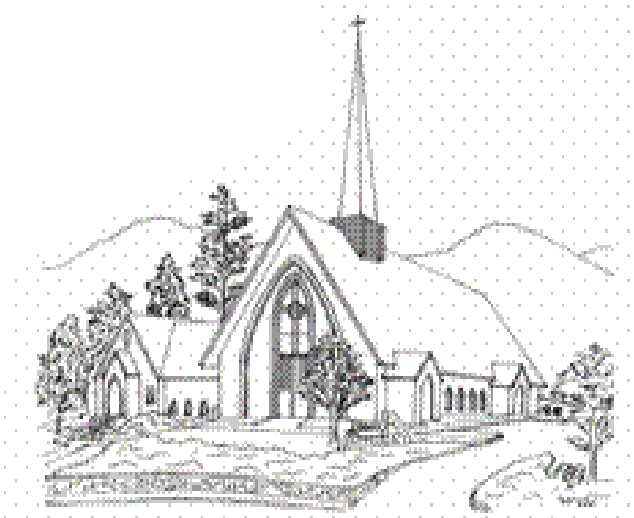


Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
115 E. King Street
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2007- 2008 Annual Report
(September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2008)



Our Mission Statement:

*“Grace Lutheran Church **welcomes** all people to a journey of faith and service in God, **empowers** us to be disciples of Jesus Christ, and **sends** us through the Holy Spirit to make a loving difference in the world.”*

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Annual Report from Senior Pastor Tim Smith

God's grace and peace be with you all! I write this to you in between trips on my sabbatical, on the eve of our departure for Tanzania. This reality, in fact, is certainly a highlight from my perspective. We found out in late September of 2007 that Grace had been awarded \$43,500 as a congregational and clergy renewal grant from the Lilly Foundation. We received the check for that amount in December, of which roughly \$14,500 was designated for congregational programs and renewal, and \$29,000 was designated for clergy renewal. The clergy portion enabled my whole family to travel to Holden Village for 11 days and will fund the Tanzania trip for almost 6 weeks as well. From the congregational portion we have been able to provide Caring for Creation education and focus, including \$3,000 in scholarships to camps for children, a farewell eco-event at Lutherock, a welcome-back supper (required) at the Dan'l Boone Inn this coming August, adult VBS materials, and an environmental audit of the church. The remainder of congregational funds went to providing pulpit supplies and pastoral care in the form of compensation for Pastor John Bollinger.

Pastor Bollinger has been a welcome part-time addition to our staff during the past year. After Pastor Becca left at the end of July in 2007, Pastor Bollinger was asked and agreed to help with visitation and has quickly become beloved to all who receive his visits. His help was particularly appreciated during the call process last fall when I took on, by choice, the major campus ministry responsibility again until we could find another associate pastor. We assumed that this process would take a year or more, but with a capable call committee and some very fortunate (for Grace) turns of events, we were able to call Pastor Sarah Lang before Christmas. She started her work here in early January, which is surely a highlight and blessing of this year, and anyone who attended her ordination here at Grace in January would have to count that experience, the first ever in our current sanctuary, as a highlight and blessing as well.

We continue to be blessed with capable and faithful staff people who make serving here a joy—Sandy and Kristi in the church office, Jennifer looking after the property, Matt with our Youth and Family Ministry, Lisa and Mark and Vera and Chris with our music, Vicar Dave with general pastoral responsibility as an intern, and, again, Pastor John and Pastor Sarah. If there are any church staffs out there more capable and helpful, I haven't found them yet! Still, we are always in transition. Even as we rejoice at Pastor Sarah's arrival and a bit different model of "shared ministry" with me (I still help some with campus and she does more than previous associates with general pastoral care), we are sad that by the time of our annual meeting on August 17, 2008, both Matt and Dave will be gone—"Dr. Matt" to a new position at King College and Dave to his wife Lauren's internship in Pennsylvania. We shall miss their gifts! I must add that Susan Roggenkamp's leadership has been a blessing as our council president this year with so many unique challenges, including property acquisition, call process, new mission statement, affirmation of welcome, etc.

When our council gathered last September in retreat, we affirmed an emphasis along with the North Carolina Synod for this year of Caring for Creation. It is an ongoing emphasis, but in addition to pursuing a general environmental audit for the congregation, we have begun using recycled paper in our bulletins and newsletters, we have installed adjustable thermostats to cut back on energy use, we have stopped using non-recyclable plastic communion cups, and we have stopped purchasing Styrofoam products for fellowship and kitchen use. More initiatives will follow in that regard.

A new mission statement evolved from our council retreat in September, the first revision in 14 years, and from it flowed another emphasis: the development of an "Affirmation of Welcome"

statement for Grace. In a sea of finger-pointing and blame and exclusion in our culture, our council has followed the example of Jesus, who shared table fellowship with all people, and we took several months carefully to formulate a clear welcome statement to those who have historically felt excluded from our congregation and its worship. The words of welcome are the first thing one reads each week on the front of our church bulletin. This is Christ's church, not ours! This is Christ's welcome, for all!

Highlights of campus ministry in addition to calling Pastor Sarah have included the participation of 17 Grace students and 14 Grace families in the Adopt-a-Student program and the Luther heritage tour and mission trip to Germany. There were 29 students and 6 adults who went on this trip. Thanks to your generosity, we overcame immense financial hurdles caused by upward-spiraling oil prices and the weak US dollar in Europe, and we raised almost \$60,000 for this trip. No student had to pay more than the original \$700 to which they had agreed prior to the price increases. It was a wonderful trip for spiritual renewal, for learning about our Lutheran heritage, for bonding as a group (including with Pastor Sarah), and for serving others. Thank you!

Finally, we were blessed after literally years of negotiations finally to have the opportunity to purchase the Mark Norris property, across from our upper parking lot on Tracy Circle. Ironically, the opportunity to vote on purchasing this property for \$1.89 million came to us when another congregation made an offer on the property for more than that, and Mr. Norris made good on his offer to give us the right of first refusal. It's a huge chunk for us to bite off, but virtually all of our congregational leaders agree that it's what will enable us to remain on this property. It will double our available land. As of this writing on June 22, we have just under \$650,000 promised up front, meaning before the August 8 closing, for the property. This, combined with the "up front" money we collected only 18 months ago for the Crawford House, comes to almost a million dollars. Still, the majority of households at Grace have not yet contributed or made a pledge for either in advance or ongoing contributions, and it will take all of us contributing to avoid a mortgage that thwarts our mission and ministry for the next several years. Remember, the property is not the END, it is a MEANS toward ongoing mission on this corner!

We could speak of the first year in a long time when general fund expenses were exceeded by income, of our rejoicing in Grace member Ann Kelly's call to ordained ministry and being a recipient of the ELCA's prestigious Fund for Leaders Scholarship, Worship remains at the center of our identity as we are nurtured in God's grace through Word and Sacrament. Serving others with the good news of Christ in word and deed, the mission of the church, remains our calling. Who would have thought that the young pastor and family who arrived here at Grace 15 years ago this week would still be here? Though a bit more furrowed of brow and gray of temple, I and my whole family consider it a privilege and blessing to be among the faithful saints here at Grace.

