

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gathering in grace, growing in faith, serving in love

July, 2019

Pastor's Ponderings



At 3:30 a.m. on June 17, 75 people gathered in darkness outside Central Lutheran Church in Edgerton to board 2 buses to get them started on an adventure that none would forget. Wearing our turquoise mission trip t-shirts, we flew from Chicago to San Juan, Puerto Rico for a week of service. There were 17 of us from Grace, 57 from Central Lutheran in Edgerton, as well as Pastor Walter Baires, our synod's new Director for Evangelical Mission. This trip was a first for both congregations – our first intergenerational mission trip, our first cooperative ministry, and our first mission trip to Puerto Rico.

Although Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico 22 months ago, there is still so much to be done. Recovery has been extremely slow and often difficult, with island-wide power and communication outages for months, in addition to the lack of clean water. Flying over San Juan, we could see that many buildings were still covered in blue tarps. And it was roofs that we focused on most during our trip. Many of us spent time power-washing cement roofs, then sealing them to protect them from the elements. One of our groups actually rebuilt a roof that had been profoundly damaged by both the flood and by termites.

The people were wonderful – gracious, appreciative, and kind, sometimes even offering workers food and drink during the hot days. The whole experience reminded us that we're all so much alike, we're all connected, and we need each other.

Puerto Rico is a part of the Caribbean Synod of the ELCA, our synod's sister synod, so we connected with Bishop Idalia Negron and learned about her hurricane experiences. We worshiped at Grace Lutheran Church in San Juan, the only English-speaking ELCA church on the island. We enjoyed their hospitality and generosity, and we learned that some of their 2 dozen members drive 1-2 hours to get to church on Sundays. Their grace and faithfulness was humbling and inspiring.

The whole mission trip experience was a beautiful one. We not only helped others, but we were helped by others. We not only shared our faith, we grew in faith. We lived out Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's 4 emphases: "We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world."

I think I can speak for all of our mission trippers when I say that we were humbled to have the opportunity to "be church" in Puerto Rico. We're so grateful for your support, your generosity, and your prayers. We may never know just how richly this trip has blessed the lives of so many. Thank you so very much.

In Christ,
Pastor Jennifer

Our Mission Trippers:

Judy Heidebrecht

Pastor Jennifer, Sierra & Scarlett Jelinek

Ann & Elijah Lee

Randy & Char Luchterhand

April Mickelson

Amy Simdon

Renee, Kendra & Kyla Tobias

Michael Rehak & Pira Mueller

Jacob & Todd Tatlock

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A Parade of Biblical Characters Series

This month, we'll continue our sermon series focusing on various people in the Bible. Want to know our worship schedule this month? Check this out!

July 7: Miriam



July 14: Deborah (with Pastor Erik Jelinek)



July 21: Gideon



July 28: Mary (with Pastor Larry Froemming)



Synod News

Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld is currently on Medical Leave, so Rev. Steve Kottke is serving as Acting Bishop. Your prayers are invited for Bishop Breitfeld-Thomas and for Acting Bishop Kottke.

Church Picnic – August 11



Mark your calendars for Grace's annual Church Picnic, on Sunday, August 11. Once again, we'll have **coffee hour at 9:00**, worship outside in the church yard at **10:00 a.m.** (note the later worship time), with the picnic starting around 11:00. Come join in the fun!

Like to Mow?

Do you like to mow lawns? Grace is looking for a few folks to join the rotation of lawn-mowers for the rest of the summer. We have a riding lawn mower you can use – we'd just like a few more volunteers. Interested? Contact the Church Office.

Facebook

Are you on Facebook? Do you follow Grace's Facebook page? If you don't yet, then **LIKE us**, so you can see some of the important posts and cool pictures we'll be posting from the Puerto Rico trip and other events. During parts of the year, we also have daily devotionals on our Facebook page.

