

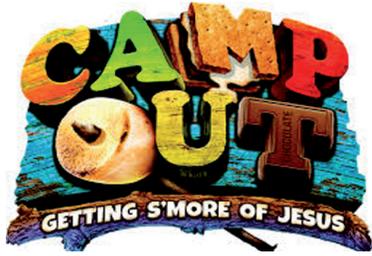
THE VOICE OF GRACE



GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WESTERVILLE, OHIO

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Getting S'more of Jesus

2017 Grace Vacation Bible School served 36 children -Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

Many thanks to Youth and Family Director Molly King and a host of volunteers headed by VBS Co-Director Kirsten Hicks, for providing a fun filled and inspiring three days of Bible School. (see pages 6 and 7)



LOOKING AHEAD

- Aug 6 - Sunday School Teachers Meeting
- Aug 7-11..... NALC Conference
- Aug 13 - Blessing of the Backpacks
- Aug 13..... Little Lambs resumes
- Aug 17..... Supper Club
- Aug 20 Secret Sister Reveal Party
- Aug 26..... Faith & Family Night - Mapfre Stadium
- Aug 28 - Little Blessings Classes Begin
- Sept 5 - Katherine Circle resumes
- Sept 11 - Ruth Circle resumes
- Sept 17 - .. RALLY DAY - Sunday School resumes

See complete August calendar on page 13



Rev. William and Mrs. (Julie) Hartfelder

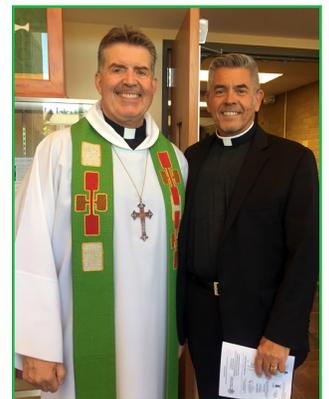
Celebrating 30 Years of Ministry

by Lisa Kuhar

On Sunday, July 9, Grace recognized the 30th anniversary of Pastor Hartfelder's ordination into ministry. NALC Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Dr. David Wendel spoke during parish concerns acknowledging Pastor Hartfelder's achievement, noting that for various reasons many clergy do not remain in ministry long enough to celebrate 30 years

of service. Members of council presented Pastor Hartfelder with a certificate and hosted a reception between services.

Pastor Hartfelder attended Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey (class of 1976). He was ordained June 21, 1987 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Montgomery, Ohio. In addition to serving at Good Shepherd, Pastor Hart-

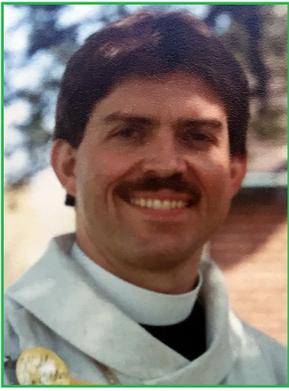


Pastor Hartfelder and Rev. Dr. David Wendel



felder also served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Canton and Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, Upper Arlington before accepting the call to serve as pastor at Grace in May 2003.

Pastor Hartfelder greets members during the celebration of the 30 year anniversary of his ordination.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"We learn to praise God not by paying compliments, but by paying attention."

-(Frederick Buechner, Wishful Thinking)

Pastor Will Hartfelder* Buechner's observation is timely. We live in a noisy world. Ours is a world of 24/7 media flooding our senses with all sorts of sounds, news flashes and hotly contested issues. Civil discourse seems to be a lost art. Even in the church the temptation is to amp up the "hype" to attract people's attention. One group claims to have the most awesome worship music a person can ever experience. Another touts their preacher as the most electrifying speaker around. Yet another proclaims they are the fastest growing church in Central Ohio, hinting this proves they've got something others don't and you don't want to be left out.

**"To what am I paying attention?"
-PW**

Buechner's observation makes me ask, "To what am I paying attention?" His words about paying attention call to mind the words of the psalmist (46:10): *"Be still, and know that I am God!"* I also hear the prophet's admonition (Is 1:11): *"What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats."*

There comes a time when "paying attention" to the right thing, "paying attention" to the right voice is what is needed. To what are we paying attention as a family of faith we call Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in these times in which compliments are cheap and attention spans are brief? I believe we are paying closer attention to Scripture, to the historic teachings of the Church and to our Lord's call to faithfulness, the core elements of what it means to be disciples of Jesus yesterday, today and tomorrow.

