

Living Grace

Notes

October 2010 Newsletter

The Reverend David E. Hardy, D. D., Pastor
Web Page: www.livinggracelutheran.org

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

REFORMATION DAY **Sunday, 31 October**

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

ONE SERVICE ONLY
10:30 a.m.

Lunch and fun to follow

<i>Lay Assistants</i>

Sunday, 3 October

Ushers	8:30 – David Benner 10:30 – Merrill and Jo Ann Durrence
Lectors	8:30 – Merritt Shealy 10:30 – Jim Outman
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Leanne Beutler 10:30 – Team 3
Acolyte	10:30 – Abi Akamo
Greeters	10:30 – Doris McGreevy/Connie Holley
Counters	Will and Shirley Arroyo

Sunday, 10 October

Ushers	8:30 – Jim Tuminella 10:30 – David and Lin Parker
Lectors	8:30 – Jim Tuminella 10:30 – Olivia Kellar
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Leanne Beutler 10:30 – Team 4
Acolyte	10:30 – James Cressman
Greeters	10:30 – Karen Bramlet/Mary Ann Blessing
Counters	John and Margaret Holden

Sunday, 17 October

Ushers	8:30 – Keith Siekierski 10:30 – Cate Sulek/Walter Sobers
Lectors	8:30 – Andrew Hoppen 10:30 – Stephanie Cunefare
Communion Assistants	8:30 – David Benner 10:30 – Team 2
Acolyte	10:30 – Erin Cunefare
Greeters	10:30 – Steve and Cindy Nelson
Counters	David and Lin Parker

Sunday, 24 October

Ushers	8:30 – Michael Hardy 10:30 – Jim and Cynthia Outman
Lectors	8:30 – Michael Hardy 10:30 – Taylor Cunefare
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Missy Streubel 10:30 – Team 6
Acolyte	10:30 – Leanne Beutler
Greeters	10:30 – John and Agnes Nelson
Counters	Pat Stowers/Dot Beaver

Sunday, 31 October (Reformation – ONE SERVICE ONLY – 10:30 A.M.)

Ushers	Chip Combee/Jason Dick
Lector	Gaelon Ratel
Communion Assistants	Team 1
Acolyte	Michael Akamo
Crucifer	Antemil Jorkey
Torch Bearers	Nikki Ireton/Erin Cunefare
Bible Bearer	Melody Ireton
Greeters	Scott Hilley/Phyllis Prunty
Counter	Leanne Beutler

- Team 1 = Will Arroyo – Captain
Jan Levensgood
Stephanie Cunefare
- Team 2 = Margery Kellar
Lesley Campbell
Carol Ireton
- Team 3 = Jim Outman – Captain
Mary Jane Outman
Cynthia Outman
- Team 4 = Marlene Hardy – Captain
Jo Kroger
Paul Lefebvre
- Team 5 = Lynn Lefebvre – Captain
Stephanie Rhodes
Carolyn Davis
- Team 6 = Jason Eklund – Captain
David Guptill
Leanne Beutler

Floaters/Substitutes –Taylor Cunefare; Leanne Beutler

If you wish to serve as a Lector or Communion Assistant, please contact Margery Kellar at margerykellar@comcast.net and she will be happy to place you on the rotation and prior to your first reading or assisting, you will be trained.

If you wish to be an usher and or counter, please contact Leanne Beutler at LBeutler@aol.com and she will be happy to put you on the schedule.

Have you ever wondered what the members of the Altar Guild do for the church? They are a very important part of the worship service. They prepare the elements for Holy Communion and do the proper clean-up of the elements after the services. They also prepare the altar with the proper liturgical paraments and make sure the candles are ready with oil and the eternal light never dies. This is a special service for the church and we are in need of more members. For those who want to serve the Lord in a very special way, please consider the Altar Guild. You will be trained! Please contact Missy Streubel at her email address streub@bellsouth.net.

