



The Grace Vine

May 2024

Rector's Writ

It sure feels as though it's been a while since writing a Writ, and there are still things that remind me I'm playing catch up. One of the first observations is that it's time to say a grateful "THANK YOU" to a lot of people. Our Sr. Warden Barb Popiel has provided great leadership and organizational skills while I've been away. Our Jr. Warden Carol Marotta has been working with John McDonald on any number of projects...projects which several of our vestry members have volunteered to participate in as well. Our Clerk, Laurie Barney continues to take vestry minutes that help keep us focused and on track. Our secretary, Marsha Snyder's been holding down the fort and keeping life orderly at the office. Deacon Bill Snyder's been busy leading Morning Prayer services and assisting the Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway on the Sundays (and Holy Week days) she has celebrated Communion here at Grace. We've heard several comments about how personable she is and that she's a very good preacher. Our lectors continue to step up to the plate and cover the Scripture readings each Sunday. I'm thankful we have our treasurer Marcia Splinter steering us through the finances and Tim Splinter--along with columns by Marsha Snyder and Bette Brooks--making sure we have a well-designed and well-written Grace Vine each month. Altar Guild volunteers led by Cathy Potisuk and Laurie Barney; Choir Director Martha Croll and organist Tim Lewicki and our top-notch choir members; along with Coffee Hour hosts, ushers, and counters, all work together to provide services to help with worship and fellowship each week. Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly has been good to check in on us to see how Maynard and I and Grace parishioners are doing. She's persistent in praying for us and wants to know of any ways she and the diocese could offer support that would be helpful.

We're grateful that our Lord continues to guide us and provide what's needed to keep our worship, fellowship, service, and giving strong. Maynard and I both appreciate all your prayers, cards, calls, and good thoughts. We miss the liturgy, the Bible readings, the hymns and music. But most of all we miss worshipping with and seeing our Grace Church family. Each of you has been and continues to be a blessing: to our gatherings, work, and worship at Grace and in our support and care for each other. What each of you has done helped make a difficult time a bit more do-able for both of us. This comes with our love, gratitude, and prayers for God's blessings of peace, hope, and good health to all of you, in this

Easter season and always.



Carol+



Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.

Sunday, May 5		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	6 Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans		1st Reading Acts 10:44-48
Lectors	8am Bette Brooks 10am Fred Lundgren		Psalm 98
Greeters	Fred & Nancy Lundgren		2nd Reading 1 John 5:1-6
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins		Gospel John 15:9-17
Coffee Hosts	8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald		
Counters	Barb Popiel & Kingsland Pretorius		
Sunday, May 12		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	7 Easter
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans		1st Reading Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Deacon	The Rev. William Snyder		Psalm 1
Lectors	10am Carol Marotta		2nd Reading 1 John 5:9-13
Greeters	Barb Popiel		Gospel Luke 17:6-19
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins		
Coffee Hosts	8am Kay & Ralph Wise 10am Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins		
Counters	Barb Popiel & Kingsland Pretorius		
Sunday, May 19		8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	Day of Pentecost
Celebrant	The Rev. Carol Evans		1st Reading Acts 2:1-21
Lectors	8am Bette Brooks 10am Martha & Jeff Croll		Psalm 104:25-35, 37
Greeters	John & Mary Jean McDonald		2nd Reading Romans 8:22-27
Altar Guild	Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins		Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Coffee Hosts	8am Shirley & Mike Johnson 10am Cindy Ward & Cathy Potisuk		
Counters	Barb Popiel & Kingsland Pretorius		

Raven Packs Outreach Breakfast

The Vestry will host a breakfast for the 4th & 5th graders and their immediate family members on Saturday June 22nd from 8:00-11:00am.

These children are on the Raven Packs list who receive food sent home with them on the weekends.

We are asking for any monetary donations to defray the costs of food, and supplies. Please help with this project.

Thank You from your Vestry





Did You Know?...



What a lovely Easter Day we had here at Grace. The weather cooperated, the music was heavenly, the sermon was uplifting, and the church looked beautiful. This didn't just happen--it took many hard working people to do all that magic. From 9am til noon on the Saturday before Easter a spring cleanup for the interior of the church was planned. **Kingland Pretorius, Doug Holzschuh, Carol Marotta, Bette Brooks, Midge Myers, Roberta O'Keefe, Jeff Marsh, and Laurie Barney** all joined in to make light of the job ahead of them. They polished the silver and brass, the sanctuary pews were washed, the floors were washed/vacuumed, and the woodwork was cleaned, the altar was set up and the banner was hung. Thanks, Bette, for setting up the altar. The altar guild certainly appreciated that. They completed everything by 10:30 and the church looked beautiful.

