

Living in Grace

Celebrating
125 years

1890 – 2015

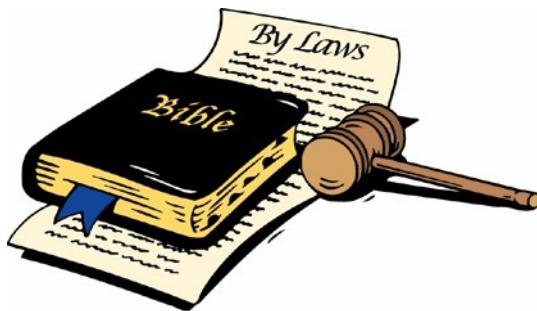


Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502

October 27, 2015



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting and Lunch

Sunday, November 8
Lesher Hall
10:30 AM

The meal will be served by the Women of the ELCA.
A free will offering will be received.

Business that day will be to adopt the 2016 Ministry Spending Plan and election of Council Members.



Jacob Krueger drew my attention to a timely article in The Lutheran, “*5 things that happen when you get a new pastor*”: <http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm>

New people will show up.

Some people will leave.

Worship will change.

New life will spring forth.

By grace you will love each other.

"This last one is the most important, of course. When given the time and space to be free and honest with one another, and when they are intent upon living together in community, the congregation and pastor will, by God, love one another. Since that is the second greatest commandment, it should be a priority.

"If gossip, hard hearts, unrelenting egos and ambition get in the way, this fruit of the new relationship will surely whither on the vine. But when we give each other the authority and space to welcome new people, let people go, embrace godly change and encourage new life, love will grow and flourish and infect the church like a mustard weed, allowing the gospel to take root."

"The call of the church is not just the pastor's, and the church is not primarily the parishioners'. It is God's call; it is God's church. We just enjoy the responsibility and joy of stewarding both."

Pr. Eric Teske



From the Church Office

III or Hospitalized: Everett Giles, Kurt Eberspacher, Bev Melichar, Ed Binder, Phyllis Krueger, Lois Moss, Tom Lantis

Wedding: Erin Serafin and Brett Graverholt on October 3

Death: Delores Sorensen, on October 18. Her funeral was October 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.

Please contact the church office if you would like to be nominated for election to the church council. To be nominated, you only have to be a confirmed member. We have several term lengths available... 3 year, 2 year, 1 year and a 1 year term is available for one person under the age of 20 and a 1 year term for a person under the age of 30. We hope you will consider being on the Church council!

Because of Thanksgiving, the deadline for the next Greeter will be November 15. It will be mailed on November 17.



Help us bolster our Facebook presence! Go to facebook.com/glclincoln and "like" the page. Pastor Eric does a weekly devotional (usually on Tuesdays), we share news from the ELCA and other churchwide organizations, and announce our own events and activities. If you like a post or two, you will be more likely to see the church's regular posts in your Facebook newsfeed. And, if you share Grace's posts on your own page, you help us spread the word as we seek to "Make Christ known to all through Grace."



The Lincoln Lutheran food pantry needs tomato products-sauce, diced, stewed, paste, etc. Crackers-any kind, boxed potatoes, canned fruit, personal care - shampoo/soap Donations can be left in the baskets outside the church office.

Help Wanted. In search of a dedicated individual who will oversee the Altar Guild responsibilities at Grace. Qualifications include organizational and communication skills. Salary: heavenly rewards. Benefits: free membership into the Worship and Music Committee. Application deadline: when someone volunteers. To inquire, contact Dave (402.499.9708), Sara or Sandi (402.474.1505)



Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 31st
5-7 p.m.**

East Parking Lot of Grace Lutheran Church
2225 Washington Street

The trunk-or-treat will be a wonderful night and is a safe environment for all children to go car to car trick-or-treating. Along with the trick-or-treating, there will be a cupcake walk and other games. We will also be collecting nonperishable food items that will be donated to a food pantry.

