

GRACE HOSTS 10TH ANNUAL BENEFIT FISH FRY

-Contributed by Kristi Miller

The 10th Annual Men in Mission Fish Fry is right around the corner here at Grace Lutheran Church, Salisbury, and the Fish Fry volunteers are gearing up for an amazing day on Saturday, October 13, with festivities kicking off at 10:00am. The community will gather in support of Scott Brady who was diagnosed with Stage 3C breast cancer on January 2, 2018.

The fun-filled day of activities is held on the church campus at 3020 Grace Church Rd, Salisbury. The event will start with a Tractor Show from 10am-2pm in the church parking lot and concessions will be available for lunch. We expect more than 20 tractors—old and new, various makes and models, and most with more than one interesting story to tell. Contact Chris Sloop for more information if you are wanting to show off your tractor; any vintage – clean or dirty.

New this year; Auctioneer, Dennis Weddington, will begin auctioning donated items at 11:00am, the auction will last until 4:00pm or until all items are auctioned off.

Novant will be on-site with their Health Mammogram Bus from noon-4:00pm, women AND MEN are encouraged to visit the bus for more information concerning breast screenings.

For a mammogram appointment, call Kristie at 980-622-1598 by **October 5**.
Find more information at www.NovantHealth.org/pink.

The Kannapolis Fire Department will have the Safety House set up for children and adults to practice what to do during a fire or bad weather.

By 4:00pm the freshly fried fish will be hot and ready to serve; along with hot dog plates. Guests can eat in or carry-out. Live music will be provided by 2 Girls and a Mic, bring your lawn chair to enjoy the fellowship and dancing after supper. Tickets for fish plates are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Advance tickets will be available starting September 30, but tickets may be purchased on the day of, as well.

Aside from the food and auction, basket raffles are another fundraising effort for the day. Baskets, donated for the cause often include a collection of gift cards, home décor, sports team themed items, a collection of favorite kid's toys. Premium raffle items (requiring a different color ticket), might include a gun, custom made knife, or gun safe. Tickets can be purchased at the event for as little as \$1 per ticket. Raffle tickets are a popular item, so consider this tip: to make labeling your tickets much easier, bring your address labels. Volunteers will be available to help you with putting your labels or writing your name on your tickets. The raffle drawing is at the end of the event. You do not have to be present to win.



Prior to the first ever fish fry the Men in Mission would hold an annual fundraiser selling BBQ Chicken and Rib plates. After several years, the group felt the need to switch things up hoping to make a bigger impact by helping families and the community. The first year shocked everyone, when they projected 500 attendees and more than 1,000 people showed up; there weren't enough fryers to keep up with the

long lines. With the first fish fry being such a success, it rallied the church together to continue on and make it a yearly fundraiser.

The fish fry is a huge success because of its volunteers. Here are some volunteering opportunities. People are needed to help setup the week prior to the event, work shifts on Saturday and help cleanup afterwards. Here are some more specific opportunities: drive golf carts, serve on the security team, help direct parking/traffic flow, deliver plates to the church's shut-ins, call people that win baskets to arrange for pickup, cut and wrap cakes, work the drink table and help with refills, work in the kitchen to fill condiment bottles, run the fryers, bread the fish, make hushpuppies, and hot dog station workers. Contact **Mary Sloop** about volunteering prior to the event.

Not only does the planning take an entire year but to it takes a full week to setup for the fish fry. The first change around the church grounds is to see the first tent setup on Tuesday morning. On Tuesday evening the picnic shelter tables are moved out and put under the tents. Later in the week all the tables and chairs from the Parish Building will be moved outside to the tent areas. On Thursday night volunteers will gather to hang all the lights under the tents. Generator/light towers will be picked up Thursday afternoon/evening and placed around the entire church to light up the evening. The fish will be picked up Thursday morning and stored in walk-in coolers at a Tim Sloop and Greg Hartsell's farm, a group will meet Thursday night to prepare the area where the fish will be thawed. Then Friday morning at 8:00am, 1,550 pounds of fish will make its way to the church where a group will help to thaw it out. Contact **Darrell Smith** if you are interested in helping with this group.

Baskets and items to help fill them are needed to be turned in a week in advance to review inventory, package baskets and assign each a number days leading up to the event. Contact **Brandi Overby** for more information about the basket raffles. Baskets and decorations are set up Saturday morning. Contact **Peggy Linker** for information on how to help with this group.