Pastor Tim Smith
June 22, 2008

Annual Report from Associate Pastor Sarah Lang

With my arrival at Grace in January 2008, items of note are listed as follows:

- **Ordination and Installation Service** on January 27, 2008 at Grace. On behalf of the NC Synod, my family, and myself, thank you for being such a gracious host of this service. It was a beautiful service, and from the conversations I've had with people since then, quite a meaningful and powerful one.
- **Many firsts**—including the first baptisms and Eucharistic celebrations as an ordained person!
- Traveling to **Germany** in March with 29 students and 6 adults, including myself, for a spiritual and historical pilgrimage.
- Development of a **campus ministry vision and plan** for the 2008-2009 school year, including a growing ecumenical relationship with the Westminster+Cantebury Fellowship (PCUSA and Episcopal) group.
- Certification for **Prepare/Enrich**, a pre-marital and marital counseling inventory and tool. The certification has allowed me to be available and ready to begin pre-marital counseling with couples.
- Leadership and additional responsibilities during **Pastor Tim's sabbatical**, including planning a sending service during the congregational celebration at Lutherock, supervision of the Vicar during Pastor Tim's absence, additional preaching and pastoral care responsibilities.
- Preaching and teaching around Grace's emphasis on **caring for creation**, including leading an adult VBS class on God's call to earthkeeping.
- Conversation and visioning around how best to serve **young adults** here at Grace.
- Eagerly awaiting the closing on the **Norris Property** and LSA's move to the Council House in October when that ministry will again have space for growth in grace and faith.
- The **resignation of Matt Roberts**, Youth and Family Minister, and the resulting shift in staff responsibilities for 2008-2009, including my new role ministering to high school students. I eagerly anticipate leading these students to the 2009 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans!
- Service beyond the local congregation as curriculum-writer and retreat leader of **FAITH ALIVE! confirmation retreat** at Lutheridge and as a member of the **Appalachian Campus Ministry Association**. Additionally in 2008, Augsburg Fortress invited me to be a **contributor** to their worship resource, *Sundays and Seasons*, for which I'll be contributing "Ideas and Images for the Day" for several Sundays in 2010.

As we look ahead to my first full year at Grace, we anticipate together not only a growth in our relationship as congregation and pastor but also an upcoming trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, a closing on the Norris Property and growth in space and parking, first call theological education, and the Holy Spirit's movement among us.

Submitted by Pastor Sarah Lang

Annual Report from Vicar Dave Wegner

Living in God's amazing grace here at Grace has been an incredible adventure and will continue to be a year that I look back upon as one of the most formative aspects of my seminary experience. I am grateful for the ministry this congregation is doing by supporting the intern program of the wider Lutheran church. It is difficult to truly demonstrate how invaluable you all are as a place of learning, growing, and formation for ministry.

The congregation's devotion to the program is evident by their response to the possibility of losing the intern program a year or two ago. On behalf of all the seminaries, congregation members, synods, and myself, I offer you thanks for being such a wonderful ministry tool of our church. Below are some snippets of the year's events.

Fall 2007

- Participated in the Fall training sessions of the Ministers of Grace program.
- Developed the Learning Covenant, a measuring stick for the intern's year of formation.
- Looked ahead to the internship evaluation process and began with the 3-month report.
- Participated in the team that drafted the new Affirmation of Welcome statement.
- Observed and assisted the Church Council in the revision of the church Mission Statement.
- Assisted in the leading of the annual Communion Retreat with 21 young people.
- Begin forming ideas for my project, an aspect of every intern's experience during the year. The Homebound Service project resulted from the brainstorming and saw 43 people in December and 35 in March.
- Shared the first of two "Call to Worship" devotions on WATA radio with Mike Kelley.
- Celebrated the life of my maternal grandmother as she passed away shortly after Thanksgiving.
- Christmas week at Grace included 6 worship events in 48 hours.
- Began monthly leadership of the Grace Anatomy Sunday School program for young adults and parents.

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- Continued preaching monthly and leading Thursday morning Bible Studies.
- Participated in Church Council meetings and retreats.
- Planned for and led a group to Louisiana for a week long Mission Trip to aid families still in need of relief.
- Got married to Lauren in a lovely worship service at the seminary's Chapel at the end of May.
- In January we began preparations for the Campfirmation week in late June. Seven of our confirmation students, my wife Lauren, and I went to Lutherock for the week's learning and formation.
- Assisted Matt Roberts in the planning and leading of the Senior High Mission Trip to Ohio in July.
- Had to learn how to say goodbye to a community that has loved and supported me for a whole year!

With Gratitude and In His Light,
Vicar Dave

Annual Report from the Congregation Council President

Wow! What a year this has been. Last summer when Pastor Tim asked me to consider being Council President, he said “we don’t expect a terribly eventful year.” If this were a slow year, I’d hate to see a busy year!

Please read all the ministry team reports in this Annual Report – it is simply amazing to consider all the work that is performed for God’s children by members of this congregation. This church continues to be amazingly fruitful in ministering to our own members, to members of the High Country communities, and to the wider world. Through giving of our time, talents and resources, all of us further God’s kingdom and exemplify the commands of Jesus Christ to love and serve others. I encourage everyone to seek out an opportunity to serve our Lord and Savior through involvement in one or more of our ministry teams – **every ministry team needs and welcomes new members.**

Several key events occurred this year that will, I believe, impact Grace Lutheran Church for years to come. Two of these events are pretty visible: The addition of Pastor Sarah to our church staff and adding to our property. What a wonderful experience to have Pastor Sarah in our midst! She has truly been a blessing so far and we are enriched to have her as one of our pastors. At this time of my writing this report, we hadn’t yet officially acquired the Norris property, but hopefully that transaction will come to completion as expected. The addition of property, while costly in financial terms, will offer significant returns to Grace as we seek ways to expand our ministry in downtown Boone. **Many thanks and much appreciation** to everyone who has contributed and will contribute to this acquisition, both in monetary contributions and in the contributions of your time and expertise.

But, I would argue that the two most important actions taken by Council this year happened without a lot of fanfare – the adoption of a new mission statement for Grace and an affirmation of welcome. The new mission statement is on the cover of the Annual Report – the words in bold font were chosen very intentionally to emphasize that we **welcome** all into our midst, we **empower** all to share in ministry, and we are **sent** out into the world to make a difference. The affirmation of welcome is found in the Evangelism Team’s report on page 10. Please read it carefully, if you haven’t already done so. What a comforting message – that regardless of personal circumstances Grace Lutheran Church welcomes **everyone** who desires a relationship based in Jesus Christ. Taken together, these are powerful statements that guide who we are and what we do.

I am proud to be a member of this church community, and am honored to be entrusted this year with the duties of Council President. Let me express my thanks and appreciation to members of Congregational Council and ministry teams who give generously of their valuable time, and to the hard-working and committed staff of Grace Lutheran Church. We all owe a debt of gratitude to them because they make our faith journey more meaningful, our worship experiences more rich, the business affairs of the church well-managed, and our church facilities well-maintained and cared for.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Roggenkamp

Altar Guild

The ministry of the Altar Guild is made possible by individuals who work behind the scenes using their time and talents in opportunities of service to the glory of God. Their quiet acts of service are provided to ensure worship for all members and visitors at Grace. During the past year, the Altar Guild has continued to provide the following acts of service:

- **Preparing the worship spaces** with the appointments used in the liturgy including vessels, elements, linens, paraments, and vestments.
- **Maintaining and caring** for the above appointments.
- **Decorating the worship spaces** for principal festivals of the church year.
- **Working cooperatively** with the church office and altar flowers coordinator to insure availability of flowers and proper disbursement after worship.
- Additionally, members have been involved in the **creation of banners** and other decorations which have enhanced worship opportunities.

