

# Grace Lutheran Church



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## From the Deacon

**B**rothers and Sisters in Christ, our journey together continues. We began this journey some months ago, and we had no idea where the Lord was going to take us. In the beginning, we simply had to get to know one another, but the time rolled on. God pointed us in the same direction.

Over the summer, we held a joyful Vacation Bible School. We began a food ministry, and what a success it has become. This ministry has opened doors to our local community where we have blessed many families with our giving. What we must keep in mind is that we are truly the ones that have been blessed. I presented you with a new challenge, and that was backpacks with the needed school supplies for children in Canastota that could otherwise not afford them. In one week, our small country church provided 12 complete backpacks. Mary Jean, the director of the Opportunity Shop, was overwhelmed with our generosity and giving.

As I said in our August Voters Meeting, while we should feel blessed and feel good about our efforts, we must remember that our community outreach has only just

begun. Over the fall and winter, I would like to begin a Family Night. This is so the families in our area that can't otherwise afford a night at the movies or some other type of entertainment will have a place to go and know that this family at Grace is here to help in whatever way we can.

This fall we will begin Confirmation Classes for three of our young adults. This will be their first year of study and will prepare them for their life in the church, and with God as the center of their lives. I ask each of you to find your Small Catechism and simply read it. Let the material flow from your mind and retouch your heart.

I know I tell everyone that we must look forward, and we must. However, as we go forward, we must remember the beginnings of Grace. My wife and I are what you might call newcomers, but the other day when I was here visiting members of the congregation at the hospital and the nursing home, I noticed the explanation of the Four Hands. I would like all of you to take just a moment and re-read this statement:

Grace Lutheran Church is people, ordinary and average people, no different from any other group of people with ONE exception—the reason for our gathering together, which is Christ Jesus.

Our focus for existence is the Lord and His Holy Cross. Let us explain with real terms—human hands like your own.

### 1. The Nail-Pierced Hand

The Almighty God came as a man, the second Adam, to suffer for all mankind. Our loving and compassionate Creator Who hates wrong, evil, sin, became Himself the payment for all people's debt of selfish stupidity. He, Christ Jesus, also true God, allowed Himself to be nailed to the Cross of shame for us all. With His nail torn hands He proclaimed His love for all. Human words are cheap today. His divine life is worth our eternity. Our debt is paid in full! The nail-pierced hand is also the hand of resurrection!



### 2. The Blessing Hand

We received that good, Good News, The GOSPEL, and we now proclaim its happy truth, passing on and sharing the Good News with everyone else. The oneness we have with our loving Lord is the unity we have with others as we share Jesus, the Christ. In humbly representing Jesus we are and can be a blessing to all.



## From the Deacon (cont.)

### 3. The Up-Stretched Hand

In reaching above and beyond ourselves we state boldly we cannot live life nor have peace in ourselves. We cannot “do it ourselves” but need help, and yes, salvation, from the Lord. We surrender without fear our very existence to Him.



### 4. The Caring Hand

Our Lord Jesus lovingly provides for us in body, mind, and spirit. We have the vast abundance of His and life's goodness. We are not to selfishly think we possess these blessings only for ourselves. In response to Him we say with all our being, THANK YOU!



Jesus does not need our possessions. He is their source! We are to pass them on to others, familiar and those unfamiliar. Our thanksgiving becomes joyous thanks-living!

In growing faith in our Savior, we serve with joyful praise and willing sacrifice. We honestly give of ourselves, just as we are and come to know that Jesus accepts us, just as we are. We also can accept ourselves, not only as redeemed sinners, but as fellow servants with Christ Jesus, and we rejoice in that! In Him!

When you read this statement that Pastor O'Connor wrote many years ago, it still reminds us of why we are here.

I try not to make these articles overly long and wordy, but this week, as I prepared this article, my mind and my heart kept going back to our members that are being cared for either at the nursing home or in the hospital. Two weeks ago, in my sermon, I told you not to worry, but to simply trust in the Lord. This week, our brother Paul Clark was taken home to be with Jesus. While our hearts are saddened by his passing, Paul would tell you “don't be sad, rejoice for I am in heaven with my Lord.”

Many years ago a Pastor that was instrumental in my life read us this statement:

“When we face difficult or challenging situations, we can crumble into our weakness or we can choose to trust God. He has already promised us that he is with us at all times. He will never leave us alone. Now it is up to us to take him at his word. If we trust him day by day, he will give us the strength and courage we need to face whatever comes our way. Wherever we go, we can tap into that strength and courage and we can do

anything. It is his power that flows through us with every step that we take.”

