

# Grace Lutheran Church



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### From the Deacon

God's peace to all.

As this is my first addition to your newsletter, I would like to introduce myself.

As you know, my name is Jim Burch and I come from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cortland, NY. During my time there I have served in various congregational positions and as an Elder. I completed my Deacon certification through MTC in 2011 and was commissioned in November 2011 at St. Paul.

Along with my faith-led past, I have also been blessed with a loving wife, two sons, and a new daughter-in-law. Teresa and I will have been married for 31 years this coming July. With time and a lot of patience, we have raised Jim (28) and Chuck (26) to be well-rounded, young adults. Some of you have met Chuck and eventually you will all get a chance to meet Jim and his wife, Kristin. Jim works at his local Post Office, Kristin is a school teacher, and Chuck works at Cornell.

Teresa and I live on 14.5 acres in Groton, NY. We share our 150-years-old farmhouse with three dogs. Embracing the country style, we have two large gardens,

raise cows and pigs, and freeze and can our harvest.

As I begin this opportunity of service at Grace Lutheran, I hope you will all come to realize the importance I place on children and family. I feel blessed to be in a congregation that has so many young people. I feel an overwhelming sense of joy when I see all those bundles of energy come up front for the Children's Sermons on Sunday.

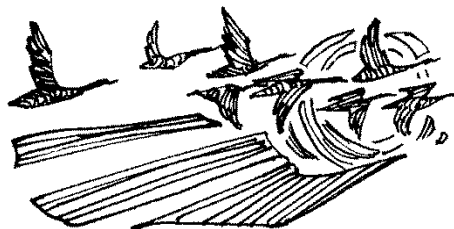
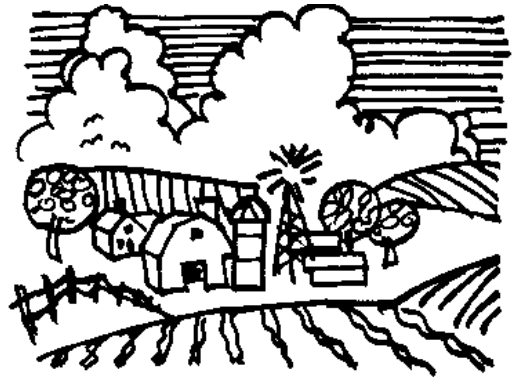
One of my favorite Scripture passages is Philippians 4:13-14. <sup>13</sup>"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. <sup>14</sup>Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles."

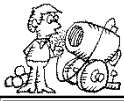
Let us remember; we can do anything through Jesus because he is our strength. However, the comfort from this passage comes from the second verse. Jesus not only gives us strength but shares in our troubles. Whether it is illness, day-to-day stress, family problems, or other weights on our hearts, never forget: Jesus is with us.

As stated in last week's sermon, Jesus is our strength and our salvation. We all must build a personal relationship with our Savior. Once we have our relationship built, we must also help others build their relationships with Him. We are all His humble servants.

In closing, it has truly been a joy to join you all at Grace. Let us not forget that our journey together is just beginning and, with God's help, we will complete it the same way.

Go and serve the Lord.





## Paul Says...

*I don't burn bridges. I just loosen the bolts a little bit each day.*

### Evangelism

Hello, and God's blessings to all of you! The Evangelism committee is regrouping and hoping to get into the swing of bringing Jesus into people's lives by our actions and activities.

The *Relay for Life* season is upon us. It will take place on June 1 at 2 pm until June 2 at 8 am. Since it is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Relay for Life in Oneida and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Cancer Society, the theme is the Decade. We choose to emulate the decade of the 50s, because we have an older group of workers. "Sock it to cancer" is our tag line with the booth following that theme of a sock hop. Sounds like fun?? Then come join us! We are looking for a few strong people to help with set-up and take-down. Listen for announcements and watch the bulletin board for information.

*Cakes for Cancer* will be a fundraising event for Grace's Relay team. It will be held at some of the local restaurants during June, July, and August. It's easy to do. Come enjoy dinner at the restaurant, then order a slice of cake from a Relay team member. We hope you will come support our efforts. Again, keep listening for details.