Past recipients:

2009: Carl Doby	2014: Ray Rivers
2010: God Stock and Main St. Mission	2015: Ava Reece
2011: God Stock and Main St. Mission	2016: Austin Mowry
2012: Kenzie Smith	2017: Felix Bautista
2013: Houston Bailey, Emily Hain and Landen Spry	2018: Scott Brady

Over the past 9 years Grace has raised over \$300,000 through the Men in Mission Fish Fry to help support families and the community. For more information or if you would like to help out with this event, please contact **Mike Yost** (Chairman) at 704-213-1262 or **Robin Bernhardt** at 980-234-4140.

LOOK!! New Donation ITEMS!!

NOW Collecting (Through the end of December)



- Paper towels
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Trash Bags
- Sugar

Drop donations in collection boxes in the Narthex and by the mailboxes. Look for the label "One Can Do More"

Council Action Report

Besides approval of the August Meeting Minutes, there were no motions voted on at the September Council Meeting. Full minutes are available in the hall, outside the nursery.

QUILT MINISTRY AND LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF EFFORTS

A Blessing of the Quilts will be held on Sunday, October 14 during the worship service. This is a beautiful and moving adornment of our sanctuary. Not only the presence of color and craft, but the heart of the hands who are lovingly devoted to this ministry. Grace Quilters will be putting the quilts out for blessing on Wednesday, October 10 at 9 am. On Wednesday, October 17 at 9am the quilts will be packed for shipping. If anyone would like to help please join us.

Grace will be one of the pick-up sites for Lutheran World Relief.

Drop off will be at the Family Life Center on

- Wednesdays, Nov. 7 & 14 from 9am-Noon
- Thursday, Nov. 8 from 9am-Noon & 6:30-8:30 PM
- Saturday, Nov.10 from 9am-Noon

Packing instructions are as follows: Label each box with the contents, such as "Personal Care Kits", "Baby Care Kits", "Fabric Kits" and "Mission Quilts". Each box may weigh no more than 40 pounds each. Only one type of an item per carton. No plastic or paper bags. PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAPE CASES AND WEIGH THEM! Label each box with contents, your church information and address to:

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

601 MAIN ST.

NEW WINDSOR, MD 21776

Labels may be prepared on the LWR website which is www.lwr.org under GET INVOLVED.



AND YARD SALE

**OCTOBER 20,
2018**

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
11020 NC HWY 801, MT. ULLA
(704/278-2710)**

WWW.STLUKESMTULLA.ORG

**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**
11020 NC 801 Hwy
Mt. Ulla, NC
704-278-2710

October 20, 2018

DONATIONS will benefit multi-purpose safety flooring for the Activity Building and Assistance with Medical expenses for Judy Getzlaff and Michael Anthony "Tonto" Rogers

Yard Sale
in the
Activity Building

from 8 am to 5
pm

Menu:

**Fish, French fries,
Hushpuppies, Slaw,
Drinks and Dessert**

Eat in or Carry Out

Special Entertainment

"CHICKEN & PICKIN" AT THE CHINA GROVE ROLLER MILL

You are invited to the historical Roller Mill in China Grove for homemade chicken and dumplings and homemade desserts on Saturday October 6th, 5 - 7pm. Bring your family, tour the mill, hear some great music and enjoy a wonderful meal.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Your donation will support the upkeep of this important landmark.

You may not know that many members at Grace have a special connection to the China Grove Roller Mill. Perhaps not surprising, it's the Miller family! For a real history lesson, pull up a chair beside Frank Miller and pick his memory.

I'll share a personal memory, when I was little, we would deliver plants to the Roller Mill and my job was to carry the bill into the little office by the road where Frank would write a check and always give me a piece of bubble gum. What a treat!

-Megan Bame

RAYMER REFLECTIONS: A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE

-contributed by Emily Weddington

Fiona, age 10:

What's your favorite thing about your village? The river, my new friends, the dacao (baobab tree), and new things to eat (I like Faaa.).

What's your least favorite thing about your village? School and having to walk a long way to other villages.

What's the hardest thing about being a Missionary Kid? Not being able to get ice-cream, not having technology, not having enough language to communicate.

What's the coolest animal you've seen in your village? A chameleon. My friends are scared of them because they change colors and because of local superstition. We've explained they are good creatures because they eat bugs.

