

Living Grace

Notes

November 2011 Newsletter

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

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

The Case of the Missing Christmas
A 1940's-Style Radio Show
Directed by: Scott Hilley
Produced by: Leanne Beutler

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, 18 December, we will be presenting “*The Case of the Missing Christmas.*” We will be serving dinner prior to the show. You will then become our live radio audience, just as it was back in the 1940’s. This dinner and show is for all ages, family and friends. Of course, you will have to make reservations. In a couple of weeks, we will have a reservation sheet in the narthex for you to sign up and give the number in your party. So mark your calendars and sign up for a fun and relaxing time during this all too busy season.

Lay Assistants

Sunday, 6 November

Ushers	<i>All Saints Sunday</i> 8:30 – David Benner 10:30 – Cate Sulek/Walter Sobers
Lectors	8:30 – Merritt Shealy 10:30 – Carolyn Davis
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Missy Streubel 10:30 – Team 1
Acolyte	10:30 – Emma Jorkey
Greeter s	10:30 – Mark and Cappi Arneson
Nursery Worker	10:30 – Erin Cunefare
Counters	Will and Shirley Arroyo

Sunday, 13 November

Ushers	8:30 – Bobby Smith 10:30 – Chip Combee/Jason Dick
Lectors	8:30 – Jan Levensgood 10:30 – Mary Ann Blessing
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Jan Levensgood 10:30 – Team 4
Acolyte	10:30 – Cynthia Outman
Greeter s	10:30 – Jerry and Christine Chappell
Nursery Worker	10:30 – Erin Cunefare
Counters	John and Margaret Holden

Sunday, 20 November

Ushers	8:30 – Jim Tuminella 10:30 – Harold Bowers/Ed Kennedy
Lectors	8:30 – Jim Tuminella 10:30 – Virginia Dick
Communion Assistants	8:30 – David Benner 10:30 – Team 2
Acolyte	10:30 – Antemil Jorkey
Greeter s	10:30 – Merrill and Jo Ann Durrence
Nursery Worker	10:30 – Leyla Kellar
Counter	Steve and Cindy Nelson

Wednesday, 23 November

Thanksgiving Eve, 7:30 p.m.
Ushers – David Benner/Scott Hilley

Sunday, 27 November*First Sunday of Advent*

Ushers	8:30 – Keith Siekierski 10:30 – John and Agnes Nelson
Lectors	8:30 – Leanne Beutler 10:30 – Betty Bartling
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Leanne Beutler 10:30 – Team Mix (Marlene Hardy/Jan Levensgood/Carolyn Davis)
Acolyte	10:30 – Mackenzie Arroyo
Greeters	10:30 – Betty Bartling/Gail Horton
Nursery Worker	10:30 – Volunteer needed
Counter	Leanne Beutler

- Team 1 = Will Arroyo – Captain
Jan Levensgood
Stephanie Cunefare
- Team 2 = Margery Kellar
Lesley Campbell
David Guptill
- Team 3 = Jim Outman – Captain
Mary Jane Outman
Cynthia Outman
- Team 4 = Marlene Hardy – Captain
Jo Kroger
Mark Arneson
- Team 5 = Lynn Lefebvre – Captain
Stephanie Rhodes
Carolyn Davis

Floater/Substitute – 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. In order to be a communion assistant, you must be a confirmed member of the congregation. If you are interested in serving as a communion assistant, please inform Leanne Beutler and she will train you.

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. 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

November Birthdays

1	Bob Axel	
2	Terez Ratel	
7	Viola Main	
12	Sue Benner	
14	Aaron Durrence	
15	Harold Bowers	Amy Eklund
17	Leyla Kellar	
23	Rev. David Hardy	
25	Lauren Axel	Mark Nelson
26	Carolyn Davis	Lynn Lefebvre
29	Edna Waring	
30	Lanny Henderson	Aaron Combee

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.

Announcements for Bulletins

Reminder that announcements for weekly Sunday bulletins need to be electronically sent to Leanne Beutler no later than Thursday evening prior to the Sunday insertion normally. 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.

Gift Bags Needed by Sew 'N' Sews

Sew 'N' Sews assemble layettes which are given to needy mothers of newborns. We put these in attractive, medium or large size gift bags. If you have any of these bags, please bring them to church and put them in the box in the narthex. Thank you.

Blue Star Project

It's that time again! The Anna Circle will collect items for our deployed troops to be shipped in time for Christmas. The Blue Star box is located in the narthex for you to place your items. Items such as gum, hand sanitizer, body wash, kleenex, socks and fleece blankets are

appreciated. Individual items are preferred. Thank you for any contribution including hand written notes.

