



The Grace Greeter

**Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502
August 2019**

Greetings in Christ

We hope this update finds you well, and not too melted from the heat Nebraska has been experiencing recently. We have all officially made it to Minnesota and are working to find new routines, friendships, and fun things to do.

Dustin is enjoying classes at Luther Seminary; he is set to finish his first rotation of classes the middle of August, then have a couple of weeks of vacation before the next round starts; during that time he will make a quick trip back to Nebraska to talk about the MDivX program at the Nebraska Synod Convention. He has jumped feet first into his internship at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. He has already assisted with baptisms, visited with shut-ins, and given his first sermon (you can listen to it online at <http://www.goodshepherdmpls.org/current-worship-series>).



Rachel accepted a new job at Hastings High School as their Library Media Specialist. She is excited for the excuse to read more books and have the opportunity to get into the classroom and work with teachers bringing new technology into their lessons. She is excited that school starts a little later to have time to get things settled, but not looking forward to still being in school in June!

Aislynn and Everett have been super travelers this summer (4500 miles and counting). They are sharing a room for the first time and are super excited to go swimming all the time, either at our complex pool or the splash pool near church. In the fall they will both start Sunday School and Aislynn will join the children's choir at church. They continue to grow and bring joy to the members of Good Shepherd.

We appreciate the prayers and support the congregation and foundation have and continue to provide us. It has been quite the process to move our family and we couldn't have done it without you. We miss you all, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Dustin, Rachel, Aislynn, and Everett



The heavens reveal the wonders of God, and the skies declare what God has done. Psalm 19:1

I have been watching a lot of NASA moon footage on television these days as we remember the historic flight of Apollo 11 and the entire effort of getting to the moon.

Who would ever forget the famous “Earth-rise” picture? A look at ourselves as a planet for the first time. An outside view looking in on a world that looks beautiful and tranquil.

However, we know it is not. We forget the risk and even the death of brave astronauts who made that picture possible. That is why Psalm 19:1 is so important for us.

It helps us remember that wonders and the presence of God are around us all the time. Sometimes all it takes is for us to look up. God’s greatest glory is found in the darkness of the night sky. Not the bright sun but the dark moon helps us see the sky in all its glory.

The sky shines best in the dark. God does God’s best work in the dark. So when the sky of your life is dark remember that the dark sky always reveals God’s best work.

P. n. Eric Tesher

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 August 20th. It will be mailed on **Wednesday, August 28.**

Lutheran World Relief School Kits: Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential.



Include the following items in each school kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide, or college ruled paper approx. 8 x 10 1\2, no loose—leaf paper
- One 30—centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors
- Five unsharpened # 2 pencils with erasers: secure together with a rubber band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½ inch eraser

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in the bag and close. The bags will be located on the table outside the church office. Slips with the supply list are also available on the table. **When the bags are gone, we will collect supplies for Prescott Elementary.*

Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry "Wish List" at this time include:



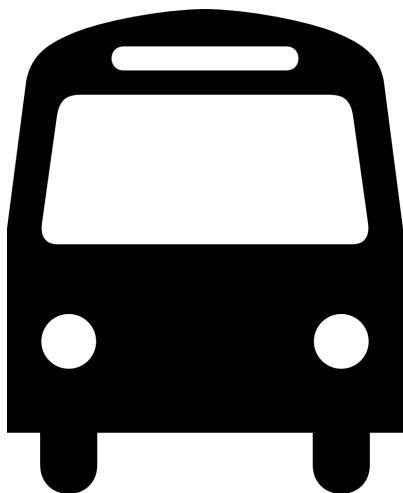
The Lutheran Food Pantry is busy. Any monetary donations or shelf staple items are greatly appreciated, but items that we have an urgent need for now include: Breakfast cereals, Boxed dry dinners (Hamburger Helper), Breakfast bars, Canned fruit, Canned meals (stew, ravioli, etc.), Canned peas, Fruit juice, Pork and beans, Personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, bath soap, lotion, etc.)

