

Good News of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA 98409



Notes From
Pastor Tietjen

RESURRECTION REPRISE

May/June Issue

Easter/Pentecost

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Special points of interest:

- Ordination & Installation
- Message from the Congregation President
- Upcoming Events at Grace

Our fast-food culture has robbed many of the fine art of savoring food, cherishing sociability, and giving thanks. Some treat the 50-day Eastertide with the same patience that marked a pell mell rush through the Lenten season. And now the race is on to Mom's Day, Dad's Day, Memorial Day, Graduation Day, and perhaps other days of a more personal or family note. These other events of May and June, while they have their place, do not share the same universal and eternal significance as this holy Eastertide of not just one day, but an entire season of FIFTY (50) days. Fifty days allow for us to journey with the resurrected Christ in the FORTY (40) days leading to his ascended return to the heavenly Father and in TEN (10) prayerful days of anticipation for the outpouring of Jesus' promised Holy Spirit. Arbitrary? Well, not really. God enters into our history and into our time,

so that time may serve to nurture Christian faith and community. Intentionally, in time and together we reflect these 50 glorious days!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!
ALLELUIA!

The fast is broken. The feast begun. A feast to eyes and to nose and to taste.

A time to linger and a time to savor. Eternal life at the feast which knows no end.

Time to begin to enjoy dining without rushing. Ah, so counter-cultural in this fast-paced world. At Emmaus, at the seashore Jesus breaks the fast of travel and of work inviting disciples to sit and to reflect, to eat and to savor what is good, what is truly life.

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Yes, the resurrected Christ has many members of whom we are some. Accustomed we have become to inani-

mate computer programs talking to each other.

Social networking has broadened communication, but are we more sociable?...or simply nosier? True sociability is, after all, more than information exchange. Sociability shares life and it is Christ who enlivens us and lives among us.

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ALLELUIA!

With his disciples Jesus broke bread and gave thanks (Greek: eucharist). Giving thanks is no optional appendage to these Easter days of life in Christ. Never too rushed, never too pre-occupied, never too embarrassed to give thanks to God for the food we eat, for the others at table with us, and for those absent from us. From Christ's fullness we have all received GRACE upon GRACE (John 1:16).
RESURRECTION REPRISE!

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

Ordination and Installation by Vicar James A. Matthews



Ordination is a significant step in the life of a minister. It is at that point he joins the ranks of Lutheran Pastors, and is added to the Roster of Ordained Clergy of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

June 5th will be a special day for Grace Lutheran Church and for me. At 3:00 PM we have the opportunity to gather together as a body of believers here in Tacoma, and with fellow Christians from the area. The service will be an opportunity to worship and praise our God, as well as, participate in the ordination of James Matthews as a pastor. In addition to the ordination, I will be installed as the pastor at Grace on that day.

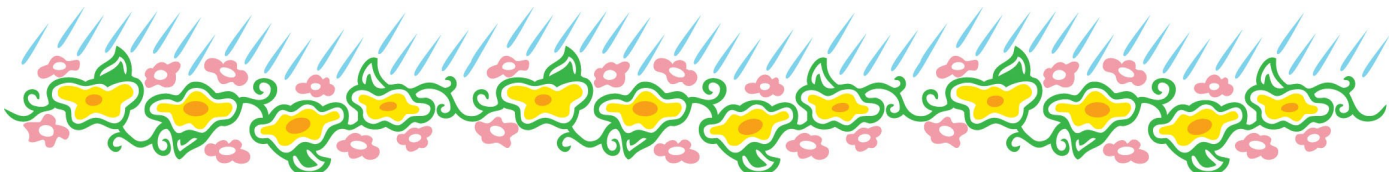
It has been four years since I began the journey of education and experience leading up to this

point. It has been a lifetime in preparation, as God has led me to various occupations and opportunities in work, education and church leadership. As an Attorney and as a Certified Public Accountant, God has equipped me to share the Gospel of the Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in varied ways and in a variety of settings. As an Elder, Treasurer, Youth Committee Chairman, Stewardship Committee Chairman and other leadership positions, God has guided me to various service functions in the church and in the community. He has given me teachers to train me in organizing activities and leading teams of people to reach our goals. I am amazed at how God has laid out my training from the beginning. But I am not surprised, this is the God who accomplished his plan of salvation that

was established before the creation of the world, through his only Son, Jesus Christ.

