

# The Grace Greeter

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

**October 24, 2017**

Join us on Sunday, October 29, to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! Our festival worship will include choir, bells, the Grace Foundation brass and organ. After worship, join us in Lesher Hall for cake, coffee and the movie, "Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation"

About the movie: Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther kicked off the Protestant Reformation, which contributed to the birth of our modern age. In this one-hour special — filmed on location in Europe — Rick Steves tells the story of a humble monk who lived a dramatic life. Rick visits key sites relating to the Reformation (including Erfurt, Wittenberg, and Rome) and explores the complicated political world of 16th-century Europe — from indulgences to iconoclasts, and from the printing press to the Counter-Reformation. It's a story of power, rebellion, and faith that you'll never forget.

## All Things New

a special Worship Event Commemorating  
the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation

**Monday, October 30, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

Southwood Lutheran Church  
4301 Wilderness Hills Blvd.  
Lincoln, NE 68516



Join us to celebrate our common witness to the Gospel through praise, worship and beautiful music shared by musicians from area congregations. Hear Bishop Brian Maas' message, "All Things New." Give an offering to help Lutheran Family Services support the expanded Lincoln Health 360 center and enjoy a display of hundreds of quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Receive the gift of God's grace as we reflect on the Reformation—a new way of thinking 500 years ago that changed everything!



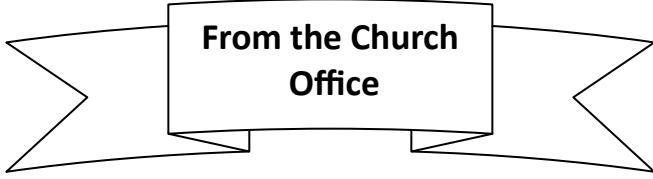
*This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.* - Psalm 118:24

I was reading an article on the internet that said: "Gratitude allows us to become more human". I thought these words were intriguing. Gratitude draws us to our true selves as human beings. Gratitude can draw us closer together as neighbors rather than enemies. Gratitude allows us to become more aware of the joy of simply being alive on a planet filled with diverse cultures that call Earth home.

I sometimes wonder if we forget that all of us humans share the same home. The rhetoric that talks about destroying each other seems out of place in a world filled with gratitude. Why would we want to destroy our own home? A home that despite its problems, is filled with beauty, wonder and endless possibilities for new discovery and awareness. I like Earth and I am bothered by those who seem to think that destroying our home is good for national security or economic prosperity. What? This is what happens when we have lost our gratitude for the earth that God has given us.

So pray that gratitude fills our Thanksgiving this year. Because gratitude is the perfect antidote for the tragedy of human sin that is exposed every day in our media and it keeps us from reverting back to our most basic instinct of survival at all cost.

Pr. Eric Teske



## From the Church Office

- ◆ PLEASE CONTACT US! HIPPA laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church if there is a member in the hospital. The patient or a family member must contact the church office so we can schedule a visit while you are in the hospital here in Lincoln or Omaha. During office hours, call 402-474-1505 or email [office@egrace.org](mailto: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](mailto:pr.eric@egrace.org).
- ◆ Death: Eugene Grabow, October 14
- ◆ Baptism: Emersyn Lillian Marie Haumont, October 1
- ◆ Because of Thanksgiving, the deadline for the next Greeter will be November 12th. It will be mailed on November 14.
- ◆ We have placed Grace business cards on tables outside the church office, Nave and Chapel. Please take several to have if you are talking to people about Grace.. Invite them to worship!
- ◆ Bulletins have been shared by: Janet Jodais [St. James Lutheran, Burnsville, MN]; Connie Whyrick [King of Glory Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO]
- ◆ The 2018 proposed spending plan is available outside the church office.



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



Sunday, October 15, marked the last day for the Social Ministry Committee's produce table for this year. Sincere thanks go to those people who shared the bounty from their gardens, and to those individuals who donated generously to the World Hunger canister. Throughout the growing season a total of just over \$400 was contributed. That means the same produce actually will have helped to feed people twice.



