



# GRACE VINE



The Monthly Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church

## May 2017

### *Sunday Morning Schedule*

- 7:30 am** Community Pancake Breakfast  
*Hope Hall*
- 8:30 am** Contemporary Worship  
*Hope Hall*
- 9:45 am** Grace Time  
*North Room*
- 11:00 am** Traditional Worship  
*Sanctuary*
- 12:15 pm** Fellowship  
*Hope Hall*

### *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

### *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

### *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 preach or help with worship leadership. If you are interested, please talk with or contact Pastor Sarah ([pastorsarah@graceinthecity.com](mailto:pastorsarah@graceinthecity.com)).

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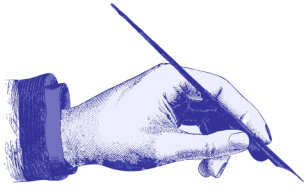
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By God's grace, we are in the city for good!



## *From the Pastor's Pen*

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*Continue to live your lives in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in Christ and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

– Colossians 2:6-7

I never thought I would buy a house. I dislike material possessions in general, and a house seems to me to be the largest of all material possessions. However, as I searched for a new place to live, I realized my soul needs outdoor space, and I would like to get closer to my food production by gardening and keeping chickens. Now, despite my life-long renunciation of home ownership, I have purchased a home about two miles from Grace—a good biking distance.

In the midst of my housing search and purchase, what kept rolling around my head was this phrase from scripture: rooted and built up in Christ. As a pastor's kid who became a pastor, one of the things I had always assumed about my life is that I wouldn't ever get attached to any one place. I assumed I would forever be moving from place to place as pastors do, five years here, eight years there, and so on. But I have found that the people of Grace and the ministry we do together has not only gotten under my skin but made its way into my heart in a way that surprises me. I am rooted here now. It's hard to imagine being anywhere else.

And while the day may come—hopefully, a long time from now—when I will no longer be the pastor here at Grace, I will never be uprooted from the body of Christ. Through my baptism and, indeed, through your baptism, you and I were rooted and built up in Christ. Now, we are rooted and built up in Christ through the community. It is the people of God who come to worship and with whom we share the peace, the people with whom we hear and study scripture, the people with whom we laugh and cry, the people for whom we pray and who pray for us who root us and ground us. Because Christ is now at work in our hands and our feet, the community here is what keeps us rooted and grounded.

As we move through May, a month full of celebration and transition, the role of community is important. Because we the body of Christ together, we rejoice with one another as young adults graduate from college and as children are baptized, as mothers are honored and cross-generational relationships celebrated. We also grieve with one another and support each other as members of our community walk through difficult times.

In a quickly-changing and ever-changing world, we need a community where we are rooted and grounded. That is part—a large part—of why the church exists: for the sake of community. Ultimately, of course, it is Christ in whom we are rooted and grounded, but one of the primary ways we know Christ is through others' hands and feet. So, I encourage you this month to stay rooted and grounded and to root and ground others by being in community with one another.

With much love for all of you,

*Pastor Sarah*

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## *Update from the Faith Formation Ministry Team*

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“Dear Lord, May we have the strength, wisdom, and clarity of vision to work toward bringing faith, love, hope and peace to all who enter Grace's doors. Amen” This is the opening prayer for the team meetings, penned by Margie Betz. We invite you to pray it, with us and with others, as it so beautifully summarizes the Grace mission statement and the guiding principles. Thanks to Margie for this gift.

The butterfly garden and the playground were in prime shape for Easter thanks to the hard work by Carol Staffieri and Kathryn Roxlo. Look and be amazed at these quiet area of the campus.

On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Grace Time will celebrate our youth and young adults, honoring their place in the congregation. Adults and teens will meet together for this special recognition. This year's graduates Seth Morey and Morgan Wohlbrandt will be recognized during the services. Grace Time continues through

May using the Adam Hamilton study, "24 Hours that Changed the World." There are 12 – 15 adults and 5-7 teens currently attending each week. If you are looking for Bible Study, here it is, Sunday, 9:45, North Room.

Calendar marks: May 7 after 2<sup>nd</sup> service for VBS Planning. Other VBS details found in this newsletter. May 14 after 2<sup>nd</sup> service, Faith Formation Team Meeting. Every Sunday fellowship time needs snacks and treats. Please sign up on the chart in Hope Hall and speak with Evalyn Ehlen about how you can "fellowship" more actively at Grace.

