

May 2019

Sunday Morning Worship Hours

7:30 am Community Pancake Breakfast
8:30 am Contemporary Worship in Hope Hall
9:45 am-10:45 am Grace Time
North Room (adults)
Basement (children)
11:00 am Traditional Worship in the

Sanctuary **12:15 pm** Fellowship

Five Guiding Principles of Grace Lutheran Church

- 1 Jesus is Lord!
- 2 Pray, Seek, and Follow God's Will
- 3 Share the Good News of Christ
- 4 Embrace God's Challenge to Love and Serve Others
- 5 All are Welcome

May Wilbur Emphasis

During the month of May, Wilbur the pig welcomes monetary donations for Diaper Bags for foster families licensed by Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. Thank you for supporting the foster families in our community!

Rejoice with our Graduates!

This year, Daniel Ramirez graduates from high school, and Alison Sigala, Sammy Schilling, and Jena Johanson graduate from college. Congratulations! We are proud of you!

CALL Year-End Celebration (Confirmation Among Local Lutherans) Sunday, May 19, 12:45 pm @ Our Saviour's

All CALL participants are welcome and encouraged to attend the year-end celebration on Sunday, May 19 at 12:45 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 12th Street and Glendale.

GLOW

(Grace Lutheran on Wednesdays) Wednesdays, 5:15 pm—7:15 pm Last GLOW for the Season: May 15

At GLOW, we eat dinner, study and pray together, and build community.

May 1: Art for the Heart art therapy

May 8: Story Circles facilitated by StoryScope

May 15: Art for the Heart art therapy (Last GLOW until September)

GET YOUR FOOD HANDLERS CARD FOR FREE!

Now that Grace has a county-certified commercial kitchen, anyone volunteering in the Grace kitchen is encouraged to secure a food handler's card. To get the card, you must first complete a food service worker training program (this takes less than an hour), followed by a simple test ~ all of which can be done online. Cards are good for three years. The Outreach Team will gladly to cover the \$8 fee for anyone who wants to take the test. Please contact the Outreach Team at Outreach@GraceInTheCity.com, talk to Solveig Muus, or call the church office and we will send you a link to our account at eFoodCard.com.

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By God's grace, we are in the city for good!



From Pastor Sarah's Pen

We have spoken frankly to you; our heart is wide open to you. -2 Corinthians 6:11

This spring, our new synodical bishop, Deborah Hutterer, invited all interested lay and rostered leaders (i.e. pastors and deacons) from synod congregations, by conference, together for conversation about the future of ministry in our synod. During the spring conference meeting for our conference—the Capital Conference, Bishop Hutterer reported on the top three priorities identified by the synod council—after extensive conversation with lay people and clergy from all over the synod: 1) Communicate Jesus 2) Connect people 3) Create possibilities. In the Grand Canyon Synod, congregations have historically isolated themselves from one another, replicating the independent, autonomous culture of the Southwest. In order to "connect people," our bishop and the synod council would like for the congregations of the synod to partner in ministries instead of competing with other congregations or operating independently of one another.

The congregations of the Capital Conference are leaders in these types of connections, and here at Grace, we have built strong connections with many of our sister congregations through CALL (Confirmation Among Local Lutherans), WELCA, Campformation, Pancake Breakfast, GLOW, Grace Room, Heat Respite, special worship services, sharing an intern with Faith in 2015-2016, pulpit exchanges, sharing a table at PRIDE and Rainbows Festival with Faith, hosting NAUM, Cursillo and Tirosh, Diakonia, and food drives for Mount of Olives Food Closet. One way that the clergy of our Capital Conference congregations identified might help us work together better is by knowing what is going on at our sister congregations. To that end, starting this month, you will see a 2-page Capital Conference newsletter attached to the GraceVine each month.

As congregations, we are not in competition with one another. Different congregations embrace different traditions, different styles of worship, different service activities. By and large, the differences themselves are neither good nor bad, just differences. More than anything, different communities engage different people. When we find the place where we belong, we stay there. And I want everyone to belong somewhere. Still, if you find yourself wanting

to participate in an activity at another congregation, that's okay! That's wonderful! You will be a blessing to that community as you partake in ministry, AND if you feel drawn to make a connection between that other community and our own for the sake of the gospel, please do!

