

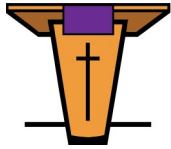


Grace Abounds *August 2024*

Grace Lutheran Church

A Center of Mission and Ministry—Celebrating and Sharing God's

From Our
Interim
Pastor



Dear Grace family.

Soon you will be welcoming a newly called pastor and spouse into your midst. It has been my deepest honor to walk with you these past two and half years, but with that call issued and accepted it is time for me to say goodbye. I am submitting this letter of resignation effective July 31 which makes my last Sunday with you July 28.

Words cannot express how much I treasure our time together. There have been times of struggle and confusion. Where are we going? Where is God leading? But yet with prayer and hard work and the leadership of the Wake Up Team those hurdles have been met and overcome.

There have been times of celebration - floats in the Christmas parade, VBS, Youth ministry up and growing, debts paid off, Lenten journeys, home communion teams in place and more. One of my greatest joys has been Tuesday morning chapel with the preschoolers! Have they ever taught me a lot!

There have been holy ground times - in homes and hospital rooms with the sick, sharing the Lord's Supper with the homebound and at funerals and gravesides with God's beloved who now live forever in the promised resurrection life!

And most of all, I pray that our worship together over this time has deepened faith and empowered discipleship so that Grace congregation may be God's people in this place carrying out God's mission - Love God, Love Neighbor.

And so, for this sacred time together I give you thanks and I give God the glory! And you know what, God has been praised and the church didn't burn down! What a blessed journey together we have had!

My prayers are with you as you now move forward into the future.

God bless,

Pastor Jane



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Everyone is invited to a drop-in gathering to say farewell to Pastor Jane after worship on Sunday, July 28th in the ministry center.

The Care and Fellowship Team will provide light refreshments as you come to wish her Godspeed on her journey.



# AUGUST Birthdays

- 1 - Billy Leaphart
- 2 - Lexi Medlock
- 5 - Kimberly Lane
- 6 - Megan Templeton
- 9 - Catherine Eldridge
- 11 - Casey Dawkins, Mike Whitlock
- 12 - Candace Frick
- 13 - Jeanna Hall, Deborah Ruff
- 15 - Gina Wasiluk
- 19 - Ben Derrick
- 21 - Sandy Lemay
- 22 - Kenny Shealy
- 23 - Anna Sandor
- 24 - Mallory Pitts
- 25 - Wayde Dominick
- 26 - Ronnie Derrick, Makyia Senn
- 28 - Lagina Harmon
- 30 - Ronnie Pridgen, Kim G. Metz
- 31 - Lauren Derrick, Dean Harmon  
Walker Eldridge



# AUGUST Baptisms

- 1 - Donna Jacobs
- 2 - Catherine Eldridge
- 5 - Lewis Bedenbaugh, Beverly Merck,  
Lynn Wessinger, Marie Summer
- 7 - Maria B. Morgan
- 11 - Tim Dominick, Ronnie Pridgen
- 12 - Camryn Shealy
- 13 - David Luther, Melodie Waters
- 15 - Claudia Pollard, Brad Waters
- 19 - Corey Fowler
- 21 - Everett Crafts
- 22 - Sharon Neel
- 23 - Rev. Al Potter
- 25 - John David Dawkins, Tara Stewart
- 29 - Brittany Templeton
- 30 - Zoila Lipscomb
- 31 - Hunter Hall



# AUGUST Anniversaries

- 1 - Barry and Wanda Hartman (31st)
- 2 - Donna and Lewis Hawkins (60th)
- 5 - Eddie and Marysue Rivers (52nd)
- 6 - Kellsey and Meghan Bryant (2nd)
- 6 - *Allene and James Dawkins +*
- 13 - Bob and Cissie Dibble (58th)
- 13 - Steve and Renee Stubbs (41st)
- 19 - Eugene and Donna Jacobs (46th)
- 22 - John and Susan Dawkins (31st)
- 30 - Ronnie and Linda Cromer (55th)

+ *Memorial Anniversary*



## CHURCH HOMECOMING

The Care and Fellowship Team invites you to come and celebrate Homecoming on **Sunday, October 20, 2024.**

We will also recognize and honor our Golden Age members, those who are 70 and above.