Also, keeping listening and watching for other community events that are under discussion now. As an example, we would like to do more within the Canastota community via the Opportunity Shop.

Please let me know if there is something you'd like to see done, and the committee will look into it.

*Serving with Gladness,  
Teri Devan  
Evangelism Chairman*

### Grace Lutheran Church Website

We have just changed the Grace Lutheran Church website address due to a web hosting problem. The web site has an active events calendar and past issues of our newsletter can also be downloaded. Please visit us at:

<http://www.gracelutherancny.org/>



### Grace Lutheran Church is on Facebook

You can now find us (and "Like" us) on Facebook. The account is called:

***Grace Lutheran Canastota***

If you are having problems accessing it, try to search for "Grace Lutheran Canastota Facebook" using Google.

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### Grace Lutheran Church E-mail Address

If you need to email something to the Church, we have a general email address. Pat Clark and Kathy Pavelock monitor the email periodically. The email address is:

[Gracelc.canastota.ny@gmail.com](mailto:Gracelc.canastota.ny@gmail.com)



## The Necklace

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The cheerful little girl with bouncy golden curls was almost five. Waiting with her mother at the checkout stand, she saw them, a circle of glistening white pearls in a pink foil box.

“Oh mommy please, Mommy. Can I have them? Please, Mommy, please?”

Quickly the mother checked the back of the little foil box and then looked back into the pleading blue eyes of her little girl’s upturned face.

“A dollar ninety-five. That’s almost \$2.00. If you really want them, I’ll think of some extra chores for you and in no time you can save enough money to buy them for yourself. Your birthday’s only a week away and you might get another crisp dollar bill from Grandma.”

As soon as Jenny got home, she emptied her penny bank and counted out 17 pennies. After dinner, she did more than her share of chores and she went to the neighbor and asked Mrs. McJames if she could pick dandelions for ten cents. On her birthday, Grandma did give her another new dollar bill and at last she had enough money to buy the necklace.

Jenny loved her pearls. They made her feel dressed up and grown up. She wore them everywhere, Sunday school, kindergarten, even to bed. The only time she took them off was when she went swimming or had a bubble bath. Mother said if they got wet, they might turn her neck green.

Jenny had a very loving daddy and every night when she was ready for bed, he would stop whatever he was doing and come upstairs to read her a story. One night as he finished the story, he asked Jenny, “Do you love me?”

“Oh yes, daddy. You know that I love you.”

“Then give me your pearls.”

“Oh, daddy, not my pearls. But you can have Princess, the white horse from my collection, the one with the pink tail. Remember, daddy? The one you gave me. She’s my very favorite.”

“That’s okay, Honey, daddy loves you. Good night.” And he brushed her cheek with a kiss.

About a week later, after the story time, Jenny’s daddy asked again, “Do you love me?”

“Daddy, you know I love you.”

“Then give me your pearls.”

“Oh Daddy, not my pearls. But you can have my baby doll. The brand new one I got for my birthday. She is beautiful and you can have the yellow blanket that matches her sleeper.”

“That’s okay. Sleep well. God bless you, little one. Daddy loves you.”

And as always, he brushed her cheek with a gentle kiss.

A few nights later when her daddy came in, Jenny was sitting on her bed with her legs crossed Indian style. As he came close, he noticed her chin was trembling and one silent tear rolled down her cheek. “What is it, Jenny? What’s the matter?”

Jenny didn’t say anything but lifted her little hand up to her daddy. And when she opened it, there was her little pearl necklace. With a little quiver, she finally said, “Here, daddy; this is for you.”

With tears gathering in his own eyes, Jenny’s daddy reached out with one hand to take the dime store necklace, and with the other hand he reached into his pocket and pulled out a blue velvet case with a strand of genuine pearls and gave them to Jenny...

He had them all the time. He was just waiting for her to give up the dime-store stuff so he could give her the genuine treasure. So it is with our Heavenly Father. He is waiting for us to give up the cheap things in our lives so that he can give us beautiful treasures. God will never take away something without giving you something better in its place.

