

Finance committee: A potluck lunch was suggested in celebration of paying off the loan balance. It was planned for Sunday, June 29 after the 10:30 a.m. service. The committee also reported that the two air conditioners will need to be replaced in the near future and the organ will need additional repairs.

IT committee: Computer hardware and operating systems will need to be upgraded.

Parish Education committee: Vacation Bible School is planned for August 11-14. Also, materials are needed for Sunday School classes. Their next meeting will be July 28, 2014.

Property committee: Two AED units have arrived; they will be installed in pocket doors in the Social Room's side classroom. A quote was received on replacing the four air conditioning units.

TOGS (Youth Group): The group is taking a break for the summer. Fund raising activities for the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering will start in August. Three youth will be attending; the cost is \$1,000/child.

Mission & Discipleship: Online giving will be set up soon. The 'Seeding the Future' Fundraiser for Camp Nawakwa will be held the first four Sundays in August (3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th). Lifetouch has been selected to create the next Photo Directory for the church. Pictures will be taken August 21-23 at no cost to the church.

Old Business: The Finance committee recommended creating a line item in the budget for an Educational Fund of \$5,000. The fund would be used to offset Wicky's seminary tuition and others in the future. There have been monetary gifts and pledges received that would be allocated to this fund. There is also another church that would like to contribute to this fund. Several years ago, Grace provided Jackie Roderick with \$500/month. Council approved the recommendation.

New Business: The IT committee recommended reducing the amount of checking accounts from four to two. Council approved merging the Benevolence, Property/Maintenance, and General Funds into one account, with the Building Fund remaining as the second account. The IT committee recommended computer hardware and software; they have responsibility for computer hardware and their uses.

Three people need to be nominated and elected for the Audit Committee (by-law C13.03). The 2014 fiscal year will need to be audited in 2015. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please contact any council member or the church office.

New members

June 22- We welcomed Mickey, Shannon, McKenna and Samantha Harrison as members of Grace Lutheran at the Spirit Cellar service.

Funeral

June 5- George Eveler, Jr., passed away on June 1. He was age 85. The service was held at Grace Lutheran with Pastor Tina officiating. George was interred at Windsor Church of God Cemetery.

Confirmations

June 8- Kailyn Bennett, Hailey Bradley, Alisyn Dellinger, Samuel Hont, and Cara Warntz were confirmed as members of Grace Lutheran in a confirmation ceremony.

'SEEDING THE FUTURE' CAMPAIGN

The Beginning of a Vision

In the late fall of 2005, the LCC board of directors began creating a strategic master plan. A few months later, 231 acres adjacent to Nawakwa became available for purchase. Both of these events created much excitement and activity among the board and staff.

In February of 2007, the board adopted the strategic plan, with one of the top priorities being to grow Nawakwa's ministry through site expansion in order to preserve the unique character of the camp and to allow for program growth and facility additions. In December of 2007 the purchase of the land was finalized.

In January of 2008, the "Imagine" campaign was launched. The campaign raised nearly \$1 million and is providing funds to help pay off the land mortgage with the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA.

In the fall of 2010, the board initiated a strategy to retire the remaining mortgage and position the LCC in a strong financial position for expanded ministry. On April 9, 2011, the synod council of the Lower Susquehanna Synod approved the "Seeding the Future" capital campaign with a \$2 million goal.

Taken From: <http://www.lutherancamping.org/seedingthefuture/>. June 26, 2014



REPORT FROM SYNOD ASSEMBLY



This year's Synod Assembly was held June 6-7 at Messiah College. This year, Grace Lutheran was represented by Pastor Tina, Cora Sue Herbst, and Jack Warntz. There was a different focus to Synod Assembly this year, rather than spending the majority of the time on business and administration, there was a clear focus on service, worship, and fellowship. Activities kicked off unofficially on Thursday the 5th of June, with the first annual Loaves and Fishes food packing event. Thousands of volunteers worked in three hour shifts, across twelve hours, to pack meals for the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. By the end of the day, our synod had packed over 300,000 meals that would be distributed to people right in our own neighborhoods. It was with this event in mind that the assembly officially kicked off Friday morning with an intense focus on feeding the hungry in our midst.

The keynote speaker this year was Rev. Dan Rift, Director of ELCA World Hunger. He spoke to us of the vast and various ways that the ELCA is seeking to address hunger in the world, as well as about coordinated efforts between World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response, to meet the needs of as many people as possible. We experienced three different Bible studies, led by Rev. Amy Reumann, Director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA (LAMP), who guided us from the Old Testament prophets all the way through to the end of Revelation, and highlighted God's gracious desire to feed all of God's children, and the role we, as disciples, are called to play in these efforts. The major worship event of the assembly was held Friday morning, which featured a service of ordination and consecration. Four new pastors were ordained into ministry in Lower Susquehanna, and one new deaconess was consecrated to the ministry of word and service. We celebrated the Eucharist together, and rejoiced with the newest members of Lower Susquehanna's ministry.

