



Living Grace Notes

July 2018 Newsletter

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

Lutheran Services of Georgia (LSG) Children's Summer Camp

Living Grace is hosting the summer camp for LSG this summer. We have the children for 3 weeks in June and 3 weeks in July. The first week on Thursday, 14 June, the children with the help of Baris Karayazgan, visiting artist from Turkey, built the below sculpture with recycled bottles which the congregation graciously donated to the camp.



Baris Karayazgan
Visiting ArtReach Artist from Turkey

For over 19 years The ArtReach Foundation, based in Atlanta, GA has been providing arts programs to children of trauma around the world. Founder, Susan Anderson has recently been working with the Clarkston Community Center (CCC) of Clarkston, GA to bring artist Baris Karayazgan of Istanbul, Turkey to the community to lead refugee children of Clarkston to sculpture activities using plastic recycled bottles.

ArtReach working with LSG, brought Baris in on Thursday for the children to make the sculpture with the recycled bottles. The children had a lot of fun and talking with Baris he said that these children were very good in their expression and had a lot of fun.

Baris was born in Istanbul in 1973. He graduated from the Department of Sculpture at Mimar Sinan University in 1998. He continued his study at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia between 1999 and 2000. He then completed master's degree on sculpture at State University of New York Albany in New York. He has participated in many group exhibitions in Turkey and the USA. After he returned to Turkey, Karayazgan founded the Pace Cocuk Sanat Merkezi (Pace Art Center for Children).

Sunday, 29 July
One Service Only at 9:30 a.m.
Lunch to follow



Communications Ministry

During the summer months, we will continue to keep you updated on the events here at the church by sending out the "MailChimps," putting events on "Facebook," the LED Sign, and of course on Sunday mornings, the bulletins.

Health Ministry

Greetings in the Name of our Compassionate AMA Redeemer, Lord and Physician! With the summer now upon us with its activities and dangers I would like to share some thoughts with you on First Aid.

When we think about First Aid, we usually consider treatment of injuries and accident prevention for our bodies, and indeed this is an important concern. As Christians, thinking about our bodies needs to be grounded in our relationship with God, "For you created my innermost being, I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps.139:13-14). We can care for our bodies by making sure our homes have a well supplied First Aid Kit. You can buy one or assemble one yourself. It should include:

- Hand cleaner, antiseptic solution, antibiotic ointment, Q-tips, scissors, tweezers
- Various sized band-aids, gauze pads & bandages, & tape, butterfly closures
- Cold packs, a small ace wrap, gloves, plastic bags
- Benadryl, pain relievers (tylenol for children)
- Syrup of Ipecac, Poison control information

As we consider how we can limit accidents and live healthier lives, may we focus on the 'First Aid' and healing possible with our great God, "I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and let them enjoy abundant peace and security" (Jer. 33:6). If I can be of any help to you with First Aid or other health concerns, please contact me.



Yours in Christ,
Jan Levensgood
Parish Nurse/Health Minister

Upcoming Events for Health Ministry

Sunday, 1 July – Healing and Anointing in both services

Saturday, 7 July – Lifeline Screening – 9:00 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. Information is on the table in the Narthex. Call 888-814-0416 to register.

Saturday, 14 July – Health Ministry meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, 29 July – Health Ministry hosting the lunch – One Service on this Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Hospitality Ministry

The month of July has a fifth Sunday, 29 July. We will have only one service at 9:30 a.m. The Health Ministry will be hosting the lunch after the service. The Hospitality Ministry will help as needed.

Outreach Ministry

Sew 'N' Sews

The Sew 'N' Sews will not be meeting on the second Monday of the month because we will be hosting the Refuge Summer Camp, sponsored by Lutheran Services of GA. Please see Jo Ann Durrence for information regarding the Sew 'N' Sews for the month of July.



Piece-Makers

The quilting group meets from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you like to quilt, please come join them. The dates for July will be Thursday, the 5th, Fridays, the 20th and 27th.



Heifer Sunday

Heifer Sunday for the month is 15 July. 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 Georgia

Lutheran Services of GA will be sponsoring a camp for refugee children here at Living Grace. It will be three weeks in July, weeks 9, 16, and 23, Monday through Thursday.



NETWorks

Summer is here, and **we need your help!** Our volunteer crew gets pretty slender this time of year. The pantry is open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. If you've always wanted to volunteer with us, but couldn't do it during the school year or on weekdays, now is your chance. Join us for a 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>. Signing up online is easy, but if you have any trouble with it, drop me an email with the date(s) you'd like to come volunteer, and I will get you signed up.

Stephanie Suggs, Deaconess
Program Director

NETWorks Cooperative Ministry

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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, so they will not meet on Sunday, 29 July.



Women of the ELCA

The **Soap Campaign** for LWR is running through the summer. This is an Anna Circle project. Please consider donating regular bars of soap (not hotel size) and look for the rubber ducky in the Narthex. As of this date, we have collected 68.78 lbs. of soap. Continue the soap coming!!



**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
22 July**

Mark's gospel this Sunday makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in the gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

(from Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2018)

**Solstice Group Concert
Living Grace, Saturday, 21 July
7:30 p.m. – Tickets \$15.00**

Solstice will perform an anthology of songs on the complexities of love and the alternative reality that it doesn't have to be complicated. Featuring a cappella vocal arrangements of favorite groups and singers. . . Pentatonix, Gotye, Billy Joel, All About Eve, The Manhattan Transfer, Jason Mraz, Depeche Mode, and Imogen Heap.

Who is Solstice?