## Wednesday Night at Church November Schedule (no activities on Thanksgiving Eve)

5:15–5:45 (Nov. 15) preschool Craft Class  
5:45–6:15 (Weekly) Dinner  
6:15–6:55 (Weekly) Adult Bible Study  
6:15–6:55 (Weekly) Youth & Children's Choirs  
7:00–8:30 (Weekly) In Stitches  
7:00–7:30 (Weekly) Evening Prayer  
7:30–8:30 (Nov. 1) Book Club  
7:30–8:30 (Weekly) Confirmation  
7:30–8:30 (Nov. 8) Creative Faith Practices

- **The November General Meeting of the Women of the ELCA** will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at noon. Lunch will be served followed by speaker, Elfi Lee, subject of a recent book, *Watching Over Me*. Elfi will tell her amazing story of growing up in Germany during World War II. It is a story of hardship, heartache and ultimate healing. All men and women (and guests) of Grace are invited for lunch and the program. Please let Tricia Rosno know if you are planning to attend, so that adequate food can be prepared. You won't want to miss this!

**Creative Faith Practices**—Are you looking for a peaceful time to connect with God in the middle of a busy week? Please consider staying after Evening Prayer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays and participate in Creative Faith Practices! We will be exploring a variety of ways to connect with God through Contemplative Practices. All ages, abilities and experiences are honored here. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Olson at 402-486-0864 or carolinroma@yahoo.com. Because of Thanksgiving, we will only have one class in November--the 8th. That class will be on Centering Prayer and Labyrinth prayer

- **Yesterday's Youth** welcomes anyone (55+) or over. Come join us, Wednesday, November 8th at 11:30. 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. The meal for the 8th will be our Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey, potatoes & gravy, and drink will be furnished. Bring a dish to share and your table service. Come enjoy the fellowship. The program will DVD on Lewis and Clark.

**The Grace Lutheran Thrivent Financial group** will meet on November 12, in the staff conference room, at 10:30 am. Members and non-members are welcome as we debrief the semi-annual meeting brunch preparations and other business.

- **Join us on November 22 for our Thanksgiving Eve service** at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave. This is a 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!



"God gave us five senses; it is sheer ingratitude to worship him with any less."

—Martin Luther

Tuesday, October 31st

5-7 pm

# Trunk or Treat



We need YOUR help for one of our major outreach events of the year! **Donations of candy or monetary donations are appreciated!**



## All Saints' Day

**Light a Candle in Memory of Your Loved Ones on All Saints Sunday** - All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on November 5th 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).

## Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting and brunch



Sunday, November 5

Lesher Hall

10:30 AM

The meal will be served by Thrivent. A free will offering will be received. The brunch menu will include: Oven Denver omelet, baked ham, fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls, juice, coffee, and milk. The proceeds from this Thrivent Financial Action Team Project will be for Grace's youth group activities, and to help to cover the expenses of those planning to attend the ELCA youth rally in 2018.

Business that day will be to adopt the 2018 Ministry Spending Plan and election of Council Members.



## BAKE SALE

The Women of the ELCA will be having a bake/bakeless/craft sale on November 5, the day of our semi-annual meeting. We're calling all bakers/crafters/sewers to get busy and bring lots of good stuff! To the members of our congregation, please consider shopping with us. The proceeds will benefit our WELCA treasury!

### **'Looking Back and Called Forward'**

On Oct. 31, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will co-host the ELCA's commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, "Looking Back and Called Forward," which includes a livestream available for all to watch. Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C., will host the event. All are welcome to join at 9:45 a.m. EDT for the prelude to the 10 a.m. program. The daylong event includes a worship service and a two-part program featuring storytelling from ecumenical and interfaith partners as well as members of this church sharing stories of ELCA ministries. Registration and program details are available at [ELCA500.org](http://ELCA500.org). Those who cannot join in person are invited to watch the event online at [ELCA.org/livestream](http://ELCA.org/livestream).



