



# Living Grace Notes

## May 2018 Newsletter

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

### DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, 20 May 2018



### THE HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, 27 May 2018



## **Graduating Members of 2018**



### *Taylor Cunefare*

Graduated from Gwinnett Technical College on 30 April with an Associates of Veterinary Technology. She has accepted a position at University of Georgia Veterinary Hospital as a Large Animal ICU Technician.

### *Erin Cunefare*

Graduates on 12 May from California Lutheran University (Thousand Oaks CA) with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science with minors in Geology and Biology. Erin was also a four-year student athlete in water polo.

***Congratulations to Taylor and Erin on their accomplishments!***

*Jamie Combee* will be finishing up elementary school, a milestone in his life and will be proceeding to Middle School, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

***Congratulations to Jamie on his accomplishment!***

## **Communications Ministry**

Check out the bulletin board in the narthex entitled, “*What Do You Do.*” Some of our members of the church have very interesting businesses that you might need now or in the near future.

- Avon Representative
- Certified Public Accountant
- Dog Lodging and Training
- Event Planner
- Lucky Dog Design (Jewelry designer)



## **Health Ministry**

Greetings!! Happy Mental Health Month! This month I would like to share some thoughts with you on Depression.

What is Depression?

Depression refers to feelings of sadness, isolation, discouragement, or hopelessness that persist. It is a serious illness which affects a person physically, emotionally, spiritually, socially, and vocationally.

What are the Symptoms of Depression?

The following are the common symptoms of depression. If you experience four or more of these symptoms for longer than two weeks, or if your symptoms interfere with your daily life, you may be experiencing depression. If you have any concerns about depression, please visit with Pastor, your Parish Nurse or your Doctor.

- Ongoing feeling of sadness, anxiety or emptiness
- Loss of interest in usual activities
- Feelings of hopelessness, helplessness, or pessimism
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt
- Difficulty sleeping or eating
- Decreased energy, persistent fatigue
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering and making decisions
- Thoughts of death or suicide.

How can Depression Be Treated?

Depression can be effectively treated in several different ways. The vast majority of people with depression recover and lead meaningful and productive lives. Both medications and counseling or psychotherapy are used in the treatment of depression. It is also very important for family and friends to recognize the symptoms of depression, and encourage treatment for persons suffering from depression. In spite of the difficult times in which we live, God's peace can help us to be whole emotionally.

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

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

Sunday, 6 May – Healing and Anointing in both services

Friday, 11 May – Walk Away the Pounds at 9:30 a.m.

The Health Ministry wants to thank everyone very much for their very generous gifts of money and food for our adopted family at Easter. The single mother and three children greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness and caring.

The Health Ministry will sponsor a trip to MedShare International on June 2nd, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. We hope you can attend and help re-package health supplies to be sent to underserved countries around the world that will benefit from these supplies. If you can attend, please notify Jan Levengood or Jo Ann Durrence. We will car-pool from the church at 8:30 am.

## ***Hospitality Ministry***

The Hospitality Ministry wishes to thank the Miriam Circle for sponsoring the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April with a potluck lunch. We also thank Health Ministry who has stepped up and is sponsoring the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday on 29 July. You will see more information about it in the upcoming bulletins.

The Hospitality Ministry has scheduled a meeting after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, 27 May.

## ***Outreach Ministry***

### ***Sew 'N' Sews***

The Sew 'N' Sews will meet on Monday, 14 May, 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 May will be 3, 17, 24 and 31. Come for the fun and fellowship.



### ***Heifer Sunday***

Heifer Sunday for the month is 20 May. 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

*We Couldn't Do It Without You*

*"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."*

*Mother Teresa*

Lutheran Services of GA is so grateful and appreciative for our volunteers. We truly have the best volunteers around, and we'd like to thank those of you who have given their time and talents to help make our communities, our state and our world a better place.

Our volunteers serve in many different ways. This past year, volunteers have:

- Served on our Board of Directors
- Bagged rice for refugees or helped with projects for children and adults with disabilities at LSG's MLK Day of Service
- Raised funds and walked with their church or community group at Hunger Walk
- Worked on a project to support victims of a natural disaster
- Tutored a child served by one of our programs
- Befriended and walked alongside a refugee family during their first year in the U.S.
- Wrote letters and assembled pencil kits for children in foster care during the ELCA "God's Work, Our Hands" day
- Served on one of LSG's committees
- Helped secure sponsors or silent auction items for a fundraiser
- Advocated at the Capitol for those we serve or by calling or writing legislators
- Hosted a fundraiser or informational event in your home
- Assisted at a special event
- And more!

All these volunteers help us work toward our mission of guiding families and individuals on a path from surviving to thriving. We couldn't do it without their support!

Thank you,  
*Melanie Johnson*  
Director of Community Engagement  
Lutheran Services of Georgia



## **Rebecca's Tent**

On Tuesday, 15 May, at 8:00 p.m., the Horizon Theatre will be hosting the premier of a new play called *Citizens Market*. 100% of the ticket sales from this event will go to support the operations of Rebecca's Tent. This is a great opportunity to support homeless women in rebuilding their lives, and to see an enjoyable play too!

