cherwein. The singing at these events, with a church full of Lutheran musicians, is beyond description.

One of the high points of the week was the 75-mile bus trip to St. John's Abbey in Collegeville. The magnificent architecture is beyond description. Here, Lutherans and Monks worshiped together in a service of Evening Prayer using Gregorian chant, Anglican chant and chant that was developed by musicians at the abbey. Following the worship service, a dialogue was held between Pastor Susan Briehl and Fr. Michael Joncas (the composer of one of our favorite hymns "On Eagles' Wings"). It was a serious, sometime humorous amazingly scholastic discussion of the current state of the Lutheran and Catholic connection.

With each conference I've attended, I've come away with a renewed love of my calling to be a cantor in the Lutheran Church, a renewed love of Lutheran music (varied in style and history), and feeling of hope for the future of sacred music. When hundreds of Lutheran musicians from across North America can come together and celebrate the faith, traditions and the future of the church, we are in a very good place.

## Middle School Confirmation Retreat

6th-8th grade youth—Annual Middle School Fall Retreat at Lutheridge Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18. All confirmation youth and small group guides need to attend. See Anne to sign-up. Retreat theme is "Martin Luther and the Reformation," and activities include learning, fellowship, games and a service project at Manna Food Bank Saturday afternoon. We will depart Grace at 5 p.m. Friday and return 4 p.m. Saturday.

*Middle School Fall Retreat  
2016, serving at Safelight*



## Affirmation of Baptism Announcement

Congratulations to our five youth who will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism Milestone and be confirmed Sunday, Oct. 29, during the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

**Don't forget your required Confirmation rehearsal with your family 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday Oct. 22.**



*Campfirmation at Lutheridge. Confirmands with their Adult Mentors: Rylan and Mr. Dan; Avery and Mr. Phil; Nelson and Ms. Sallie; Jake and Mr. Ron; Noah and Mr. Terrell.*



*Mentors and students meet for eight sessions, which include caring conversations, service, worship and following the marks of discipleship.*

**Meetings of Circles and Groups**

**Naomi Circle** – Tues., Oct 3, Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall, Rm. 221  
**Leah Circle** – Weds., Oct 11, Nov. 8 2 p.m., Luther Lounge  
**Rachel Circle** – Thurs., Oct 12, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Library  
**Dorcas Circle** – Thurs., Oct 19, Nov. 16, 2 p.m., Off campus  
**Sarah Circle** – Thurs., Oct 19, Nov. 16, F. Hall, Rm. 221  
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**Maria Circle** – Wednesdays after Oasis  
**Quilting Group** – Tues., Oct 17, Nov. 21, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall  
**Mission Action** – Tues., Oct 10, Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m., F. Hall  
**Prayer Shawl Group** – Thurs., Oct 26, 10 a.m.

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**Women of the ELCA Smoky Mountain  
Conference Fall Gathering**

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017  
**Place:** St. Marks Lutheran Church, Asheville, NC  
**Time:** To be announced  
**Cost:** To be announced  
**Program:** "Can Women Achieve Justice"  
**Save the date!** Details will be announced in October bulletins. We will carpool from Grace parking lot.  
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**Theological Seminar for Women**  
 Sponsored by the NC Synodical Women's Organization, Women of the ELCA  
**What:** "For Such a Time as This"  
**When:** Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, 2017  
**Where:** NC Synod Office, Salisbury, NC  
**Leader:** Deacon Inez Torres Davis  
**Registration Fee:** \$50  
**Registration Deadline:** Oct. 31, 2017  
**Accommodations:** Hampton Inn, Salisbury. Across the Highway from The NC Synod office  
**For Registrations call:** 704-637-8000, ask for "Women of the ELCA" rate \$92

A block of rooms will be reserved until Oct. 22 or until filled. Breakfast is provided for those staying at the hotel.



Deacon Inez Torres Davis

Don't let the term "theology" scare you. The dictionary defines it as "the study of God's relation to the world." Our leader will help us reflect on a topic that enhances our continuing study of Scripture.

Our NCSWO presents this popular educational event every other year. It begins Friday evening with a light supper at 6 p.m. and concludes Saturday at approximately 3 p.m. Sign-in begins at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy fellowship with your sisters in Christ and discover how we might walk justly together. Our last seminar received glowing reviews from participants. Bring a friend, your Bible and note-taking materials.

