



GRACE VINE



The Monthly Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church

June 2017

Summer Worship Hours

Summer worship hours begin Sunday, May 28

- 7:30 am** Community Pancake Breakfast
- 8:30 am** Contemporary Worship (Hope Hall)
- 10:00 am** Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 am** Fellowship

Five Guiding Principles of Grace Lutheran Church

1. Jesus is Lord!
2. Pray, Seek, and Follow God's Will
3. Share the Good News of Christ
4. Embrace God's challenge to Love and Serve Others
5. All are Welcome

Heat Respite

At Grace, we are called by God to be in the city for good! Our annual Heat Respite program will kick off in Hope Hall, June 12—September 1, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Our mission during the summer months is to provide a space for heat relief for those who would otherwise be on the street, while building community through the sharing of meals, water, community resources and ourselves. Please participate in the 2017 Heat Respite. Contact our outreach coordinator Kim Davidson at 602-651-1182.

Worship Leadership & Preaching Opportunities

While Pastor Sarah is on sabbatical July 10-September, the whole congregation is invited to be engaged in the ministry of worship leadership and preaching. We are very grateful to Pastor Mary Louise who will be presiding at worship most of the Sundays Pastor Sarah is gone, but we are looking for people who would like to help with worship leadership. If you are interested, please talk with or contact

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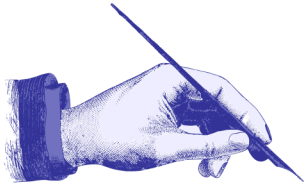
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From the Pastor's Pen

By God's grace, we are in the city for good!

As a teenager, I attended a week-long leadership training where I wrote my very first personal mission statement. Right from the start, writing mission statements was a very compelling activity for me. Throughout the rest of my high school and college years, every six months or so, I would update my personal mission statement. Of course, during these critical developmental years of any person's life, goals and foci change with regularity. Even in these early years of my life, being clear about my objectives was helpful. So many of us ask: What am I doing with my life? Where am I going? What is the point? Well, writing a mission statement can give clarity to what we are doing day in, day out. And when we sit down to write a mission statement, we might realize—as I did—that our mission is not so much tied to a particular task or goal but to a way of being in the world, the *hows* instead of the *whats*. For instance, for me, when I wrote my personal mission statement, I was most concerned with being a person of integrity and a person of love than of doing anything in particular.

Once in a while, though, we get to do something that really embodies our mission. At Grace, our mission statement reads: *By God's grace, we are in the city for good!* You have probably all heard me say that we mean this in two ways. One, that we are here to stay for the long haul. We love our neighborhood and believe God has placed us here at 3rd Street and Moreland because God has a mission for us on this particular piece of real estate. Two, we are here to do good in Jesus' name, to be light and salt in the world.

Right now, we have the opportunity to be light and salt, to do good in a really particular way, and I invite each of you to discern how God may be calling us to serve God and God's people through this opportunity.

True North is a development corporation headed by a man named Jonathon Vento. When I met Jonathon, one of the first things he said to me was: I'm concerned about the gentrification of this neighborhood. And I said: Me too! He said: There is no affordable housing being planned in all this development happening in downtown Phoenix, yet this a perfect spot for affordable housing because of the light rail and the proximity of services. And thus began a conversation between Grace and True North that has resulted in a proposal for Grace to engage in a long-term lease with True North in order that they might build transitional housing for families exiting homelessness. This housing would be managed by the non-profit Homeward Bound; providing this type of housing—along with necessary services—is all Homeward Bound does. The proposed lease would be for the portion of our land on which the playground and parsonage now sit.

Please come and learn about this project, a project called the Urban Sanctuary. We will have two information meetings and one voting meeting.

Informational Meetings

Sunday, June 4, 11:30 am, Hope Hall

Sunday, June 11, 11:30 am, Hope Hall

Voting Meeting

Sunday, June 25, 11:30 am, Hope Hall

Per our constitution, members of the congregation must be physically present to vote at the voting meeting. No absentee ballots will be accepted. Representatives from True North will be at both informational meetings to present and answer questions, so please come and ask all your questions.

I think God has given us the opportunity to embody our mission. Please pray with me about this.

With much love for all of you,

Pastor Sarah

Campfirmation

This year, Grace is sending Alec Khatter, Erica Khatter, Kenda Khatter, and Hannah Khatter as Campfirmation campers, Xavier Ramirez as a Campfirmation counselor, and Pastor Sarah as staff. Please pray for this time of growth in faith as they travel to the Payson area June 25-30!

