



# The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502 May 28, 2019

## **Welcome Amanda Whited as Office Administrator.**

Amanda is the mother of three children...Jocelyn is ten years old and Kane is eight years old. They both attend Meadow Lane Elementary School. Ivy, who is almost three years of age, enjoys La Petite Academy. Amanda enjoys as much time with family as possible, eating, running, crafting, anything music or sports related and almost anything outdoors even when it's cold out. She moved to Lincoln almost a year ago from Ord, Nebraska. Welcome, Amanda!





If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Romans 14:8

June is an interesting month. At the beginning of the month, we remember D-Day. A dark day in history when many died for the sake of freedom. Near the end of the month we celebrate the summer solstice. The longest day of the year. So in one month we have a sharp contrast between dark and light. Death and life.

In our focus verse, Paul recognizes this pattern as well but he adds to it. He reminds us that we always belong to the Lord in light and dark, in death and life. A sense of belonging is important to us. Like or not, we like belonging to others. A spouse, a friend, a club, or even a congregation. Belonging reminds us that we are not alone. That we are not a blimp on a radar screen. We are known. We are appreciated. We listen and speak to others.

So in this month of June, take time to spend time with others. It's summer. We tend to have more time for each other during the summer. But also don't forget your relationship with God and nurturing that relationship here at Grace Lutheran. This is where we always remind ourselves in worship, study and service to others that "whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."

See you in worship!

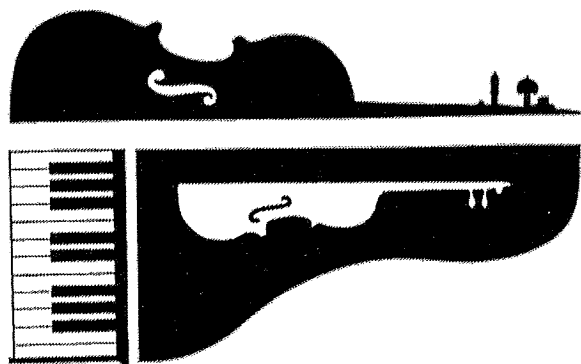
*P. Eric Tesher*

**From the Church  
Office**

- ◆ PLEASE CONTACT US! HIPPA laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church if there is a member in the hospital. The patient or a family member must contact the church office so we can schedule a visit while you are in the hospital here in Lincoln or Omaha. During office hours, call 402-474-1505 or email [office@egrace.org](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).
- ◆ 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). These messages will normally go out on Wednesday and will also inform the congregation of a members death.
- ◆ The deadline for the next Greeter will be June 20. It will be mailed on June 28.

*Thanks*  
*Many Thanks*  
*Thanks*  
*Thanks*  
*Thanks*

- \* Bob Anderson for his many years of service to the church as our official tour guide and van driver.
- \* To our Sunday School staff for an excellent school year.
- \* To all of our volunteers who have spent countless hours assisting with various church programs and events.
- \* To all of our musicians and vocalists who have inspired us with their musical talents.
- \* To our super staff members!



## **Jazz Evening Prayer**

**June 16th @ 7:00 pm**

**Christ Chapel**

**A service of word, prayer,  
and a little jazz too.**



Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



- ♦ **Grace's Thrivent Financial** group will meet in the staff conference room at 10:30 am on June 2nd. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend.
- ♦ **Women of Grace**—All women are invited for breakfast out on Wednesday, June 5th. We will gather at the Village Inn near Southpointe (7101 So. 27th) at 9:30 am. This will be our final organized WELCA event for the summer. If you have not signed up yet, please call Tricia Rosno at 402.540.5020. Good fellowship and food are sure to be on the menu. Please join us!
- ♦ **Yesterday's Youth** welcomes anyone 55 or older. Please come and join us Wednesday, June 12th. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in Leshar Hall. 11:00-12:00 for social time. We eat at 12:00 after which we have devotions and a program. The meal is potluck. So bring a dish and your table service and enjoy the fellowship.