And after they finished **Cathy Potisuk and Marsha Snyder** came to the church and arranged the assortment of potted plants around the altar and hung wreaths on the front door. The service was beautiful, **Rev. Lonsway** had a very uplifting sermon, and our acolyte **Eric Splinter** was very generous with the incense—thanks Eric. **Nancy Ervin** served an Easter cake at both the 8am and 10am service with the help of her sister **Cindy Ward**. Our choir had worked for months on the anthems, and they sounded great, it's amazing the music those eight people can make. Our church has great acoustics and that helps.

And everyone loves singing our hearts out to our churches wonderful Easter music. And we all enjoy a rousing and hearty “The Lord is risen. Halleluiah, halleluiah!” “The Lord has risen indeed. Halleluiah, halleluiah!” –that happened several times. We hope you all had a blessed Easter Day...

How about the eclipse! Wasn't that great. I wasn't expecting to be in such awe – but it was a sight to behold. Won't see that again in most of our lifetime. But we now know what the fuss was all about. **Bette Brooks' daughter Caroline and her family** came in from Virginia to see the eclipse. **Splinters** had **Barb and Kevin** as well as **Tim's brother Dan** and his wife and daughter all down from Wisconsin. **Martha & Jeff Croll** had 13 people at the house for the viewing and had a great time, **Nancy & Fred had their daughter Lisa** come to their home to view, and **Marsha & Bill Snyder** went to downtown and sat in a parking lot (too many trees on their lot). It was wonderful to see surrounding communities gather for such an event...

Courtney Rick chaperoned **Sammy's** high school band on their trip to New York City. They had a wonderful time seeing several Broadway shows, visiting the Statue of Liberty, walking on Time Square, and seeing all the sites. Sammie did a great job walking around the city, but Courtney did say she needed a rest when they got home. I get it!...

Carolyn & Ken Englert are looking forward to their trip to Texas; they will be traveling by train. Their youngest granddaughter, **Kensey Amodio** will be graduating from high school with honors, and they don't want to miss that...

We welcome **Rick Taylor** back from wintering in Florida. He said four months is too long and he won't do that again. We did miss you! And **Lynn & Dan Francois** are back from their Florida home to be in Ravenna for the summer and most of the fall. Welcome home.

Rummage Sale

Saturday August 24th 9:00-3:00

All your SELLABLE items are welcomed (no clothing or furniture). A room downstairs has been marked "Rummage Sale Items". Please feel free to bring any items you wish to donate from now until August 10th. We will need volunteers the 2 weeks prior to the sale to assist with organizing the donations.



The Bulletin Board

Breakfast Club

May 16th
8:00 AM

Cracker Barrel

Everyone is invited to join the group!
We order off the menu and pay for our
own meals.



Outreach Projects

Center of Hope (red wagon) -Peanut Butter, Ramen Noodles, Mac n cheese, Cans of Tuna/Chicken

Center of Hope - Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Travel Mouthwash, and Dental Floss. We will also be collecting childrens socks and underwear all year.
Also, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Travel Mouthwash, and Dental Floss.

APL - List of needs is on the container in the parish hall

Ravenna High School - Male/Female Deodorant, Body Wash, other hygiene products, Unscented Wipes, and Laundry Detergent which is sent home with the students.

The Townhall II Foundation-Prevention programs have been presented to thousands of students & young adults over the past year. Subjects such as Personal Body Safety and Too Good for Drugs are just a few. Please see the write up in the Parish Hall. If you wish to donate, information is there or visit <http://www.townhall2.com>.



Please help with these Outreach Projects. There are many in need.
Thank You for any assistance you can give.

Thank you! Thank you!

