



Good News of Grace
 Grace Lutheran Church
 Green Bay, Wisconsin
 June 21, 2017

*We celebrate Christ,
 teach Christ,
 witness to Christ,
 and care for others
 as though they are Christ.*

LISTENING, NOT FENCES, MAKES GOOD NEIGHBORS

The fence at the bottom of our yard was flattened in a March gale. There was no space between its pickets, so the wind threw its full force on its entire brittle span and its ten 4 x4's snapped like tinder.

Its fall bent two growths of six or seven foot tall, yellow-barked shrubbery nearly to the ground, but it ruined nothing else; thankfully the low, spreading, red Japanese maple was just beyond the fence's fall print.

Though the fence had done no irreparable damage to our neighbor's property, someone had to remove the wreckage, but we weren't even sure it was our fence. The nice, picket-side of the fence faced our neighbor's home, a fence-building practice, now that I think of it, that's a way of loving our neighbors -- showing them our best sides ... even of our fences.

Fences themselves, according to Robert Frost, might be neighbors, even good ones: so now a neighbor of ours had died, and it might even have been partly our fault, since in the seven years of having known our fence, we have not paid the least bit of attention to its increasing decrepitude

which we may have hastened by not giving it a coat to protect himself from the elements ... a coat, of course, of paint or stain or some other life - prolonging elixir. Might the fence have persevered against the wind had its remaining life-forces been properly sealed inside?

Yet neither the woman who had raised the fence nor had we done a thing to increase its life span. And so the fence snapped under pressure and collapsed and died in the storm.

Yet I found, to challenge the old saw venerable Mr. Frost invoked, that the new view of our neighbor's yard made a better neighbor than the old gray fence obscuring it. With the fence gone we could now see a just barely sprouting a legion of some kind of slender-leaved plant like a tulips or irises or gladiolas planted in a terrace. What glad color they might bring to our own back yard! Beyond the terrace, further down hill, we could also now see all five of the pines of which we had only seen the tops. Seeing the stout trunks of those trees and how their lower boughs had replaced an urban lawn with bare earth sprinkled with old needles reminded me of being in the woods. Which for me is always a good thing. And, it occurred to me, is maybe a sign of

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a truly living being: the ability to cast off the old and sprout the new. The fence, unfortunately, had always been dead; the vigorous pines were now fully visible aspiring for the skies.

We stopped by our other new neighbor, the woman on whose property the pines grew and the irises were awakening, to inquire about the fence: was it ours? If it was ours, had it damaged anything we had overlooked?

She wasn't home, so we left a letter with our phone number in case she'd like to call.

Which she did. Which is how we learned that I had actually met our neighbor just the week before while I had been planning the interfaith prayer service born of anxiety over the implications of the fear-mongering against our neighbors who are undocumented immigrants or Muslims: a lot of talk about building a wall. Whereas we were just learning how nice it was to have had the wind remove one.

Except for one thing.

Upon having determined that the fence was ours, we resolved to scrap it ... brittle and worn as it was. The process was simple: separate the 2 x 4's to which the pickets were attached from the 4 x 4's, cut the picket sections and the 4 x 4's in half to the village scrap specifications. The very first swing of the sledge hammer on a 4 x 4 generated an unusually loud, hollow sound that shot into my good ear causing, a doctor later determined, a potentially permanent hearing loss.

The fence had to be removed. I suppose we could have hired someone to do it. But it was not hard work, and best of all, a contractor we were thinking of hiring to build us a new garage took all the wood away for some project he had in mind. Having the wind ruin our fence couldn't have worked out better: we gained a new neighbor and a lovely new view; the debris was easy to remove and was even saved from a landfill and put to good use.

Except again, that one swing of a sledge hammer.

