



# Grace GATHERINGS

June  
2016

## June 5 Is The Day! Church Picnic!

All are invited  
(dare we say, expected?)  
to come to the  
**Thompson Shelter**  
at **Avery Park** by **1:00 p.m.**

### *What to expect?*

- Delicious food
- Games
- Drama
- Fellowship and Fun

*(See details on insert)*

*Grace Lutheran Church is a  
"Reconciling in Christ"  
congregation. "Reconciling in  
Christ" congregations welcome  
persons of all sexual orientation  
and gender identities.*

*We affirm that we welcome all  
persons regardless of race, gender,  
sexual orientation, age or  
national origin.*

*Our VISION is "to be a  
Christ-centered community who  
welcomes all, grows in faith, and  
reaches out in love."*

*Our MISSION is "to follow Christ  
into our community and world mani-  
festing with caring hearts and help-  
ing hands the good news of the  
Kingdom of Christ."*



### Save the Date(s)

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|----------|--|
| June 5   | Graduate Recognition Sunday<br>Church Picnic — Avery Park      |
| June 16  | American Red Cross Blood Drive @ Grace                         |
| June 19  | Father's Day<br>Conversion to single Sunday Service for Summer |
| Aug 8-12 | Day Camp   |



## Prayers



***This prayer list is a compilation of the prayer requests we have received at Grace from April 20 to May 20. For a more timely update to the prayers, send your email address to [prayers@grace97330.org](mailto:prayers@grace97330.org), and ask to be part of the prayer list.***

### Thanks:

- For safe travel for Jenny Olsen and Wayne Kradjan, as they joined Faith in Practice in Guatemala last month
- For Sara Gelser and three of her children, involved in a traffic accident but thankfully not too badly injured

### Illnesses and Other Concerns:

- Karen Stephenson, after her hip replacement surgery
- Katelyn, Coy and Kathy Scroggins granddaughter, for continued healing after a bacterial infection
- Peggy Vinson, Robin Comforto's mother, who recently broke her wrist
- Richard Leklem, Jim's brother, who is dealing with health problems
- Capella Lapham, Jaya's sister, for continued healing after brain surgery
- Kimberly Samard, and family, as they process the loss of her brother, Ken
- Kurt and Erika Neukomm, for health and healing
- Nancy Lambeth, Pastor Netsie's mother, for health and healing

### Birth:

- Baby Josie, born 13 weeks early to Samantha (2.4 lbs. & 14 inches)

### Baptism:

- Anna Wayt, 5/22, daughter of Sarah and Jay Wayt
- Cara Raze, 5/22, granddaughter of Bev and Frank Raze
- Cayla Raze, 5/22, granddaughter of Bev and Frank Raze

### Death:

- Karen Haggard, beloved friend and member of Grace
- Ryan Kautz, close friend of Sam McKay

### Celebration:

- For 90 years of Luther House!
- Caps off to all graduates! Prayers and blessings for your future!
- To all the father figures in our lives, Happy Father's Day!

### Address Update:

Earlier, in the April Grace Gatherings, we provided a new address for Emery and Helen Hildebrandt. Later we discovered a numerical error, so here is their corrected, new address:

32200 SW French Prairie Road, #C124  
Wilsonville, OR 97070



[www.grace97330.org](http://www.grace97330.org)

Check the calendar tab for updates

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous, and all for your love's sake. Amen.*

## Learning with Grace

### Women's Luncheon



9 June  
2nd Thursday's  
Women's  
Luncheon at  
Laughing Planet  
at 11:45am

28 June  
4th Tuesday's  
Women's  
Luncheon at  
New Morning  
Bakery  
at 11:45am

## Sunday Adult Bible Study (Frank & Sue's Class) June 5 & 12

Join Frank & Sue in the Library each Sunday from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m., and connect the Bible to your life. All are welcome! Due to summer break we will only have Adult Sunday School two Sundays in June. The texts for those two Sundays are from Zephaniah.

