

# THE GUIDED LIGHT

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of Grace Lutheran  
Church



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M-F 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Sunday Worship Services:  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Adult Classes &  
Sunday School:  
9:30 AM Grace Hall  
& Choir Room

Communion Services:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays of the month

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## Pastor's Notes....

Christian piety takes many forms, from scripture reading and study to various prayer ministries, both personal and corporate. Mission trips and pilgrimages are often used as a means for spiritual journeys as well. Alms (charitable giving), good works and showing mercy and service are other examples of ways to “*serve our neighbor and supply the proof that faith is living.*” LSB 555.



We at Grace know that our members earnestly desire to do good works and give to the poor. But we are also more than a little cynical of shysters and cons.

Keeping busy in our own life is easy. There is always one more movie to watch, one more book to read, one more friend to visit. Likewise, finding acts of mercy in small ways is relatively easy, sharing a meal, helping with a project and reaching out to a friend in trouble. But larger scale projects, more meaningful projects, often seem too difficult for one person to take on.

South Carolina Hurricane Matthew Disaster relief team will send out 1600 letters next month. These letters will be “denial of service” letters. The home owners, who are mostly considered “working poor”, have made multiple applications appealing to their insurance when appropriate, to FEMA and also the State of SC. The tier one needs, the very poor, disabled, elderly, and families with at risk members are often picked up but not always. Those families deemed tier two (who will get the “no service” letters) are the families where our opportunity for meaningful service begins.

We already have one such house that we are working on. We have asked for addresses and introductions to 3 more homes in various states of damage from hurricane Matthew. There is still much to be done, from clean up to skilled labor and craftsmanship. If construction is not your forte, there are other options available for you to participate. By keeping these families in prayer or by donating money for supplies, tools and materials, there is a part for everyone. Most importantly, this is a great opportunity for spiritual growth, Christian fellowship or maybe an excuse to invite a friend, have a late lunch and make a day of it. I hope that you're interested.

Please see me for more details.

Pastor Willsea



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Mon

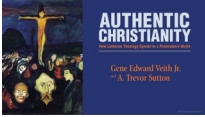



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Sat

27	28	29 Crafts 10:00 AM—GH Life Light Study 10:30 AM—CR 7:00 PM—CR Stephen Ministry Training 7:00 PM	30	31  Pastor's Book Club 7:00 PM	1 Bible Study 11:00 AM—CR	2 Altar Guild 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:30 AM
3 Service of Holy Communion 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00AM Sunday School/ Bible Classes 9:30AM Team Trivia Community Pizza 7:00 PM	4 Financial Peace University 7:00 PM—GH	5 Crafts 10:00 AM—GH  Confirmation Heritage Tour	6 Hand and Foot Canasta 1:00 PM—GH 	7	8 Bible Study 11:00 AM—CR	9
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# Treasurer's Report

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer Report

April 30, 2018

Balance Brought Forward January 1, 2018 \$40,766.58

RECEIPTS for April 2018

General Operating	\$36,922.68	
Designated Funds	\$5,597.10	
LWML	\$25.25	
Thrivent Choice	\$1,024.00	
Grace Hall Usage	\$175.00	
Sunday School	\$45.00	
		\$43,789.03

RECEIPTS for Jan.-Mar. 2018

General Operating	\$86,657.60	
Designated Funds	\$3,852.92	
LWML	\$224.23	
Thrivent Choice	\$272.00	
Grace Hall Usage	\$175.00	
Sunday School	\$150.04	
		\$91,331.79

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

**\$135,120.82**

EXPENSES for April 2018

General Operating	\$29,546.42	
LCEF loan/Interest	\$4,217.08	
Designated Funds	\$1,649.49	
		\$35,412.99

EXPENSES for Jan.-Mar. 2018

General Operating	\$80,774.32	
LCEF loan/Interest	\$12,651.24	
Designated Funds	\$1,771.66	
		\$95,197.22

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$130,610.21**

**CHECKBOOK Balance April 30, 2018**

**\$45,277.19**

*Available Working Balance March 31, 2018* \$26,831.11  
*(After Designated Funds are removed.)*

We need \$7,939.06 per Sunday. The month of April we needed \$39,695.30, and received \$37,097.68.  
We had a shortage of \$2,597.62 in April.

Savings Account Balance Mar. 31, 2018. \$36,253.89

*Shirley Marquardt*

Treasurer, Grace Lutheran Church

## 2018-2019 BOARD MEMBERS

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Ron Salow                      Katelyn Schmedeke                      Talia Medley



### Our family

Michael, Jen-Yi "Irene",  
Rachel, Jonathan, Elizabeth



### Pastor Paul's Call

Pastor Paul is a theological educator in Taiwan, serving with the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) and China Lutheran Seminary (CLS). He is called to teach, write, and help plant and pastor Lutheran churches.

### Keeping up-to-date

If you're not receiving this newsletter by email but would like to, please contact us at [michael.paul@lcmsintl.org](mailto:michael.paul@lcmsintl.org). For frequent facebook updates, go to the facebook group: "Michael Paul family Taiwan mission."