Grace is now providing missionary support for The Rev. Karen Engstrom who serves as Country Coordinator for the Young Adults in Global Ministry program in Senegal. I've no doubt that we will learn a great deal more about this ministry and Pastor Karen. Start thinking now about potential associated projects.

Grace community, step up to the plate, scoot in to the table, speak out for mission and See you in church!

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*Fran Fry*

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### ***Grace Time***

<b>May 7</b>	Bible Study
<b>May 14</b>	Bible Study
<b>May 21</b>	Youth Recognition
<b>May 28</b>	NO Grace Time

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### ***Ministry Night***

***Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 pm***

***North Room***

All are welcome to attend Ministry Night on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 pm. We need you! Ministry Night is a great way to find out about "what's going on at Grace." Reports will be given by each ministry, then sharing time and Q&A. Afterwards, each ministry breaks out for planning time, and all are welcome to attend those meetings as well. Who knows, you may find that you want to serve on a particular ministry! We look forward to seeing you there!

### ***GLOW Update***

We are in our last month of GLOW before the summer recess. All are welcome! On May 3 and 10, we will be learning about Martin Luther and the Reformation. On May 17, we will work together on a service project.

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### ***May Community-Building Goal***

During the month of May, we are all encouraged to engage in at least one conversation where we *really listen* to someone with whom we do not normally converse. Instead of engaging in surface conversation, ask how the person is, and mean it.

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### ***Wilbur Update***

During March, we received Wilbur funds for the ASU food pantry with a total of \$102.11, not including items donated. Thank you for your gifts! All funds will be going towards ASU's food pantry which supports students in need.

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

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### ***Sacrament of Holy Baptism***

***Tatum Kade Ohlemann***

Sunday May 7, 8:30 am

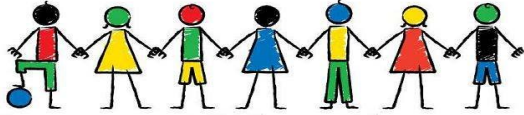
Welcome to the body of Christ, Tatum Kade Ohlemann! Tatum's parents are Shuree and Steve Ohlemann. As with every baptism, we promise on behalf of the whole church to pray for and support those who are baptized.

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### ***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.

## ***Youth Update***



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### ***Youth Parking Lot Fundraiser***

Friday, May 5, 6:00 pm

Youth: This will likely be our last fundraiser prior to the mission trip and Campfirmation, so please put this on your calendar. Thank you!

### ***Youth Team-Building***

Sunday, May 7, 12:30 pm

Basement Youth Room

Youth Mission Team: Our next team-building is Sunday, May 7 at 12:30 pm! We will be quizzed on the neighborhoods of New York City, so come prepared. We will also make final decisions about how we will spend our time and hear about the service projects in which we will engage during our time there.

### ***VBS Planning Meeting***

Sunday, May 7, 12:30 pm

North Room

Please come if you are interested in assisting with Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 5th to June 9th. starting with a kid friendly meal at 5:30 PM. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to be a leader or helper please contact Linda Schwall at [lschwall@cox.net](mailto:lschwall@cox.net) or Margie Betz at [lbetz@cox.net](mailto:lbetz@cox.net) or call or e-mail the office. The theme this year is Hero Central. We will be looking at the material, planning what we will need to purchase and planning how we would like to decorate Hope hall. Don't forget we will be setting up the sets and decorating what we can on June 4th and finishing up on June 5th beginning after the 8:30 AM service and continuing after the 11:00

AM service. Please come join the fun. We would like to 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.

### ***Youth Mission Team***

#### ***Notes of Encouragement***

The youth of Grace will be traveling to New York City on a mission trip 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. If you would like to send along notes of encouragement to our youth, their names are below. 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)

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### ***Cinema Club***

***Saturday, May 13***

The Grace Cinema Club will be meeting at the home of Margie Betz at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. After a scrumptious potluck, we will be watching *Queen of Katwe*, the colorful true story of a young girl in rural Uganda whose world rapidly changes when she is introduced to the game of chess. Please contact Margie Betz to sign up for the potluck ([lbetz2@cox.net](mailto:lbetz2@cox.net)).

## *Hellos & Goodbyes*

We are delighted to welcome three new staff members to Grace: Sam Fleming as choir director and organist at our traditional worship, Kim Davidson as our outreach coordinator for summer 2017, and Adrienne Kay as administrative assistant.

