



Living Grace ***Notes***

April 2018 Newsletter

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Gathered to Celebrate, Called to Witness, Sent to Serve!

A Blessed Easter to All

The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day
1 April

7:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. – Festival Service with Holy Communion



The Fifth Sunday of the Month

29 April 2018

One Service at 9:30 a.m.

**Congregational Potluck Lunch sponsored by the Miriam Circle
following the service**



Communications Ministry

The ministry continues to send out “MailChimps” with Living Grace’s services and events. If you don’t receive these “MailChimps,” please let Beth Roy know via email bettaray@yahoo.com and she will make sure you get on the group list. Also, Leanne has a new email address for all emails that you wish to send to her regarding church business. It is livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com. Also if you have anything to place on Facebook or the LED Sign, please contact Phyllis Gerke or Leanne Beutler.



Health Ministry

Gardening

Spring gives us such pleasure as we see everything coming back to life, and it is a reminder of the new life that we have through Christ's resurrection. Gardening is a pleasure for most of us, but it is also an exercise and can lead to injuries. Raking, mulching, planting, trimming and digging is good physical activity, yet can result in pain and stiffness in our neck, shoulder, elbow, wrist, knees and back if we over-extend ourselves. To enjoy the flowers, vegetables and fruits without pain try these tips from Dr. William Madosky, a St. Louis chiropractor.

- *Treat Gardening as a sport: Warm up and stretch the muscles before beginning.
- * Be realistic: Plan your work carefully to avoid injury. Set a moderate pace and time schedule to allow enjoyment of the task and minimize potential injuries.
- * Remember good body mechanics: When lifting heavy bags of dirt or mulch, keep your back straight, bend your knees, lift with the legs, and hold objects close to your body. If shoveling, lift the dirt and turn the entire body to empty it - don't twist.
- * Change it up: Use different muscle groups and minimize the repetitive stress placed on joints and extremities by frequently changing activities.
- * Use a cushion, stool, or small bench when weeding: The support helps reduce stress placed on knees and spine from gardening movements.
- * Take frequent breaks: By stopping to stretch, getting a drink or just enjoying the progress every half hour, you minimize your chance of injury or dehydration.
- * Stop gardening if fatigued or in pain: That "one last thing" when tired leads to injury. If pain occurs, stop! If pain persists, apply ice to the affected area for 15 - 20 minutes at a time to reduce inflammation. DO NOT USE HEAT - it increases the inflammatory process. If pain persists, contact the doctor.

We can spend time in the garden appreciating the glory of God's creation while caring for our body at the same time. We can learn lessons about God from our garden since the cycle of plant life is just like the cycle for people. The process of preparing, planting, cultivating, and harvesting takes great care and can't be rushed. Plants need the right soil, mixture of water, and amount of sunlight to grow to their full potential. God does the same for us. He offers us His love, adds His presence, and encourages us through our faith, church, and family. Like the plant, our spiritual life is a journey through life's up and downs. With God's guidance we come to full bloom and bear God's love to all of those around us.

Yours in Christ,
Jan Levensgood
Parish Nurse/Health Minister

Upcoming Events for Health Ministry

Sunday, 1 April – Healing and Anointing in both services

Easter Cards – Sent out to shut-ins and members who have not attended services in a while

Fridays, 13 and 27 April – Walk Away the Pounds at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, 14 April – Health Ministry Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality Ministry

The Hospitality Ministry wishes to thank all who helped set-up, clean-up, and donate food for Charlette Beutler's funeral reception. The family was very appreciative. Also would like to thank the Miriam Circle for stepping up and taking the first fifth Sunday on 29 April. It will be a congregational potluck sponsored by the Miriam Circle. You will see more information about it in the upcoming bulletins.

Outreach Ministry

The Tucker Chili Cook-off we believe was a success. We fed approximately 500 people with our famous "*Holy Jalapenos of Living Grace Chili.*" The people who attended the Chili Cook-off know that Living Grace Lutheran Church is in Tucker and alive. Thank you to all you came out and supported us at this event.