July Volunteers

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Acolyte:	Julia & Malina Schneider	Sawyer Lawson & Garret Wendricks	Mallorri Buonincontro & Ava Williams	Kyla Tobias & Josie Punsel
Assisting Minister:	Shawn Koebke	Jean Scott	Shawn Whitman	Erik Olsen
Coffee Hour:	Sanctuary Choir	Val Anderson, Donna Simdon	Jill Jensen, Shawn Korth	Char Luchterhand, Diane Russo
Communion Set Up:	Lydia Circle	Chris & Tom Watson	Steve Geis & Jenny Horgan-Geis	Lydia Circle
Communion Servers:	Judy Heidebrecht, Val Anderson, Rachel Drotzer	Tom & Chris Watson, April Mickelson	Randy Luchterhand, Evy & Tim Jeffers	Marcia Klemp, Tami Collin, Kelly Witte
Counting:	Angie Williams & Cindy Hartman	April Mickelson & Judy Heidebrecht	Mary Behling & Diane Russo	Amy Simdon & Patty Koepfel
Reader:	Shawn Whitman	April Mickelson	Char Luchterhand	Marcia Klemp
Ushers:	Williams family	Bill & Betty Reay	Duane Veium & Evie Lund	Pat, Al, Matt & Tammy Northey, Key family



Congratulations, 2019 Graduates!

High School Graduates

Cameron Muth

Lily Coutts

Autumn Hausz

Nicole Glesinger

College Graduates

Rachel Day graduated from UW Madison in May. Her major was Forestry and she was a member of the marching band. She will be working as an Urban Forester in Middleton after graduation.

Ben Engelstad graduated from St. Norbert College on May 12th, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computers. He will pursue a job in the computer industry.

Coleton John Leadholm graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and was awarded a "Leadership Certificate" on May 11th, with degrees in Marketing, Operation & Technology Management and Supply Chain Management. He will start his business career in June at Kohls Corporate, Menomonee Falls, as a Supply Chain Executive.

Monica Rose Muth graduated Summa Cum Laude from Minnesota State University, Mankato, with a Bachelors degree in Exercise Science and an emphasis on child & family studies. While attending MSU she was starting point guard for the Lady Mavericks basketball team. Monica will attend Graduate School at UW Milwaukee in fall 2019 to pursue a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy

Julia Jensen graduated from University of Wisconsin with Honors and Distinctive Scholastic Achievement, and received a degree in Finance, Investment & Banking. She has a summer internship at Fiduciary Management, Inc. in Milwaukee. She was accepted into the Applied Security Analysis Program at UW, so will return in the fall to complete her MS in Finance.

July Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Gracie Becker	Renee Smith	Sharon Haberkorn Brook Stenjem Kristi Wendricks	Heather Larson Samuel Nelson		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rachel Houk	Dana Bennett	Jim Hall	Ashlyn Bolger Richard Scott		Sue Bakken Thomas Ciampa Rob Sperle	Miranda Borchardt Sandra Riege Perry Thompson Garret Wendricks
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Hailey Russel	Marlene Hussey	Grace Carpenter	Rachel Drotzer Keith Johnston Elijah Nelson	Roger Erb Benjamin Gafner		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Cash Cunningham			Ken Raether	Dennis Larson Charlene Luchterhand		Ron Nelson
28	29	30				
	Mason Neuenschwander					

OUR HOMEBOUND

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Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Shirley Engelstad
308 England St.
Cambridge, WI 53523

Char Kenseth
555 W. Madison #5
Cambridge, WI 53523

Anniversaries

**Congratulations to Bill & Betty Reay on
their 50th Anniversary in June!**

Stanley & Jean St. John	7/1
Kristopher & Christine Frey	7/7
John & Lisa Leadholm	7/10
Andrew & Peggy Punsel	7/10
Noel & Valerie Anderson	7/15
Kent & Helen Karberg	7/16
Ryan & Lana Martin	7/21
Jeffrey & Lisa Gafner	7/23
Kelly & Tami Witte	7/25
Jim & Kari Jermain	7/27
Gregory & Ann Engelstad	7/31

Member Deaths

**June 11, 2019
Borghild Langhough**

Outreach News

It's time to start thinking about school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We have to have everything ready to ship in September, instead of October, this year, so we will run the kit collection July 7-August 25th.

