



# *Living Grace* *Notes*

## **June 2018 Newsletter**

The Reverend David E. Hardy, D. D., Pastor  
Web Page: [www.livinggracelutheran.org](http://www.livinggracelutheran.org)

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

### ***A Big Thank You***

Thank you to all those hard-working volunteers who helped with the yard sale:

- Pricing items
- Coming very early in the morning to set up
- Being there during the sale
- Packing up the “left-over” items after the sale to be taken to Goodwill.

This was a very successful sale. We deposited \$935.00. The next yard sale is scheduled for the first weekend in October. This sale will be geared towards Christmas items.

### ***Summer is Here!!***

It has been a long winter. Finally, we are having warm weather for more than a couple of days. The kids are out of school and families are planning and taking their vacations to see relatives, grandparents, and even Mickey Mouse in Disneyworld! During this time, and always we continue to pray for our members that they come back relaxed and revitalized to face work and school and be safe in their travels.

## **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**

This month I would like to write to you about VISION.

More than one million Americans at or over 40 are currently blind. Vision impairment creates problems for an additional 2.4 million. As Baby Boomers age, these numbers are expected to double. That means this is a problem for all of us. Blindness and visual impairment from many eye diseases and disorders can be reduced when detected and treated early. The leading causes of vision blindness and visual impairment include:

- **Diabetic retinopathy:** This common complication of diabetes affects and impairs vision in nearly half of all diabetics to some degree over their lifetime. Blood vessels of the retina can break down, become blocked or leak. Effective treatment includes laser surgery and some medications. Diabetics require annual dilated eye exams.
- **Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD):** AMD is the most common cause of legal blindness and vision impairment in older Americans because it damages central vision. There is no generally accepted treatment, but laser therapies may reduce the risk of further vision loss.
- **Cataract:** This is the clouding of the eye and usually appears with advanced age but can be linked to smoking, diabetes and excessive exposure to sunlight. Surgical treatment can eliminate vision loss by replacing the eye’s lens.
- **Glaucoma:** Vision loss is caused by gradual damage to the optic nerve which carries visual information from the eye to the brain. Vision loss is not noticed until significant nerve damage has occurred so screenings are important for early diagnosis when it can be controlled. Any vision loss cannot be restored.

We have a responsibility to care for our eyesight. God has given us our body and the resources to care for it. By seeing our eye doctor regularly for vision exams and following our doctor’s advice, we become good stewards of our bodies. We use the resources God has given us so we can become the extraordinary servants He intends us to be.

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

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

Saturday, 2 June - Everyone is invited to go with members of the Health Ministry **from 9 am until noon**, when we go to MedShare International, 3240 Clifton Springs Rd., Decatur to sort medical supplies to send to communities in need around the world. We will carpool from the church at 8:30. If you would like to go please tell Jan Levensgood or Jo Ann Durrence.

Sunday, 3 June – Healing and Anointing in both services

Saturday, 7 July – Lifeline Screening

### ***Hospitality Ministry***

The Hospitality Ministry has scheduled a meeting after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, 27 May to finalize the advertisement of a list of interested people that would be willing to contribute food on the spare of the moment, especially for funeral receptions. We will also finalize the list of foods and type of reception for funerals so all the family has to think about is to review the list and pick out what they want for the reception.

### ***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 June.



#### ***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 June will be Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, Fridays, the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.



## **Heifer Sunday**

Heifer Sunday for the month is 17 June. 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 June, weeks 11, 18, and 25, Monday through Thursday and 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 awhile. 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 awhile, 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

770.939.6454 \* fax 770.270.6817 \* cell 678.485.0058

## **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.



## **Women of the ELCA**

The **Soap Campaign** for LWR began Sunday April 29 and will run 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. Periodical reports of how much soap we have collected will be reported in the bulletins.



## **Worship and Music Living Out Our Baptism**

### **The Mustard Seed**

The mustard seed becomes a shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

(from Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2018)

### **Church Choir**

The Church Choir is on their summer schedule. The choir will no longer 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 June**

11 June

*Barnabas, Apostle*

24 June

*John the Baptist*

29 June

*Peter and Paul, Apostles*

## **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; 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

### **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.



## General News and Notes

### June Birthdays

9	Steve Honeychurch	
16	Keith Siekierski	Cortney Maholtz
18	Jim Gerke	Mark Schuette
26	Pat Stowers	
28	Chris Oys	
29	Cate Sulek	
30	Betty Hitz	

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.