The main order of business for the assembly included the election of five new members to Synod Council and one new member to the Gettysburg Seminary Board of Directors. Those who were elected were then installed at the close of assembly on Saturday morning. The largest piece of business taken up by the assembly was the passing of a recommendation from Synod Council regarding the 25th Anniversary Campaign for the ELCA in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. After much debate, prayer, and thought, the assembly passed this resolution 304 to 50. What this entails is our synod embarking on a joint campaign that will seek to support the ELCA in their 25th Anniversary Campaign, as well as holding a campaign within the Synod for ministries here. The total of the campaign will be six million dollars, across five years, beginning in January 2015. Here is a breakdown of where those funds will be going:

\$2,750,000 to the ELCA 25th Anniversary Campaign initiatives as outlined by the 2013 Churchwide Assembly:

1. \$2,000,000 for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal
2. \$500,000 for the ELCA Malaria Campaign (completing our synod's goal for this campaign)
3. \$250,000 for ELCA initiatives as designated by the 2013 Churchwide Assembly

\$2,750,000 to support the following Lower Susquehanna Synod ministries:

1. \$1,000,000 for the Seeding the Future Campaign of the Lutheran Camping Corporation in order to complete this campaign
2. \$750,000 for the Bishop's Congregational Mission Fund
3. \$100,000 for the Lutheran Disaster Response needs in Lower Susquehanna Synod
4. \$500,000 for hunger initiatives within the Lower Susquehanna Synod
5. \$250,000 for seminarian related support
6. \$150,000 for youth and young adult related ministries

Items 5 and 6 were initiatives that were decided upon by the gathered assembly. The Synod Council had left \$400,000 open to designate towards areas that the Synod Assembly felt were important. We spent a great deal of time reflecting on additional areas that were in need in our synod, and came up with support for seminarians and more efforts towards youth and young adult related ministries. More information will be coming to congregations about participation in the campaign, but for now the most important piece of this was that it was not a decision come too lightly, but was only decided after a great deal of reflection, prayer, and conversation.

If you have any other questions regarding items discussed at Synod Assembly, or specific questions about the campaign outline, please contact Pastor Tina.

Lastly, thank you to Cora Sue and Jack for their dedicated service during the assembly; it is greatly appreciated.

Blessings,
Pastor Tina



Editorial Correction:

The Beacon would like to apologize to Sam Hont and his parents. We mistakenly spelled his name 'Hart' in the confirmands' section last month. It should have read: "Congratulations to this year's confirmands! Samuel Andrew Hont attends York Suburban Middle School. His parents are Sharon & Andrew Hont."



Food Pantry Ministry

LITTLE MIRACLES... BIG BLESSINGS

Little Miracles... Big Blessings: For those of you who do not volunteer for food distribution, you are missing an awesome opportunity to see God's hands at work. On Monday, June 9, we had many little miracles, but here are just three of them for your enjoyment.

About half way through the morning, we observed a little boy carrying a big plastic castle in his arms. Ellen went over to apologize to the mother that we did not have the characters that went with the castle. The lady looked at Ellen with a big smile and said, "You don't understand! We have all of the characters but this castle costs fifty dollars and we could not afford to buy it." Needless to say, the smile on the child's face was all the thanks we needed.

Even later in the morning, a mother and her four-year old daughter were able to find Dora's backpack with all of the parts except for the Map. Later, as Ellen was re-arranging things in another part of the sanctuary, she found the Map! She prayed that the mother had not left the church, and sure enough, they were still in the welcome center waiting for their number to be called.

Finally, our third miracle occurred at the very end of food distribution... while we were packing up the left-overs. A young girl came into the sanctuary and begged us not to pack up yet so that she could look for some clothing. Believe it or not, after over 200 people before her had picked through the piles, the girl found five sets of scrubs in her size. Here comes the good part. She just got a job the week before taking care of a gentleman, and she needed scrubs for her new job. It seems that, no matter when our clients enter the sanctuary, there is always something inside that exactly suits their needs. So, while they receive blessings above their expectations, we get to witness the miracles and love of God at every distribution.

Why don't you consider volunteering at the next distribution? The good our church does for those in need makes the effort worth the while. Bring your children to see how doing God's work can really change someone's life, like those mentioned above.