Nursery for 10:30 a.m. service

We have a couple of our young people who will be in the nursery to attend the children that won't be at Sunday-Fest during the 10:30 a.m. service. There is a schedule up on the bulletin board in the reception area informing you who the person will be on a given day. The schedule goes from 25 September through 25 December. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Beutler, Parish Administrator.

Graceful Group

The Graceful Group will meet on Thursday, 10 November at 11:30 a.m. Our speaker will be J.D. McCrary from Lutheran Services of Georgia. He is the Associate Director of the Refugee Resettlement program. Come join us for fellowship and good food. Bring a covered dish to share.

Congratulations Connie Holley

Congratulations to Connie Holley for reaching 20,000 hours of volunteer work at DeKalb Medical Center. Connie has been volunteering at the hospital as what they use to call "the pink ladies." These volunteers help out in the gift shop, information desk, mailroom, delivering flowers, etc. Connie is the only volunteer who has earned 20,000 hours of volunteer work.

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 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

Nancy Althafer; Georgia Blanton; Laurel Jackson; Verna Jensen; Fred Kroger; Julien Lange; Paul Lefebvre; Debra Melchionda; Lin Parker; John, Diane and Lisa Reitz and Connie Rivers-Ivy.

Helen Cunningham

Mother of Margery Kellar

Jimmy and Caroline

Gammell

Parents of Louise Iconis

Marshall Anderson

Linda Linke

Friend of Living Grace

Charmaine Bailey

Friend of Leanne Beutler

Tonya Dillard

Friend of Don Larson
Marietta Sandidge
 Mother of Jo Kroger
The Cacioppo Family
 Friends of Jim Gerke
Lib and Joe Hale
 Friends of Connie Holley
Pat LaFleur
 Cousin of Don & Jac Larson
Diana Williams Martin
 Friend of Kathie Kennedy
Emily and Nick
 Friends of David Guptill
Kathryn Fugate
 Friend of Margery Kellar
Sue Stutts
 Friend of Ruth Scott
Anne Mola
 Mother of Jim Gerke
James Davis
 Friend of Carolyn Davis

Friend of Leanne Beutler
Lynn Picioccio
 Friend of Gail Horton
Stacy Wood
 Friend of Cappi Arneson
Marquenetta Clark and Family
 Friends of Living Grace
Larry Leach
 Friend of Jan Levensgood
Lindsay
 Friend of Lisa Guptill
Jerry
 Friend of Ruth Scott
Eugene Lee
 Carolyn Davis
Beverly
 Daughter of Lanny Henderson
Stephanie Davis
 Daughter of Carolyn Davis
Don Nelson
 Brother-in-Law of Jo Ann Durrence

PFC Sean O'Connor

Deployed to Afghanistan, serving in Paktika Province with 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade
 – (grandson of Mary Ann Blessing)

SSgt. Michael Hardy

2nd Marine Logistic Group (Forward)
 Personnel Retrieval and Processing, Camp Dwyer, Helmand Province

Health Ministry

Cold vs. Flu

During this time of year we often wonder if the upper respiratory infection we have is a cold or the flu. Here is a chart to help determine which it is.

<u>Symptom</u>	<u>Cold</u>	<u>Flu</u>
Fever	Pretty rare	Usually present
Aches	Slight body aches and pains	Severe aches and pains
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Fatigue	Fairly mild	Moderate to severe
Sudden Symptoms	Develop over a few days	Rapid onset of 3-6 hrs.
Coughing	Hacking and productive	Dry and non-productive

Sneezing	Common	Uncommon
Stuffy Nose	Common	Uncommon
Sore throat	Mild to moderate	Uncommon
Chest discomfort	Mild to moderate	Often severe
Headache	Fairly uncommon	Very common

Unlike colds, flu can lead to complications like pneumonia, especially in the old, the young, and those with serious health issues. Viruses are transmitted by contact with objects that the infected person has touched after coughing or sneezing. Germs can be transmitted 1 day before symptoms appear and up to 5 days after getting sick.

Stay healthy by eating well, exercising regularly, getting plenty of rest, and practicing good hand washing. If you have a cold or the flu, cover your nose or mouth with a tissue or elbow when coughing/sneezing, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

If you are ill, stay home; don't share your germs. Treat your symptoms by hydrating yourself, getting plenty of rest, gargling to moisten a sore throat, drinking hot liquids to relieve nasal congestion, taking a steamy shower to clear nasal passages, apply hot or cold packs to congested sinuses, using an extra pillow when sleeping to relieve congestion, and avoid travel by air. If you are healthy, share Jesus' love by taking the sick one the standard chicken soup or fluids and caring for the children.