It is with much humility and joyful anticipation that we look ahead to 2009 and its possibilities of continued service.

Beth Smoot, Coordinator

Arts and Faith Ministry

Members: Nancy Beuttel (Chairperson), Inge Mahler, Beth Smoot, Stephanie Lee, Harold Stophel, Phyllis Humphrey (Council Liaison)

Goal of Arts and Faith : To enliven God's word with the performing arts, the visual arts, and the written word, encouraging congregational participation. Also, to allow the Holy Spirit to enter the artistry of our individual lives.

Accomplishments:

1. We worked with the Property Committee to erect a pulley system behind the ceiling beams of the sanctuary in order to hoist visual art to the ceiling.
2. For the Easter Season, we painted Easter Lilies on semi-shear fabric in order to make a 3 panel mobile which hung from the ceiling on either side of the cross. There were a total of 6 panels painted, 3 panels for the left and right of the chancel respectively.
3. We are in the process of designing risers which will be installed on the stairs in the upper parking lot leading to Grace Place. On them will read the lyrics of the first verse of "Amazing Grace."
4. We are discussing the formation of a liturgical dance troupe.
5. We are meeting in August to paint on silk fabric which in turn could be used in many ways to enhance the worship service.
6. We costumed two men who acted out the scripture of the Sunday.

7. We are working on putting plaques above each door in the church with Bible verses.

Future Goals:

- We would like to get more of the congregation involved in the projects that we do.
- I would like to teach the congregation how to do liturgical paper cutting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Beuttel

Campus Ministry

While campus ministry has undergone significant transition this year, the ministry is still going strong with one of the largest and most active freshmen classes Lutheran Students of Appalachian has seen in recent years. Many thanks to Pastor Tim, who spearheaded campus ministry this fall, and to the congregation, who was open to his changing role during the transition in leadership.

During the transition in leadership, our mission and strategy have remained the same with the exception of an added strategy for 2008-2009:

Our Mission: To make a place of welcome and respite for college students, and to serve the wider campus community of adults.

Our Strategy:

- To provide multiple opportunities for faith and discipleship development in preparation for their lives as faithful Christians.
- To provide avenues of discussion, prayer, and discernment for young people as they identify vocation.
- To identify future leaders of the Church and to nurture these young people in their discernment of calling to ordained or lay ministry.
- To offer support and nurture to faculty and staff who are members of Grace Lutheran Church.
- To participate in the wider Campus Ministry community with a commitment to ecumenical and interfaith relations.

(an additional goal for 2008-2009):

- To nurture friends and members of Grace who are enrolled in colleges throughout the country and to provide opportunities for connection and care.

Highlights from 2007-2008:

- On average, **26-50 students** worship weekly and a core group of around **30 students** attend Wednesday evening LSA activities.
- A wonderful attendance at the **fall 2007 potluck** for campus ministry.
- Currently, **5 alumni** are currently enrolled in seminary, **5 alumni** are in the ELCA candidacy process, **7 alumni** are involved in service-related organizations like Peace Corps, Americorps, or Lutheran Volunteer Corps, and **5 alumni** are currently serving in a congregational or synodical leadership position.
- Many families and Appalachian students involved in the Adopt-a-Student program.
- Called **new pastor for campus ministry** in December 2007

- Spiritual pilgrimage and spring break trip to Germany included **29 students** and **six adults**, including pastors Tim and Sarah and two Grace members who are currently actively involved with campus ministry.
- By July 15, 2008, campus ministry will again be without a “home”--but only temporarily! We’re excited about moving into our **new space** in the Council House in October. We look forward to resuming the ministry we provide to our college students by having **space for doing laundry, checking e-mail, building friendships and relationships with one another and with God.**
- A revitalized **Campus Ministry Team** has become involved in the vision and planning for campus ministry and is once again regularly meeting as a part of ministry team night. **Members include:** Mary Adams, Melissa Allen, Jan Burgess, Kathy Gustaveson, Angela Laws, Kevin Patterson, Sam Sink, Reed Thomas.
- **Holden Evening Prayer** on first Wednesdays and on the Wednesdays throughout Lent continues to be a highlight for many college students and a great evangelism tool as many students bring friends!

Ministry goals for 2009:

- Revitalize the **Sunday Brunch and Bible** program and involve more congregational members in the program itself by inviting people to provide meals for the college students after 11 am worship.
- Reach out to **Grace members who are currently away at college** and provide opportunities for connection when they return home for breaks.
- Explore shared programming with the **Westminster/Canterbury Fellowship** (Presbyterian/Episcopal Campus Ministry) and opportunities for deeper ecumenical engagement.
- Develop a **website** for the Lutheran Students of Appalachian.

Submitted by Pastor Sarah Lang

Care Ministry

The Care Ministry is in its fifth year here at Grace. We continue to add opportunities for service to our ministry. In so doing, we meet the needs of our ever-changing congregation. Following are the areas that we focus on for service to our Grace community.

- **Card Ministry** - Currently 75-100 cards are sent monthly to members and friends of the congregation. We continue to get a positive response from many folks who receive these cards. E-mails are sent when addresses are available. The card file is updated monthly with names removed which have been on the prayer list for over three months, with the exception of members and friends who have a chronic illness or who are homebound.
- **Devotional Ministry** - Quarterly devotions are sent to members who are homebound. Also, weekly bulletin inserts are sent to these members to keep them connected to the Grace community.
- **Grace Calling** - The calling team is in transition as new members are trained. This ministry is also positively received. Members are called at least once every 9 weeks throughout the year. Information received by the caller is kept confidential unless a specific prayer request is received.
- **Hospitality Meals** - Ten congregation members have been served over the past year. Primarily, new parents and those just released from the hospital are being served at this time.

- **Home Communion** - Twelve more people from the MOG class were trained to give home communion and healing prayers. Communion is taken to home bound members and members of care facilities who want to receive communion at least monthly when possible.
- **Ministers of Grace** - Fourteen people were trained starting in August of 2007. They were installed in January of 2008. They were each given assignments and are carrying out those assignments with God's help. The training will continue throughout the fall of 2008 and spring of 2009. Outside speakers assist with the training along with staff members and the coordinator.
- **Mutual Ministry** - no report
- **Prayer Chain** - The guidelines for receiving emergency prayer requests were updated. Emergency requests are now sent out by e-mail from either the church administrator or a pastor.

The Care Ministry Team has just put into place a **servant** for the month. This will be a trained **Minister of Grace** who will be on call to answer questions about the program or provide help for someone with a specific care giving need. The MOG will serve for a one month commitment. (The name of the person will be listed in the monthly newsletter.) **Care Notes** are available in the Narthex for anyone to use for themselves or a friend. They are rotated monthly.

Give the gift of care and receive the gift of care.