### New Members

On Sunday, 6 May, we welcomed these families in the family of Living Grace.

*Lynn, Carrie, and Thaddeus Orr*

1942 Sawyer Court  
Snellville, GA 30078

[lynn.w.orr@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.w.orr@gmail.com) – 850/902-3308 (Lynn)

[cjvale@gmail.com](mailto:cjvale@gmail.com) – 912/398-8159 (Carrie)

*Elizabeth (Liz) Montgomery*

4351 Hickorywood Lane  
Doraville, GA 30360

[Elizabethmontgomery@outlook.com](mailto:Elizabethmontgomery@outlook.com) – 770/310-6442

### 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)



## ***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  
Meredith Collver  
Carolyn Davis  
Diane England

Linda Ferguson  
Priscilla Fritsch  
Emily Jorkey  
Mark Schuette

Jen Stenjem



## ***Community Garden News***



June is an exciting time in the garden. Most of the spring and summer crops are growing and the May flowers have not yet lost their blooms. Here are some suggested garden activities for June, from Georgia Gardener Walter Reeves.

- Shrubs need one gallon of water per foot of height.
- Now is a safe time to trim trees up to a quarter of their foliage.
- Don't forget to mulch beds to conserve water.
- Pick okra and squash regularly as ripe fruits can halt production.

- Sharpen your mower blade and leave lawns one inch higher than usual to help your lawn beat dry heat.
  - Taken from <http://www.walterreeves.com/seasonal-gardening-calendar/june/>
- In season now:
- Arugula, Asparagus, Basil, Beans Beets, Blueberries, Bok Choy, Broccoli, Cantaloupe, Collards, Sweet Corn, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Lettuce, Mushrooms, Okra, Peaches, Field Peas, Peppers, Plums, Potatoes, Radish, Soybean, Summer Squash, Strawberries, Tomatoes, and Watermelon

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. –Isaiah 40:8

<b>Lay Assistants</b>
-----------------------

**Sunday, 3 June**

	<i>Healing and Anointing in both services</i>
Ushers	8:30 – Keith Siekierski 10:30 – Steve and Cindy Nelson
Lectors	8:30 – Merritt Shealy 10:30 – Mark Nelson
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Mike Collver 10:30 – Marlene Hardy/Lesley Campbell
Greeter	10:30 – John Nelson
Counters	Steve and Cindy Nelson
Altar Guild	Set Up – Missy Streubel Clean Up – Priscilla Fritsch

**Sunday, 10 June**

Ushers	8:30 – Liz Jackson 10:30 – Dennis Fritsch/Mark Schuette
Lectors	8:30 – Liz Jackson 10:30 – Bernice Bland
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Jan Levensgood 10:30 – Gary and Mark Levensgood
Greeter	10:30 – Priscilla Fritsch
Counters	Dot Beaver/Pat Stowers
Altar Guild	Set Up – Meredith Collver Clean Up – Anna Schuette

**Sunday, 17 June**

*Heifer Sunday*

*Father's Day*

Ushers	8:30 – Michael Hardy 10:30 – Harold Bowers/Alvin Jorkey
Lectors	8:30 – Michael Hardy 10:30 – Marlene Hardy
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Leanne Beutler 10:30 – Margery Kellar/Jo Kroger
Greeter	10:30 – Pat Stowers
Counter	Leanne Beutler
Altar Guild	Set-Up – Carrie Orr Clean-Up – Allison Combee

**Sunday, 24 June**

*John the Baptist*

Ushers	8:30 – Phyllis Gerke 10:30 – James and Jamie Combee
Lectors	8:30 – Meredith Collver 10:30 – Cynthia Outman
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Mike Collver 10:30 – Jim and Cynthia Outman
Greeters	10:30 – Mark and Anna Schuette
Counters	Will and Shirley Arroyo
Altar Guild	Set Up – Phyllis Gerke Clean Up – Priscilla Fritsch

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



## **JUNE CALENDAR**



Mark 4:26-34

*The parable of the mustard seed*

---

***LIVING GRACE Evangelical Lutheran Church***

1812 Coledge Road  
Tucker, GA 30084  
Phone: 678/406-9229

*Time Sensitive Material • Please Expedite!*