

# *The Grace Greeter!*

**Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Lincoln, NE 68502  
June 2022**

Pentecost: Communication, Creativity, and Community Abound

Pentecost is about communication: Imagine the utter shock to the disciples that they could suddenly speak in other tongues and miraculously understand each other. The concept of more than enough emerges in this season when we communicate better, we not only connect better, but affirm the humanity that is shared between all of us. We can think about how we ground our Stewardship values in the very ethics of the kinds of relationships we experience outside our immediate ones.



**MORE THAN ENOUGH**

As humans, we long for connection with each other, and as Christians, there is an understandably strong desire to invite others to join our spiritual family. Unfortunately, that desire has accompanied a harmful history of imperialism, assimilation, and other methods associated with missionary practices, all of which continue today.,

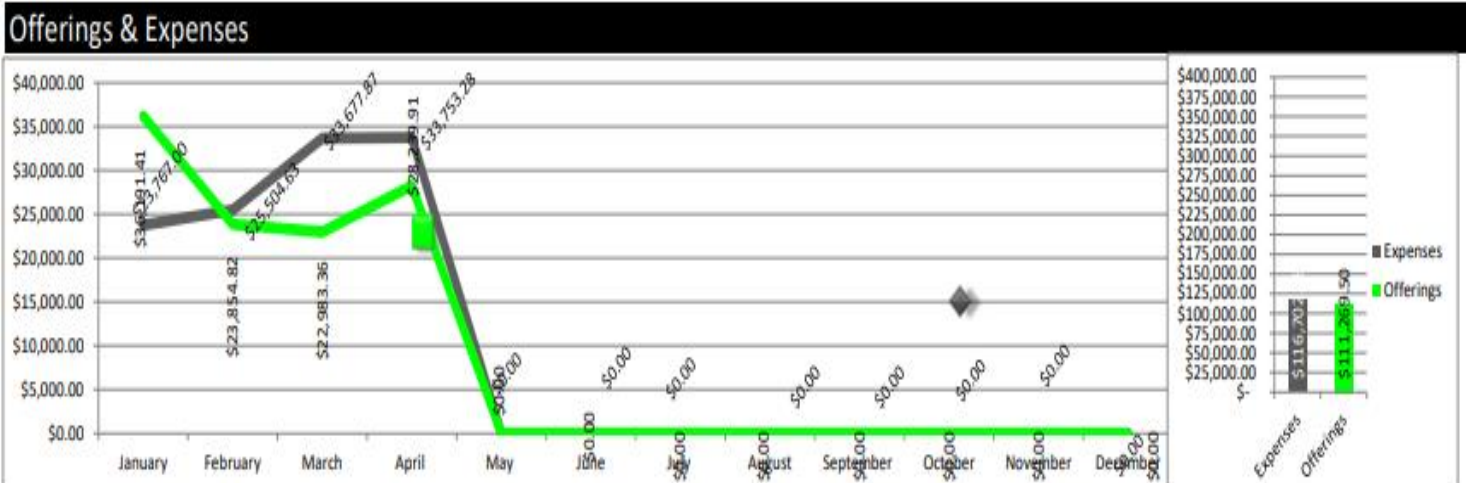
Being in a relationship is an active state of sharing our time with others. What has become profoundly clear this year is that communication is one of the most valuable avenues of connection that we have — to relate, to empathize, to tell stories, to be understood. Communicating better means investing in understanding each other better. If we subscribe to the scarcity mindset that we see played out in our world in numerous exploitative ways, we miss the potential of abundance.[

There are close to 8 billion people that share this precious earth with us. We are not alone. There is more than enough creativity, perspective, and possibility for regeneration if we commit to doing better. Cultivating better relationships starts with how we see other people. If we treat each other with mutual respect, and listen a little harder to each other's needs, we strengthen our connections to each other and our communities, allowing more than enough room to realize bigger dreams and fairer outcomes that affect each and every one of us.



