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# Grace Notes

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# See your King!

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**Caretakers: Jane Donaldson**

Jane Donaldson is celebrating her first year as our church's secretary. She has been serving God and our church in different roles: Altar Guild, Plant Sale Director, and recording the minutes of our Council meetings. We invite you to discover her personal and spiritual experience here at Grace. Page 2 & 3



THIS MONTH AT GRACE



May 9th  
Elders Meeting | 7pm

May 14th  
Council Meeting | 6pm

May 18th & 19th  
PLANT SALE | All day

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Those who  
walk with  
God,  
always reach  
their  
destination



CARETAKERS | Meet our Church's Secretary

## JANE DONALDSON: I truly believe that the Holy Spirit led me here to Grace

By Pastor Germán Novelli Jr.

Jane is celebrating her first year as our church's secretary. She has been a blessing for my ministry, and a great support in my personal life. She is my personal caretaker and more than a friend, I believe she's family for me and my wife.

Recently, I asked her the following questions, and I now share her answers. Ladies and gentlemen, this is our friend Jane, the secretary of our congregation, the pastor's defender, and the beautiful wife our Council's President...

### Where were you born?

I was born in Stanley, Wisconsin, a small town in the northwest part of the state. My Dad was a teacher and

after Stanley he got jobs in Whitehall and Strum, WI. We moved here to Milwaukee in 1959 when I was in second grade.

### In which church did you grow up?

I was confirmed at Oklahoma Avenue Lutheran Church, right down the street from where I grew up.

### For how long have you been married?

Terry and I have been married for 30 years. We actually got married on Christmas Day. This is a second marriage for both of

us and I think this one took! Terry is my rock and I don't know what I would do without him.

### For how long have you been member of GRACE?

I joined Grace in 2002. Terry was raised Catholic and we alternated between Grace and St. Helen's each Sunday. Terry really liked what he heard about the Lutheran religion from Pastor Richter and he joined Grace that same year.

### How did you decide to come to Grace?

I was going through a tough time in 2002. I had fallen away from church

and I was desperate for some spiritual guidance. I was lucky enough to catch Pastor Richter in his office. My brother had said he heard good things about this church so I came here for some help.

#### **How was your experience of becoming a member here at Grace?**

The first service I attended I was approached by Judy Zarzynski and she said hello. I will never forget that, and everyone was so friendly. When I decided to join the church I was welcomed by two members who came to our home (they brought treats too!).

#### **What was the most difficult moment in your experience here at Grace?**

If this is the worst that has happened to me here, then I have been pretty lucky: Terry and I had been taking care of the gardens on the east side of the church and I had just planted some bulbs. A church member was told to ask me where he could have the youth group do some planting and I took him outside to show him where he couldn't plant. He disregarded my

instructions and had the kids plant their anyway. We never really got along after that.

#### **What do you like of being part of Grace?**

I like that the congregation is small and that allows me to get to meet and get to know a lot of people. I have made some very good friends here.

#### **What do you like of working here at Grace?**

Of course I have a terrific person to work for! The job I retired from was very stressful and working here is almost relaxing for me. I had been saying for a few years that this was a job I wanted to have and the opportunity presented itself. I love the contact with the church members and I feel that I am really contributing to the church and the congregation. And where else would I have the opportunity to be a First Lady?!

#### **What you don't like/tolerate?**

I don't like people to verbally attack, confront and criticize me in a mean spirited manner.

#### **What are you afraid of?**

I am deathly afraid of centipedes. Terry is called to duty to kill them at home. Mice aren't my favorite things either.

#### **Favorite foods?**

I love pizza, Chinese food, Mexican food and mashed potatoes with gravy.

#### **Favorite hobbies and activities?**

I like to work in the garden. I also love to crochet, do cross stitch and cook. I really enjoy decorating our home, inside and out, for fall and Christmas.

#### **How can you describe your spiritual experience and relationship with God?**

I feel that God saved me from myself and I am so grateful that I came back to Jesus. I truly believe that the Holy Spirit led me here to Grace. Worshipping at Grace is very special to me and is a huge part of Terry's and my life.

**GRACE**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**RALLY DAY**



*We'll have special activities for our last day of Sunday School this year*

**MAY 20**  
**10AM**

*Bring your children...  
invite their friends*



needed to complete our 2016-2018 goals! Please plan on attending the Prayer Service on Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm, honoring our Christian Women with Pastor Germán Novelli, Jr.

Watch for the date and time of the next Ruth Guild - LWML meeting.

