



The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502 August 23, 2016
www.egrace.org, facebook.com/glclincn, prayer requests, dialogue and questions welcomed.



Sunday, September 11th
God's Work. Our Hands.
Sunday School Rally day

Come join us in service of our community on "God's Work Our Hands Sunday as well as the kickoff of Sunday School. We are paying tribute to the first responders in our neighborhood. If you want to donate any supplies for the baskets , such as snacks for them to eat, fun games for the firemen to play while at the station, coffee or bottled beverages for them, it can be left in Tyler's office or in the office for Tyler.





For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. - Ecclesiastes 3:1

My favorite season of the year has always been fall. Spring is a close second. I am always amazed at the color that comes out of the green of summer. It is a reminder of the diversity that lies among us all the time. Fall is also a season for change. Change created by the diversity that exists within and among us. As a Lutheran church we will soon be celebrating 500 years of reformation. A time of change during which an ancient church was turned inside out by some reformers who felt the church had lost its connection to the people it served and had turned inward upon itself. This is an interesting perspective because this is a critique I often hear used in describing Lutheran congregations today. Some church historians are claiming a new reformation is upon us. In fact these reforms come about every 500 years or so. But here's the question they ask: Where are the Lutherans? Where is the spirit of Luther roaming around these days? Some would argue that we stuck him in a bottle 500 years ago and that is where he has stayed. But there are some who are exploring the new colors among us as we welcome new perspectives into an old church. So where will Grace be as we enter this 500th year of reformation? We will be stuck in a 500 year old bottle or will we open the bottle in order to let in some fresh air. That's what Luther did and it got the world talking and still talking about what it means to be the church in the world today.

In Christ,

Pr. Eric Lesher

The wine floweth thanks to the generous support of many members of Grace. To all who have contributed communion wine these past twelve months, the Worship and Music Committee thanks you. We are currently creating a new roster of wine donors for the upcoming twelve months. If you would like to remain on the donation list, do nothing. If you would like to become a donating member of communion wine for our services at Grace, please call the church office (402.474.1505) or Dave (402.499.9708) and we will add you to our list. If you would no longer wish to be a donating member, please call and let us know. Again, thank you to all who help make worship at Grace a very meaningful experience. – Worship & Music Committee

From the Church Office

Funeral: Anna Gebhard, July 26

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 September 20th. It will be mailed on Tuesday, September 27.

The Lutheran food pantry needs: juice, fruit, canned beans, canned meals, pasta products. Personal Care items are always needed.

Confirmation class for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will begin on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 pm in the conference room. If your student would like to attend confirmation class, please contact the church office, office@egrace.org or 402-474-1505.

Bulletins have been shared by: Jacob Krueger, Brady Garvin [Churchwide Assembly, New Orleans]; Denny Berens [Grace Lutheran Church, River Forest, IL]

Did You Know?



For many, Lutheran World Relief is synonymous with quilts in its 60 year history. LWR, has provided more than **21 million** quilts for people in need. But it is about far more than that. LWR was started in the wake of World War II when about one-fifth of the world's Lutherans were left homeless. Lutheran churches in the US mobilized to send aid to their German and Scandinavian kin. Shortly thereafter, American Lutherans realized aid was needed beyond Europe and LWR started helping people in the Middle East, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Service to all suffering people - through programs that improved lives and communities – became a vital part of the organization's Christian witness. Quilts will again be part of Grace's donations to Lutheran World Relief this fall.

Summer is the time for fresh vegetables, and on August 15, guests at The Gathering Place were treated to a very healthful meal. Ham was the main course, and Regina and Steve Paschold contributed a tomato/zucchini medley. Carla Ingersoll donated the tossed lettuce salad, and there were cucumbers left from the produce table at Grace. The menu was rounded out with applesauce, bread, and home-baked cakes and brownies, and other treats from Helen and Don Carnes, Joy Kokes, Pat Lickei, Dennis Madison, and Regina and Steve. All of the individuals mentioned above, along with Pastor Eric Leshner, helped to serve and to clean up after 102 portions were distributed. Thanks go to Marilyn Holmquist and Lois Schuerman for recent financial gifts.