I am more and more convinced that the Christian church is traveling back to its roots—its ancient roots. At the time of Peter and Paul, churches were simply communities, not institutions, and people belonged to their community. People gathered in their house churches on Sundays, the house church closest to wherever they lived because, of course, they walked there. Every other day of the week, they lived in community with the people who were part of their church, sharing the dailyness of their life together. Far from being competitive, Paul writes in 2 Corinthians and Philippians about how different communities helped other ministries just as we do today, receiving help from our ministry partners and giving help in return. As we live into the priorities of the Grand Canyon Synod to communicate Jesus, connect people, and create possibilities, I pray we see the whole landscape of what the Holy Spirit is doing around us and connect with others following Jesus.

With love for each of you, *Pastor Sarah*

By the way, with this article, I am not preparing us for any particular growth in relationships or joint ministry opportunities, just sharing the priorities of our synod.

Summer Schedule

On Sunday, May 26, we will move to our summer worship times. Traditional Worship Service will begin at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Contemporary Service will still begin at 8:30 am in Hope Hall.

On Monday, May 27, Memorial Day will be observed. The church office will be closed and regularly scheduled Monday morning events will be cancelled for the day, including Grace Room & Native Elders.

Book Study @ Be Coffee 214 E Roosevelt May 6 at 7:00 pm—8:30 pm

On Monday, May 6 at 7:00-8:30 pm, a book study will be held on <u>Chasing the Scream</u>, Johann Hari. Compassion, healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, love: these are principles that harm reduction and communities of faith have in common. Harm reduction seeks to meet people where they are at, love them as they are, and provide assistance without judgment. The Bible calls for Christians to

address the needs of people who are suffering and sees Jesus as an example of healing outreach to people who were rejected because of their illnesses and afflictions.

However, despite such similar fundamentals, a disconnect has formed due to stigma by those who view addiction as a moral failing rather than a disease. Join us for a discussion on Johann Hari's Chasing The Scream to discuss the harms bred by the War on Drugs and how faith and harm reduction communities can work together to approach addiction with empathy and grace.

The book study will be co-led by Pastor Sarah and a staff member from Sonoran Prevention Works.

Campfirmation Registration

Each summer, the youth and young adults of the Grand Canyon Synod participate in a ministry known as "Campfirmation," a week of Bible camp complete with campfires, s'mores, games, Bible study, team building, and many and various other fun and faith-filled activities. This year, Campfirmation will run from July 7 through July 12. Youth going into grades 6-9 in the summer of 2019 are welcome to register as campers. Youth going into 10th grade may register as GAP campers, a new ministry which will include some leadership development in addition to the regular camp fun. Registration deadline is May 15. All the information is on the website:

www.lutherancampformation.com



Caring for Our Community Service Opportunities

The Soul Journeyers who will travel to Holden Village this coming summer would be delighted to help you with a project at your home such as landscaping, cleaning, or moving furniture. Please let Pastor Sarah know if you would like to receive assistance. This is not just for those who are going through a difficult time! We all need help from time to time, so please let us know if you need help at your home.

Holy Communion Practice

Starting in May, as discussed at Quarterly Pizza & Ministry Night, we will offer Holy Communion by individual cup on the first Sunday of the month at the second service. On the remaining Sundays, Holy Communion will be offered by intinction. At the first service, we will continue to receive Holy Communion by intinction only. However, the Worship & Music Team will be brainstorming ways to enrich our practice of Holy Communion overall, including how to more graciously provide for those who are gluten-intolerant.

Soul Journey Team Building

Soul Journeyers will meet for team building on Sunday, May 5 at 12:30 pm in Hope Hall and travel to our service project from there.

May Community Building Goal

Our community building goal for May is for each one of us to write at least one note of encouragement to one of the Soul Journeyers going to Holden Village in June.