### Toward a New Creation

God is the creator and ruler of all, and cares passionately for us and all of creation. This is good news! God desires to live in a loving and renewing relationship with us and the whole world. But the Creator's faithfulness is met by human unfaithfulness, and the created order is in bondage to decay. Is there hope? Will God be faithful? Yes. The prophet Zephaniah and the apostle Paul testify to God as the ruler of all, as the source of mercy and grace for all creation, and as the one who has the power to set matters right in this broken world.

The book of Zephaniah is a word of warning. God's wrath burns hot against God's people because of their idolatry, false sense of superiority, and indifference to the Lord. Zephaniah warns that judgment and punishment will come in the devastating Day of the Lord unless there is repentance.

In this study we will hear God's word of judgment on us and the world, leading us to better understand our total dependence on God's mercy. We will also hear our Creator's word of grace, spoken most powerfully in Jesus Christ, and will seek to grow in faith in him and in love for others.

### Our Writer

Jeanette Bialas Strandjord served as pastor in ELCA congregations for thirty-six years before her retirement in 2015. She thanks these congregations for their faithfulness in Bible Study, adult education, and worship. Their attention to God's Word in the midst of congregational life helped to make her a better preacher, teacher, and writer.

Lesson 1	June 5	The Day of the Lord	Zephaniah 1:4-6, 14-16, 2:3
Lesson 2	June 12	The Consequences of Disobedience	Zephaniah 3:6-8

## Summer Plans for Tuesday Bible Study

In the month of June, we will progress from our study of 1 Corinthians to a study of 2 Corinthians. Even if you were not with us for our study of Paul's first letter to Corinth, you are welcome to join us, as we take a look at his final words to this church established through Paul in this city near the center of the Roman province of Achaia in Greece.

Join us on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Fireside Room for lively discussions and meaningful study. You are welcome to join us for the whole time, or as your schedule allows.

**Please note:** We will take a summer break and not meet in the month of July but will resume the first Tuesday of August on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Tuesday  
BIBLE STUDY

## Pastor's Page

### Synod Assembly 2016



The annual Oregon Synod Assembly was held April 29 -May 1 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. Voting members to the Assembly from Grace included Allie Palmgren, Jeff Palmgren, Pastor Wendell and Pastor Netsie. In attendance as an observer (and as observed and adored by many captivated by her bright eyes) was ten-month-old Cecile Palmgren. Also a voting member at the Assembly was Pastor Jim Norlie who represented OSU Lutheran Campus Ministry.

A copy of our Bishop's reflections on the Synod Assembly along with the final texts of the five resolutions passed at the Assembly are available to you in the back of the 3 ring binder on the office counter which contains the most recent Church Council packet.

Here are some reflections and information gleaned from those of us from Grace who attended:

**From Pastor Netsie:** For those who have never attended an Assembly, it might be helpful to know what happens during an Assembly.

Assemblies always begin and end with worship which includes Holy Communion.

During business sessions reports are heard, resolutions are discussed and voted upon, elections take place, and the budget for the upcoming fiscal year is passed.

Displays abound featuring all kinds of special ministries, educational institutions and organizations (including but not limited to OSU Lutheran Campus Ministry, Camp Lutherwood, ELCA Mission Investment Fund, Pacific Lutheran University, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary).

Quilts donated by congregations are displayed and auctioned via a silent auction to the highest bidders, the proceeds of which are donated to ELCA World Hunger. This year our quilters at Grace provided two quilts for the auction. Total proceeds raised to alleviate hunger through both the quilt auction and the offering at Friday's worship totaled \$3,537.

Workshops are offered on Saturday afternoon. I attended a workshop on "Grant Writing" and another workshop on "Cry of the Refugee" which was very enlightening on the process of refugee settlement through the work of Lutheran Community Services NW.

A Banquet is held on Saturday evening honoring those marking milestones of service to the church. This year Pr. Wendell was honored for 25 years of service to the church as an ordained pastor.