I have twice in my life been handed a sledge hammer for the purpose of breaking apart a concrete block wall, and I did it with great banging and ringing and wasn't afflicted with a sudden loss of hearing. I've also pounded many a wedge into a recalcitrant stump of oak with a sledge hammer with no ill effects to my

hearing. So although we have ear protection for cutting the grass (something else I have done for four decades without a problem), I never imagined one whack on a 4 x 4 would ruin my hearing for the rest of my life. It hasn't stopped being a chilling omen that now I have to insert two \$2700 hearing aids before I can even hear anyone speak. I panic when I discover I have forgotten my extra batteries.

Now, I know you can buy all kinds of hearing aids for half that cost and less, but, for better or worse, I'm entrusting what little is left of my hearing to medical doctors. And the product they offer their patients is not covered at all by our insurance. Hearing, when you think about a pastor's job, is pretty essential. It would be like not covering carpal tunnel surgery for anyone for whom any kind of keyboarding comprises much of his or her workday. Or not covering the cost of setting a broken arm for a carpenter. Oh, I suppose these kinds of surgery are covered because the function of hands and arms is necessary for all aspects of life ... not just one's job. But isn't hearing essential for every aspect of life?

Maybe we no longer think so. On the last mission trip to D.C., we were shocked that upon visiting the meeting room of the Senate, we saw a senator there making a speech to an empty room. I'm not sure that much has changed. I'm not sure that our representatives listen to each other any better than they listen to us. I'm not sure that the fact that 84% of one legislator's constituents are in favor of retaining some form of the recent health insurance changes made a difference in her vote or in her party's determination to the scrap the whole plan as if it were a ruined fence.

I think hearing is essential for every aspect of life. For representative forms of government, yes, but you also have to listen to your neighbors to learn how you can offer them love. Just listening to someone, I just read in an article in *The Christian Century*, is nearly indistinguishable for some people from love itself. Listening is about valuing someone else, even if it turns out that you don't agree with them. Or maybe *still* listening when we don't agree with someone ... maybe that's the kind of love for neighbor we need most of all.

Pastor Larry



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

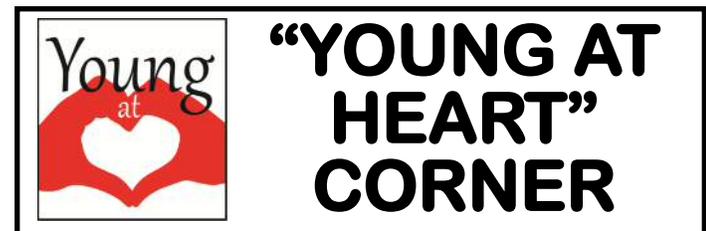
MISSION SEWING/FELLOWSHIP

3rd Thursday of each month
 No age requirement
 No experience needed
 Just smiling faces

Please join us when it's convenient for you.

July 20 8:30 - noon
 And to wrap up summer - Aug 17 8:30 -11:30 work then lunch.

Please come and join in on the fun.



“YOUNG AT HEART” CORNER

Each month there will be the listing of all the programs scheduled for Young at Heart Luncheons. Mark the 2nd Friday of each month on your calendar for Young at Heart. We meet at Noon in the North Basement for food, fun, & fellowship. The cost of the meal is \$8.00.

Here is the schedule for 2017:

- JULY 14** “Hands on Deck”, Mark Hawkins/Woodworking
- AUGUST 11** Father Eric & Sue Mills/ Walking Camino Trail in Spain
- SEPTEMBER 8** Casa Alba, Sister Melanie
- OCTOBER 13** NEW Community Clinic/ Dr. Paul Kollath & Bonnie Kuhr
- NOVEMBER 10** Unity Hospice/Diana Butz
- DECEMBER 8** Don Crane/Christmas Music

Hope to see you at many of the interesting programs scheduled.



PRAYER REQUEST

We ask that you lift up in prayer the following people:

- Warren & Jan Fuller whose grandson passed away in Rhinelander.