## Meet Binghui

Binghui Lai is a gardener, an elder at our mission station, and one of Pastor Paul's friends. While today he's a very kind and stable Christian man, he wasn't always like that. As a younger man, he was a drug addict and lived a life full of darkness. However, the light of God's Word completely changed Binghui, granting him faith in Christ and a new life. As part of his new life, Binghui came to love and become skilled at gardening and grounds keeping. A few years ago he was the groundskeeper for China Lutheran Seminary, and his connections there were what brought him to our mission station. The teaching and preaching of God's Word at our mission station has continued to cause growth in Binghui. He's shared in our home Bible study and post-worship discussion groups how these past few years he's come to a much better realization of his own continuing sin, but also how his salvation is completely God's free gift in Christ. This assurance of salvation has freed Binghui from the pressure and threat of God's Law, and granted him more peace and calmness in his life and work.

Just a few months ago, Binghui left his job as a groundskeeper for a large company and began his own grounds keeping business. He left the former job largely because he was continually asked to engage in unethical work practices. Leaving that to try "going it on his own" was quite a step of faith. But largely by word-of-mouth, his grounds keeping contracts have quickly increased and he is positive about the future. Binghui now enjoys preparing altar flowers for our mission station, and also provided Easter lily look-alikes for Easter. A few weeks ago, he also accompanied me to buy all we need at our apartment to grow vegetables on our narrow balcony. Just as Binghui's plants grow, so has God's Word grown in him and it continues to bear fruit.

## Supporting Local Pastors

One of my roles as a theological educator is supporting pastors and other Church workers in their service. While I do this on a regular basis especially with the vicars in the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), I'm also more and more being asked to help leaders in other Lutheran Church bodies as well. Just this past month I was asked to help three different Church workers in various ways. First, a pastor asked me to help him plan out his Doctor of Ministry thesis, which will include a section on how to teach Luther's Small Catechism in the congregation. Then, another Church worker asked if Irene and I could visit their home and give them ideas about how best to reach out to their community.

Finally, a few days ago I received a text from another Church leader (whom I'd never met before), asking specific questions about Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These are good examples of how a western missionary like myself can help to support local Lutheran pastors and other leaders so that they can more effectively preach and teach God's Word in their own Churches, and beyond the Church into the 95% non-Christian Taiwan population.



## Streamlining Resource Development

I receive requests over and over again for more and better Chinese-language Lutheran resources. While I'm also repeatedly asked to teach more and more classes in the seminary and in congregations, one good Chinese book can go a lot longer, and influence a lot more people, than one good class or course. My coworker in the CELC, Rev. Dr. Joseph Lu, has a similar desire to increase resource production, and we have been hard at work over the past year or so streamlining the production process. The most important component is identifying and keeping busy excellent translators, who are highly skilled in both English and Chinese, as well as in theology. We now have two such people, who are now both working nearly full-time on good projects. After translations are finished, then a team of editors needs to review and revise the translations, and then page layout, copyright issues, and printing considerations all need to be finalized. Of course, adequate funding is essential, but several sources have been generous lately, and the CELC herself seems able and willing to give good support to projects moving into the future. Dr. Lu is an expert in administration and in all the technical aspects of publication, and he's recently arranged for administrative support to help projects proceed smoothly and efficiently. We're prayerfully optimistic that the Church will receive a big boost in resources over these next few years.





**Women of Grace—**

We will be collecting Purses for *Pass the Purse* during the month of June. Please see suggested items to put in the purses. A tub is in the narthex for the purses. Contact Shirley Marquardt with questions.

**Pass the Purse—Tri County Family Ministry**

Pass the Purse - The Lady to Lady Project began in the fall of 2015. Pass the Purse is a call to action. Imagine not having a ponytail holder for your hair, no toothbrush or toothpaste, no feminine hygiene products during your time of need, or going without tissue; wiping your tears on your sleeve.

Now, imagine the difference we can make providing homeless and underserved women in the Lowcountry with a purse filled with the "little things" so many take for granted. Here is how we can help...

- Collect new and gently used purses (clean out your closet and encourage your friends, family, and coworkers to do the same). Stuff the purses with a "Lady Friendly" items.

For those who would rather donate, you can sponsor a purse for only \$12. There are no limits to the number of purses you can sponsor! Put Pass the Purse in the memo section of your check.

**Suggested items to include in a (new or gently uses) Purse to Pass include:**

Toothbrush	Q-Tips or cotton balls	Washcloth
Toothpaste	Maxipads / Tampons / Pantie liners	Hygiene wipes (diaper wipes)
Hair Comb/Brush	Lotion	Mini Hand Sanitizer
Ponytail holders	Deodorant	Hard candy or gum
Nail file and clippers	Soap	Inspiration Books, gifts, or fun stuff.

Purses can be gently used but the contents inside MUST BE NEW please.

Please note- travel size items are okay. Buying in bulk and separating items into zip-lock bags is a great idea. This list serves as an idea, you can be creative and add the things that you personally enjoy as a lady. Every purse does not have to include every item on the list. Do what you can...EVERY purse has a purpose!!!