*Submitted by Gale Hedgecock*

## The Lord Is My Rock...

Jesus told the people, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on a rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." *Matthew 7:24-25*

How many times have you felt the rain come down, the streams rise and the winds blow against you until you thought you would cave in to the problems that were attacking you? Perhaps you did cave in to the trials of this world and now you feel lost, confused, frightened, exhausted, depressed and ashamed. There is hope; do not despair! In Christ, God is your rock. God is always there for you and eagerly awaits your call for help. He already knows your situation and has your answer, but He waits for you to call on Him. God will not force Himself on you.

Psalm 86:7 tells you where to turn when you think you can't go on. "In the day of my trouble I will call on You, for You will answer me." God knows exactly what you are going through and wants you to call on Him for help. You are His creation and He cares for you. Call out to God! He is waiting to hear from you. Don't delay! Your situations will not get better without God as your rock.

*Lord God, You know everything about me and still love me. Help me to make You my rock and my salvation, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*

*Submitted by Pat Clark*

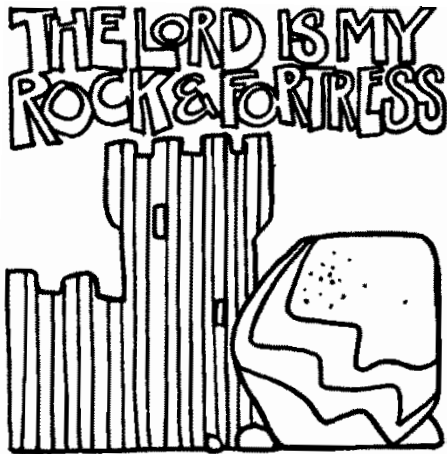


## Voice of the Shepherd



If you have a desire to sing, come along and join us as we rehearse each Tuesday, 6:00 PM.

All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Please speak with the Choir Director, Karen Devan (761-4004) for more information. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices to song.



LOVE is such a precious thing.  
It's fragile, and it's rare.  
It damages so easily,  
So handle it with care.  
It's free to those who seek it.  
There's enough for all to share.  
The more that LOVE is given out,  
The more there is to spare.

*Submitted by Gale Hedgecock*

## Family Fun Night

### Variety Show (May)

The Variety Show is approaching quickly! If you have not signed up yet and are looking to do so, please fill out one of the signup slips and place it into the envelope by Sunday, May 5. The slips and the envelope are hanging on the main bulletin board near the restrooms.

The show will be held in the sanctuary at Grace on May 11 at 7:00 pm. There will be a potluck supper before that at 6:00 pm. There will also be a garage sale earlier that day, so for those that would like to contribute a dish to the potluck, we recommend Things-That-Can-Be-Left-In-A-Pot-To-Cook-All-Day, or... Crock Pot Dinner. Bring your crock pot to Grace, plug it in, and go enjoy the Garage Sale.

One final note to the participants of the Variety Show... I plan to be at Grace on Saturday, May 4, during the Chicken BBQ for those who would like to run through their act on-set before performing the next week. If you would like criticism, I can supply that. The projector and sound system will be available for use during acts. If you would like to use them, please use this time to test.

We are also looking for volunteers to organize future events. Events do not have to be as elaborate as a Hawaiian Luau or a Variety Show — we have some ideas that should be very easy to organize — but we would love to see a different person organize each event. Karen Devan and Louise Snyder have graciously volunteered to oversee the Family Fun Nights, so please seek out and talk to either of them if you would like to organize an event.

*Submitted by Aaron Bahr*

### Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you are new to our family at Grace and have not given your information to our newsletter editor, Aaron Bahr, please take one of the pink forms on the corkboard in the foyer, fill it out and hand it to him. You can find him in the organ/choir area after worship.

### Madison County Reads Ahead

Madison County Reads Ahead, a volunteer-based service, seeks adult-volunteer tutors who are interested in tutoring adults one-on-one in mathematics and reading skills, particularly in the Canastota and Oneida area. After initial training, a tutor typically works two hours per week with an adult learner at the local library, according to a schedule they set up between them. All materials are provided; as is assistance from a local program coordinator. If you feel this rewarding volunteer service is something you would like to learn more about, please call Tara Truett at 363-3050 or by email at [ttruett@midyork.org](mailto:ttruett@midyork.org).





