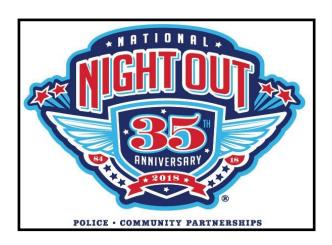


The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502 July 24, 2018



National Night Out\Family fun night
August 7, 6—8 pm
East Parking Lot
Oasis Bluegrass band, food, games

This event is open to everyone of all ages! Bring your lawn chair, enjoy the music and get a bite to eat! We are looking for volunteers —a sign up sheet is in the atrium

Do you wonder how you can best protect your family against crime? Is there available information that your child needs to know? Activities and games will provide a fun learning experience and educational material will be available to take home. Please call Co Chairs Carla Ingersoll 402-477-5049 and/or Teddi Reckling 402-435-5873.



The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. - Psalm 145:15

I was at the A Street Market the other day and saw two shopping carts full of sweet corn grown in Valparaiso, Nebraska. I'm a sweet corn junkie. I could eat half a dozen by myself. The bigger the ear of corn the better. So even though I was looking for a bottle of Apple Cider vinegar for coleslaw I also purchased the corn. I would have coleslaw another time. Fresh sweet corn comes only once a year.

August is that time of year when all the local produce shows up at Farmer's Markets and Grocery stores. Local produce that reminds us that God's abundance always comes through the dedicated work of others. Folks we will never meet but who produce food for us anyway. This is grace in action. Unearned generosity shown by those who love to serve.

This is also how congregations stay healthy just as we stay healthy eating the produce of others. Rev. Delmar Chilton writes:

Congregations that vigorously pursue opening the feast (of God's grace) to everyone, especially those congregations that take the feast outside the walls into the community, are healthy congregations. They looked at the "crowd" and at what they had and decided to do something, trusting God to provide.

Then there are other congregations that look at the needs of the crowd and at what they have and decide they can only feed themselves. These congregations seldom allow others a seat at the table and kept the feast very much inside the walls. These congregations are dying a very slow but certain death.

As we enter into a new fall together we need to pray for our congregation's health. That we continue to strive at being healthy. Remembering that God's grace is sufficient for us and is all that we need to be the body of Christ in the world today. This is a great privilege that God has given to us but also a great responsibility as well. So, have fun but also be serious about the opportunity that we are given every day. The opportunity to extend the feast of God's grace to others. Especially those that are forgotten or overlooked in the world today. Folks we don't know and may never meet but who also deserve an opportunity to be nourished at the table of Jesus and serve the One who has served us.

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.
- The deadline for the next Greeter will be August 20th. It will be mailed on Tuesday, August 28.
- 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.
- Committees should decide if they are meeting on August 7 or a different time. That is the date of the "National Night Out" event from 6 to 8 PM.



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.



We all have a desire to let others know about our church. Here is one way to get the word out. Car clings are available on the table next to the office. They read "Follow me to Grace" and "There is a Place for You". Pick one up and let our neighbors know who we are.

T.H.I.N.K.

British evangelist Alan Redpath suggested these five helpful questions to ask yourself before you speak:

T — Is it True?

H — Is it Helpful?

I — Is it Inspiring?

N — Is it Necessary?

K — Is it Kind?



• 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/earlybaroque. 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! Please contact the church office if you would like to car pool.

Evening Prayer with Jazz July 19

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

Benedictine Oblates are women and men of all Christian denominations who are interested in enriching their Christian way of life. Benedictine Oblates live in today's society and are a witness to Christ by word and example to those around them. We are always seeking Christ in others we work with, live with and interact with each day. Following the example of the Rule of Benedict, we strive to live our lives in a balance of prayer and an active life such as employment or volunteering.

Interested persons enjoy a year of spiritual formation, mentoring, and orientation to our Oblate Handbook (available on our website) as well as getting to know Oblates in our community as we gather each month. As a Benedictine Oblate you will spend time studying the Rule of St. Benedict, pledge yourself to a life of deeper prayer through Lectio Divina, the Liturgy of the Hours in the monastic tradition, and the study of Benedictine spirituality. There is no cost to become a Benedictine Oblate other than the cost for occasional books. Benedictine Oblates generally commit to at least one meeting per month.