**Grace Ruth Guild / LWML  
May 2018**

**Upcoming event:  
2018 LWML SWD Convention  
June 22nd and 23rd  
Milwaukee Marriott West, Waukesha  
"How Beautiful"  
[www.lwml-swd.org](http://www.lwml-swd.org)**

Mother's Day Blessings,  
From the Ruth Guild / LWML  
*Sue Pritzlaff*

**M**any thanks and blessings to all who helped make our Easter Breakfast a huge success. The Lord has blessed out Grace Community with many helpful hands. Thanks you for your mite offerings, however district mite offerings are down and your mites are

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Cor. 15:58)

**CONSTRUCTION  
SUNDAY  
MAY 20, 2018**



**YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER EVENT**

**PIZZA SALE**

**Promotional Price: \$7  
or 3 pizzas for \$20**

Place your order with payment no later than Sunday, May 27  
and we will have them ready to pick up on Saturday, June 2  
between 12 noon and 1pm in the Fellowship Hall of our congregation



**SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3  
at noon**

**WE'LL ELECT NEW COUNCIL DIRECTORS AND ELDERS**



# See your King!

**A**s a rule, a ceremonial procession of a king is a big deal - A horse drawn carriage, a crown of jewels, a royal guard escort and huge crowds. On the day we celebrate Palm Sunday, Jesus was heading for Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. As usual, a huge crowd followed him.

What was unusual is recorded in Luke 19: 29, 30: "As he approached Bethpage and Bethany at the hill called Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying, "Go to the village ahead of you and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it'."

Throughout his ministry, Jesus' mode of travel was walking or sometimes boat. Now out of the blue

he will finish his journey to Jerusalem on a donkey? I don't think Jesus was tired. I think this had to do with the crowd. Luke 19: 37 "... the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen." The majority of the crowd believed Jesus to be their Savior from oppression, illness, disabilities, hunger, etc.

His disciples, on the other hand, identified him as the Promised Messiah, in light of his miracles, teachings, deeds and prophesy. Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout Daughter of Jerusalem! See your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Psalm 118:26: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Without a doubt, Jesus descended upon Jerusalem a triumphant King, upon a donkey on a road strewn with palm branches, the red carpet of kings.

Some Pharisees, the protesters in the crowd, approached Jesus - Luke 19:39, 40: "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" 'I tell you', he replied, 'if they keep quiet the stones will cry out'." Jesus' answer implied that if the entire crowd was blind to his identity as Messiah, nature itself would step up and praise him. The Pharisees were again frustrated when Pilot had a notice fastened to the cross claiming Jesus King of the Jews. John 19:21, 22: "The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilot, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews, but that this man claimed to be King of the Jews.' Pilot answered 'what I have written, I have written'." Romans 14:11: "It is written, as surely as I live, says the Lord every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God."

### *Hymn 525*

***Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark how the heavenly anthem  
drown all music but its own.  
Awake my soul and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless  
king through all eternity.***

*Lillian Hughes*

## USHERS

### MAY 6th

Chuck and Alana Zielesch,  
Don and Karen Ewert

### MAY 13th

Jim Barndt, Mark Jubeck,  
Dave Biermann, and Chester Zbrozek

### MAY 20th

Art and Amy Socha,  
Terry and Jane Doanldson

### MAY 27th

Sue Pritzlaff, Lynda Trapp,  
Brenda Nitz, and Shirley Lovas

### JUNE 3rd

Dave and Danny Gaus,  
Sheryl Pelican, and Lori Eshelman



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1.– Phil Steinke & Callie Huolihan

3.– Hope Lovas

4.– Maria Rivera & Judy Zarzynski

5.– Jason Kos

7.– Charlotte Hirschfeld

10.– Hildegarde Mullarki,  
Owen Schenzel & Michelle Andrae

11.– Terry Donaldson & Alonzo Jalañ

17.– Rebecca Lenski

23.– Rob Janczak

28.– Randy Schuppe

29.– Carol Ann Hench

30.– Jane Donaldson

31.– Susan Sunie

## ANNIVERSARIES

3.– Art & Amy Socha

14.– Taylor & Karen Paap

22.– Michael & Terrie Klebar

25.– David Ballard & Lori Eshleman

30.– Eugene & Bonnie Hanoski

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**S**t. Paul teaches, “Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, “Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