## Prayers

Please remember those in need and keep them in your prayers...

Remember those who serve in the military, our family of Grace, Janice Devan Durant, Sharon Knapp, Pauline Smith, Grover Hedgecock, Jean Case, James T. White, Lorraine Sobieraj, Bob & Jenn Hedgecock, Mandie Egelston, Ann Eldred, Dan Smith & Tony Farrara, Hannah Bernard, Robin Piersall, Hayley Miller, Jill Froelick-Jones, Tim Haley, Tyson Fowler, Glade Cook Jr., Ed Snyder, Billy, Baby Savannah, Cody Metott, Barbara, James & Rebekah, Christine Treece, Carmilla Spartano, Judy Williamson, Jackie Grimes, Josh Sobieraj, Andy Pavelock, Trudy Fike, Pastor Robert Harter, Andrew Marris, Barbara Brinck, Betty Trunko, Pastor and Ruth Bernard, Sheree Manley, Russell Everitt, Julie, Florence Manders, Pam Heila, Sharon, sister of Kathy Fidler, Jim W. w/lung cancer, Mary Bones, Annie Whitney, Adam Sobieraj, Jim Manley, Paul Clark, Jane Storace, Robin Whipple, Cindy Farnach, Paul Tyler, Julie Christiansen Dorn, good friend of Andrea suffering from cancer, Denise, Ron Chase, Darin O'Shea, Eleanor Redman, and the family and friends of Carol Doyle.



## Paul Says...

*There is nothing quite like the pang of disappointment you feel when you realize that you have pressed the wrong button on the vending machine as you stare at that darn granola bar instead of a hunny bun.*



## May 2013

FRESHEN UP! Splash on a sweet smelling aroma of God's mercy and grace as we prepare to receive our guests at the 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, June 27–30, 2013. We ask God's guidance that His plans will be our plans. Be sure to send in your registration before the deadline. Convention Logo Polo Shirt mail orders need to be postmarked no later than May 15, 2013. The postmark deadline is June 1, 2013, to be able to pick up your shirt at the convention.

The winter edition of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* contains all the information you will need. **If you are a worker, you must WAIT until you get your worker assignment and discount coupon before you register.** Continue to check your district website for the latest updates and *The Water Cooler*, the newsletter of the Host Districts.

*"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake" (Psalm 23: 2-3).*

## June 2013

FILL UP!!! It's time to "Drink deeply from His Word, Glorify the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and Share His overflowing love." Pray for safe travel as we gather to participate and experience a life changing opportunity to serve in whatever function and wherever we are called. Don't be late for the Opening Worship with the Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Proclaimer. Our awesome God leads the LWML to Pittsburgh, PA, to be Quenched! by the Water. Don't miss this once in a life time opportunity. You will be blessed.

*"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let the one who hears say, 'Come!' Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life" (Revelation 22:17).*

*Submitted by Karen Devan*

## Kidz Korner

He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Our Easter, this year, was early. Much of the time we celebrate Easter in April, but this year it fell on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Easter is a joyous time. The church and altar and our Christmas tree cross are all adorned with lilies, tulips, hyacinths and other such spring flowers. People get dressed up in fine clothing which is, often times, newly made or purchased. We have candy on the tables and a great Easter egg hunt for all the kids. The pastor dresses in fine robes and presents the glorious message of the resurrection from the tomb of Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is, indeed, the highest celebration of Christians in the church year. During the next few Sundays following Easter, we hear of the events of the disciples and apostles that happened while Christ was still on earth after He arose from the dead. We continue to hear of the amazing grace given to us through the Holy Spirit. Soon we will observe the celebration of Christ's ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus. Watch for the change of colors on the altar...they will help you to remember the celebrations and how they are special to us.

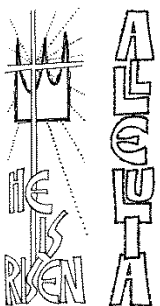
In Sunday School we continue to read God's Word and learn of the gifts that God gives to us through His love. Our seasonal sessions are coming to a close and soon it will be summer and

time for VBS. We are in the planning stages for this year's VBS and we ask that you watch for the details that will be forthcoming. Think about your friends and plan to invite them to come with you and share in all the fun that we have during that time. Those of you who have been confirmed are now old enough to help out as assistants. Be sure to watch for the sign-up list if you want to volunteer.

