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### SUMMER AT GRACE



June 3rd  
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FROM PASTOR FERD | PERSON — PEOPLE — PURPOSE

# Why are we here?

**W**e are God's mission. Jesus longs to live in our hearts. Jesus longs to shine in our hearts.

As we concentrate on him, our life becomes the way in which his life and light touches the people around us.

This is true for us as individuals as well as a people. In his first letter Peter helps us to know who we are, who we are with and why we are here.

## PERSON

One by one individuals are brought into a saving relationship with Jesus

by the Spirit's power. Our self identity is: ***"I have been crucified with Christ. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."*** (Galatians 2:19-20 GW)

Peter writes in chapter one:  
***19 The payment that freed you was the precious blood of Christ, the lamb with no defects or imperfections . . .***

***21 Through him you believe in God who brought Christ back to life and gave him glory. So your faith and confidence are in God.*** (1 Peter 1 GW)

Trusting in Jesus, our individual life makes a difference. We have

an influence and an effect on the lives of others. Peter continues in chapter two:

***2 So get rid of every kind of evil, every kind of deception, hypocrisy, jealousy, and every kind of slander. Desire God's pure word as newborn babies desire milk. Then you will grow in your salvation.*** ***3 Certainly you have tasted that the Lord is good!***  
***4 You are coming to Christ, the living stone who was rejected by humans but was chosen as precious by God. 5 You come to him as living stones, a spiritual house that is being built into a holy priesthood.*** ***So offer spiritual***

*sacrifices that God accepts through Jesus Christ. 6 That is why Scripture says, "I am laying a chosen and precious cornerstone in Zion, and the person who believes in him will never be ashamed." (1 Peter 2 GW)*

## PEOPLE

It is not a solo flight. We are joined together as one body, God's people, set apart to be his own.

In our adapted Baptismal service, after the child or person is baptized, this prayer follows:

**C:** *God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing this child from the power of sin and for raising him/her up to a new life through this holy Sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon him/her that he/she may be established in the faith and ministry of Jesus Christ, Prophet, Priest and King.*

In Baptism our sins are washed away and we are joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus and ordained into his ministry: prophet, priest and king.

**9** *However, you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people who belong to God. You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities of God, who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not God's people, but now you are. Once you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy. (1 Peter 2 GW)*

Why has God established us in his grace? We are on the way to

heaven. But on the way, he has a definite plan and purpose for our lives. We are his mission.

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## PURPOSE

Peter continues:

**11** *Dear friends, since you are foreigners and temporary residents in the world, I'm encouraging you to keep away from the desires of your corrupt nature. These desires constantly attack you.*

**12** *Live decent lives among unbelievers. Then, although they ridicule you as if you were doing wrong while they are watching you do good things, they will praise God on the day he comes to help you.*  
(1 Peter 2 GW)

**13** *Who will harm you if you are devoted to doing what is good?*

**14** *But even if you suffer for doing what God approves, you are blessed. Don't be afraid of those who want to harm you. Don't get upset. 15 But dedicate your lives to Christ as Lord. Always be ready to defend your confidence in God when anyone asks you to explain it.*

**However, make your defense with gentleness and respect.**  
(1 Peter 3 GW)

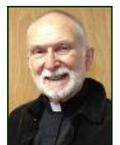
What a privilege we have. Called and anointed by Christ, we are his representatives.

God's people are ministers of Jesus, his Word and life.

This is not to be confused with the public position of the pastor. He is called to lead and to feed the flock. An vital part, indeed. But our part is equally important.

The pastor builds us up with God's Word and then sends us out into daily living. Both pastor and priest are to function in a healthy balance. Often our view leans more to the position of the pastor with the people as spectators and at best working in the church. God wants to send out his people to be a mighty influence on our society.

The church desperately needs pastors who are on fire for Jesus as well as the people who have that same Holy Spirit's fire and love. Together they are formed into a people called to live and tell the wonders of God's good news in Christ. That sound just like what God is working at our Grace Community.



Pastor Ferd



(KIDS K4 – 5TH GRADE)

# GRACE SUMMER CAMP 2018

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# Have a Blessed Day

**H**ow often have you heard “Have a good day”? I’d like to share a recent day that I would consider a “blessed day”. My day began with Divine service at Grace. After the service - lunch with friends and catching up on the week’s news. At 3:00 pm we planned to attend a concert. Before the concert we took a scenic drive along the lake front. We rode from Grant Park, passed Bradford Beach, and back to downtown Wisconsin Avenue to see what’s new. From there we went to Christ United Methodist church, where the American Legion Band concert was hosted.

The concert was excellent. In fact, it was so good I forgot all about the fact that I was sitting on a cushionless wooden pew. During intermission, we were treated with refreshments prepared by the “church ladies”.

Just when we thought our day couldn’t get any better, we discovered these amusing, yet insightful “Instructions on How to Sing” in the hymnal, written in 1761 by John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church:

**I.-** Learn these Tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.

**II.-** Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you

have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.

