



LIVING GRACE NOTES

MAY 2005 NEWSLETTER

LIVING GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE REVEREND DAVID E. HARDY, D.D., PASTOR
THE REVEREND DIRK LANGE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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



Outreach Committee

*Annual Flea Market and Blood Drive
Saturday, 14 May*

Saturday, 14 May, is the date of our annual Flea Market and Blood Drive. Save all your “Stuff” when you do your Spring Cleaning. Call Sue Benner, 770/493-4044, for more details. Flea Market hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Blood Drive hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to price on Friday, 13 May, and again on Saturday, 14 May, to help with the sale.

Notes and Reminders

Please continue to collect empty inkjet cartridges for recycling and place them in the box located in the Narthex. Also remember to bring canned items for the food pantry of Toco Hills Ministry.

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GENERAL NEWS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May Birthdays

2 – Erin Cunefare; Ed Kennedy
5 – David Benner
15 – Mackenzie Arroyo
16 – Charlette Beutler
21 – Fred Kroger
23 – Zack Stickell
25 – Ryan Axel
28 – Bill Conley
30 – Jan Levensgood

Births

Noémi Marie Lange was born on Monday, 25 April, at 3:44 p.m. and weighed in at 8 lbs. 1 oz. Her proud parents, sister and brother are The Rev. Dirk, Ilona, Florence and Julien Lange. We praise God for this new addition to the Lange family.

Change of Address

Jim and Mary Jane Outman will be moving in with their daughter, Cynthia on a temporary basis as they remodel their home. Cynthia's address is 3268-A Henderson Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4522. Their phone number will be the same.

Rose W. Flichman has a change of address. Her new address is 3527 B Summitridge Drive, Atlanta, GA 30340-4115, telephone 770/908-1252.

David Allen has a new phone number, but still living at the same address. His number is 404/376-7966.

Facilities Calendar

As many activities are being planned using Living Grace's facilities, please make sure you check the Facilities Calendar on the wall by the office before scheduling an event. If you have any questions, please call the church office. Thank you!

Announcements for Bulletins

If you have an announcement to be placed in the Sunday bulletins, please let Leanne Beutler know no later than 12 Noon Friday before the Sunday it is to be printed. You may send the announcement via email to the following address: lbeutler@aol.com.

Thanks Expressed

Betty Bartling, Fred and Jo Kroger would like to thank the people of Living Grace Lutheran Church for their kind and generous support of them and of their cause: Parkinson's Disease. Our three intrepid walkers collected a total of \$616, which, thanks to Thrivent for Lutherans, became a check for \$924 to the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA). Thanks in large measure to the gorgeous weather, this years' Park 'n' Run raised in excess of \$50,000, a record amount. One hundred percent of these dollars go to support the research agenda of the APDA.

Instructional Class for Counters

There will be an instructional class for ALL counters both new and old on Sunday, 22 May, at 12:15 p.m. We will go over the new counter sheet and some organizational procedures for placing the funds on the proper line items.

Treasurer's Report

Income for 2005 through April 23 is up 10.9% over the same period in 2004. Income from envelopes and loose offerings totals \$81,077.20. Our expenses are 18% under budget for the same period. Our budgeted income for the period should be \$100,737.91.

Youth Auction

Do you have lots of chores around the house you would like some help with? How about all that yard work? Well, here's your opportunity to have someone else take care of it for you! The youth will be having a silent auction to

raise money this summer's mission trip. On Sundays, 22 and 29 May, during the coffee time after 10:30 a.m. service, bid sheets will be posted in the fellowship hall. Items up for bid will include things like 2 to 4 hours of help with housework, yard work, chores, babysitting, etc. The dates of the work will be coordinated for early June. For more information contact Virginia Dick at 770/831-9284 or by way of this e-mail address: virginia@hush.com.



**Women of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America
(WELCA) News**

Fall Cluster Meeting

Fall Cluster Meeting will be held on Saturday, 15 October, at Rock of Ages Church, Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain.