### **Lincoln Lutheran Choir concert will be Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm at Grace**

This fall we celebrate 500 years of Martin Luther's Reformation that began with his 95 theses. To commemorate that historical event the choir will be presenting Reformation-focused literature, the centerpiece of which is J.S. Bach's BWV 80, "**Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott**" (A Mighty Fortress is our God). As always, the concert will include congregational singing to uplift all of our voices and hearts in celebration. Come join us for this very special and commemorative celebration!



**The Giving Tree**—Once again in 2017, Cub Scout Pack 30 will be sponsoring a **Giving Tree** to benefit the Friendship Home. In November, the tree will be located in the Atrium and will contain tags of desired gifts. Select a tag, purchase the item requested, and place the unwrapped gift under the tree. This was a huge success in 2016 and the members of Pack 30 hope that this year's campaign will be equally successful. Thank you!



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, 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](mailto:ldrake2@unl.edu) or phone/text Lori at 402-310-8386 (leave a voice message if I'm unable to answer).



From Betty Shaw and family: We want to thank our Grace family for the loving support shown us at our difficult time of Bob's passing. All is greatly appreciated.



When Grace serves at The Gathering Place it's not unusual to have a meal count that exceeds the trend line for that month. On October 16, when the number of meals served earlier in the month had typically been from 115 to 125, the Grace workers distributed 155 portions. Regina and Steve Paschold prepared the macaroni and cheese with ham bits. The menu also included green beans, a zucchini/tomato medley, bread, and bananas. Assorted home baked dessert treats were donated by Joy Kokes, Dennis Madison, Curt Mann, Dave Ripa, and Helen and Don Carnes. All of those mentioned above helped to serve and clean up. Thanks go to Marilyn Holmquist, Janet Jodais, Brady Garvin, and Pastor Megan Morrow for financial contributions to support this important ministry.



#### From the nominating committee:

At the time of the printing of the newsletter, the following people have agreed to run for church council and nominating committee:

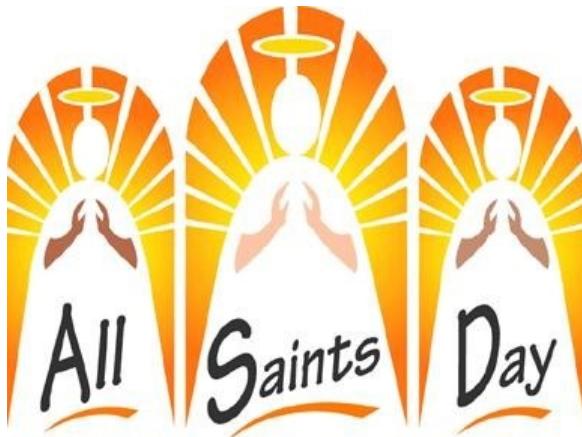
Church council: Karen Billings, Carla Ingersoll and Teddi Reckling  
(all eligible for re election)  
Dustin Haider

Nominating Committee: Kevin Gade, Michael Lewis, Amanda Genuchi

Other names may be added before the November 5 semi annual meeting.  
Nominations may also be made during the meeting.



On October 22, we dedicated quilts and other kits for Lutheran World Relief. So far this year these hard working sewing ladies have made 103 quilts (57 are displayed to be sent to LWR) Thanks to everyone who donated items for the quilts or kits.



### 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:

*Uarda Damkroger*

*Earl Ford*

*Eugene Grabow*

*Viletta Haddal*

*Arlene Higgins*

*Ed Hoyt*

*Marsha Holmquist Hurd*

*George Pearce*

*Bob Shaw*

*Phil Sorensen*

**Please welcome our newest members of Grace:**



Lee and Ray Delka

On October 1, we welcomed little Emersyn to the Lord's family with the Sacrament of Baptism during worship. What a joy to celebrate this important day with Emersyn and her family!