- **THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS** – Time to begin meeting regularly again after our brief summer time off. Bring your cup of coffee and join us in the Staff Conference Room at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 4th. Come with new ideas and energy to spare as we will again meet on the first Sundays of each month.
- **WOMEN of the ELCA** – Summer is nearly over and we are about to begin a new year of activities and Bible Studies. The September issue of *Gather* features the first installment of the fall Bible study *When God's Not Fair* by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. We will explore the story of Jonah and the struggle to come to terms with a God who forgives the guilty. From a fall in Oregon to the flood waters of South Sudan to a living room that becomes a space for hospice, this month's authors take us on a tour of unexpected places where God's forgiveness finds us.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2016: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Executive Board meets in Leshner Lounge.

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016: The Unit luncheon will be hosted at noon by Group I with devotions by Kathren Miller. The program will be given by Debbie Way on the topic *The Outstanding Power of Appreciation*.

Saturday, October 8, 2016: Autumn Renewal at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Hastings, Theme - *of many generations*. Isaiah 58:12 *Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt, you shall raise up the foundations of many generations..* This year's theme will feature a fashion show of grandmothers, mothers and daughters.

In October our speaker for the Unit Meeting will be Pastor Adam White

In November Sister Rita M. Pickhinke of Omaha will talk about *Autumn of our Life*.

- It is that time of the year again for Yesterday's Youth: If you are 55 years or older, come join us at Yesterday's Youth, Wednesday, September 14th at 11:30. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in Leshner Hall. From 11:30 to 12:00, we meet for some social time and to get the serving table set up. 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. Drinks are furnished. Come and enjoy the fellowship. The program will be "tell me a story/ tales from the past" See you there.



Tuesday, September 6th— Game Night 5-8pm: Join us for our monthly family game night. Held in the youth room

Sunday, September 11th - God's work our hands & Rally day: Come join us in service of our community on God's Work Our Hands Sunday as well as the kickoff of Sunday school. We are paying tribute to the first responders in our neighborhood. If you want to donate any supplies for the baskets such as snacks for them to eat, fun games for the firemen to play while at the station, coffee and bottled beverages for them, it can be left in Tyler's office or in the office for Tyler.

Sunday, September 25th—Cosmic Bingo 2pm-4pm: Join us for a new take on bingo. Wear your best neon colors and enjoy a cosmic style bingo. Held in the gym.



Wanted: Singers and Ringers

Qualifications: A love of making music in a group, and a commitment to attending rehearsals and worship.

Being part of the musical worship leadership at Grace is a fun, rewarding experience. Being part of a choir means being part of a supportive, caring group that loves music, worship and each other. We challenge ourselves and grow as musicians and people as we lead God's people in song at Grace, and we tend to share a lot of laughter along the way. See which of our groups you might be interested in, and join in! You'll be glad you did!

Adult Choir

Rehearsal time: Sunday mornings, 10:30—11:30

Adult Choir leads worship about 3 Sundays each month. We sing a wide variety of music, and we welcome new singers on all voice parts. We are accustomed to fine music and liturgy at Grace, but in order for that to continue, we NEED singers in the choir! If you are in high school or older, and available most Sunday mornings, give us a try. Our first rehearsal is September 11.

Bells of Grace

Rehearsal time: 7—8:30 p.m., Thursdays

Our advanced handbell ensemble. Some ability to read music is required for this group, as is a commitment to attending rehearsals faithfully and being available when the group performs. We have a very good time working on music for worship and also our Christmas concert. We are sneaking in a rehearsal on August 25th, and then will begin weekly rehearsals again on Sept. 8th

Youth Choir

Rehearsal time: 6:15 –6:55 p.m., Wednesdays

For Grades 3—8; we will sing for worship about once a month. We learn hymns, liturgy, psalms, and anthems, as well as how to use our voice well for singing. This group will start to learn to sing in harmony as well. Rehearsals start September 7th.

Grace Notes Bell Choir

Rehearsal time: 11:30 a.m.—noon, Sundays

Our beginning handbell choir, for both youth and adults. We play for worship whenever we get something ready, and perform in the annual Christmas concert as well. Very low-pressure, and a fun group of people. Rehearsals start Sept. 18th.

