

The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502

June 26, 2018



Raymond and Noah Guern—Lincoln High

Rhys Hughes—Lincoln Southeast

Adam Fitzgibbon—UNL, computer engineering

Sam Griesel—East High (grandson of Barry and Irene Moore)



Security-trained greeters took note when an untidy white man in a trench coat arrived for worship at Christ Mission, a mostly African-American congregation in Columbia, South Carolina. Suspicion turned to alarm when they saw something bulky under his coat. A weapon?

With the painful memory still fresh of the 2015 hate-crime when a white visitor murdered nine African-Americans at Charleston's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Christ Mission team members followed their playbook, positioning themselves around the visitor while someone greeted him warmly and invited him in.

Once at his seat, the visitor took off his jacket and revealed what he was carrying. "He had Bibles!" said Leroy Cannon, pastor of Christ Mission. "We shouted, 'Hallelujah."

In this month when we celebrate freedom, stories like this one, remind us that freedom can be risky but always worth the risk. It could be a gun. It could be a Bible. So, behind freedom is faith. Faith in God. Faith in others. This faith creates a watchful but welcoming community. A community committed to both safety and hospitality.

So maybe this is why our money reminds us, "In God We Trust". Because freedom can become limited or disappear without trust in God and others. Trust that is easily tempted by our fear. So, in this month when freedom is celebrated learn to cling to trust as you let go of fear. Because freedom is risky but always worth the risk.

Pr. Ene Jester



- ♦ 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.
- Marriage: David & Rhonda Ihrie (June 4)
- ◆ The deadline for the next Greeter will be July 20th. It will be mailed on Tuesday, July 24.
- The church council will not meet in July. Committees can meet if they wish.
- Bulletins have been shared by: Betty Shaw [St. Timothy's Lutheran, Omaha]
- 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. These message will normally go out on Wednesday and will also inform the congregation of a members death.



A produce table will be set up in Lesher Hall on Sunday mornings. It is a way for those who have surplus items from their gardens to share with others at Grace. A container will be available for freewill contributions, which will be donated to the cause of relieving world hunger.

Words from FDR

We still remain true to the faith of our fathers who established religious liberty when the nation began. We must remember, too, that our forebears in every generation, and wherever they established their homes, made prompt and generous provision for the institutions of religion. We must continue their steadfast reliance upon the providence of God. No greater blessing could come to our land today than a revival of the spirit of religion. I doubt if there is any problem in the world today — social, political or economic — that would not find happy solution if approached in the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1938



- Boy Scout Troop 30 will be hosting a Garage Sale on July 26-28 to support the troop's activity fund. If you would like to donate items for their sale, you can put them on the stage. The times for sale will be: July 26th & 27th, 8:00 am through 4:00 pm and July 28th 8:00 am through 3:00 pm.
- At 7 P.M. on August 11, 2018, at Grace Lutheran Church, Michael Plambeck will present a Historical Liturgy Concert based on the Lutheran Vespers Service about AD1600. The professional vocalists will perform settings of the chants from that period in addition to a motet from the period. Instrumentalists along with the vocalists will also perform a Magnificat set in the style of the late renaissance/early-baroque. The event is open to the public and free of charge. A free-will offering will be taken to cover the costs of the performance.



Amanda (Day) Hefner has accepted a call at St. John's Lutheran Church in Schuyler, starting August 1. She will be ordained at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Coleridge, NE, at 6:30pm on August 30. The congregation are all warmly invited!



ReNew Vacation Bible School: The Parable of the Sower

VBS is July 9 - 13 from 5:30 to 8:00 each evening. Meals for students and families will be served at 5:30. At 6:00 we will start with an opening and continue having a lesson, crafts, singing, and fun. Please invite your neighbors and friends. The congregation can support VBS but donating items for food and crafts. See the table in the east entry way. Registration forms are available online at http://egrace.org Paper forms are available from the church office.