Join Pr Eric for an Online Study beginning on October 29! Participants can sign up for the Online Study until October 29. Go to the church website — the sign in information is under the Connect Tab. The study is conducted in a chat room at 7:00 PM for five Thursdays starting with October 29. The topic will be "Unity in a Divided World." Contact Pr. Eric (pr.eric@egrace.org) to join afterwards.

Grace Youth: Join Pr Eric for an Online Study beginning on November 1! Participants can sign up anytime. The study is conducted in a chat room at 7:00 PM every Sunday, except the last Sunday of the month, beginning November 1. The study will be the ELCA Youth Faith Log based on the weekly Gospel reading. Contact Pr. Eric (pr.eric@egrace.org) with questions.



WOMEN of the ELCA-Unit Meeting, Wednesday, November 4-Lunch at noon hosted by Group 1 with devotions by Darlene Stutheit. We will learn about The Latvian Church at Grace. Come join us and hear a bit more about the history of Grace. Group reservations will be collected and reported to Tricia Rosno (402-540-5020). Others who wish to attend may also call Tricia or the church office. All women are most welcome!

If you are 55 years or older, come join us at Yesterday's Youth. On Wednesday, November 11th at 11:30 AM. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in Lesher Hall. From 11:30 to 12:00, we meet for some social time. We eat at 12:00, after which we have

devotions and a program. This day is our Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, potatoes, gravy and drinks will be provided at \$2.00 per person. Please bring a dish to share with the Turkey dinner and your own table service. The program will be a DVD entitled "In His Presence". Come enjoy the fellowship.

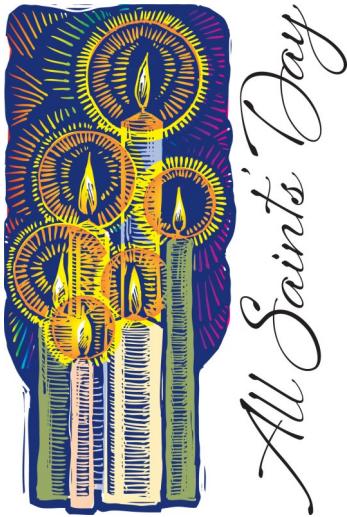
Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Eve, 7:00 p.m. Join us for this beautiful service in which we bring our thanks to God for all that God has done, especially the blessings of creation, faith, family and home. The nave will be beautifully decorated and there will be a pie social afterward!



The Social Ministry Committee will be having our annual food drive for the Thanksgiving baskets we assemble. Items to donate: canned vegetables, boxes of jello, boxes of stuffing mixes, cans of pumpkin filling, canned cranberries – jellied or whole, cans of condensed milk, boxes of instant potatoes, envelopes/jars of gravy, cans of fruit, canned yams, marshmallows, angel food cake mixes, and cash donations to purchase the perishable items. There will be containers available in the atrium to collect your donations starting the first Sunday of November. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to pack the boxes and/or deliver them, please send an email to: ldrake2@unl.edu or phone/text Lori at 402-310-8386 (leave a voice message if I'm unable to answer). -Social Ministry Committee; Lori Drake, Larry Clymer, Sue Clymer, Steve Paschold, Pat Lickei, and Barbara Smith



Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.



Light a Candle in Memory of Your Loved Ones on All Saints Sunday - All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on November 1st this year. Before the service, worshipers will have an opportunity to light a votive candle in memory of loved ones who have joined the throng of saints, and then to place the votive in one of the windows of the nave. As the candles burn throughout the service, we will be reminded that a 'cloud of witnesses' surrounds us, and our song is joined with theirs as we gather in worship. Ushers will be available to help with the lighting and placing of candles -- plan to arrive a few minutes early so that your family can participate in this ritual!

We also will set up a "memory table" in the atrium. Worshipers are invited to bring a photo or other memento of a loved one and leave it on the table for the morning ... just one more way to honor and remember those who have passed on the faith to us. Please label photos with names and dates (a separate label to set beside the photo is fine).