Jennie Hallsey
Care Ministry Team Facilitator

Community Action Ministry

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” (Mark 25)

These verses are the charge of the Community Action Ministry which provides opportunities for our congregation to share God's love and compassion in our community. When we called on members to serve dinner for people in need, you stepped forward. The simple act of preparing part of a meal fed 50 clients of **Hospitality House** each month and 25 mothers and children at **OASIS**. Each month, the little red wagon is filled with canned goods for the **Hunger Coalition** to help needy families. One of our ministries, **WeCAN (Watauga Crisis Assistance Network)**, is virtually invisible, but helps so many people by providing emergency funds for people in need. Hosting the **bloodmobile for the Red Cross** twice a year yielded more than 50 pints of life saving blood. Each Christmas, the **Giving Tree** provides more than \$600 and warm blankets, coffee, toys, nails, food and many other gifts for our ministries as well as special assistance for families experiencing extreme medical bills. Our partner in outreach is Grace Builders, providing wood for heat, assistance in providing shelter and work days at **Watauga Habitat** house. Thank you to all of you who cooked a meal, brought canned goods to church on the first Sunday of the month, provided a happier Christmas, volunteered to give blood, helped build or repair a house or simply gave a donation. The words “You are now entering the Mission Field” are on the signs exiting the parking lot at Grace. Simply giving a little has given a lot to people in need in our community.

Janice Koppenhaver
Community Action Ministry Team Leader

Evangelism Team

This past year, Grace, as part of the congregational council's efforts to put into action the first part of its new mission statement ("Grace Lutheran Church **welcomes** all people to a journey of faith and service in God"), adopted an affirmation of welcome. It reads:

In the name of Jesus, who invites us with reconciling love and grace to join in the kingdom of God, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes all who profess, or seek to profess, Jesus Christ as their Savior. Believing that the gospel is God's gift to all, we rejoice in the diversity of God's people and welcome all, regardless of age, cultural and economic background, ethnic and linguistic heritage, gender, marital status, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. We are all one in God's eyes, sharing in the free gifts of the gospel and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we encourage all to take part in the life of this congregation as we worship, witness and openly share the love of God through Christ our Lord.

The Evangelism Team is grateful to the council and congregation for the statement and anticipates in 2009 exploring ways to use the affirmation of welcome in our evangelism.

We continue to reach out to **visitors** through **follow-up** postcards (Ruth Daggett); follow-up e-mails, letters, and phone calls (Pastor Tim, Pastor Sarah, Vicar Dave, and others as requested); breakfast, lunch, or other meetings (Pastor Tim, Pastor Sarah, Vicar Dave).

We have been blessed with the gifts of a technologically savvy intern this year! Vicar Dave Wegner has diligently worked to update the current **website** and has designed a **new website** which will serve the church's needs a bit better. We hope to have the new website "live" by August 2008. We also continue to take advantage of opportunities to publicize through local papers and radio. Pastor Tim, Pastor Sarah, and Vicar Dave are frequent contributors to WATA AM 1450's morning devotional time.

Due to the transition in leadership Grace has undergone during the past year, the Evangelism Team has not been meeting on a regular basis but looks forward to beginning fresh in 2008-2009.

Submitted by Pastor Sarah Lang

Facilities Team

Norris Property

- A Contingent Offer to Purchase in the amount of \$750,000 was given to Mr. Norris on March 7, 2006.
- Mr. Norris finally responded back by letter on October 31, 2007. He stated in the letter that he had been told that if his property was priced for our intended use it would be worth between \$1.2 and \$1.8 million (depending on who you asked).
- With Congregational Council approval, a formal offer in the amount of \$1,500,00 was made on November 8, 2007.
- Mr. Norris finally responded with a counter offer of \$1,890,000 on April 5, 2008.
- At a congregational meeting on May 4, 2008 the Congregation voted to purchase the property at that price. The contract was returned to Mr. Norris that week.

- After meeting with the Director of Development Services with the Town of Boone, it was determined that the property could be used for its intended use as long as the Town requirements were met. This requires that a Special Use Permit be obtained. No parking, other than parking in the driveway to the house, will be allowed until the Special Use Permit has been obtained.
- A survey and a topographical map of the property is being prepared by a local surveying firm. The next step is that an engineering study will have to be prepared by an engineering firm.

US 421 (King Street Widening)

- Members of the Facilities and the Property Team met with Rights-of-Way Agents from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) on February 4, 2008. At that meeting it was learned that NCDOT would be taking a Permanent Utility Easement across the front of Grace's property. The easement varies from twenty to twenty five feet in width.
- With Congregational Council approval, an offer of a sixteen foot temporary overhead easement was offered to NCDOT.
- To date, NCDOT has not responded or offered any alternatives to their original plans.
- At this point, we are waiting for the Rights-of-Way Agents to return with their appraisal of the value of the property that they will be taking.

Report Submitted by:
Marvin E. Weant

GRACE Builders

GRACE Builders Mission Statement:

The Team known as GRACE Builders exists to support the Mission of this Congregation. We will focus on the physical needs of the Church in general and the needs of individuals specifically, who may be unable to provide for themselves.

The GRACE Builders Team has had a very active and successful year. God has called us to help many people who are unable to help themselves, and to work for His Church. God continues to provide the resources we need to do that work by calling many faithful and effective workers and people who support us with materials, money and prayers. We have NO line item in the church Budget, so we operate by the generosity of individuals, special fundraisers and support from foundations like Troutman and Thrivent.

We divide most of our activities into two categories, OUTREACH (which we call "Mission or Ministry") and INTERNAL (which we call "Repair or Maintenance").

OUTREACH: Our primary focus is helping people who have physical needs which they are unable to address on their own. Some of this year's projects are:

- **"Two Trailers" Project**
Two families had possession of two donated trailers but did not have the resources to get them installed to a livable condition. They had been trying for 18 months. Over a few months, we completed the installation and secured Building Inspector approval for them to move in. This was completed just before Christmas.

Volunteer Hours- 440 # Volunteers- 19 Cost- \$2,270

- Holtsclaw Trailer Project
 This family's mobile home is falling apart. The family consists of three adults. The father suffers from many medical issues, including heart attack, cancer, emphysema and is unable to work. His daughter now works at the cafeteria at Lees-McRae College. Her daughter has a learning disability and does not work. We patched the home as best we could to get them through the winter and to buy time to find a donated, replacement trailer. We built a temporary wheelchair ramp and put on a temporary roof. We have found a donated unit and are awaiting its release to us. The cost to move and install this unit represents the most costly project we have taken on.
 Volunteer Hours- 70 # Volunteers- 11 Cost- \$262 (to date)
- Owens Trailer Project
 This home is occupied by a woman who has no living family and suffers from some mental issues. She has very little income and has to rent the space where her trailer resides. The roof has deteriorated to the point that it was leaking badly and is too weak to support repairs directly to it. Her ceiling had fallen in as well. We built a permanent, free standing roof over the entire trailer, completed in May.
 Volunteer Hours- 385 # Volunteers- 16 Cost- \$1,827
- Helping Hands Wood Lot
 During the last Heating Season, we provided more than 250 truck loads of free fire wood to families who heat with wood, but can't afford to buy it. We cut, split and deliver as needed. At a conservative value of \$100 per load, we were able to provide to these families \$25,000 worth of heating fuel. We acknowledge the four professional tree service people (Buddy Optekar, Wendell Hicks, Ken Sutton and Chris Mason) who provide a large portion of raw wood to us. Thanks also to the Hunger Coalition and WeCAN agencies that do the screening and assist us in other ways with this ministry. We anticipate the upcoming season will require 350 truck loads because of the increase in heating fuel prices. We have been working several days each month in preparation for this winter.
 Volunteer Hours- 963 #Volunteers -74 Cost- \$2,030
- Smaller Outreach Projects
 Our Team groups and individuals have completed many smaller projects including home repairs, clearing downed trees, cleaning gutters, loading and moving families and repair/maintenance for other outreach agencies such as OASIS and Hospitality House. We have been offered the donation of two more trailers. We are currently evaluating the feasibility of taking on these units to help other families.