Cherub Choir

Rehearsal time: 6:15 to 6:40 p.m., Wednesdays

Preschoolers through 2nd graders learn hymns, liturgy, simple anthems, and how to sing well. We will sing for worship when we are ready, often with the Youth Choir helping us out. Rehearsals begin September 7th.

*Questions? Please contact our
Director of Music, Sara Schott
(402-474-1505/sara@egrace.org)*

We are constantly looking for more ways to live up to our congregation's vision statement: "Making Christ Known to All through Grace." Some of the ways are ongoing; others are new programs or ideas.

New programs

Grant request: One new, special effort involves a grant request we've made to the Nebraska Synod's Immanuel Vision Foundation. We have asked for money to help us provide CPR instruction to our staff, ushers and, if possible, other members who are interested in learning these skills. The Synod's foundation was created to "meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of seniors; respond to needs in community health; and support the ministry of the church." We are hoping the grant money will make our efforts a reality.

Restructured committee: Another new, special effort is centered on creation of a new committee, the Congregational Life Committee, which would merge the Evangelism Committee and Media Ministry Subcommittee. At the congregational meeting in November, you'll be asked to take a look at an outline of the new committee's goals and vision and consider changing the bylaws to adopt this new arm for ministry.

Ongoing efforts

Paint: You will notice the smell of paint at church these days. Many thanks to the Property Committee and other volunteers who are repainting the basement areas that had water damage as well as the custodian's basement apartment.

Bus: The old bus has been sold for \$3,200. No more insurance, licensing or repairs. The council decided to put the funds from the sale into a dedicated bus/transportation fund to ensure that we will have repair money for the remaining bus when we need it.

Policies: The council just approved a new policy regarding keys for the building and is also clarifying the congregation's policies regarding weddings. All of our policies are on our website and will be updated as they are approved. Please review those if you have a question or just call the church office for assistance.

Volunteers: Many thanks to those who filled out the July Time and Talents surveys, letting us know the ways in which you are willing and able to help at Grace this coming year. If no one has followed up and talked with you about how you can serve, please call the office, send an email or hand us a note to remind us you're willing to help. All our committees are listed in the council minutes and online. We need and appreciate all your help to act on all the ideas for service that are coming from our committees and staff.

Budget presentation: As I mentioned in last month's column, we are also creating two budget presentations for you to consider at our annual meeting: the traditional "numbers" budget and a new narrative budget that includes more stories about our work together. We want to highlight both how our gifts are being used and also where we need more help to do the Lord's work in this place.

Back to the beginning: Please help the council develop ways to address our community health needs that I mentioned at the start of this column. I'm sure we haven't thought of nearly every possibility. We welcome all your ideas and suggestions to help our congregation Make Christ Known to All Through Grace.

Dennis Berens, council president

Stewardship Sunday: a chance to show our love for our Lord

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 26: 35-36

Have you ever given food to God? Have you ever given him clothes or a bed for the night? How about a drink of water when he was thirsty? Do you remember doing any of that?

Of course, you have done those things. We care for our Lord every time we care for his people:

when we give to the Prescott Pantry or the Gathering Place or the Good Samaritan Fund.

when we volunteer at or donate to one of the many caring agencies in our community.

when we hold the hand of someone in pain or despair.

when we teach Sunday School, provide food for Fellowship Hour, bake bread or provide wine for communion, serve on a Grace committee, sing in the choir.

when we give our monetary gifts to support our congregation's staff and its programs and those of our synod and the ELCA.

During the week of Sept. 11, you will receive a pledge card in the mail, asking you to indicate what monetary gifts you will give to support Grace's mission of caring and ministry in 2017. Please fill out the pledge card and bring it with you to present to the Lord in a special part of the worship services on *Sept. 17 and 18*. Tim Siburg, the Nebraska Synod's new director of stewardship, will be our preacher for our celebration that day.

If you're not able to attend church that weekend, please mail your card to the church office, 2225 Washington, Lincoln 68502.

