

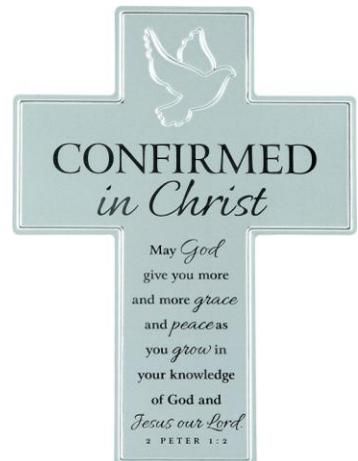
MAY 15, 2016

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

WHAT A CELEBRATION IT WILL BE!



Then there appeared  
to them divided tongues,  
**AS OF FIRE**  
and one sat upon  
each of them. (Acts 2:3)



Cooper Leatherman  
will be Baptized



Riley Leatherman  
will receive First Communion

Justin Whalen  
will be Confirmed

All are encouraged to wear **RED** on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## From the Pastor's Pen...



Dear Friends in Christ at Grace Church,

Thank you for your commitment and participation in the Easter celebration last month! It was a truly fitting climax to the Lenten season and Holy Week. But as I taught the children in the Children's Sermon several weeks ago, Easter is not just a day – it is a way of life for us as Christians! Every Sunday is Easter Sunday! We are Easter people! My prayer is that you will continue to celebrate the Great News of the empty tomb throughout the year.

We have a bright and promising future ahead of us. As disciples of Jesus Christ and of Grace Church, God is placing many exciting things in our future. As I write this today for the May newsletter, we are planning for a baptism, another First Communion and a young man preparing for the Rite of Confirmation. And all of these sacred events will be taking place on Pentecost Sunday, May 15. I know you all will want to be in worship that Sunday as we give thanks to God for all he is doing at Grace.

In addition, we have a great summer before us: Campfirmation week at Lutherock, Vacation Bible School, the Quilting Ministry making more quilts for the Young Teens' Group Home beginning just down the street, and another series of the ALPHA Course being made available to the wider community. Yes, it is a great time to be at Grace to see and experience what God is doing. Let us join together in prayer that more will take part in every opportunity to be a part of this great congregation of believers as we walk forward in faith and in support one another.

I look forward to greeting you in worship and at the many opportunities that will happen at Grace!

Easter Blessings!

Pastor Gil Gilbert, STS

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY**

- ❖ Communion Assistants - Gary Leatherman, Harvey Leatherman
- ❖ Ushers - Randall Childers, Steven Pisko, David Wilfong
- ❖ Greeter - Karen Gilbert
- ❖ Altar Preparation - Tricia Panek, Chris Suther
- ❖ Children's Church - Nancy Leonard, Stephanie Russell
- ❖ Nursery - Nancy Leonard, Stephanie Russell

**FLOWER CHART FOR MAY**



- 5/01 - OPEN
- 5/15 - Helen Smith
- 5/29 - OPEN
- 5/08 - Camelia Rudisill
- 5/22 - Joy Heavner

If you wish to give the flowers for a given Sunday, please list your name on the chart in the narthex. *You are responsible for ordering the flowers from a florist of your choice; we do not have a standing order with any florist.* The liturgical color of the day is listed to assist you in selecting flowers appropriate for that Sunday. You should contact the Church Office so that the correct information is placed in the bulleting for that Sunday. Please notify the Church Office the Thursday prior to your selected Sunday. You can call the Church Office between 9 AM and Noon each weekday, leave a note on the desk, or send an email to let us know the occasion or memoriam for this wonderful gift of beatification of the worship.

**ATTENDANCE AND GIVING TO OUR LORD'S WORK FOR APRIL 2016**

	<b>04/03/16</b>	<b>04/10/16</b>	<b>04/17/16</b>
SCS	37	45	34
Worship	84	79	73
General Offering	4,216.00	2,064.00	2,084.00
Learning Hour	127.80	217.00	119.80
Building Fund	160.00	100.00	190.00
First Sunday Lunch	59.00	0.00	0.00
Cemetery Fund	.08	76.65	0.00
Memorial Fund - Danny Bolick	0.00	0.00	25.00

General Fund Checking Account Balance as of 3/31/16 is \$ **(22,358.23)**.  
*(Brackets indicate a negative balance).*

Attendance not listed last month: Maundy Thursday = 42, Good Friday = 42, SonRise Worship = 84

*NOTE: The financial report will be in the newsletter each month and will be not be published in the weekly worship bulletin. Because the newsletter is distributed the last Sunday of each month, the attendance and giving figures for the last Sunday will be carried over to the next month's newsletter.*

**THE FRED T. FOARD SENIORS** will meet at Noon on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at Grace Lutheran.

**FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH** will be prepared by the Pre-Teen Learning Hour Class with teacher, Ricky Bivens, and Tricia Panek helping. The menu will be hot dogs(all beef franks), homemade chili, hand cut onions, old fashion cole slaw, store bought pickle relish, America's favorite yellow mustard and red ketchup, southern BBQ potato chips, ice cold Coke, and locally made Rice Krispy Treats. (RB)

**THE WOMEN OF GRACE** will meet Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, following the First Sunday Lunch.

**MEN OF GRACE PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM at the Blue Moon.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST** will be not be served again until September.

**THE GRACE SENIOR/ADULT GROUP** will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 2:00 PM. This will be the last gathering for this group until September. Please invite a friend and come join the fun and fellowship! (PB)

**THANK YOU:** With special thanks and much appreciation! Thank you for your prayers and cards during my illness. May God bless you all. I am improving a lot with God's healing hand. - Faye Lane



It was chilly, but this lively group got the daffodils placed around the Grace Cemetery and spruced things up for the Easter SonRise Celebration. Thanks to all that helped.

### **ALPHA COURSE OFFERED AT GRACE CHURCH**

The ALPHA Course will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning June 1 and will be open to everyone who desires answers to the deeper questions of life and faith.

The ALPHA Course is a 15-week course, with a presentation with pastor and author, Rev. Nicky Gumbel. Following each presentation, there is lively discussion with questions to think about. Such questions include: Why did Jesus have to die?; What is life all about?; How can I be sure of my faith?; Who is the Holy Spirit?; Does God heal today?; and How can I make the most out of the rest of my life?

Rev. Nicky Gumbel is an ordained priest and serves at Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London. He entered the ministry after studying law at Cambridge and practiced as a lawyer in London. He attended theological studies at Oxford University and was called to serve on the staff at Holy Trinity. He has written all of the ALPHA materials including *Why Jesus?*, *Questions of Life*, and *A Life Worth Living*.

To register for this course, indicate on your Worship Today Form on Sunday mornings, or call the Church Office to reserve your space.

**A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM SAFE HARBOR:** There is a need for groups/individuals to come to Safe Harbor for a few days or a week to present a VBS type program for the children staying at Safe Harbor. The programs are offered during June and July, and mornings from 9:00 - 12:00 are preferred. They have been given some resource material or you can use your own. Because the clients change daily, it is hard to plan exactly how many or what age groups may be there. It would be great to get a group from Grace together to go and share the love of Jesus with those children. If interested, please make a note on your Worship Today Form. If you have more specific questions you can contact Jessica Haynes at Safe Harbor at 828-639-4460. (KH)

**THOSE SERVING AS NURSERY ATTENDANTS AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS** are asked to record those attending both of these events each Sunday morning. There is a clipboard with an attendance sheet attached. Please list first and last names if at all possible. At the end of worship the sheet can be placed in the Church Office mailbox or on the desk in the Church Office. Volunteers are greatly needed to serve in these areas. Please notify the Church Office if you would like to help. (JH)

**TO KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST NEWS** around the Church there are several online resources. If you do not have access to the internet maybe a family member or friend could show you some of the resources. The following links are very informative.

North American Lutheran Church - NALC <http://thenalc.org>

Carolinas Mission District <http://carolinasnalc.org>

Women of the NALC - WNALC <http://thenalc.org/congregationally-focused-womans-ministry>

Samaritan's Purse [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org)

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – THURSDAY, MAY 5**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for our country. This day was created in 1952 by the U.S. Congress and it has great significance for us as a nation. The NDP is a call of its citizens to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and asking for His grace upon us as a people.

God's Word says: *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"*. Psalm 33:12. And from 2 Chronicles 7:14: *"If my people who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

We welcome all disciples of Grace and all persons in the surrounding community to come to Grace to pray on that day. The Grace Sanctuary will be open for individual prayer on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. This invitation to pray is extended to all. Spread the word!