Have you met Deacon Jim, yet? He has come to us to lead us in our worship services and help us with visitations to our sick, troubled and those who no longer get out from the house. He plans to be with us at VBS and share some fun with us. Be sure to introduce yourself to him.

There are many events planned here at Grace for the month of May. One of those events is a Variety Show. This is a show where we can perform for each other. If you have a talent for singing, dancing, gymnastics, humor, magic or playing an instrument and would like to perform for us, sign up for the show. You will find the sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board in the fellowship hall. This will really be a fun time that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars for the evening of May 11<sup>th</sup> and plan to be here. Until the next writing, have a safe and happy Spring.

*Mrs. Linda Bahr*  
*Chairman of Christian Education*







Mandy Groce '10

<http://ministry-to-children.com>



## Birthdays

- 5/2 Madeline Neumiller
- 5/11 Katie Devan
- 5/16 Barbara Hartman
- 5/18 Louise Snyder
- 5/19 Pastor David Bernard
- 5/22 Bianca Brinck
- 5/26 Adam Thomas
- 5/27 Tenea Harmon
- 5/28 Jessica House



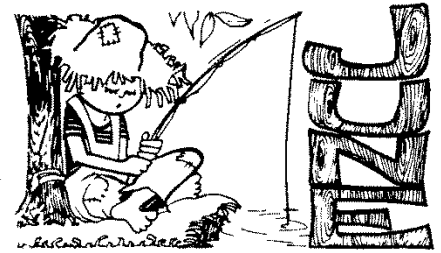
## Baptismal Birthdays

- 5/4 Barbara Brinck
- 5/6 Velma Smolsey
- 5/9 Leslie Whitney
- 5/19 Jacob Whitney
- 5/22 Bianca Brinck
- 5/? Darlene House
- Madeline Neumiller



## Birthdays

- 6/4 Pat Clark
- 6/7 John Pavelock
- 6/9 Ashley Gualtieri
- 6/10 John Flay
- 6/12 Kate Hurre
- 6/14 Teri Devan
- 6/15 Ann Eldred
- Gail Flay
- 6/22 Floyd Whitney Jr.
- 6/25 Christina Wall
- 6/28 Kimberly Medley



## Baptismal Birthdays

- 6/3 Gail Flay
- Marilyn Jones
- 6/10 Ashley Croy
- 6/13 Addison Moran
- Bailee Underwood
- Kailee Underwood
- 6/14 Colton Underwood
- 6/18 John Richmond
- 6/21 John Pavelock
- 6/22 Tom Jones III
- 6/27 Pat Clark



## Wedding Anniversaries

- 6/2 Charles & Gail Flay
- 6/4 Gail & Albert Hood
- 6/15 Krystal & DeLarno Burton
- 6/25 Leslie & Floyd Whitney Jr.
- 6/29 Hoyt & Gale Hedgecock



## Help Keep Our Records Accurate!

See anything incorrect or missing on this page? Is your name misspelled? Did we get a date wrong? Let us know! Please call Aaron at 271-5932 or send a quick email to [aaronbahr@gmail.com](mailto:aaronbahr@gmail.com), to make any corrections.

# May

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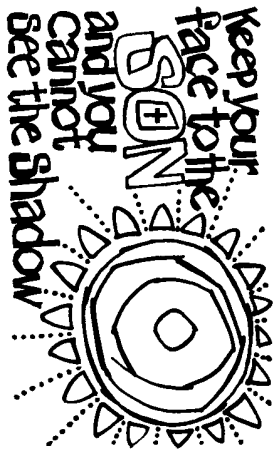
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Sunday 10:00 AM  
Holy Communion Every Sunday  
Fellowship Hour 11:00 AM  
Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 AM  
Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 10:00 AM



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- Andrea Dodge, *Deacon*..... 336-4198
- Glen Bahr, *Deacon*..... 339-1979
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