General News and Notes

October Birthdays

1	Emily Wynne	
6	Susan Brinkley	
7	Matthew Hardy	Jo Kroger
9	Joe Conley	Judy Carter
10	Jac Larson	
12	Darrell Simmons	
16	Mary Carlson	Pete Mehravari
18	Olivia Durrence	
19	Isabelle Balsavage	James Cressman
20	Corlyn Conley	
21	Adam Kellar	Cynthia Outman
23	Oak Lionberger	
25	Samantha Ireton	
28	Jim Tuminella	
30	Natalie Arroyo	

Deaths

Ree Lionberger was called to her eternal home on 24 September. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Newsletter Articles

To submit a newsletter article, you can either have a hard copy into the church office by the deadline date listed or send an electronic format to Leanne Beutler at Lbeutler@aol.com.

Newsletter Distribution

The newsletter is being received electronically via email to members of those who requested it. At any time, if you wish to receive this newsletter via electronically please inform Stephanie Cunefare, sacunefare@hotmail.com or Leanne Beutler, Lbeutler@aol.com.

Announcements for Bulletins

Reminder to all that announcements for weekly Sunday bulletins need to be electronically sent to Leanne Beutler no later than Thursday evening prior to the Sunday insertion. The email address is Lbeutler@aol.com.

Church Calendar

There is a wall calendar near the church offices in which you can check to see what is happening at the church not only for the month, but several months ahead. Please inform the church office if you wish to use the church facilities and we will check the calendar and place your event on the calendar. We hope this will

eliminate “double-bookings” of the facilities.

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and Angels??

We would like to thank all of you who have taken *LBW's* to do the first part of the angel. On Saturday, 23 October, we will have an angel work-day to complete the angels. If you would like to help, please contact Leanne Beutler or Christine Chappell.

Sew 'N' Sews

Sew'n Sews is having a fund raiser to purchase 1 or 2 “new” sewing machines. The sewing machines that we hope to buy are Husqvarna Viking Emerald at a cost of \$349 each. This is a very good sturdy machine. This machine will sew the variety of fabric that Sew 'n Sews and Bag Ladies use in our outreach projects. We should get many years of use without maintenance bills. On the 5th Sunday of October we will be selling hand knitted and crocheted dish/spa cloths along with glass sun catchers and pendants.

Cathy Shirah and Margery Kellar salvaged glass from St. Matthew's demolition, took classes in stained glass art and have now created some sun catchers and pendants using the glass and will also be available.

Margery also created a stained glass hanging which will be on display in the Narthex starting on October 3rd. All glass but the dove once graced the windows of St. Matthews Sanctuary. On October 10th raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win the glass hanging. Ticket will be sold until the fifth Sunday drawing.

Also, you can donate thru offering and marking it for Sew 'N' Sews or sewing machines. Thanks for your support.

Oktoberfest

October has a 5th Sunday and you know what that means...time for fun, fellowship and food. Following our Reformation Service AND 5th Sunday, on October 31, we will be celebrating our German heritage with a little Oktoberfest. Watch your weekly bulletin announcements for further information and sign-up opportunities.

Thank You

I wish to thank my Living Grace family for all the prayers, cards and well wishes during my recent illness and recuperation in the nursing home. I am home now and continuing to get stronger.

Stan Gere

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers for my husband Tom. His eyes have so improved that he is even driving.

Doris McGreevy

Graceful Group

The Graceful Group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 14. Come join us for a potluck lunch (main dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert) at 11:30 a.m. Invite your friends to join our group.

Many of you know Larry and Karen Wendt from one of our neighboring Lutheran churches. They will share some of their experiences as foster parents at our October meeting. Larry and Karen have been providing this service for a number of years and have had some beautiful babies.

Make your reservation by calling or emailing JoAnne Durrence by Tuesday, October 12 if you plan to attend (404-633-1833 or email gmdurrence@bellsouth.net).

We will again have a table for books and magazines that you are willing to donate for someone else's enjoyment. You may read a book or magazine and bring it back for someone else to enjoy next month. Unclaimed magazines will always be given to the DeKalb recycling program.