With you in these remaining days of summer paying attention and following Jesus,

Pastor Will

*Photo of Pastor Will taken in pre-ordination days

Grace Stories ~ A Stewardship Journey

A fundamental principle of Christian stewardship is this: disciples of Jesus give not because of the Church's need to receive. We give in response to what we have already received from our good and gracious God.

So the Psalmist sings:

"What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?"

Psalm 116:12

A second fundamental principle of Christian stewardship is that our giving is not simply between the individual and God. Our giving takes place within the community of believers as an act of our worship.

Again the Psalmist sings:

"I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people."

Psalm 116:13-14

These two principles guide our giving and our life together as God's people called Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. During worship on the first three Sundays of October we will hear members of Grace share their personal Grace Stories of what their church family means to them.

On Sunday, October 22nd - "Celebration Sunday" - you will be invited to come forward with your Estimate of Giving as an act of worship. There will be a catered meal after both worship services as we gather to celebrate God's blessings in our lives as individuals and as a family of faith.



Banner Explanation

Symbols have been used in our church through the years to enrich our worship.

These simple visual pictures have meanings that are keys to our faith.

The banners being used currently demonstrate a number of these symbols.

The color green is used for much of the church year during the season of Epiphany and after Trinity through Advent. The color indicates our spiritual growth.

The leaves reflect the passage *"I am the Vine and you are the Branches"* (John 15:5).



This banner, displayed in the Worship Space, was designed by Sue Mahrt and painted by Tom Shannon in the year before his death.



The fish is based on an acronym for Christ which has been used since the early church.

The trefoil is one of several shapes used to signify the Trinity.



The dove stands for both the Holy Spirit and baptism.

The chalice and host picture Holy Communion.



The Chi Rho is a sacred monogram of Christ using the first two Greek letters of the word "Christ."

The cross is central to our faith.



The church had often been symbolized by a ship.

The Bethlehem Star led the Wise Men to Jesus. Hidden in it is a cross.



This cross shows the universality of Christ's message.

The butterfly symbolizes the Resurrection.



"Honor the Lord with your sustenance and the first fruits of all your produce." (Proverbs 3:9)

FIRST FRUITS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteering for the First Fruits Ministry involves one first Sunday of the Month at either the first or second worship service. Information and a sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. If you have questions call Karen Bale at 614-506-3331.

Financial Manager Kathy Wahlenmaier reported that the June W.A.R.M. monetary donations were **\$735**. To date in 2017 the total amount donated to W.A.R.M. is **\$4,030.00**

As of July 5, 2017, one hundred sixty-six (**166**) lbs of food and personal care items have been donated by Grace members to W.A.R.M. The year-to-date total for 2017 of food and personal care items is **1801.6 pounds**.

Thanks to all who are making W.A.R.M. a regular part of your tithes and offerings. You are a blessing to many.

NOTE: Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church with a notation on the memo line for W.A.R.M.

Go on-line to Westerville Area Resource Ministry to find the most needed items in addition to those listed.

Questions? Call Tina Lapolla, Pantry Coordinator
WARM - 614-899-0196.

Cut out and collect these items for the August First Fruits Grocery Cart

Lima/Butter Beans
Dry Pinto, Navy & Northern Beans
Whole Peeled Tomatoes, Stewed Tomatoes
Baked Beans, Hot Dog Sauce,
Sloppy Joe Sauce
Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges,
Applesauce & Peaches
Canned Spinach, Beets,
Canned Sauerkraut
Small plastic bottles of Vegetable or
Canola Oil
Baking Soda, Baking Powder
Cake/Brownie Mix, Frosting
Toothpaste/Shampoo/Conditioner
Dish/Laundry Soap/Tissues

Fresh produce is always welcome, especially early in the week.

Place only non-perishable items into grocery carts.
Fresh produce donations to 150 Heatherdown Dr.
Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm.



Grace's Gang Messages from Molly



Molly King
Director of
Youth and Family
m.king@
grace43081.org

Vacation Bible School July 23 - 25 Ages: Preschool through 5th grade



Many thanks to all who participated and made this year's VBS a huge success.

