



# *Living* **Grace** **Notes**

## **February 2018 Newsletter**

The Reverend David E. Hardy, D. D., Pastor  
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*Gathered to Celebrate, Called to Witness, Sent to Serve!*

***Ash Wednesday***  
***14 February 2018***

**Service with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Drive-Through for Imposition of Ashes**  
**7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m.**



**Annual Congregational Meeting  
18 February 2018**

**9:30 a.m. in-between the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services**



Marlene joins me in thanking all of you for your support in this year now past. Especially do we thank you for the many cards, kind words, and the gift from the congregation that we have received in the holiday season. We do feel truly blessed that we are the pastoral family among such a loving and caring people. May each of you be richly blessed by our Father in this year that lies ahead – blessed in health, family, peace, and hopes/plans realized by His grace.

In Christ,  
*Pastor and Marlene*

Thank you very much for the generous Christmas gift I received from the congregation. It continues to be my privilege to serve as your Director of Music and Organist. I appreciate the wonderful support from you for our music program. I wish you all a happy new year.

In Christ,  
*Steve*

To my family and friends: Thank you very much for my Christmas gift. You are so generous and I do appreciate all of you. I pray for health and happiness in the New Year for each of you.

With love, your Parish Nurse  
*Jan*

Thank you very much for your generous Christmas gift. It is my extreme pleasure to serve as your Parish Administrator. I consider Living Grace my extended family. I am truly blessed to be a part of this congregation.

With love,  
*Leanne*

Thanks so much for your generosity. It is my pleasure to work for and be a part of this loving family, Living Grace.

Love you,  
*Missy*

I want to thank you for my Christmas gift. It is with joy that I serve my church family in any capacity that is needed especially taking care of the flowers and trees around the property. I am blessed!

With love,  
*Dot*

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com). Also if you have anything to place on Facebook or the LED Sign, please contact Phyllis Gerke or Leanne Beutler. The ministry has been working on several ideas and projects for 2018. Be on the watch. As always, if you have any ideas, please let the ministry know of your ideas to communicate to our members and our community.



## **Health Ministry**

As we begin our Lenten journey, we can use this time to reflect upon our hearts.....physically, emotionally and spiritually. The following suggestions for our physical hearts are adapted from the American Heart Association's pamphlet, "Heart Health Education."

### **How to Reduce your Risk of Heart Disease:**

- Quit smoking permanently
- Control your blood pressure and have it checked regularly
- Exercise at least 3 times a week for 20 minutes or more at your target heart rate
- Eat a balanced diet reduced in fat, cholesterol and salt

Love and admiration in our relationships helps us to care for our emotional hearts. Learning about all of our emotions assists us in experiencing harmony and wholeness in our lives.

We share the good news that it is the Lord who creates purity and wholeness in hearts. At the same time, we understand our need to nourish our spirits. We can care for our spiritual hearts by setting aside a regular time in our schedules for Worship, Bible studies and devotions, prayer, and celebration of the Lord's Supper. I pray that your Lenten experience brings you heart healing peace.

Yours in Christ,  
*Jan Levensgood*  
Parish Nurse/Health Minister

### **Upcoming Events for Health Ministry**

Sunday, 4 February – Healing and Anointing in both services

Fridays, 2 and 16 February – Walk Away the Pounds at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, 11 February – Wear Red for Heart Awareness Month

Sunday, 25 February – Hunger Walk 2-4 p.m. at Turner Field – Register at Atlanta Community Foodbank and Living Grace Lutheran Church. I would like to see us collect \$500. If you plan to walk, take the money you have collected and turn it in there. Otherwise, bring me your collections and I will take them. Let's have a group for Living Grace! The old Turner Field is now called GA State Stadium on Hank Aaron Drive.

## **Hospitality Ministry**

The Hospitality Ministry would like to thank all who finished the food and refreshments and helped with set up and clean up for Lin Parker's reception after her funeral service. The family was very appreciative. The next event will be Charlette Beutler's reception after her memorial service on Saturday, 3 March.

We would normally have a brunch/lunch for the Annual Congregational Meeting, however, the meeting is being held this year between the 8:30 and 10:30 services. There will be no brunch/lunch.

## Outreach Ministry

### Sew 'N' Sews

The Sew 'N' Sews will meet on Monday, 12 February, 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 February will be 1, 8, and 22. If you don't know how to quilt, they will teach you. Come for the fun and fellowship and possibly learning a new skill.



### Heifer Sunday

Heifer Sunday for the month is 18 February. 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.



### Lutheran Services of GA

Ms. Becca Fletcher of Lutheran Services of GA (LSG) wishes to thank Living Grace Lutheran Church for all their support to the mission of LSG, especially letting them meet here at our facility with their Foster Families.