Soul Journey Notes of Encouragement

Please help encourage this year's Soul Journeyers as they travel to Holden Village in Washington State. The Soul Journeyers will receive notes from their families and YOU throughout their trip. Please write a note to at least one of the following people letting them know what you appreciate about them and/or how you see God at work in their lives.

Completed notes can be given to Pastor Sarah no later than the afternoon of Sunday, June 16.

Shane Sigala Fran Fry Alison Sigala Clark Olson

Daniel Ramirez Anthony Padilla (friend of Khatters)

Alec Khatter
Jayden Lay
Evalyn Ehlen
Ken Ehlen

Alticolog Tadin
Kenda Khatter
Joey Lay
Ken Ehlen

Owen Lay

Pastor Sarah Christ Jimenez (from Vida Nueva)

Advance Directive & Funeral Forms

During Lent this year, we reflected on grief and death and acknowledged these subjects of which we rarely speak in our culture. To continue having this im-

portant conversation, we do have in the church office available for anyone who desires two forms that will help you discern what you would like at the end of your life. Hopefully, in the process of filling them out, you will have the opportunity to talk with people you love about what you want at the end of your life. It is far easier to have this conversation when you are well than when you are not. As well, because life is fragile, we never know when we might be in a position to utilize our end-of-life plans. I encourage you to have conversation now.

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The two forms:

1) Five Wishes--This is a beautifully written advance directive form. In the state of Arizona, it is a legal document once you fill it out, sign it, and have two witnesses sign it. Once completed, the form can be kept at your home, a copy given to your medical power of attorney, and even filed at the hospital closest to your home.
2) Funeral Form--This is a simple Grace form that we keep on file at the church describing what you desire for your funeral or memorial service, including hymns and scripture readings as well as information about your burial or cremation.

When completed, these forms give your family and friends guidance as they make choices on your behalf. Detailing your desires relieves your family and friends from having to make difficult choices that often leave them feeling guilty.

Both documents are available in the church office, so you can speak with either Adrienne or Pastor Sarah to get copies.

Synod Assembly Donations

The Grand Canyon Synod will meet in assembly on June 14-15, and the synod office has invited in-kind donations of the following to benefit asylum-seekers through Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. We will receive these items through June 9.

- New, WHITE towels (white can be easily bleached in the laundry)
- Over the Counter medications (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums, cold and flu remedies)
- New underwear, socks men, women size s/m, children all sizes
- Hygiene items travel sized soap, deodorant, toothpaste, women's pads, shampoo/conditioner
- Food travel snack bags for bus
- Backpacks
- Used or new clothing, shoes all sizes

Donations can be brought to worship on Sunday morning and placed in the designated containers or to the church office during office hours.

Every 5th Sunday ONE Worship Service at 9:30 am

In order to bridge the gap between the communities at our two worship services, we will once again worship together at one service every fifth Sunday of the month at 9:30 am, switching back and forth between traditional and contemporary worship styles. The next 5th Sunday of the month is June 30 which will be a traditional worship service.



2019-2020 Intern: Beth Gallen

Greetings! My name is Beth Gallen and I am delighted to be received and serve as Grace Lutheran Church's pastoral intern for the 2019-2020 year. Originally from Glendale, Arizona I was a member of Celebration Lutheran Church in Peoria where I participated in worship life, children's choir, youth activities, mission trips and service opportunities until I attended and graduated from California Lutheran University in 2012. Two weeks after graduation, I married my spouse, Stephen and we moved to California where I began serving as the Youth and Family Ministry Leader at Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan Beach. I held that role for nearly four years during which I heard God's call to serve the church through Word and Sacrament ministry. Through the nudging of the Holy Spirit, the people at Trinity encouraged me to enter into the Candidacy process and in the fall of 2016, I began the Masters of Divinity program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Seminary has been an incredible time of learning, questioning and exploring just how God has called me to serve in God's church. I am most excited by how communities of faith are connecting with one another to discern and participate in the work of the Spirit in their neighborhoods. Grace Lutheran is asking questions about God's activity in their neighborhood, and I am grateful to come alongside to learn from and with you. Thank you for saying "yes" to being my teachers and partnering with God who continues shape and form me as a Christian public leader. I look forward to our time of wonderment and learning together.

