



GRACE VINE



The Monthly Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church

August 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 is in full swing. Heat relief is 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.

After 6 1/2 years at Grace, Pastor Sarah has taken a 2 month sabbatical. Most of the Sunday worship services during her sabbatical will be led by Pastor Mary Louise Frenchman.

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.

For such pastoral needs, Pastor Stoney Bowen-Weismann from Mount of Olives Lutheran Church, 602-616-5690, is on call this month.

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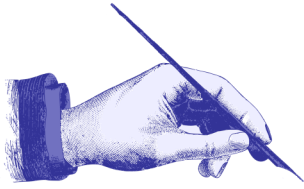
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Heat Respite is going strong. With the long-time closing of the Burton Barr Library due to recent storm damage, we are seeing new faces as our community members seek shelter from the blazing Arizona sun. We are constantly thanked every day for giving of ourselves to our community members. And Pastor Sarah – if you're reading this online, everyone misses you as well! ☐

In July, we had 4176 entries, and we had a total of 1604 volunteer hours. We are well on track to have over 11,000 entries this year during the 12 weeks of our program. I'd like to again like to thank Marlene Haller for continuing to run our kitchen. I'd also like to thank Margie Betz and Kathy Spittler for helping us as various times throughout the month, including while Marlene was not available. A very special gracious appreciation to Sven Lenkewitz for being my second set of eyes, ears, and judgment. And finally, I like to personally thank Pastor Mary Louise for coming in to cover me a couple times when I had appointments during the day. This program isn't successful without the help of our Grace Community; with everyone's help, we are definitely In The City for Good!

We would like to thank the following groups and individual (in addition to many others) who are (often once again) supporting Heat Respite this past month by donating their time, lunch, water, financially, and various other items during July:

MJ Reed

Eric Eggert

Andrew Petre

First UCC

Peace Lutheran Church

St. Mary's Basilica

New Journey Lutheran Church

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Christian Brands

Life in Christ Lutheran Church

Our Saviors (Phoenix) Lutheran Church

Our Saviors (Mesa) Lutheran Church

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Robin Patryas and Frank Hinojos

Mountain View Lutheran Church

Love of Christ (Peoria) Lutheran Church

Love of Christ (East Mesa) Lutheran Church

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Barbara Schaffer

Daniel Sechrist

Linda Erickson

Larua Tatreau

Smith Gilmore

August Community Building Goal

Our community building goal is for each person to volunteer with or donate to heat respite at least once.

Wilbur Update

During July, we received Wilbur funds for Campfirmation with a total of \$170.00. These funds went toward Campfirmation costs for the youth and counselors to visit Payson, AZ. Thank you for your support!

During August, our Wilbur funds will be designated for CROP and Manna House to help support veterans rebuilding their lives.

Update from the Faith Formation Ministry Team

Greetings to the community of Grace and welcome August. Please be aware that team meetings for the Faith Formation Ministry Team will resume this month, 2nd Sunday, the 13th, after 2nd service in the North Room. There is a place at the table for you and literally something for almost everyone on this diverse ministry team. Regular meeting time for June and July was tabled, however ministry continued. The ongoing diaper bag project sent 16 toddler bags and 12 diaper bags to Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest [LSS-SW] in June, special thanks to Margie Betz and Linda Schwall for their leadership with this project. Caren Barrientos, regional director at LSS-SW, will visit Grace on Rally Day at FaithTime between the 2 services to touch base and keep us up to date on this amazing partnership we share.

Starting right now, the collection focus is shifting to SOCKS! Caren asks for our help with this current extreme need. They are requesting : girl and boy socks, all child size ranges to teen/ adult size range, singles or multipacks, all colors or just white, all style-sport, fun, everything. Look for a bin in the narthex, same collection method we have used previously. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

The fall Bible Study for teens and adults will resume right after Rally Day-Sept. 10, stay alert for details. If you have an interest in the study curriculum, or would like to help beyond just attending, please join us at team meeting to share your thoughts. As always, special thanks to Evalyn Ehlen and Linda Erickson for the special and really delightful lunch served on Father's day, as well as all who participate with Fellowship snacks. Kindly sign up to help in this ongoing ministry, the chart is in Hope Hall. There are plenty of blank spaces, so choose often.