INTERNAL -- Repair and Maintenance

- Parking Lot Expansion
 We completed the construction of the support walls that allowed us to expand the number of spaces by 9. The majority of the costs were donated by two generous families of the congregation (about \$6,000).
 Volunteer Hours (this year)- 144 # Volunteers-10 Cost (to us)- \$220
- Kitchen Remodeling
 We supported the kitchen expansion, which included rebuilding the floors, adding ventilation, installing a gas stove, replacing the refrigerator and adding additional cabinets.
 Volunteer Hours- 515 # Volunteers- 14 Cost (to us) - \$201
- Sanctuary Lights
 We removed the old lights and installed new light fixtures in the Sanctuary. The new lights use about 75% less energy and the bulbs will last about 5 times longer, requiring less frequent

scaffolding for changes. We also added the suspension systems for banners and mobiles for the Arts and Faith Team and for Altar Guild.

Volunteer Hours- 160 #Volunteers- 7 Cost (to us)- \$40

- "Adopt-A-Project"

The Adopt-a-Project was active, with many projects being adopted by individuals, several of which have been completed. Some completed ones of note are:

- Added ventilation to both office rest rooms
- Cleaned and organized the attic for storage
- Landscaped above the new parking lot wall
- Made several repairs to Grace Place
- Stained several areas in the church
- Removed disposal from kitchen sink

<u>SUMMARY:</u>	<u>Volunteer Hours</u>	<u># of Volunteers</u>	<u>Cost to G.B. Team</u>
OUTREACH	1,858	100	\$6,389
INTERNAL	<u>849</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>\$442</u>
TOTAL:	2,707	141	\$6,831

We continually INVITE others to JOIN us in the work Christ has called us to do. HE can use ANY and ALL of your skills and talents in this work. Thanks to everyone who has supported us with work, materials, money and especially your prayers. You are the "Helping Hands in the Service of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

Blessings in His name,
Harold Stophel, GRACE Builders Team Leader

Learning Ministry

Christian Education is an important part of a child's faith development and an adult's spiritual growth. Our mission is to strive to provide a well-rounded emphasis in teaching love and the will of God to our members. At the same time, we encourage everyone to share God's love and will with others.

This past year we continued to carry out our mission in Sunday School classes by taking an offering and collecting food to help others. Grace Lutheran provides Sunday School for children ages Preschool through 5th grade, and a nursery for young children up to 3 ½ years old. We have confirmation classes for 6th-8th graders. We had seven confirmation students go to confirmation camp with Vicar Dave and Lauren Wegner in June and we had fifteen youth confirmed on May 11! The Lenten mentor program continues to do well, as we had over 50 youth and adults working together to grow in faith and spiritual learning over a six-week timeframe.

We have new leadership in the High School Sunday School class ready for fall/spring 2008/09 and we are still maintaining three adult Sunday School offerings. Grace Anatomy (formerly Family Circle) and the Fellowship Class have been meeting in Grace Place, but will relocate within the church building to accommodate new housing for Vicar Jonathan and his wife. The Chapel Class (traditionally known as the "Upper Room Class") provides a traditional Bible Study format.

Our average attendance for Sunday School from May 2007 to June 2008 has averaged just over 100 adults and children. These numbers historically drop during summer, but resurge during the school months.

Chris Watson, our children's music director, has stated that the past Sunday School year was the most productive and meaningful for him as an instructor. He continues to produce high-quality and significant children's choir productions, as well as consistent music/praise music during Sunday School.

Vacation Bible School was a success this past June under the leadership of Debbie Berry and Scott Evans. We had over 75 children, youth, and adults join together to bring us a week of fun and Christian learning. Scott Evans shadowed and worked closely with Debbie as this was her last year in directing VBS—Scott will assume full directorship next summer.

The Learning Team continues to work with the Nursery sub-committee to make sure needs are being met for our youngest Lutherans. Guidelines and handbooks have been revised to meet better safety standards and new church insurance policies.

The Director of Christian Education was Matt Roberts, and the chair of the Learning Team was Laura Seagle. We have been blessed with many returning Sunday School teachers who are passionate and kind in their instruction. We have also recruited new faces for teachers for the upcoming 08/09 year.

Our goal is to continue to follow our church's mission statement while providing new and creative ways to reach out beyond the church building to share God's love with others.

In His Grip,
Matt Roberts

Property Team

The Property Team has had a very productive year. Thanks to a lot of volunteers and GRACE Builders, we were able to complete the retaining walls in the parking lots to gain more parking spaces. Also the new light fixtures in the Sanctuary were installed, which has lowered our electric cost this year by approximately 10%.

The renovation of our kitchen was completed. We switched to natural gas for our cook top and had a meter installed. We added a new large gas cook top, two new microwaves, two new larger ovens, a new commercial refrigerator, new counter tops, resized the cabinets and refinished the doors, fixed the floor and laid new linoleum. We also added a breaker for more outlets to be installed due to low wattage and problems with the breaker always kicking off. After completing the construction, we painted the walls and trim a neutral color to match.

The roof over the Choir loft was finally fixed. Preston Reece along with Randy Blake Carpentry took off the side cover on the steeple and fixed flashing and we have been leak-free since February.

We also had a lot of smaller projects. We replaced the combination lock on the office door which was broken, repaired the washing machine at Grace Place, and repaired the ice maker and the drain in the kitchen. The door to the basement was leaking and the threshold was rotten. We

replaced the threshold and added flashing at the top outside. Green's Construction installed a drain outside the door to prevent water from building up.

The quilt that was found at Bethany Lutheran Church, which the members of Old Mt. Pleasant church signed, was framed out of wormy chestnut by Mr. Keary Norris and hung on the wall in the Fellowship Hall.

Due to our annual maintenance services we have on our appliances and our heating and cooling systems, we were able to detect problems before more serious damage was done. We found that our coolant was leaking from our A/C unit so we had a valve replaced. The bearings were worn out in our pump in the boiler and we are waiting on the new parts to come in for that repair. We also discovered our dishwasher needed to have the hoses replaced.

We received some water conservation kits from the Town of Boone and installed them where they would fit, which should help cut down on the water usage. The toilet in the office hallway had to have the bolts in the tank replaced and the flush system replaced. We also had a faucet installed outside the kitchen door to water the flowers. We had programmable thermostats installed in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall to help with cutting energy costs.