In case you are curious, some of my interests are: good, strong coffee, hiking, traveling, cooking, reading, and spending time with my family, Stephen, our daughter Amelia (1 year old), and our dog, Bear.

Peace, Vicar Beth Gallen

Faith Formation Update

Attention Cursillo community at GLC: All who have completed a Cursillo weekend are invited to attend a Coed Cursillo Renewal Weekend, May 31 to June 2. There is no overnight involved. If you are interested in attending, or just need more information and details, please contact Donna Martin, Fran Fry, or Pastor Sarah. De Colores!

Tithe.ly: A New Online Giving Option

The ELCA has reached a preferred vendor agreement with Tithe.ly, a company that offers online tools to enhance financial giving to ELCA congregation and ministries. Through Tithe.ly, donation forms are integrated into the congregation's website instead of sending donors to third-party sites. Donors have the option to make one-time or recurring gifts to provide more consistent giving.

Here at Grace, we are participating in Tithe.ly to reduce the cost of online giving. To sign up, go to www.graceinthecity.com/donate. On the donations page of our website, you click on either one of the "give" buttons and then fill out the online form with either your credit card or bank account information.

This program is similar to PayPal but less expensive and used only by churches. Thank you for giving to Grace!



Vacation Bible Study June 3—June 7

Grace Lutheran Church

Below is the Voyager Registration form for any children who would like to attend Vacation Bible Study @ Grace. All kids are welcome to come and join in the intergalactic fun. To get involved or learn more, please reach out to Linda Schwall at LSchwall@cox.net. Thank you!



Voyager Registration Form

Student's Name	
Parent/Family/Guardian Name	
Address	
E-mail Address	
Phone Numbers: Home	Cell Work
Date of birth	Age Last school grade completed
Home Church (if any)	
Friends of your child at this church	
Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Inforn	mation/Other:
Emergency Contacts	
Name	Phone
Name	Phone
Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up	this child from VBS
Photo Release:	Church/VBS has my permission to use my child's
photograph publicly in VBS materials. I	understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications,
presentations, websites, and social me	edia. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become
payable to me by reason of such use.	
Parent/Guardian's signature:	Date
	(for church use only)
Assigned to Voyager Group:	
	fars and Beyond? If yes, where?

Suggested Bible Readings for May

May 5 (Third Sunday of Easter)

First Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Psalm: Psalm 30 Gospel: John 21:1-19

May 12 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm: Psalm 23

Gospel: John 10:22-30

May 19 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

First Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 148 Gospel: John 13:31-35

May 26 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

First Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Psalm: Psalm 67 Gospel: John 5:1-9

May Birthdays

May 2 Joey Lay

May 9 Madison Koch

May 9 Sheila Petry

May 15 Diane Ericson

May 21 Adam Wohlbrandt

May 22 Brenda Baird

May 22 Trish Traaen

May 26 Owen Lay

May 30 Cyndy Herrmann



May Worship Assistants

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	
Preacher	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	
Greeters	Brian Flatgard Julio Devora	Bev Zannos Nancy Tickle	Betty Brewitt Larry Schilling	Jim Spitler Kathy Spitler	
Reader	Lori Cecil	Nicole Gallen	Renee Waterstradt	Andrea Sigala	
Ushers	Gene Bell Joey Lay Dorothy Ziehl John Erickson	Adam Wohlbrandt Betty Brewitt John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl	Jeff Brewitt John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl	Jim Spitler John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl	
Sound Board	Joey Lay	Tim Gallen	Maria Ramirez	Daniel Ramirez	
Crucifer	Sue Thun	Gustavo Martinez	Solveig Muus	Sue Thun	
Bread Baker	Marjie Bell	Evalyn Ehlen	Nicole Gallen	Solveig Muus	
8:30 Reader	Carol Staffieri	Joe Dani	Roger Ark	Ken Ehlen	



PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Native American Urban Ministry

Native American Urban Ministry (NAUM) was birthed by the Holy Spirit and Pastor Mary Louise Frenchman in October 2012. Right from the start, NAUM met at Grace, and Pastor Mary Louise rooted herself here, a central location for Native Americans living in Phoenix. NAUM is a synodical-authorized worshiping community

(SAWC) of the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA which means that NAUM is what we colloquially refer to as a "church" that worships and offers Holy Communion and Holy Baptism regularly as well as a youth group and educational opportunities. As a synodically-authorized worshiping community, NAUM continues to rely on outside groups, primarily the synod and ELCA churchwide, for funding.