We recognize, of course, that we do not earn our salvation by what we do and what we give, but we know we are feeding, clothing and caring for our God when we feed, clothe and care for his people. Both as individuals and as a congregation, we *are* God's hands in this world. What greater joy could there be?



Sampling stewardship

Throughout the Bible, we hear God's commandment to love God and our neighbor not just with our words but with our actions.

When we share with our neighbors the abundance God has entrusted to our care, we love not only our neighbor but also our God. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

Our faith calls us to share a common vision to uphold human dignity and to love, walk alongside and serve people, especially those who are facing poverty and injustice. That means we will act justly, crossing boundaries for the sake of the neighbor. God calls us to set aside our differences and to live lives of love.

Adapted from the ELCA publication "Stewards of God's Love"

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| September 4 | |
| Assisting Minister | Pastor Megan Morrow |
| Lector | Cindy Eberspacher |
| Communion Assistants | Cindy Eberspacher, Brady Garvin, Carol Olson, Jan Branting |
| Altar Guild | Cindy & Kurt Eberspacher |
| Communion Bread | Cindy Eberspacher |
| Acolyte | Kaiden Noecker |
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| September 11 | |
| Assisting Minister | Tyler Johnson |
| Lector | Sharon Genthe |
| Communion Assistants | Arlene Reighard, Don & Helen Carnes, Dave Ripa |
| Communion Bread | Fran Gade |
| Acolyte | Elli Petersen |
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| September 18 | |
| Assisting Minister | |
| Lector | Kyle Givens |
| Communion Assistants | Theresa Serafin, Phil Sorensen & Donna Hansen, Neil Larson |
| Altar Guild | Doug & Sarah Krueger |
| Communion Bread | Tricia Rosno |
| Acolyte | Kyle Givens |
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| September 25 | |
| Assisting Minister | Dean Dumler |
| Lector | Beth Kimmerling Dumler |
| Communion Assistants | Beth Kimmerling Dumler, Ginny Potts, Joyce Krueger, Connie Whyrick |
| Altar Guild | Ginny Potts, Carla Ingersoll |
| Communion Bread | Sharon Gottsche |
| Acolyte | Jacob Schott |
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From Jack Reighard: Thank you so very much for your prayers, visits, and cards following my surgery at Bryan East, and the Rehab Center of Bryan West. A special thank you to Pastor Eric, and to Pastor Doug Allen for their visits.

From Corene Herbster: Thank you for all the cards, prayers and visits by Pastor Eric when I was hospitalized.

June Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Present: Connie Whyrick, Kevin Gade, Barb Smith, Peter Schnake, Teddi Reckling, Wendy Apple, Elizabeth Krueger, Carla Ingersoll

Absent: Pastor Eric Leshar, Denny Berens, Dave Ripa

Vice-President Terry Branting called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Roll call taken

Elizabeth provided devotions and the opening prayer.

Connie W. moved that the May minutes be approved. Barb S. seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Thank you from Noyes Art Gallery for the painting that was bought for the lounge.

Thank you: Special thank you to all the people that made VBS an outstanding event this year.

Staff Reports:

Senior Pastor: Written report

Director of Music: Written report

Director of Faith Formation: Written report

Connie W. made a motion to accept and file for audit all staff reports. Seconded by Barb S. Motion carried.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports:

Financial Secretary's Report: Written report

Treasurer's Report(including Good Samaritan and Voices of Grace): Written report

Teddi R. made a motion to accept and file for audit all financial reports. Seconded by Barb S. Motion carried.

Kevin G. gave overview of audit reports.

General Fund written procedure started. Form for receipts in place and being used. Sandi is working on a mileage form. (note to minutes: Sandi says that the mileage form is in place and being used.) Policy is one signature for general funds. Two options for signature is Pr. Leshar and Jim Krueger.

Columbarium Fund balance due will be paid in June. Fund at this time will be separate. Columbarium Committee will be invited to next financial meeting. Further discussion next council meeting. Term limits for the Columbarium Committee need to be added to Columbarium Policy.