If you would like to include the names of people for publication in the church newsletter prayer list please note the following:

- ◆ members of Grace may call the church office and request that first and last names of individuals be placed on the list.
- ◆ Names must be **called** into the church office (no email).
- ◆ The caller will be asked to confirm that the name being placed on the prayer list was done so with that person's permission. Please do not submit names for publication without first receiving permission from the person for whom you are requesting prayers.
- ◆ The prayer list is open to anyone for whom you have a prayer concern whether they are members of Grace or not.
- ◆ Please note there will be no other identifying information published in the prayer list beyond the person's first and last name.

(You may share the reason(s) for the prayer request if you wish but permission is needed for that as well.)

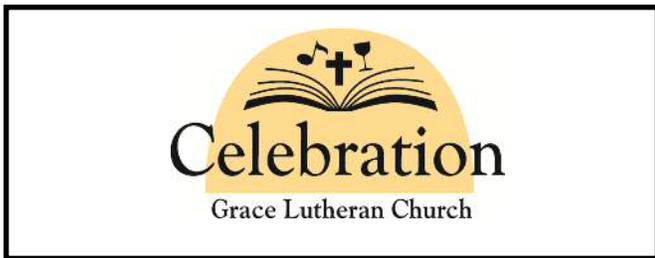
FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

General Fund as of May 31, 2017	
Budget /Anticipated income	\$ 52,564
Actual income	\$ 46,810
Actual expenses	\$ 57,507
Year-to-date budget	\$ 578,204
Year-to-date actual income	\$ 575,312
Year-to-date actual expenses	\$ 558,331

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00&10:00-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Education	3	4 Independence Day Office closed	5	6 5:30-Worship 6:15-Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/ Chocolate Sale	7 8:00-Food Pantry	8 4:30-Grace serves NEW Community Shelter Meal
9 8:00&10:00-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:00-Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/ Chocolate Sale 9:00-Safety Com. Mtg 9:15-Adult Education	10	11 9:15-Sarah Circle 1:00-Food Pantry 6:00-Bd. Education 6:30-Bd. Personal Growth	12	13 5:30-Worship	14 8:00-Food Pantry 12:00-Young at Heart Lunch	15 9:00-Worship Band Youth Mission Trip 
16 8:00-Worship 10:00-Worship w/ Worship Band 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Education Youth Mission Trip	17 Youth Mission Trip	18 10:30-Women's Bible Study 1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Bd. Stewardship 6:30-Bd. Celebration Youth Mission Trip	19 Youth Mission Trip	20 8:30-Mission Sewing 5:30-Worship 6:00-Curriculum Mtg. Youth Mission Trip	21 8:00-Food Pantry Youth Mission Trip	22 Youth Mission Trip returns
23 8:00-Worship 10:00-Worship w/ LifeGuard Band 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Education 9:15-Mission Endowment Mtg.	24	25 1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Council Mtg.	26	27 5:30-Worship	28 8:00-Food Pantry	29
30 8:00&10:00-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Education 11:00-Youth & Family Board	31 1:00-4:00-Vacation Bible School					

JULY 2017

For Room Numbers see "Today at Grace" on the monitor in the Lobby.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Thursday, June 22, 5:30 pm & Sunday, June 25 at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Third Sunday of Pentecost

Events:

LifeGuard Band at 10:00

Easter Dinner Meeting

Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

Thursday, June 29, 5:30 pm & Sunday, July 2 at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Events:

Adult Education

Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18. Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

Thursday, July 6, 5:30 pm & Sunday, July 9 at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Events:

Adult Education

Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate Sale

Safety Com. Mtg.

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:8-14, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

A FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD FOR:

- Elsie Schroeder on June 10, 2017.
- Ruth Harmer on June 16, 2017.

“Come to me, all who labor, and I will give you rest.”

WORSHIP TIMES

Thursday at 5:30 pm and
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 am



Our Worship is Broadcast on
Radio 1400AM at 8:00 a.m.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF:

- An undesignated gift given by Phyllis Haney in memory of Bill Haney.
- A gift to the Memorial Fund given in memory of Esther Wach by family and friends.
- A gift to the Memorial Fund given in memory of Elsie Schroeder by family and friends.
- A gift to the food pantry given in memory of Esther Wach by family and friends.

