

Living Grace

Notes

October 2011 Newsletter

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

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

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, 2 October, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will have the “*Blessing of the Animals.*” We will have a “pet-sitter” so you can bring your pets with you when you come to worship at 10:30 a.m. After the service, the pets will be brought into the church to be blessed. If you don’t want to bring your pet, you can bring a picture. All owners are responsible for the clean-up after your own pet.

Special Reformation Service

On Thursday, 27 October, at 7:00 p.m., Living Grace will be hosting a very special Reformation Service. This service will incorporate our rich Lutheran liturgy and worship service, not just in English but in some of the different languages our Lutheran sister congregations in the southeast worship on a weekly basis. The guest preacher will be Dr. Emmanuel Grantson from Maryland and Bishop H. Julian Gordy will con-celebrate with Pastor Hardy. Living Grace was chosen by Synod to host this event because we are known to be a congregation that envelops and welcomes diversity in our worship, but still remaining true to our Lutheran liturgy. Please mark your

calendars to come to this special service.

Lay Assistants

Sunday, 2 October

Ushers	8:30 – Bobby Smith 10:30 – Chip Combee/Jason Dick
Lectors	8:30 – Merritt Shealy 10:30 – Agnes Nelson
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Missy Streubel 10:30 – Team 4
Acolyte	10:30 – Alvin Jorkey
Greeter s	10:30 – TBD
Counters	John and Margaret Holden

Sunday, 9 October

Ushers	8:30 – David Benner 10:30 – Harold Bowers/Chris Keller
Lectors	8:30 – Amy Eklund 10:30 – Jan Levensgood
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Jason Eklund 10:30 – Team 5
Acolyte	10:30 – Michael Akamo
Greeter s	10:30 – TBD
Counters	Steve and Cindy Nelson

Sunday, 16 October

Ushers	8:30 – David Benner 10:30 – John and Agnes Nelson
Lectors	8:30 – David Benner 10:30 – James Reynolds
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Jan Levensgood 10:30 – Team 2
Acolyte	10:30 – Antemil Jorkey
Greeter s	10:30 – TBD
Counter	Leanne Beutler

Sunday, 23 October

Ushers	8:30 – Keith Siekierski 10:30 – Merrill and Jo Ann Durrence
Lectors	8:30 – Leanne Beutler 10:30 – Steph Cunefare
Communion Assistants	8:30 – David Benner 10:30 – Team 5
Acolyte	10:30 – Cynthia Outman
Greeter s	10:30 – TBD
Counters	David and Lin Parker

Sunday, 30 October – Fifth Sunday – One Service at 10:30 – Reformation Sunday

Ushers	Will Arroyo/Terry Blanton
Lectors	Cynthia Outman
Communion Assistants	Team 3
Acolyte	TBD
Greeters	TBD
Counters	Dot Beaver/Pat Stowers

- 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

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	
18	Olivia Durrence	
19	Isabelle Balsavage	
20	Corlyn Conley	
21	Adam Kellar	Cynthia Outman
23	Oak Lionberger	
28	Jim Tuminella	

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.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee requests that all Committee Chairpersons please have their 2012 budget request in no later than Sunday, 30 October. The Finance Committee will begin reviewing them on 1 November. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Stowers.

Thank You

Thank you to all of my friends at Living Grace for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, food and flowers which I received following my hip replacement. My recovery is going well, and I appreciate all of your expressions of love and concern.

Agnes Nelson

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 door of the nursery 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 meets on Thursday, 13 October, at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a covered dish. Our entertainment will be offered by the "*Swinging Group of St. Joseph.*" Hope to see you there!

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; Sheree Benner; Georgia Blanton; Phyllis Gerke; Laurel Jackson; Verna Jensen; Fred Kroger; Julien Lange; Paul Lefebvre; Debra Melchionda; Agnes Nelson; 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

Linda Linke

Friend of Living Grace

Patricia Newton

Friend of Leanne Beutler

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 Larons
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

Tonya Dillard
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

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

In October we observe **National Breast Cancer Prevention** month which is the topic I want to share with you.

Who is at risk for Breast Cancer?

Almost 17,500 will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the US this year. It is the most common cancer among American women. One out of every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime. Almost 30% of the women diagnosed may die from it without proper treatment. Women at increased risk are those with a personal history of breast cancer or have a mother or grandmother who had a history of it. The good news is that breast cancer is often treatable and curable if detected early and many breast tumors are not cancerous. Most breast lumps are found by women doing Self Breast Exams, but mammograms can detect tumors 12 times smaller than those found by chance.

Screening Guidelines:

Self Breast Exams once a month at the same time (a week after your period ends). This is the most important thing we can do to protect ourselves. Check all breast tissue, including the armpit, and above the breast area on the chest wall using a circular motion using your fingertips. It is important to examine your breasts in a mirror to detect any changes.