**2017 Pet Blessing**





When Luther nailed his ninety-five theses on the door of the Castle Church of Wittenberg, he set in motion a series of events that would forever change the world. In our GLC bookclub this month, we read "When Lightning Struck" by Danica Cooley. As we discussed Luther's biography for young people, one of the things we commented on was how people of Luther's time thought of God as angry and poised to punish them for every misdeed. The collective mindset of the time was like a whole different world, and it all seems very odd to the modern mind.

In the realm of music, the Reformation changed the trajectory of sacred music and worship forever. Some reformers, such as John Calvin, were much more suspicious of music. Calvin recognized the power of music to move the emotions, did not trust its use in worship, and eventually allowed only the singing of unaccompanied psalms in worship. How lucky we are that Luther himself loved music! He was a singer, a lutist, a composer, and a great admirer of composers of his day, especially Josquin des Prez. Luther knew the value of music for its educational purposes, and its ability to reach the hearts of people. He wanted all the congregation to take part in at least some of the music of worship services.

Luther did not advocate getting rid of the Catholic Mass. He altered some words of the liturgy to reflect his theological beliefs, and he wrote a German Mass for use in smaller congregations (we will use much of his German Mass – in English – on Reformation Sunday). For large congregations with a trained choir, Luther still advocated the use of Latin liturgy and choir anthems. In many respects, the major parts of the Mass remained in Lutheran worship (and still do, to this day).

The most important contribution of the Lutheran Church to the musical world was the Lutheran chorale. This was a congregational hymn with multiple stanzas. When we think of hymns today, we often think of the standard four-part harmony that we have grown used to in our hymnals. But in Luther's day, a hymn meant simply the text plus the tune (which is how many of the old chorales are presented in ELW). The local musicians could supply harmony on their own, or add counterpoint or embellishments to create arrangements for choirs or instruments. This practice would eventually lead to the masterworks of J.S. Bach, including the 52 chorale cantatas, the Christmas Oratorio, and the St. Matthew and St. John passions, and even later, to the "Reformation" Symphony of Felix Mendelssohn.

There is so much information about the music of the Reformation ... one could truly spend a lifetime studying it. But the important things to remember are that Luther believed music belonged to the congregation, not just the choir; and that he believed that what we sing, we believe. The words and tunes that we sing in worship become a part of our heart and spirit, and they matter. This philosophy of church music has been paramount at Grace for years and years, and can be traced all the way back to one German monk whose ideas changed the whole world!

P.S. Our church library has several biographies of Martin Luther; I would encourage everyone to check one out and learn more about Luther. His life was a fascinating story!

—Sara Schott

## Nebraska Synod Holy Land Trip

- **Lutheran churches and schools in the Holy Land**

The Nebraska Synod group NSHLA will take another travel group to the Holy Land April 16-28, 2018, with Rev. Megan Morrow as the leader. Did you know that there are six Lutheran churches and four K-12 schools in the Holy Land? Members of the travel group will visit many of the churches and will visit at least two Lutheran schools. The education offered in the schools is highly rated, and the student body includes Christian and Muslim students.

- **Holy Land visit will include Augusta Victoria Hospital**

Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is active in Jerusalem, serving Palestinian people through education and health care.

Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) serves displaced Palestinian people who often are unable to pay for health care. Rev. Mark Brown, ELCA, is the LWF Representative. He lives and works at Augusta Victoria central offices on the Mount of Olives.

AVH highlights from 2016 include 1) establishment of a Diabetes Care Center, 2) the opening of the Bone Marrow Transplantation unit, and 3) the establishment of the Persistence School for children hospitalized long term for chronic diseases.

All of this and much more happens in a beautiful, unique building on the Mount of Olives. Members of the 2018 Holy Land visit will learn much more about AVH.

Pick up a brochure about the trip at the church office or by contacting Rev. Morrow at 402-580-7222 or [megan@nebraskasynod.org](mailto:megan@nebraskasynod.org)

Dear Prescott current club leaders and prospective club leaders,

I am writing to ask you if you would be available and interested to lead after school clubs during the second school semester starting on January 29th and ending on May 18th. No clubs will take place during the week of Feb.19th-Feb.23rd due to parent-teacher conferences. Reading, writing, math, science and engineering, learning a foreign language, civic engagement, arts, physical activities are an integral part of our program. In addition, are looking for individuals willing to share a special skill such as: sowing, knitting, pottery, wood working and anything you may think of that could enrich the students' learning experience.

