

Ministry Announcements for the week of July 29, 2018

TODAY IN WORSHIP!

- ✝ A special thanks to Jim Bischoff who is filling in as organist while Debby Reeb takes a well deserved vacation.
- ✝ Altar flowers are given in honor of Mary Jo Price's 71st birthday. Happy Birthday Mary Jo!
- ✝ Opportunities for flowers in our worship spaces may be found in the Flower Book on the table in the north hallway.
- ✝ As a gift of grace, members of the prayer team are available for you in the prayer chapel (across the hall from the chapel) following the 9:30 worship.

VBS GAME ON!

A huge THANK YOU! to all who participated in this year's Vacation Bible School! The energy and laughter of the kids, the patience and smiles of the teachers, the assisting teens who joyfully helped with numerous tasks and the wisdom and efforts to plan and carry out this ministry! You all are an awesome group of disciples.

DATE CHANGE FOR RAGTIME RICK!!!!

PLEASE NOTE -- OUR SUMMERTIME RAGTIME RICK OUTDOOR SERVICE WILL NOW BE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19. BREAKFAST WILL FOLLOW.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are looking for donations to place in the boxes to be shipped later this year.
August: scissors and markers

CELEBRATE GRACE'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY WITH NEW HYMNALS.....

Would you like to purchase a new hymnal and dedicate it to a loved one? Or would you just like to purchase a new hymnal? In the coming months, there will be an opportunity to do just that. The new hymnals are currently priced at \$22.50 each, but we are asking for a donation of \$25.00 to cover any possible cost increase. We have the ability to personalize a dedication in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Look for order forms to appear in the near future. If you have any questions about this effort, please see Beth Lohmann. The goal is to have new hymnals in use by 2020, Grace's 120th anniversary year.

ACCESS TO CHAPEL BASEMENT HAS CHANGED

We now have a lock on the door leading down to the basement under the Chapel and up to the Choir Loft in the Chapel. There is a key in the office which you may use to unlock this door. See the volunteers in the office for the key. Thanks!

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY - WON'T YOU JOIN US?!

You're invited! Thursday 10 Bible Study is reading Genesis 12. Abraham is busy with his life and growing older. Abraham probably had plans for his life. But God comes to Abraham and says "Abraham, leave your country, your kindred and everything you know. Abraham, leave your past behind you and go where I send you."

Abraham is the example of trusting faith. We do not know what is before us. But we trust God to lead us forward. When we step into the unknown, we remember what we know. We know our God. We know our God cares for us and we know we will care for each other.

BUILDING SECURITY

Our new security system this week and new codes for the exterior door by the office are now in effect. This new system allows us to create individual security codes for all who need them. If you think you need a code to open the office door, please contact the office Monday-Friday between 9am and 12 noon.

With this new system, code users will be asked to sign a form stating that they will be responsible for assuring all lights will be turned off in the area(s) used while in the building as well as securing any door(s) that were used to enter and exit the building. Codes should NEVER be shared with anyone!

BOWLING ANYONE?

The Toledo Lutheran Mixed Bowling League is asking you to join them. Ladies and Men - everyone is welcome! Teams are made up of 4 bowlers, in any combination of men and women. Pre-Season Meeting is August 1 starting at 7:00 p.m. at Interstate Lanes.

This is a fun league, not a money league. Cost is \$14.00 per bowler each night for 32 weeks. League bowls on Monday nights beginning August 20th at Interstate Lanes. You can practice starting at 7:00 p.m. with league play following.

NEW FLAGPOLE!

Have you noticed a new flagpole on the Grace grounds? Yep - the flagpole has been installed. The concrete which holds the pole in the ground needs to cure for two weeks. After the curing process is done, a new flag will be added.

SPREAD THE WORD:

The big TV screen in the hallway near the Office is available to share information with Grace's worshippers -- announcements, meeting dates, pictures of Grace events, videos or anything else relating to our ministries.