2018 Annual Event  
Tuesday, 15 May  
8:00 p.m. show  
6:30 p.m. wine/cheese reception

Horizon Theatre  
1083 Austin Avenue, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30307

\$36 Show ticket  
\$75 VIP ticket with reception

Tickets can be purchased at <http://rebeccastent.org/>



## **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

**Church Women United May Friendship Day** will be on Friday, 4 May, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., here at Living Grace Lutheran Church.

Women of the ELCA will be having their general meeting on Sunday, 6 May, after the 10:30 service. The old saying, “April showers bring May flowers” and this May will bring many flowers. The Anna Circle is hosting the meeting and the theme is May Day featuring a presentation by our own Jen Stenjem titled, “The Flowering Bulbs of Keukenhof (Holland).” This promises to be a beautiful presentation and all the women of the church are invited to come and join us.



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. Details to come later.



Would you like to get to know another woman in the congregation better? WELCA is sponsoring a Secret Sister Program, in which women will pick a name to be paired with that person for the remainder of this year. Throughout the year, you will pray for your Secret Sister, write her notes, give her small gifts, tokens, and/or knick-knacks to let her know you are thinking of and praying for her. This program will start at the WELCA General Meeting in May. At the end of the year, Secret Sisters will be revealed to each other at the WELCA General Meeting in December. If you cannot attend the meeting in May, but want to participate, you can give your name to Cortney Maholtz; she will select a sister's name for you and deliver it to you. She will also make sure your name is put in to be drawn by another woman of the congregation. Cortney's contact information is [cjmaholtz@gmail.com](mailto:cjmaholtz@gmail.com) or cell phone 301/537-2306. Please contact Cortney no later than 5 May 2018.

The Naomi Circle will be having a meeting on Sunday, 20 May, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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

### **Day of Pentecost Sunday, 20 May 2018**

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit, resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans, makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

### **The Holy Trinity Sunday, 27 May 2018**

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe; that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words in the scripture to be read this day. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

(from Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2018)

### **Church Choir**

The choir will take a night off from rehearsal on Wednesday, 9 May, but will have their rehearsals on Wednesdays, 2, 16, 23, and 30 May 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.





## **Special Days in May**

1 May

*Philip and James, Apostles*

10 May

*Ascension of Our Lord*

14 May

*Matthias, Apostle*

19 May

*Vigil of Pentecost*

20 May

*Day of Pentecost*

27 May

*The Holy Trinity*

31 May

*Visit of Mary to Elizabeth*

## **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

### **Jill Stewart**

Friend of Steph Cunefare

### **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

**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

**Gene and Renae Toney**

Friends of Leanne Beutler

**Kamden Jennings**

Cynthia Outman's Supervisor's Grandson

**John and Mary Yale**

Parents of Carrie Orr

**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**

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**

**May Birthdays**

- 2 Erin Cunefare
- 11 Elijah Blackburn
- 15 Mackenzie Arroyo
- 28 Florence Lange
- 30 Jan Levensgood

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.

## 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).



## 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

## Lay Assistants

### Sunday, 6 May

Ushers

*Healing and Anointing in both services*

8:30 – Liz Jackson

10:30 – Steve and Cindy Nelson

Lectors

8:30 – Merritt Shealy

10:30 – Margery Kellar

Communion Assistants

8:30 – Leanne Beutler

10:30 – Marlene Hardy/Jo Kroger

Greeters

10:30 – TBD

Counters

Dot Beaver/Pat Stowers

Altar Guild

Set Up – Missy Streubel

Clean Up – Allison Combee

**Sunday, 13 May** *Mother's Day*  
 Ushers 8:30 – Keith Siekierski  
 10:30 – Mark Schuette/Harold Bowers  
 Lectors 8:30 – Liz Jackson  
 10:30 – Gary Levensgood  
 Communion Assistants 8:30 – Jan Levensgood  
 10:30 – Dennis Fritsch/Alvin Jorkey  
 Greeters 10:30 – TBD  
 Counters Will and Shirley Arroyo  
 Altar Guild Set Up – Meredith Collver  
 Clean Up – Priscilla Fritsch

**Sunday, 20 May** *Day of Pentecost*  
*Heifer Sunday*  
 Ushers 8:30 – Michael Hardy  
 10:30 – Dennis Fritsch/Alvin Jorkey  
 Lectors 8:30 – Michael Hardy  
 10:30 – Agnes Nelson  
 Communion Assistants 8:30 – Leanne Beutler  
 10:30 – Will Arroyo/Lesley Campbell  
 Greeters 10:30 – TBD  
 Counter Leanne Beutler  
 Altar Guild Set-Up – Carrie Orr  
 Clean-Up – Anna Schuette

**Sunday, 27 May** *The Holy Trinity*  
 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 – TBD  
 Counters Mark and Anna Schuette  
 Altar Guild Set Up – Phyllis Gerke  
 Clean Up – Allison Combee

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

TBD=To Be Determined

## **MAY CALENDAR**



***ASCENSION OF OUR LORD***  
***Thursday, 10 May***

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