Pills are often considered the first line of defense, but with colds and flu they will not help, since antibiotics are for bacterial infections only and cold/flu germs are viral infections.

Flu vaccine protects against the three strains that are supposed to be most prevalent that year. The body's protection against the flu virus occurs within two weeks after the vaccination. Please get your flu shot!! We gave 15 here at the health fair and most of the drug stores are giving them. The flu can also cause bacterial pneumonia and worsen conditions like congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes. Flu is serious business, so protect against it!!

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

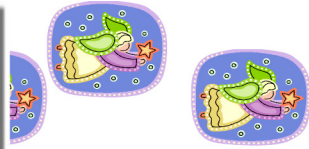
Upcoming Events

You and your family are invited to attend the 2011 Lights of Love and Remembrance Celebration on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Gwinnett Medical Center main Lobby at 1000 Medical Center Blvd. Lawrenceville, GA 30046. This is presented by Congregational Health Ministry.

Our Parish Nurse program here is a partnership with the hospital. If you would like to support the program, you may give a gift in honor or remembrance of someone. There are envelopes on the table in the Narthex.

The GriefShare support group will be discussing "Surviving the Holidays" when we finish the current topics. The schedule is on the table in the Narthex.


Outreach Committee



Remember that Living Grace will once again, for the 28th consecutive year, assist Congregation Shearith Israel to staff its overnight shelter for homeless women for two weeks. We will be staffing the shelter from Monday November 14th through Sunday November 20th, and from Friday March 16th through Thursday March 22nd.

Serving as an overnight volunteer can be a very meaningful way for you or you and a friend to be on the front lines of providing a measure of God's love and concern directly to those who most need to know God cares about them.

This year, instead of looking for "Innkeepers" to tend the "Inn" for an evening, we are looking for individuals to act as "Angels" to provide protection for homeless women through each night, as Psalm 91 promises those who are in need. Check out the display in the narthex and sign up for the nights that suit you best, and send an "Angel" from Living Grace to the Shearith Israel Shelter to provide protection and support to the women living in the shelter.

If you cannot serve on one of the nights Living Grace is scheduled to staff the shelter, you can go to the shelter website www.sishelter.org, click on the  icon, create an account, go to the Overnight Volunteer page where you can select any night throughout the season that needs overnight volunteers.

Questions? Call Sue or David Benner @ 770.493.4044 or email @dobenner@yahoo.com.

NETWorks

Community Ministry opens in its new location on Monday, November 14th!

The NETWorks Community Ministry operating hours are 1:00PM - 4:00PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The office is located in the former First Union Bank building behind Tucker First Baptist Church which is 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 continue to so generously donate 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.

Annual Tucker Community Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Tucker Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday November 20th at 5:00 PM at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on La Vista Road in Tucker.

Heifer Sunday



The Third Sunday of each month is designated to be Heifer International Sunday. November 20th 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.



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.

Look for the Angel Tree that will be placed in the Narthex for donation envelopes. Please take one of the "Angel" envelopes from the tree; buy one or more \$10 gasoline credit cards, make a cash donation or make out your check to Living Grace Lutheran Church and place the envelope in the offering plate. There are over 100 foster parents in the program that need your help.

Coming Events

Lutheran Services of Georgia sponsors many events throughout the year to bring Lutherans together for fellowship, work projects throughout communities in Georgia and to raise funds to provide needed services for those in need. The following is a list of those events between now and March of next year.

Savannah Golf Classic
Toy Party

November 7, 2011
December 4, 2011

Toy Party a Fun Opportunity to Spread Christmas Spirit

LSG is delighted to announce we have once again been selected as a beneficiary of the annual Toy Party by the sponsor organization, [For the Kid in All of Us](#). This event, which provides toys for needy children, draws close to 5,000 people each year. In 2010, the Toy Party provided LSG with more than 250 toys for the children we serve, out of the 5,000 toys collected. These toys are in addition to those specific items gathered through the LSG Angel Tree Program.

