



The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502 October 2019

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday



John, Patty and Michael Plambeck would like to thank Pastor Eric and the Congregation for their continuous support during John's illness. He is expected to spend some time in recovery and rehab, so please continue to keep him in your prayers. We thank everyone who has been sending cards and notes of encouragement and helping us where needed. God bless you all.



Pumpkin Patch Christians

2 Corinthians 3:18

And all of us...are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

For most of the country, the crisp cool air of autumn is soon upon us. A sure sign of autumn is that Christmas decorations are popping up everywhere in retail stores. Halloween costumes and disguises are selling out in stores, as trick-or-treaters are ready to take over the streets. A popular symbol of both harvest time and Halloween is the pumpkin. Simply put, as a child chooses a pumpkin to carve and mold an image upon, so the Holy Spirit carves and molds God's own unique design in each of us.

What starts as an everyday orange squash turns into a lantern of light. What starts as an everyday person turns into a beacon of hope for all to see. We are given the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism. This Spirit molds and shapes us into the child of God that rests within each of us. So let the Holy Spirit continue to mold and shape you into a servant of God and a follower of Christ.

Pr. Eric Teske





From the Church Office



- ♦ PLEASE CONTACT US! HIPPA laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church if there is a member in the hospital. The patient or a family member must contact the church office so we can schedule a visit while you are in the hospital here in Lincoln or Omaha. During office hours, call 402-474-1505 or email office@egrace.org to let us know. Thank you!
- ♦ To contact Pastor Eric after office hours, you can call or text him at 308-708-1146 or email pr.eric@egrace.org.
- ♦ The deadline for the next Greeter will be October 24th. It will be mailed on Tuesday, October 29th.
- ♦ Have you checked out the church's Facebook page? Search for Grace Lutheran Church Lincoln and you'll find it!



If you would like to be included on the weekly email update list (it comes from Constant Contact), please send an email to the office at: office@egrace.org. There is also an email icon on the bottom of the main page of the website that will take you to the sign up page. These messages will normally go out on Wednesday and will also inform the congregation of a member's death.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Meetings are set for November 10th 2019 and January 26th 2020 following Sunday Service



WHO: You, Friends and Family
WHAT: CROP Walk
WHEN: Sunday, October 13th at 1:30 pm
WHERE: First Lutheran Church 1551 S 70th St Lincoln
WHY: Help celebrate the Anniversary of the CROP Hunger Walks by forming a walking team, joining an established walking team or supporting a walker!

The 2019 Lincoln CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 13, beginning at First Lutheran Church at 1551 S. 70th St. Last year was the first time in the history of the Lincoln CROP Walk that experienced heavy SNOW!! Despite this setback, several dedicated walkers completed the entire route!

Registration for the 2019 Lincoln CROP Hunger Walk will begin at 1:00 p.m. at First Lutheran, with a commissioning of walkers at 1:25 p.m. The Walk will begin at 1:30 p.m. The three mile route avoids major intersections and will wind in and out of the area bounded by 70th, South, 58th and A streets - there will be a route map. There will be a water/snack stop at Robert's Park, followed by more refreshments at the end of the walk. Pets are welcome to join you.

Walkers raising \$100 or more in donations will receive a colorful "wheat" t-shirt, designed by Amanda Heier, a member of First Lutheran. Be sure to bring your donation records with you on the day of the Walk. We encourage ALL walkers to register prior to the day of the Walk. Then, all you need to do on Oct. 13, is check-in at the registration desk and receive your special 50th Anniversary sticker!

Please sign-in and join the Grace Lutheran team or make a donation through one of our walkers with this website: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lincolnne/>



The Grace Lutheran Thrivent Financial group will meet on October 6th at 10:30am in the staff conference room. Anyone is welcome to attend and members are especially encouraged to be present to consider some important business.



Wednesday Nights at Grace

Please make this evening a part of your weekly church life and join other friends at one or several of the following weekly events.