**III.-** Sing All. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.

**IV.-** Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.

**V.-** Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

**VI.-** Sing in Time: whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can. And take care you sing not too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

**VII.-** Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your Heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

I think John Wesley would have approved of this hymn written in 1852 by Charles Stanford:

***When In Our Music God is Glorified***  
***When in our music God is glorified,***  
***And adoration leaves***  
***no room for pride,***  
***It is as though the whole***  
***creation cried: Alleluia!***

***How oft, in making music,***  
***we have found a new dimension***  
***in the world of sound***  
***As worship moved us to a more***  
***profound Alleluia!***

***And did not Jesus***  
***sing a psalm that night***  
***when utmost evil strove***  
***against the light?***  
***Then let us sing***  
***for whom he won the fight:***  
***Alleluia!***

*Lillian Hughes*

# Texas Lutherans provide quick response to shooting

**O**n May 18, just as the Rev. Ken Hennings, president of the LCMS Texas District, was talking to the district's director of disaster response, Julie Tucker, the director "got an alert of an active shooting in Santa Fe, Texas." A shooter had opened fire on students and faculty at the town's Santa Fe High School, ultimately killing 10 people and injuring 10 more. Immediately, the Texas District began to respond.

"I started calling pastors," said Hennings, "one after another." One of the pastors, the Rev. Ralph Hobratschk of Hope Lutheran Church in Friendswood — who also serves as a chaplain with the local police department — was aware of the situation, having already checked with the two families in his congregation who had students at the school. While they were safe, one of the members at Hope lost two close friends in the shooting.

"Pastor Hobratschk asked the church's youth director/DCE to make an immediate visit to the member's house to care for that person," explained Hennings.

Other nearby churches, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay and Peace Lutheran Church in Texas City, also checked in with the families in their congregations who have students at Santa Fe High School. All of the members are safe.



The pastors at both Gloria Dei and Peace also serve their communities as hospital chaplains, and Hennings noted that "Gloria Dei was called by their hospital and asked if they could send pastors."

The Rev. Dan Schepmann, senior pastor at Gloria Dei, said that his staff ministered to eight families, two of whom had lost children.

"We invited LCC down and had no idea we'd get the response we got," said Schepmann. "As of last night, we got 15 comfort dogs here. They were also at the prayer vigil." The dogs made it easier, he said, to talk with people and care for them. "Through the comfort dogs we also had an opportunity to meet Senator Ted Cruz, who

was also there offering fantastic comments and quoting Scripture to comfort the community."

Schepmann said that he will be attending an event prior to the reopening of Santa Fe High School that will offer another chance to minister to the teachers and administrators there. He plans to continue to "play a behind-the-scenes approach, sharing Jesus and being His hands and feet" in the community.

"The witness, mercy and life together is all over this," he added. "We are a light in the midst of darkness. This is what the church should be doing."

Echoing those comments, Hennings explained that "we reach out because we have a message of peace and comfort and hope

through our Lord Jesus Christ, and when these disasters happen we are quick to respond with care and help wherever people need assistance.”

Care for the community and Texas District members included Bible studies where people openly shared about the event and heard what God’s Word had to say about these tragedies.

Other local LCMS churches prayed for all those affected, and another delivered prayer quilts to shooting victims’ families. Pastors in the area reported increased attendance at worship services the Sunday after the shooting.

“Some folks were attending our church for the first time,” shared the Rev. Matthew Brackman, pastor at Peace. “As we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, we found comfort in the Word of God. It was a great blessing to be refreshed and strengthened by the body and blood of the one who brings us true peace in the midst of this upheaval. Shaking hands and seeing the faces of my people as they left emphasized to me how our Lord brings comfort and peace to His people in His house.”

In the weeks to come, Hennings said, “the chaplain corps in Friendswood will continue to reach out to the first responders to make sure they’re OK as well, as those responders coming out of this tragedy are stunned by what they saw.”

Considering all of the many ways that the LCMS congregations surrounding the Santa Fe area responded, Hennings said he is “so pleased to have pastors to connect with each other and use the resources that we have available right here in the district and in the LCMS.”

*Jeni Miller | LCMS*

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# A statement from the Church Council of Trinity Lutheran Church, Milwaukee



**F**irst, we would like to express our thanks and praise to God our Almighty Father, maker of Heaven and earth, for His provision and care. He made our church possible by bringing together people to receive His forgiveness and grace through His Word and

Sacraments. For 140 years people have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached reminding generations that Christ died for our sins and that “He is the same yesterday, today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). We are grateful and we, “Give thanks to the Lord; for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever” (Psalm 118:1).

A lot has transpired since our church burned on Tuesday, May 15. Many have offered their kind words of encouragement; Milwaukee churches of different denominations have offered their space for worship, and we have received many calls offering help and assistance. We have experienced mercy and grace and

we quickly learned of the love of our city.

God has, and continues to richly provide as evidenced by the building He provided and the fact no one was hurt on May 15. We know it will be awhile before we can return to worship on the corner of 9th and Highland – but we are confident we will return.

Until then, we will need to find a place to continue to gather to hear His Word and receive His Sacraments.