Voices of Grace Fund: Sandi and Sara will count deposits. Two signatures required. Pr. Leshar, Jim Krueger, and Sara Schott will be set up with bank.

Good Samaritan: Two Signatures required.

Contingency Fund: no changes at this time.

Committee Reports:

Parish Education: Written report

Evangelism: Written report. Billboard/signs for visible advertising of Grace. Contemporary service. Committee will put together ideas and present to council in the future.

Property: Written report. Update given on insurance payment for plumbing problems and apartment repair,

Social Ministry: Written report

Stewardship: Written report

Finance: Written report. Organ Repair Fund still open. Question is whether to close and inform congregation that this fund no longer needs donations. Further discussion at next meeting.

Youth: No report

Memorials: No report. Left over from last meeting: Policy and Procedure will be sent to Jan Branting for revision.

Worship and Music: Written report

Media Ministry Committee: No report

Barb S. made a motion to receive and place on file all committee reports. Seconded by Connie W. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Bus Sale: Still working on it.

Council Membership: Leave as is this year.

Narrative Budget: Committees have sent in.

By-Law wording change to eliminate youth position: Peter S. moved that the proposed wording for the By-Law change be accepted as written. Kevin G. seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Change Evangelism Committee to Congregational Life Committee: Composed of Evangelism Committee, Pastor, Director of Faith Formation, and representation from Social Ministry and Parish Education. Peter S. moved that we move forward on creating a Congregational Life Committee and that a constitutional change be presented to the congregation at the November meeting. Barb S. seconded. Motion carried.

Grace Forums on LGBT, Death Penalty, Sexual Harassment: Council in agreement to move forward in investigating these programs to inform members of the congregation. Who should be included in any programs: open to community? Friedens? Will this lead to position statements? Further discussion needed.

Committee and Council July Meetings: Decision made to not have meetings in July.

Annual Meeting: November 13

Meeting closed at 8:30.

There being no more business to bring before the Church Council, the meeting was closed by saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Ingersoll, Council Secretary

Freed & RENEWED
in Christ 500
YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

**Report from the 2016
ELCA Churchwide
Assembly**



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

**nebraska
synod**

Gathering under the theme "Freed and Renewed in Christ," nearly 1,000 voting members - including 24 from the Nebraska Synod - met in New Orleans Aug. 8-13 for the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Full days included worship, legislative action, reports from Churchwide officers and units, updates on ministries, workshops, Bible study, fellowship and more.



Bishop Brian Maas

Among more than three dozen legislative actions, the Churchwide Assembly:

- Overwhelmingly affirmed the "Declaration on the Way," a document noting 32 principles of agreement between Roman Catholics and Lutherans. The document is commended as a study resource as Catholics and Lutherans strive toward sharing Communion and ministry.
- Adopted strategies toward greater diversity within the ELCA (whose minority members represent only 6 percent of its membership) through intentional outreach and raising awareness of both overt and subtle racism in the U.S.
- Adopted the AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) strategy for addressing the complex issue of minors fleeing violence in Central America.
- Elected William B. "Bill" Horne II of Florida to a six-year term as vice president of the ELCA.
- Adopted annual budgets for the next three years of approximately \$64 million annually for ELCA ministries and \$25 million for World Hunger.
- Affirmed efforts to support veterans and their families, military chaplains and all affected by war.
- Adopted strategies for positive investment aimed at supporting peace in Israel and Palestine and reduced energy usage and reliance on fossil fuels.



Thursday, September 1

9:00 am Quilting
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, September 2

5:00 pm YWCA Respite Care

Saturday, September 3

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, September 4

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship, Thrivent Mtg.,
10:40 am Adult Study Forum
3:00 pm Linc. Luth. Choir rehearsal

Monday, September 5

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

9:00 am WELCA Exec. Board Mtg.
9:30 am Al-Anon
6:00 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Committee Meetings
8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, September 7

12:00 pm WELCA lunch and meeting
6:15 pm Children's Choir
7:00 pm Evening prayer
7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, September 8

9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy classes
7:00 pm Bells of Grace, N. A. Mtg.

