

Ministry Announcements for the week of August 5, 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 by Connie Thomas in memory of her mother, Esther Baumert, remembering her August 3rd birthday.
- ✠ 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.

RAGTIME RICK SERVICE - AUGUST 19

Join us outdoors for the annual Ragtime Rick service on Sunday, August 19 at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast will follow in Brenner Hall. There is no charge for breakfast, but a free will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of new hymnals. Also - volunteers are needed to help set up on that Sunday morning. The setting up of chairs, the small altar, cross, sound system, flowers and piano will require a few volunteers.

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.

GRACE MINISTRY IN TANZANIA

What do Mt. Kilimanjaro, the Serengeti, the Maasai tribe, Jane Goodall's chimps, Zanzibar the "Spice Island", the Ngorongoro Crater, the "setting" for the Tarzan movies, Lake Victoria, The Great Rift Valley, the village of Mzogole, Iringa Road Lutheran Church and Ron Hiatt all have in common?

All are in Tanzania right now. Yes! That's right even the Tarzan movies were set in the jungles of Tanzania. However, the real point is, that Ron is part of the "Safari ya Kufufua Uhusiano" or "Journey to Renew Companionships". From July 29 through August 10, the delegation will be visiting the parish to church companionship between the Dodoma Diocese and Northwestern Ohio Synod. Members of the delegation include Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Becky Seibert, Pastor Rob Johnson of Holy Trinity Toledo, Pastor Bob Noble of Calvary Northwood, and Ron Hiatt of Grace Toledo. In addition to meeting with companion parishes, Bishop Daniel will be attending the Companion Bishops' Sum

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mit in Moshi where over 120 delegates from all the synods that have companion ships with Tanzania Dioceses will meet to discuss how to strengthen relationships, learn about the explosive growth of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT), worship together and share faith stories. Members of the “Kufufua Uhusiano” delegation will also be participating in baptisms, dedicating well projects in the villages of Mlenga, Mzogole, and at Aya School, and will meet with the leaders of the Dodoma Diocese. Becky Seibert and Ron Hiatt will also be meeting with members of Iringa Road, and meeting with members of the Tumaini III Medical Mission Planning Task Force to work out details for the November 2018 medical mission. Their 10-day schedule in the Dodoma and Moshi areas will be jam packed with travel and meetings.

Please keep the “Kufufua Uhusiano” delegation and all the Bishops attending the Summit in your prayers for productive meetings, strengthening relationships, and safe travels.

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!

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/> ****

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Where? The Mason Jar Tap and Grill located at 8504 Secor Road at Consear in Lambertville, MI. When? Thursday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m. What a party this will be! They offer mouth-watering appetizers, salads, flatbreads with your favorite toppings, burgers and sandwiches. They have local brews also. This is just up the road, so grab your favorite guy or gal, get in the car and get moving for another great night out with friends from Grace. Sign up across from the office.

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

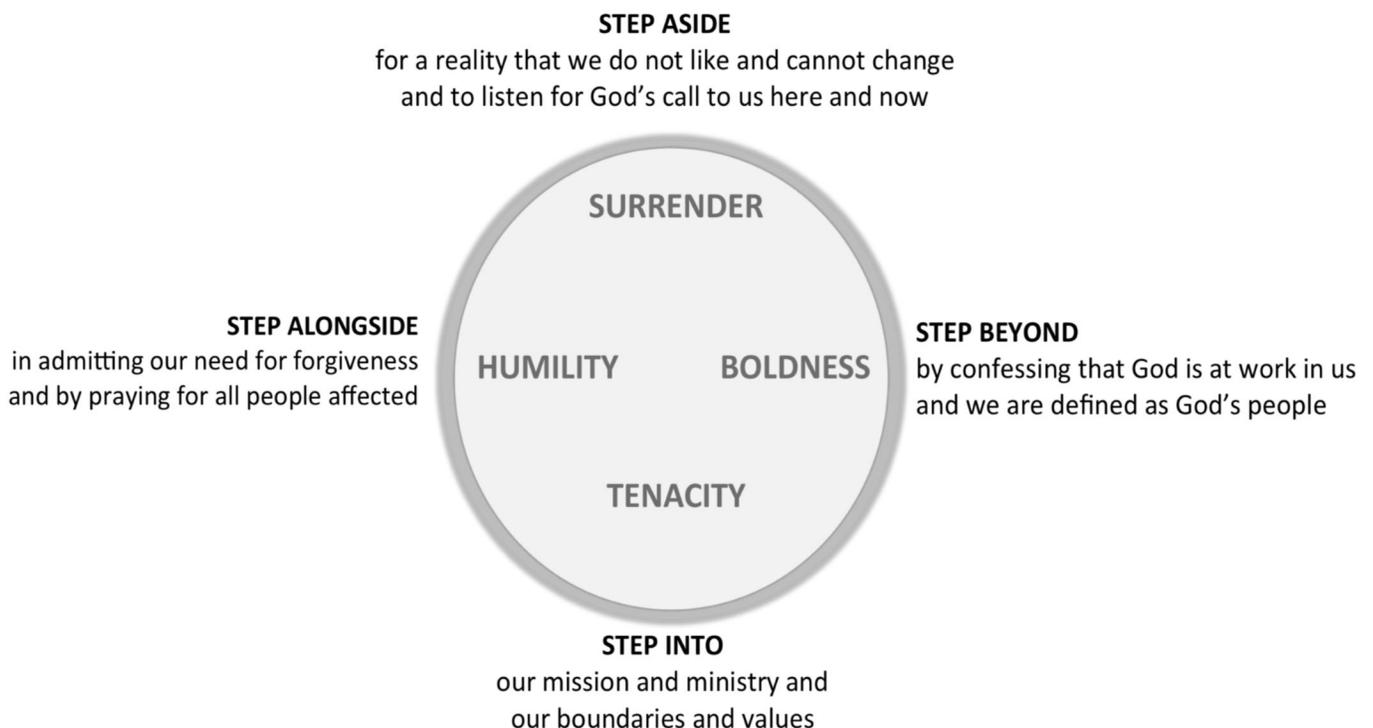
As Ephesians says, we are alive in Christ Jesus . . . alive into a resurrected life:

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'
AUG 5	CINDY WQOOD		CINDY WOOD	JIM BAIL KAREN BAIL BOB HAAF ANN FLECK	WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE
AUG 12	PETE COOK		WENDY MCCALL	JIM BAIL KAREN BAIL BOB HAAF ANN FLECK	SUE MELCHERT KAREN WEIMER
AUG. 19	DAVID O'BRIEN		LAURA FROST	JIM BAIL KAREN BAIL BOB HAAF ANN FLECK	NANCY JOHNSON DEBBIE JOHNSON

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