Hotel and sample size items like dentists provide are great, too! Monetary donations to purchase food.

Thank you for helping the food needy in our community!

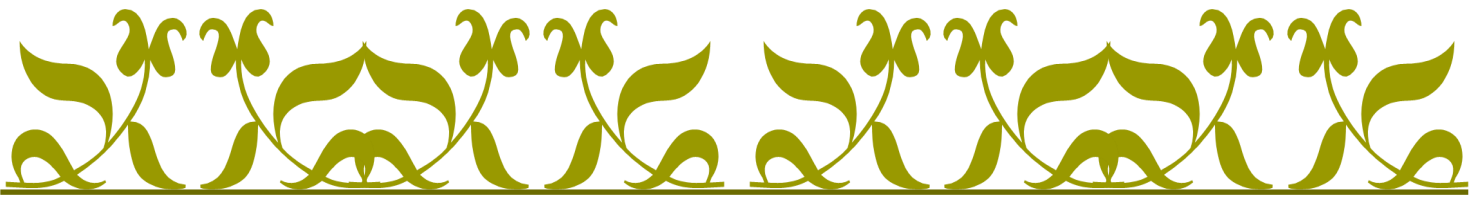
But as for me and my house,
we WILL serve the LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15



The property Committee is Requesting your help to become a once a month Sunday Bus Driver to pickup Church Members who have no way to attend our Church Worship Services. We're looking for four or five volunteer drivers so you would need to drive once a month. Please contact a Property Committee Member or the Church Office to take advantage of this opportunity.

Thank You Roger Potts, Property Committee Chairman



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 September 8th, 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 2019. 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 **September 21st and 22nd**.

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?





THE GATHERING PLACE

June—It is becoming a tradition to have an “indoor picnic” menu at The Gathering Place at least once during the late spring or summer when people from Grace serve there. On June 17th Regina and Steve Paschold coordinated preparation of the meal, which included hot dogs, baked beans, potato chips, hard boiled eggs, and bananas. Beth Kimmerling Dumler contributed coleslaw.

Cookies, cakes and other desert treats were donated by Joy Kokes, Ginny and Roger Potts, Helen and Don Carnes, Jan and Terry Branting and Regina and Steve. Taking advantage of seasonal grocery sales led to a cost per meal (excluding coleslaw and deserts) of just over 50 cents. All of those mentioned above, except for Beth, helped to serve and to clean up after 154 portions had been distributed. Special thanks to Marilyn Holmquist, Janet Jodais, Lois Schuerman and Brady Garvin who mane monetary donations to this important ministry.

July—The count at The Gathering Place when folks from Grace served on July 15th was 110. Program Administrator Lisa Janssen at The Gathering Place surmised that the high heat index might have kept some people away. During the meal Lisa shared that a lady with whom she sometimes converses, mentioned that she was having a bad day, and said the only thing that could improve her day would be the spaghetti dinner. So she was delighted that spaghetti was on the menu. Regina and Steve Paschold prepared the main course. Carla Ingersoll contributed the tossed salad. There was also bread, along with bananas. Various dessert sweets were donated by Fran and Kevin Gade, Joy Kokes, Curt Mann, Brady Garvin, Lois Schuerman and Carolyn and Ron Ossian. All of those mentioned above, except the final three, helped serve and clean up after the meal.

Worship Helpers

August 4th

Greeters : Janice Walker and Kathy Zimmerman

Assisting Minister : Cindy Eberspacher

Lector : Kevin Melang–Thoren

Communion Assistant : Brady Garvin, Dave Ripa, Jan Branting
and Kathie Remington

Alter Guild : Dave and Kathren Miller

Bread Maker : Fran Gade

Ushers : Dave Miller, Kevin Gade and Terry Branting

August 11th

Greeters : Art & Bev Hillman and Jo Miller

Assisting Minister : Charlyne Berens

Lector : Dennis Berens

Communion Assistant : Fran Gade, Cindy Eberspacher, Jan Branting
and Kathie Remington