The seminar will be held in the NC Synod Office, located at the corner of Jake Alexander Blvd. and Klumac Road off I-85, Exit 75 in Salisbury at 1988 Lutheran Synod Drive. Deacon Inez is an Indigenous Latina and of Chiricahua Apache, Mayan, Aztec and Spanish ancestry, who served from 1997 until her retirement this spring as Women of the ELCA's national director for justice and core anti-racism trainer. A keynoter, retreat leader, writer, workshop and Bible study leader, Inez has provided training for two seminaries, Gettysburg and Pacific Lutheran.

**A Registration Form** is located on the Women of the ELCA Bulletin Board located in Fellowship Hall. Let Rhoda know if you plan to attend. 828-808-4334.

Make your Registration checks payable to: NCSWO and mail to Alecia Harrison/Registrar  
 1812 Creekview Drive  
 Clayton, NC 27520/9191  
 Phone: 919-333-6734  
 email: [alecia.a.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:alecia.a.harrison@gmail.com)

## GIVING HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2017

	<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Capital Fund</b>	
	<b>Pledge Budget</b>	<b>Pledges</b>	<b>Pledge Budget</b>	<b>Pledges</b>
Total Pledge	\$ 904,200	\$ 775,705	\$194,200	\$163,444
Received on Pledge		\$ 467,985		\$ 85,911
Pledge to date (Historical basis)		494,677		104,585
Over (Under) Pledge at August 31, 2017		<u>\$ (26,692)</u>		<u>\$ (18,674)</u>

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2017

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Revenues	\$ 1,118,600	\$635,100
Expenditures	\$ 1,118,600	698,419
Net Revenues Over (Under)		
Expenditures		<u>\$ (63,319)</u>
<b>Capital Fund</b>		
Revenues	\$ 226,300	\$110,763
Expenditures	\$ 226,300	96,665
Net Revenues Over (Under)		
Expenditures		<u>\$ 14,098</u>

<p><b>Memorials</b></p> <p><b>Harold Bell Memorial</b>                  John &amp; Bonnie Wells                  Mr and Mrs. Chris Sierra                  Mr. and Mrs. Terry Andersen                  Dianne Bruce                  Craig Kirkpatrick                  Mary Warwick                  James &amp; Suzanne Stockman</p>	 <p>By directing designated Choice Dollars (\$M) through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars.</p>	<p><b>Grace Lutheran Church</b>                  Ed Lichtenhaugen                  Barbara Fountain                  Carol Miley                  Dick Miley                  Kelly Spangler</p> <p><b>Preschool</b>                  Deanne Johnson</p>
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## Simply Giving Program

In the Sunday morning rush, have you ever gotten to church and realized you left your checkbook and envelope at home? Or, you're on vacation and realize you're getting behind on your pledge? Have you ever wondered if there's an easier way to give? The Simply Giving Program, supported by Thrivent, is the answer. Filling out a simple form and adding a voided check (from either your checking or saving account) is all you have to do. You can choose to have your regular pledge paid semi-monthly (1st & 15th), monthly (1st) or monthly (15th). If you like, you can specify the amount to go to the General Fund or the Capital Fund in any combination.

Stop by the Simply Giving table in the church foyer one of the next two Sundays (9:15-9:45 a.m. and 10:45-11:15 a.m.) or the next two Wednesdays (5-5:30 p.m.). Stewardship Ministry is staffing the table. Come ask questions. Consider Simply Giving!

## Spotlight on Social Ministry

### The Storehouse

Since the year 2000, The Storehouse has been an essential source of food for thousands of families in need; 25-30 shut-ins have food delivered to their homes twice a month; warm clothing and blankets are available during the winter months; and at Christmas time, presents of toys, clothing and food are distributed to families in coordination with the school counselors from 17 elementary and middle schools in Henderson County.



Behind all of these efforts are a staff and volunteers who bring a sincere and generous spirit of compassion in their work. At times this spirit goes beyond a box of groceries, blanket or a Christmas box. Lynn Staggs the Executive Director shared this story.