My favorite Alagwa word is: River. In Alagwa river is said "Doodoo" That's just funny, especially since the animals also go dodo in the river.

Daily life: My friends and I spend A BUNCH of time at the river. Here most children start carrying a quart container of water at age 3. By age 7 they can carry 10 liters (about 2.5 gallons) in a bucket on their head. Teenage girls and women often carry up to 5 gallons (41 pounds) of water on their head, depending on what else they are also carrying on top of the bucket (like dishes and laundry). Momma and I carry laundry on our heads. When it is wet, laundry gets much heavier. The secret to carrying things on your head is all in how you roll your scarf. I have also started carrying jugs of water like my younger friends.

Whitaker, age 8:

What's your favorite thing about your village? I get to hold baby goats.

What's your least favorite thing about your village? We haven't gotten to build a barn for the animals yet.

What's the hardest thing about being a Missionary Kid? Mommy is my teacher for school and makes me work hard.

What's the coolest animal you've seen in your village? The geckos that live on our wall at night, in the dining room, and at church.

My favorite Alagwa word is: Alagwa, because it's the name of our people.

Daily life: A lot of our friends lay down and drink water from the river when they are playing and bathing. I don't! That's because cows, and goats, and sheep, and even people, go to the bathroom in our river. I will only drink water from our filter. Our filter is made of plastic buckets and tubing and katadyn filters. The filters have tiny pores that take the gunky stuff (sometimes so tiny you can't see it) out of the water. We always give our friends filtered water to drink.

Even as Fiona and Whitaker adapt to their new life as missionary kids in rural Africa, there are also things that they miss about home. Recently, Kristen mentioned that they love receiving Koolaid packets and the powder cheese packets from macaroni and cheese boxes (they have access to the other ingredients, just not the cheese). The other great thing about these items is that they can be sent in a flat envelope, which avoids complications in customs. If you would like to send a note and a taste of home (Koolaid and powdered cheese 😊), their address is:

Justin Raymer
PO Box 108
Kondoa, Tanzania
East Africa

Check the bulletin board by the nursery for recent photos!

CLEAN WATER 5K RUN/WALK AND FUN RUN

Contributed by Susan Moffatt

Why does the Grace Stewardship Team organize and continue the 5K?

I thought they were only about finances!

Well, have you thought about what the word stewardship means?

Stewardship is God's people taking care of God's World here on Earth and doing it with God's love for all. That includes caring for our creation, God's people, our time and talents, our community, whether it is local or global, our spiritual gifts, healthy relationships, our financial part, and much more.



Why Water?

The global water crisis doesn't always make headlines, but the truth is that it claims more lives each year than war.

- Globally, 1.8 billion people – that's about **one out of every four people** – drink from contaminated water sources (as reported from Whitaker Raymer in Raymer Reflections). Unsafe water leads to illnesses that claim the lives of 840,000 people each year, almost half of whom are children under the age of five.
- What's more, women and children spend hours each day collecting water (as reported by Fiona Raymer in Raymer Reflections). This keeps them from school, work, and time with family. This keeps families and communities from learning, earning an income, and contributing to the local economy. A family spends an average of **660 hours** a year collecting water. Water-related illnesses result in the loss of **443 million school days** each year.
- Close to **half of all people** in developing countries are suffering at any given time from a health problem caused by contaminated water or unsanitary conditions.
- **2.5 billion people** live without basic sanitation.
- More people have access to a mobile phone than a toilet.
- On average, women in Sub-Saharan Africa walk more than **three miles** each day to fetch water for their families. A traditional five-gallon jug, usually used for this purpose, weighs **40 pounds** when full!

So, Saturday, September 22, we blew the horn and ran the 2nd Kids Fun Run and Clean Water 5K.

Our Goal for each 5K: Purchase 1 Well to help ELCA World Hunger Fight the Global Water Crisis!

Our Stewards: Brenda and Hilda Miller, veterans at the pre-registration tables were joined by Helen Correll and "Mrs. Patsy" who received hugs from all the little ones. Monty and Terri Brown registered same day runners with Alyssa Prest and Carson Hurst giving out T-shirts.

We had our Security team, Monty, Michael Miller, and Duane Nolan, as well as our Men in Mission, who directed parking, lined the Kids Race Course and made crisp, moist, hot hushpuppies (a little taste of the Fish Fry approaching soon), and they generously helped with cleanup.