Sam began his ministry on Thursday, April 6. He would welcome anyone who is interested in singing with the Chancel Choir or playing with Bells of Grace to rehearsal or to contact him via email: [gsamuelfleming@gmail.com](mailto:gsamuelfleming@gmail.com).

Kim has been working a few hours here and there in preparation for the summer heat respite program and will begin working full time in mid-May. In preparation for the summer, Kim has been occasionally attending GLOW and Sunday morning worship, but if you'd like to volunteer with heat respite, please contact her by email: [outreach@graceinthecity.com](mailto:outreach@graceinthecity.com).

Adrienne begins May 2. The office hours will remain the same, so if you would like to meet Adrienne, please come by the office Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

We are sad to say good-bye to Hasan Friggle who has served as our administrative assistant since December. He has the travel bug so will be traveling both in the US and abroad in the coming months. Hasan will be in and out of the office through May 11 training Adrienne, so if you'd like to say good-bye to him personally, please stop by the office during office hours. We are very grateful to you for all your work, Hasan!

Sam Fleming was named organist and choir director at Grace in April of 2017. In his capacity as organist, Sam is responsible for furnishing music for the traditional Sunday worship services and any other weekly services where music is needed. Sam also rehearses, conducts, and performs with the Grace Chancel Choir and Bells of Grace in his role as music director.



An Arizona native, Sam is known throughout the United States and parts of South America as an organist, composer, arranger, conductor, and music educator. He graduated from Brigham Young University-Idaho with a Bachelor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance and Composition. As an organist Sam has performed throughout the West Coast as a soloist and with several choral ensembles and chamber groups. His compositions have most recently been commissioned and premiered by various choral ensembles at BYU-Idaho, the Fountain of the Sun Community Chorus, and the Salonnières Chamber Ensemble of Phoenix. An active conductor, Sam serves as the associate music director and accompanist for the Fountain of the Sun Community Chorus in Mesa. He has also served as conductor of various church and university student-run choral and orchestral groups and as music director for the BYU-Idaho Theatre Summer Camp. Sam is a member of the American Guild of Organists and an alumnus member of the BYU-Idaho Student Composers Society. He resides in Mesa, Arizona with his wife Diane.

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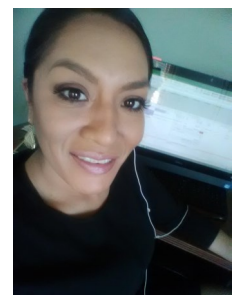
Kim Davidson is a graduate from Arizona State University, with both a Bachelor and Master of Social Work degree as well as a Master of Public Administration degree. She has experience with those experiencing homelessness and substance abuse, writes grants for non-profits, and is also an US



Air Force veteran. She grew up in the valley, and while she has lived in various locations around the US, she has always returned "home" to Arizona. She is the proud mother of two adult daughters.

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Adrienne Kaye has served as Administrative Assistant at Grace since May 2017. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, live music and spending time with family. Adrienne is involved with various non-profit organizations to serve the community.