## **NETWorks News**

It's official! We are now open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm, **and we need your help!** If you've always wanted to volunteer with us, but couldn't do it during the week, now is your chance. Join us for a Saturday morning every once in a while. There is no need to commit to a weekly schedule, you can volunteer once a month, a couple times a year - whatever works for you. You also do not need to have prior training. If you are a new volunteer, or just haven't been here in a while, we will match you up with an experienced volunteer until you get the hang of things. Here's the pantry volunteer Sign-Up link for 2018: <http://signup.com/go/NAiGBRE> We are also looking for volunteers to help us with picking up donations from the Tucker ALDI on Wednesday mornings. You can check out the Sign-Up link here: <http://signup.com/go/JBZHnpd>, or you can email me for more information ([stephanie@networkscoop.org](mailto:stephanie@networkscoop.org)).

### **Notice Regarding Items Left at the Church**

If you are donating items, such as clothing, food, kitchen items, etc. for any of our outreach programs, please label the items. Lately, we have been finding such items just dropped off at the church without any identification. If they are left without any identification, based on the condition, they will be either kept for our yard sale or thrown out. Thank you!

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.



### **Youth Group News**

Youth group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If your youth is interested in this group, please contact Bernice Bland at [bernicebland@bellsouth.net](mailto:bernicebland@bellsouth.net).



## Women of the ELCA

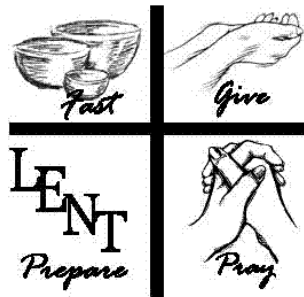
The WELCA Executive Board will be meeting on Sunday, 11 February, after the 10:30 a.m. service.

- Miriam Circle will be meeting on Saturday, 24 March, at 10:00 a.m.

## Worship and Music Living Out Our Baptism

### Ash Wednesday 14 February 2018

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in the readings of Ash Wednesday, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.



### Ash Wednesday Drive-Through of Imposition of Ashes

We will be offering a drive-through of Imposition of Ashes starting at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. People can come up in their vehicles and remain in their vehicles and a volunteer will do the imposition of ashes. It does not have to be an ordained clergy, a "servant" of the Lord can do it, which we all are servants. We need volunteers for at least an hour. Please inform Leanne either by email at [livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com) or place a note in her Parish Administrator's box that you wish to volunteer and what time. Thank you!

### Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes 7:30 p.m., 14 February 2018

## **Changes in the Service during Lent**

You will notice changes in the Liturgy for Lent. You will no longer sing any “*Alleluias*” in the liturgy or the hymns during Lent. We will be omitting the *Hymn of Praise* and be singing the Lenten *Gospel Acclamation, Return to the Lord*. This is our beginning journey to the baptismal waters of Easter.

## **Church Choir Rehearsals**

If you would like to come and sing with the Church Choir, we rehearse on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. We sing at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Services. Come and join the fun and the fellowship and enjoy learning songs to praise the Lord.



***Come worship with us!***

### **Special Days in February**

2 February

*Presentation of Our Lord*

11 February

*Transfiguration of Our Lord*

14 February

*Ash Wednesday*

18 February

*The First Sunday in Lent*



## **Electronic Prayer Requests**

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

### **Guidelines for Newsletter Prayer Requests**

Please notify Leanne Beutler, Parish Administrator, via email at [livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto: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; Linda Ferguson; Betty Hitz; Julien Lange; Jean Lemonds; 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

**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

**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

**Father and Mother**

Of Carrie Orr

**Bill Franke**

Uncle of Margery Kellar

**Ella Nelson**

Friend of the Orrs

**Bill and Mary Cressman**

Brother and Sister-in-law of Marlene and Pastor Hardy

We pray for those whom we bear in our hearts.



## General News and Notes

### February Birthdays

|    |                    |             |
|----|--------------------|-------------|
| 2  | Connie Rivers-Ivey |             |
| 7  | Marquenetta Clark  |             |
| 9  | Walter Sobers      | Lisa Conley |
| 10 | Mark Levensgood    |             |
| 11 | Avery Balsavage    |             |
| 12 | Mary Jane Outman   |             |
| 13 | Allison Combee     |             |
| 14 | Bethany Roy        |             |
| 16 | Anna Schuette      |             |
| 18 | Jim Brinkley       |             |
| 20 | Meridith Oys       |             |
| 22 | Christine Chappell |             |
| 27 | Curtis Nelson      |             |

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](mailto:livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com) or place in the Parish Administrator's mailbox in the narthex. Thank you.