Breast exam by a health professional every three years between ages 20-39 and yearly from age 40 on.

Baseline *mammogram* before age 40, every 1 to 2 years until age 50 and then once a year (or as often as your Dr. recommends).

See a doctor right away if you feel anything unusual or have any nipple discharge.

What do I Do to Prevent Breast Cancer?

A diet with a high percentage of **plant based foods**, including fruits, vegetables, legumes and whole grains, limited intake of meat and other animal products, and **balancing calorie intake with physical activity** are powerful ways to reduce your risk of breast cancer. Second, taking tamoxifen may cut risk by 50% for some persons. There are some health risks associated with this drug so the decision must be made in careful consultation with your doctor. Third, estrogen doesn't seem to cause cancer but it may cause an increase in breast cancer growth if it is already present.

This month our health ministry has recognized the Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician (October 18) and focused on breast cancer. If you have any concerns related to cancer or risk reduction, please see me. Our greatest resource is to rest in the protecting arms of our loving Father who promises us, "But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord" (Jer. 30:17)

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

Upcoming Events

In October we will be giving flu shots on Saturday, the 8th from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. unless we have more than 25 people who want them. If we have more than that, please be here no later than 11 a.m. We also are having our blood drive with LifeSouth, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., so please donate if you are able. We will also be taking blood pressures, and checking for diabetes.

There will be a sign-up sheet available for the blood drive in another week.

On Tuesday, 11 October, we will take a bus trip to Ellijay to get apples, see the sights and have lunch. It will cost \$5.00 for gas, plus your lunch. It has been a long time since we have taken a bus trip, so come along and enjoy the day. We will leave at 10:00 a.m.

Outreach Committee



Living Grace Participates for the 28th Consecutive Year

In 1983, Congregation Shearith Israel opened a Night Shelter for Homeless Women. Ever since that first year, volunteers from our congregation have served at the shelter. ***This year the Shelter will be open from Monday November 14th through Thursday March 22nd.***

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.

Living Grace traditionally provides overnight volunteers for the opening and closing weeks 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

NETWorks is still in the process of moving into the old bank building behind Tucker First Baptist Church. The new location will provide better facilities for current and expanded programs. Reopening date and new hours of operations will soon be announced.

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.

Heifer Sunday "Passing on the Gift"

Heifer International helps millions of struggling families become more self-reliant by providing food-and income producing animals and training for their care.

"Passing on the Gift" creates a living cycle of sustainability that develops community and enhances self-esteem by allowing project partners to become donors. As people share the

offspring of their animals – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.

The Third Sunday of each month is designated to be Heifer International Sunday. October 16th will be the Sunday for this month! **You may place your donation in the envelope with the lamb on it that will be given to you on Sunday the 16th.**

Hope Lodge

Hope Lodge provides housing for cancer patients undergoing treatment at Emory Hospital and for their caregivers.

On Tuesday September 13th Phyllis Prunty led a group of six members and friends of Living Grace in serving the evening meal to staff of Hope Lodge and to guests and caregivers who reside at Hope Lodge.

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. **These cards provide much needed transportation support for those foster parents who so lovingly care for those children in their care.**

This is an excellent way for those of us who at Christmas time, and on other special occasions, prefer to give charitable donations in honor of or in memory of loved ones and friends.

Sew-N-Sews

The Sew-N-Sews will be meeting on **Monday October 10th 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 6th, Thursday October 27th and on Saturday October 8th - 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.

Fifth Year Anniversary of the Dedication of Living Grace and Outreach Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

On Sunday October 30th, our annual celebration will be held in the fellowship hall immediately following the late service. This will be a covered dish luncheon, sign up sheets will be posted in the Narthex.

This annual affair celebrates not only the anniversary of the dedication of our sanctuary here in Tucker, but is also in appreciation of the time and talents given by faithful members and friends of Living Grace who have volunteered their time over the past year to participate in our outreach projects.

Here is just a partial list of the projects we support

Heifer International	HOPE Lodge	Lutheran Services of Georgia
Lutheran World Relief	Medshare	Piece Makers
NETWorks	Samaritan's Purse	Sew-n-Sews
Shearith Israel Women's Shelter	Souper Bowl	
Women's Prison Ministry	Villa International	

The Outreach Committee is sincerely grateful for the many individuals who volunteer their time, efforts and funds to help make these projects a success!

Last year approximately 85 members of Living Grace participated in the luncheon affair. We are looking forward to another great turnout!



Lutheran Afternoon at the Braves

On Saturday, September 17, **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** sponsored **Lutheran Night at the Braves**, which was magically transformed into **Lutheran Afternoon at the Braves**, in order to facilitate the national broadcasting contract. **The 920 tickets that were purchased for the event generated a contribution of \$2,760.00 to Lutheran Services of Georgia!**

Special thanks to those who attended the game and to the Thrivent representatives who worked so hard to make the day a rousing success!!!