- Director of Youth and Family..... Molly King
- VBS Co-Director Kirsten Hicks
- Decorations Sue Mahrt
- Music Leaders Karen Bale, Shirley Moleno
- Bible Exploration Leaders Julie Young, Connie Brenning
- Camp Crafts Leaders Dana Stedman, Michayla Brenning, Jordan Roshon
- Wilderness Games Leaders Vaughn Place, Cayla Pennington
- Photography Tom Seamon, Jack Rockwood

Classroom Leaders

- Prekindergarten # 1 Regina Place, Logan Brenning
- Prekindergarten # 2 Amy Quinn, Katie Holmes
- K - 5 #3 Taylor Hinderer, Heather Bush
- K - 5 #4 Janice Will, Lily Hicks

Kitchen Krew - Jan Breen, Amanda Bright, Mary Lou Bright, Gracie Bright, Rachel Gangestad, Carolyn Gibboney, Linda Seamon, Ann Taylor.

.... and the 36 children who made it an adventurous and fun 3 days for all of us. Jesus is definitely the Light!

Camp Out Vacation Bible School was a fun three days!

The focus of the lessons, music and crafts was on John 8:12 ***“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”***

I would like to thank Kirsten Hicks for all the time she put in helping plan this Vacation Bible School. Thank you to all the volunteer leaders and those that donated tents, camping equipment and stuffed animals. Thank you also to Sue Mahrt for the outstanding decorations for our stage, and the Kitchen Krew that made the yummy meals.





Putting all students, teachers and school personnel on a blessed path for the new school year.

Blessing of the Backpacks



A Back-to-School Blessing August 13 Both Services

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Bullet Points – July 2017

These are highlights of the July Council Meeting. Upon approval of the July minutes in August, the full minutes can be viewed in the church office.



- Approval of the June meeting minutes
- Fee and pay structures for Little Blessings School presented in June were discussed and approved by council.
- Policy for record retention and the churches' history archives presented in June were discussed, and approved by council.
- Council voted unanimously to support Oromo financially with a gift of \$2,000 to be presented by Council members on Sunday, August 6 when Pastor Will will be the guest preacher for the Oromo congregation.
- Safety at Grace: John Kleberg has begun accepting bids for installing safety measures at Grace.
- Information was presented on bids to repair the east driveway potholes. Council agreed that we need more details about the quotes to be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Council requested the gathering quotes for building a choir closet and choosing the better quote for the work to be done, not to exceed \$5,000.
- Pastor Will's activity and church statistical reports were reviewed and accepted.
- John Hicks reviewed his June 2017 treasurer's reports including the narrative and the financial reports.
- Council approved the year-end Financial Statements.
- The next meeting is August 10, 2017.

**CALLING ALL SOCCER FANS!!
FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT
AT
MAPFRE STADIUM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
KICKOFF 7:30 P.M**



**PRESENTED BY THRIVENT.
\$16 DISCOUNTED TICKETS**

THOSE ATTENDING ARE INVITED TO PRE-MATCH AND POST-MATCH ACTIVITIES.

DURING THE POST-MATCH ACTIVITIES THERE WILL BE AUTOGRAPHS AND TESTIMONIALS WITH SELECT CREW SC PLAYERS. RAFFLES, PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS,

**DEADLINE TO RESERVE A TICKET
- AUGUST 16TH**

CONTACT MOLLY FOR
MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS.
MKING@GRACE43081.ORG



**Secret Sister
Reveal Party
August 20th,
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall**

The theme is *Walk by Faith*. We are Looking forward to an evening of fun and finding out who your Secret Sister is! It will be a time of fun and fellowship. Let me know if you have not received your invitation in the mail. Any questions contact Molly King (m.king@grace43081.org)

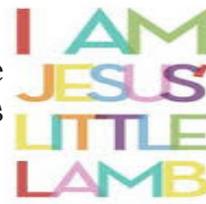


**Little Blessings
Preschool
Classes Begin
August 28!**

Little Lambs starts again on August 13 after Summer break

Little Lambs is for ages 3 to Kindergarten. The children leave during the sermon and do a Bible lesson and then return for the offering. Little Lambs is offered at both services.

Questions? Contact Molly (m.king@grace43081.org).



ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



During the Summer Sundays, you are invited to join Pastor Hartfelder in the Rose Garden Library with your coffee and timbits during the Sunday School hour - 9:45-10:45. The topic will be whatever the folks in attendance wish to address and have conversation about. This is a great opportunity to 'Fire at Will' and get to know more about the Church, the Pastor, and your fellow members.