Mark October 14 on your calendar and join us for a great time of food and fellowship.

Blue Star Project

The Anna Circle will collect items to be sent to deployed service men and women through the Blue Star project in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The next mailing will be shipped at the end of October. Here are a few suggestions for your shopping list: beef jerky, nuts, trail mix, crystal light, sugar-free gum, hand-warmer packages, any hygiene items such as toothpaste & brushes or mouth cleaners such as "Wisp" by Colgate. Also, they would appreciate any Christmas items such as stockings. Dollar stores will carry these soon. Most items should be individually sized. Thank you for your continued support.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee requests that all Committee Chairpersons submit their proposed 2011 budgets by 31 October. The Finance Committee will begin reviewing the proposals on 3 November. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Stowers. Thanks!

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 Prayer Requests

Please notify Leanne Beutler, Newsletter Editor via email at Lbeutler@aol.com or written note to add or remove a name from the prayer list. If the name has appeared in three consecutive newsletters, it will be removed in the fourth

newsletter unless you notify Leanne by the newsletter deadline.

**Praying for Members,
Family, and Friends**

Members

Vern Arneson; Bill Conley; Ruth Cressman; Stan Gere; Laurel Jackson; Verna Jensen; Fred Kroger; Julien Lange; Debra Melchionda; and Nevada Seawell.

Helen Cunningham

Mother of Margery Kellar

Alex Markert

Nephew of Jim Tuminella

Marietta Sandidge

Mother of Jo Kroger

Lib and Joe Hale

Friends of Connie Holley

Mary Mildred McArthur

Mother of Mary Jane Outman

Wynne Franke

Cousin of Margery Kellar

Steve

Friend of Missy Streubel

Rosemary Stewart

Friend of Tom Bellamy

Dale Garner

Friend of David and Sue

Benner

Joyce Briggs

Friend of Connie Holley

Members in Armed Forces

Capt. Matthew Hardy, SC 1-41FA, 3ID - Iraq

Son of Pastor and Marlene Hardy

Capt. Curtis Nelson, ACO2-3-AVN – Afghanistan

Son of Steve and Cindy Nelson

Health Ministry

In October, many Christians recognize the Feast of St. Francis (4 October). Francis is fondly remembered for many virtues including peacemaking, openness to all, simplicity in living, radically living a call to service, and respect for all of creation. This month I want to visit with you on **Peacemaking**.

The Bible provides many support verses for a call to peacemaking and Biblical reconciliation. In the Old Testament, God blessed His people with peace and wholeness, promises joy for those who promote peace, and Jesus was prophesized to be the Prince of Peace (Num. 6:26; Prov. 12:20; Is. 9:6). In the New Testament, Jesus is seen as our peace, and we are called and empowered to be peacemakers (John 14:27; Matthew 5:9).

What are the Challenges to Peace?

Most of our days are punctuated with some measure of conflict and discord, either within ourselves, with others, or in our spiritual life. Certainly some of the factors

that contribute to conflict include our busy and hectic lives, less opportunity for real communication that explores feelings, perceptions and experiences, and the increasing tolerance for violence as a form of problem solving. Sometimes, real strength involves looking for another solution.

What can I do to Cultivate a Life of Peace?

The Bible offers us some great wisdom on living lives as peacemakers, and my perspective is captured in the following acrostic:

P pursue God, His Word and His way of responding to conflict (Matthew 6:33)

E each person you meet, look at them as Christ sees them, and avoid focusing on minor faults (John 4:7)

A accept personal responsibility for your contribution to conflict, try to see the situation from the other person's view point (Gal. 6:4)

C connect with the other person and ask for forgiveness (Matthew 5:23-24)

E evaluate this situation and all others in the future for peaceable rather than punitive solutions. You can ask yourself, "am I really committed to a peaceful solution, even if it takes more time and energy. . . or do I feel I am in the right and I want the other person to feel my anger"?