One would be hard pressed to find a recipe for beans and wieners in any gourmet cookbook. However, that is a main course which is very popular at The Gathering Place, where on September 21, 119 portions were distributed, featuring beans left from a couple different meals at Grace. Regina and Steve Paschold coordinated the preparation of the food, which also included a zucchini/cucumber/tomato medley, bread and bananas. Cakes and brownies were donated by Joy Kokes, Ginny and Roger Potts, Dennis Madison, Pat Lickei, and Regina and Steve. Along with Tom Range, all of the individuals mentioned above helped to serve and to clean up after the meal.

On October 19, when Grace members served at The Gathering Place, the count was quite a bit higher than usual at 129. Regina and Steve Paschold prepared the macaroni and cheese with ham bits. Carla Ingwersen donated lettuce for a tossed salad, and there were bananas, along with bread and fresh tomatoes. Dessert treats were contributed by Pat Lickei, Helen and Don Carnes, Joy Kokes, and Regina and Steve. Dave Ripa and those people mentioned above assisted with serving and clean up after the meal. Thanks go to Grace's Women of the ELCA for donating leftover ham and buns.



Thanks to everyone who donated to the "Trick or Treat" for the Gathering Place!

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

While the New Testament considers all Christians as saints (See 1 Corinthians 1:2, NRSV), the Roman Catholic Church has for centuries honored certain Christians as worthy of being canonized as saints and has added the title “Saint” before their names.

Many Protestant denominations have also honored extraordinary Christians and named them saints. For that reason many churches join in celebrating All Saints Day.

All Saints Day is celebrated on November 1 each year. It affords Christians the opportunity to remember those who have faithfully served Christ in special, often sacrificial, ways. Many of these special people suffered martyrdom for their dedication to Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we would do well on All Saints Day to express our gratitude to God for those devoted and devout persons who have set worthy examples for us.

Since last All Saints Day, we have commemorated before God the following saints:

*Eugene Rudd
Russell Brehm
Aldyth Paschold
Cy Miller
Bonnie Ahrens
Charles Cartwright
Herbert Steffens
Leoma Winch
Birdeen Havlicek
Norma Bryant
Delores Sorensen*



A Brief Primer on Pipe Organs, Part 3

By Sara Schott, Director of Music

I promised last month to write about how one becomes an organist. Most organists begin by learning piano. You learn to read the notes and play a keyboard, and to create beautiful music. However, many people think that if you can play the piano, you can play the organ as well. That is not always the case. Despite the instruments having keyboards in common, there are differences. First, there are the pedals to worry about. Eventually, playing with your feet becomes second nature, but at first, you are training your eyes to read notes that are spread out, and your brain to separate that image and send messages to both hands and feet about what to do. Even things that non-organists think would be simple, such as playing a basic hymn, are actually fairly complex tasks for the brain to master. As one continues to learn and grow as an organist, the music becomes more complex. Below, I have scanned a couple of bars of music to show you what I am looking at when I play. The first is a simple bit of a hymn, and the second is a six-voice fugue by Buxtehude. Each foot has one melody line to play, and each hand has two lines to deal with.

The image shows a handwritten musical score for organ. The score consists of three staves: a treble staff, a bass staff, and a pedal staff. The treble and bass staves are for the hands, while the pedal staff is for the feet. Handwritten annotations provide specific instructions for playing:

- Right hand:** Points to the treble staff.
- Left hand:** Points to the bass staff.
- Left hand plays tenor line:** Points to the bass staff.
- bottom notes played by feet on pedals:** Points to the pedal staff.
- Right foot:** Points to a note in the pedal staff.
- Left foot:** Points to a note in the pedal staff.