- ♦ **Piano & Violin Concert**—June 28th at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Kevin and Heidi Cheng are performing a variety of music including some patriotic music in celebration of Independence Day. This is a free concert but a free will offering will be graciously accepted.
- ♦ **Vacation Bible School**—VBS is July 29 through August 2. Our theme is *Who is my Neighbor?* A family meal will be served each evening at 5:30 pm. Please register online.
- ♦ **Camp Carol Joy Holling**—The camp has many wonderful programs for our youth to attend. Please see the bulletin board in the gym for detailed information. Camp scholarships are available.

## The Gathering Place!

As is often the case, when folks from Grace provide meals at the Gathering Place toward the end of the month, the number of portions served on April 29<sup>th</sup> was quite large at 157. Spaghetti with meat sauce prepared by Regina and Steve Paschold was the main course. Carla Ingersoll donated the tossed lettuce salad. There were also bananas and bread, along with cakes and brownies contributed by Sharon and Larry Genthe, Helen and Don Carnes, Dave Ripa, and Joy Kokes. Those mentioned above helped with serving and clean up. Thanks go to members of Grace's Social Ministry Committee who shared brownies left from the previous day's FEAST meal served at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.



It was a relatively cold and damp late afternoon on May 20<sup>th</sup> when individuals from Grace provided meals at the Gathering Place. Regina and Steve Paschold prepared macaroni and cheese with ham bits, utilizing some of the leftover ham from a Lenten supper. Carla Ingersoll donated the tossed lettuce salad, and there were bananas, in addition to bread and whole kernel corn. Desserts were contributed by Brady Garvin, Joy Kokes, Fran and Kevin Gade, and Steve and Regina. All of those mentioned above along with Pastor Megan Morrow helped to serve and clean up after 116 portions had been distributed.

**The FEAST** (Friends Eating and Studying (and Sharing) Together) is an every Sunday activity at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln. Individuals, many of whom are close to being paroled from the Lincoln Correctional Center, are invited to attend worship, have Sunday dinner, and then join in a Bible study. Family members and significant others are also welcome. Either, Our Saviour's, or another congregation, provides the meal.

On April 28th, members of Grace's *Social Ministry Committee*, Jan Branting, Lori Drake, Pat Lickei, Pr Megan Morrow, and Regina & Steve Paschold, donated, prepared, and served the food. The menu included ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, and brownies with ice cream. Ninety meals were served, a few of them second helpings. Besides the committee members, Terry Branting assisted as the congenial host at the dessert station.

**The Lutheran Food Pantry** needs your help with personal care items that are put in each family's emergency box. They can use: shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, tooth-brushes, etc.

## **April Council Meeting—Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

**Present:** Karen Billings, Doug Krueger, Pastor Eric Leshner, Dave Ripa, Carla Ingersoll, Dustin Haider, Teddi Reckling, Jan Branting, Fran Gade

**Absent:** Curt Mann

Dustin Haider called the Council meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**Devotions:** Dustin

Thank you note received from Sandi.

**Approval of Council Minutes:** March 12 and April 2 council minutes approved as printed.

**Pastor Eric's report:** The camera and iPad are here for live streaming services. Need more information on how to get the service to the Grace Facebook page and volunteers to run it during service.

**Director of Music Report:** Approved as printed

**Pastor and Director of Music Reports:** Approved as printed.

**Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports:** Approved and submitted for audit.

**Committee Reports:** All reports approved as printed.

Finance/Stewardship-did not meet

Worship & Music-written report.

Parish Ed- written report

Congregational Life- written report: Spring Eggstravaganza on April 13

Property-written report

Social Ministry-written report: The Feast is at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on April 28. Easter remembrance of member shut ins. Shoes for the needy.