David Linker and Earl Parris secured the roads and manned emergency vehicles.

Grace youth and leaders greeted runners at the snack and drink area with snacks provided by our WELCA groups. They also helped lined the Kids Fun Run Race Course.

Race course monitors included, friends from Grace Ridge, Mark and LeDhu Stockwell, Lisa Walters, and Catherine and Dwayne Fink, along with Tina and Tanner Cline, Dan Roseman, Reagan Prest. and Susan Moffat. Monitors kept folks heading in the right direction and cheered the runners and walkers on toward the finish line. Pam Roseman announced the results and Karen Hurst handed out the medals.

Note: All leftover snacks and water provided by our WELCA Groups were donated to Hurricane Florence Relief efforts in eastern North Carolina (sometimes water causes other problems, too).

Why Do Participants Run/Walk?

"I love what you do here at Grace!"

"It is important for me to walk and run for my health!"

"It is my social event! I meet good people here!"

"I came back this year to see others I had met last year!"

"It is a great day!"

"I want to continue to help others and this is my fun way of doing so!"

"I'm competitive!"

"1st race ever!" (Anita Miller and she WON her Age Group!)



Some Runner Highlights

5K Overall Top Three:

1st – Trent Rivers (21:41);

2nd – Corey Snodgrass; (22:45);

3rd – Ember-leigh Pauley-Brown (24:07).

Fun Run Top Three:

1st – Luke Bame (3:37);

2nd – Paisley Miller (4:01);

3rd – Keaton Sloop (4:06).

5K Female Group Top Three:

1st – Ember-leigh Pauley-Brown (24:07);

2nd – Heather Basinger (26:16);

3rd – Luann Fesperman (29:33)

5K Male Group Top Three:

1st – Trent Rivers (21:41);

2nd – Corey Snodgrass (22:45);

3rd – Chris Kluttz (25:15).

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

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- Food Lion (Water / Bananas)
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- Novant Health
- Rouzer Motor Parts
- Rabons Garage
- S&D Coffee
- Medicine Shoppe
- Thrivent Financial

See all results and photos on Grace Website and Facebook page.

Why We Do The 5K? All of the above is the answer!

KURE BEACH FAITH CENTER- Fall Events

For more information, contact Christa at 919-552-9421 or email program@agapekurebeach.org

See fliers on bulletin board near nursery.

October 12-14: Good News Good Brews at Kure Beach

Retreat for adults. Good News proclaimed and shared in fellowship around Good Brews.

October 20: Work Day at Camp Agape

Opportunity to be God's Hands doing service for camp and with others.

November 30-December 1: Father-Son Retreat at Camp Agape

Bringing generations of men of faith together to build relationships, have fun and celebrate life.

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30PM-BOY SCOUTS	2 11:00AM-CORNIE ALMAN CIRCLE	3 CHOIRS 7:00PM-CUB SCOUTS	4 10:30AM-CIRCLE OF LIFE 6:15PM-YOGA 7:00PM-CIRCLE OF HOPE	5	6 Playground Work Day (Rain Option)
7 8:00AM-LMIM BREAKFAST MTG.	8 6:30PM=BOY SCOUTS 7:00PM-CE MEETING 7:00PM-SISTERS OF GRACE	9 6:30PM-QUILTERS	10 9:00AM-QUILTERS CHOIRS 7:00PM-CUB SCOUTS	11 6:15PM-YOGA 7:00PM-FINANCE MTG.	12 SET-UP ANNUAL FISH FRY	13 10 TH ANNUAL FISH FRY
14 7:30AM-CONGR. COUNCIL MTG. BLESSING OF THE QUILTS	15 6:30PM-BOY SCOUTS	16 10:30AM-GRACE SRS.	17 CHOIRS 7:00PM-CUB SCOUTS	18 6:15PM-YOGA	19	20 <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u>
21 8:30AM-THRIVENT BREAKFAST MTG.	22 6:30PM-BOY SCOUTS	23	24 CHOIRS 7:00PM-CUB SCOUTS	25 6:15PM-YOGA	26	27
28 <u>REFORMATION SUNDAY</u> TRUNK/TREAT/HARVEST MOON	29 6:30PM-BOY SCOUTS	30	31 HALLOWEEN			