Bill Rumble is our Thrivent Representative here at Living Grace. He can be reached at 770.277.0088 or bill.rumble@thrivent.com.

Magi Conference Cluster

There will be a Magi Conference Cluster Meeting held on Saturday October 29th, 9:00AM -2:00PM. Our Living Grace Women of the Church will serve as hosts for this event. A catered lunch will also be provided. Information on Program and Registration fees, which will also

include lunch, will be provided later.

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.



*All proceeds will benefit
Atlanta
Habitat for Humanity
(Tucker First Habitat build)
and
NETWorks.*

***Join Your Tucker Neighbors for Taste of Tucker and
Music Under the Stars
Church Street
Saturday, October 8 from 4- 8 pm.***

It is a block party and you are invited! Come and meet your neighbors and community businesses and restaurants, sample their food, and listen to some great music. The music will be happening on two stages and there will be an awesome kid zone. Join us in showing support for the Tucker community.

Bring a friend or two!!!

Confirmed Bands

The Forgiven (Tucker First)
Tucker Baptist
Mt. Carmel Christian Church
Sozo
Eleven Standing Still
Tucker Youth Praise Band
Cannon Methodist Youth Praise Band
I Spy the Sailor from
McDonough Christian Church

Confirmed Restaurants

Marlow's Tavern	Barlow's Bar & Grill
Sangrias	Long Horn Steakhouse
Chick Fil A	Moe's Southwest Grill
Mama Mia's Riverside Pizza	Sonic
Smoke Rise Country Club	Local No. 7
Ai Tunes Karaoke Lounge	Twisted Taco
Sheridan's Frozen Custard	

Friend Taste of Tucker or Music Under the Stars on facebook. or check out our website at www.tasteoftucker.com.

Parish Education/Youth

Rally Day was a big success with ten children attending the festivities. Each Sunday there will be a different activity. On the first of every month, the children will have music. They will learn how to sing and recognize different types of instruments and musical notes and symbols. The

other Sundays will be Bible stories, movies or just having fun while learning about Jesus. Parents remember to bring your children and drop them off for the “*Sunday Fest for Kids.*”

Worship and Music

Living Out Our Baptism

Images of the Season

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, 1226

4 October

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being “wedded to Lady Poverty.” Under this leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they took literally Jesus’ words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to “use words if necessary.” Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God’s creation. The commemoration of Francis has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters. A prayer and a hymn attributed to St. Francis are included in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, page 87 for the prayer and #835, “*All Creatures, worship God Most High.*”

On Sunday, 2 October, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will be blessing the animals brought in by worshippers that day.

Luke, Evangelist

18 October

St. Luke is identified by tradition as the author of both Luke and Acts. Luke is careful to place the events of Jesus’ life in both their social and religious contexts. Some of the most loved parables, including the good Samaritan and the prodigal son, are found only in this gospel. Luke’s gospel has also given the church some of its most beautiful songs: the Benedictus sung at morning prayer, the Magnificat sung at evening prayer, and the Nunc dimittis sung at the close of the day. These songs are powerful witnesses to the message of Jesus Christ.

Reformation Day

31 October

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 is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

On Thursday, 27 October, we will be having a Special Reformation Service here at Living Grace at 7:00 p.m. The paragraph on the first page of this newsletter explains this service.

On Sunday, 30 October, we will be celebrating Reformation at one service at 10:30 a.m. This is

a fifth Sunday so we will also have a luncheon following this service.

Choir Program

The Senior Choir resumed the weekly Wednesday night rehearsals. 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.

Atlanta Sacred Chorale

Join Eric Nelson and the singers of Atlanta Sacred Chorale as they throw open the doors on the new season with their *Season Premiere*, entitled "*With a Voice of Singing.*" In songs such as Handel's triumphant, "Oh! Had I Jubal's lyre," Barber's poignant "Agnus Dei," and Hogan's ecstatic "I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart," plus many other cherished classics and newly penned compositions, explore the heights and the depths of the human need to express ourselves in song. Reception with Eric and the singers following.

The concert will be at Emory University, Schwartz Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, 8 October, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for adults, \$20., senior/student, \$15. There is free covered parking and handicap access

Music for Sunday-Fest for Kids

The first Sunday of every month for the Sunday-Fest for Kids during the 10:30 a.m. worship service will be "*music.*" The children will learn songs to sing in church and songs just for fun. They will play games that will teach them music and make them appreciate it in their lives.

Special Days in October

18 October

Luke, Evangelist

28 October

Simon and Jude, Apostles

31 October

Reformation Day

OCTOBER CALENDAR WILL BE PRINTED HERE

The Holy Alphabet

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of 'Camp Complaining'
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To 'thank' is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
X-alting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!



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