Alter Guild : Lois Schuerman and Betty Shaw

Bread Maker: Sharon Genthe

Ushers : Dave Miller, Kevin Gade and Terry Branting

August 18th

Greeters : Dave Ripa and Steve Paschold

Assisting Minister : Jacob Krueger

Lector : Cindy Eberspacher

Communion Assistant : Cindy Eberspacher, Dave Ripa, Jan Branting
and Connie Whyrick

Alter Guild : Kurt and Cindy Eberspacher

Bread Maker: Sharon Gottsche

Ushers : Dave Miller, Kevin Gade and Terry Branting

August 25th

Greeters : Ardyth Wolfe and Pat Lickei

Assisting Minister : Tina Loseke

Lector : Brady Garvin

Communion Assistant : Pat Lickei, Jan Branting, Kathie Remington
and Beth Kimmerling Dumler

Alter Guild : OPEN

Bread Maker: Pat Lickei

Ushers : Dave Miller, Kevin Gade and Terry Branting

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School students are encouraged to join us on Sunday September 8 to work with the adults in the congregation in celebrating Gods Work Our Hands Sunday.

Formal Sunday School classes for Pre K to High School students will start on September 15. We will start our Sunday School classes shortly after church services. The children will pick up their snacks and take them to the classroom.

Youth classes will be dismissing between 10:45 and 11:00. Parents should work with the teacher to see where they will meet their child at dismissal time.



After having a chance to reflect on the wonderful tribute with cake, balloons and flowers given to me on the occasion of the retirement as transportation coordinator. I want to send a big Thank You to the congregation at Grace Lutheran Church.

Yes, I have done a volunteer job for my church as many members have done. But I feel that I received so much from this program personally over the past years. I was fortunate enough to have been involved from day one of this program after Phyllis Krueger called from the church office many years ago to talk to me about this need

Thank You Very Much,
Bob Anderson



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Doug & Jeannette Allen
Steve & Tricia Rosno

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Willie & Jeanne Weisbrook

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Kevin & Kimberly Fritchie
Michael & Laura Lawrence

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Dean & Kay Ossian

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John & Brittany Johnson

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Ken & Lisa Holmstrom

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Gene & Lianne Garza

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Larry & Penny Group

24

Henry & Judy Lambert

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Don & Helen Carnes
Steve & Regina Paschold

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Lynn Senkbeil

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Brady Garvin
Hazel Johnson
Edward Meitzen

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Ron Holtgrewe
Steven Leshar
Steven Pozehl

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Jeannette Allen

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Ellie Johnson

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Kathryn Bodfield
Donna Schnell

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David Paschold

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Bev Hillman
Steve Rosno

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Carol Olson

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Jill Marshall
Sullivan Johnson

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Kathy Zimmerman

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Josh Leshar

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Belva Gleason

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Stacy Parent

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Dennis Madison
Andrew Meitzen

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Loretta Ahl

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Kim Mills

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Dave Miller

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Charlie Matya

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Kelly O'Hara
Jillian Jensen





Tuesday, August 20

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

Wednesday, August 21

Thursday, August 22

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilters
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, August 23

Noon –8pm LAFM gym

Saturday, August 24

7:30am –5pm LAFM gym
5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, August 25

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship

Monday, August 26

7:00 pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, August 27

9:30 am Al-Anon
8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, August 28

Thursday, August 29

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilters
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

5:00 pm Worship

**child care provided*

Thursday, August 1

VBS
6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilters
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, August 2

VBS

Saturday, August 3

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, August 4

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship

Monday, August 5

6:00 pm Scouts Court of Honor

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

9:00 am Kitchen Cleanup

Thursday, August 8

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilters
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, August 11

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship, A.S.F.,

Monday, August 12

7:00 pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, August 13

9:30 am Al-Anon
8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, August 14

Thursday, August 15

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilters
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, August 16

Saturday, August 17

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, August 18

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship

Monday, August 19

5:00 pm Gathering Place
7:00 pm Scouts BSA

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Nursery Coordinator

Elizabeth Krueger,
Nursery attendant

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



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