I would like to solidify 2nd semester club plans by the end of November, so please let me know if this is something that you would be interested in. We will then schedule a time to meet to discuss payment and your plans. If someone is passionate about the Girls on the Run program and is willing to be a coach, please speak to me as we need to start planning for this in advance. Something we never had at Prescott before, for the leaders wanting to do something different, with a few field trips imbedded in the program- a club where students can learn more about NE state and Lincoln as well as its landmarks.

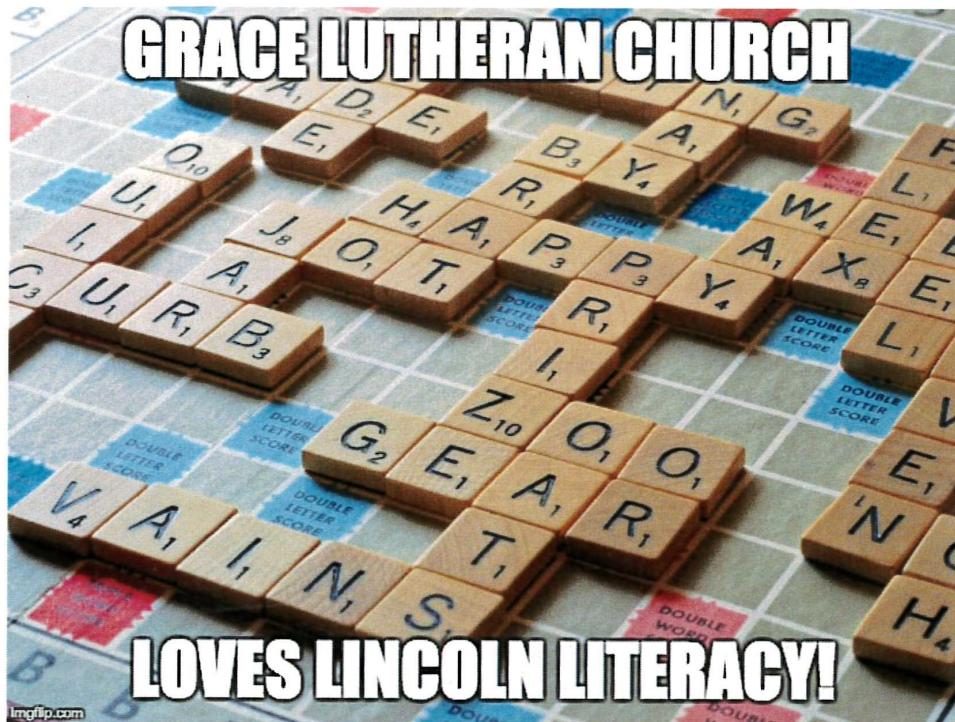
Thank you all.

Cristina Keen

Prescott School Community Coordinator

Youth Development Program Supervisor

402-580-0195



## The GRACE Scrabble Team

is in "training" for the  
Lincoln Literacy Scrabble Scramble  
November 5, 2017  
at First Lutheran!

To make a donation to Lincoln Literacy to send with the Team, make checks to Grace Lutheran with "Lincoln Literacy" in the memo.  
Drop them by the church office during the week, or drop them in the GRACE Scrabble Scramble box during coffee hour on Sundays!

You can also donate to Lincoln Literacy online at [www.lincolnliteracy.org](http://www.lincolnliteracy.org). -  
THANKS!

(Thanks to our Team Sponsors!)