It is our prayer that there will be a network of praying persons covering, not only the Hickory Lincolnton Highway area, but far beyond, with limitless boundaries! There will be prayer materials, a prayer list, and other suggestions for prayer available to you as you come to Grace on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It all begins with a commitment to pray. Will you come to Grace to pray on May 5<sup>th</sup>?

**NALC NEWS FOR APRIL** is available in the narthex. The article from Bishop Bradosky is entitled "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" This issue also includes more information about the Convocation to be held in August, a home visit in rural China, a trip to Haiti, equipping congregations for ministry with older adults, and other interesting articles about The Church. (KH)

## BOARD NOTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING

The Leadership Ministry Board met on April 10, 2016 and was called to order by President Tim Eckard. Devotions were given by Herb Travis. The Board completed the study on "The Emotionally Healthy Church".

**Minutes** from the March meeting were approved as presented.

**Old Business:** The past due balance on the Pastor's Disability Insurance was discussed. Proposal made to increase the Pastor's pension by \$50 until the past due amount is paid in full. Motion Passed.

**New Business:** Don Jarrett gave letter of resignation for lawn care services provided by he and Nicky. Search to find a church member or lawn company will begin immediately. Strong emphasis given to more awareness of the Love Offering at First Sunday Lunch and Second Sunday Breakfasts. These funds will go into the General Fund.

**Learning:** VBS dates are July 31 - August 4. The theme is "David".

**Property:** Plans to waterproof and paint the storage closet in Fellowship Hall was scheduled for May or June (warmer weather). Water drainage in the parking lot and drain next to Fellowship Hall needs attention. Dead trees on the property and near parsonage need to be cut down. Lock has been installed on basement door in Union Church. Windows in Union need to be re-milled to prevent wasps and insects from getting in.

**Outreach:** ECCCM Golf Tournament is May 5. Eric Martin, Doug Jarrett, Joe Biggerstaff and Pastor Gilbert will be representing Grace in this fund raiser. Senior meal being planned for May. No meals during the summer months. Thank You from ECCCM for food donations during Lent. 355 pounds of food were donated by Grace.

**Witness:** ALPHA Course to begin in May. Quilting Ministry to begin making quilts for the new group home .

**Finance:** The 2016 Stewardship Campaign "Pony Express" was presented. Each household will participate in this campaign which will be fun and educational. To begin in late August. Finance Team will oversee Memorial Fund monies as designated and undesignated.

Next meeting: May 8, 2016.

## HELP WANTED: LAWN MAINTENANCE PERSON

Over the past years, Don and Nicky Jarrett have done a masterful job of keeping the lawns mowed and the church property and cemetery neat and presentable for Sunday mornings. At the April Board meeting, the Board regretfully received their resignation from this duty and need to give attention to other areas of their lives. The Board commends Don and Nicky for the wonderful job they have done and Don has agreed to remain faithful to the job until the hiring of a new person to continue this much needed task.

If there is anyone in the Grace congregation who would like to apply for this position (lawn equipment is provided) and might need a some extra cash, please see Don/Nicky Jarrett or Tim Eckard. If there is no hire from within the congregation, the Board will move to hire a lawn maintenance company to take care of the landscaping and mowing needs of the church which means more costs to the congregation.

**FLOWER VASES NEEDED.** Iris Sigmon is working on a project for Trinity Ridge and is looking for glass bud vases. The Praise and Worship Ministry Team has used their supply of larger vases, and is in need of this size for flower delivery to shut ins, and hospital visits. Thanks to all who supply flowers for worship then donate them to the flower delivery project at Grace. (JH)

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY IS MAY 15**

Pentecost is celebrated in the Church as an important day on the Church calendar. It celebrates that day which is recorded in Acts, Chapter 2 and describes the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church. (read Acts 2 in preparation for that Sunday)

The Praise and Worship Team is asking that everyone wear RED on that Sunday. We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, a First Communion and the Rite of Confirmation that day. It will be a glorious day at Grace. You won't want to miss it!