Below the score, lyrics are written:

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us fro

The other difficulty that one encounters when moving from piano to organ is the touch. A piano is a percussive instrument. If I hit the key harder, the sound will be louder, and the sound begins dying away the minute I play it. On the organ, the keys play the same volume no matter how you play them. And the sound continues on, at the same volume, until the organist releases the keys. This is a large adjustment. To create the sense of dynamics and phrasing, one has to vary the touch and sometimes use a pedal or add stops. The piano also has the sustain pedal to help the player create smooth, beautiful lines. The organist has to do all that with the fingers, holding them until the last millisecond and sometimes finding creative ways to get from one key to another. Different types of music (and different acoustic spaces) require different "touch", and it is hard to produce a satisfying sound until one has worked out these basics.

In all, a lot of time goes into learning the organ, just as it goes into learning any musical instrument. The pipe organ is so complex, and no two organs are exactly the same, so becoming an organist is a project that takes many years.

In my case, I began with piano lessons in 4th grade. By the time I was a sophomore in high school, my home congregation needed a new organist because the previous one was graduating. I was so lucky that my parents took me to a college town 30 miles away for organ lessons! I learned to play with BOTH feet (my first piano teacher only played with her left foot, which many pianists who become organists do). Then when I came to UNL, my high school teacher said I simply "must" study with George Ritchie. I did what I was told, and ended up studying with George, one of the world's premier Bach performers, and Quentin Faulkner, an internationally recognized scholar of church music. And then of course, there was all the informal study -- learning from colleagues at recitals and conferences and in conversations -- the King of Instruments can keep a student busy for a lifetime!



If you are looking for the perfect stocking stuffer... don't forget we have the Q125 Christmas ornaments available!

The Worship and Music Committee, in consultation with the Q125 committee, has ordered a small quantity of beautiful, high quality brass plated Christmas ornaments to sell to Grace members and friends. The ornaments come in a gift box with a brief write up of Grace's history on the back -- perfect for gift giving! They are only \$15 each (checks made out to Voices of Grace), and proceeds go to the Voices of Grace fund. They are available from the church office.

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Quasquicentennial History Booklet & Commemorative Items

What a special 125th year it has been! The history booklet that captures our 125 years of service is almost complete. We are anticipating it to be available for distribution beginning Sunday, November 15! There will be no charge for the booklet, so stop by during fellowship hour and pick up your copy. November 15 and November 22 will also be another chance for you to purchase any 125th anniversary commemorative items. Tote bags, travel mugs, note cubes and cookbooks commemorating our 125th anniversary will be available during fellowship hour. Don't miss these last opportunities to get your Grace keepsakes!

Several festival Sundays and special worship services are coming up in the next few weeks; please make a note of them and plan to attend worship at Grace!

Nov. 1: All Saints Sunday. We'll remember the saints who have gone before us in the faith. Worshipers will have a chance to light a candle in memory of loved ones, as well as to bring photos or other mementos to place on a display in the atrium.

Nov. 22 : Christ the King Sunday. We celebrate the end of the church year by looking ahead to that time when Christ will return and establish God's kingdom forever.

Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Eve, 7:00 p.m. Join us for this beautiful service in which we bring our thanks to God for all that God has done, especially the blessings of creation, faith, family and home. The nave will be beautifully decorated and there will be a pie social afterward!

Nov 29: Advent 1. Begin your preparations for celebrating Christ's birth by attending worship during Advent!



generous love.

From Beth Kimmerling Dumler and Family : Thank you to all of you who sent cards, called or texted when Mom died. I was overwhelmed by all of your kindness...it meant so much to know that people were thinking about my family and wishing us well. Grace members are like a second family to me. It is heartwarming to know that you are all there for me and my family. Thank you for relaying God's love to others around you. I feel honored and grateful to be a recipient of that

From the Social Ministry Committee: A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who shared with others at Grace via the produce table during the past several months. A sum of over \$200 was contributed into the World Hunger canister during the summer and fall. That means people eat twice as the result of the donated produce—those who took the vegetables, as well as the individuals who will be fed from the money forwarded to the World Hunger campaign.