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- ♦ To contact Pastor Eric after office hours, you can call or text him at 308-708-1146 or email [pr.eric@egrace.org](mailto:pr.eric@egrace.org).
- ♦ The deadline for the next Greeter will be **June 20th**.
- To help us stay connected send an email or letter with any personal update you want to share about yourself or prayer concern for someone else. We will post these under news and prayers in our weekly digital newsletter and/or our monthly newsletter.

## Update



### 2022 Giving Envelopes

You can pick-up your box of 2022 offering envelopes in the atrium.

## What is JUNETEENTH?

Juneteenth is a celebration that takes place across our nation in many African American communities commemorating the end of slavery.

The observance dates back to June 19, 1865. This was two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which legally put an end to slavery.



Enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation had been slow and inconsistent. Texas was the most remote state of the former Confederacy. News and Union troops moved slowly.

In Galveston, on June 19, 1865, Union General Granger proclaimed "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer."

Juneteenth has been celebrated since 1865 in various forms across the country. The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.



Grace's Thrivent Financial group will meet on June 5th at 10:30 am in the staff conference room.

Don't forget to wear red for Pentecost Sunday on June 5th!



# MAKING CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL THROUGH GRACE

April Council Meeting  
Thursday, April 21, 2022



Present via Zoom/in-person: Connie Thorson, Glatha Rathjen, Carla Ingersoll, Roger Potts, Amy Knobbe, Pr. Eric Lesher

Absent: Neil Larson, Cindy Eberspacher, Doug Krueger

Glatha Rathjen called the council meeting to order at 7:00PM (meeting in-person and online)

Opening Prayer: Glatha

Discussion Points for Council each month:

We follow our mission: "Making Christ known to all through Grace."

We celebrate our purpose: "That by God's grace we have been gathered to worship, called to witness, and sent to serve."

We seek our vision: "To become a church with a passion for fostering a welcoming community that strives for peace and a sense of belonging."

How have we followed our mission this past month?

We have placed an ad in the Near South quarterly newspaper announcing our location, service times and social media sites. More families and higher attendance during Holy Week.

How have we celebrated our purpose this past month?

There were more services during Lent—adding the noon services on Wednesday and Maundy Thursday.

How have we sought our vision this past month?

Faith Partners Committee continues to define their mission/vision to serve our congregation. There is a post in social media praising Grace for their continued support of Lincoln Literacy.

Approval of March 2022 Council Minutes:

Connie moved to approve the March 2022 council minutes. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

President's Update/Correspondence:

Leon and Leona Craft Grant---Money available to improve accessibility to our facility. Ideas were discussed. Further discussion and ideas will be on the May agenda. If a definite idea is decided upon, a grant proposal will need to be written and submitted.

Staff Reports:

Pastor Eric's Report: Submitted. Will need volunteers to help in the office while Sage is out. No date is set yet. Will use Constant Contact to request the volunteers.

Director of Music Report: Submitted.

Financial Secretary's Report: Submitted

Treasurer's Report: Submitted

Roger made a motion to accept the reports as submitted. Connie seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Stewardship – did not meet

Worship & Music –zoom meeting. Emailed Altar Guild members about recent changes in communion

Parish Ed – did not meet

Congregational Life –Easter Brunch was a success!

Property: met via email. Spring Yard Cleanup was on April 9 and successful.

Social Ministry: The Feast is scheduled for May 22 at Our Savior's.

Memorials – did not meet.

Roger made a motion to accept the reports as submitted. Amy seconded. Motion passed.

Business:

Review Covid Restrictions –No changes during service. Only the Atrium doors will be open during Sunday service. The North doors will be locked. Continue prefilling communion glasses.

Intern Banquet: Seek outside funding for the purchase of a table at the banquet. The cost will be \$500 per table. If the funding is received, the congregation will be asked if eight people will be willing to participate. Participants would be further encouraged to contribute to their Campus Ministry. If we do not have enough people to fill the table, the remaining chairs will be made available to the Campus Center for students.