**If you would like to help, you may make a donation to:  
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**GRACE ANNUAL PICNIC**

**SUNDAY**

**JULY 22, 2018**  
11AM – 3PM

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If you wish, you may bring your own chairs and a dish to share...  
Pray for good weather!  
Outdoor Service begins at 11am

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# Happy Birthday!

## July

## June

3 Emanuel Garcia  
 4 Elizabeth Tuuri  
 5 Brian Lenski Jr.  
 7 Jeffrey Brahm  
 7 Rigoberto Tellez  
 7 Joanne Dennis  
 13 Dori Bahr  
 15 Shirley Lovas  
 15 Serena Hukarevic  
 15 Dolores Hochschild  
 16 William Dobs  
 16 Cayden Junger  
 19 Marge Wodvarka  
 22 Diane Gundlach  
 23 Susan Zbrozek  
 25 Joshua Biermann  
 25 Sarah Dubey  
 27 Carol Pelican

5 Nicole Tuuri  
 10 Sarah Jubeck  
 10 Marian Laub  
 11 Mary Wichman  
 11 Mark Winiarski  
 14 John Lundstrom  
 16 Jeannette Rom  
 17 Timothy Leiser  
 17 Sharon Maney  
 17 Jessica Schenzel  
 19 Christopher Jones  
 19 Richard Smith  
 21 Jeff Jacobson  
 22 Patricia Penndragon  
 23 Lillian Westphal  
 24 Heidi Kacmarcik  
 26 Sheryl Pelican  
 27 Lori Janczak  
 27 Dan Kamarcik  
 27 Gordon Lauterbach  
 27 David Toepfer  
 28 Paul Jones  
 29 Mary McPartland  
 29 David Gaus Sr.

## August

1 Loddie Hukarevic  
 2 David Ballard  
 6 Laurie Gaus  
 6 Jamie Steinke  
 8 Lori Eshleman  
 8 Jackie Miller  
 9 Jeff Tuler  
 12 Michael Mattson  
 14 Clyde Dartey  
 16 Michael Schenzel  
 16 Mark Jubeck  
 16 Lorene Zolinski  
 18 Bernadette Lovas  
 18 Diane LaCourt  
 21 Marilyn Jubeck  
 22 William Draeger  
 22 Debra Dobs  
 23 Amanda Penndragon  
 26 Gloria Raymond  
 26 Joshua Heim  
 27 Kathrine Tobias  
 28 Kathryn Barndt





**JUNE**

- 16 Mark & Jackie Miller
- 17 Paul & Marian Laub
- 23 Brian & Michelle Lenski
- 26 Latif & Nadine Hukarevic
- 28 Heidi & Dan Kacmarcik

**JULY**

- 3 Susan & Tim Hensch
- 22 Walter & Ruth Pelican
- 29 Michael & Jessica Schenzel

**AUGUST**

- 1 Don & Karen Ewert
- 3 Mark & Penney Winiarski
- 9 Jeff & Kathy Tuler
- 9 Pr. Ferd & Dori Bahr
- 16 Richard & Colleen Smith
- 26 Jeff & Susan Brahm
- 31 Chuck & Sue Heim

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**JUNE 3rd**

Dave and Danny Gaus, Sheryl Pelican, and Lori Eshelman

**JUNE 10th**

Chuck and Alana Zielesch, Don and Karen Ewert

**JUNE 17th**

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

**JUNE 24th**

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**JULY 1st**

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**JULY 8th**

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**JULY 15th**

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**JULY 22nd**

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**JULY 29th**

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**AUGUST 5th**

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

**AUGUST 12th**

Dave and Danny Gaus, Sheryl Pelican, and Lori Eshelman

**AUGUST 19th**

Chuck and Alana Zielesch, Don and Karen Ewert

**AUGUST 26th**

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**SEPTEMBER 2nd**

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**| AUGUST 22, 2018 |**  
**1:10PM**

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# GRACE SUMMER PREACHERS

## PEACE IN THE STORM | JUNE 24

Jesus calms a storm, and shows his mighty power over the nature and all things. He has power to defeat the greatest storm in our lives: 'SIN'. Our guest preacher this Sunday will be **Rev. Alfonso Prada**, Pastor at St. Martini Lutheran Church, Milwaukee.



## MISSION SUNDAY | JULY 8

You'll have the opportunity to hear about the different missions we're supporting, and how important missions are for the Church. Our guest speakers will be **Pastor Ferd** and our brother **Mr. Jeff Tuler**.



## JESUS' HEALING POWER | JULY 1

Join **Pastor Ferd** in an amazing proclamation of the Gospel, in which we will discover together the amazing power of Jesus, to cure every disease throughout his ministry on the earth.



## SWD SUNDAY | JULY 15

This Sunday, we'll know more about the work of our South Wisconsin District. Our special guest preacher will be the **Rev. Jonah Burakowski**, Executive Assistant to the President for Mission and Human Care of the SWD-LCMS.

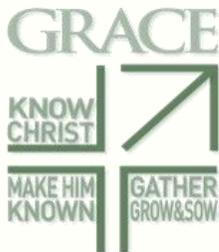


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