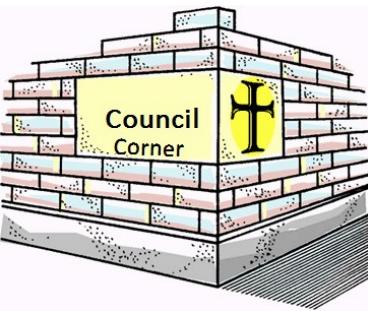
<b>November 5</b>	
Assisting Minister	Megan Morrow
Lector	Amy Knobbe
Communion Assistants	Cindy Eberspacher, Bruce & Cheryl Petersen Lois Schuerman
Altar Guild	Kurt & Cindy Eberspacher
Communion bread	Cheryl Petersen
Greeters	Larry, Sharon & Michael Genthe
Acolyte	Kyle Givens
<b>November 12 (WELCA)</b>	
<b>November 19</b>	
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Rachel Haider
Communion Assistants	Dustin Haider, Kevin & Fran Gade, Teresa Serafin
Communion bread	Barb Smith
Altar Guild	Dustin & Rachel Haider
Greeters	Steve & Teddi Reckling
Acolyte	Cameron Krueger
<b>November 26</b>	
Assisting Minister	Tina Loseke
Lector	Carol Olson
Communion Assistants	Neil Larson
Communion bread	Darlene Stutheit
Altar Guild	Sharon Gottsche, Jacob Schott
Greeters	David & Kathren Miller
Acolyte	Chloe Fitzgibbon, Kaiden Noecker, Conrad Schroeder, Jacob & Sophie Schott

### A wake-up call

The good God permits such small evils to befall us merely in order to arouse us snorers from our deep sleep and to make us recognize, on the other hand, the incomparable and innumerable benefits we still have. ....

With [our misfortunes], God gives us a light by which we may see and understand his goodness and kindness in countless other ways. Then we conclude that such small misfortunes are barely a drop of water on a big fire or a little spark in the ocean. Then we understand and love the words: "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!"

—Martin Luther



**From the Worship & Music Committee**— The committee is very busy planning for the upcoming Reformation 500 celebrations. We hope you will join us at Southwood Lutheran on October 30, 7:15 pm, to hear our Bells of Grace play during the prelude. Our bell choir was the only one invited to participate in this celebratory event. We also are very excited to welcome our new assistant organist, Jennifer Aliwarga.

**From the Parish Education Committee**—Committee members are inviting all congregational members to help with our Christmas program which will be held on December 17 following our 9:00 am service. A planning meeting is being held on November 7th at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend and help in the development of our annual Christmas program.

**From the Congregational Life Committee**—The committee is continuing to seek out new ways to *REACH OUT to the community and visitors to church*.

**From the Property Committee**—*The committee is looking into the replacement of our 40 year old dishwasher in the kitchen. Plans are in place to replace parts of the roof and steeple covering that were damaged from the hail storm last year. Finally, plans are on hold with the next phase of the stained glass window project. The contracted company has lost of couple of their well-trained employees and this has caused a delay in finishing the work at Grace.*

**From the Social Ministry Committee**—*A fun opportunity is now available. Play Scrabble Scramble at First Lutheran on November 5th. See Pr. Megan Morrow if you are interested.*

**From the Stewardship Committee**— *If you haven't returned your 2018 commitment cards, please do so right away. We appreciate your generous donations and support for Grace Lutheran Church.*

**From the Finance Committee**— *Our financial situation is in an unfavorable state at the present time. Expenses are outpacing our giving at about \$38,000. A letter is being sent out to the congregation asking for your help to make up this dramatic difference.*

**From the President of the Congregation**—Grace has been and will continue to be a *Beacon of Hope* in the near-south community. We open our doors to many organizations that help people struggling with drug and alcohol abuse. We have a group meeting at Grace that tends to the needs of injured wild-animals. We help those learning to speak English as a second language. We provide support to those who are experiencing financial struggles through our Good Samaritan Fund. We have a long time connection with our friends at Prescott School and the Gathering Place. We sponsor Cub Scout Pack 30 and Boy Scout Troop 30. We are inviting the neighborhood to make a stop at Grace on Halloween evening for Trunk or Treat. The list goes on and on and our Social Ministry and Congregational Life committees continue to expand the ways of reaching out into the community. We should be very proud of what we have done in the past, what we are doing in the present, and then look forward to those avenues which haven't been yet found for future ways to connect to our community. None of this would be possible without your generous commitment of time, talent, and financial gifts to Grace Lutheran Church. As was stated earlier, we are presently experiencing a deficit in our giving compared to our expenses. Please make certain that you are current with your pledged dollars and prayerfully consider making an additional gift to help us over this hurdle. Consider an extra \$5, \$10, or \$20 a week to help close this gap. Thank you and God Bless All of You!

