



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PASTOR

The Reverend Heinz D. Raidel

The Spirit Works in Mysterious Ways... and through whatever we're going through...

I will confess, my daily routine used to be rushed; and often my last priority was a daily spiritual practice. Yes, I knew that a daily devotional activity was important, and I knew as a pastor, I should be modeling a daily spiritual practice for my congregations. But I skipped it way too often.

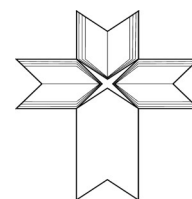
Then this virus threatened our lives and changed our world. And I remembered Luther's quote that the Word should both comfort and afflict. And I needed some of that "comforting" Luther was referring to so I turned to the daily devotional readings from church. (They are coordinated with the Sunday readings.) And I offered an online daily devotional based on those readings.

And that's where and how the Spirit worked for me: Every day the daily devotional reading spoke to what I was going through. Every day the devotional reading was clear, concise and relevant. Every day the scripture fit in and informed me that God was with us. It seems as if one day the Psalm has the Israelites expressing praise and asking help from God in the same way we are. Other days, the readings reassure us that God is with us, here and now. Some days the readings remind us of the promises of God. Last week, they reminded me that God always keeps his promises. Magic? Coincidence? I rather think it's the Holy Spirit at work through the scriptures. It works for me!

Bottom line: Having a daily spiritual practice that works for you might change your life and supercharge your faith. Your spiritual practice does not have to be reading scripture. Yours could be a quiet moment, a retreat to your place, a cold beverage and contemplation, or maybe an introspective walk with your dog. It could be listening to your favorite music. It could be turning wrenches on a project and praying. It could be a few minutes on that special quilt. I would encourage you to try a few intentional minutes (short, quick and to the point) every day to give the Spirit some room to work. It changed my faith!

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and share God's good news with others with an emphasis on youth and families.

A Song for your soul:

(CHORUS)

All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hand, or paws, or any-
thing they've got now.

Listen to the top where the little bird sings
On the melodies and the high notes ringing,
And the hoot owl cries over everything
And the blackbird disagrees

Singing in the night time, singing in the day,
When the little duck quacks, and he's on his
Way and the otter hasn't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself.

(chorus)

The dogs and the cats they take up
the middle,
While the honeybee hums and the cricket
fiddles,

The donkey brays and the pony neighs,
And the old gray badger sighs.

It's a simple song a song everywhere
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear
The dopey alligator and the hawk above, the
sly old weasel and the turtle dove.

From your council president:

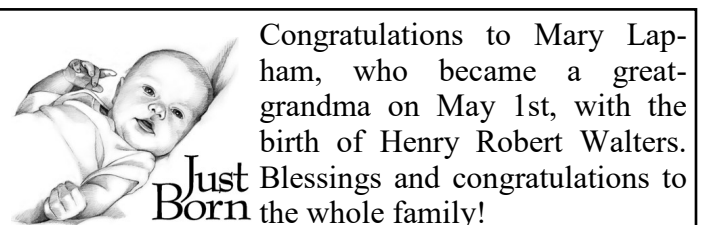
We have had an uneventful summer so far. I hope everyone is doing well. We are still not aware of any further news on opening up; as soon as we know anything, you will know. I wish to thank you for financially supporting your church. On a lighter note "Happy Birthday!" to anyone born in July, especially Debbi Dunlap, Tina Siddle, and Joe Bias. The plans for the shelter house are moving along. Joe Biri thinks they will start on it in October. We have some scouts who are trying to weed our area by the statues and benches. Please protect yourself and be safe.

Rod DuMond, Council President

A Note from Patti and Pastor Heinlein:

Bob had foot surgery in May. He is recovering with a boot and will start therapy next week.

The virus has made us appreciate worship more. Thank goodness for the TV and the computer as we watch a variety of services and sermons from different pastors. Some pastors make you feel you are in church with them! Our belief is that God will get us through this, but we have to do our part also. We celebrated another wedding anniversary on June 8th, 35 years.





Debbie Kelley had two grand-daughters graduate from high school season! Athena Kelley (Jeremy's daughter) graduated and received her diploma on June 3rd from Wilmington Area High School, in New Castle, PA. Katie Kelley (Joshua & Heather's daughter) celebrated a rescheduled graduation on July 27th from South Carolina Virtual Charter School.

HELP FAITH MISSION:

Mollie Vrable (from Faith Mission) has sent a request for shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and razors. All of these items can be purchased at dollar stores (or anywhere). Please place items in a plastic bag and call Bonnie (614-266-5148) or Rod (614-288-7280) to arrange for pick up. They need these items as soon as possible, as they are in urgent need. Thanks for your help!