Lots of other good food is served in meals shared with friends and new acquaintances. I thought it was a hopeful sign that there were not enough high chairs available during meal times for the number of babies present at Assembly this year!

Last but not least, there actually is space for a bit of free time to take a rest, respite, or whatever one would like to do. Pr. Wendell and I took a short walk along the river, easy to do because of the location of this year's assembly.

**From Jeff Palmgren:** Here are several of my observations. First, it was such an honor and joy to be present for Pastor Wendell's 25th year of service recognition. We were very proud of him. Second, I was very impressed by the resolution process. The Bishop did his best to stick to the rules of order amid such strong, and often lengthy, opinions. Lastly, as we had never been to a Synod Assembly, I was relieved by the way everyone made us feel very welcome. By the end, many of the other attendees felt like old friends.

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Pastor Netsie's  
Days Off  
Thursday & Friday

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Pastor Wendell's  
Days Off  
Tuesday & Friday

## Pastor's Page Cont.

**From Allie Palmgren:** We want to thank the members of Grace for sending up as your representatives to the Synod Assembly in Eugene. Not only did we get to learn about the process of resolutions and voting, but we also got to meet other Lutherans from all over the state. We had many intriguing conversations over meals and in meetings. It's easy to make fast friends when you bring a baby along! It was also refreshing to see how well-spoken the high school youth are and how much money was raised through the quilt auction for ELCA World Hunger. We were quickly outbid on a beautiful Christmas quilt! If you've ever considered attending, I would strongly recommend it. It sounds like they have some exciting events planned for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation!

**From Pastor Wendell:** If I am honest, I will have to admit that being recognized for twenty-five years of ordination, was really the highlight of the assembly for me this year. It has been quite the milestone for me.

There was another area that caught my interest too, however. That was a presentation from Lutheran Community Services, LCS, by Salah Ansary. Salah emigrated to the United States from Afganistan in 1978, along with his family. Not long after that, he began working for LCS in Portland. Most likely, not many of you know that LCS is part of the Largest Social Ministry Agency in our nation, Lutheran Services of America, whose many health and service organizations touch the lives of some 6,000,000 people, that's one in every fifty people in the USA. Not many know about us because we spend our money on people instead of advertizing.

Salah has personally worked with refugees coming into Oregon for 32 years, people who have come from all parts of the world to escape from all manner of hardship. Yet the reality after all those years is that people are still losing their lives on a daily basis due to war, famine, corrupt governments, oppression, violence and injustice.

We have heard the hyperbole about refugees overrunning America, but the truth of the matter is that only a few of the lucky folks get to come here, those who are fully vetted, who pass through extensive background checks, who have special talents and skills that will prove useful here, those who will be likely to succeed. It usually takes well over a year for a refugee to pass all the inspections and checks. There are a lot of hurdles to jump and twice as many hoops.

Still, Lutherans in the Oregon Synod are anxious to help. Seeing the top stories on the nightly newscasts and filled with compassion, they are asking LCS how to help. They are asking if they might sponsor a refugee family from someplace like Syria.

The truth is that most Syrian refugees are still being checked out. You can't come here just because say you are from Syria, your situation must be verified, by a whole series of witnesses. You must be who you say you are and where you are from and what you plan to do when you get here. So, not many Syrians are able to enter the US at this time, only a handful who started the process before the intensification of the conflicts there.

In the meantime, refugees are coming to the United States from other places. The US takes in some seventy to eighty thousand refugees every year. And some of those come to Oregon. Right now, most of them are from Africa. They are from places like Congo, Ethiopia and Somalia. There are also some from the Middle East, but only a few from Syria, something less than half of one percent. More are expected next year.

Right now, there are some ways to help, both in helping those arriving and preparing for those who will come in the future. The greatest need is for housing, especially in the Portland area, because that's where most of the activity is taking place. We can always support LCS and Lutheran Services and the work they do financially. Then too, there are also needs for people who will take on the role of friend, mentor and cultural translator. Moreover, there is a constant need for tutors in all sorts of instruction for those new to this part of the world. And finally there is a need for *usable* household items, not cast-offs, but stuff that is clean, which works.

