



## Grace Lutheran Church Announcements - Aug.25, 2019

*Gracefully Living ~ Gracefully Serving*

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here worshipping with us! If you have questions about any aspect of our worship service or need assistance the ushers are happy to help. We hope to see you again soon!



Open communion is practiced here at Grace, all are welcome to the Lord's table.

As you walk up the center aisle, you may take an empty cup from the tray on the table in front. There are also pre-filled cups of white grape juice on a plate between the trays. You will then receive a piece of bread from Pastor. If you have an individual cup, wine will be poured by the Assisting Minister. If you would rather receive wine from the common cup, you may still do so from the second chalice. If you used the individual cup, you may discard the cup on the way back to your seat.

Anyone who prefers not to commune, is still welcome to come up for a blessing. If you, due to mobility issues, would prefer to receive communion in your seat, please let one of the ushers know, and Pastor will bring communion to you.

**\*\* Please help us keep the prayer list updated. If anyone needs to be removed or added please contact the office.**

Tammi Bissett  
Laurie Worzask  
Milton Dierker  
Luis Bolivar  
Lisa Nickles  
Francis White  
Katie Westwick  
Carrie Avirett  
Thelma Davis  
Bill Phillips  
Carol Ridenour



Doug Rhodey  
Tom Phipps  
Claire Schultze  
Tina Frymoyer  
Bettie Greene  
John Leitner

Grace Lutheran Church in South Range, Michigan  
The families of Lou Kaste, Terry Hall and Jeanette Spedden

### **Today at Grace...**

- Everyone is invited to gather after worship for Fellowship Hour
- ACTC lunches, John Guthmann

### **Upcoming Events...**

#### **Tuesday, August 27th**

- Bible study, 11:30AM

#### **Saturday, August 31st**

- Serving at Loaves & Fishes

#### **Sunday, September 1st**

- Healing Prayer Service at Grace, 10:00AM

#### **Friday, September 6th**

- Helping Hands meeting, 9AM
- Book study, 6:30PM

#### **Sunday, September 8th**

- Grace's Crab Feast, following worship



**ACTC lunches for Sept. 8th**

**Bill & Grace Phillips**

### **The Quilting Group**

Quilting group is taking a break for the summer. They will resume on September 10th.

- Love and care for our members
- Feed people that need help
- Provide access to God
- Spread God's word



## Annual Crab Feast

Sunday, September 8th,  
following worship.

*Sign-up sheet in the Narthex!*



## Tuesday Bible Study

Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 11:30 as we gather in the activity room to study Scripture. You are invited to bring a brown bag lunch.

*Everyone is welcome!*

*Save the date!! Santa's elves are working hard getting ready for the Christmas Bazaar!*

Grace's annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 16th, 9:00AM to 2:00PM.



## Friday Evening Book Study

Friday Night Book Group/Bible Study is reading "Love Big: The Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the World" by Rozella Haydée White.

The group meets every other Friday at 6:30pm for a light dinner, study at 7:30.

The book is available in the church lobby.

*Everyone is welcome!*

## Loaves & Fishes

Grace's next time to serve at Loaves & Fishes will be Saturday, August 31, 2019. We are planning a summer themed meal with hotdogs, tossed salad, corn on the cob, brownies and fruit cups.

Pat was able to obtain 150 ears of corn that were donated by Joe Bartenfelder, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

Pat Hickey,  
Coordinator for Loaves & Fishes



## Worship Schedule

### September 1

AM: To be announced  
L:  
Greeter:  
Usher:

*Ushers & Greeters: Hospitality Team name tags & instructions are available at the Visitors table.*

## Giving & Attendance

August 18, 2019

Giving: \$840.00 Attendance: 25  
Giving Year to Date: **\$42,819.00**

## August Monthly Appeal

### *Claim Baltimore*

CLAIM is an association of Lutheran churches in the greater Baltimore area which provides outreach programs, forums and seminars and promotes congregational events like music camp, drama camp, crab feasts, choir concerts, etc. Their current service project "**God's Work, Our Hands**" is packaging and distributing 25,000 meal packets to food pantries and programs in the Greater Baltimore area, with the help of local churches and volunteers in the community.

It is their prayer that this program **will unite us all in Christian faith to help those in need and develop support and encouragement among our faith communities.**

Up to 5 volunteers are being requested from each participating church to come to St John's Lutheran Church, 8808 Harford Rd, Parkville, on Sept. 8th between 2-3 p.m. to assemble the units. We have also invited ACTC and the Scouts to participate as volunteers, if they can.

Claim Baltimore  
443-854-1490



## Grace English Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes - 8/13/19

**Finance:** JR reported that the church to date had: Total income \$58,000, expenses: \$153,000, that is why the \$102,000 had been taken from the endowment fund so far, and another \$75,000 will be drawn before the end of the year. This does not include the eventual cost of the roof repair. However we should note the Merrill Lynch fund gained \$60,000 despite the market fluctuations. There were also donations made to the memorial fund due to recent deaths. A question was asked about the income listed in the Sunday bulletin. That is only the income from member envelopes. Other checks and loose offerings of cash are not recorded there.

**Property:** Work will begin on the roof in September. WiFi was completed Thursday for the COOP. There was brief discussion on Reinheimer Hall's readiness for rental. There is a small issue in the ladies' restroom. Bill is working on that.

**Evangelism:** Cheryl reported that an Eagle Scout project will begin September. Cheryl also coordinated Grace's participation in a meal preparation program via Claim Baltimore to produce 25,000 meals from the Greater Baltimore area with 19 other churches on Sept 8th, facilitated the removal of pews from the hall. Based on information given Grace collected at least \$400.00 in school supplies for Baltimore County students.

**Pastoral Report:** The pastor was pleased with the work of the leaders in dealing with the preparation of the hall for more frequent events as well as the efforts to handle several funerals in a short time. She expresses continued concern about the lack of members who attended conversational meetings. Likewise she expresses concern in the treatment of visitors and reactions of members toward her comments on that subject. The pastors' duty to shut-ins has been reduced due to several recent deaths. She acknowledged the losses have affected her and the congregation. There are some notes of joy in the planning of a wedding coming in September and the beginning of a New Member class.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Attendance and giving:** Are the lowest they have been all year. Attendance is in the low 20's.

**Hall rental discussion:** A search for additional cleaners has not been very successful. There is concern that another cleaner must be found as volume increases. Other issues that came up; to establish a policy on refunds, the need to verify that renters have insurance their event's liability, synchronizing the Google facility and event calendars to avoid, a curtain pole to be replaced.( After the meeting a potential cleaner was contacted and ,hopefully , will solve the problem at least short term.)

**Church's future:** John plans to write a letter outlining the council's vision and hold a meeting later in the fall to get approval after the matter has been considered by more members.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Parks-Weidley, Temporary Secretary