Do you wonder how you can best protect your family against crime? Is there available information that your child needs to know? Come, bring

your children and participate in a National Night Out (Against Crime) on August 7th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. in the east parking lot (Lesher Hall if the weather is bad). Activities and games will provide a fun learning experience for your children. Educational material will be available to take home. As sponsors of this event, Congregational Life Committee encourages your attendance. If you have questions, please call Co Chairs Carla Ingersoll 402-477-5049 and/or Teddi Reckling 402-435-5873.



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 21/2 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 in the next several weeks. Slips with the supply list are also available on the table.



Evening Prayer with Jazz
June 17

Join us the third Sunday of the month at 7 pm in the Chapel.



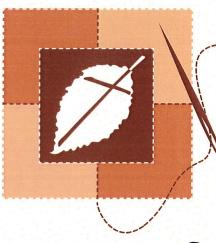
From Ken Holmstrom: Thank you to my Grace family for your cards, visits, and continued prayers during my recovery.

From Roger Potts, Property Chair: Appreciation to the Great Annual Spring Yard Clean-up Group! The Annual Spring Yard Clean-up was held on Sat. April 21st at 8:30am and we had a good hard working group help. There was one (1) Boy Scout and eleven (11) Cub Scouts along with nine (9) parents and Scout

leaders and several church members. In all there were 25 helpers and everyone pitched in and we had the job completed by 10:30am. Snacks and beverages were provided and Doug K. provided the trailer to haul the debris away. A big THANKS to all who helped out and especially to Troop 30.

From Barry & Irene Moore: We want to thank our Grace friends for the cards, visits, concern and prayers while I was in the hospital and when Barry and I were in the Eastmont Care Center. Also thanks to Pastor Lesher for his visits.

July 1	
Assisting Minister	Jacob Krueger
Lector	Cindy Eberspacher
Communion Assistants	Cindy Eberspacher, Steve Paschold, Lorraine James, Lois Schuerman
Altar Guild / Communion bread	Kurt & Cindy Eberspacher / Barb Smith
Greeters	Steve & Regina Paschold
Acolyte	Luke Filbert
July 8	
Assisting Minister	Charylne Berens
Lector	Denny Berens
Communion Assistants	Denny Berens, Dave & Kathren Miller, Pat Lickei
Altar Guild / Communion bread	Dave & Kathren Miller/ Darlene Stutheit
Greeters	Pat Lickei, Darlene Stutheit
July 15	
Assisting Minister	Jacob Krueger
Lector	Rachel Haider
Communion Assistants	Carolyn Ossian, Teresa Serafin, Darlene Stutheit, Dave Ripa
Altar Guild / Communion bread	Carla Ingersoll, Ginny Potts/ Wendy Apple
Greeters	Ron & Carolyn Ossian
Acolyte	Chloe Fitzgibbon
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July 22	
Assisting Minister	Roger Potts
Lector	Helen Carnes
Communion Assistants	Helen Carnes, Carol Olson, Kathie Remington, Neil Larson
Altar Guild / Communion bread	Doug & Sarah Krueger\Helen Carnes
Greeters	Denny & Charlyne Berens
Acolyte	Conrad Schroeder
July 29	Base Baselan
Assisting Minister	Dean Dumler
Lector	Beth Kimmerling Dumler
Communion Assistants	Beth Kimmerling Dulmer, Ginny Potts, Peter Schnake,
Altar Guild / Communion bread	Kurt & Cindy Eberspacher / Cindy Eberspacher
Greeters	Larry and Sharon Genthe
Acolyte	Kaiden Noecker



Carol Joy Holling Camp, Conference & Retreat Center

30th Annual Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 28



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9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

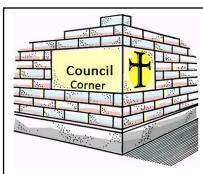
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From the Church Council: We would like to thank each and everyone of you for helping us *Bridge the Gap!* We set a goal of \$20,000 in additional gifts during the months of April and May. We surpassed the goal by over \$4,000. Altogether with our monthly offerings combined with the Bridge the Gap donations, your church received \$94,950.70. Your generous donations have helped us overcome this financial hurdle and it is greatly appreciated.