### Deaths

*Charlette Beutler* was called to her eternal rest on 16 December 2017. Her memorial service will be on Saturday, 3 March 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at Living Grace Lutheran Church.

*Lin Parker* was called to her eternal rest on 1 January 2018. Her funeral service was held at Living Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, 6 January 2018.

### 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](mailto:livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com)

### New Email for the Church

If you want to send an email to the church, please send to [livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com).



## **Walk Away the Pounds**

Come join the fun and fellowship. Walk away the pounds in a nice cool atmosphere on Fridays, 2 and 16 February.



## **Wear Red on Sunday, 11 February**

The month of February is *Heart Month*. We ask that if you can, wear red on Sunday, 11 February to recognize heart month.

### ***Third Annual Southeastern Synod Advocacy Gathering***

#### **Until All Are Fed**

***Saturday, 10 February – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.***

***Redeemer Lutheran Church  
731 Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308***

***Registration is FREE – Lunch will be provided***

***To register for this event go to***

***<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/until-all-are-fed-tickets-41116530650?aff=es2>***

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| <b>Lay Assistants</b> |
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**Sunday, 4 February**

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|                      | <i>Healing and Anointing in both services</i>                   |
| Ushers               | 8:30 – Phyllis Gerke<br>10:30 – Dennis Fritsch and Alvin Jorkey |
| Lectors              | 8:30 – Merritt Shealy<br>10:30 – Cynthia Outman                 |
| Communion Assistants | 8:30 – Leanne Beutler<br>10:30 – Jim and Cynthia Outman         |
| Greeter              | 10:30 – Gwen Heaton   |
| Counters             | Steve and Cindy Nelson  |
| Altar Guild          | Set Up – Phyllis Gerke<br>Clean Up – Anna Schuette              |

**Sunday, 11 February**

|                      |  |
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|                      | <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>                               |
|                      | <i>Wear Red Sunday</i>   |
| Ushers               | 8:30 – Liz Jackson<br>10:30 – James and Jamie Combee             |
| Lectors              | 8:30 – Liz Jackson<br>10:30 – Gaelon Ratel                       |
| Communion Assistants | 8:30 – Jan Levensgood<br>10:30 – Dennis Fritsch and Alvin Jorkey |
| Greeters             | 10:30 – Dennis and Priscilla Fritsch                             |
| Counters             | Mark and Anna Schuette   |
| Altar Guild          | Set Up – Missy Streubel<br>Clean Up – Allison Combee             |

**Ash Wednesday, 14 February**

|                      |  |
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|                      | <i>Service with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes</i> |
|                      | <i>7:30 p.m.</i>   |
| Ushers               | Michael Hardy  |
| Lector               | Steph Cunefare   |
| Communion Assistants | Margery Kellar and Leanne Beutler                          |

**Sunday, 18 February**

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|                      | <i>Heifer Sunday</i>   |
|                      | <i>Annual Congregation Meeting at 9:30 a.m.</i>                |
| Ushers               | 8:30 – Michael Hardy<br>10:30 – Steve and Cindy Nelson         |
| Lectors              | 8:30 – Michael Hardy<br>10:30 – Mark Nelson                    |
| Communion Assistants | 8:30 – Leanne Beutler<br>10:30 – Will Arroyo and Diane England |
| Greeters             | 10:30 – Mark and Anna Schuette                                 |
| Counters             | Will and Shirley Arroyo  |
| Altar Guild          | Set Up – Meredith Collver<br>Clean Up – Priscilla Fritsch      |

**Sunday, 25 February**

|                      |  |
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| Ushers               | 8:30 – Keith Siekierski<br>10:30 – Mark Schuette and Mike Ely    |
| Lectors              | 8:30 – Meredith Collver<br>10:30 – Margery Kellar                |
| Communion Assistants | 8:30 – Mike Collver<br>10:30 – Marlene Hardy and Lesley Campbell |
| Greeters             | 10:30 – Merrill and Jo Ann Durrence                              |
| Counters             | Dot Beaver and Pat Stowers                                       |
| Altar Guild          | Set Up – Carrie Orr<br>Clean Up – Anna Schuette                  |

Coordinators responsible for worship service assistants:

Altar Guild – Missy Streubel at [streubel55@gmail.com](mailto:streubel55@gmail.com)

Lector/Communion Assistants – Margery Kellar at [margery.kellar@gmail.com](mailto:margery.kellar@gmail.com)

Greeters – Phyllis Prunty at 770/237-9807

Sunday Counters – Leanne Beutler at [Lbeutler@aol.com](mailto:Lbeutler@aol.com)

Ushers – 8:30, Leanne Beutler at [Lbeutler@aol.com](mailto:Lbeutler@aol.com) – 10:30, Harold Bowers



## **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**



***Remember that you are dust, and into dust you shall return***

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