- ◆ **Evening Prayer:** 5:30 pm in Christ Chapel.
- ◆ **Family Meal Time:** 6:00 pm in Lesher Hall. Free-will donations accepted.
- ◆ **Adult Bible Study :** 6:20 pm in the Library with Pastor Eric.
- ◆ **Youth Choir Rehearsal:** 6:30 pm at Friedens.
- ◆ **Confirmation Classes:** at 7:00 pm in the conference room.

We are always open to other ideas for activities to be included in our Wednesday Nights at Grace program. If you have a suggestion, please contact the church office. Thank you!

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Wow! Just announce that kitchen clean-up day is August 7th and eleven people show up to help. Grace members are awesome! Thanks to Arlean, Darlene, Beth, Carolyn, Helen, Kathryn, Pat, Jan, Lorraine, Robert and Tricia our kitchen is spic and span clean.

We had it in good shape in a couple of hours and then five of us enjoyed lunch at Braeda. Here's hoping that the sparkle continues!





BAKE SALE BAKE SALE

The Women of the ELCA will be having a bake/bakeless/craft sale on November 10th, the day of our semi-annual meeting. We're calling all bakers/crafters/sewers to get busy and bring lots of good stuff to sell. To the members of our congregation, please consider shopping with us. The proceeds will benefit our WELCA treasury!



Yesterday's Youth welcomes anyone 55 or older. Please come join us Wednesday, October 9th. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in Lesher Hall. 11:00 to 12:00 we meet for some social time. We eat at 12:00 after which we have devotions and a program. The meal is pot luck, so bring a dish to share and your table service and enjoy the fellowship. The program will be the second half of the dvd about Joseph.



Thanksoffering Sunday for All Women of Grace to be held October 13th

As we make our Thankofferings, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. When it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as "cent" or "mite" societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in Thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together and join their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, let us give our Thankofferings. All women of Grace are invited to bring their Thankofferings to our church service on October 13th.



October 31st 5-7pm in the gym!



Find a costume and think of a creative non-scary activity for the kids while passing out candy. If you can't participate, consider a donation of candy or \$'s to buy candy for treats. Donations of candy can be left in the office. Coordinators for the event are Karen Billings, Patty and John Plambeck and Carla Ingersoll. Sign up sheets will be put up in October.

October 6th

Worship Helpers for October

Greeters	Ron & Carolyn Ossian and Dave Ripa
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Steve Rosno
Communion Assistants	Kathie Remington, Dave Ripa, Denny Berens and Beth Kimmerling Dumler
Communion Bread	Cindy Eberspacher
Communion Wine	Lois Schuerman, Dennis & Charlyne Berens, Kathren and Dave Miller
Alter Guild	Kurt and Cindy Eberspacher

October 13th

Greeters	Janice Walker and Jon & Connie Thorson
Assisting Minister	Peter Schnake
Lector	KC Melang-Thoren
Communion Assistants	KC Melang-Thoren, Kathie Remington, Jan Branting and Lorraine James
Communion Bread	Helen Carnes
Communion Wine	Lois Schuerman, Dennis & Charlyne Berens, Kathren and Dave Miller
Alter Guild	OPEN

October 20th

Greeters	Pat Lickei and Lorraine James
Assisting Minister	Tina Loseke
Lector	Connie Whyrick
Communion Assistants	Kathie Remington, Pat Lickei, Lorraine James and Connie Whyrick
Communion Bread	Fran Gade
Communion Wine	Lois Schuerman, Dennis & Charlyne Berens, Kathren and Dave Miller
Alter Guild	Ginny Potts and Carla Ingersoll

October 27th

Greeters	Fran & Kevin Gade
Assisting Minister	Roger Potts
Lector	Julene Lesher
Communion Assistants	Fran & Kevin Gade, Dave Ripa and Jeanette Allen
Communion Bread	Sharon Genthe
Communion Wine	Lois Schuerman, Dennis & Charlyne Berens, Kathren and Dave Miller
Alter Guild	Doug and Sarah Krueger

October Ushers are Robert Stimbart, Neil Larson, Ron Holtgrewe and Mark Billings



From the Church Council:

August: The council had our regularly schedule meeting for August. We did not meet in July. The council has been working on a vision statement for Grace over the past several months. This is the new vision statement:

Be a church with passion for fostering a welcoming community that strives for peace and a sense of belonging.

