

PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 25TH 2021

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

God loves you all the time
And all the time God loves you.

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

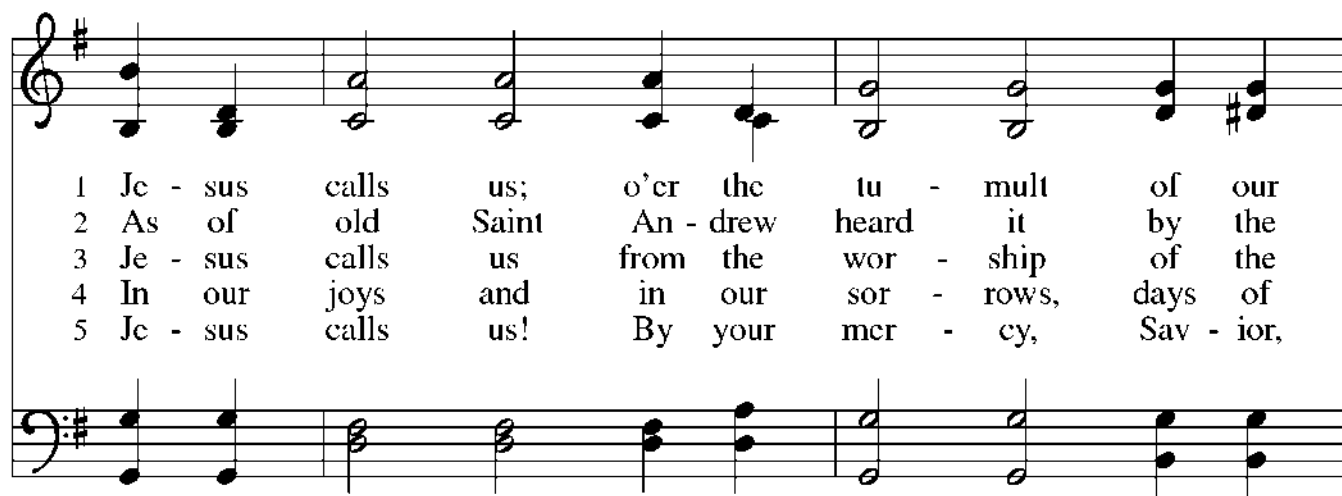
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.





1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

OPENING DIALOGUE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace from above,

and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the whole world,

for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this holy house,

and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all ¹ those who fall
and lifts up those who ¹ are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND LESSON : Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

The Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter..

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

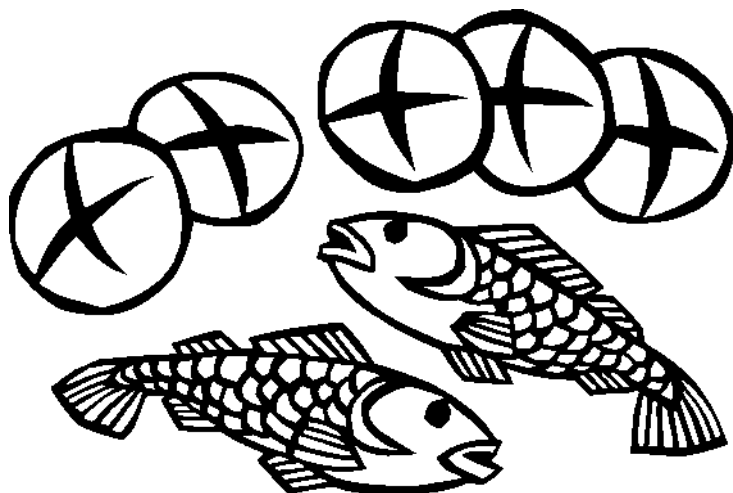
CHILDRENS MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.





You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations (*especially*). Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with (*the apostle James, name/s, and*) all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

COMMUNION

Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the Sound room and worshippers may make their way to me at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements and proceed out the doors for Fellowship.

*Elements at in-person worship are wine & juice made with grapes.
Please let Pastor know if you require gluten free bread*

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
Who on this day overcame death and the grave,
And by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