Each second and fourth Saturday of the month, the NAUM community worships in Hope Hall at 11:00 am followed by lunch and the sharing of clothing. One of the primary ministries of NAUM is assisting Native people in finding housing and providing furniture and household goods once housing is secured. In the Phoenix metro area, Native people gather and find support in three communities, and one of them is NA-UM. Just recently, during a regular review of the ministry, a visitor to the community said, "There's love here." Indeed. Pastor Mary Louise has a passion for helping people to see their worth and their belovedness in the eyes of God.

As an ELCA pastor who is also an Ogallala-Sioux, Pastor Mary Louise bridges the gap between Lutheran spirituality and Native spiritualties, making the bold claim that there is no need for people to let go of meaningful rituals coming from their home culture. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with NA-UM in making a difference in the lives of so many Native people. Having said that, all are welcome to participate in the ministry of NAUM, so please avail yourself of the opportunity if you are interested! For more information, go to NAUM's Facebook page or speak with Pastor Mary Louise whose office is on the east side of Hope Hall.

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Vice President Brian Flatgard

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Treasurer Renee Waterstradt

Director Fran Fry

Marty Dusenberry Director

Director Sheila Petry

Director Haley Meier

Director Roger Ark

Grace Lutheran Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1- 8:30 am Staff Meeting 5:15 pm GLOW– Hope Hall	2–9:30 am WELCA Bible Study– North room 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision– Hope Hall 6:30 pm Chancel Choir– choir room 7:00 pm 12-step Recov- ery Meeting– North Room 8:00 pm CMA Business Meeting– North Room Pastor Sarah on Vaca- tion	3–6:00 pm First Friday – Hope Hall/Sanctuary 6:00 pm NAUM Parking Lot Fundraiser Lester's Sabbath Pastor Sarah on Vacation	4- Pastor Sarah on Vacation
5-7:30 am Community Break- fast– Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Wor- ship– Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time-North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship- Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fellowship– Hope Hall 12:30 pm Soul Journeyers Team Building– Hope Hall 12:30 pm Faith Formation Ministry Team Meeting– North Room 12:45 pm New Life in Christ– Sanctuary	6-9:00 am Grace Room 9:00 am Rental Group– North Room 7:00 pm Book Study @ Be Coffee– 214 E Roosevelt Pastor Sarah's Sab- bath	7- 9:00 am Rental Group- North Room 4:30 pm Final Phx Children's Choir-Hope Hall & Sanctuary	8- 8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Knit Wits– North Room 5:15 pm GLOW– Hope Hall	9–5:45 pm Trevor's Vision– Hope Hall 6:30 pm Chancel Choir– choir room 7:00 pm 12-step Recov- ery Meeting– North Room	10– 11:00 am Taste of Lutheran Social Ser- vices of the Southwest– 2502 E University Dr Ste 125 Lester's Sabbath	11– 11:00 am NAUM Worship— Hope Hall 1:00 pm NAUM Parking Lot Fundraiser 5:00 pm Grace Cinema Club
12-7:30 am Community Break- fast— Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Wor- ship— Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time-North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship- Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fellowship— Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ— Sanctuary	13-9:00 am Grace Room 9:00 am Rental Group– North Room Pastor Sarah's Sab- bath	14– 9:00 am Rental Group– North Room 6:30 pm Outreach Monthly Meeting– North Room	15- 8:30 am Staff Meeting 5:15 pm GLOW– Hope Hall	16– 9:30 am Biblical Equipping—North Room 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision— Hope Hall 6:30 pm Chancel Choir— choir room 7:00 pm 12-step Recov- ery Meeting—North Room	17- Lester's Sabbath	18-
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