From the Parish Education Committee: Mark your calendars for the 2018 Vacation Bible School at Grace. It will be held from July 9th through July 13th from 5:30-8:00 PM.

From the Congregational Life Committee: Our church will host a **National Night Out** event on August 7th. This will be one of many events held simultaneously around the country to educate others on how to fight against crime. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at Grace that evening.

From the Property Committee: We continue to experience some leaks from the roof over Lesher Hall. These will be repaired until a determination is made by the congregation as to when we will replace it. There will also be some work completed in the old choir rehearsal room downstairs as the old risers will be removed. The cracked window in the kitchen has been replaced. The project of replacing the exterior windows by Palace Glass has been temporarily been put on hold.

From the Social Ministry Committee: The produce table has been started so bring in those plants and produce as they become available. Anyone can share their overstock with the rest of us. Enjoy your summer!

From the Finance & Stewardship Committee: Remember to turn in your **Time and Talent** sheets! Please share your time and talents with your church.



Need directions? These days, online map services can tell you how to get to just about any destination. Yet even these sites make no guarantees. Disclaimers absolve them of responsibility if the directions run awry. "These directions are for planning purposes only," one site warns. "You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly."

Fortunately, the Bible has no such disclaimers. God's Word always gets us where we need to go. In fact, when the unexpected happens, that's when Scripture is at its best!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Feeding, clothing and caring 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

Jesus speaks these words as part of his story about Judgment Day. The King – the Lord – will speak these words to the people he welcomes into his kingdom. The King speaks these words to us, too.

Our reply is the same as that of "the righteous" in Jesus' story. Good grief! The Lord has never appeared to us in a vision and asked for our help. So we ask, "Lord, when did we do these things for you?"

And the answer we get is the same as the King's reply in Jesus' story: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 26:40

Pretty obvious, isn't it? Our Lord expects us to feed him, clothe him, look after him when he is sick; he expects us to care for him by caring for each other. It's not optional; it's our mission.

We answer God's command every time we care for another human being:

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.

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

We answer God's command, we fulfill our mission as believers, with our service here in our congregation and as we reach out to the greater community.

The rewards are enormous. Of course, we do not earn our salvation by what we do, but we know we are feeding, clothing and caring for our God when we feed, clothe and care for his people. We *are* God's hands in this world. What greater joy could there be?

Church Council Meeting May 8, 2018

Present: Wendy Apple, Karen Billings, Dustin Haider, Carla Ingersoll, Doug Krueger, Curt Mann,

Teddi Reckling, Dave Ripa

Absent: Pastor Eric Lesher, Barb Smith

Meeting called to order by President Curt Mann at 7:08 pm.

Devotions were given by Carla.

April Council Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

President's Report:

Confirmation Dinner

Saturday May 19, 2018 at 6:30pm at Grace.

Council is hosting/serving.

Bridge the Gap Fund Drive

Total received as of Sunday May 6, 2018 is \$18,090.

Foundation Meeting

Funding for the Cholar Scholar program and to sponsor a Lincoln Organ Showecase Concert was approved.

Congregational Meeting Sunday June 24, 2018 at 10:20am in Lesher Hall.

Purpose is to discuss funding for roof repairs.

Correspondence

Thank-you letter and \$250 was received from Lincoln Lutheran Choir for use of the building. Thank-you letter from Cornhusker Bank was received for participation in the 2018 One Day Without Shoes Drive.

Staff Reports:

Senior Pastor: No Non-personnel Report

Director of Music: No Report

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Written Report

Financial Secretary: Written Report

Financial reports approved as written and filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Congregational Life: Did not meet in May

Finance: Written Report **Memorials:** No Report

Parish Education: Written Report Volunteers are needed for VBS.

