

*Prayer: As we remember all the saints who have gone before us, we give you thanks for their legacy of hope and faith, and we celebrate their life with you. Give us comfort in our grief as we trust them to you, and grant us courage to walk with confidence on this earth, as we trust your presence with us now, and forever. Amen.*

*Thank you to Boyd and Josh, and all of the musicians who offered their talents on All Saints Sunday. Their gifts helped to set the table for us to recognize God's presence with us, and with all the saints. We are so fortunate to have their musical leadership.*

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*Dear People of Grace,*

*On election night I spent the evening rehearsing with the Colorado Symphony Chorus, as I do each Tuesday evening. We sang through Messiah, and practiced an exciting arrangement of Joy to the World, incorporating different languages and rhythms. It was the perfect way for me to observe this end to a bitter election season, and the start of living in a new political reality. For Jesus was not born into a perfect world, but came into a politically charged world where fear and anger were common, and where the poor and sick were pushed aside. That was the setting for the birth of Christianity – it was a complicated and painful political time. We may be 2000 years later and on a different continent, but we can relate to a complicated and painful political time.*

*We have opportunities today and ahead of us to practice our faith with authenticity and integrity. We are called to reflect the light of Christ in this world, and the opportunities are great for us to live out that call in these days. I encourage you to join me in praying for the newly elected leaders, that they may know God's wisdom and vision as they work for justice and peace. May we, as God's people, be signs of grace and compassion as we look out for the "least of these" for Jesus' sake. Joy to the World – for God is present with us.*

*Peace,  
Pr. Janice*

Beloved in Christ,

Our national elections have just concluded. Now is the time for the church to be the church. Now is the time to commit ourselves without hesitation to our calling to

proclaim and embody the unconditional love of God for the sake of the world.

Yesterday I wasn't sure what this would mean. I knew it would certainly include a focus engaging in a ministry of healing and reconciliation. We are a deeply divided nation and people. Being God's "both/and" people in an "either/or" world, lifting up what unites us rather than what divides us – this is the essence of our calling as the Body of Christ, where there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, Democrat nor Republican. And without doubt, this remains central to our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

But given the results, we must now fully embrace our prophetic role as well: to speak and act on behalf of those who are most marginalized, to stand with the most vulnerable in our society. This includes those who are immigrants, refugees, as well as our neighbors with different religious perspectives. This includes people whose economic challenges leave them feeling powerless and disenfranchised. This includes all people of color or those in our LGBTQ community who already feel that they do not have a full place in our society. We dare not be silent or complacent. Jesus calls us to follow him in stepping across every boundary that would divide us from a fellow child of God. This is the very heart of the grace of God that we experience in Jesus.

Today it is also important to remember that we in the church are people of hope. Hope is ours because of a living Word of unfailing love that breaks into our lives. Hope is ours because of baptismal waters that renew us each day, drawing us from death to life. Hope is ours because of a Meal that fills us with the very life of Jesus, making us his Body for the sake of the world. Hope is ours, and in that hope we proclaim and embody God's love for all.

Now is the time for the church to be the church. I call upon you to join me in living as Christ's Church, Better Together.

Yours in Faith,  
Bishop Jim Gonia

### **Rooted in Grace:**



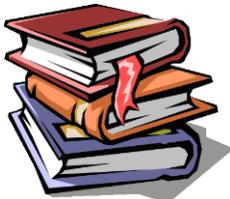
**STEWARDSHIP LETTERS/THIRD QUARTER REPORTS** –The letters were distributed on Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. If you did not have a chance to pick yours up, it will be in the mail this week. Please read and prayerful consider in preparation for Stewardship Sunday which coincides with Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Fest Fellowship on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> – *please bring back your pledge card and a pie to share!*

**NOTES FROM THE CHOIRMASTER:** The choir prepared a special selection for November 6<sup>th</sup>, René Clausen's Kyrie from "Memorial," a 2003 composition for solo baritone, mixed choir, and orchestra, commissioned to memorialize the events of September 11, 2001. The overall piece is divided into four sections: September Morning, The Premonition, the Attack, and Prayers & Petitions. Kyrie comes from the final section.

This Kyrie comes from the final section of the work. The traditional text, *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison* (Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy) is accompanied by its English translation, and also the Hebrew word for God, *Adonai*. Traditional Kyrie melodies used across the centuries appear, woven together, throughout the piece. This creates a texture that begins simply and plaintively, but increases in volume and complexity throughout, building to a glorious high point, before falling back to its original, simple texture through the final Amen section. The piece ends with a beautiful resolution, which is disturbed by the final chord of the piano, creating a slight dissonance, and suggesting that the task of praying for mercy is not finished.

**Join Us every Sunday morning for Adult Forum at 8:45am in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016** – As we celebrate Thanksgiving, it is a delight to welcome **Kurt Lichtfuss** as speaks about gratitude in his life. Personal testimonies can have a profound impact on us as we learn from each other. Thank you to Kurt for sharing his life with us.



**GRACE BOOK GROUP:** The Grace book-discussion group is studying "Justification: The Doctrine of Karl Barth and a Catholic Reflection," by Hans Küng.



**A GREEN FUTURE FOR GRACE: Some notes from Green Girl Recycling (Grace's recycling & compost removal service)**

1) Can I recycle small, blueberry clamshells?