Here are the items to purchase for each school kit you donate: **Deadline: August 25**



SCHOOL KITS



SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- If you are looking to purchase backpacks, the preferred style is often used in the U.S. for youth to carry athletic equipment. Try your local sporting goods store or search online using the keywords, "buy drawstring backpacks."
- Before purchasing backpacks, make sure they meet the size requirements (14" x 17") and guidelines below. You can [download a list from our website](#) of suppliers who have appropriate bags available for purchase in bulk.
- You can also make bags for the kits. [A pattern is available from our website.](#)
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- ☐ **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- ☐ **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☐ **ONE** pencil sharpener
- ☐ **ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☐ **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ☐ **ONE** 2 1/2" eraser
- ☐ **ONE** sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag.
ap ***We provide the cloth bags** aps
(no standard backpacks)

July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 9 a.m. Quilters	2	3 9 a.m. Ruth Circle– Barb Johnston hosting here at Grace 5:30 p.m. Worship	4 Independence Day– Office Closed	5	6
7 7:30 Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Fellowship	8 9 a.m. Quilters	9	10 5:30 p.m. Worship	11 Lydia Circle 9:00 a.m. Evie Lund, hostess, here at Grace 5:30 Community Dinner at Willerup	12	13
14 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Fellowship	15 Newsletter articles due today 9 a.m. Quilters	16	17 5:30 p.m. Worship	18	19	20
21 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Fellowship	22 9 a.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Bell choir practice MEALS ON WHEELS this week	23 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Vacation Bible School	24 5:30 p.m. Worship	25	26	27
28 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Fellowship	29 9 a.m. Quilters MEALS ON WHEELS this week	30				

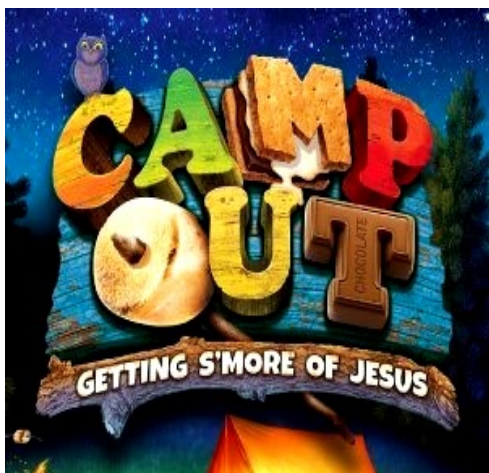


Grace's annual **Summer Picnic** will be on **Sunday, August 11th**. We'll be providing the meat, condiments and beverages. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass and their lawn chairs, if they so choose. Grace chairs will be set out, as well.

The Sanctuary Choir will be singing and lawn games will be available for families and children. Hope you will join us at 10 a.m. for the service, followed by a yummy picnic!

Sunday School

Teresa Neuenschwander,
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Vacation Bible School

Camp Out, Getting S'more of Jesus

Tuesday, July 23rd
Tuesday, August 20th

8am-5pm and
8am-5pm

Vacation Bible School, **Camp Out, Getting S'more of Jesus**, will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd from 8am-5pm and on Tuesday, August 20th from 8am-5pm. We have a fun filled day planned! We are going to be focusing on how we can serve others – especially family, friends, and our community. Bible stores, an obstacle course, games, water balloons, camp fire with s'mores, and so

much more! Questions: contact Teresa.

Middle School & High School

Jaci Brovont
Youth Coordinator
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Middle School and High School students are invited to come and participate in SURVIVOR: GLOW Edition on Friday, August 30th from 5pm-8:30pm. The evening will include fun survivor themed games and food. Questions: contact Jaci

Missionary Goodbye & Hello

Kirsten Fryer, the missionary we have been supporting in Egypt, completes her 6 years of faithful service June 30, 2019. A new team has been recommended, because of their connection to our synod facilities and possible visits to our church, to share the news about their important work.

Introducing...



Rev. Rachel Eskesen & Zachary Courter

Mission Field Location: Hungary

Rachel and Zachary serve as coordinators for the Young Adults in Global Mission Program in Hungary and Serbia, guiding young adults as they serve, and cultivating them to be future leaders in the ELCA and the world. They are also strengthening relationships with the Lutheran Church in Hungary, diaconal ministries there, and NGO's working to dismantle Anti-Gypsism in Central Europe.