Sew 'N' Sews

The Sew 'N' Sews will meet on Monday, 9 April, at 9:30 a.m.



Piece-Makers

The quilting group meets on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you like to quilt, please come join them. The dates for April will be 5, 19, and 26. Come for the fun and fellowship.



Heifer Sunday

Heifer Sunday for the month is 15 April. Although this is a designated day for Heifer, you can contribute to Heifer at any time. Living Grace has given 6 arks. Hopefully, we can make it 7 arks.



Jerry's Habima Theatre Celebrating 25 Years!

Sixteen of those years, Cynthia Outman has been a cast member! I have been blessed to attend performances since I first heard of Cynthia's involvement back in 2004 with "Music Man JR". This year's production was "The Addams Family Young@Part". Cynthia was excellent playing the part of Wednesday Addams. The productions may be seen every March at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta.



AUC Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser

Plays by Pearl Cleage

Saturday, April 14 at 2:30 PM

The Atlanta University Center Lutheran Campus Ministry is participating with the Alliance Theatre in a program to sell tickets to the April 14, 2:30 performance of two one act plays written by Atlanta's own well known playwright, Pearl Cleage. The plays are two stories about one lifetime, and feature the world premiere of *Pointing At The Moon*. The Southwest Arts Center is located at 915 New Hope Road, Atlanta, GA 30331. Parking is free.

All tickets are \$35.00 and a portion of each ticket sold will go to the AUC Lutheran Campus Ministry to provide funds for student programs and support. Tickets can be purchased with cash or checks made payable to: AUCLCM.

After the performance there will be a brief talk-back with the audience.

The deadline for tickets Thursday, March 29.

For any questions, please contact Annette Flanigan at flanielip@comcast.net or 770-964-9741.

Mark Your Calendars for Hops for Hope

Join us at Eventide Brewing on April 14th from 5:30-8 p.m. for Hops for Hope, a fundraising event to support Lutheran Services of Georgia's refugee program. The money raised from this event will help LSG continue to provide people who are refugees with assistance as they start their new lives in America. Your support will help provide refugee families in Georgia with housing, cultural orientation, education, employment placement and more.

Early bird tickets are \$25 (\$35 after April 7th) and include entrance to the event, three beers of their choice, and a souvenir glass. Lawn games, a beer raffle and a silent auction benefiting Lutheran Services of Georgia will also be available. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided for those not drinking beer.

Purchase your tickets by contacting Jeff Smythe at jsmythe@lsga.org or 404-867-7785 or go on Lutheran Services of Georgia website.

Parish Education

Adult Bible Class

Please come join the Adult Bible Class on Sundays, at 9:45 a.m. The class does not meet on the 5th Sundays of the month.



Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA will be holding their Spring Cluster meeting at Epiphany in Conyers, GA. The date is Saturday, 7 April.

The Miriam Circle of Women of the ELCA will be going to Northlake Gardens to host an afternoon of bingo for the residents on Sunday, April 8, at 2:30. Any women of the congregation who would like to join us are invited. We plan to go out for lunch after the 10:30 worship service before going to Northlake Gardens. Please notify Agnes Nelson (770-458-3473) if you would like to join us. If you will not be attending the 10:30 service, you can join us at 12:15 for lunch (location not yet determined) or join us at Northlake Gardens at 2:15. Help us to make this a fun afternoon for the residents.

The Anna Circle is planning to meet right after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for a short time to finalize the plans for the General WELCA meeting on 6 May.

On Sunday, 29 April, the Anna Circle will be starting the “*Soap Campaign.*”

The WELCA Executive Committee will be meeting on Sunday, 15 April, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the conference room.