Pastor Eric Fink will be our guest preacher for the day. We will enjoy a covered dish meal and fellowship after worship. Please bring covered dishes of food to share!

*If you are a Golden Ager and you do not want your name listed as such, please contact the church office.*



**June Honorariums & Memorials**

**Gifts to the Current Budget Fund**

- In loving memory of David Riley by Glenda & Everett Crafts
In loving memory of Donald Crafts by Glenda & Everett Crafts
In honor of Emmett Wicker by Phil & Deborah Ruff
In loving memory of Joe Counts and in honor of Anna Kay Singley by Charlsie Doolittle
In loving memory of Dorothy Nell Mould by Faye Hartman

**Gifts to the Maintenance Fund**

- In loving memory of Jamie Rossett by Faye Hartman

**Gifts to the Bedenbaugh-Chariker Scholarship Fund**

- In loving memory of Toni Dennis' mother by Bob & Heather Harris

Grace Family: Cissie & Bob Dibble; Marysue Rivers; Evelyn Harmon; Pastor Al Potter; Glenda & Everett Crafts; Heather & Bob Harris.

Residential Care: Sadie Epting (Springfield Place, Rm. 11); Allene Dawkins (Springfield Place, Unit 4, Rm. 207); Wendy and Michael Riley (J.F. Hawkins, Rm. 221).

College Students: Hayden Hall (Piedmont); Bryce Medlock (Bluefield University); Lexi Medlock (Midlands Tech); Payton Metts (Piedmont); Taylor Metz (MUSC); Bailey Stewart (USC-Union).

Extended Family: Chase Wessinger; James Michael Torrence (Jeanna Hall's brother); Libby & Billy Bedenbaugh; Grey Westbury (Sue Mitchell's great-niece)

Military: Staff SGT. Anderson Dibble (Marines/ Stone Bay, NC- The Dibble's granddaughter); Everett Crafts, V (Air Force- Glenda/Everett Craft's grandson); Walker Eldridge (USCG/Seattle, WA).

Community: Joe White; Steve Culbertson; Amy Frick Wicker

God's World: Victims of gun violence; USA, Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and neighboring countries; those affected by wildfires, flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters; military families; homeless; jobless/underemployed; refugees; those suffering due to unrest and fighting throughout the world; our enemies.

To add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please contact the office at 803-364-3331, leave us a note, or email us at: gracelutherenprosperity@gmail.com.



Bedenbaugh-Chariker Scholarship Fund

**NOTES OF THANKS**

I want to thank all members of Grace who have donated to the Scholarship Fund. It is an honor to be recognized in this way as I go forward in my studies. Being a member and having your support is very important to me. Thank you!!

Bailey Stewart

Thank you to Grace and the Bedenbaugh-Chariker Scholarship Fund for allowing me to receive this scholarship. I would also like to thank everyone who is supporting me through school—it truly means the world to me.

Payton Metts



August 20 is the deadline for the September 2024 Newsletter.

**Serving in August**

**Assisting Ministers**

- 4** Melodie Waters
- 11** Candace Frick
- 18** Andy Hawkins
- 25** Susan Dawkins

**Altar Greenery/Flowers**

- 4** MarySue & Eddie Rivers
- 11** Wade & Sally Dominick
- 18**
- 25** Roberta Meyers Capó

**Livestream Operators**

- 4** Mike Whitlock
- 11** Jessica Shealy
- 18** Johnny Merck
- 25** George Dawkins