To start to put the vision statement into action we will be setting up a visitors welcome center. We hope to have it set up by the middle of September. At the meeting we had a special presentation from Rev. Otto B. Schultz, Faith Partners Nebraska. Faith Partners Nebraska is a program that helps churches set up a program related to alcohol/drug issues. You will be hearing more about this next month. The council thanks Rev. Schultz for his time. We want to thank Roger Potts for filling our empty council seat for the remainder of the year. It is also the time of year to start thinking about serving on the church council. Please consider putting your name on the ballot. We will be voting for new council members in November.



September: At the September council meeting we took a field trip inside the church. Jan showed us where the medical bag and first aid kits are located. We also had a discussion on where our wheelchairs are located. We also discussed the visitors welcome center that is schedule to be set up on Sunday, September 15th. It will be located in the Atrium. There will be a guestbook for the visitors to sign. There is also a information card about the church. We will also have a small gift available for them to take if they wish. The greeters will be helping with the visitors table in the Atrium. There will also be information cards and gifts available at the front door. The ushers will be helping at the front door. We have started our review of the church rolls. The council would like you to please consider serving on the church council and putting your name on the ballot. The church will be voting for new council members in November.

From the Worship and Music Committee: handled a number of items. One was the budget. Another was our lack of youth involved in Youth Choir and discussion about collaborating with Friedens Lutheran to do a combined Youth Choir music ministry. I've met in person with both Pastors, their Director of Music, and all of the Youth Choir parents/grandparents from both Grace and Friedens to make sure that everyone was onboard. Rehearsals will be at Friedens, but the combined Youth Choir will sing at both churches equally. I think this is a great opportunity to work together for the betterment of both churches. If you know of any youth interested, please send them my way. I will happily chat about the details with any parents Interested!

From the Congregational Life Committee: Homeless kits were assembled on September 8. Will need a couple of volunteers to distribute, at a yet to be determined date on the PCM-Only 251 Shuttle. Trunk or Treat on October 31. We need volunteers, donations of candy and creative ideas for new games.

From the Property Committee: We upgraded the Nave lighting to LED lights on August 17th. The Stained Glass window project status is that we'll try to refurbish one per year until completed. We met with the ushers and together set up a plan for ways to "Create a Safer and more Secure Church". Bus Service was again discussed. We're planning to remove one large, mostly dead, spruce tree northeast of the building.

From the Finance & Stewardship Committee: We wish to thank all of you who have returned your Time and Talent forms and pledge cards for 2020. We appreciate your willingness to shared your time, talents, and financial gifts for the good of the church. If you haven't had a chance to return your forms, it's not too late. Additional copies are available in the church office. Again, thank you !





MAKING CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL THROUGH GRACE

August Council Meeting Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Present: Doug Krueger, Pastor Eric Lesher, Dave Ripa, Carla Ingersoll, Teddi Reckling, Jan Branting, Fran Gade, Curt Mann, Roger Potts

Absent: Karen Billings

Guest: Rev. Otto Schultz, M. Div., LADC: Faith Partners Nebraska
Fran Gade called the Council meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Devotions: Jan

Rev. Schultz gave a presentation on Faith Partners Nebraska. Topic: Helping Faith Congregations take a team approach to Alcohol/drug issues.

Approval of Council Minutes:

Teddi made a motion to approve the June 11 minutes. Dave seconded. Motion passed.
Jan made a motion to approve the August 6 minutes. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Lincoln Public Schools: Lisa Richardson, Service Coordinator Early child development network. No action Walk to end Alzheimer's: information to be posted on bulletin board SERRV donation request: no action

Pastor Eric's report:

Director of Music Report:

Pastor and Director of Music Reports: Approved as printed.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports:

Curt made a motion to postpone approval of the June and July reports until September when they would be finalized.

Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Stewardship-Time and Talent sheets given to committees—need to contact volunteers. Committee budget requests are due in September for the September council meeting.

Worship & Music-written report.