Betty Shaw Gift: Roger moved that we consider using the Betty Shaw gift of \$7500 toward the possibility of getting better electronic equipment to live stream our online services on Sunday. Connie seconded. Motion passed.

Lincoln Marathon May 1: Matt Knobbe will be asked to provide a map on how to "avoid" runners. Will be distributed to congregation.

Carla read the closing prayer.

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carla Ingersoll, Secretary



Relatively new to **The Gathering Place** is a chalkboard on the porch, which lists the menu each day. Therefore the otherwise frequently asked question, “What’s on the menu tonight?” need not be posed.

On May 16th the bright chalk colors announced hot dogs, potato chips, green beans, carrot sticks, and mandarin oranges. Serving procedures remain unchanged, with two masked volunteers helping to fill containers that are distributed on the porch. Regina and Steve Paschold continue to represent Grace. The daily count of guests served (no seconds) has been steady at around 90.

Another change this year is that, because meals are now offered seven days per week, staff of The Gathering Place take off major holidays, so Grace helpers will not be there on May 30th.

### THE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY

The Lutheran Food Pantry appreciates all donations of shelf-stable food and personal care items. Items needed include (the items with \*\* are especially needed at this time):

- \*\*Cereal, boxed breakfast
- \*\*Chicken, canned
- \*\*Fruits, canned (pears, peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges)
- \*\*Jam and jelly
- \*\*Meals, canned (meatballs & spaghetti, ravioli, etc.)
- \*\*Peanut butter
- \*\*Pork and beans
- \*\*Potatoes, boxed instant mashed
- \*\*Soups, condensed (chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom)
- \*\*Tomatoes, canned
- Breakfast bars (Pop Tarts, granola bars, oatmeal/fruit bars)
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Canned chicken and tuna
- Canned vegetables (especially peas, mixed vegetables)
- Canned beans (chili, kidney, pinto)
- Fruit juice (large bottles or boxes/packets)
- Macaroni and cheese
- Noodles, dry
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Pasta, dry (spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, etc.)
- Ramen noodles
- Rice, 1 pound bags
- Saltine crackers
- Snack items (small packages of cookies, nuts, fruit flavored snacks, etc.)
- Soups, condensed (chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable, cream soups)
- Spaghetti sauce
- Personal care items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)



#### PANTRY HOURS:

Please bring your donations to St. Andrew’s Lutheran at 1015 Lancaster Ln between the hours of 8-3 Tuesday through Friday.



### **Birthdays**

Larry	Group	1-Jun
Emily	Johnson	3-Jun
James	Zak	5-Jun
Darlene	Brydl	6-Jun
Debra	Hilde	6-Jun
Alexis	Lipson	8-Jun
Patty	Plambeck	8-Jun
Anders	Jensen	9-Jun
Michael	Carnes	11-Jun
Jay	Ostermeyer	11-Jun
Bradley	Potts	12-Jun
Kyle	Petersen	13-Jun
Joel	Brown	14-Jun
Ella	Billings	15-Jun
Peter	Schnake	15-Jun
Adam	Brown	16-Jun
Beckett	Jensen	16-Jun
Gracie	Odem	16-Jun
Anne	Senkbeil	16-Jun
Kendra	Jensen	17-Jun
Ansli	Petersen	18-Jun
Chloe	Fitzgibbon	21-Jun
Palmer	Hildreth	25-Jun
Shyanne	Schroeder	25-Jun
Sharon	Genthe	28-Jun
Bruce	Petersen	29-Jun
Connie	Whyrick	29-Jun
Delmar	Motycka	30-Jun