*God's Blessings to Everyone*  
*Deacon Jim*

### 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.

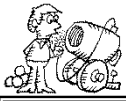
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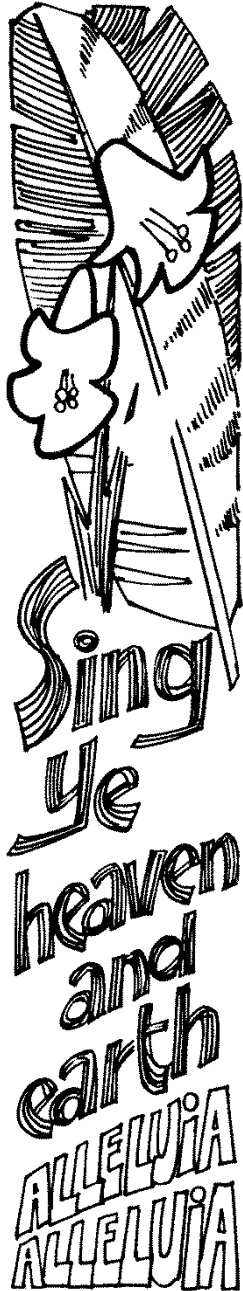
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## Paul Says...

*They say that spontaneity is the spice of life, but I don't see it on the shelf so I'm going with Paprika.*



## Consider the Lilies of the Field

The Gospel lesson for August 11, 2013, was Luke 12:22–24. I have had that lesson on my mind since. It really got me thinking about how silly human beings are. We seem to think that we need to be in control of everything — even our worries. In our hearts, we know The One Who is all-powerful is the One in Whom we need to trust.

The Gospel begins as Jesus is speaking to His disciples who were famous worriers. He says, “do not be anxious”. In other words, don’t worry.

They worried about where their next meal was coming from and what clothes they would need, where they would lay their heads, they worried about everything.

He points out how the lilies of the field grow, neither by toil nor spin yet even Solomon in his glory is not arrayed as lovely, and that the One who loves us more than anything else will continue to care for our needs.

He reminds them that no matter how much they worry, they cannot add even a single moment to their lives! Guess what? That’s us!

What a revelation! Is He serious? No matter how much I worry? Wow! Then why do I continue to worry? I believe I have the answer! Could it be?

Is it because I, as a mere human, cannot comprehend the power of God? And, on top of all that, I fail to believe 100% that He knows what’s best for me.

That’s it! My human-ness is at fault. It causes me to doubt, to fret, to worry, to wonder just as the disciples did 2,000 years ago. It’s time to let go and let God, isn’t it? Let us take a lesson from the beautiful lilies. Just shine with His light. He is the One. He is the only One. He is the only One Who can save and care for us. We just need to stop worrying, share our faith, and let it happen.

*Deacon Patricia J. Clark*



## Sayings

What were your mother's favorite sayings??

Which sayings bugged you the most?

What was the most important thing your mother taught you?

What did your mother teach you that you would like to unlearn?

What sayings did (do) you use on your children?

A little "birdy" told me!

Are you lying to me?

Close the door! You don't live in a barn.

Do you think I'm made of money?

Don't go out with a wet head, you'll catch cold.

Don't run in the house.

Eat your vegetables, they're good for you.

Going to a party? Who's going to be there?

I can't believe you can sleep in this filth!

I hope someday you have children just like you.

If it were a snake, it would have bitten you.

If you stick your tongue out again it will fall off.

I'm not going to ask you again.

It's not that I don't trust you, it's that I don't trust everyone else.

No child of MINE would do something like that.

Pick up your feet.

Shut your mouth and eat.

There's enough dirt in those ears to grow potatoes!

Well, I haven't figured out how to cook "cold" yet.

What part of NO don't you understand?

When will you be back?

Who do you think you're talking to?

You can't find it? Well, I can't find it for you – I'm not the maid!

You don't always get what you want. It's a hard lesson, but you might as well learn it now.

You won't be happy until you break that, will you?

Or these important concepts...

Persistence pays.

You can never change a man, so don't think you can and don't even try.

Let everyone know you love them.

How to handle money.

The importance of unconditional love, humor, and appreciation.

Don't sweat the small stuff — and it's all small stuff.

Don't spend your life worrying about your house; it'll be clean & organized when your kids are grown and you'll wish for these crazy days!

Make family a priority.

Effort matters more than grades.

Dream and do.

Strive and aspire towards tomorrow, but let it evolve.