NEW

Faithweaver NOW - Adult class

Weaving faith into today's families
Teacher: Bill Kulju

Sunday school hour 9:45-10:45, Fellowship Hall
Faithweaver NOW is a quarterly, age graded curriculum for infants through adults. The three-year scope and sequence covers the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. As each age level learns the same Bible point, families are united in placing God at the center of their busy lives. Amidst the chaos of everyday living, Faithweaver NOW brings peace, joy and hope to children and their families.

We are excited to offer this class this fall!

Fall Offering

The Adult Sunday School Class continues through the Summer. The Class meets in fellowship hall between services beginning at 9:45. The class is studying Volume 10 of ***"That the World May Know"***. The topic for this volume is *'With All Your Heart'*. The class is facilitated by Bill Kulju. ***Come Join Us!***



RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will resume meetings on September 11. Regular meeting time is the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. They meet in Rose Garden Room #1.

The study selected for this Fall will be in the book "Heaven." Joanne Figge will lead the first lesson. Books for the study can be ordered from Joyce Strung at 614-523-3663. ***The ladies of Ruth Circle look forward to welcoming you.***

“Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” Proverbs 16:24 .

Katharine Circle
will resume
Bible Studies on
Tuesday
September 5, 2017
Please Join us!



ECONOMIC UPDATE

Get straight talk about current markets to help you answer important questions like these:

- Should I react to economic headlines?
- Could my investments be doing better?
- Is it time to change my financial strategy?

A FINANCIAL EVENT

Join us for a presentation brought to you by Thrivent Financial, a not-for-profit membership organization of Christians. While many financial firms see money as a goal, we see it as a tool to help the people, causes and communities you hold close to your heart.

EVENT DETAILS:
Sunday, August 20, 2017
9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

HOSTED BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE:



Rick Krombach
FIC

This presentation is sponsored by the Stewardship Team and is part of a series of educational events to be held at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church each month August through November 2017.

We encourage your attendance at all of these presentations but it is possible to get value out of each one individually so feel free attend one or all.

QR Code for Website

This is the QR (Quick Response) code for Grace. Scan this code with your iPhone and it will take you directly to the Grace Lutheran Website.



“We’re so glad you asked.....”

A column offering a response to questions and concerns on a variety of topics. If you have a question, please put it in writing and deliver it to the Church Office or email it to: office@grace43081.org.

Questions must be signed.

Question: Why are the prayers on Sunday mornings so short? It seems we pray about so many things that are not in our own neighborhood or about our own members and church?

Prayer takes many forms. It may be formal or informal, silent or spoken out loud. Prayers can be finely crafted and well thought out. They may be hastily said on the way to work, in the hallway before going into a classroom, next to the bed of a loved one lying ill or near death.

Prayers can be said alone or in the midst of a crowd. They may be offered up on behalf of others (intercession), as thanksgiving, or in time of dire personal need, confusion, and helplessness. Prayer can be a simple talk with God. Whatever its form or location, its volume or content, in every case prayer in the name and spirit of Jesus joins our hearts and voices with the hearts and voices of Christians of every time and every place.

The prayers we offer during Sunday worship are specifically intended for use in the Christian assembly gathered on the Lord’s Day. In addition to the Prayer of the Day that follows the Hymn of Praise, we have the prayers of intercession that

come after the Creed. These are intended to be brief prayers we offer up for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, our congregation, and special concerns. It is also the time when the assisting minister includes thanks for all the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died. It is appropriate to this type of corporate prayer that each portion conclude with words spoken by the congregation, e.g., “hear our prayer” or “your mercy is great.”

Later in our worship service we pray the offertory prayer (after the offering has been received), the Eucharistic Prayer, the Lord’s Prayer, and the post-communion prayer.

When we gather in sacred assembly in corporate worship our prayers reflect a prayer tradition formed over many centuries of Christian practice and experience. But this is not the only way, time, and place for our prayers. Prayer is a fundamental part of our daily diet as disciples of Jesus. St. Paul encouraged the believers in the church of Thessalonica that they were to “pray without ceasing” (I Thessalonians 5:17).

*I call upon you, O LORD; come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.
Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands
as an evening sacrifice.
(Psalm 141)*



Women of the North American Lutheran Church and NALC Disaster Response is Sponsoring

“STUFF THE TRUCK”



August 7 - 11, 2017 NALC LUTHERAN WEEK NASHVILLE, TN

Pastor Will and Molly King will be taking donated items from our congregation to the gathering in Nashville to be used for disaster relief to STUFF the TRUCK.