Lincoln Lutheran Choir

Brett Epperson
Artistic Director & Conductor

David Schack
Organist

Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church
633 Willow Avenue • Council Bluffs, IA

Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
2225 Washington Street • Lincoln, NE

A free-will offering will be taken.



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November 1, 2015	
Assisting Minister	Estelle Riemann
Lector	Cindy Eberspacher
Communion Assistants	Cindy Eberspacher, Tina Loseke, Jan Branting, Carol Olson
Altar Guild	Cindy Eberspacher
Communion Bread	Cindy Eberspacher
Greeters	Yvonne Nielsen, Lois Schuerman, Carla Ingersoll, Jeannette Allen
Acolytes	Chloe Fitzgibbon, Kaitlyn Dumler, Kyle Givens, Jacob & Steve Schott
November 8, 2015	
Assisting Minister	Roger Potts
Lector	Peter Schnake
Communion Assistants	Peter Schnake, Art Hillman, Don & Helen Carnes
Altar Guild	Lori Drake, Carla Ingersoll
Communion Bread	Barb Smith
Greeters	Ron & Carolyn Ossian, Kevin & Fran Gade
Acolyte	Luke Filbert
November 15, 2015	THANKOFFERING\WOMEN'S SUNDAY
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Janet Jodais
Communion Assistants	Beth Kimmerling Dumler, Janet Jodais, Gigi Lange, Lorraine James
Altar Guild	Doug & Sarah Krueger
Communion Bread	Darlene Stutheit
Greeters	Janice Walker, Jeannette Allen, Donna Hansen, Phyllis Krueger
Acolyte	Tricia Rosno
November 22, 2015	
Assisting Minister	Dean Dumler
Lector	Beth Kimmerling Dumler
Communion Assistants	Beth Kimmerling Dumler, Kathie Remington, Jan Branting, Lorraine James
Altar Guild	Ginny Potts
Communion Bread	Wendy Apple
Greeters	Teddi & Steve Reckling, Carol Olson
Acolyte	Chloe Fitzgibbon
November 29, 2015	
Assisting Minister	Jacob Krueger
Lector	Jacob Schott
Communion Assistants	Steve Schott, Robert Stimbert, Ginny Potts, Connie Whyrick
Altar Guild	Jon & Connie Thorson
Communion Bread	Steve Schott
Greeters	Robert Stimbert, Neil Larson, Steve & Regina Paschold
Acolyte	Jacob Schott

**Grace Lutheran Church
September Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

Present: Pastor Eric Lesher, Steve Rosno, Dennis Berens, Terry Branting, Dave Ripa, Lynn Chamberlin, Connie Whyrick, Barb Smith, Carla Ingersoll, Doug Allen, Teddi Reckling, Jacob Krueger, Jeanne Weisbrook

President Steve Rosno called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call taken

Terry Branting provided devotions and the opening prayer

Connie W. moved the August Council meeting minutes be approved. Seconded by Denny B. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Steve shared a Thank You note from Philip and Margaret Gipson for the baby gift card.

Staff Reports:

Senior Pastor: Written report

Visitation Minister: Written report

Director of Music: Written report

Financial Secretary's Report: Written report

Treasurer's Report: Written report

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

Committee Reports:

Parish Education: Verbal report from Lynn C.

Evangelism: Written report

Property: Written report

Terry B. moved to approve the Property Committee start on remodeling of the garage for an estimated cost of \$7250 to start as soon as Council gives approval. Seconded by Dave R. Motion carried.
Jacob will look into options for our old shuttle bus.

Social Ministry: Written report

Stewardship: Written report.

Dave R. mentioned the special emphasis on "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, September 13.

Finance: No report

Youth: No report

Memorials: No report

Worship and Music: Written report

Dave R. moved for approval to transfer \$3,000 from the Gail Moss bequest to the Voices of Grace checking account for purposes of purchasing hand chimes, choir folders, and hymnal resources, and the remaining \$2,000 in the bequest to be transferred to the Organ Repair Fund. Seconded by Doug A. Motion carried.