WOMEN OF GRACE SPONSORS BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM



This year Red Lion Pride is having summer camps for at-risk students for six weeks at three elementary schools. We selected the week of August 4-11. Each of the weeks has 20 to 25 students. Grades 1-3 attend camp the first week, and grades 4-6 attend the second week. Grace is responsible for providing a backpack with supplies for the upcoming school year and healthy snacks for the week. We were blessed by Thrivent Financials Chapter 31068 through supplemental fund matching last year's Holiday Bazaar and have some "seed money" to purchase some healthy snacks or backpacks; but we are asking for help to stuff the backpacks with supplies. Below is a shopping list for the backpack supplies. If you hate to shop, we will gladly accept a monetary donation and will assign a personal shopper to purchase the supplies for you. If someone has the desire to buy in bulk, 50 of any item on the list would work, but please let Dee Kerr or Carol Wagner know in advance so we can remove that item from the list.

Backpack School Supplies

Grades 1-3

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Pencils/Color Pencils

Pencil Boxes

Lined Notebooks

Glue Sticks

Crayola Crayons (Must be Crayola)

Erasers

Sight Word Flashcards

Math Fact Cards

Workbooks

Magnetic Letters

Wiki Sticks

Letter Stamps

Ink Stamps or Stamp Pads

Grades 4 - 6

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Pencils/Color Pencils

Pencil Boxes

Lined Notebooks

Glue Sticks

Erasers

Markers

Math Fact Cards

Highlighters

Dry Erase Markers

Spiral-bound Notebooks

2 Pocket Folders

Post It Notes

MUSICAL NOTES



The Red Lion Felton Band will be featured as our July concert on July 20 at 3:00 p.m., this time with an Ice Cream Social included! As always, concerts are free and open to the public. Feel free to bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends.

The Red Lion Felton Bands have a long history in the local area. The Felton Band was established in 1892, with Mr. William G. Reichard as the first director. In the late 1920's, a small German band was organized and became the forerunner to the Red Lion Concert Band, organized by Daniel P. Keener and Alvin M. Hildebrand. Hildebrand served as the band's first director.

The Red Lion Concert Band and the Felton Band merged to become the Red Lion Felton Band in April 1972. Together, the Red Lion Felton Bands have been entertaining Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware residents for over 118 years. The band's current director is William Ritz.

Join us to see why locals have enjoyed these bands for over a century!



WHAT'S IN THE DISPLAY CASE?



This month, the talents of Pat and Janet will have a summer theme. The cabinet will feature the 4th of July for two weeks. There is nothing that says summer like the 4th of July. Here are some trivia about the 4th of July to test your knowledge of America's favorite holiday:

Which three presidents died on the Fourth of July? John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. Adams, the second president, and Jefferson, the third president, both died on the same day in 1826.

Which president was born on the 4th of July? Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president, in 1872.

How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th? Two

On what date did most of the signers actually sign the doc? August 2, 1776

Which state had the most delegates sign? Pennsylvania. There were nine.

What other countries celebrate the 4th of July? Denmark, Norway, Sweden and England.

In what year did July 4 become a paid legal federal holiday? It became an unpaid federal holiday in 1870. And a lot of trivia sites say that it became a paid holiday in 1941, but it was actually passed by congress in 1938.

How did Nathan's Fourth of July Hot Dog contest begin? It started out as a dispute among four immigrants over who was the most patriotic. And so, that explains why this country is overweight. We are patriotic?

What modern First Lady wore a bejeweled American Flag in her lapel on every Fourth of July? Jackie Kennedy. And the jewelry actually sells on e-bay.

Taken from: <http://www.fourthofjulytrivia.com/>. June 26, 2014

At the end of the month, the ladies will be making a display with lighthouses, with pictures around the world. Enjoy!

July's Women of Grace meeting is moving from the 3rd to the 10th this month due to the holiday. The time is the same: 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!



OUR "TRAVELER" OF YEARS AGO RETURNED

David Johnson "a traveler" showed up at our Church three years ago worshipping with Grace Church. We were interested in getting to know him and spent time with him. David's journey and his time spent with us, was chronicled in the March 2011 edition of the newsletter. He asked if there was a place for shelter for the night. We gave him shelter in the block building which he called "perfect," and he ate dinner with Charlie and Janet. They eventually helped him on his way by providing a ride to Delta. David is truly on an adventure. He told us he started working in a restaurant until he decided he needed more in life so he packed up what he needed and started his "world traveling." That was 19 years ago. He left on this trip from Kentucky, traveling by greyhound bus and hitch hiking. He was headed to a town walking along Route 24 when he spotted our steeple. He kept walking until he reached our church, and that is how he ended up worshipping with us at our Lenten Service participating in receiving ashes and communion.



several hours with him learning about his three years of travels and all of the people he had met along the way.