The guest preacher for the service is Rev. Erwin Wichner (former pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Lacey) who has been an inspiration and strong supporter of my faith and my entry into the full-time pastoral ministry in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. District President Paul Linne-mann and our Circuit Counselor, Richard “Pete” Peterson have committed to be here as well as numerous pastors in the Puget Sound region. We will also be welcoming numerous friends from Faith Lutheran Church in Lacey, and family from California, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Following the service will be a reception and dinner to celebrate this blessed occasion.

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St. Andrew Committee Announcements

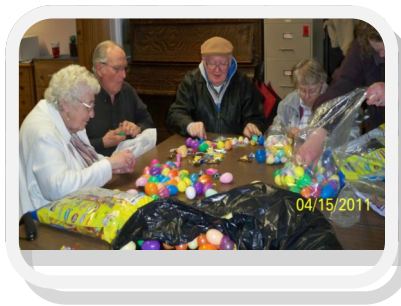
Thank you to all who supported the community Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th. Financial support coupled with donations of supplies and candy helped cover almost all of the costs of the event. What a blessing this congregation is to the community of believers who worship here and to those who are not

worshipping here yet. We were blessed to have more than 60 children participate in the Easter Egg Hunt and at least 25 people from Grace Lutheran were here to greet our guests and to help make the event a success.

After catching our breath, we are on to the next community

outreach challenge. Our next event is a block party on August 2nd, in conjunction with the National Night Out. We hope to have a barbeque along with entertainment and games to share with our neighbors. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome and appreciated.

Assembling and stuffing the eggs—and there were many to do!



Carolyn Castaneda reads a story of Benjamin's Box



A busy activity table



The Easter Egg Hunt



From the President- Wayne Ridenour



What a joy to bask in the Glory of Jesus' Resurrection as we go forward in our church year. Thank you to all of the members of Grace for making our Easter celebration so memorable. The Second Sunday of Easter with Rite of Confirmation, for Amanda Budd and Joshua Wolf took place on May 1. *Confirmed in faith, grow in the knowledge of God.*

Mark your calendars for the following events: Organ Concert on May 15, Ordination and Installation of James Matthews on June 5, Voters' Meeting on June 12, and Pastor Tietjen's Celebration of Ministry, Friday, July 8. More details will follow on all of these but please leave time in your schedules to participate in these Grace activities.

Church Council Notes

Your Council met on April 5 to continue the business of Grace. Some highlights of the meeting follow:

Fiscal reporting will continue in the Sunday worship folder. A more detailed explanation is available from the treasurer. The treasurer's report will also be posted on the hall bulletin board.

Trustee's reported on their efforts. For all who haven't recently seen the changes in the downstairs education wing please take a look.

Social Ministries has been laboring diligently to support an individual transitioning from the Monroe correctional facility to residence in Taco-

ma. Many thanks to those committee members in supporting this man and others who turn to Grace in time of need.

Youth Committee has monthly activities planned and certainly any Grace member may participate. Contact Darlene Olson about the exciting activities.

Ordination and installation service was discussed and planning continues for that to occur on June 5.

If you have other questions, please contact me. Thanks, Wayne



Welcome New Members of Grace

Ms. Donna Casey

The Bartholomew family- Scott & Laura and children Scotty and Shaina

Anniversaries, Birthdays, Baptism Anniversaries, Memorials

May-Anniversaries

- 15 Rainer & Lilo Faust
- 18 Michael & Angie Newcomer
- 21 William & Patricia Bertrand
- 24 Joe & Alda Steele

Birthdays

- 1 Joe Castaneda
- 2 Shaina Bartholomew
- 3 George Budd Jr.
- 5 Capri Walton
- 8 Ty Krieger
- 10 Simone Krieger
- 13 Dawn Masko
- 16 Emily DeRusha
- 18 Daisha Bassette
- 20 Kathy Guild
Allison Jordan
- 21 Pastor Tietjen
- 22 Alison Guild
- 25 Judy Guild
- 26 Abraham Guerra
- 28 Joe Steele

Baptism Anniversaries

- 1 Denny Jordan
- 8 William Habermann
- 9 Dustin Jordan Jr.
Ty Krieger
Ethan Sherls
- 11 Laura Bartholomew
- 13 Rachel Budd
Carson Livingston