*A young mother and her child were struggling to get ahead and had some hard challenges. The mother had lost her job and had no family for support. Staff and volunteers at The Storehouse stepped up and helped her find employment and assisted her with financial donations. She slowly got back on her feet. She is now working and pursuing more education. The Storehouse was truly a supportive presence of love, prayer, and compassion.*

The spirit and heart of The Storehouse touches the hearts of many persons in Henderson County. Grace Church supports The Storehouse with financial aid and the **Super Bowl collection of food** will all be given to The Storehouse. Grace currently has only one volunteer helping at The Storehouse. Let's give this some prayer and thought and maybe we can expand this number.

### Good Samaritan's Attic

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The Good Samaritan Attic is now a joint venture with Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. This ministry provides furniture at no cost to those in need. Volunteers pick up furniture from donors; deliver it to a warehouse, where it can be picked up 5-6 p.m., Wednesdays, and 9 a.m.-Noon, Saturdays. If you have furniture to donate, call our church office to arrange for pickup. If you have questions about this most important social ministry, or would like to join our staff of more than 30 volunteers, call Jack Fitzgerald at 828-685-2897.

### Homes for Youth

**Homes For Youth (H4Y)** is a nonprofit organization which supports the **housing of in-need youth** in Henderson County. Their foster home began operating early this summer and has been serving at or near capacity since. Established in 2014 by members of the HCCU (Henderson County Churches Uniting) representing a number of local churches in Hendersonville, H4Y has been working closely with DSS (Department of Social Services) to **increase awareness of the need for foster parents** in Henderson County. H4Y has helped to support the DSS-run **foster parent training classes** by working with churches to provide comfortable settings, meals and childcare during the training. With a grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina and classes offered at Trinity Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, First Congregational and First Methodist, they have helped



increase the number of foster parents in our community. Before H4Y involvement, our county consistently had fewer than 50 foster families. By June this year, 69 foster families were available in Henderson County. H4Y also helps stock the Foster Parent Association Closet with large-ticket items for emergency needs, such as cribs and car seats.

**Homes For Youth provides safe, stable and appropriate housing for youth in need, allowing them to reach their full potential.** Last summer, H4Y purchased its first house and with the help of many volunteers and donors, it opened in late May. It provides care at a fraction of the cost of a group home. Nine youth have come through the house, and H4Y has helped two teenagers remain in their home schools this past school year.

Homes For Youth is sponsoring a **Halloween Fundraiser at the Southern Appalachian Brewery** 5-9 p.m., **Monday, Oct. 30**. Tickets include bbq dinner and beer. Guests are invited to come in costume and join the 7 p.m. contest. First-place winner receives a prize.

For more information, go to [HomesForYouth.org](http://HomesForYouth.org) or contact Grace Lutheran's representative on the H4Y Board of Directors, Jim Nelson, at [colg868@gmail.com](mailto:colg868@gmail.com).

*Transcript from Jasmine Paradise-Harper's address at the Nov. 2016, spaghetti dinner and dance fundraiser to Homes for Youth.*



"Good evening ladies and gentlemen. My name is Jasmine Paradise-Harper. I recently turned 18 years old. This is my first time speaking about my life. I was born addicted to crack cocaine. My mother's addiction caused me to endure being left alone, turmoil between my parents, multiple moves and instability. I lived with my mom until age six, when department of social services moved me to live with my dad and his new wife. I was verbally abused by her and sexually and physically abused by her son. My mother died in 2011, and my father died in 2012, leaving me orphaned at age 14. I had to move in with my half-sister until she abandoned me at age of 15. She left me in an apartment to fend for myself but only after being sexually abused by her boyfriend. I called my brother's dad (whom I now call dad), and he took me in as his own.

With all of the things that I have been through, it made me a bitter person. I didn't know how to accept love of family, nor did I want to listen. So I tried my best to push them away, and they would not give up no matter what. I made some very bad decisions that put me in harm's way, so they called DSS and I went to a group home. It helped me with becoming the young lady that I am today. Opening up a home for teenage girls is very important. Without DSS, my "dad" and grandmother, I would be out on the streets and eventually that would lead to some even worse issues and could have been detrimental to me. I have a therapist who is helping identify and work through the problems that I am dealing with. ... I have a four-year ride to college, and I have extra support. I also have a guaranteed place to live because DSS helped us work through our communication issues. State money is available to help prepare me to be out on my own, and they provide housing funds to help me with rent and rent deposits.