It was also noticed that the outlets in the basement where Jennifer, Kristi, and the Vicar had their computers plugged in were not grounded. We had a new breaker installed in the kitchen upstairs and had a new line run that is grounded to all of the outlets on the outside wall of the basement offices. Also, we had two GFI's installed in the Sanctuary to replace outlets that were not grounded.

We repaired the shingles on the Grace Place where they had been torn loose from the wind and cleaned the gutters. During our spring and fall clean-up we were able to spread ten yards of mulch (mostly on the bank) and plant flowers and shrubs around the retaining walls.

Lastly, the Property Team will be turning the Grace Place into the new Vicar's house. This will require painting, carpet cleaning, changing locks, and moving all furniture and supplies into one room to store until we get in the new property.

Submitted by:
Preston Reece, Property Chair
Jennifer Bryan, Staff Liaison

Stewardship Ministry

The Stewardship Ministry Team's theme for this year was '**Caring for Creation,**' and next year we will have another focus. Our reason for this was in part due to the Lily Grant that the congregation received. Through both of these means, the following were accomplished this year:

- The Caring for Creation Team met and had a **retreat** in the fall.
- **Newsletter articles** were written.
- **Bulletin boards** were put up to educate the congregation.
- The **Fellowship Team** helped with discontinuing Styrofoam and encouraging use of real dishes and offered assistance training individuals in using the energy efficient dishwasher.
- The focus of the **midweek Lenten services** was Caring for Creation.

- **Joint Adult/Youth Sunday School** was held on biodiversity.
- Several of the **fellowship Sunday School classes** were related to caring for creation.
- We had a **Caring for Creation service** in April.
- **Classes have been offered on weeknights** to help educate individuals about how we can encourage caring for creation on an individual level.
- We've tried to **educate** individuals about their "global foot print" and how small actions may affect the world locally and globally.
- In addition to a **sending service for Pastor Tim**, the gathering at Lutherock was to **encourage building up the community at Grace and to enjoy and experience God's creation**. It also was to allow the congregation to see what they helped build.
- **Several Sunday services** have dealt with caring for creation, especially Jesse Lutabingwa's sermon. His sermon, the Food for the Poor sermon, and the Bishop's sermon were all set up under the guidelines of the Lily Grant.
- **Vacation Bible School's** youth and adult programs had a caring for creation theme.
- Fifteen **camp scholarships** were given out to support youth attending camps with a caring for creation message.
- We are still working on getting an **environmental audit** done at the church. It's been hard finding an individual or a group of individuals who do this.
- We will complete the Lily Grant with the **gathering on Aug 17th** at the Daniel Boone Inn. Here we will welcome Pastor Tim home officially with music, sharing, a wrap-up of what the congregation has accomplished with the help of the Lily Grant, and hopefully some sharing by Pastor Tim and/or his family of sabbatical experiences. **Ya'll come. It should be fun.**

Thanks to all those on the **Caring for Creation Ministry Team**. Thanks to **Kevin Patterson** who was the council point person dealing with fulfilling the Lily Grant requirements for the congregation. And most of all **THANKS to Ann Kelly** who coordinated us all, keeping us all on task and encouraging us to sometimes step out of the comfortable box we often find ourselves in.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Venable

Edwin F. Troutman and Family Foundation

The Troutman Foundation distributes grants that will help to fulfill the mission of Grace Lutheran Church. These grants are funded semi-annually with a portion of the interest and gains earned in the foundation's investment account. Applications for Troutman Grants are reviewed and voted on by the Troutman Board. The Troutman Board for 2008 includes Pastor Tim Smith, Kate Burgess – president, Kitty Rominger – vice president, Betty Koontz – treasurer, and Jan Burgess – secretary.

For 2008, the Troutman Board approved grants totaling \$14,316.93, and grants distributed to date total \$6,450.00. The remaining \$7,866.93 is available for grant applications due by September 1, 2008. Grant recipients for 2008 are as follows.

American Church in Berlin received funding to aid the purchase of a new building after losing their lease. ACB is a mission congregation of the ELCA.

Ann Kelly received funding to defray the cost of a required prerequisite Greek course for her entrance into seminary.

Grace Builders received funding to help cover costs of raw materials used in repairing the homes of several local families.

Grace Lutheran Sr. High Youth received funding for their spring mission trip.

New Generation School & Libros Amigos both received funding to help develop libraries in Nicaragua as well as outreach programs of those libraries.

As Grace Lutheran Church and Troutman are now on different fiscal years, the September 2007 grant recipients are as follows.

Nuevas Esperanzas received funding for literacy programs in Nicaragua, including building an additional library.

Sugar Grove Developmental Day School received funding to purchase supplies for the school.

Hope Pregnancy Resource Center received funding to provide baby items to clients.

Appalachian Family Literacy Project received funding to help defray transportation and meal costs of the program.

Watauga Literacy Association received funding to train literacy tutors and purchase text books.

LSA received funding to help with the costs of their educational and spiritual pilgrimage to Martin Luther sites over spring break 2008.

Grace WELCA

Mission Statement

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Purpose Statement

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness, in the church, the society, and the world.

There have been three active WELCA groups at Grace during the past year.

- The **Lizzie-Estelle Circle** met on the second Wednesday of each month at either the church or at a member's home. Lizzie-Estelle service projects the past year have included Parish Projects for Lutheran World Relief, including school bags, soap collection, and sewing kits. A bazaar and silent auction were held on October 7, 2007 and over \$2100 was raised for LWR. The members also provided baptismal napkins and individual confirmation banners for members, supported local families with monetary gifts at Christmas, made pillows for breast cancer patients through Reach for Recovery, and made and supplied Quiet Bags for the children of the congregation to use during the services. Lizzie-Estelle Officers for 2008 - 2009 are: President - Jennie Hallsey, Vice President - Jeri Cole, Secretary - Carol McCubbins, and Treasurer - Gail Lund.

- The **Mary-Martha Circle** met on the first Saturday of each month. Mary-Martha's major service project included the restoration and framing of an antique quilt that came from the Old Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church congregation. The quilt was a fund raising project for the formation of the mission church that is now Grace Lutheran. The quilt can be seen hanging in the Fellowship Hall. Mary-Martha Officers for 2008 are President - Judy Wellborn, Secretary - Becky Hutchins, and Treasurer - Norma Cook.
- The **Quilters group** is made up of women interested in helping with various parish projects for Lutheran World Relief. They met on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall to make quilts to be sent to LWR. In October, 2007, 33 quilts were dedicated and either sent directly to LWR or were given to congregational members who made a donation to LWR.

Chris Connor
Grace WELCA President

Worship and Music Ministry

1. The committee discussed the use of printed bulletins for the Sunday morning services. It was decided to continue the use of printed bulletins, with the understanding that the office would use space prudently so that not so much paper is used. The bulletins are vital for enhancing the worship experience of visitors and infrequent worshipers, and greatly enhance the worship experience of all at the services. Discontinuing the use of them would be detrimental to the worshipping community.
2. The committee discussed the utilization of personnel and church members during Pastor Tim's sabbatical, and agreed to a schedule of how this would be handled.
3. The committed discussed the schedules of tuning and maintenance for the organ and the church's pianos, and the expenses involved.
4. The committee agreed to the installation of inconspicuous cords on the rafters to use for hanging banners and other worship-related items toward the front of the sanctuary.
5. The committee discussed and arranged the profile of the Lenten services.
6. The committee discussed the utilization of the new hymnal, and the importance of the regular introduction of new hymns from the hymnal to the congregation.
7. The committee discussed in detail and submitted budget requests for the new fiscal year.