Parish Ed- written report

Congregational Life- written report-God's Work Our Hands Project scheduled 9/8

Property-written report:

Social Ministry-written report

Memorial: Did not meet

Teddi made a motion to accept the committee reports as printed. Jan seconded.
Motion passed.

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Old Business:

Synod Mission Fund Grant request: on hold

Visitor's Welcome Table: Table to be placed in Atrium by the greeters. Initially, will have a card that will be handed out with church pictures, address and social media information and service opportunities. Start date: September 15.

New Business:

Nominating committee: Mark Billings, Bruce Petersen, Connie Thorson.

Following seats to be filled: Council: 4-3-year, 1-1 year

Nominating Committee: 3 people for the year of 2020.

Being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Roger made the motion And Jan seconded.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Carla Ingersoll, Secretary

Beef— It's what was for dinner on September 16th When individuals from Grace Lutheran served at The Gathering Place. Thanks to the generosity of Kevin, Kaitlyn and Cynthe Dumler, there was lean ground beef utilized by Steve and Regina Paschold to make sloppy joe mix. Carla Ingersoll donated the tossed lettuce salad. The menu also included baked beans potato chips and bananas. Desert cakes, brownies (including some left from the FEAST meal served in August), and other treats were provided by Joy Kokes, Roger and Ginny Potts, Fran and Kevin Gade, Sharon Gottsche and Betty Shaw. The high number counts continue with 153 portions distributed on the occasion. Helping serve and clean up were Carla, Sharon, Joy, Ginny, Roger, Fran, Kevin and Steve.

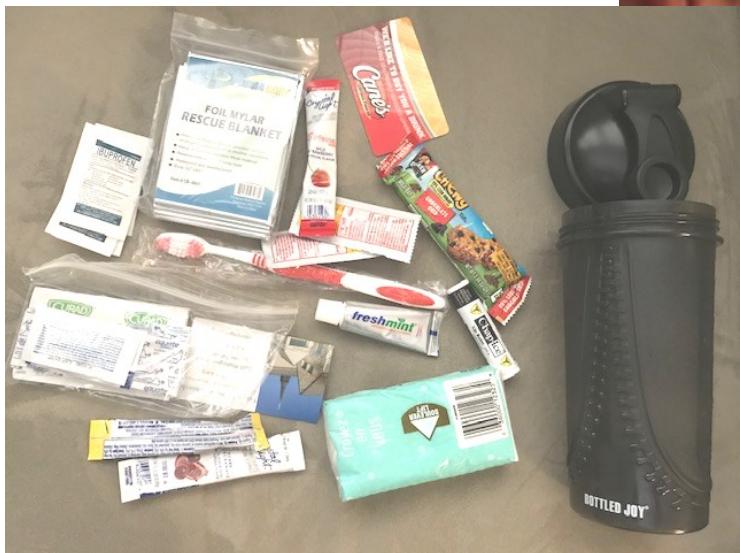


On August 25th, Jan and Terry Branting, Pat Lickei, Sue and Larry Clymer and Steve and Regina Paschold prepared and served The FEAST(Friends, Eating, Singing, Sharing Together) meal. The FEAST is a ministry to men and women who are or have been incarcerated along with their families each Sunday at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The Menu of Fried Chicken, potato salad, baked beans, tossed salad, brownies and ice cream was very much appreciated as 88 portions were served. This was a Social Ministry Committee activity along with a Thrivent Action Team project which provided funds for the food ingredients and menu items.



God's Work, Our Hands.

Sunday, September 8



Thank you to all the volunteers that participated in God's Work Our Hands Sunday. We now have 50 water bottle kits prepared that will be distributed on the People's City Mission "Only 251 Shuttle" in the near future.