This year the Toy Party will be on Sunday, December 4, 2011 in downtown Atlanta, exact location to be announced later. LSG volunteers from previous years had a great time helping with the party, which requires hundreds of volunteers gathered from all the beneficiary organizations. Food, beverages and t-shirts are given to volunteers. There are three ways you can help LSG through the Toy Party:

1. Bring an unwrapped toy of your choice to the event December 4.
2. Volunteer to help with the Toy Party December 4
3. Volunteer to help sort the toys during the evenings of December 6,7 or 8

If you would like to volunteer, contact Bob Gibeling, volunteer coordinator, bgibeling@lsga.org.

For more information on any of these events, please contact Bob Gibeling at Lutheran Services of Georgia: Telephone - 678.686.9626; email - bgibeling@lsga.org



Church Women United

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

(Joint Celebration with the Atlanta Chapter of Church Women United)

Friday, November 4, 2011

9:30 am. - Registration -- 10:00 am Celebration

Lunch served by the Atlanta Chapter will follow the celebration

Peachtree Christian Church

1580 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta 30309-2435

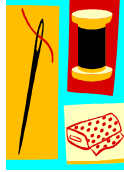
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INGATHERING - No Items will be collected at this meeting.

World Community Day, celebrated annually in the first week of November, is an ecumenical service that brings women and men together to share their aspirations and challenges.

Throughout the 70 years of Church Women United's history, ecumenical action has been the means for work for peace and justice. This year's WCD relates the goals from Micah of justice and mercy to Jesus' demand that we re-examine our own hypocrisy. Only then can action be unlocked. The logo depicts an explosion of actions bursting forth from an unlocked trunk. Past actions will inspire the women of today towards future action. Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 23:23-28 were the texts for the Bible Study written by Rev Myrna Bethke. Writers Joan Brown and Cathy Smith invite us to examine our approach to "unlocking action" in our communities.

For additional information, please contact Sue Benner, Key Woman @ 770.493.4044 or



Sew-N-Sews

A special thanks to all who contributed gift bags for packaging the layettes that are taken to DeKalb Medical Center!

The Sew-N-Sews will be meeting on Monday November 14th 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 November 3rd, Thursday November 10th and on Saturday November 12th - 9:00AM to 12:00 The quilts are made and sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to those in need around the world.



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.

Parish Education/Youth

We continue to offer to the children and youth of our congregation, "*Sunday Fest for Kids.*" The first Sunday of the month is "*Music Sunday.*" The children will have fun learning music and songs to sing not only for church, but for fun. The other Sundays will consist of story-telling, movies and crafts. As you attend the 10:30 a.m. worship service, please bring your children to "*Sunday Fest.*"

Images of the Season**All Saints Sunday****6 November 2011**

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Christ the King**20 November 2011**

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading of this Sunday, God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

First Sunday of Advent**27 November 2011**

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

The Advent Wreath

One of the best known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light.

This year we will be visited by four people, one each week, in the 10:30 a.m. worship service to come and light the candle.

- Isaiah, the Prophet will come and light the candle of hope.
- Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist will come and light the candle of peace.

- Tamar, the innkeeper's wife will come and light the candle of love.
- Itzhak, the young shepherd will come and light the candle of candle of joy.

This will take the place of the psalm in the 10:30 a.m. service. Other changes will be made in the liturgy to mark this season of anticipation and longing. There will be no hymn of praise and we will be changing to a different setting of the liturgy. Please plan to come every Sunday of Advent to experience the anticipation of the Christ-Child.

Choir Program

The Senior Choir rehearses on a weekly basis on Wednesday night. The rehearsals are from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The choir prepares an anthem for the 10:30 a.m. worship services. If you would like to come and sing with the *choir*, please contact Ken Sass, Director of Music.

Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir of Living Grace has lost 4 ringers as they have transferred to another church. This leaves only 4 ringers left in a choir that needs at least 7 to 8 ringers. Anyone who thinks they would like to play handbells please speak to Leanne Beutler, Director. If you don't even know how to read music, we will teach you.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

We will be offering a Service of Thanksgiving on 23 November, at 7:30 p.m., with Holy Communion. Please come and worship with us and "*Give Thanks Unto the Lord.*"

Special Days in November

1 November
All Saints Day

6 November
All Saints Sunday

20 November
Christ the King

27 November
First Sunday of Advent

30 November
Andrew, Apostle

NOVEMBER CALENDAR WILL BE PRINTED HERE

Stuff you didn't know and maybe don't need to know

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better

Coca-Cola was originally green.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work:

Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven:

\$16,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. In any given hour:

61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter, Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts – Charlemagne

Clubs -Alexander, the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England , when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.'
It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'.



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