**Member Brick Program**

The brick committee is ready to start taking orders. You will receive a letter in your church mailbox, explaining the program and outlining your options for ordering your brick. The letter will include an order form for you to use to design your brick. We will have team members ready to take orders in the Narthex following each service starting June 10. Remember that 4 X 8 bricks are \$125 and 8 X 8 bricks are \$250.

**Ideas for What to Engrave on your Brick or Tile**

**Family Names**

*First Names*

**Year joined Grace**

**Favorite Bible Verse**

*In Memory of ...*

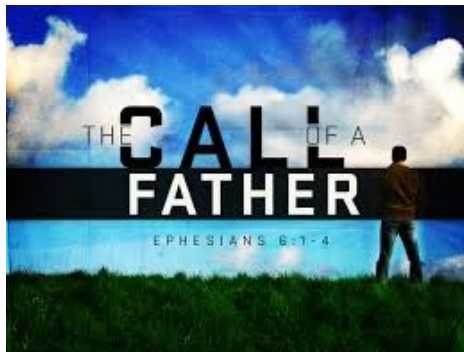
\*All engraving must be approved by the Columbarium Committee

<b>Brenda Tomlin</b>	<b>June 1</b>
<b>Barbara Lamos</b>	<b>June 4</b>
<b>Donna Turner</b>	<b>June 5</b>
<b>Loren Weihemuller</b>	<b>June 6</b>
<b>Johan Zamoscianyk</b>	<b>June 24</b>
<b>John Graudin</b>	<b>June 26</b>



**George & Dianne Jenkins  
June 23**

*If you have a July birthday or anniversary that you want to be listed in the newsletter, send an email to the church office at : office@grace-lcms.net, or drop a note in the office door on Sunday!*



Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.  
*Ephesians 6:4*

## Our Gifts to God

Date	Giving	Attended	Communed
5/6	\$5,672	145	136
5/13	\$6,378	152	N/A
5/20	\$4,245	130	115
5/27	\$5,811	144	N/A



**A heartwarming, true story about George, a rescue dog who helps his owner rediscover love and happiness. *Marley & Me* meets *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Art of Racing in the Rain*--get your tissues ready, animal lovers!**

Our next meeting is on June 20th , 7:00 at Top Dawg  
All are Welcome!

## GRACE STAFF

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# JUNE MEMBER SERVING SCHEDULES

Date	Time	Elders	Ushers	Acolytes	Crucifers	Altar Guild	Tabulators	Readers	Greeters
6/3	8:00	Dave M. (L) Loren W.	Chuck Webb	Richard Willsea	Nicole Willsea	Blekicki Skinner	Ed Marquardt	Chris Lamos	Tom & Louise Sage
6/3	9:30	Mike R. (L) John K.	TBD	N/A	N/A	Blekicki Skinner	Jim & Nancy Clowney	Mike Robinson	Jim & Nancy Clowney
6/3	11:00	John K. (L) George J.	Charlie Messersmith	Daniel Schmedeke	Katlyn Schmedeke	Blekicki Skinner	Jim & Nancy Clowney	Lewis Tomlin	Maria Parrish Maria Anderson
6/10	8:00	Loren W. (L) Bryan B.	Greg Sheldon	William Miller	Georgia Hoffman	Chris Robertson	Lewis Tomlin	Nicole Thompson	Bob & Pat Shipman
6/10	9:30	George J. (L) John K.	TBD	N/A	N/A	Chris Robertson	John & Marcia Kinney	George Jenkins	Sylvia Stallings
6/10	11:00	Sam S. (L) Charlie M.	David MacDougall	Clara Robinson	Talia Medley	Chris Robertson	John & Marcia Kinney	Margaret Salow	Katie Graham
6/17	8:00	Loren W. (L) Dave M.	Rich Wilson	Lauren Willsea	Lauren Marano	C. Skinner	Ed Marquardt	Nancy Blekicki	Chris & Steve Lamos
6/17	9:30	John K. (L) Bryan B.	TBD	N/A	N/A	C. Skinner	Maria Parrish Barbara Bruner	John Kinney	Jim & Nancy Clowney
6/17	11:00	Mike R. (L) Sam S.	Shirley Marquardt	Emma Graham	Talia Medley	C. Skinner	Maria Parrish Barbara Bruner	Barbara Bruner	Jodell Jenkins
6/24	8:00	Bryan B. (L) Dave M.	Bryan Beerman	David Thompson	Elle Marquardt	Maria Parrish	Ed Marquardt	Barbara Lamos	Nancy & Ken Blekicki
6/24	9:30	Charlie M. (L) Mike R.	TBD	N/A	N/A	Maria Parrish	Peggy Inabinette Sam Swenson	Charlie Messersmith	Marcia Kinney
6/24	11:00	John K. (L) Sam S.	Darrell Billham	Meghan Schmedeke	Katlyn Schmedeke	Maria Parrish	Peggy Inabinette Sam Swenson	Lewis Tomlin	Steve & Chris Robertson