Submitted by Alan J. Hauser
Committee Chair

Youth and Families Ministry

The goal of Youth and Family ministries is to promote and encourage youth, intergenerational, and family programs that draw the church closer in fellowship, and to develop and support congregational opportunities that serve God and our community.

Sr. High Prayer Breakfasts. This ministry resurfaced over two years ago, and has become a staple offering for our youth and evangelism (yes, they bring their friends, too). The numbers range from 4 to 17 youth, but a consistent core of 9 youth have been attending.

Current status of **Sr. High Youth:** Recently completed a very meaningful mission trip to Cincinnati where 16 youth and four adult leaders attended. The Sr. High program is now looking its strongest since my tenure and is a good mix of lower and upper classmen as well as a more balanced male/female presence. Everywhere I take them, people brag on their work ethic, willingness to help, and the positive energy they bring. This is a strong group not to be overlooked—please continue to cultivate their energies for the entire congregation’s benefit!

Current status of **Jr. High Youth:** Many of the Jr. High group have now moved into 9th grade, leaving this group a bit smaller than usual. However, we still have a wonderful core of 7th and 8th graders and a few 5th graders moving up. This is still a very active group with many interactive facets: confirmation instruction, Lenten mentor program, Dinner and Devotions, and service projects.

Current status of **LutherKids:** Jayne Dowdy still provides a great deal of support with this age group. She has been a consistent and reliable liaison that helps with advertisement, mailings, and leading trips for this age group (2nd-5th grade). They have taken many trips in the past year, including Grandfather Mountain, bowling, and their own lock-in!

Lunch Bunch: This faithful group has taken many neat trips in the past year: We have seen a play regarding organized religion (“Doubt”), visited the huge Chrismon store in Salisbury, provided care packages for our college students, and have analyzed films through the lens of the cross during the winter months. I have also enjoyed leading Bible Study on Thursday during staff transitions.

Children’s Church has finally seen some consistency in leadership and volunteers. I have some youth that absolutely love working with Children’s Church (not to get out the sermon—they work hard!). Jessie Roberts is now the sole leader of Children’s Church, but some relief must be found soon as baby Lucy is due in August and as I transition from staff.

Recent outreach and mission: The Cincinnati trip was probably the most meaningful (and hardest) trip I have ever taken with our youth. Twenty of us in all (including adult leaders) had the opportunity to work and share Christ’s love in low-income neighborhoods. We cleared two lots of brush (have the poison ivy to prove it), put an entire roof on a Habitat house, painted, mowed, cleaned, learned about homeless ministry in downtown Cincy, fellowshipped with other Lutheran teenagers (very important), and sang for worship at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. We slept on the floor, took showers at the Y, and no one complained!!! The seeds and memories from this trip will stay with these youth for a lifetime—I know they will with me! Pastor Sarah is spearheading the ‘09 NYG trip to New Orleans and the youth are already excitedly talking about this.

I hope that **Dinner and Devotions** will continue to be a thriving venue for our youth. The families and parents get involved and take ownership, and this in turn saves the church a lot of expenses (mostly food). We never have a problem finding a new home to host us—this is a great way for new families to get connected in the life of our church and ministry. It also speaks well of the youth's commitment to evangelism as most every D&D has a few friends and visitors tag along.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Roberts

Membership Statistics for Annual Report

Membership statistics are reported to the NC Synod on a calendar year basis. The following statistics were reported for Grace Lutheran Church for Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2007:

Baptisms:

Children	13
Adults	2
New Members:	41
Confirmations:	4

Members removed from rolls:

By death	5
Transfer	18

Total baptized members:	659
Total baptized & confirmed members:	859
Total voting members:	365

(Voting members are those who are confirmed, have contributed and communed in the preceding year.)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Statement of Financial Position
July 31, 2008

Assets

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Funds for Current Use		
High Country Bank Checking		\$102,128.85
Funds for Long-Term Use		
HCB Money Market	\$430,514.67	
Edward Jones Money Market	<u>\$243,931.89</u>	
Total Funds for Long-Term Use		\$674,446.56
NC Sales tax refund, other receivables		<u>\$4,740.76</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$781,316.17</u></u>

Liabilities & Fund Balance

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Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payables	\$1,069.90	
Payroll Items	<u>(\$765.18)</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$304.72
Other Liabilities		<u>\$7,702.60</u>
Total Liabilities		\$8,007.32
Fund Balance		
Total Unrestricted Funds	\$9,564.07	
Total Temporarily Restricted HF	\$661,705.64	
Total Permanently Restricted HF	<u>\$102,039.14</u>	
Total Fund Balance		<u>\$773,308.85</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal & Net Assets		<u><u>\$781,316.17</u></u>

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Summary of General Revenues & Expenses
Year-to-date, Through July 31, 2008
(for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008)

Revenues	YTD Actual (9/1/07 - 7/31/08)
Offerings	
Tithes and Offerings	\$551,503.77
Miscellaneous Income	\$5,895.97
Total Revenues	\$557,399.74
Expenses	
Personnel	
Senior Pastor	\$89,425.48
Associate Pastor	\$40,388.51
Youth & Family	\$42,538.87
Music	\$29,653.68
Intern	\$15,589.33
Office Staff	\$82,805.61
Other Personnel	\$21,478.52
Other Personnel Expenses	\$26,958.91
Total Personnel	\$348,838.91
Benevolences	\$63,820.76
Worship	\$8,127.37
Ministries	
Care Ministry	\$771.28
Fellowship	\$2,442.85
Youth & Family Ministry	\$4,093.60
Learning Ministries	\$5,675.89
Evangelism	\$7,291.04
Community Action Ministry	\$48.80
Campus Ministry	\$3,868.32
Arts & Faith	\$315.30
Total Ministries	\$24,507.08
Stewardship	\$100.69
Church Facilities	
Utilities	\$19,852.22
Property	\$34,902.83
Office Expense	\$25,227.32
Grace Place	\$4,108.25
Total Church Facilities	\$84,090.62
Miscellaneous Operations	\$18,350.24
Total Expenses	\$547,835.67
Net Total	\$9,564.07

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Holding Fund Balances, Year-to-Date
(for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008)