Look for the silver lining, each and every day.

Hold out until you meet a good man.

Be humble, show respect for others.

I can do anything I set my mind to.

*Submitted by LeeDella Longway*

## 4th ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Saturday, 10/26/2013 3pm-10pm**

**Location - Jim & Velma Manley**

**324 Tynan Rd., Cleveland**

**315-675-8128 or 315-335-9834**



**Raffles** will be drawn @ 8pm. Tickets \$5.00 ea or 3/\$10.00

- 46" or larger, LCD or LED Flat Screen TV
- Laptop w/i3 processor, w/Windows 8; 15.6min. Screen

### FREE ADMISSION

Chicken BBQ (\$8.00 1/2 chicken, coleslaw, salt potatoes, roll)

Hot Dogs & Soda

Bake Sale



Talking pumpkin; face painting; hayride; pony rides; pumpkins, games, music & more... **The Spook Walk begins @ dark..**

Refreshments available.

**A fun filled day for the whole family!**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
3965 CARTER RD., CANASTOTA; MORTGAGE REDUCTION  
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or on the church website:

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### RAFFLES

- FLAT SCREEN TV 46" or larger; LED or LCD
- LAPTOP w/i3 processor; Windows 8; 15.6" min. screen

**Tickets \$5.00 each or 3/\$10.00**



## Time

There is an old saying, "time waits for no man." In other words, no matter what we do, time continues to move right along.

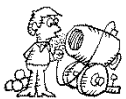
As most of you know, Paul has gone home to the Lord. During his recent stay in the nursing home, I was going through an old jewelry box he kept in his bedside table. In there were old pairs of cufflinks (remember them?) and some old watches. I picked up an old 23-carat Bulova, and would you believe even after forty years it was still running? Of course, the time was incorrect, but just the same! It is one of the self-winding types. Just for kicks, I set the time and have been wearing it to see how well it keeps time... it keeps it perfectly!

Wouldn't it be great if we could keep time perfectly? We would always have our chores finished (on time, of course), our dishes done, our laundry all caught up, our dinner on the table, and all our appointments made, and we would even be able to cram in more on our list than we already do.

I have come to believe that it is probably a good thing that we cannot keep perfect time like this old watch is doing as I write this. It would probably cause us to value our time less because we can always get more if we need it.

Think of God's time. We cannot fathom how He gets everything done, because He is Omnipotent and Omnipresent. His time allows for all things, while ours is limited by our few years on Earth. Someday, however, that will all change. When we are able to meet God in Heaven, then our time will be kept perfectly as well. May it be so in Jesus' name.

*Pat Clark*

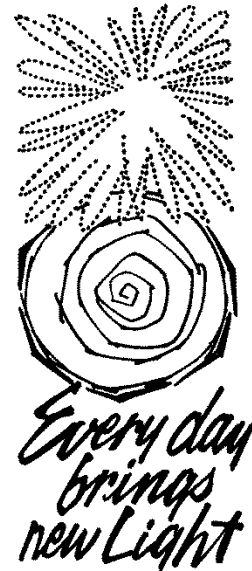


## Paul Says...

*"Remember, don't try this at home, I'm a professional."  
— pretty much my standard response to everything.*

## 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.



## 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.





## Prayers

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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 Hedgecock, Jenn Hedgecock, Mandie Egelston, Ann Eldred, Dan Smith & Tony Farrara,

Robin Piersall, Hayley Miller, Jill Froelick-Jones, Tim Haley, Tyson Fowler, Glade Cook Jr., Ed Snyder, Billy, Savannah, Cody Metott, Barbara, James & Rebekah, Carmilla Spartano, Jackie Grimes, Josh Sobieraj, Trudy Fike, Barbara Brinck, Pastor and Ruth Bernard, Sheree Manley, Russell Everitt, Julie, Florence Manders, Pam Heila, Sharon, Jim W., Mary Bones, Annie Whitney, Adam Sobieraj, Robin Whipple, Cindy Farnach, Paul Tyler, good friend of Andrea suffering from cancer, Denise, Ron Chase, Darin O'Shea, Pastor Schneider, Eleanor Redman, Christine Treece, Alice House, Lcpl. Brett A. Seeber, Lorraine Sauve, Ron Kohli, Millie's brother, the Warren family and all their neighbors who were impacted by the flooding, Willard Williamson, Barb Richmond, Marie, Andrea's mother-in-law, Jeanne, the family and friends of Paul Clark Sr., and all those we have had on our prayer chain this past week.