In Loving Memory

May-

- 4 Harriet Johnson (1915-2004)
- 14 Jonathan Borchers (1984-2009)
Joseph Hilleren (1923-2003)
- 15 Laura Mueller (1898-1993)
- 20 Yasu McGhan (1933-2006_
Rev. Winfred J. Schnedler (+1978)
- 24 Rev. August J. Buelmann (+ 1970)
- 29 Betty Hilleren (1925-1991)

June- Anniversaries

- 4 George Jr. & Kris Budd
- 5 Gene & Alethea Bushaw
- 8 Michael & Angie Touts
- 19 Charles & Norma Miller
Peter & Marsha Sylvain
- 21 Eric & Melissa DuSoleil
Bruce & Clarice Zornes
- 23 James & Erin Moon
- 24 Tim & Venessa Wrye
- 28 Ken & Flora Barnard
Ryan & Jennifer Guild

Birthdays

- 3 Kevin Booth
- 4 Jaime Bertrand
- 7 Rachael DeRusha
- 8 David Winchell
- 9 Betty Danielson
Jacob Guild
- 14 Laura Tietjen
- 16 Jack Thompson
- 17 James Edwards
- 18 Earl Solie
- 23 Elsie Schalchlin
Megan Moenning
- 28 Evangeline Rimbach

Baptism Anniversaries

- 3 Bernice Yoder
- 5 Betty Danielson
- 6 Don Danielson
- 14 George Budd
- 18 Pastor Tietjen
- 21 Amanda Budd
- 22 Abigael Wrye

In Loving Memory

June-

- 1 Leona *Faye* Wagner (1911-2003)
- 2 Ernst Schwidder (1931-1998)
Robert Winchell (1935-2008)
- 3 Calvin Lewis (1921-2009)
- 17 Erwin Dumdie (1920-1996)
- 25 Owna Lewis (1913-1995)
- 27 Cora Thompson (1915-2008)

Upcoming Events at Grace

A decorative border made of a repeating musical staff pattern with notes and clefs, framing the text.

Sunday, May 15, 3p.m.
Organ & Harpsichord concert
with
Mark Brombaugh & Kathryn Nichols
Music Ministers at
Christ Church Episcopal, Tacoma

A simple rectangular frame with small corner markers, enclosing the text.

Grace Lutheran Church
Cordially invites you to the
Ordination & Installation Service
for
James A. Matthews
Sunday, June 5, 3p.m.
Reception following the service.

A decorative border with a repeating floral or leaf pattern in a light green color, surrounding the text.

Grace Lutheran Church
Cordially invites you to a
Celebration of Ministry
In honor of
The Rev. Richard H. Tietjen
Friday, July 8, 2011
Place and time will be announced.



Grace Lutheran’s Relay For Life team has been very busy scheduling fundraising activities you can participate in.

First, the month of May is Relay For Life Month at Grace Lutheran.

The Pampered Chef has designated the month for the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life where 25% of all orders will be for Relay for Life. Patti DeRusha, our Pampered Chef representative has placed brochures on the hallway counter. There are specials to Help Whip Cancer! Check out the cake knife that looks like a ladies high heel shoe.

May 20, 6:30-9:30p.m. you are invited to a BUNCO Party. If you have ever played Yatzee, you can play BUNCO. Reserve your spot as space is limited. You will need to return your reservation no later than Monday May 18th so all the logistics can be made.

Sunday, May 22 there will be a silent auction of various treasures to bid on. There will also be more Relay for Life information and a video of past Relays so you can learn more about the relay.

All proceeds designated for ACS-Relay for Life

BUNCO PARTY

\$20 per person. Light snacks provided. Prizes & Fun. Ages 21 and over.

When: FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011

Time: 6:30-9:30p.m.

Where: GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH HALL Space is limited. So don’t wait reserve your spot!



NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

NAMES OF ALL IN YOUR PARTY:

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____



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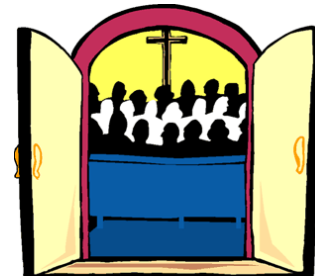
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Sunday, May 15, 3p.m.
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Mark Brombaugh & Kathryn Nichols



James A Matthews
Sunday, June 5, 2011,
3p.m.



Sunday, June 12