Opening up homes can keep teenage girls from having to experience the things I have dealt with in my life. So I ask you to open your heart and keep these teenage girls safe by opening up homes and shelters. It takes a team to keep a young girl on track. Thank you DSS, for helping me and thank you ladies and gentlemen for the beautiful work I believe we can accomplish together."

## Announcements & Events

### Men's Groups & Gatherings

**Book Discussion:** The Men of Grace will meet at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, in Fellowship Hall. Following breakfast, our own Ed Nielsen and co-author Lee Halverson (another ELCA person) will lead a discussion of their recent book *Cong Catchers*. The book documents Lee's service during the Vietnam War, a perfect subject for Veteran's Day! As a college graduate, Lee was a bit older than most of his fellow soldiers, making him a father figure to some of them. In fact, they called him "Dad." Lee was a straight shooter, but some of the characters in the book were of questionable integrity and one evokes memories of Sergeant Bilko, a real wheeler-dealer. Lee and Ed will tell you all about it, and also read excerpts. Copies of *Cong Catchers* will be available for \$22 per copy. Ed will also have copies of his other books. Both authors would be honored to provide autographs. All men in the congregation are invited; if you can't make it for breakfast, try to come for the presentation, which should begin around 9:30 a.m.

All men are invited to join the **Men's Lunch Group**, which will meet at 11:15 a.m., Friday, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17 at Bay Breeze. We will share in fellowship, lunch and discussion on a Bible story.

### Blessing of the Animals, 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1



Bring your creatures, great and small, to be blessed at this special service in the outdoor area in front of the church main entrance. High school youth will lead this Cross + Generational event – high school youth will partner with adults to administer the blessings. See the Sign-up Station if you would like to assist with the blessing.

**Blessing leaders need to arrive at 5 p.m. for training.**

### Join Us for Oktoberfest at Grace! 6 p.m., Oct. 13

Enjoy a traditional German meal along with beer, wine and cider. A fun time of dancing and entertainment is a must! Music and entertainment will be provided by The OomPahsters – [watch their video](#). Ticket sales begin Sept. 24 and will be sold between services and online. Cost: \$20 per person (adults only) – includes meal, beverages and entertainment. Traditional German dress is optional, but definitely encouraged!



## **'Dia de los Muertos' Celebration and Memorial at 5:45 p.m., Weds., Nov. 1**



Our youth will assist with leadership for the Cross + Generational and Cross + Cultural 'Day of the Dead' event at Grace. **Bring flowers and the name(s) of love one(s) you want to remember during the memorial service.** Day of the Dead (Spanish: *Día de Muertos*) is a Mexican holiday celebrated by people of Mexican ancestry living in other places, especially the United States. It is acknowledged internationally in

many other cultures. The multi-day holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and help support their spiritual journey.

## **Leadership Forum, 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26**

All church ministry chairs, coordinators, facilitators and leaders: Watch bulletins for details.

## **Thrive Clubhouse Christmas Dinner is Dec. 1**

The Clubhouse is a psycho-social rehabilitation day program for persons suffering with a mental illness. The Social Ministry Committee sponsors the annual Christmas Dinner but needs the congregation's help to decorate, provide salads, desserts, to serve and clean-up. This dinner is an opportunity to reach out—to let those who often feel rejected and ostracized know we care. Mark your calendar now, and in November, look for the sign-up sheet at the Sign-up Station. Questions? Call Rosaleen Dawes 828-693-6810 or Skip Andersen 828-697-0464.

## **7 a.m.-7 p.m., Dec. 7 Blood Drive – The Gift Only YOU Can Give!**

Our December drives are consistently exceeding 100 donors, so let's get in the holiday spirit and continue meeting this goal!

**Forty volunteers** are needed to serve as greeters, guides canteen workers for three-hour shifts: 7-10 a.m.; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 1-4 p.m.; and 4-7 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to set up after OASIS dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 6, and for clean up at 7 p.m. at the end of the drive. If you have volunteered previously, Joe Prasil will be contacting you by email. If you are a new blood drive volunteer, contact Joe at [jjprasil@hotmail.com](mailto:jjprasil@hotmail.com).