Circles and Meeting Times

Dorcas Circle The next meeting will be Tuesday, 3 May, 10:00 a.m. at Phyllis Prunty's home. *All women of Living Grace are cordially invited to attend.*

Coming Events

Church Women United The Church Women United May Friendship Day will be held Friday, 6 May, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church of

Decatur, 601 West Ponce de Leon Avenue. Call Sue Benner or Charlette Beutler for details.

Sew-N-Sews Monday, 9 May, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at the church.

Quilting Group Saturday, 14 May, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and on Thursday, 26 May, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at St. James Church.

Heifer Sunday Heifer International Sunday is 15 May.

General Meeting The next General Meeting will be Noon, Saturday, 21 May, at the Church. Please bring all health kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Triennial Gathering The Triennial Gathering will be held 5-10 July in San Antonio, Texas. Go to the web site womenof-helca.org—triennium graphic—for additional information.

General Meeting A General Meeting will be held at the church on Saturday, 10 September, beginning at 12:00 Noon. The truck for collecting our donations for Lutheran World Relief will be at Living Grace on Friday and Saturday, 9-10 September.

WELCA Convention The WELCA Convention is 16-19 September at Falls Creek State Park in Pikesville, Tennessee.

The truck will be there also to accept donations from the entire South-eastern Synod. As you remember, our goal is 25,000 pounds of donations. Bring lots of soap as well as health kits.

Praying for Members, Family, and Friends

Members

David Allen; Charlie Althafer; Patti Axel; Walter “Wally” Bartling; Bill Crawford; Tom Droege; Martin Gruber; J.W. “Jay” Hohenstien; Verna Jensen; Victor Koeves; Julien Lange; Robert Solheim; Joan “Jo” Richards; Edna Waring

Family and Friends

Helen Bass

Phyllis Prunty’s sister-in-law

Leslie Rotureau

Sue Benner’s sister

Donald Carigan

The Gere family’s friend

Carol Balsan

Jane Simmons’s sister

Frances Webb

Jane Simmons’s mom

Bill Markham

Frieda Joiner’s friend

Marian Seckinger

JoAnn Durrence’s sister

Bert Wege

Jeff and Patti Axel’s friend

John Zurkammer

Jerry Prunty’s nephew

Sharon Colten

Phyllis Prunty’s sister-in-law

Janet Garber

Connie Holley’s godchild

Connie Talbot

Vic and Lorraine Koeves’s daughter

Kimberly Le

Peter Phan’s friend

Melvin

Evelyn Woosley’s brother

Bill Weaver

Dot Beaver’s brother

Judi Tanner

Dot Beaver’s niece

Eloise Wolfersteig

Friend of Leanne and Charlette Beutler and Philip Newton

Virgil Waylor

Martin Gruber’s friend

Hulda Stock

Grandmother of Allison Bordnick-Stock

Judy Hoskins

Friend of Leanne Beutler

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY

PARISH NURSE

Each Tuesday and Friday, 10-2

CARE AND PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, 17 May, at 7:30 p.m.

S.M.I.L.E. GROUP

Saturday, 7 May, at 12 noon

SEW 'N SEWS

Monday, 9 May, at 10:00 a.m., at the church

BARNABAS BREAKFAST

Wednesdays, 7 a.m.

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

Wednesdays in choir room, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sunday, 15 May, at 1:30 p.m. in the nave

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

*Sundays, 15 May, 12:15-1:15 p.m.
in the choir room and 22 and 29 May during Sunday
School, 9:30-10:00 a.m.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PARENT MEETING

Sunday, 15 May, 12 Noon in the choir room

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.