Worship and Music Living Out Our Baptism

Second Sunday of Easter

8 April 2018

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

(from Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2018)

Third Sunday of Easter

15 April 2018

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In the gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

(from Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2018)

Church Choir

The choir will take a night off from rehearsal on Wednesday, 4 April, but will resume their rehearsals on Wednesday, 11 April, at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you like to sing, please come and join us for the fun and fellowship as we sing praises to the Lord.



Ushers for the Services

We have lost some of our ushers in both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Prayerfully consider volunteering for this service. It is not a hard job. If you are interested in 8:30 a.m. service, please see Leanne Beutler. If you are interested in the 10:30 a.m. service, please see Harold Bowers. We would be very happy to place you on the schedule.



Sunday, 29 April 2018

One Service only at 9:30 a.m.

Congregational Potluck lunch following the service

Special Days in April

1 April

The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

2 April

Annunciation of Our Lord (transferred)

25 April

Mark, Evangelist

Electronic Prayer Requests

If you would like to receive Living Grace's electronic prayer list, please send your email address to: livinggraceprayers@gmail.com.

Guidelines for Newsletter Prayer Requests

Please notify Leanne Beutler, Parish Administrator, via email at livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com or written note and place in her mailbox to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

Praying for Members, Family, and Friends

Betty Bartling; Gene Durrence; Betty Hitz; Julien Lange; Mary Ann Long; Norma Mackenzie; Ruth Scott; and Tim Shirah.

Helen Cunningham

Mother of Margery Kellar

Nellie Bass

Family of Phyllis Prunty

Bill Veronda

Friend of Margery Kellar

Jill Stewart

Friend of Steph Cunefare

Sarah Endsley

Friend of Margery Kellar

Gregg Cole

Son of Maurice and Betty Cole

Vickie Smith

Friend of Margery Kellar

Walter Smith

Friend of Ed and Pat Stowers

Bronwyn Blanco

Sister of Carrie Orr

John and Mary Yale

Parents of Carrie Orr

Karen Shaw

Friend of Jim and Phyllis Gerke

Anne Mola

Mother of Jim Gerke

The Rev. Charles Beckler

Brother-in-law of Leanne Beutler

Allen Beaver

Son of Dot Beaver

Gene and Renae Toney

Friends of Leanne Beutler

Tymika Ferguson

Daughter of Linda Ferguson

Ella Nelson

Friend of the Orrs

Bill and Mary Cressman

Brother and Sister-in-law of Marlene and

Pastor Hardy

Matthew Beckler

Nephew of Leanne Beutler

Virginia Stratton's Grandson, Kamden

Jennings

Friends of the Outman Family

We pray for those whom we bear in our hearts.



General News and Notes

April Birthdays

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| 1 | Jeff Cox | Sophia Hardy |
| 4 | Stephanie Cunefare | |
| 5 | James Combee | |
| 10 | Bernice Bland | |
| 11 | Andy Sulek | |
| 14 | Stella Hurst | |
| 16 | Cindy Nelson | |
| 20 | Channing Keller | |
| 23 | Doug Edwards | |
| 24 | Marlene Hardy | Renee Watson |
| 25 | Phyllis Gerke | |
| 26 | Steve Nelson | |
| 29 | Jo Ann Durrence | |

If you don't see your birthday listed or it is listed but incorrect, please inform the church office of the correction either by email at livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com or place in the Parish Administrator's mailbox in the narthex. Thank you.

Deaths

Mary Carlson was called to her eternal home on Sunday, 11 March 2018. She was entombed next to her late husband, *Clyde* in a private service on Thursday, 15 March 2018. There will be a memorial service on Friday, 23 March, at 11:30 a.m. to which all are invited. It is at her daughter's home, Jan Ashkouti, 130 Bayvale Court, Atlanta, GA 30328.

Announcements for Bulletins

Announcements for weekly Sunday bulletins need to be electronically sent to Leanne Beutler or a hard copy placed in the Parish Administrator's mailbox **no later than Wednesday** prior to the Sunday insertion. The email address is livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com

New Email for the Church

If you want to send an email to the church, please send to livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com.