So when you're making your list, and checking it twice, don't forget to include our Holiday Blood Drive, either as a donor, a volunteer or both! All blood collected will be used in area our hospitals, including Pardee, Park Ridge, The Asheville VA and all Mission Hospitals. Please mark your calendar for a donation on Dec. 7, and don't make any blood donations after Oct. 12.

## It's Coming! SERRV/Lutheran World Relief Gifts Market 9 a.m.-Noon, Sunday, Nov. 19



Morsheda Akhter and her husband were small-scale farmers in Bangladesh when a nearby river flooded their home and property, leaving them without a source of income. Fortunately, Morsheda found work with SERRV partner Dhaka Handicrafts; she has now been weaving beautiful baskets to support her family for more than 12 years.

Today her daughter Afroza, a college student, had this to say, "I appreciate what Dhaka Handicrafts has done for my mother. They trained her and helped her earn a good amount of money each month. It is gratifying to realize that Dhaka Handicrafts helps many destitute and extremely poor people secure a standard of living. Many girls like me are able to find their hope of life realized ..."

**Dhaka Handicrafts** is just one of many fair-trade artisan groups from 25 countries that partner with SERRV. These crafters produce truly unique, handcrafted items for which they receive just compensation for their hard work and skills.

**Join us in Stull Hall 9 a.m.-Noon, Sunday, Nov 19**, for the annual Fair Trade Gift Market and be part of this vital mission. We will have a wide variety of items from SERRV for sale. Do your Christmas shopping early while knowing you are helping lift many impoverished folks out of poverty.



In addition, all funds received beyond our cost will be donated to Lutheran World Relief to support those in need throughout the world.



### From Penny Bailey

I would like to thank my church family who lifted me up in prayer and concern during my knee replacement surgery. Also, the Altar Guild for sharing the beautiful flowers! These comforting acts of kindness brightens ones day and bring a smile to your face.

Blessings and Thanks, Penny Bailey.

### News from Missionary Stephen Deal

Greetings to all of you on Central American Independence Day here in Costa Rica. The long holiday weekend gives me a chance to send a missionary update that I've been trying to complete for some time.

For our sponsoring congregations in the mid-Atlantic region, this is not the first time that you have heard me refer to ELCA's comprehensive AMMPARO strategy – adopted overwhelmingly at our Churchwide Assembly in August 2016.

[Read Stephen's message and see the AMMPARO newsletter on the Grace website ...](#)

## New! Focus on Our Volunteer Ministries

Look at all they do! Each month we will appreciate all volunteers in specific ministries in our Sunday Services. Please **volunteer to help by contacting Karen-Eve**, [kepfotzer@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:kepfotzer@gracehendersonville.com) or 828-693-4890, x316.

<p><b>Hospitality &amp; Fellowship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Almost all our Social events, picnics,</li> <li>✓ Sunday Coffee</li> <li>✓ Memorials Receptions</li> <li>✓ Oasis midweek Meals</li> <li>✓ Oktoberfest</li> <li>✓ Supper Club</li> </ul> <p><b>Congregational Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Banquet Bearers</li> <li>✓ Communicate to Military Personnel</li> <li>✓ Communicate with College Kids</li> <li>✓ Encouragement Cards</li> <li>✓ Homebound Members visits</li> <li>✓ Hospital Visitation</li> <li>✓ Meals for Sick and Bereaved</li> <li>✓ Ministry to Grieving</li> <li>✓ Prayer Chain, Intercessory &amp; Prayer</li> </ul> <p><b>Ministry, Healing Prayer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Prayer Shawl Ministry</li> <li>✓ Stephen Ministers</li> <li>✓ Hospice/Chronic Illness</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Ministry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Adopt a Family Coordinator</li> <li>✓ Attic Drivers/Assistants</li> <li>✓ Boys &amp; Girls Club</li> <li>✓ Blood Drive Coordinators &amp; Volunteer</li> <li>✓ Blue Ridge Community Health Services</li> <li>✓ Blue Ridge Prison &amp; Jail &amp; Bible Tool Box Project</li> <li>✓ Children &amp; Family Resource Center</li> <li>✓ Council on Aging</li> <li>✓ Chaplaincy Program Pardee Hospital</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fair Trade Gift Market</li> <li>✓ Feed the Kids Liaison</li> <li>✓ Feed the Kids Lead Cook</li> <li>✓ Four Seasons Hospice for Life</li> <li>✓ Free Medical Clinic</li> <li>✓ Homes for Youth</li> <li>✓ Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>✓ Hot Dogs &amp; Hugs for Prison Families</li> <li>✓ Housing Assistance Corporation</li> <li>✓ Hunger Coalition</li> <li>✓ IAM Liaison/Coordinator</li> <li>✓ Joseph Center Program</li> <li>✓ Lutheran Services Carolinas</li> <li>✓ Lutheran World Relief</li> <li>✓ Pisgah Legal Services</li> <li>✓ Red Cross Workers</li> <li>✓ Rescue Mission Liaison</li> <li>✓ Safelight</li> <li>✓ Servant Saturday Events</li> <li>✓ Storehouse Liaison</li> <li>✓ THRIVE-Picnic/Dec Party</li> </ul> <p><b>Evangelism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Greeters, Door or Register</li> <li>✓ Grace 101 &amp; Grace Guides</li> <li>✓ Replace Sunday Name tags</li> <li>✓ Holiday Desk Greeters</li> <li>✓ Guest/visitor Follow up</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Relations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grace Vine, Publications, Website, Social Media</li> <li>✓ Public Relations Writer (external PR)</li> <li>✓ Videos/CDs</li> </ul>
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## Stephen Ministry Minute