The 2018 Benedictine Oblate Informational Meeting will be held at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, 5401 South Street, at 7 PM, Sunday, August 26, 2018 in Sheridan Rooms A and B. For additional information, call Carol Olson at 402 -486-0864, or visit our website at www.nebraskabenedictineoblates.org for more information.

The Nebraska Benedictine Oblates are affiliated with Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, South Dakota.



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 2½ 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. The supply list is also available on the table.

\$1000 Scholarship Available: Beta Sigma Psi has a scholarship available to Lutheran men attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln in the fall. Our fraternity is dedicated to helping one another grow spiritually in their faith as they attend college. For more information and an application, contact our recruitment chair at (308) 830-1582 or by email at connorsears0@gmail.com. The application deadline is on September 1st.



Thank you to all who turned in their Time & Talent surveys. We have an energetic congregation, willing to help in many ways! There is still time to turn in your T&T survey if you have not done so.





Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry's "wish list" at this time include:

- Peanut butter
- Saltine crackers
- Dry dinners (Hamburger Helper)

• Personal care items (<u>shampoo</u>, <u>toothpaste</u>, toothbrushes, bath soap, etc. - these items cannot be purchased with food stamps and are greatly needed by the families we serve. *Hotel and sample-size items like dentists provide are great, too!*)

Monetary donations to purchase food from the Food Bank Don't forget to save personal care items from hotels if you are trav-

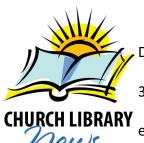
eling this summer. Most hotels/motels provide personal care items (shampoo, soap, lotions, etc.) for their travelers. If you don't use all of these products, please consider bringing them back home with you and donating them to the Lutheran Food Pantry. The clients we serve greatly appreciate getting these!

The Lutheran Food Pantry is collecting the UPC labels from Best Choice products. Please donate the UPC labels (must include the words "Best Choice" with the code bar), and put them in with your donations to the Food Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity in helping the food insecure in our community!

Drinking from the well is a new program of spiritual formation for adults, offering teaching and prayer practices to help open them to receive the fullness of life in Christ and the richness of God's mercy—right here, right now! Information about the program and the process of registration can be found at www.seekingthe spirit.org. You may also contact Deacon Connie Stover at 308-440-4450 or conniestover@nebraskasynod.org. Registration will remain open until August 17.

Have you ever considered a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to walk and pray in the step of our Lord Jesus? Pastor Peter Jacobson (Gloria Dei, Wichita) former Associate Pastor at Grace, is hosting a 10 day trip to Israel next spring, May 6—15. This will be a true pilgrimage—a spiritual journey— with daily Eucharist and prayer. Price (including 2 meals a day, air from Kansas City, taxes and tips) is \$4079 pp (based on double occupancy). If you would like a brochure or more information, email Pr. Jacobson at pjacobson@cox.net or call church 316-263-0872.



A number of new books have been added to the Library.

Remember the Enron Crisis? For a different ending, read "The Domino Effect" by Davis Bunn.

The Worthington Destiny Series (1."A Perfect Ambition"; 2."A Powerful Secret" and 3."A Primary Decision") to learn more about political lives through fiction.

Other fiction describes life and politics in Ireland and during the war for independence; family life and, of course, love stories.

PLEASE HELP!! It is great to have library helpers but now we need a new Librarian!! I can help but don't have time and energy for the planning and coordination that is needed.

Sincerely, Janet Jodais



The summer "indoor picnic" has become somewhat of a tradition at least once per year when Grace serves at The Gathering Place. Having taken advantage of July 4th grocery promotions, Regina and Steve Paschold coordinated the very popular July 16th meal, which included hot dogs (July is national hot dog month.), baked beans, bananas, tossed lettuce salad donated by Carla Ingersoll, and a wide assortment of home baked desserts. Cucumbers not taken from the previous day's produce table at Grace were sliced, and topped with a little dressing, to make a nutritious addition

to the menu. Those who contributed desserts were Helen and Don Carnes, Jan and Terry Branting, Joy Kokes, Lois Schuerman, and Regina and Steve. Except for Lois, all of those mentioned above, along with Brady Garvin, helped to serve and to clean up after 146 portions had been distributed.