May you and your loved ones be blessed as you pursue lives of peace and wholeness.

In the Name of our Prince of Peace, your Parish Nurse,

Jan Levensgood, Parish Nurse/Health Minister

Dates to Remember: The Health Fair and Blood Drive on Saturday, 16 October from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. We will have flu shots available from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. You must give blood before getting the flu shot if you plan to do both.

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

Living Grace Women of the ELCA General Meeting

Many thanks to all the ladies who attended the General Meeting on Saturday September 18th 2010 at 12:00N at the church. The Miriam Circle hosted the

luncheon meeting.

Officers serving for the coming year are:

President:	Phyllis Gerke
Vice President:	Marlene Hardy
Secretary:	Cindy Nelson
Treasurer:	Pat Stowers

All women of Living Grace are invited and encouraged to participate in our programs of service. With your help our coming year can be even more exciting and productive than ever!

Magi Conference Cluster

There will be a Magi Conference Cluster Meeting held on Saturday October 16th, 9:30AM at All Saints Lutheran Church on Rockbridge Road in Lilburn.

Participation in this meeting is extremely important as it gives all those attending an opportunity to suggest and support those long-term and short-term projects that will be undertaken for the coming year.

Contact Sue Benner @ 770.493.4044 or suembenner@yahoo.com for further information and registration.

Church Women United

World Community Day will again be held November 5th. Look for the time and place of the service in the bulletin.

For additional information, please contact Sue Benner, Key Woman @ 770.493.4044 or suembenner@yahoo.com.

Twenty-Third Annual Convention

Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA

The Twenty-Third Annual Convention of the Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA was held at the Hilton Inn and Conference Center in Marietta on September 10th-12th.

Agnes Nelson served as our Delegate for this meeting. Those from Living Grace who attended were Sue Benner, Carolyn Davis, Connie Holly, Marjorie Kellar, Sharon King, Jan Levengood, and Stephanie Rhodes.

Louise Iconis President of the Women of the ELCA Southeastern Synod presided at the convention.

Living Grace donated a total of 336 pounds of quilts, school bags for Lutheran World Relief. The goal for the Southeastern Synod was 30,000 pounds. We

exceeded our goal by more than 4,000 pounds. Time to get started for next year!

Our Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention will be held on September 16th – 18th, 2011 at Gunthersville State Park in Gunthersville, Alabama.

Sew-N-Sews

The Sew-N-Sews will be meeting on Monday October 11th from 9:30AM to 12:00N at the Church. If you would like to help you may call JoAnn Durrence @404.633.183.

Piece Maker's

The quilting group will meet at St. James Church on Thursday October 7th, Thursday October 21st and on Saturday October 9th - 9:00AM to 12:00N.

The quilts are made and sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to those in need around the world.

You may call Agnes Nelson @770.458.3473 if you would like to participate.

Prison Ministries Books ...Greeting Cards!

We continue to collect both paperback and hardback books for stocking the prison libraries. We are also collecting Birthday Cards, Valentine Cards, Easter Cards, note cards and greeting cards for all occasions so that the women can send their personal greetings to family members and friends.

We also have needs for reading (not prescription) glasses.

Your donations for all programs can be placed in the designated box in the Narthex.

Judy Knapp of Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Stone Mountain, is the Clinical Chaplin at Pulaski State Women's Prison in Hawkinsville, GA

Outreach Committee

Shearith Israel Night Shelter for Homeless Women

For the 27th consecutive year, Living Grace will staff the shelter for two weeks. We will be staffing the shelter from Monday November 15th through Sunday November 21st, and for the last week of shelter operations, a date in March that has not yet been determined.

Mark your calendars and select the time most convenient for you, or for you and a friend. Your one night of service (or more!) is greatly appreciated by the ladies who are working so hard to become independent once again.