### **SEVEN THINGS CHURCH WORSHIPERS SHOULD DO BEFORE WORSHIP**

What if church members began their own form of sermon preparation? For countless decades, we have heard about the role of pastors in sermon preparation. The number of hours they need to prepare. The rule taught in seminary is that a pastor should spend at least one hour in research and writing for every minute preached in a sermon. Also included is the priority of preparation. The role of prayer in sermon preparation. But what if church members prepared for each sermon they heard? What if they believed their roles as recipients of the Word are also crucially important?

There is incredible church revitalization taking place if church members take on their own responsibilities of sermon preparation. Here are seven ways members can actively prepare for sermons:

- 1. Pray for the sermon.** For a few minutes, the church member should pray for the upcoming sermon. That prayer might take place during the week, the night before the preaching, or the morning of the preaching.
- 2. Pray for the pastor.** Pray that the pastor will have no distractions. Pray that God's Spirit will fill the pastor in both the preparation and delivery of the sermon.
- 3. Pray for yourself as you prepare to hear the sermon.** Pray that God will speak to you through the message. Pray that you will not be distracted. Pray for clarity of mind and an open heart to receive the message.
- 4. Read the biblical text before the sermon is preached.** The lessons are printed in the previous week's bulletin for the coming week. Read it thoroughly. Read it prayerfully.
- 5. Take notes.** Take notes as the pastor preaches. You will have a greater focus and greater retention. Review the notes at least once during the next week.
- 6. Seek an application to your life.** Ask God for discernment to help you understand how the sermon should change your life. Seek to understand the sermon not only in its biblical context, but in your life as well.
- 7. Share with the pastor "one thing."** If possible, share with your pastor one significant takeaway from the sermon. Pastors hear countless "good job, pastor," or "nice message, pastor," but they long to know if God really made a difference in the lives of the church members through the preached word. If you are able to communicate just one takeaway from the sermon in person, by mail, or in an email, your pastor will be greatly encouraged.

The preaching of God's Word is central to the life of the church. It makes sense that pastors should give it the highest priority. But doesn't it also make sense that church members should prepare as well?

## **THE DREAM CENTER - NALC MISSION START**

by Pastor Brian and Debi Zaas Published: 07 April 2016

While I was at the Dream Center of Tampa Bay back in September 2015, I wondered if there was any way to start discipleship with the women who were attending Celebrate Recovery and Church on Sunday with the obstacles of knowing that this was a Men's Recovery Program and that my hours each week were filled to capacity. I went to the Dream Center every Sunday while Brian delivered the sermon or helped with the service and I started to pray for someone to be called. Just a month later, Jennifer approached me and told me that she felt God was calling her to disciple others. God is so good!

I told her that I would be willing to Coach her on Sundays and introduce her to "A Woman's Journey of Discipleship." As I grew to know Jennifer, I was amazed at her overwhelming love for Jesus, her thirst to know him more intimately, and the strong desire to share how the Lord transformed her life to bring hope to those recovering from hurts, hang-ups, poor choices, and addictions. Jennifer claims that it is rewarding to see the change in people. "It's not instantaneous, it's gradual, and it's a shift. One minute there broken and the next they're transformed, shinning the light of Christ so bright I need sunglasses. It's amazing. It's God's grace. "

I had the opportunity to spend a day at a wildlife park with Jennifer and her beautiful son. It was during that time that God showed me her heart, and I felt blessed to come alongside her. During a long ride, we had transparent and authentic conversations that made me feel connected. As she shared the stories of Pre-Christ, it was hard to believe that she is who she is today.

I asked Jennifer to share her story with you so you too can have Hope; especially if you know someone who is walking in darkness. As I listened to her story of years of relapses, Matthew 19:26 came to life. "Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." For years Jennifer struggled with trying to control her life in the flesh and it was not until she surrendered her life to God and walked daily with Christ was she able to resist temptation of the enemy. When I asked Jennifer what it took, she replied that she was alone and at the end of her rope as her parents finally said enough was enough and they could no longer help her. She has loving parents who loved her and financially bailed her out until they could no longer. Interestingly so, it was during these painful years that Jennifer's parents became believers and set boundaries that ultimately began Jennifer's journey from darkness to light.

**Jennifer's Story...** I am a grateful believer in Christ, and today, I am celebrating my recovery over drugs, alcohol, and self-harm. My personal journey that led me to Christ was bumpy and painful. I grew up in a loving family; however, from early on I was drawn to dark things. I struggled with depression and cut myself to alleviate emotional pain from early on. I had a promising future growing up, a family that loved me and success in school. I was a pole vaulting superstar and got a basketball scholarship to college; however, my path led me to places darker than I ever could have imagined.