Home-base States: California, Washington, Wisconsin

Rachel's Birthday: February 26

Rachel's Ordination Date: April 23, 2016

Zachary's Birthday: March 17

Anniversary: August 23

Rachel:

Education: B.A. English Literature, California Lutheran University; MA English Literature, University of Leeds, UK; M. Div. Theology, Pacific Lutheran Theo. Seminary, CA.

Hobbies: Cycling, baking, running, cooking, writing & reading, watching/reading Shakespeare's plays/poems, listening to music, arts & crafts

Rachel served as a YAGM, as a children's educational program director in Cairo, Egypt, intern pastor in Bratislava, Slovakia, and studied in Hong Kong.

Zachary:

Education: BS Engineering Mechanics, University of Wisconsin;

M. Div, Pacific Lutheran Theo. Seminary, CA

Hobbies: Running, hiking, biking, cooking, reading, sewing, woodworking, soccer

Zachary worked for a year in the Space Shuttle program.

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2019- pending approval

Meeting called to order by President Steve Geis at 7:03 p.m... Attendance: Steve Geis, Kris Tobias, Shawn Koebke, Tim Neuenschwander, Amanda Kosanda, Jean Scott, and Amy Simdon; Pastor Jennifer Jelinek also present. Absent: Bryan Holmen, Janet Koepp, Lori Jensen, and Erik Olsen

Devotions and snacks: Shawn Koebke

Action items: Consent Agenda: Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Amy Simdon to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Staff Enrichment: Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Jean Scott to approve \$150 (4 weeks course) towards on-line training ("Faith Formation for a New Generation") for Jaci B. Motion carried unanimously. Property: Lawn mowers and mowing schedule, reaching out to congregation this Sunday. Treasurer's Report: Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Amy Simdon to approve \$19,000 to be applied to the principal of MIF loan. Motion carried unanimously. May Financials: Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Amanda Kosanda, to approve May financials. Motion carried unanimously.

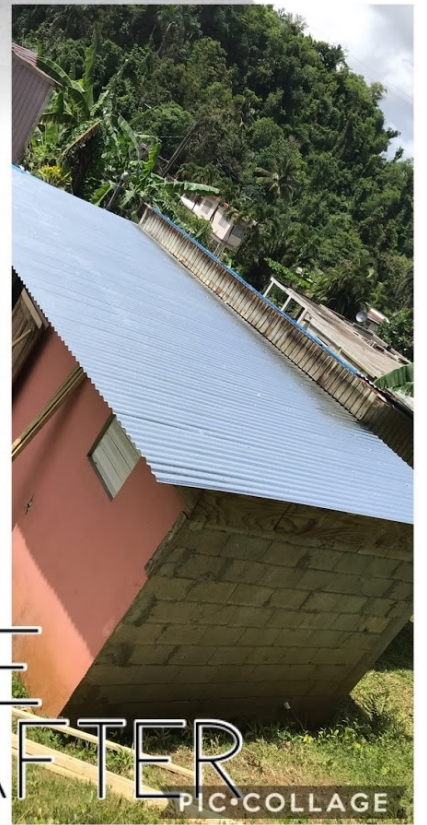
Pastor's Report: Borg passed away, may we keep her family in our prayers; Puerto Rico trip right around the corner; Commissioning for the trip will be performed at the this Sunday's service; Vacationing July 22 through August 5, Larry Froemming and Michael Johnson (Lutheran World Relief) will be here during my vacation.

Old Business: Beam Repair: Steve Geis and Pastor Jennifer will speak to appropriate people. Communion Rail: Currently in progress, hope to be installed by end of August.

Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Tim Neuenschwander to adjourn. Adjournment time 8:26 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer; next meeting August 13th at Pastor Jennifer's home.

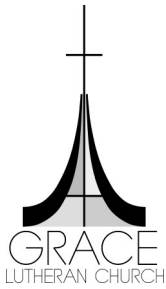
Report submitted by Shawn Koebke, Council Secretary.

Mission Trip 2019



Puerto Rico





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