Our week in November is the first week that the shelter will be in operation. Our week in March is the last week of the season. These two weeks of operation are very critical times for the ladies. It is very important to provide the right atmosphere at the start of the season so that all runs smoothly throughout the year; and it is just as important to ensure that the ladies are well prepared to take on the next phase of their lives.

For those who have not yet served and for those who are interested in learning more about this program, get in touch with Sue or David Benner @ 770.493.4044 or email @ dobenner@yahoo.com. They will be happy to describe to you the duties involved. If you would like, they will also take you to visit the facility so that you can take a personal first hand look at the shelter. They will also be pleased to put you in touch with prior volunteers who can talk to you about their experiences in this very special Outreach Ministry Program.

NETWorks

The NETWorks Community Ministry operating hours are 1:00PM - 4:00PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The office is located at Tucker First Baptist Church on LaVista Road, across the street from Tucker High School.

Please consider volunteering to help those in need. Contact Sue Benner @ 770.493.4044/suembenner@yahoo.com.

Thanks to all who have so generously donated food items to the food pantry. The need continues for donations. You may place your non-perishable food items in the designated box in the Narthex. As our economy continues to struggle, more and more families are in need of food. Our donations are critically needed.

The NETWorks fish fry fund raiser, held on Saturday September 18th was a big success. We netted \$1,710 to assist in providing the programs of service to those in need. Thanks to all who participated!

Heifer Sunday

The Third Sunday of each month is designated to be Heifer International Sunday. October 17th will be the Sunday for this month!

Heifer International is an organization that provides farm animals for families in developing countries. **Heifer International puts faith into action with its time proven principal of "passing on the gift". Every family who receives livestock agrees to pass on one or more of its animal's offspring to another neighbor in need.**

Special envelopes are provided on these designated Sundays for contribution to this cause.

Hope Lodge

On Thursday October 14th at 6:00PM we will again serve the evening meal to guests who reside at Hope Lodge. Hope Lodge provides housing for cancer

patients undergoing treatment at Emory Hospital and for their caregivers.

Phyllis Prunty will act as our chairperson for this Outreach Ministry Program. To volunteer you may call Phyllis at 770.237.9807.

Foster Parent Gas Cards

For the past several years, Living Grace, in cooperation with a number of other Lutheran churches, has provided gasoline credit cards for the parents participating in the Lutheran Services of Georgia Foster Parent program. This is just a quick reminder to please include this program in your Christmas giving plans.

Parish Education/Youth

Something new for our “Little Ones” at Living Grace:

SUNDAY SCHOOL, FOR POTTY-TRAINED TODDLERS THROUGH KINDERGARTENERS, WILL BE HELD DURING THE 10:30 SERVICE! Stephanie Rhodes, in an effort to reach more of our young children, has offered to move her Sunday School class time so that it coincides with the late worship service. She will pick up the Little Ones from the church nursery after the Gathering Hymn, and she will return them to the nursery before Communion. The children will enjoy bible stories, games and lively songs during this special time. As always, visiting children will be most welcome to participate.

Rally Day Successfully Kicked-Off

Another Children’s Sunday School Year:

We were so happy to see all the kids who came to Rally Day on September 19th ! The kids enjoyed a little bit of everything – a game, a craft, music, fellowship, and of course, snacks. We hope to see even more of our wonderful young people in the weeks to come as the school year gets underway.

In addition to our year-round adult Sunday School class held in the conference room, classes for grades 1 through 12 will be held every Sunday* at 9:30am in our Fellowship Hall. (As noted above, Stephanie Rhodes’ class (Pre-K and Kindergarten) is now being held during the 10:30 service.)

Carolyn Davis’ Elementary class (grades 1 through 5) will be continuing with the great new Spark curriculum, launched just last year by Augsburg Fortress. Cathy Shirah’s youth class (6th through 12th graders) will be trying out a brand-new youth program from Spark called RE:FORM, which will tackle many burning questions that Youth often have about Christianity, the Bible, and other religions. Please join us!

***No class for grades 1-12 on 10/10/10:**

Please join the Spirits in the pavilion at 9:30 for the last outdoor worship service of 2010!