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

David and	Kathren	Miller	4-Jun
Larry and	Cynthia	Watchorn	6-Jun
Arthur and	Beverly	Hillman	7-Jun
Amy and	Jay	Ostermeyer	8-Jun
Debra and	Gerald	Hilde	16-Jun
Charlyne and	Dennis	Berens	18-Jun
Corene and	Keith	Herbster	24-Jun
Christopher and	Nancy	Andersen	25-Jun
Devin and	Jordan	Billings	27-Jun
Anne and	Kevin	Melang-Thoren	29-Jun

# JUNE



# < June 2022 >

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  9:15-10:45 AM: Lincoln Literacy	2  9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Quilting	3	4  8:00 AM-4:30 PM: Boy Scout Craft Fair  5:30-6:15 PM: Worship
5  9:00-10:00 AM: Pentecost Sunday  10:30-11:30 AM: Thrivent Meeting  1:30-3:30 PM: Hillman Open House	6  9:15-11:15 AM: Lincoln Literacy  4:00-6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00-8:00 PM: Scouts BSA	7  9:30-10:30 AM: Al- Anon meeting  4:00-6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00-8:00 PM: Committee Meetings	8  9:15-10:45 AM: Lincoln Literacy	9  9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Quilting  10:00 AM-2:00 PM: Kimmerling Luncheon	10	11  1:00-2:00 PM: Danish Sisterhood  5:30-6:15 PM: Worship
12  9:00-10:00 AM: Holy Trinity Sunday	13  9:15-11:15 AM: Lincoln Literacy  4:00-6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00-8:00 PM: Scouts BSA	14  9:15-10:15 AM: Lincoln Literacy  9:30-10:30 AM: Al- Anon meeting  4:00-6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00-8:00 PM: Wildlife Rescue  7:00-8:30 PM: Council Meeting	15  9:15-10:45 AM: Lincoln Literacy  1:00-2:30 PM: WELCA Group 3	16  9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Quilting  9:15-10:15 AM: Lincoln Literacy	17	18
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26  9:00-10:00 AM: Worship	27  9:15-11:15 AM: Lincoln Literacy  4:00-6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00-8:00 PM: Scouts BSA	28  8:00 AM-8:00 PM: Special Election  9:30-10:30 AM: Al- Anon meeting  4:00-6:00 PM: Lessons	29  9:15-10:45 AM: Lincoln Literacy	30  9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Quilting		



# Grace Staff & Council

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## 2022 Church Council

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Carla Ingersoll

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Social Ministry

Parish Education

Memorials

Property

Stewardship/Finance

Worship/Music

Contact the church office to get connected to a council member.

## Special dates

Pentecost, June 5, 2022

Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022

Flag Day, June 14, 2022

Father's Day, June 19, 2022

First day of summer, June 21, 2022



The **Memorials Committee** would like to express our sincere thank you to the family of **Bob Anderson** for the **three redbud trees** that have been planted on the north side of the parking lot. What a wonderful addition to our landscaping. Bob was instrumental in the landscaping of Grace over many years.



## Art & Bev Hillman's 70th Anniversary

Arthur Hillman and Beverly Wilder were married on June 8th, 1952 at First Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. They will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on June 5th with an open house at Grace Lutheran Church (23rd & Washington) on Sunday June 5th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Hosting will be daughters Becky (Garry) Martin, Sarah (Doug) Krueger, Rachel (Steve) Mason, Martha (Joe) Hiltner along with their families. They have 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.



### Special Event!

You are cordially invited to the 35th Ordination celebration for Pastor Eric Leshner on Sunday, June 12th, during the coffee hour after worship sponsored by the Church Council and the Congregational Life Committee. We'll also be bidding farewell to Pastor Eric and Julene as this is their last Sunday with us before moving to Minnesota. A basket will be made available for any cards and notes.





# Craft AND Vendor Show

June 4th 9am-3pm

Come support our wonderful vendors!

At Grace Lutheran Church

2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502

Come learn about Cub Scouts - this is a great family adventure experience!

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