Our thanks & appreciation to those who serve & help at Grace Church in so many ways, including:

- **The Vestry, John McDonald, & Doug Holzschuh** for helping with cleaning out the rooms at church.
- **Martha Croll & Tim Splinter** for the new brochures and website. And **Shirley Johnson** for the pictures.
- **Nancy Ervin and Cindy Ward** for hosting Easter coffee hour.
- **The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway** for being there when we needed her.
- **Deacon Bill Snyder** for being at every service to assist Rev. Lonsway or officiate Morning Prayer, and everything else he took care of.
- **Marsha Snyder** for keeping the office running smoothly.
- **Marcia Splinter** for being such a great treasurer.
- **Shirley Johnson** for knitting all the prayer squares that will be given away by the Chamber of Commerce.
- To everyone who contributed Easter flowers.
- To everyone who made Blessing Bag donations.
- **Nancy & Frank Lundgren, Sally & Dennis Dier, and Shirley Johnson** for their work in Gracie's Back Door.

Thank You!

Please pardon the tardiness of this note. I'll blame it on working on crafting the new website; but only partially. The rest is my own doing. I was so tickled with the thank you card and gift for 10 years' service. It means a lot to me that the music the choir provides is appreciated. It is also a testament to the dedication of the volunteer members (although Jeff says he's volun-told!). Equally responsible is our wonder organist, without whom we wouldn't sound so wonderful. The "team" is a pleasure to work with and I continue to enjoy making music with them.

Thank you so much,
Martha

The Lady will be 80!

That's right – **Marsha Snyder** will be 80 this year and we're celebrating on May 18th in the parish hall at 1:30. Everyone in the church is invited and if you're able to attend please RSVP to Bill at 330.296.5143. Look forward to seeing you! --Bill, Jill, & Luke Snyder

Fathers (and Mothers) and Friends

By Bette Brooks

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.*

Nicholas Copernicus, Priest and Scholar

May 23

Nicolas Copernicus was born in Poland on February 19, 1473. His parents died when he was twelve, and he was entrusted to his uncle (soon to be a bishop), who sent him to the University of Cracow (astronomy), then to Bologna (Greek, mathematics, Plato), then to Padua (law and medicine), and finally to Ferrara (Doctor of Canon Law). Having been elected a canon of Frauenberg Cathedral, he returned home, assisted his uncle until the uncle's death, and then opened a free clinic for the poor.

His interests were many and varied, including theology, poetry, and the natural and social sciences. He is the first known formulator of what we now call Gresham's Law ("Bad money drives out good" -- that is, if there are two kinds of coins in circulation that have the same legal or face value, but one is more valuable in terms of its content (say a silver dime and a cupro-nickel "sandwich" dime), consumers will tend to hoard the more valuable coins and spend the less valuable ones, so that soon only the less valuable ones will be in circulation).

He is chiefly remembered, however, for his work as an astronomer. In his day, the common view of the world was the geocentric model -- the theory that the earth was a motionless sphere and that the heavenly bodies all revolved around it. The geocentric model had been interwoven with other theories in chemistry, physics, music, natural theology, and other disciplines, into one unified theory of nature, so that it seemed that rejecting any single part (such as the stability of the earth) imperiled the whole theory. However, as the astronomers of the day measured the motions of the heavenly bodies with increasing accuracy, and the theory was patched up to fit the measurements, it became an increasingly awkward theory.

Copernicus proposed to simplify it by supposing that the sun, not the earth, was at the center (heliocentric). He first produced a summary of his theory in 1530 in a paper which received papal approval. He then spent the next thirteen years revising it, expanding it to book length, rechecking his calculations, rewriting his arguments, postponing publication until he was sure that he had not overlooked something. Finally, he entrusted it to an old pupil, a professor at Leipzig, who published it there. It included a preface added by a Lutheran pastor stating that the heliocentric model was only a device to simplify computations. The printed book, *The Revolutions of the Heavenly Bodies*, was brought to Copernicus only a few hours before his death 24 May 1543.

His work roused little opposition at first, but when Galileo later quarreled with the University establishment in Italy and finally with the Pope, the whole geocentric model fell under suspicion and Copernicus's book was placed on the Index of Forbidden Books "donec corrigetur" ("until it be corrected") from 1616 to 1758.

Prayer:

Almighty God, who have made the heavens to tell your glory and the firmament to proclaim your handiwork: we bless you for placing us in a rational universe, and for giving us rational minds suited for understanding it; and today we praise you especially for the gifts of intellect that you have given to your servants Nicolas Copernicus and others, by which our understanding of the nature of your creation has been much advanced, to our good and your glory, who live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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