There will be a reception after worship on May 20, 2018 for the confirmands. Curt will get cards for the

Council to sign.

Property: Written Report

Social Ministry: Written Report **Stewardship:** Written Report

Worship and Music: Did not meet in May

Committee reports approved as written.

Motion was made at 7:52pm by Dave Ripa to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters; Dustin Haider seconded; motion carried.

Motion was made at 8:33pm by Teddi Reckling to exit executive session; Doug Krueger seconded; motion carried.

Wendy Apple made a motion to accept Sara Schott's letter of resignation and all terms therein including severance pay to the end of August; Dustin Haider seconded; motion carried 7-1.

Old Business:

Congregational Survey

Dustin has finished compiling the results.

Printed copies will be made available outside of the office for the congregation to pick up.

New Business:

Audit Committee Report was reviewed

Dave Ripa made a motion to approve the Audit Committee report as written; Karen Billings seconded; motion carried.

Music Ministry Job Descriptions

Curt will request that Pastor Eric provide job descriptions/his wants/vision for moving forward. Once we have info from Pastor Eric, a special Council meeting will be scheduled to discuss fur-

ther.

Upcoming Services

The Jazz Compline service will begin the 3rd Sunday in June.

There will be no Ascension Day service on Thursday May 10, 2018.

The possible talent show on Sunday June 10, 2018 is currently pending a volunteer to coordinate.

Teddi Reckling made a motion to adjourn at 9:02pm; Karen Billings seconded; motion carried. Next Meeting: June 12, 2018

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Apple, Council Secretary



Given the fact that spaghetti was so popular in April, and is seldom served at The Gathering Place, when people from Grace were there on May 21, the menu was essentially an encore of that from the previous month. Regina and Steve Paschold prepared the spaghetti with meat sauce, using ground beef donated by Kaitlyn, Kevin and Cynthe Dumler. Carla Ingersoll contributed the tossed lettuce salad. The balance of the menu included bananas and bread, along with home baked desserts from Joy Kokes, Helen and Don Carnes, Beth Kimmerling Dumler and Dean Dumler, and Steve and Regina. All of those mentioned above helped to serve and to clean

up after 127 portions had ben distributed.

On June 18, people representing Grace distributed 114 portions of a typically well balanced meal at The Gathering Place. Regina and Steve Paschold prepared macaroni and cheese with ham bits. The menu also included tossed lettuce salad, bananas, bread, and corn, along with cakes and brownies donated by Joy Kokes, Jan and Terry Branting, Ginny and Roger Potts, and Regina and Steve. Those individuals and Brady Garvin helped to serve the meals and to clean up afterward. Thanks go to Marilyn Holmquist, Lois Schuerman, and Brady Garvin for their financial support.

May Council Meeting Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Present: Doug Krueger, Pastor Eric Lesher, Dave Ripa, Curt Mann, Teddi Reckling, Carla Ingersoll,

Dustin Haider

Absent: Wendy Apple, Barb Smith

Curt Mann called the Council meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Purpose of Meeting: Develop job descriptions for Director of Chancel Choir, Director of Chancel Bell Choir, Organist and revise existing job description for Accompanist.

Vision of Grace's music ministry:

Develop a music ministry that is more inclusive and diverse.

Intentionally open to creativity to more music styles that are available. Possibly even creating some of our own liturgy music.

Reclaim summer music program.

Recruit all the talent in congregation members and build future church musicians, especially organists.

Develop a music program that will walk humbly with all the members.

Get more people involved in the music program.

Music is the heart of our congregation.

Council members present discussed and revised the job descriptions for Director of Chancel Choir, Director of Chancel Bell Choir, Organist and revise the existing job description for Accompanist.

Proposed timeline for completion:

May 30: Pastor Eric will make the revisions discussed and email revised job description to council for email approval.

June 1: Council will respond to email with approval or propose additional revisions.

