

June 2022

Graceline

Grace Lutheran Church E-newsletter

TRANSITION

Please read Acts 2:1-21, the first reading for June 5.



“God declares: ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams (v. 17).’”

Peter addresses the crowds—most of whom are amazed and perplexed and the some who sneer that the giving of the Spirit comes to Jesus’s friends and in such amazing ways. He tells them to listen up and reminds them of the prophet Joel who said God would give the Spirit to the people—even those who were enslaved, both men and women.

God has given the Spirit to the church throughout the generations during times of challenge and change. The Spirit gives vision and dreams for what and how the church can be in the world for the world.

We can trust, too, that God is giving vision and dreams to young and old alike now. We pray for the Spirit to cast a vision for how God’s people at Grace can be the church for the community and for the world. Come, Holy Spirit!

PRAYER DURING THIS TRANSITION TIME

Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us O Lord to be about the work of your kingdom even as we learn and grow to understand even more about what your kingdom might look like here, among us, now and in the future. Bless all who have taken on extra responsibility, and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. We pray in your Son’s name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please pray, too, for the work and members of
The Grace Lutheran Church Transition Team.

They are:

Larry Bowman

Shannon Crippen

Jim Elsass

Bob Eskridge, chair

Cheryl McVay

Bill Pfaff

Adam Reemts

Cheryl Rogers

Kathy Thomas

Pastor Jennifer Obermueller

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE TRANSITION TEAM

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on your Church with grace and guide the minds of those who shall lead our discernment in this time of transition. May we discern our call and ready ourselves to grow in the understanding of your will for this next chapter of our ministry together. Amen.

Look for more information about the Transition Team and process in this issue of Graceline as well as upcoming announcements, in worship, and elsewhere.

Peace be with you!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jen



TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE



The Transition Team met in May and laid out a tentative timeline for completing the congregational assessments given to us by the Synod office. We plan to meet once a month over the summer to review the assessments, with a goal of holding a Synod-lead congregational event in September. We will need as much participation in that event as possible, and we appreciate your continued prayers throughout this discernment process. Please reach out to anyone on the team with any questions or input you might already have and know that we will be also reaching out to you as well. We are excited about the future ministry at Grace and can't wait to follow what the Holy Spirit has in store for our congregation!

Yours in Christ,

Grace Transition Team



PASTOR OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Jen will be keeping office hours during June and July on Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - noon. (More information about August to follow.) As always, you can contact her in case of pastoral care emergencies or if you just need another time to meet. Please contact her at 512-688-7756. If Pastor Jen is not able to answer immediately, she will get back to you as soon as possible.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Thank you to Phyllis Dahlke, Shirley Shay & Joe, Larry Bowman, Shirley Bowman, Cheryl McVay & Valarie Sherriff for serving as Meal Managers for Meals on Wheels the first week in June. Wernecke Grace House serves as the Distribution site for Meals and Wheels and More for the Round Rock area. Hot noon meals are delivered Monday -Friday all year. Contact Sheila Moldenhauer at 512-417-8961 if you are interested in serving.



ROUND ROCK SERVING CENTER DONATIONS

Collecting peanut butter for the Round Rock Area Serving Center for June.



Prayer list changes-Names will remain on the list for up to 4 weeks unless office@graceline.org is contacted with an update for the list.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Joyce Remmert she is now at a skilled nursing facility receiving good care. Prayers of peace and comfort for her.

Allen Konitzer (Chelsea Amstead's father) continues to suffer from pain. He was also recently diagnosed with endocarditis and an ischemic stroke. He is struggling mentally. May God continue to hold him and his wife Ginny (his caretaker) and bring them comfort, strength and peace. Give the doctors knowledge and direction.

Don and Bonnie Sherman. Don is at home being served by hospice. Prayers for strength for Bonnie and courage for Don in these difficult days. May God be close to Don and Bonnie on this long journey.

Bud Seifert beginning treatment for prostate cancer. Please keep Bud in your prayers as he undergoes treatment. May the Lord keep him & his family strong in both mind & body as he is undergoing treatment. May he be surrounded by God's amazing peace and love & that this treatment will be a breeze for Bud.

Adam Pfaff still experiencing symptoms of fatigue, pain, migraines & insomnia. Tests have ruled out Rheumatoid & inflammatory arthritis, awaiting on results of additional tests. Pray that the Dr's will find the cause of the issues and formulate an effective treatment for Adam. Pray that the fatigue & migraines will subside so Adam can function.

Terry Cox (friend of the Thomas family) cancer has metastasized to his spine & liver. Chemotherapy wasn't working. Terry's treatment has been changed to a clinical trial. Prayers that this is the right treatment.

For **those who are exposed to COVID at schools and workplaces**, that everything is done to protect them and care for those who become sick. That **health care workers be protected and relieved of the burden of this virus.** We cry to the Lord!

Families of those who have died of COVID19 throughout the world. Hear the cries of those who mourn and bring peace from heaven.



Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Bowman
- 2 Gary Wilson
- 3 Charlotte M. Reemts
- 8 Shannon Crippen
- 13 Brayden Michael Wilson
- 20 Erin Smith
- 26 Emily Saccone Canady
- 29 Shirley Shay



Anniversaries

- 1 Jan & Jim Czenkusch (1975)
- 7 Angela & AJ Sjolander (2010)
- 17 Kelly & Ed Fahrenkrug (1989)
- 20 Joyce & Ralph Remmert (1959)
- 28 Mary Ellen & Troy Campbell (1990)



GRACE'S DATES TO REMEMBER

Sundays

- 19th**— 9:00a Adult Study
- 26th**— 9:00a Youth Drama Practice
- Every Sunday**
- 9:45a Fellowship & Coffee
- 10:30a Worship Service

Mondays

- 6:45p Women's Bible Study on zoom

Tuesday

- 21st** - Grace Transition Team (every 3rd Tues of each month)

Thursday

- 16th**— 6:30p Council Meeting-TEC

10th—12th

SWTX Synod Assembly

Grace Office Closures

- 20th**—Office Closed for Juneteenth Independence Day