Synod Assembly

June 9-10

Voting members from all the congregations of the Grand Canyon Synod will meet in assembly on June 9-10 at Love of Christ Lutheran Church in Mesa. As you may remember, our synodical bishop Steve Talmage will be concluding his term as bishop one year early, and this year's assembly will include time to discern as a synod what the role of the bishop ought to be. As well, we will learn together about the state of seminary education and leadership in a changing church. Currently, there are about 9,000 pastors serving in the ELCA. Due to the retirement of the Baby Boomers, by 2019, the ELCA is estimating that the total number of clergy will be down to 6,000 pastors. Voting members from Grace will include Renee Waterstradt, Brian Flatgard, Frankie Ark, and Pastor Sarah. Judy Baker, as a member of the synod council, will also serve as a voting member.

Yoga with Tami

Tami Link continues to provide Yoga classes for the community and membership of Grace for a suggested donation of \$5 to \$15. Please thoughtfully consider what you can offer. If you can offer more, you participate in the gift and service of those who have less. Donations go to ensuring you have consistent, quality instruction. Tami offers a Contemplative Yoga class on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

June Community Building Goal

During the month of June, every member of the congregation is encouraged to write at least one note of encouragement to someone on the mission team going to New York City.

The youth of Grace will be traveling to New York City to be serve in that community and learn about life in a different place July 2-8! While we are away, we would love to receive mail, and the only way to make that happen is to bring it with us. Please bring your mail to church and give it to Pastor Sarah no later than June 25. Thank you for your support!

Jessica Betz

Andy Clark

Daniel Ramirez

Xavier Ramirez

Joey Siebler

Alison Sigala

Shane Sigala

Thomas Waterstradt

Terrace Hill (chaperone)

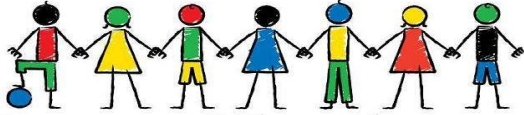
Rosa Zavala (chaperone)

Pastor Sarah (chaperone)

New Life in Christ Fellowship

This congregation that worships at Grace on Sunday afternoons is also a church body in the South Pacific nation of Tonga. Right now, New Life in Christ Fellowship is constructing a new parochial school in the village of Haateiho, Tonga for approximately 300 students in grades 1-6. Mothers of the students are the primary construction workers. In preparation for the opening of the school, they are looking for donations of used children's books in English and used children's clothing, including pants, tops, and shoes. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the Grace church office. Thank you for your support of our sisters and brothers in Christ!

Youth Update



Youth Parking Lot Fundraiser

Friday, June 2, 6:00 pm

Youth: please put this First Friday parking lot fundraiser on your calendar. Thank you!

Youth Serving Heat Respite Lunch

Friday, June 23, 10:00 am-1:30 pm

Youth: please put June 23 on your calendars for serving lunch at heat respite! Pastor Sarah will be in touch about menu planning and grocery shopping so that we can do those together.

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, June 5-9, 5:15-8:00 pm

The theme this year is Hero Central. Volunteers: don't forget we will be setting up the sets and decorating what we can on June 4 and finishing up on June 5 beginning after the 8:30 am service and continuing after the congregational meeting.

Please come join the fun! We invite all children from age 2 1/2 years to 6th grade to join us each evening from 5:30 pm for a kid friendly meal and the begin our fun evening with songs, dance, Bible stories, crafts, games, science experiments and of course snacks each evening from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Cinema Club

Saturday, May 13

On Saturday, June 10 at 5:00 pm it will be movie time! This group of congregation members will meet on the second Saturday of each month. This month, the Cinema Club will meet at the Spitler home.

Wilbur Update

During May, we received Wilbur funds for Campfirmation with a total of \$40.00. These funds will be going towards Campfirmation costs for our students attending as campers and counselors. Thank you for your gifts!

During June, our Wilbur funds were designated for Campfirmation Scholarships to help the youth of Grace who will be going to camp this summer.

Diakonia

This coming fall, the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA will be running a pilot session of the Diakonia program in central Phoenix. This is a two-year course in the Bible, church history, theology, ethics, and leadership for lay people. The cost per year is \$360 plus books. The program does not lead to seminary or serving on the roster of the ELCA but is meant to equip lay church leaders for service and leadership in their congregation. If you would like to learn more, please attend the informational meeting on Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Glendale and 12th Street. The regular meeting time and location of the program will be determined by those who are interested in the program.