Drugs and alcohol took over my life. I have abused every drug that exists and went down the line, hitting bottom with each of them. I ended my using career as an IV drug user, who had overdosed on more than one occasion. I spent time in jail, psychiatric institutions, and bounced in and out of drug rehab centers for 7 years before I got sober.

Though the pain, the loss of all my friends and family from my life, and experiencing homelessness as a result of my addiction, I found Christ. When I had no one else, I turned my life over God. In 2 Chronicles 7:14 it says "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." That is truly what has been happening in my life. My land is being healed and my life restored!

Today my relationship within my family has been restored. I have a 2 year old son. I have been sober nearly 4 years. My heart and my mind have been transformed. I no longer chase after things of this world and try my best to be focused on this of above. I am currently enrolled in school to become a Certified Addictions Counselor. I am a ministry leader at a biblically-based 12 step recovery group called Celebrate Recovery. I lead a small group for women struggling with addictions of their own. I sponsor several women. I get up and teach at Celebrate Recovery. The blessings in my life just keep raining down as I follow the path that God lays out for me. I am applying the Bible to all areas of my life and am encouraging others to do the same.

I have been so blessed that my path crossed with the path of Debi Zaas, who is a great coach and encourager. She introduced to The Women's Journey to Discipleship study, which I have been going through with four other women. It's totally a life-changing study. I was already in the Word daily, but the study has relit my passion for studying the Word. Honestly, I was not too big on memorizing scripture before I started the study. Through this study I see the value of having scripture memorized so that I can throw it around when temptation or adversity comes my way.

It has been so exciting to see the growth in the women that I've been leading through the study. Two of the women, who just a year ago said that they were not comfortable sharing Christ with non-believers and would never see themselves in a leadership position, are now in Celebrate Recovery leadership training. We're all sharing what we've learned on Facebook, with our neighbors, and with just about anyone who will listen. This study has created a long-term bond with the women involved and our journey in Christ together will surely not end when this particular study is over.

*Jennifer is right. This will not end because she and these women now have Christ in the center of their lives. Jesus has restored their lives and they are experiencing the full and abundant life He promises in John 10:10. They are being called to pay it forward. "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." (Isaiah 61:1) Please be in prayer for Jennifer and the women she is discipling. Pray for God to open doors of opportunity for them as they are obedient to His Word. May God's Light shine through them and grant God's favor in their future endeavors.*

**For more information about Pastor Brian and Debi Zaas, the Dream Center and other NALC Mission starts, please visit online: The Great Commission Society of the NALC.**

## New Items for May



## **IT OUT!!!!**

1. "Love That Makes a Difference" - CD set

LADIES you will want to check out Jane Derrick's complete CD set of her last women's Bible study she presented at The Cove. You will certainly enjoy this set!

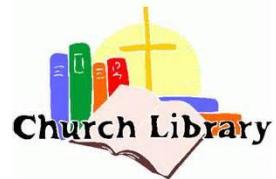
2. "Smitty"

"Mischievous 13 year old Ben is sent to his grandfather's farm for the summer. He crosses paths with a loveable mutt and learns about friendship and responsibility."  
PG Family Approved

3. "The Letter Writer"

"When Maggy, a troubled teenager, receives an old fashion letter in the mail it changes her life as she tracks down the mysterious writer."

**\*\* As you are doing spring cleaning, please be on the look-out for any materials that need to be returned to the Grace Library. Please return all materials as you get finished with them. (SB)**



## LETTER FROM THE DEAN OF THE CAROLINAS MISSION DISTRICT

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Blessings in your continuing celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord!

A few upcoming events:

### **CMD Clergy Spring Meeting: Thursday, April 28**

We will gather together at Gordon-Conwell in Charlotte at 10:30 a.m. for Bible study, worship, and discussion of business items for our upcoming convocation. Please let me know if you plan to attend and if you would like lunch (yoder234@hotmail.com; 828-485-7155).

### **CMD Convocation 2016: May 20-21**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, SC

Our Carolinas Mission District Convocation is just over a month away, and we hope that each congregation will be duly represented with clergy, delegates, and visitors. The brochure and registration form can be accessed at the link below, with information for hotels included.