Blessings on all travelers, going and coming. Blessings on Pastor Mary Louise for sheparding the Grace community during Pastor Sarah's sabbatical. See you in church, Fran Fry, council liaison to Faith Formation Ministry.

Grace Room Needs Help!

Our Grace Room recently lost a large business donor, as they have shut their doors. So we are making a special call for items that are needed. While we always use a variety of donations, we are in particular need of men's and women's underwear (especially smaller women sizes), socks, t-shirts, shorts and pants (specifically, men's size 36 and below as well as size 2X and larger), shoes, blankets, razors, and over the shoulder bags and backpacks.

Our program continues this summer until September 1 to provide a space for heat relief while building community through the sharing of community resources, meals, water, and ourselves in a place of being, belonging, and becoming, so there are still plenty of opportunities to be a part of our program.

Please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Kim Davidson at outreach@graceinthecity.com or 602-651-1182 for any volunteer information and opportunities.

Pastor Sarah's Sabbatical

Pastor Sarah is on sabbatical through 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.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1- 9:00 am Heat Respite 10:00 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Yoga Class with Tami-Sanctuary	2- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:15 am Staff Meeting	3-9:00 am Heat Respite 1:30 pm Circle the City—parking lot 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision Community Meal- Hope Hall	4- 9:00 am Heat Respite 6:00 pm First Friday- Sanctuary Lester's Sabbath Office Closed	5- 7:00 pm Organ Concert
6- 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	7- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:00 am Grace Room 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal	8- 9:00 am Heat Respite 10:00 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Yoga Class with Tami-Sanctuary 6:30 Ministry Night—North room	9- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:15 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Evans Churchill meeting	10-9:00 am Heat Respite 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision—Hope Hall	11- 9:00 am Heat Respite 10:00 am Rental Group-Sanctuary Lester's Sabbath Office Closed	12- 11:00 am NAUM 5:00 pm Cinema Club
13- 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 12:30 Faith Formation Ministry Team- North room 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary	14- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:00 am Grace Room 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal	15- 9:00 am Heat Respite 5:30 pm Yoga Class with Tami-Sanctuary	16- 9:00 am Heat Respite 9:15 am Staff Meeting	17-9:00 am Heat Respite 1:30 pm Circle the City—parking lot 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision—Hope Hall	18- 9:00 am Heat Respite Office Closed Lester's Sabbath	19- 10:00 am Oasis Church mean- Hope Hall
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Suggested Bible Readings for August



August 6 (Lectionary 18)

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 (Lectionary 19)

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13
Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 (Lectionary 20)

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm: Psalm 67
Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 27 (Lectionary 16)

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm: Psalm 138
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel: Mathew 16:13-20



Birthdays

- August 1** Danae Conroy (Schilling)
August 1 Clark Olson
August 3 Mia Rodriguez
August 5 James Tennyson
August 6 John Erickson
August 6 Jane Schindler
August 10 Steve Traaen
August 13 Pete Boshens
August 15 Morgan Wohlbrandt
August 20 Ames Thompson
August 23 Kristin Rodin
August 24 Thomas Waterstradt



Anniversaries

- August 9** Lee & Stephanie Rodin
August 19 Steven & Andrea Sigala

August Worship Assistants

DATE	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27
Preacher	Pastor Mary Louise	Pastor Mary Louise	Pastor Mary Louise	Renee Waterstradt Carol Staffieri
Crucifer	Joe Dani	Lori Cecil	Daniel Ramirez	Solveig Muus
Greeters	Margie & Gene Bell	Brenda Baird	Julio Devora Kathy Spitler	Stephanie Rodin Brian Flatgard
Reader	Frances Fry	Nicole Gallen	Margie Betz	Lori Cecil
Ushers	Dorothy Ziehl Robin Elerick	Dorothy Ziehl Julio Devora	Dorothy Ziehl Jim Spitler	Dorothy Ziehl James Tennyson
Sound Board	Joey Lay	Tim Gallen	Joey Lay	Tim Gallen
Bread Baker	Marjie Bell	Evalyn Ehlen	Solveig Muus	Nicole Gallen
8:30 Reader	Erica Khatter	Carol Staffieri	Hannha Khatter	Khenda Khatter



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