WELCA Circle Meetings

*Dorcas Circle, Tuesday, 3 May, at 10:00 a.m.
General Meeting, Saturday, 21 May, at 12 noon*

PRAYER VIGIL

Saturday, 21 May

WORSHIP AND DESIGN COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, 21 May, 10:00 a.m.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, 22 May, final day for making your pledge commitments for the three-year campaign

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASS FOR COUNTERS

Sunday, 22 May, at 12:15 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER

22 MAY

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Sunday, 6 Easter, 1 May

Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:30

Sunday School at 9:30

Senior Choir Warm-Up at 10:00

Pig Roast and Celebration Rally after the 10:30 service

Sunday, 7 Easter, 8 May

Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:30

Sunday School at 9:30

Senior Choir Warm-Up at 10:00

Sunday, The Day of Pentecost, 15 May

Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:30

Sunday School at 9:30

Senior Choir Warm-Up at 10:00

Children's Choir at 12:15 to 1:15

Handbell Rehearsal at 1:30

Sunday, The Holy Trinity, 22 May

Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:30

Adult Sunday School at 9:30

Children's Choir Rehearsal at 9:30

Senior Choir Warm-Up at 10:00

Sunday, 2 Pentecost, 29 May

Holy Communion at 8:15 and 10:30

Sunday School at 9:30

Children's Choir Rehearsal at 9:30

Senior Choir Warm-Up at 10:00



Health Ministry

This month let us focus on striking stress with spirituality. We may have stress related to uncertainties or problems in relationships, spiritual well-being of loved ones, finances and health. God's word reminds us, ". . .You will keep in perfect peace in him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You" (Isaiah 6:3).

What does spirituality have to do with stress?

Stress refers to physical, psychological and spiritual responses to demands. It isn't the demands themselves as much as "believing in one way and living in another." Stress isn't the distance we pedal as much as it is the distance between what we value and what we do. When the people and activities that are important to us receive little of our time and energy. . .we feel STRESSED! Our faith can help us to creatively live with our values rather than in opposition to them (Acts 17:27-28). This perspective may explain why persons with terminal illnesses can live with more joy and peace while facing major losses. The World health Organization calls stress "A Global Epidemic."

Striking Stress with Spirituality: FROG

- Fully rely on God: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."
- Relax: Close your eyes and slow down your breathing, scan your body for signs of stress, tense all muscles (starting with clenching your teeth and go down to your toes) as you take a breath in and slowly relax all with slow deep breaths using your belly rather than your chest.

Repeat 4-5 times. Several other stress busters are: praying, diaphragmatic breathing, and meditating.

- Observe: It is very important to be able to scan your body, mind and spirit in terms of where and how stress is affecting you. Try keeping a stress log.
- God's Peace: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace." (Col. 3:15).

There are a number of copies of "directives for Health Care" on the shelf in the Narthex. If you have not filled out your wishes for your care or appointed a Durable Power of Attorney, I would encourage you to pick up a copy and fill it out. If you have any questions about it, please see me.

Upcoming Dates

We will have a blood drive on Saturday, 14 May, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The blood mobile will be parked in the driveway. The annual flea market will be on the lawn.

Put the trip to Niagara Falls, Canada, on your calendar. We will leave on Monday, 3 October, and return Saturday, 9 October. Let us get a number of folks to make the bus trip worthwhile.

Yours in Christ,



Jan Levensgood
Parish Nurse/Health Minister



WORSHIP AND MUSIC AT LIVING GRACE

Living Out Our Baptism

Hymn of the Month

"Look, the Sight is Glorious"
to be sung on 8 May

The three hymns of Thomas Kelly (1769-1855) that appear in LBW rank among the finest in the English language. Author of over 750 hymns, Kelly was to Ireland what Isaac Watts ("Father of English Hymnody") was to England in the transition from psalmody to hymnody. Ordained in the Church of Ireland (Anglican), he was later banned from preaching by the archbishop of Dublin due to his strong evangelical tendencies. He became an independent preacher. He read the scriptures daily in their original language, and this hymn is based upon Revelation 11:15 ("And he shall reign for ever and ever"). The 150th anniversary of Kelly's death is Saturday, 14 May 2005.