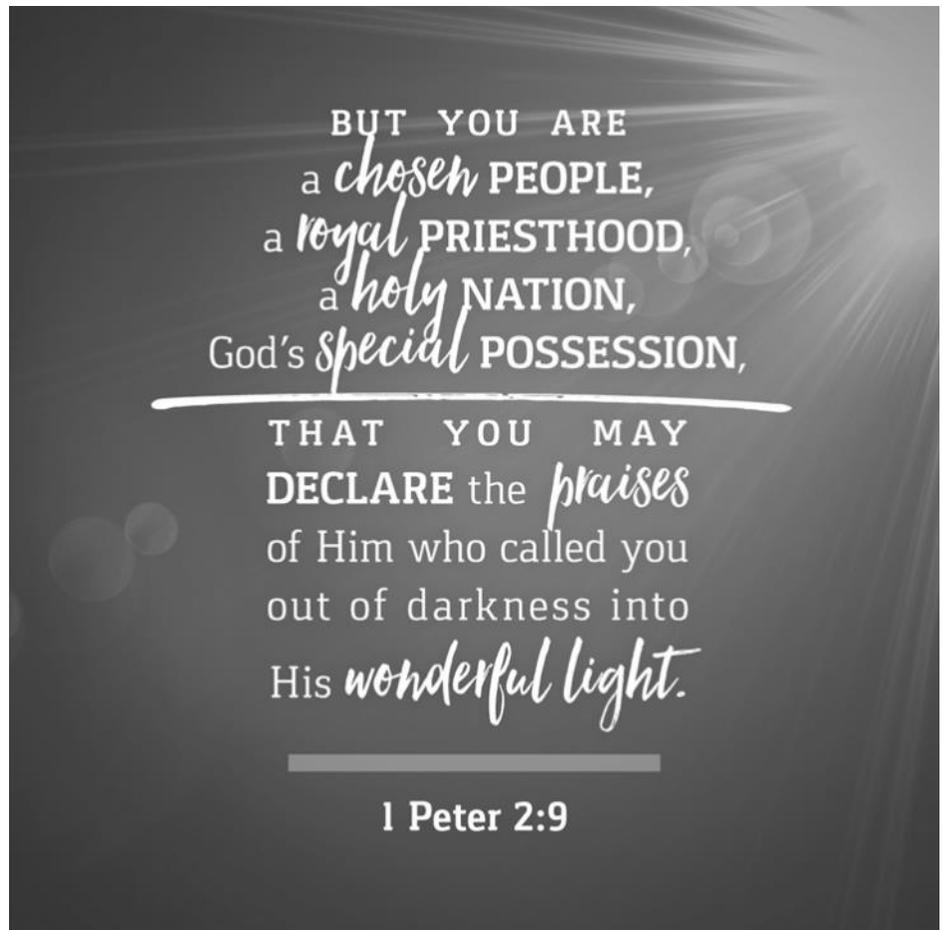
In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not just that we are to give but also what we are to give. And it does so with four little words: “In the same way ...”

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices.

We’re to support the Gospel ministry “in the same way.” But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes



from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.” (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry “in the same way?”

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church’s job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites’ job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham.

Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than

# *Giving is Worship*

GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE



those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God's revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God's own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on

the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus.

He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us "the excellences of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

***For once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9-10).***

*LCMS Stewardship*



THE **GOSPEL** IN  
SEVEN WORDS

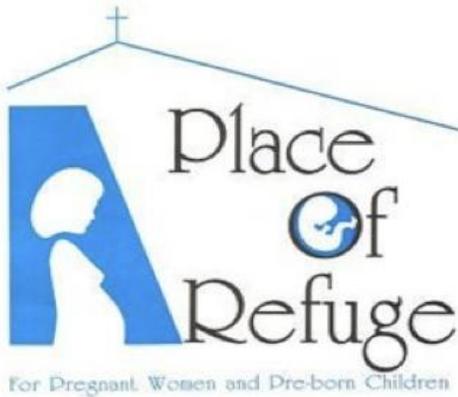
**"God's Grace is greater than all our sins"**

Deb Finn



**KIDS AND SENIORS DAY  
| AUGUST 22, 2018 |  
1:10PM**

We will meet at Saz's State House  
at 11AM. 5539 W. State St. Milwaukee  
and take a shuttle to Miller Park  
For tickets and information,  
please talk or call Mary Randow  
at (414) 421 3831



**LIFE WALK 2018  
| SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd |**

REGISTRATION: 9AM – LIFE WALK: 10:30AM

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
10025 W. North Ave. Wauwatosa, WI**

Prizes for the most sponsors and most sponsor money collected! All sponsor funds benefit pregnant women and their children served by A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin. A Place of Refuge provides Advocacy Services & Refuge House, a shelter for pregnant women and children in need.

registration & more information: 414-438-2767

**NEXT VBS PLANNING MEETING | WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 (at 6PM)**



**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

**June 17-21, 2018**

**OUR VBS SUMMER CAMP IS OPEN FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-11**

A close-up photograph of several vibrant purple orchid flowers in bloom, with some buds still on the stem. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light purple and white.

Grace Community  
**A N N U A L**  
plant sale

**MAY**  
**18-19, 2018**  
*10 am – 5pm*

*Bedding Plants, Vegetables,  
Hanging Baskets, Geraniums,  
Borders, and more...*

*We have the best prices and a great quality!  
Invite your friends and neighbors...*

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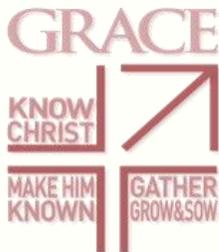
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