To have information displayed on Sunday, please have it to Bob Haaf by 9:00am the preceding Thursday. Text format should be MS Word (doc. or docx.) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf). Graphics format should be either jpg or bmp.

Bob Haaf (rahaaf@aol.com)

TROUBLE HEARING THE SERMON???

If you wear a hearing aid or have a cochlear implant. Grace's Sanctuary and Chapel contain induction loops for improved hearing. Turn on the t-coil setting, and speech sound will be sent directly to your hearing-assist device—sound that is corrected for your hearing loss—regardless of how close you are to the PA-system loudspeakers. Consult your audiologist if you are not certain whether your device contains a t-coil setting.

If you do not have a hearing-assist device. Four induction-loop units are available in the Sanctuary; ask an usher. The units contain t-coil receivers, with volume control, and small personal earphones. With these units, sound is transmitted directly to your ears, regardless of how close you are to the PA-system loudspeakers.

*** Information about induction loops is available at <http://www.hearingloop.org/> ***

5th Sunday - July 29 - 1 Worship | Forgiveness An Invitation from Pastor Al

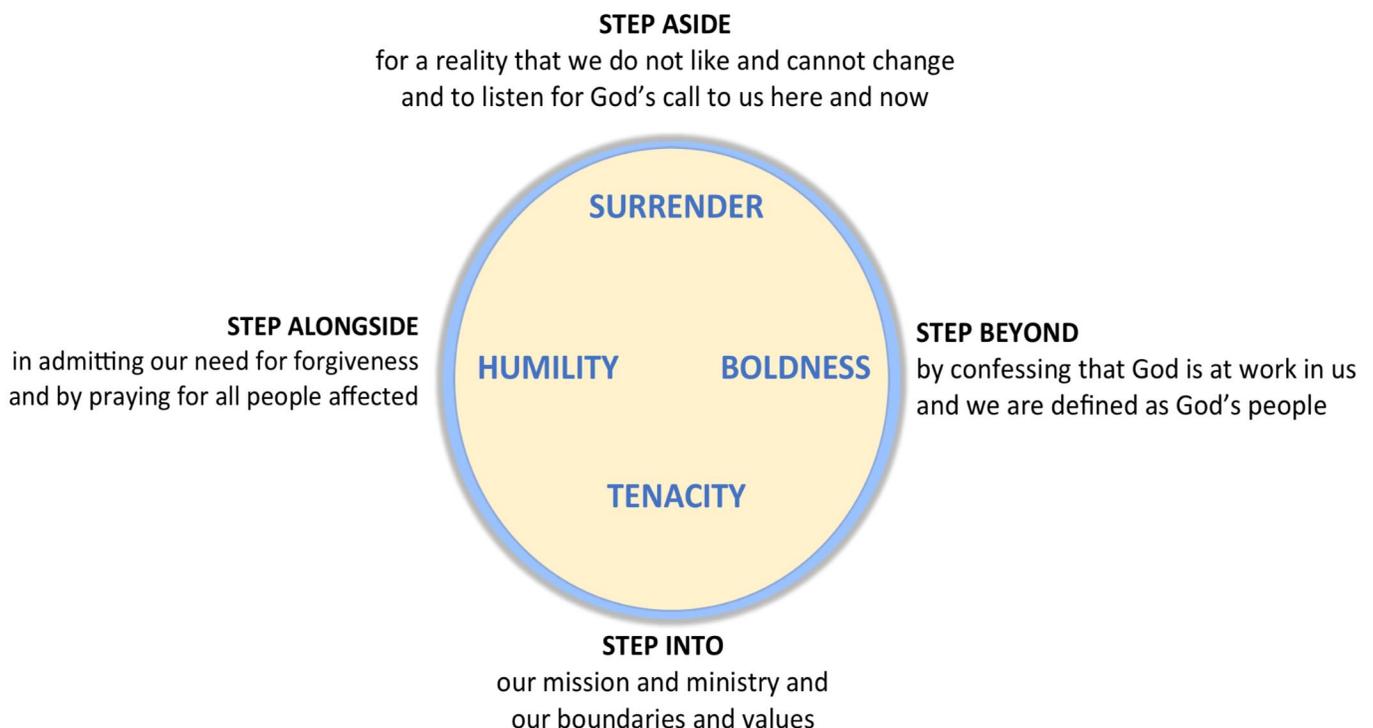
As Ephesians says, we are alive in Christ Jesus . . . alive into a resurrected life:

After discovering the theft to Grace of over \$30,000, we sought the truth in Christ without wanting to blame or inflict retribution. We now know a theft happened so well, the authorities could not determine a convincing path to conviction. I offer, Grace does not need a conviction and, without a clear path to one, I find myself unwilling to see our folks ground through a trial where a defense lawyer attempts to inflict damage on Marsha, Chris, David, Sue, Beth or any of our folks who gave cash. I see no reason to run our folks through a gauntlet of a doubting/grilling by a defense team. I need no "satisfaction that justice is served" to heal from the fact I have been part of being hoodwinked the whole time I've been with Grace. Christ is enough for taking care of any wounding of me. I think it is enough for us to commend the perpetrator(s) into God's care, to learn lessons from and make changes to Grace's own self-management, and go on. Go on, not hiding what happened . . . but also not allowing what happened to propel baggage onto our future. We, I think, will be far, far better off to go on living in the resurrecting forgiveness of Christ Jesus than in a thirst for judgement. We have, I think, walked with the Light, exposed ourselves to the Light, given to the Light our own brokenness and culpabilities, and now is the time to let Christ's Light lead us into the new dawning of new days. The strife is o'er, the deep work of battling for discovering the truth is done (again, thanks to David, Beth, Sue, Chris, and Marsha), the victory is won . . . let's sing "Alleluia" in Christ and go on in Resurrection Hope.

So, dear folks, pray this week. Pray! Ask God what needs forgiveness in you and what forgiveness you need to give. Bring God's promptings for you to next week's **5th Sunday Prayer & Healing Worship (10:30 in the sanctuary)** and, together, we will step with Jesus: stepping aside, alongside, into, and beyond. By God's grace and in God's grace, we are invited again and again into the baptism of Jesus' life, now the only affirmed-by-resurrection life: stepping aside (surrender); stepping alongside (humility); stepping into (tenacity); stepping beyond (boldness).

Let us come to the waters of baptism and be healed, again.

Please read the graphic below in a counter-clockwise direction:





Grace Full Friends This is a ministry at Grace designed to share the love of Christ with individuals with developmental disabilities. It's a time to share a lesson, sing, pray, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. Check the bulletin board across from the church office for updates and samples of crafts made by our Grace Full Friends. Please consider joining us soon. Grace Full Friends meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Additional information: Bob Haaf (475-0374 | rahaaf@aol.com)



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Date	Assisting Minister	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Lector	Ushers	Fellowship Hour Hostess'
JULY 29 10:30	BOB HAAF		BETH COOK	NANCY OMEY GRACE PETERSON JEANNE HOLZSCHEITER DAN HOLZSCHEITER	GRETCHEN HIATT NANCY LOCKARD
AUG 5	CINDY WOOD		CINDY WOOD	JIM BAIL KAREN BAIL BOB HAAF ANN FLECK	WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE
AUG. 12	PETE COOK		WENDY MCCALL	JIM BAIL KAREN BAIL BOB HAAF ANN FLECK	SUE MELCHERT KAREN WEIMER

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- August 19 Ragtime Rick outdoor service with breakfast following
- October 28 Reformation Sunday
- November 4 All Saints Sunday
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day
- November 25 Christ the King Sunday
- Year 2020 Grace Lutheran's 120th Anniversary