**Answer: No!** They are so small and flimsy that they act like paper on the conveyor belt and don't get recycled correctly.

2) Should shredded paper be mixed into regular, single-stream?

**Answer: No!** The shredded paper sticks to the containers, blows around in the truck, and gets stuck around the conveyor wheels at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). All shredded paper needs to be tied into a separate bag so that we can bring it back to our warehouse for processing.

3) Can I recycle lids on plastic water bottles?

**Answer: Yes!** Enjoy your water bottle and then put the lid back on the empty bottle. It can make it through the sorting process and get baled with the plastics. Metal lids on glass? No, thank you!

**Reaching Out in Christ's Love:**

**TONIGHT: HOPE Lights the Night on Wednesday, Nov. 9:** This event is a non-denominational program of remembrance to honor those who have died of suicide and those who are bereaved. The program includes: music, responsive readings, a symbolic lighting of candles and brief comments about how suicide affects us all. This free program, organized by the HOPE Coalition and sponsored by many community partners, is open to all who have been touched by suicide in some way. If you would like, bring a photo of your loved one to post. Information about depression, suicide, mental health and local resources will be available; refreshments will be served after the program. This event will be held on Nov. 9, 7pm at Community United Church of Christ, 2650 Table Mesa Drive in Boulder. For more information, contact Susan Marine [swdkm321@comcast.net](mailto:swdkm321@comcast.net). Also see [www.hopecoalitionboulder.org](http://www.hopecoalitionboulder.org)

**Thank you** to all who attended, prepared and served the meal at the **Annual Romanian Dinner** this past weekend. Mulțumesc! (Thank you!)



**PLEASE HELP US FILL THE Harvest of Hope Food Bin:** There is something new in the Grace entry way. In support of the Harvest of Hope food pantry, we will continuously have this blue basket to collect **donations of nonperishable foods**. Harvest of Hope is a distribution center in mid-town Boulder (near 30<sup>th</sup> & Valmont) serving families in need. Harvest of Hope provides healthy alternatives with fresh produce provided by area farms, but relies on support from businesses, religious organizations and individuals to keep the lights on and refrigerators running at the distribution center.



**BOULDER BACH FESTIVAL CONCERT @ GRACE: Thursday, December 8, 7-9pm** Viennese harpsichordist Mario Aschauer is joined by Zachary Carrettin on his Cello da Spalla and baroque period violin,

performing sonatas and glorious arias, and accompanying renowned soprano soloist Jennifer Bird-Arvidsson in an intimate exploration of rarely-heard, beautiful works from the Austrian baroque. **Come to hear Grace's harpsichord featured** by Mario Aschauer, Assistant Professor of Musicology at the Sam Houston State University School of Music (Huntsville, TX). He holds an MA in harpsichord performance from the University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna, as well as an MA and a PhD in musicology from the University of Vienna, all of which he earned "with distinction."

**The designated offering for November is: ELCA WORLD HUNGER.** Nearly 800 million people – that's 1 in 9 people in our world today – are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA WORLD HUNGER** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

**Thanks to the Grace Foundation, all gifts through our designated offerings will be matched dollar for dollar in 2016. Please make your check to "Grace Lutheran Church" and add "ELCA WORLD HUNGER" to the notation line. You may place checks in the offering box or in the Church Office.**

#### **COMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, November 10, 7:30pm @ Grace** – Max Mondzac CU College of Music classical guitar recital – open and free to the public

**Sunday, November 20, 10am** – Thanksgiving Worship followed by Pie Fest Fellowship *\*Bring your completed Pledge Cards for 2017*

**Sunday, November 27** – First Sunday in Advent 10am Worship

**Wednesday, November 30, 6pm** – Advent Soup Supper & Prayer –*Hallelujahs serving*

**Sunday, December 4, 4pm @ Grace** – Boulder Renaissance Consort Christmas Concert

**Thursday, December 8, 7pm @ Grace – Boulder Bach Festival Concert**

**This Week at Grace**

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**Wednesday, November 9**

**10:30-3:30pm** Office Administrator Hours  
**12-1pm** Int'l English Center Orientation – Fellowship Hall  
**6:30-7:30** Confirmation at Mount Calvary  
**7:15-9pm** Grace Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, November 10**

**9-2pm** Office Administrator Hours  
**7:30pm** Mondzac Guitar CU Recital

**Friday, November 11**

**5:30-7:30** AA Meeting

**Saturday, November 12**

**8-11am** Boyd Hamilton Organ Rehearsal

**Sunday, November 13**

**8:45am** **Adult Forum**  
**10:00am** **WORSHIP**  
**11:00am** Fellowship  
**11:30am** **Grace Council Meeting/Foundation Board**  
**7-9** Romanian Dance Group

**Monday, November 14**

**10:30-3:30** Office Administrator Hours

**Tuesday, November 15**

**11:45-12:45** Grace Book Group

**Wednesday, November 16**

**10:30-2:30pm** Office Administrator Hours  
**12-1pm** Int'l English Center Orientation – Fellowship Hall  
**2:30-5:30pm** Grace Bookkeeper Hours  
**6:30-7:30** Confirmation at Mount Calvary  
**7:15-9pm** Grace Choir rehearsal