Grace Music Scholarship

...learning to share



Who is the scholarship for?

The Grace Music Scholarship used to be just for organists. Now it's for any member of Grace Lutheran Church of any age who wants **to learn** to play music and **to share** it in the life of our congregation. So now we offer a maximum of four \$320 scholarships each year.

- organ / keyboard
- vocal
- instrumental (non-keyboard)
- beginner (limited to one scholarship per year)

Because there may not be applicants for each of these categories, the Scholarship Committee may choose to award two or more scholarships in the same category.

For an application and all the details ...

Pick up a scholarship information sheet and application in the lobby, church office, buzz room, or parlor desk. Deadline for scholarship applications is August 27.

Questions?

Contact Pastor Larry at pastorlarry@gracegb.org.



*From Bev Larsen, Health Ministries
Coordinator*



This month's health article will discuss Multiple Myeloma, another blood cancer disease. Multiple Myeloma is difficult to diagnose because it does not present any symptoms until it is in the advanced stages.

Some of the common symptoms are pain, usually anywhere, but more so in the back or hips; bone fractures; decreased blood counts; anemia may be present; high levels of calcium in the blood which may cause weakness, drowsiness, excessive thirst, dehydration; elevated kidney function tests; shortness of breath, and infections such as pneumonia.

How does the physician diagnose Multiple Myeloma? The physician will order a complete blood count (CBC) which measures levels of red and white cells and platelets; a test for immunoglobulin. An immunoglobulin is a class of protein that is present in the blood and acts as antibodies. These antibodies react in response to bacteria, virus, fungus, or cancer cells. When this test finds a monoclonal cell (all the same antibody) in the blood, a pending diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma is made. This test can be referred to as M Protein. Kidney tests such as BUN (Blood Urea Nitrogen), Creatinine, and Albumin are done. These levels will show how the kidneys are functioning. Usually people with Multiple Myeloma will have high levels of BUN and Creatinine. Low levels of Albumin indicate advanced stage of Multiple Myeloma. Calcium levels are also high.

A bone marrow biopsy will probably be done. The Multiple Myeloma patient will have too many plasma cells in their bone marrow. This biopsy may be done in the doctor's office or in the hospital. A sample of the liquid bone marrow is removed with syringe from the back of the pelvic bone.

The physician may order x-rays of the bones which is called a bone survey. A CT scan or MRI

may also be done to visualize the skeletal system.

After reviewing all the lab and x-ray results, the physician will be able to diagnose Multiple Myeloma. When the diagnosis is confirmed, the physician will "stage" the disease. This process will determine the treatment options and prognosis. There are several "staging" symptoms that a physician may use. The more tests that are abnormal will indicate a worse stage and less survival rate. Older people do not have as good a prognosis that a younger person. The survival rate for Multiple Myeloma patients usually ranges from three to five years. Many factors go into determining these numbers so this range may not apply to everyone. Multiple Myeloma cannot be cured, but can be treated.

It is so important to have a qualified oncologist to treat them when a person is diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. The treatment may consist of radiation, possible surgery, stem cell transplant, or chemotherapy. There are several drugs that are used by themselves or in combination with other drugs. The physician will determine what type of treatment to use based on the health of the patient and what the lab tests reveal.

Patients diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma can try to improve their lifestyle. Some things they could do would be to eat healthier, be more active, cut down on alcohol and tobacco use, and finally try to reduce their stress level. Eating more healthy foods may sometimes be difficult especially if the patient is experiencing nausea or has lost their sense of taste. These problems occur because of the medications the patient may be receiving. Fatigue is very common in cancer patients. It is important that they listen to their body when it comes time for some physical activity. It is important to rest if necessary. Any kind of physical activity will help the patient to feel better not only physically but also emotionally. Exercise can improve cardiovascular fitness, improve muscle strength, reduce fatigue, and lower anxiety and depression.