Oregonians know all about the emigrant experience; it is in our bones, our cultural DNA. Nearly all of us came from somewhere else and few of us have stayed here our whole lives. We know what it takes to pick up and move and get acquainted with a new place. We know what it means to start over, anew, afresh. It is part of our Spiritual background as well. The People of Israel knew about this. Jesus and his family were refugees in Egypt for a time. Could it be that we might have a role in this work?



L to R: Allie Palmgren, Pr. Wendell Hendershott, Cecile Palmgren, and Jeff Palmgren

## Grace Personnel & June Birthdays

### *Grace Personnel*

**Pastor Netsie Griffith &  
Pastor Wendell Hendershott**

**Director of Discipling Ministries** - Donna King

**Director of Music Ministries** - Br. Christopher Buckley

**Organist** - Sunghee Kim

**Custodian** - Sam McKay

**Nursery** - Tiana Posler

**Office Administrator** - Carol Terrill

**Office Assistant** - Jody Parker

**Bookkeeper** - Robin Comforto

**Prayer Chain** - Cathy Mueller & Bruce Stephens

**Facebook Administrator** -- Sue Speulda

If you would like a visitation or to schedule an appointment with a member of the ministerial staff, please call the office at 541.757.1600. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine at any hour.

Visit our Grace web page at: [www.grace97330.org](http://www.grace97330.org)

### *Teams & Committees*

**Property Committee** - Ron Larson, 541.752.0754

#### **Communications Committee**

Randy Joss, 541.929.9360

#### **Sunday Hospitality**

Dayle Christensen, 541.752.6233

**Reception Hospitality** - Position Open

**Events Hospitality** - Molly Hallgrimson, 541.753.8581

#### **Christian Education Team**

Deaconess Donna King, 541.757.6636

**Altar Guild**-Linda Samuels, 541.929.4222

#### **Worship & Music Committee**

Michael Beachley, 541.754-5501

**Finance Committee** - Hal Brauner, 541.753.0023

**Personnel Committee** - Iona Trapp, 541.207.3886

**Hospital Visitation Team** - Jim Wernz, 541.929.6794

**Healing Prayer Team** - Sue Davis, 541.924.2922

**Mission Groups** - Bob Saathoff, 541.929.3045

**Stewardship Committee** - Dave Lundahl, 541.757.1358

#### **Pastoral Counseling Center**

Dr. Julie Evans, Ph.D., Clinical Director 541.753.9217

#### **Campus Ministry at Luther House**

Jim Norlie, Pastor, 541.753.5213

#### **Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers**

Norma Moody, 541.754.2555

### *Happy June Birthday!*

Glenn Chaffin	6/01
Quincy Levien	6/03
Vicki Meyer	6/04
Sally Winkler	6/04
Regan Loe	6/04
Mary Benson-Willett	6/05
Devin Daeschel	6/05
Mikaila Saathoff	6/05
Christopher Buckley	6/07
Alice Anderson	6/06
Cynara Stadvold	6/07
Kyle Smith	6/07
Hannah Shaff	6/07
Mary Ann Matzke	6/08
Casey Jones	6/09
Tony Smith	6/12
David Zeller	6/12
Iona Trapp	6/14
Frank Davis	6/14
Heather Koenig	6/15
Cecile Palmgren	6/15
Wilson Schroeder	6/16
Anna Stermer	6/17
Owen Stermer	6/17
Donna King	6/22
Kevin Brauner	6/22
Denise Cardinali	6/25
Janis Byers	6/26
Molly Beilby	6/26
Lea Daeschel	6/27
Rocky Baker	6/28
Larry Rosenkoetter	6/29
Bekki Levien	6/29
Peter Gelser	6/30



## Stewardship

### Announcing the Giving It Forward Initiative

On March 21, 2017 Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church will mark its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To celebrate this occasion we invite you to join us to pay down the mortgage and sustain our future in ministry.