From its beginnings as a summer choir concept in 2014, the group that has become Solstice focused on bringing contemporary music to its audience. As the concept evolved to the ensemble of today, that focus has been clarified and the mission has become clear: Solstice will reach a new audience of music lovers who may not typically attend choral concerts by integrating all genres of contemporary music into a most enjoyable evening of live music.

Come hear the 16 professional singers for an a cappella concert encapsulating the complexities of love.

Church Choir

The Church Choir is on their summer schedule. The choir does not have Wednesday night rehearsals, however, they will continue to sing in the 10:30 a.m. service. They will be singing anthems that can be rehearsed that morning at 9:45 a.m. If you are interested in singing with the "summer choir," please let Steve Honeychurch know, so he can have your contact information.



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. Thank you to those members who have stepped up to be ushers. We appreciate your willingness to service. We still can use more, so 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. Another schedule will be coming out the middle of August.



Acolytes

Thank you to the adult members that have stepped up to be acolytes for the 10:30 a.m. service. We appreciate your service. This service is not just for the young, semi-young, or mature members. It is for anyone.

Special Days in July

3 July

Thomas, Apostle

23 July

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

25 July

James, Apostle

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; Sharon King; Julien Lange; Mary Ann Long; Norma Mackenzie; Liz Montgomery; Ruth Scott; and Tim Shirah.

Helen Cunningham

Mother of Margery Kellar

Nellie Bass

Family of Phyllis Prunty

Bill Veronda

Friend of Margery Kellar

Bronwyn Blanco

Sister of Carrie Orr

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

Kamden Jennings

Cynthia Outman's Supervisor's Grandson

Gregg Cole

Son of Maurice and Betty Cole

Vickie Smith

Friend of Margery Kellar

Walter Smith

Friend of Ed and Pat Stowers

John and Mary Yale

Parents of Carrie Orr

Ella Nelson

Friend of the Orrs

Tymika Ferguson

Daughter of Linda Ferguson

Matthew Beckler

Nephew of Leanne Beutler

Bill and Mary Cressman

Brother and Sister-in-law of Marlene and

Pastor Hardy

Virginia Stratton

Cynthia Outman Supervisor

Keema Frett-Newsome

Cynthia Outman's Co-Worker

We pray for those whom we bear in our hearts.



What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?

General News and Notes

July Birthdays

3	Anna Nelson	
6	Edward (Ed) Stenjam	
7	Jennifer (Jen) Stenjam	
16	Chris Kuhn	
20	Susan Durrence	Claire Keller
25	Agnes Nelson	
28	Susan Balsavage	
30	Cathy Shirah	

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.

Births

We rejoice with *Will and Emilie Boatwright* on the birth of their son, *Sidney*, on Wednesday, 30 May 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



Church Council

Church Council will be meeting on Sunday, 15 July, at 12:15 p.m., in the conference room.





SUNDAY, 29 JULY – ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M.

Lay Assistants

Sunday, 1 July

Ushers

Healing and Anointing in both services

8:30 – Liz Jackson

10:30 – Dennis Fritsch/Alvin Jorkey

Lectors

8:30 – Merritt Shealy

10:30 – Agnes Nelson

Communion Assistants

8:30 – Leanne Beutler

10:30 – Will Arroyo/Alvin Jorkey

Greeters

10:30 – TBD

Counters

Mark and Anna Schuette

Altar Guild

Set Up – Missy Steubel

Clean Up – Anna Schuette

Sunday, 8 July

Ushers

8:30 – Keith Siekierski

10:30 – Steve and Cindy Nelson

Lectors

8:30 – Liz Jackson

10:30 – Gaelon Ratel

Communion Assistants

8:30 – Jan Levensgood

10:30 – Dennis Fritsch/Diane England

Greeters

10:30 – TBD

Counters

Steve and Cindy Nelson

Altar Guild

Set Up – Meredith Collver

Clean Up – Allison Combee

Sunday, 15 July

Ushers

Lectors

Communion Assistants

Greeters

Counters

Altar Guild

Heifer Sunday

8:30 – Michael Hardy

10:30 – Mark Schuette/Alvin Jorkey

8:30 – Michael Hardy

10:30 – Cynthia Outman

8:30 – Jan Levensgood

10:30 – Jim and Cynthia Outman

10:30 – TBD

Dot Beaver/Pat Stowers

Set-Up – Carrie Orr

Clean-Up – Priscilla Fritsch

Sunday, 22 July

Ushers

Lectors

Communion Assistants

Greeters

Counter

Altar Guild

8:30 – Phyllis Gerke

10:30 – James and Jamie Combee

8:30 – Liz Jackson

10:30 – Bernice Bland

8:30 – Leanne Beutler

10:30 – Gary and Mark Levensgood

10:30 – TBD

Will and Shirley Arroyo

Set Up – Phyllis Gerke

Clean Up – Anna Schuette

Sunday, 29 July

Ushers

Lector

Communion Assistants

Greeters

Counter

Altar Guild

One Service only at 9:30 a.m.

Michael Hardy/Alvin Jorkey

Alvin Jorkey

Will Arroyo/Margery Kellar

TBD

Leanne Beutler

Set Up – Missy Streubel

Clean Up – Allison Combee

Coordinators responsible for worship service assistants:

Altar Guild – Missy Streubel at streubel55@gmail.comLector/Communion Assistants – Margery Kellar at margery.kellar@gmail.com

Greeters – Phyllis Prunty at 770/237-9807

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

JULY CALENDAR



John 6:1-21
Christ feeding the five thousand

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