The tune, *Bryn Calfarfa*, has been described as "a piece of real Celtic rock." It was composed by William Owen (1814-1893), who, like his father, worked in the Penrhyn slate quarries.

Senior Choir Welcomes Singers as We Move to the Summer Schedule

The Senior Choir rehearses each Wednesday in May, 7:00-8:30 p.m. We are currently preparing music for festival services on the Day of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. We are also working toward a world premiere on Sunday, 29 May. A nursery is provided for rehearsals upon request.

At our last rehearsal for the season on 25 May, we will review simple anthems that are scheduled for the summer months. "Occasional singers" are welcome to join us and sing when you are in town over the summer. During the summer, the choir meets in the chancel on Sunday mornings at 10:00 sharp to review simple

music scheduled for the 10:30 service. All are welcome!

Local Sacred Music Opportunities



The Atlanta Sacred Chorale will present its season finale at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church on the Emory campus on Saturday, 4 June, at 8:00 p.m. This season's program is centered on the theme of the "Wondrous Love" of God given in Jesus the Christ. Music of Byrd, Christiansen, and Wilberg is included, and the program features Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings* in a choral setting of the Agnus Dei. Tickets are available at the door or from ASC singers at Living Grace: Sarah Ruuska, Miguel Santiago, and Philip Newton.

The Cathedral of St. Philip will celebrate Pentecost with a special Choral Eucharist on Sunday, 15 May, at 4:00 p.m. The Cathedral Schola will sing music by Palestrina, and featured will be the organ suite, *Messe de la Pentecôte* by Olivier Messiaen. All are welcome at this service, at which a free-will offering will be collected.

Images of the Season

The Ascension of Our Lord
Thursday, 5 May



The risen Lord enters the invisible presence of God in order to be present in all times and in all places to the church and to the world. Where shall we find the risen and ascended Lord today? In his word and his bread, in his people and his washing with water and the Spirit, and in all who cry out for mercy.

Even though we will not be celebrating this feast day as an assembly, we ask that you take the time to pray this prayer:

Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



*The Day of Pentecost
Sunday, 15 May*

On the fiftieth day of Easter, the church gathers to celebrate the ongoing life of the Holy Spirit who is its breath, vitality, and inspiration. Through the Holy Spirit, the good news unravels age-old divisions among peoples and nations. In the waters of baptism, the Spirit gives us birth as brothers and sisters of Christ and unites people of different races, tribes, and ethnic groups. In the bread and cup of the holy supper, the Spirit nourishes our unity in worship and witness. On this day, the church offers thanksgiving to God for the very one who continues to sustain its life in each new generation and makes its prayer possible.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will have rehearsals on three upcoming Sundays—15 May at 12:15-1:15 p.m. and 22 and 29 May during Sunday School, 9:30-10:00 a.m. All children from the

age of 5 to 5th grade are welcome to join the choir. For more information, please speak with Leanne Beutler, Director.

In last month's newsletter we proposed a trip for the children's choir to Music Week the week of 17 July, at Lutheridge/Lutherock in Arden, NC. I have received interest from a couple of children. It is a great opportunity for the children. I would like to have a meeting of the parents of the children's choir on Sunday, 15 May, at 12 Noon to discuss this week and get a confirmation of how many will be attending so we can figure out the cost. The cost would include the registration, lodging, and food. The individual amount would depend on how many children and adults would be attending. For more information you may contact Leanne Beutler, Director of the Children's Choir, and attend the 12 Noon meeting on Sunday, 15 May.

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir will have a rehearsal on Sunday, 15 May, at 1:30 p.m. We will be preparing an anthem to be played for worship service on Sunday, 12 June.

Worship and Design Committee

We will have a meeting of the Worship and Design Committee for the new church on Saturday, 21 May, at 10:00 a.m.

Special Days in May

2 May
St. Philip and St. James, Apostles (transferred)

14 May
Vigil of Pentecost

15 May
The Day of Pentecost

22 May
The Holy Trinity

31 May
The Vistation



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