The bins in the gathering space are filled with quilts, flood buckets, health kits, school kits, layettes, and Bibles. Gift cards from Lowes, Home Depot and Walmart have also been donated. Give the Gift Cards directly to Pastor Will or Molly King. The deadline to drop off items is Thursday, August 3. **However, you may deliver Gift Cards to Pastor Will or Molly anytime before they leave Monday morning, August 7.**



Supper Club will be going to

Cantina Laredo
at Polaris Fashion Place
August 17th 6:30 p.m.

Sign up at Hospitality Desk



The **Women’s Bible Study** will resume in the fall. They meet in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday mornings at 10 o’clock. Facilitator is Pastor Walston.

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Holy Communion

EVERY Sunday Morning

Two Worship Services: 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

for children, youth and adults 9:45 a.m.

Join us for fellowship and refreshments after each service.

Vision Statement

We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.



We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

The NALC embraces four core values:

**Christ Centered,
Mission Driven,
Traditionally Grounded and
Congregationally Focused.**

The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe.

We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

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Stewardship Corner August 2017

GENEROSITY AND HAPPINESS

Science supports the benefits of generosity! Philippe Tobler and Ernst Fehr of the Department of Economics at the University of Zurich together with a team of international researchers recently conducted an experiment



on the relationship between generosity and happiness. They investigated how areas of the brain communicate to produce feelings of happiness. Their results? People who are generous and focus on helping others reported feelings of happiness more than those who act on their own self-interests.

Tobler and Fehr looked at three areas of the brain and discovered that MRI scans of participants showed that one area of the human brain triggers a response in another that is related to happiness. People who give more to help others were happier than those who did not. The level of giving did not alter the behavioral and neural evidence supporting the link between generosity and happiness. Their study aligned with the study by Christian Smith, a University of Notre Dame sociologist who, in his book *"The Paradox of Generosity: Giving We Receive, Grasping We Lose,"* presents an accumulating body of research showing the positive effects of generosity on the brain. No less telling is the scientific evidence that a lack of generosity can have the opposite effect. Stingy people have been shown to secrete more cortisol in the brain, a stress hormone known for creating increased levels of wear and tear on the human body.

St. Paul wrote to the early Christians in the city of Corinth: *"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Cor 9:7). Centuries later Martin Luther wrote, *"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."*

It appears St. Paul and Martin Luther were way ahead of their time! Modern Science demonstrates the direct link between giving and happiness! How happy are you?



Answering the Call

A fantastic response to a call by the Red Cross about an emergency need for blood.

On Tuesday, July 11th, 55 productive pints of blood were collected in the fellowship hall at Grace. This was an exciting gift of much needed life-giving blood for many people. Thanks to all who donated and to those who administered the bloodmobile at Grace. A special thanks, as always, to our kitchen krew ladies who prepared and served food and Janice Will who scheduled and checked in the donors.

Molly King, the Director of Youth and Family at Grace, gave the sermon at both services on July 16. Her sermon topic was "Faith to be Good Soil."

Molly is a Commissioned Lay Minister and was recently elected to the Southeast Mission District Board of the NALC.



Welcome to our Guests

We welcome you as a guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. Please accept a 'guest bag' at the Welcome Center, containing information about Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. See an usher for assistance.



Birthdays

8/1 DANIEL GEORGE	8/19 KIRSTEN HICKS
8/2 DON DIURBA	DAVID YOURKVITCH
8/5 MACHAYLA BRENNING	8/21 CLARA CARLILE
WILLIAM CAIN	8/22 STEPHANIE ROBINETTE
ROSEMARIE LITZINGER	8/22 JESSICA STAKELY
DANA SELLKE	WILLIAM MENGES
ANNE WILSON	8/23 CAROL ISBELL
8/6 ALEXIS RIEDEL	8/24 MICHAEL BRAATZ
8/7 ALYSSA PARSIO	PAUL HOTCHKISS
8/8 SWAPNA KOPPERA	8/25 CHERYL BUSH
8/9 BRANDI TANLER	ZACHARY HAYNES
8/10 MARK SPANGLER	8/26 JOHN HARTMAN
8/12 ANDREW WHITACRE	STEPHEN HIMES
8/13 MADISON BANKS	GRIFFIN ROBINETTE
BRUCE HEIMRICH	CALAB SCHEIDEGER
TAMARA PARSIO	8/27 PATRICIA ADCOCK
8/15 TAMI ADCOCK	RACHEL GOODMAN
BONNIE DYKE	8/29 RONALD HOCH
8/16 CONNIE REYNOLDS	LORRAINE REITER
8/17 MADISON ALTHOFF	TOM ROTHMANN
KAY ELLINGER	INGRID SPRINGER
CHRISTOPHER HOCH	8/30 JOHN WORKMAN
8/18 KATIE GUIMENTI	8/31 JOANNE JENNY
SUSAN ROSS	CHARLES WASHBURN
Laurie Thuman	
8/19 KIMBERLY HAYES	