Pastor Sarah's Sabbatical

Pastor Sarah will be going on sabbatical July 10-September 9. If you have not had a chance to hear about what a sabbatical is or why it is taken, here's a snapshot.

About 15-20 years ago, the ELCA noticed a trend of pastors serving congregations 5-7 years and then seeking a new call. Through research, they discovered that the reason for the short length of call was burnout. Pastors were simply burned out after years of being on-call and working 50-65 hour weeks, with only 4 weekends off a year in a culture where almost all family gatherings and social events happen on weekends. What came from this finding was encouraging congregations of the ELCA to offer a sabbatical to their pastor after she/he had served in the congregation 5-7 years. In the ELCA, a typical sabbatical is 3 months long and does not replace regular vacation time. The hope through the sabbatical is that the pastor will remain in their call longer and be healthier which, in turn, leads to healthier congregations.

After 6 1/2 years at Grace, Pastor Sarah will be taking a 2 month sabbatical. Most of the Sunday worship services during her sabbatical will be led by Pastor Mary Louise Frenchman; worship on July 30 and August 27 will be led and preached at by members of Grace.

Our lay communion ministers Bev Zannos, Barb Buta, and Nancy Tickle will continue to visit homebound members, and Margie Betz and Linda Erickson will visit those in the hospital as well as a couple of the outlying homebound members. Clergy will be available in emergencies, such as death, accidents, or other emergencies.

In July: Pastor Rock Fremont from Central United Methodist Church, 480-280-6598

In August: Pastor Stoney Bowen-Weiszmann from Mount of Olives Lutheran Church, 602-616-5690

In September: Pastor Lara Forbes from Faith Lutheran Church, 602-710-0701

Members of council and other leaders will be supervising staff, and of course, staff members will step up to care for the day-to-day tasks of ministry.

During her sabbatical, Pastor Sarah will not be available via phone, text message, or email. Please let her know if you have questions about her sabbatical.



Birthdays

June 1	<i>Solveig Muus</i>
June 2	<i>Nina Aulcy</i>
June 7	<i>Erica Khatter</i>
June 7	<i>Hannah Khatter</i>
June 7	<i>Kenda Khatter</i>
June 12	<i>Ruth Erdmann</i>
June 14	<i>Dana Day</i>
June 14	<i>Wendy Estes</i>
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June 17	<i>Donna Martin</i>
June 18	<i>Ptr. Mary Louise Frenchmann</i>
June 19	<i>Johnson Shields</i>
June 21	<i>Terry Fry</i>
June 21	<i>Phyllis Schilling</i>
June 22	<i>Adam Hokanson</i>
June 27	<i>Sara Wilson</i>
June 30	<i>Brian Flatgard</i>