At this writing, the church is paying approximately \$27,468 annually in mortgage payments. The mortgage balance is currently \$384,240. The remaining term of the mortgage is 20 years. Over those years the church could save up to \$165,120 if we were to pay it off early.

To support this goal, Grace Lutheran Church Foundation has generously agreed to a 1:1 match up to \$100,000. Our goal is to raise enough funds to completely, or significantly, reduce the mortgage between now and December 31, 2019.

We ask that you continue to pray for Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church as we approach our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As you do so, prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute to help us achieve this goal. ***We ask that all contributions to the mortgage reduction be made over and above your regular offerings.***

Suggested ways to contribute to the Giving It Forward Initiative:

- Make a one-time donation (e.g. financial instrument, stock or real estate)
- Pledge annual donations
- Pledge monthly or weekly donations beyond your regular offerings

Pledge Forms for the Giving It Forward Initiative will soon be available in the church office and one will have been sent to each household in the congregation. Please fill out the top part of the form, return it to Mary Stephens (to keep your pledge confidential) using the return envelope, and keep the lower part for your records. You are asked to return the pledge in a timely manner.

Please note that we will accept donations for the Giving It Forward Initiative through the end of calendar year 2019. If you are not able to contribute at this time, you can consider 'giving it forward' by including Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church or Grace Lutheran Church Foundation in your estate planning.

--The Giving It Forward Stewardship Team



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**There are several  
Grace Lutheran  
Church facebook  
pages. The above  
title will get you to  
our page.**

# Grace News



## Partners in Faith

**FRIDAY  
June 10th**

**6 PM  
Fireside Room**

**Grace History  
Night**

**Come help ID  
photos from the  
past few decades  
to be used at our  
Anniversary  
celebration in 2017**



**POTLUCK  
DINNER**

**Bring your own  
table setting  
and a  
something  
to share  
with the group**

**Info: Sue Musil  
541-745-5511**



**Save the Date!**

**Summer  
BBQ at the  
Warloe's home  
on  
Saturday  
7/30/16**

### Summer Worship Schedule

At the April Congregational Council meeting, the Council decided that we will move to one worship service at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, June 19. This again coincides with Fathers' Day.

At that same meeting council also decided to participate in God's Work Our Hands once again, on September 11. This will coincide with our Sunday school Kick-off and will be our last single service at 10:00 a.m. Regular worship hours of 8:30 & 11:00 will resume September 18.

### Summer Worship Schedule Highlights

June 21	One Service Begins <i>All summer services are at 10:00 a.m.</i>
July 3	Independence Weekend
September 4	Worship in Central Park (Ecumenical)
September 11	God's Work Our Hands, Sunday school Kick Off
September 18	Return to two worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held here at Grace on  
**Thursday, June 16th**

***Sign up! Give blood! Get a cookie! Save a life!***

Contact Marna Renshaw for more information  
541.286.4537 or [marna.renshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:marna.renshaw@hotmail.com)

### Thank you for your contributions to the Ida Fund!

A very big thank you extended to all those who responded so generously to the request with help for the Ida Irgens-Moller Fund. We were simply astounded by your generosity and compassion. Your contributions are helping people all across our community.

Just this week your gifts helped a man in need of work boots, a single mother in need of assistance obtaining stable housing, a low-income woman in need of gasoline so she can drive her mother to cancer treatments, and many more.

If you would like to find out more about the Ida Fund and how Grace is able to help Corvallis neighbors in need, please contact the office during the week. We would love to share the good news with you!

## Grace Center / Grace News



Maybe you haven't noticed the new Grace Center brochures in holders in the church narthex, and also near the office door in the the fireside room. Please find the brochure with the cheerful yellow sunburst. It also has a picture of Grace Center's entry, and it reads "A New Approach to Long Term Care." This now is what you need to know if you are looking for day services for a loved one, or if you would want to direct a friend or relative who has someone that needs the care.