Anniversaries

DATE	YEARS
8/3	STEPHEN & SUZANNE KILE 26
8/5	ROBERT & SHIRLEY KLINGENSMITH 50
8/6	JOHN & CHERYL DOBROKA 40
8/10	DAVID & BRITTANY PACE 4
8/11	JAMES & HOLLY CAIN 16
	JOHN & NANCY KLEBERG 55
8/12	STEPHEN & SUSAN MILLER 45
	DANIEL & JILL MORRISON 50
8/14	JEFFREY & KATHY REEDY 35
8/16	JERRY & KATHY BOBB III 48
	JEFF & CONNIE BRENNING 20
	ERIKA WARNCKE-VENCI & CARMICHAEL VINCI 3
	KEVIN & LAURIE THUMAN 38
8/21	RUDY & DOROTHY KOLBERG 61
8/22	LARRY & MARGE CEPEK 53
	DON & ELEANOR DIURBA 58
	BRUCE & GINNY HEIMRICH 25
8/25	COURT & ROBIN LEASE 39
8/27	DANNY & CHRISTINA DRAKULICH 7
	KATHLEEN & FRANK PETITT 6
	VAUGHN & REGINA PLACE 7
8/30	WILLIAM & JULIE HARTFELDER JR. 42
8/31	BRANDON & BETHANY NICKOLI 10

Deaths

DIANNA MARIA MILLER MAYES • Born: April 17, 1943 • Died: July 10, 2017



Sunday School Teachers

Looking ahead
Rally Day on Sept. 17

Our **Sunday School Teachers will meet on Sunday, August 6** to begin preparations for this years Sunday School Term. The meeting will be held in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m.

GRACE FACEBOOK PAGE

<http://www.facebook.com/GraceEvangelicalLutheranWesterville>



Send items that you want included on the Grace Facebook page to Lora Moore at l.moore@grace43081.org

NOTE:

Extra copies of the 'Voice' are available in the office and at the kiosk in the Gathering Space
Send suggestions and/or submit* potential articles to tomseamon@att.net

*Inclusion based on content and space limitations.

Celebration of Sound



July 2 - Chris Hoch,
Trombone Solo
"Elegy" - arr. Chris Hoch



July 9 - Larry Beckwith, Vocal Solo
"Blessing" - arr. Laura Story



July 16 - Audrey Clark & Lora Moore,
Vocal Duet
"There is a Higher Throne"
- arr. Lloyd Larson

Summer Music Series

2017

- August 6 - Daniel Winifield, Viola Solo
- August 13 - Stephan Kile, Vocal Trio
- August 20 - Larry Beckwith and Lora Moore, Vocal Duet
- August 27 - Dennis Crill and Linda Hoch, Keyboard Duet
- September 3 - Carolyn Via, Violin Solo

We are blessed to have these talented musicians offer their voices and musical talents during the offertory at worship services in the summer. Our choir will begin leading worship again in September.

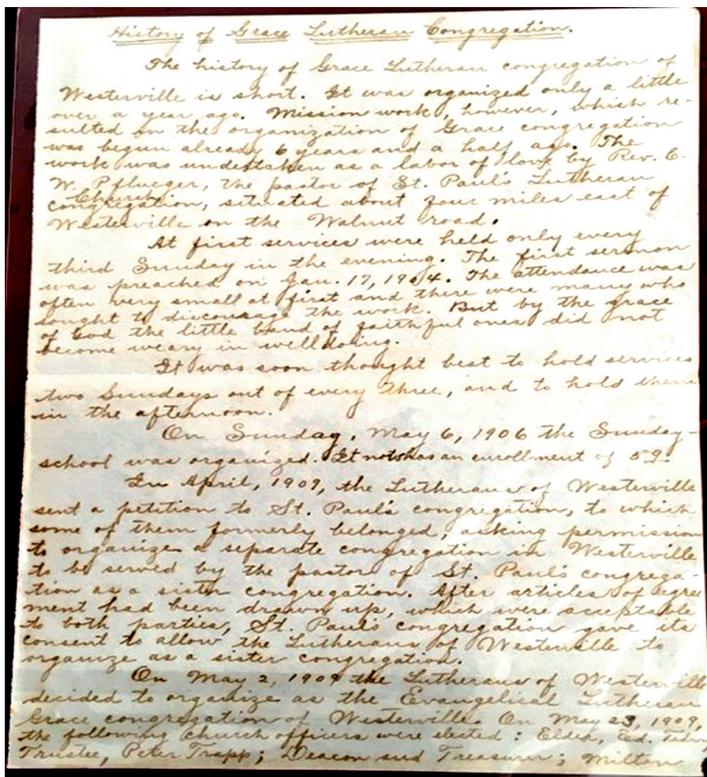
Organist Linda Hoch accompanies each of the musicians.