Memorial: Did not meet

### **Old Business:**

Office Administrator: Dave made a motion to retract the job offer to the first person offered the office administrator position, because of background check. Jan seconded. Motion carried.

Fran made a motion to the hiring team to pursue an interview with a new candidate that was outside of the parameters that we initially set for the office administrator to include a candidate, who came as a late entrant. Teddi seconded. Motion carried.

**Visioning Retreat:** May 4: 9AM-11AM

**Church Directory/Membership Audit:** Membership Audit: Will send out first letter in September and the second letter for non-responders in October.

Directory: Will discuss more after completion of membership audit.

### **New Business:**

**Bus Driver:** Received a retirement letter from Bob Anderson. He will stop driving and maintaining the bus on May 26. Need to request volunteers to drive the bus. Property committee will take care of maintenance.

**Choral Scholars:** New contracts for Choral Scholars will be presented to the Foundation at the next meeting.

**Confirmation Dinner:** May 11 at 5:00PM. Dave and Karen will organize. Pastor will ask confirmands how many guests each will bring.

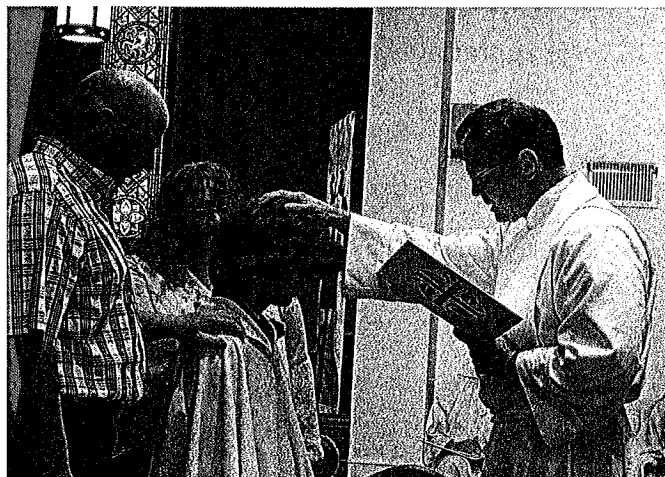
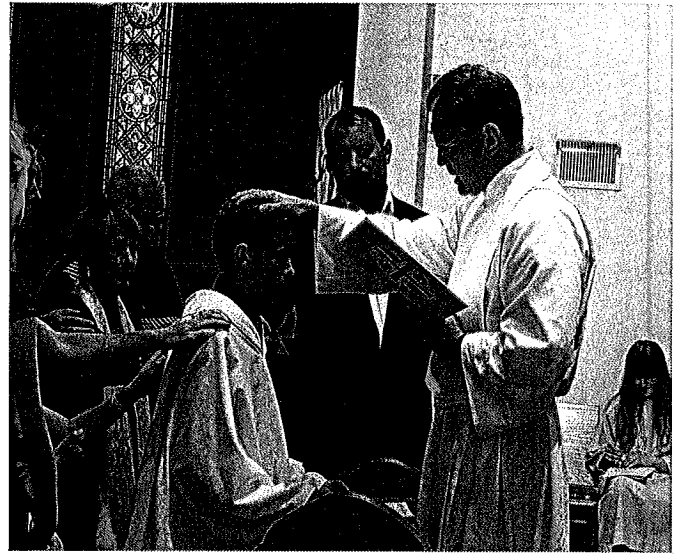
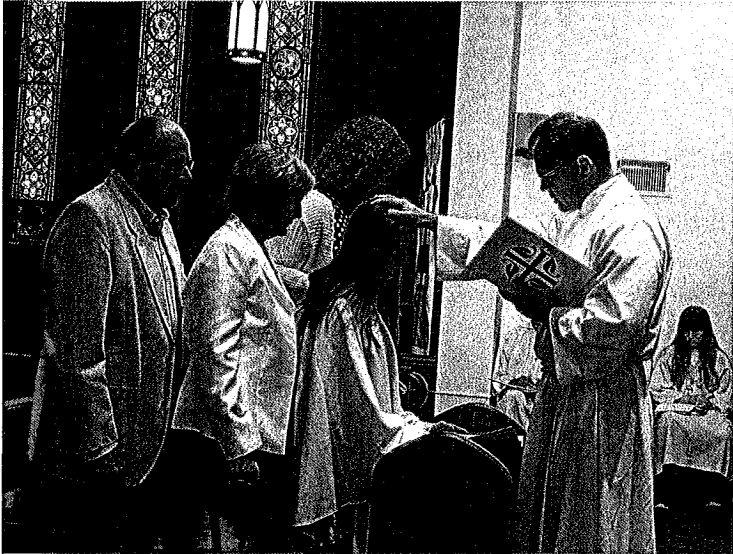
**Attendance Cards:** Visitors to Sunday service should get a letter sent to them early in the week.