WORSHIP MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Lector & 8:00 – Lisa Willi, L&CA
Com. Assist.: Carol Wolslegel, Phyllis Seidl, CA
10:00 - Bob Mead, L&CA
Kathy Chase, Josh Moyer, CA
Ushers: 8:00 - Amy & Matt Vanko, Ty & Diane
Pyan, Julia Nava
10:00 - Robert Goelz, Jim Poels, Robin
Powell, Alyssa Rettke, Ashley
Muehrcke, Joseph Eaton
Acolytes: 8:00 - Anne DeClerc
10:00 - Zoe Quasius, Skyler Vandennack
Altar Guild: 8:00 - Linda & Dave Rabe, Debra
LaHaye, April Swim, Hannah Willi,
Joseph DeClerc
10:00 - Diana Perrault, Susan
Lambert-Tease, Sharon Lambert-
Rademacher, Kathy Poels,
Jake Eggert
Accompanist: Denise Zenko
Greeters: 8:00 - Bob & Carol Wolslegel
10:00 - Dick & Gayle Schmeling

THURSDAY JUNE 29, 5:00 PM

Lector & Comm. Assist: Jim Silha
Ushers: Bev Larsen, Karen Pangborn
Accompanist: Denise Zenko

SUNDAY, JULY 2 , 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Lector & 8:00 - Cheryl Kollath, L&CA
Comm. Assist. Pam Bins, Lisa Herman, CA
10:00 - Bern Jacobson, L&CA
Dick & Gayle Schmeling, CA
Ushers: 8:00 - Scott & Sharon Papham, Katie
Papham, John & Cheryl Kollath
10:00 - Dick Destree, Daniel Selissen,
Bob Lotter, Jazmin Vandennack
Rose Schumacher, Amber Smith
Acolytes: 8:00 - Alivia McNabb
10:00 - Anna Broeckel
Accompanist: Denise Zenko
Altar Guild: 8:00 – Amy Vanko, Karen
Neumann, Warren Neumann,
Lisa Herman, Jake Jazgar
10:00 - Kitty Nagel, Linda Wier,
Judy Taylor, Gayle Schmeling,
Jack Uslabar, Natasha Vandennack
Greeters: 8:00 - Marlene Flom, Karen Peterson
10:00 - Paul & Helen Gubics

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 5:30 PM

Lector & Comm. Assist: Bev Larsen
Ushers: Dave Branger, Margaret Nelson
Accompanist: Denise Zenko



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Monday, July 31~Friday, August 4th, 2017 - 1~4 pm

**3 year olds through 6th grade (grade
completed) Friends are welcome!**

email Carrie Crane at education@gracegb.org
or call the Church Office, 432-0308, for
registration forms

Suggested donation: \$15 per child

Family plan: \$15 first child/
\$10 each additional child

Child care: \$10/family/week
Scholarships are available!



“YOUNG AT HEART” LUNCH

July's Young at Heart lunch will be picnic style. We will have hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, watermelon, cookies, ice cream with homemade chocolate or caramel topping, milk, & coffee. Our speaker will be Mark Hawkins. Mark has started a non-profit organization called “Hands on Deck”, that matches adult volunteers with kids who may need an adult in their life. Together they learn how to build a boat. The signup sheet is on the courtesy desk or call the church office. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our food pantry if you are able.



ACCESS TO GRACE

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Worship Service Times:

Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend

Thursday at 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. with
Holy Communion

Fall & Winter

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. with Holy Communion
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. with Holy
Communion

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10:15 a.m.

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New Song Chorus and LifeGuard Band Director: Don Crane

Adult Choir Director: John Kopp

Chancel Bells Director: Pam Anderson

OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH WEEK AT 8:00 A.M. ON WDUZ RADIO 1400 AM

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