The theme this year is mission and discipleship, with a special mission intensive and an opportunity to engage with representatives from our 10 mission congregations.

Registration Form:

<http://carolinasnalc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-CMD-Convocation.pdf>.

### **CMD Summer Youth Retreat: July 29-31**

*From Melanie Corn, CMD Youth Coordinator:*

Save the Date! We will have a summer youth retreat July 29-31 in South Carolina. All youth grades 6 and up are invited to attend. Plans are still underway, but we know the focus will be on mission and outreach. We hope you will make plans to join us. Email Melanie Corn at [mcorn@stpeterchapin.com](mailto:mcorn@stpeterchapin.com) for more information.

### **Clergy Convocation 2016: Oct. 10-12**

St. Christopher' Camp and Conference Center, Seabrook Island, SC

*From Pastor Jason Sigmon, chair of the Clergy Convocation committee:*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the Carolinas Mission District,

I pray that this finds you well and enjoying this Easter season! Plans are being made for our annual Clergy Convocation. The event will be held at St Christopher Camp and Conference Center at Seabrook, SC October 10-12, 2016. At this time we are just sharing the dates so that everyone can do some advance planning and let us know if you might be able to attend this year. Please take a moment to look at your calendar and email me ([cjsigmon@charter.net](mailto:cjsigmon@charter.net)) your tentative plans to attend or not. This is just for planning purposes and the actual registration along with more details will be available soon. Our presenter this year will be Rev. Phil Gagnon, the Dean of the Canada Mission District and the topic will be "Exorcism in Pastoral Ministry".

Thanks and have a blessed day.

In Christ,

Nathan

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Howard Yoder, STS  
St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Maiden, NC  
Dean, Carolinas Mission District, NALC

## NO ORDINARY PACKAGE

A friend of mine opened his wife's dresser drawer and picked up a silk paper wrapped package: "This," - he said - "isn't any ordinary package."

He unwrapped the box and stared at both the silk paper and the box. "She got this the first time we went to New York, 8 or 9 years ago. She has never put it on, was saving it for a special occasion. Well, I guess this is it." He got near the bed and placed the gift box next to the other clothing he was taking to the funeral home, as his wife had just died.

He turned to me and said, "Never save something for a special occasion. Every day in your life is a special occasion."

I still think those words changed my life. Now I read more and clean less. I sit on the porch without worrying about anything. I spend more time with my family, and less at work. I understood that life should be a source of experience to be lived up to, not survived through. I no longer keep anything. I use crystal glasses every day. I'll wear new clothes to go to the supermarket, if I feel like it. I don't save my special perfume for special occasions, I use it whenever I want to. The words 'Someday....' and 'One Day....' are fading away from my dictionary. If it's worth seeing, listening or doing, I want to see, listen or do it now.

I don't know what my friend's wife would have done if she knew she wouldn't be there the next morning, this nobody can tell. I think she might have called her relatives and closest friends. She might call old friends to make peace over past quarrels. I'd like to think she would go out for Chinese, her favorite food. It's these small things that I would regret not doing, if I knew my time had come.

Each day, each hour, each minute, is special. Live for today, for tomorrow is promised to none. If you say to yourself that you will do whatever 'One of these days'....remember that 'One day' is far away...or might never come. No matter if you're superstitious or not, spend some time reading this again. It holds useful messages for the soul.



*Shiloh Lutheran Women*

*Annual Ladies Tea*

Join us on May 14th 2:00 – 3:30 PM

*Bloom Where You're Planted*

Featured Speaker: Phyllis Foy

Shiloh Lutheran Church Parish Hall

Hats are Welcome but Not Required

Ticket: \$8.00 828-495-7462 shilohlc@embarqmail.com

## TRAVEL ACROSS THE "POND"

Kathy Hefner, and the ladies at Shiloh Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, would like to invite you to attend our Annual Tea. Our theme is "A Garden Party" and the speaker will give an inspirational talk on how to "Bloom Where You're Planted". We will also have drawings for some garden gifts. Contact Kathy in the Church Office here at Grace if you would like to purchase any tickets. The deadline for tickets is May 1<sup>st</sup>. (And we do enjoy wearing our hats!)

# Grace Notes

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