**Acolyte**

Raelynn Wessinger

**Communion Assistant**

Judy Bedenbaugh

**Communion Preparation**

Andrea Lewis

**Communion Clean up**

Sally Dominick  
Beverly Merck

**Ushers**

Walt Quattlebaum, Bryan Hall,  
Hayden Hall, Hunter Hall, Mike Hall

**Greeters**

Cindy Amick, Deborah Ruff

**Offering Tabulators**

Candace & Chad Frick,  
Ronnie & Linda Cromer

**Altar Guild** Emmett Wicker

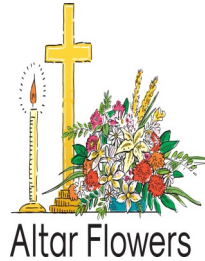
**Pew Helper** Wayne & Sue Mitchell

**Front Sign** Dale & Julie Shealy

**Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor**



During the month of August the Sanctuary Lamp burns to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Robert & Beverly Meyers by Katherine M. Bennett, Sharon M. Neel, and Roberta M. Capó.



Altar Flowers

**Several Sundays are still available.**

Please sign up on the chart on the narthex bulletin board or contact the church office to reserve a date to sponsor the flowers.

**Stewardship Program**

This Fall we will be participating in a stewardship program, *Building a Culture of Generosity*, led by Michael Ward, in partnership with the SC Synod. If you have knowledge or desire to participate in a virtual training session this August, please contact George Dawkins or any council member as soon as possible. We hope to have five members from the congregation to participate in the training. Each will receive adaptable materials, guidance, and clear tactics for sharing information about Grace's ministry. We need you!

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

|      | Sanctuary | * Online | Total |
|------|-----------|----------|-------|
| 6/30 | 55        | 10       | 65    |
| 7/07 | 49        | 10       | 59    |
| 7/14 | 63        | 10       | 73    |
| 7/21 | 65        | 12       | 77    |

|      |    |
|------|----|
| 6/30 | 23 |
| 7/07 | 21 |
| 7/14 | 22 |
| 7/21 | 30 |



**Our Offerings for July**

*Through July 21*

*(Does not include July EFTs)*

**MINISTRY BUDGET** *Our Monthly Need: \$13,634*

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Given during month.....   | 11,923.00 |
| Given year-to-date.....   | 67,467.75 |
| Goal through July 21..... | 91,245.60 |

**MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND**

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Given during month ..... | 1,020.00  |
| Given year-to-date.....  | 17,496.88 |

**PARSONAGE FUND**

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Given during month.....     | 0.00     |
| Given year-to-date .....    | 0.00     |
| Fund Balance, July 21. .... | 4,640.38 |

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Given during month ..... | 67.00  |
| Given year-to-date ..... | 719.50 |

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Given during month ..... | 200.00 |
| Given year-to-date ..... | 275.00 |

**CAMPERSHIP FUND**

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Given during month ..... | 0.00   |
| Given year-to-date ..... | 150.69 |

**COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND**

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Community Assistance.....   | 0.00   |
| Given year-to-date .....    | 125.00 |
| Bookbag Food Ministry ..... | 35.79  |
| Given year-to-date .....    | 701.19 |
| Thanksgiving Meal .....     | 0.00   |
| Given year-to-date .....    | 0.00   |
| Total year-to-date .....    | 826.19 |

**SPECIAL 2024 OFFERINGS YTD**

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Scholarship Fund Match 2023              | 386.38   |
| Lenten Offering                          | 698.12   |
| Youth                                    | 115.79   |
| Disaster Response                        | 0.00     |
| Souper Bowl (Feed Thy Neighbor)          | 326.51   |
| Easter Lilies                            | 231.00   |
| Love Offering (Henricks Family)          | 960.00   |
| Bereavement Meal Fund                    | 335.79   |
| Christian Schools                        | 0.00     |
| Love Offering (Torrence Family)          | 1,817.00 |
| Love Offering (Newberry College- Pantry) | 167.00   |
| VBS Love Offering                        | 20.00    |
| VBS                                      | 464.00   |



**MINISTRY BUDGET**

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Needed Thru July 21:       | \$ 91,245.60        |
| Given thru July 21:        | \$ 67,467.75        |
| <b>Amount Behind Goal:</b> | <b>\$ 23,777.85</b> |

**Newberry College  
Campus Ministry Meals**



**Campus Ministry**

Grace has been asked to help serve meals on Sunday nights for the students involved in campus ministry at Newberry College.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sue Mitchell. We will serve 10-15 people at 7pm on several Sunday nights this fall.

