



Grace Notes

May 2025

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A Word from Our Priest

My sisters and brothers,

I bring you greetings in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and ✠ of the Holy Spirit.

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

St. Matthew 24:36 NRSV

In the face of such uncertainty, it is crucial to remember the very essence of faith – to trust in the divine wisdom and time that God holds. The scripture from St. Matthew serves as a gentle reminder that even in moments of doubt and fear, we are called to place our trust solely in God’s hands. Embracing His teachings, we must strive to live righteous lives, anchored in the belief that divine love transcends all earthly events and tribulations.

When catastrophic events occur, some people are quick to declare the end is near. In these moments let us be reminded of the profound significance of Easter, where the resurrection of Jesus Christ embodies the triumph of life, love, and hope over the darkness of death and despair. As we navigate through life's uncertainties and challenges, may our faith remain unwavering, anchored deeply in the promises bestowed upon us through Christ's victory.

Let us actively seek forgiveness, reflecting on our actions and intentions, and bask in the light of God’s unwavering love. This Easter season is a poignant reminder that Christ's resurrection not only conquered death but also paved the way for eternal life for all who believe in Him. This act of boundless love is a beacon of hope, guiding us towards a closer relationship with our God and calling us to share this divine message with the world.

In forty days, we will celebrate the day of Ascension which commemorates Jesus’s return to the Father to sit at his right hand now that His earthly mission is complete. This year the Ascension falls on Thursday, May 29 and we will celebrate this important day with both Word and Sacrament at St. Luke’s starting at 7:00 PM. Please come and worship with us as we continue to praise God during this Easter season for this great gift of life that God has given us.

Alleluia! Christ is risen and we continue to demonstrate his love every day.
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S.✠

May Calendar

May 2 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am
Casanova Book Club, noon

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May 4 Sunday Service, 9am Grace

May 6 Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall

May 7 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall

May 9 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am

May 10 Sew What at 9:30am, St. Luke's

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May 11 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace

May 13 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's
Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall

May 14 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall

May 16 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, the Parish Hall

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May 18 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace

May 20 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall

May 21 Center Lunch at 12pm, Parish Hall

May 23 Yoga at 10am, Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, the Parish Hall  
Casanova Book Club, 12 noon, TBD

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May 25 Sunday Service, 9am Grace

May 27 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's
Chair Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 4pm, the Parish Hall

May 28 Center Lunch, 12noon, Parish Hall

May 29 Celebration of the Ascension, 7pm
St Luke's, Remington

May 30 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am, the Parish Hall



As we remember
Pope Francis



His Words on Compassion:

"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."

"Let us care for one another and let us be loving custodians of creation."

"Kindness is firm and persevering intention to always will the good of others, even the unfriendly."



A heartfelt thanks to every person in the community who attended the Annual Roast Beef Dinner in support of the *Feed My Sheep* food bank and the Ruritan's Christmas Basket Project.

Huge applause also goes to the volunteers whose tireless work putting on the event made it a truly successful evening. From flower arranging and setup to cooking and then serving followed by a bustling stellar cleanup by the kitchen crew, we absolutely couldn't have done it without you!

Also, hats off to **Nokesville Meats**, the local family-owned butcher shop, for their invaluable help in providing us with both excellent meat and expert prep advice for this year's event.

Treasurer's Report: March 2025 Data

Income in the month of March was \$9,300.69 (budget \$9,709.92); expenditures totaled \$11,609.37 (budget \$9,709.92), resulting in a loss for the month of \$2,308.68. This loss for the month is mainly attributable to the increased cost of our electric and propane bills during the prior cold months.

Book value of the Endowment Fund at the end of March was \$73,059.87; market value as of March 31 was \$80,070.90, a loss of \$1,663.02 for the month.

Please continue to pray for Grace Church that it will grow spiritually, financially and numerically. If you have any questions about this report or any financial matter, please contact me.

Judy Ball, Treasurer

Birthdays & Anniversaries for May

Stephanie Myers	3 May
Donna Shipe	4 May
David Coates	7 May
Emelia Warren	9 May
Sue Ballentine	10 May
Rick Anderson	12 May
Carol Payne	14 May
Adam Rhoads	14 May
Betsy Anderson	15 May
Bob & Julie Brewer	15 May
Bryan & Barbara Jacobs	15 May
Nellie Warren Escorcia	19 May
Bobbie Gouldthorpe	21 May
Karen Walton	21 May
Flavia Escorcia	26 May



Weekly and Monthly Events

Casanova Book Club meets the 4th Friday of each month at noon; that means May 23rd for this month.

Laila Ibrahim's **Yellow Crocus** is May's literary 'pick'. It is a powerful historical novel that follows the story of a privileged white girl, Lisbeth, and her black wet nurse, Mattie, during the era of slavery. It delves into the complexities of their relationship and the harsh realities of the time.



Remember that being a member of Grace is **not** a requirement – just a love of reading, pleasant company and varied local fare will do it!

Need more info? Contact: Mignonne Spellmeyer 540 272-0014.

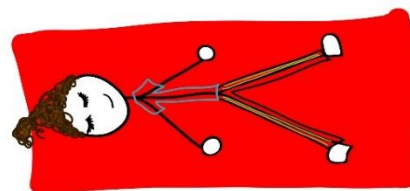


Sew What? will meet on **Saturday, May 10th** from 9:30am-Noon at St Luke's in Remington.

Remember that although we call it "Sew What", you are welcome to bring ANY project (sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needlework) to this get-together.

Seeking further info? Please contact Barbara Jacobs: 540 222-5385

Our Yoga Classes gently bend, flex and stretch us twice a week on Tuesday afternoons with Chair Yoga at 3:00pm and regular Yoga at 4pm and then again on Friday mornings at 10am with Chair Yoga at 11:45am. All sessions meet at Grace Parish Hall. The sessions are strictly an at your own pace and comfort event. No previous experience is required. For more info, please contact instructor Mary Ashton: 540 229-0114.



The Center Lunch every Wednesday at noon in the Parish Hall is a great way to celebrate the midweek mark of your busy lives. Being a member of Grace is **not** a requirement to share in the good company and conversation. Lunch is a potluck format and no reservation is needed. If you would like more info, please contact Barbara Eanes at 540 788-1214.

May Serving Schedule

NOTE: If you are unable to serve as listed above, please contact someone else on your team to substitute for you.

Day	Readings	Altar	Assistant	Offertory	Coffee Host
The Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Barbara Jacobs/Diane Gulick	Bryan Jacobs	Sue Ballantine	Barbara Eanes
The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Joy Goodenough/ Susan Payne	Judy Ball	Joy Goodenough	Sharon Sweeney
The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Barbara Jacobs/ Sharon Sweeney	Bryan Jacobs	Susan Payne	Sue Ballantine
The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29	Joy Goodenough/ Mignonne Spellmeyer	Judy Ball	Joy Goodenough	Marilyn Ottevaere
Day of the Ascension May 29, 2025	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A