Since he had left us, he reported that he had been a victim of a hit and run driver. He was found by a policeman along the road who helicoptered him to the hospital. He was in the hospital for several weeks with all kinds of life threatening injuries. After being released from the hospital, he spent weeks in therapy treatment. No one was arrested for his accident.

Over the years we often talked about him, wondering what he was doing and also remembering him in our prayers to be safe. To us it was one of those life experiences that do not seem real. He really left a mark on our lives. To have him return after three years was a real blessing. We were blessed that God gave us this special opportunity. Never once did David ask us for money, only a place to rest for the night.

On May 21 of this year he again walked into Grace asking our Secretary, Anna Mae, for a girl that lived about a block away from the Church. Charlie and I happened to be at Church working on the Church Cabinet in the Welcome Area when I found out he was looking for me. We went down to the lobby, and there sat David Johnson, a person we never thought we would ever see again.

Jack Warntz happened to be there as well, and gave him some food from the Food Pantry. Then Charlie took him over to the block building, and he asked us to take him to Giant for some extra food. We then spent

We will never forget the look on some of our church member's faces when we spoke with him and took him to the block building. I am sure that they thought we had lost "all of our marbles" (as the old saying goes). This experience had reminded us again of the verse "You can open a door to a stranger, but how do you know that it is not the Lord on his travels." There are times when the Lord tests your faith, and this was one of those times for us. When David Johnson came into our lives three years ago as a total stranger, he also left us as a friend to always be remembered.

Janet and Charlie Murphy

VBS NEWS

Calling All Kids!

Gangway to Galilee VBS will take us on and around the Sea of Galilee with five accounts of Jesus's ministry there. By grace through faith, Jesus, God's own Son our Savior, calls us, teaches us, keeps us safe, saves us, and provides all we need now and forever. That's amazing grace!

Registration is open for ages 3 through grade 6 who will attend VBS from August 12 to 16, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Don't miss the boat! Set sail with us to sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, you'll learn all about Jesus our Savior and His amazing grace! Can't wait to see you there! To register, register online at Gracelutheran.com, put the registration form in the VBS mailbox in the main entrance way, or call 244-5987.

Register now for Gangway to Galilee Vacation Bible School! Fill out a registration form and put it in the box near each entrance. Forms are located around the church. For information, call 244-5987, email office@gracelutheran.com, or go online at Gracelutheran.com.

Volunteers are still needed



Connect Children with God's Eternal Good News at VBS: Every child needs to hear the Good News that Jesus their Savior calls us, teaches us, keeps us safe, saves us, and provides all we need by His amazing grace through faith. At Gangway to Galilee VBS, you will connect children with the most important message of their lifetime:

the miraculous story of what Jesus did for us what we could never do for ourselves. If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Call Maigan Gideon at 717-817-4133 or e-mail Gideonm123@gmail.com for more information. Join us for an Amazing Grace Adventure!

The Women of Grace thank you for your donations for their yard sale stand at the annual Red Lion yard sale weekend. The proceeds will benefit the Welcome Center.

MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING



The next meeting will be July 6 at 6:30p.m. Any and all who feel called to come together for a time of support, sharing, and prayer in the wake of loss are invited to attend at any time. We

will join together to talk, pray, to connect, and to discuss the future of this group here at Grace that can be built to support and nurture our church family during times of grief and loss. If you have any questions please see Pastor Tina or Keith McCleary.



HAPPENINGS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

God works in mysterious ways- Debbie Hoover hooked up the food pantry with an anesthesiologist who is going on a mission to Nigeria, and he is taking all the yard sale items the food pantry has left over. Our ministry is going overseas. Thanks Debbie!

July Celebrations

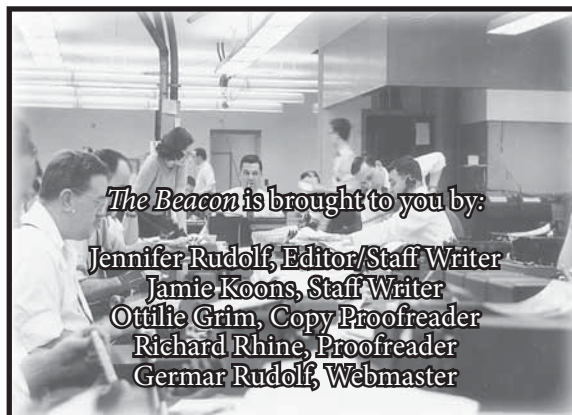


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 05-David Fishel
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 06-Dylan Rexroth
 07-Nancy Golden
 08-Estella Bucher
 10-Jack Warntz
 11-James Bucher
 14-Ned Kinard
 15-Jaime Herr
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 17-Mickalla Martin
 19-Erma Grim
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 22-Peggy Rotz
 22-Caitlin Stanley
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Wedding Anniversaries

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