Book of Faith Study Continues

Pastor Hardy will be presenting the next course in the continuing Book Of Faith Study series, a study of Genesis. Each session will be repeated three times during the week. The first of eight sessions begins on Wednesday September 29th

Scheduled dates are:

<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u> <u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>Thursdays</u> <u>6:45 PM</u>	<u>Fridays</u> <u>1:30 PM</u>
One	September 29 th	September 30 th	October 1 st
Two	October 6 th	October 7 th	October 8 th
Three	October 13 th	October 14 th	October 15 th
Four	October 20 th	October	21 st
October 22 nd			
Five	October 27 th	October 28 th	October 29 th
Six	November 3 rd	November 4 th	November 5 th
Seven	November 10 th	November 11 th	November 12 th
Eight	November 17 th	November 18 th	November 19 th

There will be a nominal charge for the study guide.

In Faith,
Cathy Shírah and Stephanie Rhodes
Co-Directors, Parish Education

Worship and Music	<i>Living Out Our Baptism</i>
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Images of the Season

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther’s posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of the abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

Choir Program

The Senior Choir rehearses on Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. All adults and older teens are welcome to come and sing. The Senior Choir normally sings at

the 10:30 a.m. worship service. For more information, please contact Ken Sass, Director of Music.

The Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. services. The October rehearsal dates are 17 and 24, playing in the worship service on Reformation Day, Sunday, 31 October. We welcome anyone from 10 years old to 100 years old to come and ring. You don't have to read music, we will teach you. For more information, please contact Leanne Beutler, Handbell Director.

9:30 Worship Service at the Pavilion

On Sunday, 10 October, we will offer our last 9:30 a.m. service for the season. The service will be lead by the *Spirits* out at the Pavilion.

Atlanta Sacred Choral

Join Eric Nelson and the singers of ASC to usher in the 2010-2011 season with its new "Season Premiere" concert, this year entitled "Awake the Dawn." Celebrate the joy of new beginnings through music spanning centuries and styles, stirring the heart, the mind, and the soul. The concert will be at Emory University, Schwartz Center for Performing Arts, 1700 North Decatur Road, Atlanta. Tickets: \$20. Adults; \$15. Senior/Student. Date: Saturday, 9 October, at 8:00 p.m.



Special Days in October

18 October

Luke, Evangelist

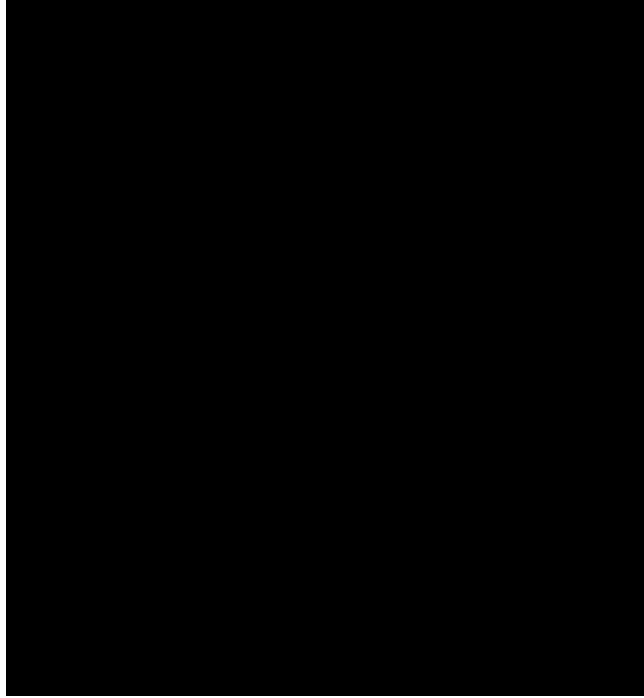
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Simon and Jude, Apostles

31 October

Reformation Day

OCTOBER CALENDAR
SEPARATE ELECTRONIC FILE



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