Our directors, Rene' and Tera, have done a masterful job of describing the program which they say is based on two types of services – Health and Social Services, which contribute to improving physical and cognitive abilities of our participants. Activities are grouped under four described categories – Health Services, Social Services, Memory Care, and Post-Rehabilitation. Ours is the only Center in Oregon specializing in adults with physical or cognitive disabilities due to strokes, traumatic brain injuries, or major surgeries. With our specialized equipment and specific therapies, Grace Center helps our participants maintain or improve both physical and cognitive abilities.

There is a long list of testimonials given by participants who have benefited with the care, and from caregivers who needed respite from daily care.

I can't quote all the descriptive material in the brochure, but some special words pop out at me – words like comprehensive and compassionate, certified, respite and support, caring and professional, quality care. All this is to illustrate the Mission and Vision statements and the Core Values – Equality, Empowerment, Excellence, and Commitment – of Grace Center.

Please take copies of the brochures and share with other people who believe that everyone deserves compassionate care, young and old. Grace Church has been generous to open and support Grace Center.

-- *Betty McCauley*, Board Member

### Publicly Welcomed to the Communion Table

On May 1 and 8, six of our children were publicly welcomed to the table of Holy Communion during our 11 am worship services. Seamus Harrington, Annikka Howe, Cayla Raze, Cara Raze, Archer Schroeder and Alyssa Weeber attended instructional sessions with the pastors to prepare them for this significant step in their faith journey, and in our life together as a congregation.

As Pastor Wendell wrote in a previous Grace Gatherings article on children and Communion, "The Lord's Supper is God's Welcome Table of Grace. In my . . . devotions . . . I read about Jesus encountering Levi—also known as Matthew—at his tax collection table. (Luke 5. 27-32) When Jesus saw him, he invited him to be his follower. He left his tax table immediately and followed. That immediate response reminds me of the faith children often have in Jesus. They trust that Jesus loves them. They know they have a place at his table. They are confident that Jesus invites everyone to his supper. They are learning what it means to follow Jesus. Perhaps we adults might learn from our children around the table."



Alyssa Weeber



L to R: Cayla Raze, Cara Raze, (Photo Bomber, Will Schroeder), Archer Schroeder, Seamus Harrington, and Annikka Howe

## Council Meeting Minutes

### Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2016,  
6:45-9:00 pm

#### Attendance:

Michael Beachley  
Hal Brauner  
Pr. Netsie Griffith  
Pr. Wendell Hendershott  
Bob Keith  
Donna King  
Shelly Lundahl  
Sue Musil  
Lew Nelson  
Anne Orwick  
Kathy Vohland  
James Wernz

#### Absent:

Dick Junge  
Ardis Koester  
Jaya Lapham

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Wernz  
6:50 pm

**Devotions** were offered by Michael Beachley on Acts Ch. 2 in relation to Pentecost

**Consent Agenda:** Property and Stewardship Committee reports were removed from the Consent Agenda for later discussion. The final Consent Agenda consisting of Council minutes from April 11, 2016, Executive Committee Minutes of May 2, 2016 and Personnel Committee minutes of April 20, 2016 was MSP

**Worship and Music Committee Report:** Michael Beachley reported on a proposal to remodel the chancel. There is a need to make the chancel "more open" and to do something to even the floor without removing the brick. The remodel will not disrupt the integrity of the pulpit or altar.

**Property Committee Report:** Hal Brauner reported that the Property Committee should move forward with getting bids to fix the roof. Estimated cost is \$48,000. Determining exactly how to pay for the cost after the bid is accepted, as discussed in the annual meeting... will be discussed at that time. Motion for Property Committee to get bids for roof was moved, seconded and passed. (MSP)

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee Report:** Pastor Netsie brought up an idea highlighted in the original *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report* was a service project for volunteers with the South Side Youth Project. They provide an afterschool program during the school year and an entire day program in the summer. They are looking for volunteers that would provide menu and ingredients to fix, serve and clean up after this meal once per week. This opportunity to be presented to the congregation