**Manna House Item Needed for  
August: Canned Pasta Sauce**



**Thank you for giving to the  
Love Offering Bucket.**

**We received \$167 during the  
months of June and July.**

**This will go to Newberry  
College Food Pantry.**



**Sunday School  
Kickoff**

The Lifelong Education Team will meet very soon to make plans for the upcoming Sunday School year. We will announce the Sunday School kick-off date soon, so watch your bulletins for that special announcement.

## Council Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2024

- ◇ Devotions were presented by Mrs. Deborah Ruff.
- ◇ Update on insurance given by Pastor Jason Weekly from Brotherhood Mutual.
- ◇ All reports were adopted.
- ◇ David Luther gave Call Committee Update.
- ◇ The committee is ready to start *Building a Culture of Generosity Campaign* in August.
- ◇ Sunday School Officers adopted for 2024-25 school year.
- ◇ The council will ask Preschool to have a written Handicap Plan Policy.
- ◇ Mrs. Linda to get with Valerie about 2025 envelope plan.
- ◇ Youth to be asked to do Service Project according to Adopted Synod Resolution.
- ◇ Need 10-15 Meals and Volunteers for Newberry College Sunday Ministry Nights.  
Mrs. Sue Mitchell to coordinate Grace's Sunday with Pastor David Coffman.

### Ministry Updates:

Refreshments for Pastor Dave's meet-in-greet provided by Care and Fellowship Team. Many thanks to them.

Shepherding concerns discussed.

Council adopted annual 4% raise on pastor's housing and salary starting January 2025 and continuing yearly.

Fundraising ideas discussed for moving expenses for future pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Candace Frick*

Council Secretary



## June Financial Reports

|                         | <u>Balance 6/1</u> | <u>Received</u> | <u>Disbursed</u> | <u>Balance, 6/30</u> | <u>Additional Information</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Current/Budget Fund     | \$ 53,006.34       | \$ 19,764.22    | \$ 11,577.17     | \$ 61,193.39         | \$ 11,218.68 CD               |
| Maintenance Fund        | \$ 57,819.63       | \$ 2,455.98     | \$ 117.69        | \$ 60,157.92         | n/a                           |
| Sunday School Account   | \$ 3,271.72        | \$ 91.50        | \$ 15.43         | \$ 3,347.79          | n/a                           |
| Christian Schools Acct. | \$ 20,931.41       | \$ 6,522.37     | \$ 12,390.55     | \$ 15,123.23         | n/a                           |
| CS Educational Fund     | \$ 8,144.50        | \$ .00          | \$ 108.00        | \$ 8,036.50          | n/a                           |

Current Fund Balance does not include designated monies for the LED Bulb Fund (\$534.37); Bereavement Meal Fund (\$1,165.61); Choir Fund (\$325) or Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift (\$307.74) contained within the Current Fund Checking Account. \*\*Maintenance Fund balance does not include Parsonage Fund (\$4,640.38) contained within the Maintenance Fund Checking Account. It does include \$31,582.64 given for Roof Repair only.

# AUGUST

| Sunday                                                                                 | Monday                                                  | Tuesday                                                                                                                               | Wednesday                                                                                                          | Thursday  | Friday                                                                                             | Saturday  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|       |                                                         |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    | 1         | 2                                                                                                  | 3         |
| <b>4</b><br>9:15 Breakfast<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship                      | <b>5</b>                                                | <b>6</b><br>                                         | <b>7</b><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Women's Bible Study<br><br>7:30 pm<br>Choir Rehearsal                                     | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>                                                                                           | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11</b><br>9:15 Breakfast<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship                     | <b>12</b>                                               | <b>13</b><br><br>Council Meeting<br>6:30 pm        | <b>14</b><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Women's Bible Study<br><br>7:30 pm<br>Choir                                              | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>                                                                                          | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b><br>9:15 Breakfast<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship                     | <b>19</b><br>Preschool Teachers' Staff Orientation      | <b>20</b><br><br>September Newsletter Articles Due | <b>21</b><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Women's Bible Study<br><br>7:30 pm<br>Choir Rehearsal                                    | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br> | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25</b><br>9:15 Breakfast<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship<br>12-1:30 GYM Time | <b>26</b><br>Preschool Get Acquainted Visits this week. | <b>27</b><br>Preschool Get Acquainted Visits this week. →                                                                             | <b>28</b><br>9:30 am<br><i>Newsletter Team</i><br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Women's Bible<br><br>7:30 pm<br>Choir Rehearsal | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br> | <b>31</b> |