## KIDZ KORNER

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Wow! The summer is moving quickly, isn't it? The Fourth of July has come and gone, we've had our wonderful VBS, and our college students are packing up to leave for school. Many folks are going shopping for "Back-to-School" supplies and bigger sized duds for the kids to wear. It is an exciting time, but it is bittersweet. With the coming of school, we know that the summer will soon pass us by and the daylight will keep getting shorter, the leaves will begin to turn color and vacations will need to wait for another time.

Our Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 8:45 am. We will meet in the church sanctuary for our story and songs. That morning, we will have our Rally Day Service to

kick off the new year of education. Some children will continue with the teacher they had last year, and others will be moved to classes led by a different teacher. If you registered last year for Sunday School, you will not need to do so again this year. Just come with your clean, shiny faces, ready for some fun and learning.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Get in some more picnic and swimming fun. Come to church on Sundays and then play at the playground. Teach someone a new song that you learned at VBS and get ready for seeing your friends at school. We have so much to be thankful for. See you soon.

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

# "I Am the Way"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Based on John 14:1-14



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## Birthdays

**9/1** Barbara Brinck  
Kiara Burton  
Emma Hurtle

**9/3** Rebecca Harrington

**9/4** Marie Parent

**9/5** Gail Fanning

**9/7** Dolly Fowler  
Alice House  
Parker Scholl

**9/9** Nkai Harmon

**9/10** Velma Smolsey  
Skye Wall

**9/15** David C. Devan

**9/17** Gage Everitt

**9/18** DeLarno Burton

**9/19** Bradey Narolis

**9/20** Camerin Balbuena

**9/21** David Eaton

**9/22** Glen Bahr

**9/24** Christopher Hurtle  
Phillip M. Neumiller

**9/26** Jamison Everitt

**9/28** Nelda Stevenson

**9/30** Beth Scholl

## Baptismal Birthdays

**9/3** Rev. Ben Bahr

**9/7** Mike Balbuena

**9/8** Jessica House

**9/11** Karen Devan

**9/15** David Thomas

**9/19** Dana Smith

**9/20** Tom Jones IV

**9/23** Joseph Jones

**9/28** Benjamin Scholl

**9/?** Marie Parent

## Wedding Anniversaries

**9/1** Jeanne & Paul Griffin

**9/2** Bill & Tabitha Minor

**9/3** Kendall & Jim Seybert

**9/5** Lorraine & Roger Warren

**9/6** Amy & Shad McCormick

**9/8** Barbara & Terry Hartman

**9/23** Dionne & Joe Underwood

**9/24** Dana & Bob Smith

**9/27** Kathy & John Pavelock

## Birthdays

**10/1** Phillip M. Neumiller  
Marie Parent

**10/2** David C. Devan

**10/3** Susan Dodge

**10/6** Gale Hedgecock

**10/9** Anna Gilbert

**10/12** Tina Jones

**10/13** Charles Flay

**10/14** Gage Everitt  
Jamison Everitt  
Ashlee Gilbert  
Parker Scholl

**10/16** Alice House

**10/19** Beth Scholl

**10/21** Kelly Gilbert  
LeeDella Longway  
Millie Weismuller

**10/23** Gordon Medley

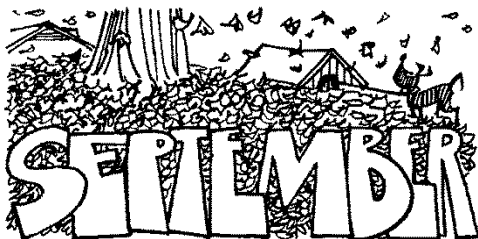
**10/28** Aaron Bahr

**10/29** Rhiannon Snyder Kaplan  
David Kirk

## Wedding Anniversaries

**10/2** Beth & Greg Scholl

**10/9** Dolores & Doug Antl



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# September

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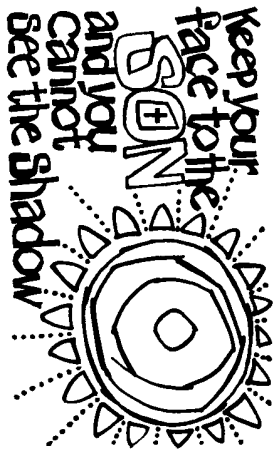
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**James Burch, Deacon**  
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Holy Communion Every Sunday  
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Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 AM  
Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 10:00 AM

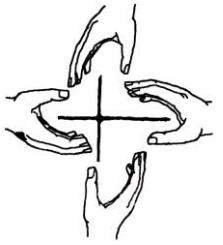


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