**Officer/Staff Reports: Pr. Netsie Griffith-** Pastor Netsie highlighted in her report mentioning the Oregon Synod Assembly in Eugene (April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1) where approximately \$3500 was raised through a quilt auction and Friday offerings to help ELCA Hunger Appeal. Other items included pastors and "rostered staff" were thanked for their years of service-which included Pastor Wendell . . .for 25 years of ordination. Also Pastor Netsie reported on first communion instruction sessions held April 24 and May 7th for some of the younger children and also upcoming baptisms for the month of May. Both pastors will be taking vacation time in the month of July.

**Pr. Wendell Hendershott,** Pastor Wendell highlighted his report by mentioning that Karen Haggard's memorial service will be Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 pm. Other items included the misunderstanding about health benefits with Office Manager Carol Terrill has been resolved. In addition, a lift will have to be hired to repair the north projector. The Stewardship Committee is moving into the Congregational Phase to pay off the mortgage. There will be three videos in worship on three Sundays beginning May 22. A letter will be sent to each household. In addition there will be other communications



**President:** Jim Wernz  
**Vice President:** Bob Keith  
**Secretary:** Ardis Koester  
**Treasurer:** Hal Brauner  
**Financial Secretary:**  
Mary Stephens  
**Council Members:**  
Anne Orwick  
Dick Junge  
Jaya Lapham  
Kathy Vohland  
Lew Nelson  
Michael Beachley  
Pr. Netsie Griffith  
Shelly Lundahl  
Sue Musil  
Pr. Wendell Hendershott

## Council Meeting Minutes

about the initiative. Pastor Wendell also mentioned that we will go to one service on Father's Day, June 19.

**Donna King**, Discipling Minister, Donna King mentioned Graduate Recognition Service is June 5th. The deadline for submitting information is May 31st. Adult Education celebrates their 75th anniversary next year. Ideas on how to celebrate during Adult Education time are encouraged. A Day in the Life of Discipling Ministries at Grace was reviewed. Kids, Adults, Families, Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers participated in different activities. Donna mentioned that her husband is receiving his third doctorate degree.

**Hal Brauner**, Treasurer, Hal reported on the fact we continue to have more expenditures than budgeted. Expenditures at 103.3% YTD. On the revenue side, it was a good month of April and the process of cleaning up restricted funds continues. As mentioned, the benefit issue with Carol has been resolved. We are now paying benefits just for Carol as agreed to when she was employed and she is paying the extra cost of coverage for her children.

### Continuing Business:

A motion to accept Pastor Netsie's draft of the "Reconciling in Christ" statement was seconded, and passed with some minor changes to the wording. Next meeting will discuss how to present the statement to the congregation. The Council approved the appointment of Jeff Beck to the Grace Foundation Board.

### New Business:

A church picnic sign-up sheet was passed around. There are several duties the Council is responsible for. Shelly Lundahl provided us with a tour of the new Website that is under construction and nearing completion.  
<http://grace97330.org/New/>

Closing prayer was led by Pr. Wendell Hendershott

Adjournment: 9:27 pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Keith for Ardis W. Koester, Secretary

*Church Council Reports are always available in the church office for you to read.*

# Baptismal Birthdays for June



Alice Anderson 6.12  
 Avery Anderson 6.12  
 Jeff Beck 6.1  
 Kristana Burt 6.11  
 Jesse Byers 6.21  
 Frank Carson 6.13  
 George Custer 6.10  
 Beverly Domholt 6.1  
 Jacob Donner 6.?  
 Eli Geist 6.6  
 Noah Geist 6.6  
 Ronly Grindahl 6.12  
 Susan Hale 6.1

MaryAnn Hall 6.2  
 Marshall Hall-Tanquist 6.14  
 Heidi Junge 6.10  
 Theresa Labhart 6.5  
 Stan Miles 6.16  
 Wendy Nichols 6.6  
 Kimberly Parrott 6.11  
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