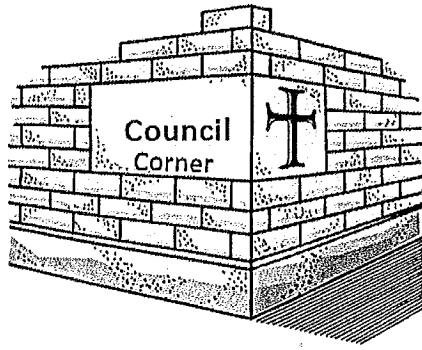
**Worship/Office Volunteers:** Worship and Music Committee to coordinate worship/office volunteers. Will put signup sheets in Gym for May.

**Computer:** Office computer will not update anymore without crashing. Dave made a motion to proceed with the purchase of a new tower for the office from Quick Connect per specifications from Pastor. Karen seconded. Motion passed.

Being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Pastor closed meeting with prayer.





**From the Church Council:** Dustin Haider has resigned from the council as he will be attending seminary. We wish to thank Dustin for his service and wish him God's Blessings as he embarks upon this new journey.

Fran Gade has graciously agreed to serve as president for the remainder of 2019.

**From the Worship & Music Committee:** Members of the committee will be recruiting worship volunteers from now on. If you would like to serve as a greeter, lector, assisting minister or communion assistant, please contact the church office. The committee wants you to remember that Jazz Evening Prayer services will continue throughout the summer. These are held on the third Sunday of the month beginning at 7:00 pm.

**From the Parish Education Committee:** Please join us in thanking our Sunday School staff members. They have done an excellent job this past year. We hope you will join us for Vacation Bible School from July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**From the Congregational Life Committee:** The committee is planning for special ways to support 'God's Work. Our Hands' Sunday, on September 8<sup>th</sup>. One activity will be passing out bottles for the homeless. In August, they will post a donation sign up sheet for items needed to be put inside of the bottles.

**From the Property Committee:** The committee is in the process of finding LED light bulbs for the sanctuary. Not only will they be most efficient but you may actually **See the Light**. The committee has recommended to the church council that we budget for the refurbishment of one stained glass window in the sanctuary for each of the next three years. Each window refurbishment costs approximately \$3760. As money is available, windows will be refurbished.

**From the Social Ministry Committee:** There will be a delay for the late spring—early summer garden produce for the "Produce Table" this year. Feel free to bring your extra rhubarb, asparagus, or flowering plants to share with others.

For the CROP Walk: There is a team (Grace Lutheran) setup at this website:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lincolne/>.

Please sign in and join the team or make a donation for our walk in October.

**From the Finance & Stewardship Committee:** April was a good month for financial gifts and our expenses were lower. Thank you for your generous support! We will be sending \$879, the proceeds from our Lenten offerings, to the Lutheran Student Center at UNL. We appreciate your gifts towards the stained glass window and building funds too.