Media Committee: Written and verbal report from Denny B. Denny B. moved we form the committee with members who agree to serve on this ad hoc committee. Seconded by Barb S. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Council Retreat: Discussion was held on a proposed Council Retreat at the end of January, 2016. Denny B., Jacob K., Barb S., and Terry B. will work with Pastor Eric to plan.

Organ Repair Phase II: Of the amount requested, as of September 3: \$9,175 has been received, \$10,300 has been pledged, Foundation will provide \$10,000, \$2,000 from Gail Moss bequest=\$31,725. Options were discussed on raising the remaining \$21,700.

New Business:

Fall Discipleship Days: Thursday, October 15 being held at Our Saviors Lutheran, Synod will share what is happening, Benevolence. Jacob K, Carla I, and Pastor Eric plan on attending.

By-Law Changes: Discussion on combining the Social Ministry and Evangelism Committees into one committee, being called the Outreach committee, this was tabled as there were some concerned voiced from the committees involved, thus no change to By-Law for this. We will move the nursery attendants from Worship and Music Committee to the Parish Education Committee. This change would be voted upon at the January 24, 2016 Congregational Reporting Meeting. Jeanne W. will work with Pastor Eric on this.

Nominating Committee: Names from council were discussed, the only one eligible from the Council at this time is Doug Allen. Council members whose terms are expiring but still eligible to be elected for another term where instructed to let Fran Gade know their intention.

Proposed 2016 Budget: The proposed budget was discussed. Denny B moved we approve the Proposed 2016 Budget as submitted. Seconded by Teddi R. Aye=11, Nay=1. Motion carried.

Jacob announced that the Lutheran Center at the University of Nebraska is moving forward with the building of a new facility on campus.

There being no more business to bring before the Church Council, Steve R. closed the meeting at 8:45 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Weisbrook, Council Secretary

Remodeling the garage so the church bus will fit. We took the old shingles, wood sheeting, gutters, garage door and down spouts off, raised the roof four feet, put on new wood sheeting, shingles, and will re-side and put in the new garage door. The neighbors tree that hung over the garage was even trimmed up. Thanks to every one of our volunteers for making this happen!!





What is "Lutheran"?
We have a particular way of understanding the Jesus story
Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA

For the past two years, I've organized my work around these four emphases: we are church, we are Lutheran, we are church together and we are church for the sake of the world.

I want to spend a little time thinking with you about what it means to be Lutheran in the 21st century. What do we mean when we say we are Lutheran? The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast upon us, and this month, as in every October, we will observe Reformation Sunday.

Maybe a good place to start is to ask why it's important and helpful to have a Lutheran identity. Some would say that denominations and denominational loyalty are things of the past. There is some truth to this, especially if our denomination is defined by ethnicity and culture and our loyalty is primarily to the denomination and not to our Lord.

There was a campaign during the 1980's church growth movement to get rid of any denominational markers whatsoever. The stolid St. Paul Lutheran Church on the corner was supposed to be renamed something like "The Church at Pheasant Run." How evocative! How cool! How vaguely woodsy! A simple name change would accomplish two things at once: stop scaring the denominationally averse away and attract tons of people. It didn't.

In an attempt to become more attractive we became generic. Having a clear sense of who we are and what we believe isn't a detriment but an asset. If we are well-defined and well-differentiated, we are more able to engage in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue and can be a clear voice in the public square.

But what is "Lutheran"? We chuckle at author Garrison Keillor's loving caricature of Lutherans. He does describe many of us, but not all of us. I would never disavow the western and northern European heritage of thousands of our people. It's part of our story. But we also have thousands of sisters and brothers of African, Asian, Latino/Latina, Native American, and Arab and Middle Eastern descent, some of whom have been Lutheran for generations.