**Back to School!**

We wish all of our youth a blessed 2024-25 school year! A special shout out to Camryn Shealy and Allie Waters as these two youth begin their senior year of high school!



It's time for GYM Time to resume for the fall! Need a reminder about what GYM is?

Grace Youth Ministry (GYM) is Grace's youth ministry for youth and children of all ages! Our youth group is centered on growing in and *strengthening* our faith together, while having a great time and building friendships.

We gather on the fourth Sunday of each month during the school year for our monthly GYM Time—a time for fun, food, and fellowship, where we play group games, plan any upcoming youth activities, read and discuss scripture, and share in a meal. All youth are welcome to join the GYM!

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

**Monthly GYM TIME**

**Sunday, August 25**

Noon-1:30 p.m.

**Faith, fellowship,  
fun, and food!!**

For our August GYM Time meal of hotdogs, we are asking for volunteers to help provide the hotdog buns and chips. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet on the narthex board.



Don't forget that your friends are always welcome at youth activities.

**More Youth = More Fun!**



**Sunday, August 25**

GYM Time 12-1:30pm

**Faith, Fellowship,  
Fun, & Food**

**Sunday, September 22**

GYM Time 12-1:30pm





## Announcement

On Sunday, July 14th, Grace Lutheran Church held a congregational meeting for the purpose of extending a call to the Reverend David Michael Adams to be our next pastor at Grace and his wife Diane. Prayerfully and thankfully the congregation voted to call Pastor Adams and also voted to approve his total salary package. Pastor Adams has accepted the call and now he has to notify his church council, congregation and his Bishop that he is transferring to Grace Lutheran in Prosperity, South Carolina. We do not have a firm start date for him yet as that is subject to all of his people being notified. Most probably his first sermon at Grace will be sometime in the September time frame.

The call committee: Andrea Lewis, Melodie Waters, Andy Metz, David Luther, and Ronnie Cromer want to thank all of the people of Grace for your patience in this lengthy process and also for such a large turnout at the “Meet and Greet” event on July 10th. Pastor Dave and Diane seemed to thoroughly enjoy meeting so many of our congregational members. The call committee also would like to thank Grace Church for affording us the opportunity to participate in the call process and doing God’s work. All of us can tell you we certainly experienced the hand of God many times in this call process.

May Grace continue to grow and thrive.

God Bless each and everyone of you,  
*Grace Church Call Committee*

## Welcome, New Members

We welcome Len and Kelli Fulmer to our church family. They come to Grace by affirmation of faith. Len works with Network Products, Inc. and Kelli works with the Department of Homeland Security–FEMA and is an SMU Master of Ministry graduate and commissioned as a Chaplain.

Len was baptized at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Little Mountain and Kelli was baptized at Grace Lutheran Church in Arlington, TX.

If you haven’t met them yet, please reach out and welcome them to our Grace Family.





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## Coming Up at Grace



**First day of  
 Grace Preschool  
 September 3**

**LSC Sunday 9-22-24  
 Lutheran Services Carolinas**

Lutheran Services Carolinas is a faith-based health and human services organization serving children, families, and seniors in the Carolinas. LSC assists and advocates for those we serve – both young and old – who need obstacles removed and pathways cleared on the way to a more fulfilling life. They will have a representative here that Sunday to share with us.



**Homecoming  
 Sunday, October 20**

**Chrismon Tree  
 Decorating Day  
 Thursday, December 5  
 9:30am**