July 30 - Pastor Will Hartfelder, Vocal Solo
Xan Vargo, Violinist
"Savior, Redeemer of my Soul"
-Rob Gardner



July 23 - David Kile,
Brass Solo
"Valet Will ich Dir Geben"
-arr.J.S. Bach



From the Archives

by John Kleberg

The first reported history of Grace Congregation is recorded in a 1910 hand written two page note by Pastor Pflueger. It reflects the organization of Grace as well as local information of interest. While the congregation became a separate congregation from St. Paul in 1909, efforts to serve Westerville began as early as 1904. This hand written history is now properly preserved in the Church archives.

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Our Holy Land Experience

by Lauren Hartfelder

Imagine the adrenaline and excitement that we've all felt the night before traveling, especially out of the country. You make lists, you do last minute shopping, and you pack your clothes, ensuring nothing is left behind. Then, the morning comes, you get ready to head to the airport, when a text message arrives notifying you that there has been a change in your flight itinerary. Instant mood changer. Adrenaline turns to anxiety, excitement turns to disappointment. 18 of our 23 pilgrims traveling to Israel and Jordan had been postponed and the other 5 people had to re-route through Germany. Well, not much else you can do but be thankful this news didn't happen in the airport. The group rallied together, and ultimately remained calm and positive. Before we knew it, we were finally aboard the plane for the trip of a lifetime!

12 hours later the group was united at the airport in Tel Aviv and we loaded the bus that would feel like home for the next 2 weeks. Our itinerary had to change slightly, but how can you be upset when you are in the Holy Land. Soon we were off to Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and Capernaum, the town of Jesus.

The first couple nights can be restless, as it can be an incredible feeling when it actually sinks in where you are in the world. To see, smell, and experience the true atmosphere of Israel is something no one can ever put into words.

Our trip continued visiting Beth Shean, the Mount of the Beatitudes, and experiencing Magadala, the town of Mary Magdalene. A highlight was remembering our baptisms right in the Jordan River. Singing together, rejoicing in God's marvelous creation, and simply enjoying that moment was unlike any other.

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Another exciting part of our journey was visiting the Dead Sea. This is definitely a place where we all think we know exactly what it will be like, but then it takes your breath away! Floating in the water is an additional experience unlike any other.

As each day continued and each morning we hopped on the bus, we headed to Masada, Bethlehem, and even experienced a Bedouin camp complete with a camel ride in the desert. Next on the agenda was Jerusalem. We spent 3 days touring and walking in the footsteps of Jesus. I'm sure I was not the only traveler who was speechless after taking a moment to truly grasp where I was. Walking down the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane, visiting the Holy Sepulchre, and walking through the street markets in the old city are definitely places I could visit time and time again.

The highlights experienced by our group on this trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land are too many to list. One thing is for sure, all of us were changed by this very special part of the world where our Lord Jesus walked. I will always cherish this memory with my dad and new friends. Traveling to Israel and Jordan will be something we will treasure forever.



Pictured Left to Right - Aaron Bally, Tom Seamon, Jim Schlea, Joe Drakulich, Mark Schlea, Mike Grubb, Jason Grubb, Dan Morrison, Kevin Thuman, Garry Bright.

The team of Aaron, Mike and Jason won the prize for low score. Everyone had a great time. Huge thanks to Kevin for making the arrangements for the outing and securing the prizes.

The Men of Grace Fall breakfast schedule will begin in October. MOG meets the third Saturday of each month for breakfast, study, fellowship. 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.



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