June 4: Post job openings

June 22: Close job postings

June 22-July31: Interview Candidates-Executive Committee does interviews – notify selected candidate

August 19: Candidates start their duties/orientation

September 1, 2: First service

June 3: Have a short meet and greet of interim organist after service.

Meeting concluded with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Carla Ingersoll, Council Member



15 Richard & Sondra Block Eric & Julene Lesher

16 Dean & Beth Dumler

18 Reid & Amanda Genuchi Matt & Amy Knobbe

20 Bob & Donna Schnell

25 Michelle & Shane Jensen

28 Michael & Lynette Lewis Steve & Sara Schott



2 Elizabeth Johnson

3 Lindsey Howard 4 Adam Branting Bob Viox

Lynn Chamberlin Audrey Coatney

Cindy Morales
Judi Schroeder

Abby Filbert Jo Miller

10 Janet Jodais Sarah Krueger Mac Madison Sydney Robinson

11 Colton Anderson

12 Darlene Motycka Lois Schuerman Tamya Zimmerman

13 Ray Delka Drue Genthe

14 Emersyn Haumont Skylar Hoxie Cheryl Petersen

15 Matt Peppmuller

17 Don Riemann 18 Steve Faust

20 Doug Allen Chris Disney

22 Craig Potts

23 Kaycee Lange Lilyann Newman

24 Lorraine James Barb Smith Savannah Newman

25 John Lunde Kathryn Vader Grace Weigandt

26 Braden Riemann

28 Sue Clymer Kim Fritchie Barry Moore

29 Judy Grabow

31 Wendy Apple



Sunday, July 1

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship
3:00 pm Lincoln Luth. Choir
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, July 2

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, July 3

9:30 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm Committee Meetings 8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, July 4

Office closed

Thursday, July 5

9:00 am Quilting 1:00 pm Lounge reserved 7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, July 6

5:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved

Saturday, July 7

10:30 am L.L.C. meeting 5:30 pm worship

Sunday, July 8

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am A.S.F., Fellowship
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, July 9

5:30—8:00 pm VBS 6:30 pm Scout Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, July 10

9:30 am Al-Anon 5:30—8:00 pm VBS 8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, July 11

5:30—8:00 pm VBS

Thursday, July 12

9:00 am Quilting 5:30—8:00 pm VBS 7:00 pm N.A. Mtg.

Friday, July 13

5:30—8:00 pm VBS

Saturday, July 14

10:30 am Lincoln Literacy5:30 pm Worship6:30 pm Lounge reserved

Sunday, July 15

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship. ASF
2:00 pm Lounge reserved
5:00 pm Latino worship
7:00 pm Jazz Evening Prayer—
Chapel

Monday, July 16

5:00 pm Gathering Place 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, July 17

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

Thursday, July 19

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

Saturday, July 21

5:30 pm Worship7:00 pm Nave reserved

Sunday, July 22

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am ASF, Fellowship
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, July 23

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, July 24

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

Thursday, July 28

8:00—4:00 Scout garage sale 9:00 am Quilting 7:00 pm N. A. Mtg

Friday, July 27

8:00—4:00 Scout garage sale

Saturday, July 28

8:00—3:00 Scout garage sale 5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, July 29

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am ASF, Fellowship
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

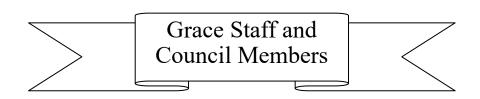
Monday, July 30

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, July 31

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





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Assistant Organist

Robert Stimbert,

Custodian

Judi Schroeder,

Nursery Coordinator

Elizabeth Krueger,

Nursery attendant

Council Assignment to Committees:

Curt Mann: Council President

Karen Billings: Vice President, Parish Ed Dustin Haider: Stewardship\Finance Wendy Apple: Secretary, Worship\Music Dave Ripa: Stewardship\Finance, Memorials

Barb Smith: Social Ministry

Teddi Reckling: Congregational life Carla Ingersoll: Congregational life

Doug Krueger: Property

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