Anniversaries

June 2	<i>John and Linda Erickson</i>
June 9	<i>Taylor and Leiana Hokanson</i>
June 9	<i>Clark Olson & Nick Butler</i>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1- 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	2- 5:00 pm Vida Nueva— Parking lot 6:00 pm First Friday Lester's Sabbath Office Closed	3- 10:00 am Heat Respite Orientation 10:30 Wedding—Sanctuary 3:00 pm Rental Group—Sanctuary
4- 7:30 am Community Breakfast—Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship—Hope Hall 10:00 am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary 11:15 am Fellowship— Hope Hall 11:30 am Info meeting—True North 12:45 pm New Life in Christ—Sanctuary	5- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsals— Hope Hall 5:15 pm Vacation Bible School— Hope Hall 7:00 pm Trunk Space Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	6- 10:00 am Prayer Group 5:15 pm Vacation Bible School— Hope Hall 5:30 pm Yoga Class with Tami— Sanctuary 7:00 pm Trunk Space	7- 9:15 am Staff Meeting 5:15 pm Vacation Bible School— Hope Hall 7:00 pm Trunk Space	8- 5:15 pm Vacation Bible School— Hope Hall	9- 5:15 pm Vacation Bible School— Hope Hall 5:00 pm Vida Nueva— parking lot Synod Assembly Lester's Sabbath Office Closed	10- 10:30 Wedding —Sanctuary 11:00 am NAUM 3:00 pm Rental Group —Sanctuary 5:00 pm Cinema Club—Spitter home Synod Assembly
11- 7:30 am Community Breakfast—Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship—Hope Hall 10:00 am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary 11:15 am Fellowship— Hope Hall 11:30 am Faith Formation Ministry Team- North Room 11:30 am Info meeting—True North 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary 2:30 pm Sisters of the Valley- Hope Hall	12- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:00 am Grace Room 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	13- 9:00 am Heat Respite 5:30 pm Yoga Class with Tami— Sanctuary 6:30 pm Ministry Night	14- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:15 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Evan Church-ill meeting	15- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:30 WELCA 2:00 pm St Joseph the Worker Mobile Success Unit 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision Community Meal- Hope Hall	16- 9:00 am Heat Respite Lester's Sabbath Office Closed	17- 10:00 am Oasis Church meal—Hope Hall 3:00 pm Rental Group Sanctuary 6:30 Trunk Space
18- 7:30 am Community Breakfast—Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship—Hope Hall 10:00 am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary 11:15 am Fellowship— Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary	19- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:00 am Grace Room 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	20- 9:00 am Heat Respite 10:00 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Yoga Class with Tami— Sanctuary	21- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:15 am Staff Meeting	22- 9:00 am Heat Respite 1:30 pm Circle the City— parking lot 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision Community Meal- Hope Hall	23- 9:00 am Heat Respite 5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal—Sanctuary Lester's Sabbath Office Closed	24- 11:00 am NAUM 2:30 pm Wedding—Sanctuary ??? Choir Party— Solveig's Home
25- 7:30 am Community Breakfast—Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship—Hope Hall 10:00 am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary 11:15 am Fellowship— Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary	27- :00 am Heat Respite 9:00 am Grace Room 5:00 pm Trunk Space—Sanctuary 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	28- 9:00 am Heat Respite 5:30 pm Yoga Class with Tami— Sanctuary 6:30 pm Council—North Room	29- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:15 am Staff Meeting	30- 9:00 am Heat Respite 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision Community Meal- Hope Hall	30- 9:00 am Heat Respite Lester's Sabbath Office Closed	

Suggested Bible Readings for June



June 4 (Day of Pentecost)

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

June 11 (The Holy Trinity)

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm: Psalm 8

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

June 18 (Lectionary 11)

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm: Psalm 100

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8[9-23]

June 25 (Lectionary 12)

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm: Psalm 69:7-10[11-15]16-18

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Mathew 10:24-39

Giving to Grace

Did you know there are many ways to give to Grace and God's mission in the world?

*Offering Envelopes: Anyone who would like offering envelopes are welcome to have a set; please speak with Pastor Sarah or Evalyn Ehlen if you would like them. When you receive envelopes, an envelope number is assigned to your name, and the envelopes are dated to help you keep track of when you have given.

*Pay Pal: On the Grace website (www.graceinthecity.com), you may go to the Contacts page and then click on "Donate." You will have the option of donating with a credit or debit card through Pay Pal.

*Simply Giving: If your bank and credit union does not offer free automatic withdrawal, Lutherans have the option of utilizing the program Simply Giving to give automatically through their checking account. A simple form along with a voided check is necessary to enroll; please speak with Hasan in the church office to receive the form. A very small fee is taken out of each gift for processing.

If you have questions about how to give in a way that works best for you, talk with Pastor Sarah or Evalyn Ehlen. Thank you for the ways you support God's mission in the world and specifically at Grace!

June Worship Assistants

DATE	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Preacher	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah
Crucifer	Maria Ramirez	Lori Cecil	Solveig Muus	Xavier Ramirez
Greeters	Beverly Zannos Nancy Tickle	Brian Flatgard Joey Lay	Clark Olson Brenda Baird	Kathy Spitler Nancy Tickle
Reader	Fran Fry	Joe Dani	Clark Olson	Andrea Sigala
Ushers	Dorothy Ziehl Marjie Bell	Dorothy Ziehl Marty Dusenberry	Dorothy Ziehl Alice Schilling	Dorothy Ziehl Jim Spitler
Sound Board	Tim Gallen	Joey Lay	Tim Gallen	Joey Lay
Bread Baker	Marjie Bell	Evalyn Ehlen	Solveig Muus	Nicole Gallen
8:30 Reader	Andrea Sigala	Roger Ark	Hannah Khatter	Erica Khatter

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