And the Lutheran church is experiencing its greatest growth in the "global south" (Africa, Central and Latin America, and most of Asia). There are more Lutherans in Indonesia than in the ELCA. There are more Lutherans in Ethiopia and Tanzania than in the U.S. There are Lutherans in El Salvador and Japan and India and Mexico and Palestine and Jordan and China and Ireland. The newest Lutheran church is being formed in the world's newest country. We are working with Sudanese Lutheran pastors to establish a Lutheran church in South Sudan. Jell-O doesn't routinely show up at the potlucks of these Lutherans. Being Lutheran is not fundamentally about ethnicity.

If culture and cuisine don't define us, our theology must. Lutherans have a very particular way of understanding the Jesus story. It's not a movement from unbridled freedom to submission. Rather, it's the story of God redeeming us from sin, death and the devil, setting us free from our bondage to sin so that, liberated and alive, we may serve God by serving the neighbor. And it's not about our effort or goodness or hard work. It's about God's gracious will to be merciful.

Try this at home: ask family or friends what they must do to be in a right relationship with God. After picking their jaws up off the floor that they were asked such a question, my guess is that people will talk about keeping the commandments, being a better person, reading the Bible more. No. The love of God at work in the crucified Christ creates this right relationship. Our part is to receive this gift in faith.

This is a shattering reversal of the way things have always worked. We don't have a transactional relationship with God — if I do this then God will do that. It is a transformational relationship. We who were dead in sin have now been made alive. We are free to respond to that deep abiding love. What we eat, what hymns we sing, what jokes we tell, what counties we hail from, what color we are, what we wear—none of this binds us together or makes us Lutheran. It is God's grace. And that is good news in any language.

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NOVEMBER



Sunday, November 1

9:00 am Worship *
 10:30 am Fellowship, Thrivent Mtg., Sunday School, Choir
 10:40 am Adult Study Forum (ASF)
 11:30 am Grace Notes Bell choir
 3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

Monday, November 2

9:00 am WELCA Executive Board Mtg.
 7:00 pm Property Committee Mtg., scouts

Tuesday, November 3

9:30 am Al-Anon
 6:00 pm Scouts
 7:00 pm Committee Mtgs.
 8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, November 4

12:00 pm WELCA lunch & meeting
 6:15 pm Children's Choir
 7:00 pm Evening prayer
 7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.
 7:30 pm Confirmation, Stewardship Cmte. Mtg.

Thursday, November 5

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

Friday, November 6

4:00 pm Prescott Waffleman—Lesher hall
 5:45 pm YWCA respite care

Saturday, November 7

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, November 8

9:00 am Worship *
 10:30 am Semi Annual Meeting
 3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

Monday, November 9

1:00 pm WELCA #2 Mtg. Lounge
 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, November 10

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

Wednesday, November 11

12:00 pm Yesterday's Youth
 6:15 pm Children's Choir
 7:00 pm Evening prayer
 7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.
 7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, November 12

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

Friday, November 13

4:00 pm Suzuki music lessons
 5:40 pm Lesher Hall reserved

Saturday, November 14

12:00 pm Lounge reserved
 5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, November 15

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
 1:00 pm Chapel reserved

Monday, November 16

5:00 pm Gathering Place
 6:30 pm Memorials Committee Mtg.
 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, November 17

9:30 am Al-Anon
 12:00 pm Lincoln Area Cluster Mtg. gym
 6:00 pm Scouts
 8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 18

1:00 pm WELCA #1 Mtg.
 6:15 pm Children's Choir
 7:00 pm Evening prayer
 7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.
 7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, November 19

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

Friday, November 20

5:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved

Saturday, November 21

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, November 22

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 Lincoln Lutheran Choir concert

Monday, November 23

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, November 24

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

Wednesday, November 25

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship and pie fellowship
 7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

Thursday, November 26

Office Closed



Friday, November 27

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Saturday, November 28

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, November 29

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

Monday, November 30

9:00 am WELCA exec. Brd mtg.
 5:00 pm Gathering Place
 7:00 pm Scouts

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