## **September Council Meeting—Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

Present: Kevin Gade, Wendy Apple, Doug Krueger, Pastor Eric Lesher, Dave Ripa, Curt Mann, Teddi Reckling, Karen Billings, Carla Ingersoll

Absent: Barb Smith

Guest: Jim Krueger

Curt Mann called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Curt gave devotions.

Approval: The August Council Minutes were approved as written.

### **President's Report:**

God's Work. Our Hands-Successful experience. Members of Congregation and Scouts participated in Neighborhood cleanup. Thank you to all who helped organize and prepare lunch. Received thank yous from neighborhood members.

Wednesday Night program-Off to a good start. Hopefully program and attendance will grow as we move forward. Thanks to all who have helped organize, worked on the various programs and prepared the meals.

Boy Scout Garage Sale-Excellent outcome for Boy Scout Troop. Raised over \$1600. Any items left after sale was closed were donated to various charities.

Congregational Meeting-The plan for the October 8 meeting is to approve and then adopt the entire constitution.

Nominating Committee and verify Council members terms that are being completed. Karen, Kevin, Teddi and Carla are eligible for reelection. They will need to verify that they will run again. At that point, the nominating committee will begin their work.

Correspondence-Prescott teachers sent a thank you for the gathering and dinner at Grace on August 27.

### **Staff Reports:**

**Senior Pastor:** Written report-Near South Neighborhood Association indicated their appreciation for the congregation picking up trash in the neighborhood.

**Director of Music:** Written report-note comments on Colt's resignation and Choral Scholar program, Executive Committee has met and given Sara permission to seek out replacements as needed. She is to stay within budgeted amounts.

Reports approved as printed.

**Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports:** Approved as written and sent for audit.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Parish Education:** written report-Shipping costs fro new Sunday School tables will be expensed to the Property committee budget.

**Evangelism:** Written report.

**Property:** Written report.

**Social Ministry:** Written report

**Stewardship:** written report.

**Finance:** written report

**Memorials:** No written report

**Worship and Music:** Written report

Committee reports approved as printed.

**Old Business:**

**Tickets to Ross Theater:** Agreed plan is to have a silent auction at the January congregation meeting and include these in a couple of baskets. Plans are to be worked out at future meetings.

**Wedding and Funeral Policies:** Copies of the revised plans were given to council to review so that action can be taken in the October council meeting.

**New Business:**

**Trunk or Treat:** To be held on October 31 from 5:00-7:00. Need to find individuals who will help organize and carry out plans, since no committee has been assigned responsibility.

**2018 Spending Plan:** Jim Krueger presented a tentative spending plan for 2018 from numbers that committees had submitted and staffing salaries/benefits. The Faith Formation position will not be funded in 2018. The music interim salary will be funded for 9 months. Pr. Eric's benefit package will be reworked because of a change in health insurance coverage for his family. Council is recommending a 3% pay increase for staff.

**Next Council Meeting:** October 10

Meeting concluded with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Carla Ingersoll, Council Secretary

The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk!