Walk Away the Pounds

We will not meet on Good Friday, 30 March; but will resume again Friday, 13 April, at 9:30 a.m., and will continue the program until the end of May. At that time, we will break for the summer and start up sometime in August. If anyone would like to set-up the equipment and walk during June and July, contact Beth Roy via email bettaray@yahoo.com for instructions and further information.



Living Grace's Church Council for 2018

Here is your Church Council for 2018:

- President – Steph Cunefare
- Vice President – Jim Gerke
- Secretary – Renee Watson
- Treasurer – Mike Collver
- Financial Secretary – Liz Jackson

Dot Beaver	Linda Ferguson
Meredith Collver	Priscilla Fritsch
Carolyn Davis	Emily Jorkey
Diane England	Mark Schuette
Jen Stenjem	

Lay Assistants

Sunday, 1 April

The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

Healing and Anointing in both services

Ushers	7:30 – Michael Hardy 10:30 – Dennis Fritsch/Mark Schuette
Lectors	7:30 – Merritt Shealy 10:30 – Mark Nelson
Communion Assistants	7:30 – Jan Levensgood 10:30 – Will Arroyo/Jo Kroger
Greeters	10:30 – Jon and Beth Canada
Counters	Will and Shirley Arroyo
Altar Guild	Set Up – Phyllis Gerke Clean Up – Priscilla Fritsch

Sunday, 8 April

Ushers	8:30 – Phyllis Gerke 10:30 – Steve and Cindy Nelson
Lectors	8:30 – Liz Jackson 10:30 – Gaelon Ratel
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Leanne Beutler 10:30 – Margery Kellar/Diane England
Greeter	10:30 – Gwen Heaton
Counter	Leanne Beutler
Altar Guild	Set Up – Missy Streubel Clean Up – Anna Schuette

Sunday, 15 April

Ushers

Lectors

Communion Assistants

Greeters

Counters

Altar Guild

Heifer Sunday

8:30 – Liz Jackson

10:30 – James and Jamie Combee

8:30 – Michael Hardy

10:30 – Marlene Hardy

8:30 – Jan Levensgood

10:30 – Gary and Mark Levensgood

10:30 – Mark and Anna Schuette

Steve and Cindy Nelson

Set-Up – Meredith Collver

Clean-Up – Allison Combee

Sunday, 22 April

Ushers

Lectors

Communion Assistants

Greeter

Counters

Altar Guild

8:30 – Keith Siekierski

10:30 – Harold Bowers/Mark Schuette

8:30 – Meredith Collver

10:30 – Cynthia Outman

8:30 – Mike Collver

10:30 – Jim and Cynthia Outman

10:30 – Phyllis Prunty

Mark and Anna Schuette

Set Up – Carrie Orr

Clean Up – Priscilla Fritsch

Sunday, 29 April

Ushers

Lector

Communion Assistants

Greeters

Counter

Altar Guild

One Service at 9:30 a.m.

Michael Hardy/Alvin Jorkey

Alvin Jorkey

Will Arroyo/Diane England

Dennis and Priscilla Fritsch

Leanne Beutler

Set-Up – Phyllis Gerke

Clean-Up – Anna Schuette

Coordinators responsible for worship service assistants:

Altar Guild – Missy Streubel at streubel55@gmail.com

Lector/Communion Assistants – Margery Kellar at margery.kellar@gmail.com

Greeters – Phyllis Prunty at 770/237-9807

Sunday Counters – Leanne Beutler at Lbeutler@aol.com

Ushers – 8:30, Leanne Beutler at Lbeutler@aol.com – 10:30, Harold Bowers

Need of Acolytes: We are in need of acolytes for the 10:30 a.m. worship services. Our children are very few. This responsibility is not just for children. Adults can be acolytes. All you have to do is light the altar candles and the beginning of the service and extinguish them at the end of the service. If you are interested, please see Steph Cunefare or email your interest to sacunefare@hotmail.com.

APRIL CALENDAR



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