Anniversaries

- 4 Scott & Lori Drake
Glen & Bonnie Drophman
- 7 John & Elizabeth Johnson
- 11 Duane & Sarah Mischnick
- 17 Doug & Sarah Krueger
- 24 Roger & Ginnie Potts



Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Mischnick
- 4 Brian Carnes
Amy Ostermeyer
- 5 Richard Brown
- 6 Erin Krueger
- 8 Larry Genthe
- 10 Gerald Hilde
- 11 Elizabeth Heim
- 12 Reid Genuchi
- 13 Doug Krueger
- 14 Joyce Benedict
- 15 Jason Faust
Aiden McKillip
- 16 J. P Winterfeld
John Winterfeld
- 17 Brent Hoffman
Lindsey Linville
- 18 Duane Mischnick
- 19 Lynnette Lewis
- 20 Ruby Johnson
- 22 Amy Filbert
- 23 Fran Gade
Jim Krueger
Laura Lawrence
- 24 Brittany Hoxie
Dylan Hughes
- 25 Beth Kimmerling Dumler
Marge Nolte
- 29 Todd Lange
- 30 Helen Carnes
- 31 Penny Group
Megan Morrow
Norma Sturgeon

Tuesday, October 1

9:30 am Al-Anon
 6:30 pm BSA Scouts
 7:00 pm Church Committees
 8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, October 2

11:30am Yesterday's Youth
 1:00 pm WELCA
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
 6:00 pm Family Meal Time
 6:20 pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30 pm Youth Choir at Friedens
 7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, October 3

6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Quilting & Lincoln Literacy
 7:00 pm NA & Bells

Friday, October 4

4:00 pm Suzuki music lessons
 5:30 pm YWCA

Saturday, October 5

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, October 6

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am Fellowship
 10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Sunday School & Adult Choir
 3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

Monday, October 7

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy
 7:00 pm BSA Scouts

Tuesday, October 8

9:30 am Al-Anon
 6:30 pm BSA Scouts
 7:00 pm Church Council
 8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, October 9

1:00 pm WELCA Mtg.
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
 6:00 pm Family Meal Time
 6:20 pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30 pm Youth Choir at Friedens
 7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, October 10

6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Quilting & Lincoln Literacy
 7:00 pm NA & Bells

Saturday, October 12

5:00 pm Worship

**Sunday, October 13**

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am Fellowship
 10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Sunday School & Adult Choir
 1:00 pm CROP Walk
 3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

Monday, October 14

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy
 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 15

9:30 am Al-Anon
 6:30 pm BSA Scouts
 7:00 pm WELCA #6
 8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, October 16

5:30 pm Evening Prayer
 6:00 pm Family Meal Time
 6:20 pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30 pm Youth Choir at Friedens
 7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, October 17

6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Quilting & Lincoln Literacy
 7:00 pm NA & Bells

Friday, October 18

4:00 pm BNRR

Saturday, October 19

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, October 20

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am Fellowship
 10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Sunday School & Adult Choir
 3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

Monday, October 21

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy
 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 22

9:30 am Al-Anon
 1:00 pm SLIM in Lounge
 6:30 pm CS Pack
 8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, October 23

12:00 pm WELCA lunch & mtg.
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
 6:00 pm Family Meal Time
 6:20 pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30 pm Youth Choir at Friedens
 7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, October 24**GREETER DEADLINE**

6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Quilting & Lincoln Literacy
 7:00 pm N. A. & Bells

Friday, October 25

3:45 pm Lesher Hall reserved
 5:30 pm YWCA

Saturday, October 26

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, October 27

9:00 am Worship
 10:00 am Fellowship
 10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Sunday School & Adult Choir
 3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

Monday, October 28

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy
 1:00 pm WELCA #2 meeting
 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 29 Greeter Sent

9:30 am Al-Anon
 6:30 pm Scouts
 7:00 pm Council Mtg., W.R.T. Mtg.,
 8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, October 30

11:30 am Yesterday's Youth
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
 6:00 pm Family Meal Time
 6:20 pm Adult Bible Study
 6:30 pm Youth Choir at Friedens
 7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, October 31

6:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Quilting & Lincoln Literacy
 5-8 pm Trunk or Treat
 7:00 pm NA & Bells



Grace Staff and Council Members



Council Assignment to Committees:

Fran Gade:	Council President
Dave Ripa:	Worship & Music Memorials
Carla Ingersoll:	Congregational Life
Curt Mann:	Stewardship\Finance
Karen Billings:	Congregational Life
Jan Branting:	Social Ministry
Teddi Reckling:	Worship and Music
Doug Krueger:	Property & Parish Education

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