Friday, September 9

5:45 pm YWCA respite care

Saturday, September 10

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, September 11

"God's Work. Our Hands."

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Sunday School Rally Day,
Adult Choir
3:00 pm Linc. Luth. Choir rehearsal

Monday, September 12

9:00 am Lincoln Lit. classes
1:00 pm WELCA #2 Mtg. Lounge
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

12:00 pm Yesterday's Youth
6:15 pm Children's Choir
7:00 pm Evening prayer
7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

5:00 pm Leshar Hall reserved

Saturday, September 17

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, September 18

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Adult Choir
10:40 am A.S.F.— Lounge
11:30 am Grace Notes bell choir
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

Monday, September 19

9:00 am Lincoln Lit. classes
5:00 pm Gathering Place
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, September 20

9:30 am Al-Anon
6:00 pm Scouts
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

1:00 pm WELCA #1 meeting
6:15 pm Children's Choir
7:00 pm Evening prayer.
7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 24

9:00 am Council Mtg. -Lounge
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, September 25

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Adult Choir
10:40 am A.S.F.
11:30 am Grace Notes bells
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

Monday, September 26

9:00 am Lincoln Lit. classes
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, September 27

9:30 am Al-Anon
6:30 pm Scout Cmte Mtg.
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 28

6:15 pm Children's Choir
7:00 pm Evening prayer

Thursday, September 29

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

**child care provided*



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Larry & Sue Clymer

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Alan & Susan Givens

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Kelly & Justin O'Hara

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Chris & Judi Schroeder

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Todd & Sandra Robinson

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Marvin & Joyce Krueger

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Rod & Debbie Basler



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Tom Lantis
Lindsey Williams

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Ed Hoffman Jr
Christina Riemann

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Mark Block
Nancy Hoffman

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Eugene Grabow

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Kurt Eberspacher

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Curt Mann

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Sophie Ostermeyer
Peggy Pedersen
David Stokke

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Danielle Billings
Ayda Matya

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Jayne Brown
Edward Vader

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Alicia Andersen
Conner Knobbe
Robert Shaw

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Makenna Riemann

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Carol Campbell

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George Sturgeon

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Lily Drake
George Foster
Tina Loseke

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Deb Watson

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Jason Guern

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Cameron Krueger

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Kyle Givens
Maxwell Rathjen

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Susan Coatney

By the grace of God and
the call of the church

Katherine Michele Woolf

will be ordained
to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church

on Saturday, the seventeenth of September
in the year of our Lord
two thousand and sixteen
at twelve-thirty in the afternoon

at Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church
540 D. Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

The Reverend Brian Maas,
Bishop of the Nebraska Synod,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presiding.

Your prayers and presence are requested.

All ordained, consecrated, and commissioned
ministers are invited to vest and process.

The color of the day is red.



God's Work, Our Hands! Help! The Stewardship Committee needs "our hands!" The committee is in desperate need of two or three members. Commitment is a one-hour meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 pm and a few other hours in May and September. Please give prayerful consideration to this plea. With our hands, God's work does not get done. Contact Dave (402.499.9708) or Charlyne (402.440.4063) if you have questions or wish to volunteer.

Thrivent Financial is hosting a "Joy of Giving" event in The Lodge at Wilderness Ridge (1800 Wilderness Woods Place) on September 15th starting at 5:30 pm. For more information please call Julie Ferri at 888-763-5960 or at julie.ferri@thrivent.com.

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Custodian

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Nursery Coordinator

Elizabeth Krueger,

Nursery attendant

2016 Council members and committee assignments:

Wendy Apple—Worship and Music

Denny Berens— President

Terry Branting—Property

Kevin Gade—Finance

Carla Ingersoll—Evangelism

Elizabeth Krueger—Parish Ed.

Teddi Reckling—Finance

Dave Ripa—Stewardship

Peter Schnake—Evangelism

Barb Smith—Social Ministry

Connie Whyrick—Parish Ed. And Memorials

SAVE THE DATE

LINCOLN AREA

CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 9th
1:30 p.m. at New Hope UMC

crophungerwalk.org/lincolnne

Open House: August 28th
2-4p.m. at New Hope UMC



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