### Two Reasons Why YOU Should Become a Stephen Minister:

**Reason #2:** Stephen Ministry is a life-changing experience. Have you ever avoided approaching a person who was hurting because you "didn't know what to say?" We all have. But Stephen Ministers know what to say and how to act. They are trained to respond compassionately and respectfully when others need them, and they feel confident in their caregiving skills. Stephen Ministers are the first to respond when neighbors, family members and coworkers need someone to talk to.

**Reason #1:** Jesus commanded it. "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." We are called to "bear one another's burdens," and to "accept one another." Jesus wanted us to be doers of the Word, not just hearers. Stephen Ministers are in the trenches every day, caring for those who are hurting, bringing warmth and kindness to those who feel alone, creating an atmosphere where trust and respect can lead to wholeness. Stephen Ministers answer the call of Jesus.

**Would you like to be a blessing and be blessed?** We are considering offering another opportunity for Grace members to become Stephen Ministers. We could particularly use a few more women. If there is enough interest, a training class could begin this fall. If you think you might be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact: Barbara Kurdelmeir (828-808-3180), Don Klug (828-808-3180), or Richard Mummert (828-768-5471).



## Upcoming Special Worship Services

### Sunday, Oct. 29 – Reformation Sunday

This Sunday commemorates the day Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses (propositions) on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church and this year, we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. **We will have one service only at 10 a.m.** We **wear red** on Reformation Sunday, because the color red communicates the strength and power the Holy Spirit gives for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and to share that powerful name with others.



### Sunday, Nov. 5 – All Saints Sunday

During worship on All Saints Sunday, we will remember loved ones who have died since All Saints' Day last year. If you have a loved one who died since October 2016 whom you would like listed in the bulletin, please email the name(s) to Jolie Herman ([jherman@gracehendersonville.com](mailto:jherman@gracehendersonville.com)) or add the name to the list at the Sign-Up Station in the lobby before noon Oct. 22. We will name the members of Grace who have died during the prayers on this special day.



### Sunday, Nov. 26 – Christ the King Sunday

Christ the King Sunday marks the end of the church year. "Christ the King" is a title of Jesus Christ. It refers to the concept of the Kingdom of God where Christ is enthroned at the right hand of God.





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## **First Sunday in Advent is Sunday, Dec. 3**

Advent is the season of hope and preparation for both celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, and looking forward with hope to the return of the Messiah.

**Advent worship on Wednesday evenings will take place at 6 p.m., Dec. 6, 13 and 20.** A light supper will be offered in Stull Hall from 5 to 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Advance sign-up is requested, so the proper amount of food can be prepared. A freewill offering will be gathered to cover the cost of the meal. Nursery care will be available for children ages birth to 5 years old during all three Advent services.

Watch Grace announcements for details of the Wednesday worship services.



**Advent begins Dec. 3**

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