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Matt & Jordan Peppmuller

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David & Kathren Miller

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Larry & Cindy Watchorn

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Melvin & Darlene Brydl  
Art & Bev Hillman

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Jay & Amy Ostermeyer

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Steve & Laila Faust  
Barry & Irene Moore

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Bob & Sandie Anderson  
Brent & Kendra Jensen

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EJ & Jill Marshall

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Gerald & Debra Hilde

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Greg & Susan Barnason  
Dennis & Charlyne Berens  
Sawyer & Felicia Jager

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Keith & Corene Herbster

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Chris & Nancy Andersen

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Devin & Jordan Billings

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Andy Anderson  
Larry Group

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Emily Johnson

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Charlene Johnson  
Ty Chamberlin  
Jim Zak

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Darlene Brydl  
Deb Hilde

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Patty Plambeck

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Anders Jensen

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Michael Carnes  
Jay Ostermeyer

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Felicia Jager  
Brad Potts

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Julie Lantis  
Kyle Petersen

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Joel Brown

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Ella Billings  
Peter Schnake

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Adam Brown  
Beckett Jensen  
Anne Senkbeil

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Kendra Jensen

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Greg Barnason  
Ansli Petersen

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Chloe Fitzgibbon  
Maren Stewart

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Palmer Hildreth  
Shyanne Schroeder

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Norah Noecker

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Susan Barnason

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Sharon Genthe

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Bruce Petersen  
Connie Whyrick

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Delmar Motycka



**Wednesday, June 12th**

11:00 Yesterday's Youth

**Thursday, June 13th**

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

**Friday, June 14th**

6:00 pm YWCA Mother/Daughter  
Game night—gym

**Saturday, June 15th**

10:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
5:00 pm Worship

**Sunday, June 16th**

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Fellowship  
7:00 pm Jazz Evening Prayer-chapel

**Monday, June 17th**

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

**Tuesday, June 18th**

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

**Wednesday, June 19th**

**Thursday, June 20th**

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

**Friday, June 21st (1st day of summer)**

**Saturday, June 22nd**

10:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
5:00 pm Worship

**Sunday, June 23rd**

9:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Fellowship

**Monday, June 24th**

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
7:00 pm Scouts BSA

**Tuesday, June 25th**

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

**Wednesday, June 26th**

**Thursday, June 27th**

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

**Friday, June 28th**

7:00 pm Piano & Violin Concert-chapel

**Saturday, June 29th**

10:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
5:00 pm Worship

**Sunday, June 30th**

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Fellowship

**Saturday, June 1st**

10:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
5:00 pm Worship

**Sunday, June 2nd**

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Fellowship, Thrivent Mtg.

**Monday, June 3rd**

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
7:00 pm Scouts BSA

**Tuesday, June 4th**

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

**Wednesday, June 5th**

9:30 am WELCA Breakfast Out  
Southpointe Village Inn

**Thursday, June 6th**

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

**Friday, June 7th**

9:00 am Church Women United Mtg.

**Saturday, June 8th**

10:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
1:00 pm Lounge reserved  
5:00 pm Worship

**Sunday, June 9th**

9:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Fellowship

**Monday, June 10th**

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
6:30 pm Scouts BSA  
7:15 pm Troop 30 committee mtg.

**Tuesday, June 11th**

9:30 am Al-Anon  
7:00 pm Church Council/ Wildlife Rescue  
8:00 pm AA Mtg.

## Grace Staff and Council Members

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*Custodian*

**Judi Schroeder**

*Nursery Coordinator*

**Elizabeth Krueger,**

*Nursery attendant*

### Council Assignment to Committees:

Fran Gade:	Council President
Dave Ripa:	Worship & Music; Memorials
Carla Ingersoll:	Congregational Life
Curt Mann:	Stewardship\Finance
Karen Billings:	Congregational Life
Jan Branting:	Social Ministry
Teddi Reckling:	Worship and Music
Doug Krueger:	Property
	Parish Education