Temporary Restricted	9/1/2007	Restricted	Restricted	7/31/2008
	Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Balance
Church Projects				
017572 - Young Adult SS Class HF	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
017579 - Fellowship Class Holding Fund	\$797.92	\$538.00	\$1,126.84	\$209.08
017595 - Bible Study Supplies	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
017597 - Upper Room Class Holding Fund	\$0.00	\$1,768.54	\$1,334.50	\$434.04
017600 - Pew Bible Fund	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Pastoral Projects				
017402 - Pastor's Discretionary Holding Fund	\$1,821.31	\$22,916.38	\$21,904.14	\$2,833.55
017543 - Crossways Holding Fund	\$6.18	\$0.00	\$6.18	\$0.00
017554 - Rental Deposit/Intern Apt. Holding	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
017565 - Ministers of Grace HF	\$101.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$101.45
017580 - Contemplative Day HF	\$242.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$242.00
017583 - Mississippi Mission Trip	\$30.03	\$1,952.01	\$1,773.95	\$208.09
017588 - Card Project HF	-\$74.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$74.50
017592 - Vicar Supplemental Holding Fund	\$7,461.31	\$200.00	\$7,439.98	\$221.33
017593 - Clemo Assistance Fund	\$13,798.08	\$280.00	\$14,078.08	\$0.00
017598 - Seminarian Holding Fund	\$0.00	\$2,834.79	\$334.79	\$2,500.00
Lilly Grant 2007 0800-000	\$0.00	\$43,953.00	\$41,106.00	\$2,847.00
Total Pastoral Projects	\$24,285.86	\$72,136.18	\$87,543.12	\$8,878.92
Youth Projects				
017502 - Sr. High Youth Missions HF	\$6.76	\$2,835.57	\$1,611.83	\$1,230.50
017529 - Camp/Conference Grant Holding	\$879.50	\$0.00	\$370.00	\$509.50
017563 - National Youth Gathering HF	\$3,256.92	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,756.92
017569 - Children/Youth Projects HF	\$1,683.86	\$100.00	\$904.76	\$879.10
017585 - St Croix Projects Holding Fund	\$4,831.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,831.30
Total Youth Projects	\$10,658.34	\$4,435.57	\$2,886.59	\$12,207.32
Campus Projects				
017517 - Campus Ministry Holding Fund	\$396.74	\$1,452.08	\$477.92	\$1,370.90
017523 - Campus Mission Trips	\$1,541.69	\$57,141.41	\$57,262.17	\$1,420.93
017526 - Pathway Holding Fund	\$738.80	\$0.00	\$738.80	\$0.00
017558 - LSA Parking Fee Fund	\$5,798.64	\$1,980.00	\$2,645.25	\$5,133.39
017573 - Alumni Fundraiser HF	\$356.00	\$0.00	\$356.00	\$0.00
017589 - Nicaragua Library Project	\$32.00	\$1,587.00	\$1,587.00	\$32.00
Total Campus Projects	\$8,863.87	\$62,160.49	\$63,067.14	\$7,957.22
Property Projects				
017505 - Vehicle Replacement Fund	\$18,706.43	\$12,632.75	\$0.00	\$31,339.18
017533 - Building/Facilities Holding Fund	\$200.00	\$511,842.56	\$1,854.25	\$510,188.31
017564 - Columbarium	\$2,263.82	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,063.82
017566 - Meditation Garden HF	\$295.24	\$0.00	\$295.24	\$0.00
017591 - Grace Builders	\$2,898.58	\$21,263.58	\$11,963.95	\$12,198.21
Total Property Projects	\$24,364.07	\$545,738.89	\$15,313.44	\$554,789.52
Financial Projects				
017410 - Temporary Account	\$5,205.37	\$60,434.60	\$60,760.35	\$4,879.62
017413 - Giving Tree	\$0.00	\$1,256.00	\$1,256.00	\$0.00
017414 - Staff Christmas Gifts	\$0.00	\$2,429.08	\$2,429.08	\$0.00
017417 - Wedding Fees Holding Acct.	\$600.00	\$2,060.00	\$1,449.55	\$1,210.45

017504 - Memorial Fund Holding Fund	\$1,120.00	\$1,585.00	\$868.96	\$1,836.04
017506 - Special Staff Gift	\$10.08	\$865.00	\$580.08	\$295.00
017513 - Troutman Foundation Holding	\$5,000.00	\$206.98	\$5,206.98	\$0.00
017519 - Housing Equity Holding Fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
017520 - Capital Replacement Holding Fund	\$30,861.99	\$16,000.00	\$3,069.81	\$43,792.18
017534 - Peeler Bequest Holding Fund	\$7,182.06	\$19,722.06	\$12,305.62	\$14,598.50
017584 - Hank Beuttel Music Scholarship	\$1,645.00	\$860.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,405.00
017596 - Seasonal Decorations	\$193.50	\$242.60	\$0.00	\$436.10
Total Financial Projects	<u>\$51,818.00</u>	<u>\$106,661.32</u>	<u>\$89,026.43</u>	<u>\$69,452.89</u>
Music Projects				
017539 - Children's Choir Holding Fund	\$69.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.54
017547 - Organ Holding Fund	\$5,031.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$5,931.00
017562 - Special Musicians Holding Fund	\$2,806.40	\$2,353.86	\$5,160.26	\$0.00
017587 - New Worship Books HF	\$254.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$279.00
017594 - Music/Choir Holding Fund	\$1,275.00	\$289.52	\$1,283.12	\$281.40
Total Music Projects	<u>\$9,435.94</u>	<u>\$3,568.38</u>	<u>\$6,443.38</u>	<u>\$6,560.94</u>
Women's Ministries				
017557 - Women of ELCA Holding Acct.	\$288.97	\$52.00	\$152.00	\$188.97
017560 - Lizzie Estelle Holding Fund	\$684.35	\$1,457.15	\$1,836.39	\$305.11
017599 - Quilter's Group Fund	\$0.00	\$98.20	\$80.07	\$18.13
Total Women's Ministries	<u>\$973.32</u>	<u>\$1,607.35</u>	<u>\$2,068.46</u>	<u>\$512.21</u>
Total Church Projects	<u>\$131,297.32</u>	<u>\$798,974.72</u>	<u>\$268,909.90</u>	<u>\$661,362.14</u>
Local Ministries				
017404 - Hunger & Health Coalition HF	\$0.00	\$264.00	\$264.00	\$0.00
017524 - Habitat for Humanity Holding Fund	\$20.00	\$408.00	\$398.00	\$30.00
017549 - Hospitality House Holding Fund	\$0.00	\$1,300.50	\$1,300.50	\$0.00
017586 - WeCAN Holding Fund	\$1,500.00	\$682.60	\$2,182.60	\$0.00
Total Local Ministries	<u>\$1,520.00</u>	<u>\$2,655.10</u>	<u>\$4,145.10</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Synod Ministries				
017401 - World Hunger-ELCA	\$12.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$212.00
017416 - Disaster Relief ELCA	\$65.50	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$101.50
017419 - Lutheran World Relief	\$0.75	\$2,327.45	\$2,328.20	\$0.00
017561 - Stand with Africa Holding Fund	\$3.80	\$0.00	\$3.80	\$0.00
Total Synod Ministries	<u>\$82.05</u>	<u>\$3,563.45</u>	<u>\$3,332.00</u>	<u>\$313.50</u>
Total Temporary Restricted	<u>\$132,899.37</u>	<u>\$805,193.27</u>	<u>\$276,387.00</u>	<u>\$661,705.64</u>
Permanent Restricted				
Restricted for Long-Term Use				
017525 - Cash Reserve Holding Fund	\$28,895.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,895.84
Funds for Future Use				
018001 - Housing Equity LTHF	\$23,334.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,334.34
018003 - Building Fund LTHF	\$48,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,500.00
018004 - Memorials LTHF	\$6,308.96	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,308.96
Total Funds for Future Use	<u>\$78,143.30</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$73,143.30</u>
Total Restricted for Long-Term Use	<u>\$107,039.14</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$102,039.14</u>
Total Permanent Restricted	<u>\$107,039.14</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$102,039.14</u>