Portrayal of Katie Luther by Lisa Kramme  
Special Guest author Michelle Derusha

Sunday, November 12  
2:00 PM

The women of Salem Lutheran Church  
401 E Military Ave, Fremont  
Common Grounds Building

RSVP to Cindy Gustafson, 402-721-4750 by November 1  
Food, Fellowship and a book signing by Michelle Derusha

**Transformations**

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

—William Arthur Ward

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

—John F. Kennedy



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9	Charlene & Clarence Johnson	2	Henry Lambert	14	Cynthe Dumler Steve Schott
22	Jack & Arlene Reighard	3	Michael Genthe	15	Ken Holmstrom Sophie Schott Jennifer Serafin
24	Delmar & Jo Miller	4	Blake Anderson	16	Kathleen Miller Nanci Wells
25	Ed & Kathryn Vader	6	Haidyn Haumont Sasha Hoxie Kaiden Noecker	17	Laila Faust Olga Nielsen
29	Richard & Jayne Brown	7	Todd Robinson	18	Wayne Remington
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		10	Ashley Branting Susan Paschold Teddi Reckling	24	Connie Thorson
		11	Terry Branting Evan Johnson	25	Frankie Ptacek
		12	Owen Petersen	27	Keith Herbster
		30		30	Lori Drake



# November

## Wednesday, November 1

12:00 pm WELCA lunch and meeting  
5:45 pm Dinner  
6:15 pm Children's Choir, Bible Study  
7:00 pm Evening Prayer, In Stitches  
7:30 pm Confirmation, Book Club

## Thursday, November 2

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

## Friday, November 3

5:30 pm YWCA respite care

## Saturday, November 4

5:30 pm Worship

## Sunday, November 5

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Semi Annual meeting and brunch  
11:30 am Bells  
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal  
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

## Monday, November 6

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
1:00 pm Lounge reserved  
6:30 pm Memorials Committee, Scout Cmte. Mtg.  
7:00 pm Scouts

## Tuesday, November 7

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

## Wednesday, November 8

11:30 am Yesterday's Youth  
5:45 pm Dinner  
6:15 pm Children's Choir, Bible Study  
7:00 pm Evening Prayer, In Stitches  
7:30 pm Confirmation, Creative Faith Practices

## Thursday, November 19

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

## Saturday, November 11

8:00 am—Conf. Rm. reserved  
12:00 pm Lounge reserved  
5:30 pm worship

## Sunday, November 12

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Sunday School, Fellowship, A.S.F., choir, Thrivent Mtg.  
11:30 am Bell choir  
1:00 pm Chapel reserved  
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

## Monday, November 13

9:00 Lincoln Literacy  
1:00 pm WELCA #2 Mtg.  
7:00 pm Scouts

## Tuesday, November 14

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

## Wednesday, November 15

1:00 pm WELCA #1 Mtg.  
5:15 pm Preschool Crafts  
5:45 pm Dinner  
6:15 pm Children's Choir, Bible Study  
7:00 pm Evening Prayer, In Stitches  
7:30 pm Confirmation

## Thursday, November 16

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

## Friday, November 17

4:00 pm Suzuki music lessons  
5:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved  
6:30 pm Nave reserved

## Saturday, November 18

1:00 pm Chapel reserved  
5:30 pm Worship

## Sunday, November 19

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Sunday School, Fellowship, A.S.F., choir  
11:30 am Bell choir  
3:00 pm Lincoln Lutheran Choir concert  
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

## Monday, November 20

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
5:00 pm Gathering Place  
7:00 pm Scouts

## Tuesday, November 21

9:30 am Al-Anon  
6:30 pm Scout

## Thursday, November 23

Office closed



## Friday, November 24

Office closed

## Saturday, November 25

5:00 pm Latino worship—Nave  
5:30 pm worship

## Sunday, November 26

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Sunday School, Fellowship, A.S.F., choir  
11:30 am Bell choir  
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

## Monday, November 27

9:00 Lincoln Literacy  
7:00 pm Scouts

## Tuesday, November 28

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

## Wednesday, November 29

5:45 pm Dinner  
6:15 pm Children's Choir, Bible Study  
7:00 pm Evening Prayer, In Stitches  
7:30 pm Confirmation

## Thursday, November 30

6:30 am Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy  
7:00 pm Bell Choir, N. A. Mtg., Conf. Rm reserved

\*child care provided



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On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

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Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

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