From the Parish Ed Committee – Thank YOU! Thank you all for your donations, hard work, time, and dedication you gave so that Grace's Renew Vacation Bible School could be a success. Whether you gave an offering (monetary or material), worked to help plan VBS, volunteered your time and talents (including our many youth that came and helped with smiles on their faces and Jesus in their hearts), or your prayers for the children, we want to **Thank You!** From the dinners to the lessons to the activities (tug of war, seed balls, water balloons, painting flower pots, and planting flowers in those greatlooking pots, just to name a few), you helped plant the seeds and

nurture young lives.

The 2018 Grace VBS coordinators were Debbie Basler and Elizabeth Krueger; plus music led by Charlie Leftridge and Louis Claussen, lessons with Pastor Eric, plus the following assistants/volunteers and helpers (please forgive any misspellings or omissions):

Helpers – Kaitlyn, Chloe, Ayda, Liliana, Shaune, and Kennedy;
Assistants/Volunteers – Rod, Terry, Brady, Kathren & Dave, Mark, Tina, Denny & Charlyne, Dave,
Curtis, and Steve & Tricia.

Sunday school's origins

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.

August 5	
Assisting Minister	Tina Loseke
Lector	Karen Billings
Communion Assistants	Mark & Karen Billings, Fran & Kevin Gade
Altar Guild	Jon & Connie Thorson
Communion bread	Fran Gade
Greeters	Doug & Jeannette Allen
Acolyte	Erin Krueger
August 12	
Assisting Minister	Megan Morrow
Lector	Lorraine James
Communion Assistants	Brady Garvin, Charlene Johnson, Curt Mann, Dave Ripa
Communion bread	Sharon Gottsche
Greeters	Sharon Gottsche, Lorraine James
Acolyte	Chloe Fitzgibbon
August 19	
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Denny Berens
Communion Assistants	Bruce & Cheryl Petersen, Connie Whyrick, Joyce Krueger
Altar Guild	Dustin & Rachel Haider
Communion bread	Sharon Genthe
Greeters	Bruce & Cheryl Petersen
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Dumler
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1 Doug & Jeannette Allen Steve & Tricia Rosno

3 Willie & Jeanne Weisbrook

9 Kevin & Kimberly Fritchie Michael & Laura Lawrence

12 Dean & Kay Ossian

17 John & Brittany Johnson

18 Ken & Lisa Holmstrom

19 Gene & Lianne Garza

20 Larry & Penny Group

24
Henry & Judy Lambert
John & Debbie Winterfeld

30 Don & Helen Carnes Steve & Regina Paschold



1 Lynn Senkbeil

4 Brady Garvin Hazel Johnson Edward Meitzen

6 Ron Holtgrewe Steven Lesher Steven Pozehl

7 Jeannette Allen

8 Caleb Knobbe

10 Kathryn Bodfield Donna Schnell

11 Ed Binder David Paschold

12 Bev Hillman Steve Rosno 13 Alan Givens Carol Olson

14 Jill Marshall

15 Kathy Zimmerman

Josh Lesher

16

17 Belva Gleason

18 Stacy Parent

21 Everett Giles Dennis Madison Andrew Meitzen

22 Loretta Ahl

26 Dave Miller

28 David Baker

29 Charlie Matya

30 Kelly O'Hara Jillian Jensen



Thursday, August 2

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

Friday, August 3

5:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved

Saturday, August 4

3:00 pm Lesher\Collins wedding5:30 pm worship7:00 pm Nave reserved

Sunday, August 5

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am A.S.F., Fellowship
12:00 pm Lounge reserved
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, August 6

6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, August 7

9:30 am Al– Anon 6:00 pm National Night Out event 7:00 pm Committee meetings 8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Thursday, August 9

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

Friday, August 10

5:30 pm YWCA respite care

Saturday, August 11

5:30 pm Worship
7:00 pm Historical Liturgy concert
-Nave

Sunday, August 12

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

Monday, August 13

3:00 pm Lounge reserved 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 16

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

Friday, August 17

5:30 pm YWCA respite care

Saturday, August 18

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, August 19

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

Monday, August 20

5:00 pm Gathering Place 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, August 21

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

Thursday, August 23

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

Friday, August 24

12:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved

Saturday, August 25

8:00—3:00 Lesher Hall reserved 5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, August 26

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

Monday, August 27

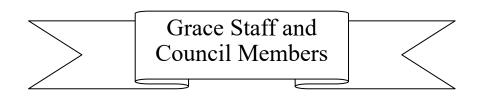
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, August 28

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

Thursday, August 30

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



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Custodian

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Nursery attendant

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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

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