The Jacksons will be having another get together on August 15th (with a rain date of the 22nd). Please join us at 5pm, with a dish to share, and chairs/tables. If you are planning to attend, please call Karen/Doug to let them know you are coming and what dish you are bringing. It will be the same setup as last time and we look forward to seeing you!

Hi everyone,

Of course we haven't gone anywhere this summer. We did celebrate the 4th of July at my son, Brian's house, in Baltimore because he has an above ground swimming pool; so that was cooling on a hot day. We had a good lunch, everybody brought a dish to share. We saw the 2 dogs, 14 chickens, and Lionel, the potbelly pig; he does tricks now. We saw Michelle's raised bed gardens and all the flowers. We have been having a Bible Study on Wednesdays, on Zoom at 6pm. It is based on the book, The Art of Spiritual Listening.

I planted some vegetables behind Faith Lutheran, in Baltimore. There are tomato plants, lettuce, carrots, potatoes and onions. Rod and I go out and water the garden as we can and it's a long drive. Art (from Faith) lent us some tomato cages to use and he has been advising me.

Bonnie

We hope you are surviving this crazy time! We at the Davis house have pretty much hunkered down. In the beginning, we did walks and jigsaw puzzles. We tried to keep up on the Facebook entries. We have visited our home in the hills twice. There is no one around, just 21 acres of peace and quiet. We have seen both our son and Karen's family throughout. We have even done our spring cleaning in the correct season for the first time in 51 years. On the 29th of May, Paul caved and let me rescue a puppy. She came to us from Fairfield Humane Society. She was very sick and we are just getting her back to a normal puppy. We went to the potluck at the Jackson's and have visited New Hope Lutheran Church several times. Looking forward to being with everyone again soon. Take care and stay safe, healthy, and happy.

Paul and Eve Davis

Have something for next month's newsletter? Email, or phone it into the office by August 10th at 4pm!



A prayer: With the Words of Consecration

With the words of consecration
And this sacred supper hour,
Here we find you, dear Lord Jesus
Taste your love and touch your power.

By your cross and cruel scourging,
By your resurrection day,
You prepared this holy merging
With your children of the way.

Gathered here in spirit needy,
Wash us in the crimson flood.
Sanctify and comfort speedy
With your body and your blood.

Though we come as individu'ls
From our homes and market place,
Feed us with the loaf of heaven,
Join us as one your favored race.

Cup of blessing. Bread eternal,
Eucharistic means of grace,
Here by faith, this myst'ry viewing,
There we'll see you face to face.

If you have specific prayer requests, please feel free to email them to the office, or leave them on the office voicemail. They will be publicized to the congregation.



Kroger will donate a percentage of all purchases to Grace Church! All you need to do is call 1-800-576-4377, or go to Kroger.com and click the community rewards link. To register you will need our account number: QS108. Last year, we earned \$1200 through this program and we can earn up to \$4000. Register yourself, friends and family!

If you have not yet linked your Rewards card to Grace, please do so ASAP, our account number is QS108. Let's see how much we can earn in the next three months.

Office Hours:

Elaine is currently in the office at least once a week, but the times vary. The best way to get information to her is through email (office@grace Columbus.com) or call the office and leave a voice mail. She will return your message!



Contributions and Pledges are now being accepted for our new Shelter House.

We are still accepting donations toward building the shelter house. There was a giant speed bump, but things are getting back on track. Donations can be sent to the office, just be sure to indicate that they are for the shelter house. If you want up to date information or further details, contact Rod or Joe! Thank you for your support!



APRIL

A very belated
Happy
Birthday to...

Cierra Schmauch	04/02
Bernie Cantrell	04/18
Mark Cantrell	04/21
Jennifer Lawson	04/26
Linda Styers	04/27

MAY

Stephanie Patmon	05/03
Mildred Sater	05/18
Lucille Ables	05/23

JUNE

And to...

Gary Layman	06/03
June Bohrer	06/09
Jim Siddle	06/11
Peggy Holtzberger	06/23
Karen Jackson	06/27
Logan Schmauch	06/29

JULY

Debbi Dunlap	07/04
Joseph Bias	07/04
Tina Siddle	07/04
Kristopher Dunlap	07/09
Brian DuMond	07/13
Judi Layman	07/23
Alfreda Havens	07/28
Larry Frazee	07/29
Rod DuMond	07/30



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