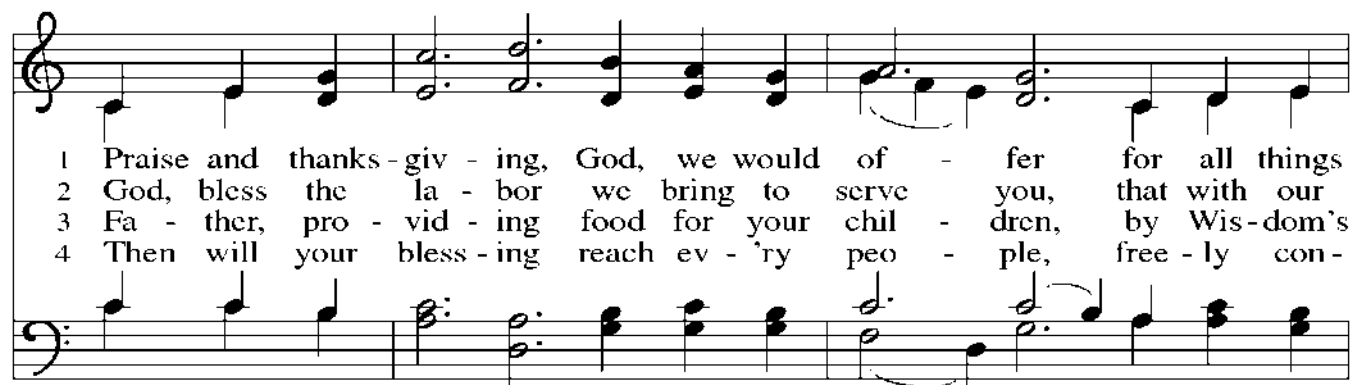
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

BLESSING

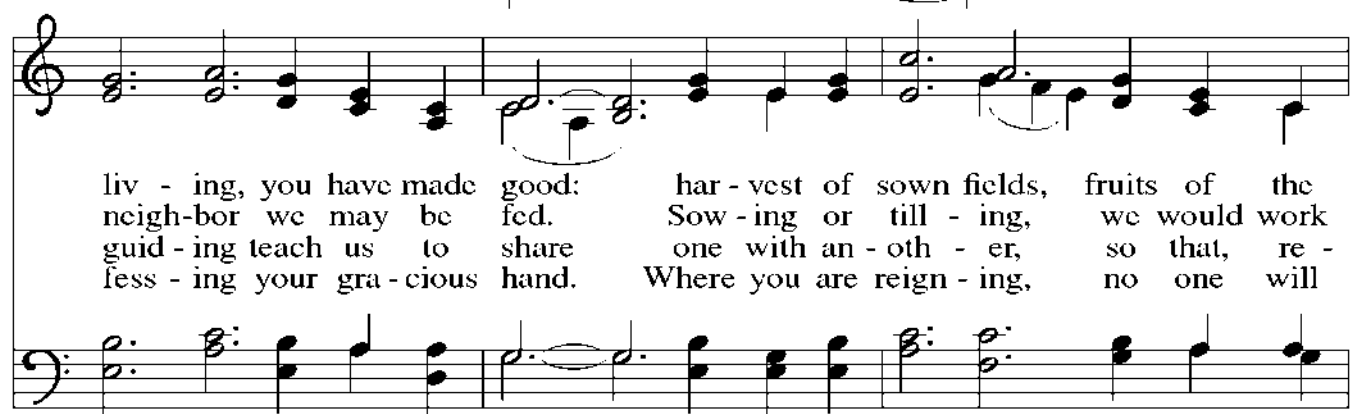
The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis-dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 less - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Prayers for Week of July 25

TODAY we pray for:

Family and friends of David Wasgatt as they mourn his passing
Family and friends of Jack Little as they mourn his passing
Pastor Tara's grandmother and family
Ron Walker
Gabby Schiavone
Kristen
Paul and Judy Freys
Phil Calabrese and wife Marilee
Bill for successful surgery and recovery
Bob and Mae Lee; parents of Will who passed away.
Gert
Mike Goyda
Jenny
Claire
Ron Walker
Ed Nagy
Debbie
Ben
Nancy Miller
Brian
Allen Whitley
Roger Camp
Krisinda Dielemans

- all in our hearts and minds today.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

August; Bob Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Pat Kizuka; Polly Gillis; Louise Ench, Kathy Long; Gener Ernst, Barbara Hewlett, Scott; Barbara Lynn Grabher, daughter in law of Erika and Ed Burke; Kyle; Bill Smith, step-father of Rebecca Koreck; Lena; Leslie, Jack Baskow; Claudia and Geof Bromfield, Scott & Lia Wycoff; The Ferner family; John Worrell; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; Angie Wasgatt; John Deaton; Joan Sandstorm; Delores Sipe; Doug Price; Bob Waller; Kent Hardel; Gretchen Platz; Ellen Hall; Nanci Hunsinger, Claire Schoening; Tyler, Bill Howerin; Marcia Burton; Gina Clay

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers

For our staff; Pastor Tara, Susan Wells Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones

For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference

For all pastors and church leaders

For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

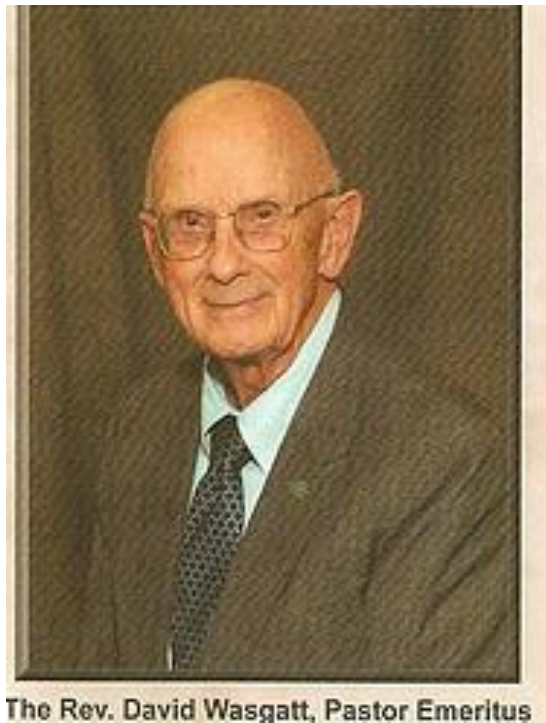
**To request a prayer, or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481)
or email office@glcde.org.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR July 25, 2021

IN MEMORIAM

Pr. David Wasgatt

November 11, 1926 - July 19, 2021



The Rev. David Wasgatt, Pastor Emeritus

Grace Lutheran church mourns the loss of its founder and Pastor Emeritus, Pr. David Wasgatt. Pr. Wasgatt arrived in Delaware in 1970 from his prior ministry work in North Dakota and oversaw the organization, incorporation, building, and growth of Grace Lutheran Church, starting in February 1971. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and wife, Angie, to whom he was married for 63 years.

Summer Fun and Learning!

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to lurk in the background at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center, we are slowly but surely moving past it.

- ♦ Case in point, we began the summer on June 30th with another Family and Community Day aptly called, “Overcomers Extravaganza!” Center Deputy Di-



rector, Brandon Furrowh explains the title. “It marked the one-year anniversary of the employee and participant return to Hilltop’s building, after enduring a (3 month) shut-down as a result of the pandemic. The event included a DJ, a photo booth, funnel cake, free books, outdoor carnival, and arcade games, and much more.” See the attached pictures.



Two weeks earlier, summer camp began on schedule and will continue through August. While we remain at roughly 50 percent capacity due to COVID regulations, the fun and learning is at 100 percent! Center Youth Services Director, Teresa Allen tells us that the first week of camp oriented the students toward how camp would proceed this year. “(We began by) establishing overall summer camp/ group culture. As a team we have been integrating our new ‘4 to score’ climate and culture plan. Each group had opportunities to create their own group name, poster, and norms through various team building games and exercises.” Teresa says, “the educational components of summer seem to be going well. Both the campers and staff appear to be fully engaged in academic activities.” Meanwhile, “campers attended field trips to Bowlerama, Legoland, and Basketball camp at the Field House.”

Deputy Director Furrowh says that 20 students attended the basketball camp thanks to a grant from the Criminal Justice Council. “This camp included very experienced trainers who are connected to a plethora of other basketball opportunities. Two of our talented students were recruited to train with the next level up from their current age group. This was a great honor bestowed upon these students, as well as an opportunity for more intensive training.”



Finally, while it seems that all wellness programs these days revolve around COVID, not all of them at the Hilltop Center do. Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams, tells us that the “Jewish Family Services (JFS)...conduct(ed) a series of interactive and engaging wellness workshops for administrative and direct care staff. The hour-long sessions (took) place on Friday’s beginning on June 4th at 10am. The series... (ran) for 6 weeks. The workshops (were) geared towards frontline workers, parents, educators, and helpers of all kinds. The topics... include(d): Getting out of Burnout, Compassion Fatigue, Mindfulness, Prioritizing Wellness, and Meeting Your Basic Needs.”

Have a good, safe summer!

Eric F. Mease; Member, Board of Directors, Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center



Donations Needed for LCS's newest initiative, the Food Farmacy



The Food Farmacy (yes, that is spelled right) is a collaborative effort of both LCS and Christiana Care and has been designed to address the needs of homebound individuals with chronic medical conditions. These patients receive both medical assistance and food assistance for six month program in their homes via the Food Farmacy van.

Because healthy eating is an essential component of improved health, the focus of donations is on nutrition. A suggested list of useful and currently needed food donation items follows.

Recipient individuals and families are also provided with fresh fruits and vegetables, low fat dairy and lean meats. LCS staff make those purchases each week. The list below reflects current needs. Thank you so much for supporting this new healthy initiative.

Please bring your food donations to Grace by Sunday, August 1st, before or after church service.

Or contact Laura Mackiewicz to coordinate a donation drop off (607) 765-0230.

Food Farmacy Wish List

No sugar added raisins

No sugar added dried fruit/nut mix

No salt almonds, walnuts, cashews

Corn Flakes

Quaker Cinnamon Oat Squares Cereal

Whole wheat flour tortillas

Soft corn tortillas

Whole wheat spaghetti

No sugar added juice powder mix

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Grace Lutheran Church
Rev. Tara Magoon, Pastor
Jordan Irazabal, director of music
Susan Wells Allen, office manager
Louis Jones, custodian