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## Calendar May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1- 9:00 am Grace Room 10:00 am Urban Treckers Book Club—North Room 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal <b>Pastor Sarah's Sabbath</b></p>	<p>2- 10:00 am Prayer Group 5:15 pm Phoenix Children's Choir— Hope Hall 5:30 pm Yoga Class with Tami— Sanctuary</p>	<p>3- 9:15 am Staff Meeting 5:15 pm GLOW Dinner —Hope Hall</p>	<p>4- 10:00 am Campconfirmation Meeting—Hope Hall 5:30 pm Bells of Grace-Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision Community Meal- Hope Hall 6:30 pm Chancel Choir- Choir Room</p>	<p>5- 3:30 pm Fire &amp; Water Church Meal and Service—Hope Hall 6:00 pm First Friday—Sanctuary and Hope Hall <b>Lester's Sabbath</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>6- 9:00 am LSS-SW Foster Care Class— Basement Classrooms 3:00 pm Rental Group—Sanctuary <b>Trunk Space Indie 500</b></p>
<p>7- 7:30 am Community Biscuits &amp; Gravy Breakfast— Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship—Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time— North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fellowship— Hope Hall 12:30 pm Youth Team Building—Basement 12:45 pm New Life in Christ—Sanctuary <b>Trunk Space Indie 500</b></p>	<p>8- 9:00 am Grace Room 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal <b>Pastor Sarah's Sabbath</b></p>	<p>9- 10:00 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Yoga Class with Tami—Sanctuary 6:30 pm— Ministry Night</p>	<p>10- 9:15 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Knitwits—North Room 5:15 pm GLOW Dinner—Hope Hall 7:00 pm Evans Churchill Meeting</p>	<p>11- 5:30 pm Bells of Grace-Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision Community Meal- Hope Hall 6:30 pm Chancel Choir- Choir Room</p>	<p>12- 3:30 pm Fire &amp; Water Church Meal and Service—Hope Hall <b>Lester's Sabbath</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>13- 11:00 am NAUM Worship—Hope Hall 3:00 pm Rental Group—Sanctuary 5:00 pm—Cinema Club</p>
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<p>21- 7:30 am Community Biscuits &amp; Gravy Breakfast— Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship—Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time— North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fellowship— Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ—Sanctuary 2:00 pm Sonoran Prevention Works—Hope Hall</p>	<p>22- 9:00 am Grace Room 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal <b>Pastor Sarah's Sabbath</b></p>	<p>23- 10:00 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Yoga Class with Tami— Sanctuary 6:30 pm— Council Meeting—North Room</p>	<p>24- 9:15 am Staff Meeting 5:15 pm GLOW Dinner—Hope Hall</p>	<p>25- 5:30 pm Bells of Grace-Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision Community Meal- Hope Hall 6:30 pm Chancel Choir- Choir Room</p>	<p>26- 3:30 pm Fire &amp; Water Church Meal and Service—Hope Hall <b>Lester's Sabbath</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>27- 11:00 am NAUM Worship—Hope Hall 3:00 pm Rental Group—Sanctuary</p>
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## Suggested Bible Readings for May



### May 7 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

**Psalm:** Psalm 23

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:19-25

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10

### May 14 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

**First Reading:** Acts 7:55-60

**Psalm:** Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14—27:66

**Gospel (alternate):** Matthew 27:11-54

### May 21 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

**First Reading:** Acts 17:22-31

**Psalm:** Psalm 66:8-20

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:13-22

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21

### May 28 (Good Friday)

**First Reading:** Acts 1:6-14

**Psalm:** Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

**Gospel:** John 17:1-11



## Birthdays

**May 2** *Joey Lay*

**May 9** *Madison Koch*

**May 21** *Adam Wohlbrandt*

**May 22** *Trish Traaen*

**May 22** *Brenda Baird*

**May 30** *Cynthia Herrmann*

## Anniversaries

**May 17** *Ken and Evalyn Ehlen*

**May 23** *Ruth Bowman*

*and Patricia Breen*

**May 24** *Ricki and Phyllis Schilling*

**May 28** *Sherwood and Jeanne Glover*

## May Worship Assistants

DATE	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah
<b>Crucifer</b>	Maria Ramirez	Lori Cecil	Solveig Muus	Xavier Ramirez
<b>Greeters</b>	Leslie Easterday Jason Easterday	Brian Flatgard Joey Lay	Clark Olson Brenda Baird	Kathy Spitler Nancy Tickle
<b>Reader</b>	Fran Fry	Joe Dani	Clark Olson	Andrea Sigala
<b>Ushers</b>	Dorothy Ziehl Marjie Bell	Dorothy Ziehl Marty Dusenberry	Dorothy Ziehl Alice Schilling	Dorothy Ziehl Jim Spitler
<b>Sound Board</b>	Tim Gallen	Joey Lay	Tim Gallen	Joey Lay
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Marjie Bell	Evalyn Ehlen	Solveig Muus	Nicole Gallen
<b>8:30 Reader</b>	Kenda Khatter	Roger Ark	Hannah Khatter	Erica Khatter

# the Trunk Space

The Trunk Space is a collaborative arts-based group that operates out of the South Wing of Hope Hall. Trunk Space is a “meeting place for the culturally curious explorer... a place for art, music, experimental theater and performance art, circus side shows, vaudeville, and other creative acts you just can't pigeonhole.” If that sounds up your alley then check out one of the many pop-up shows that Trunk Space hosts almost every night at their space

here at Grace!

This month the Trunk Space turns 13! To celebrate they will be hosting the 4th annual Indie 500: A race through 500 songs! Bands will be playing in different locations throughout Grace's campus. They will begin at 8 am on Saturday, May 6th, and won't stop until they hit 500 songs. The cost of the event is \$10 for a wristband that gets you into the whole fest! All ages are welcome! Visit their facebook page to learn more about the event and to check out the lineup:

<https://www.facebook.com/thetrunkspace/>

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Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 12 pm

