



The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502 July 26, 2016
www.egrace.org, facebook.com/glclincoln, prayer requests, dialogue and questions welcomed.



July 31 Antelope Park (log cabin shelter)
5:00 PM (we will eat around 5:30)

Hot dogs, buns, condiments will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share, along with your table service and drink.

The Lincoln Municipal Band will have a concert at 7:00 PM at the bandshell. Admission is FREE.
The theme that night is: *Give My Regards: Music from Broadway*; Carolyn Barber, conductor



Jesus' parents found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46

It's too bad that we don't get to see all the questions that Jesus asked that day. Listening in a temple whose religious system had in many ways become corrupt. Greed for power and position within the system meant that those without power or position suffered. Like the widow and her two pennies there were many who suffered at the hands of injustice grounded in greed for power and position in the world. A self-righteousness that excluded the other for the sake of the self.

Like Jesus, as we listen to the world today we don't like what we are hearing. Vengeance and violence has become common among us. We are finding it more difficult to listen to each other. So we avoid the conversation. Listening often puts a face on those we hate so we avoid what Jesus did so well. But Jesus listens among those who someday will kill him. Some of them will realize their mistake and join him. But others will not. They will continue to ignore him. But that does not stop Jesus from reconciling the world to himself.

Reconciliation is tough work. It takes time. There's no easy way or proven method. It just takes a willingness to listen. So who do you need to listen to these days? Why is this important? What could be the results?

In Christ,

Pr. Eric Lesher

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Join us for Prayer Around the Cross on Wednesday evenings. The services will be in Christ Chapel at 7 p.m. These are short, quiet, candlelit, contemplative services that use music from many sources, but mostly from Taizé. Each week will have a theme, and readings and prayers will be centered on that theme. Each service also has a time for individually offered prayers for healing, peace and other concerns. If you could use a little more beauty, quiet, and peace in your life, this service is for you.

From the Church Office

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 23.

The Lutheran food pantry needs: Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken Helpers, soup, especially cream, fruit, canned meals, & jelly. Personal Care items are always needed.

We are looking for family friendly games for the monthly Family Ministries game night. If you have any that you aren't using anymore, please consider donating them! They can be brought to the church office. Thanks!



Bulletins have been shared by: Doug & Sarah Krueger [Grace Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, MN]; Jacob Krueger [Our Saviour's Lutheran, Quinn Chapel, Lincoln]

If you are interested in teaching Sunday school please pick up a volunteer form from the office and submit it in Tyler's box by August 1st. Thanks!

Our special seminarian, Day Hefner, is coming Sunday, August 21, and ALL WOMEN of Grace, young and not-so-young are invited for lunch at 11:30. We will cater fried chicken and dessert and ask that attendees bring a salad to share. Our topic will be Bold Women so it seems fit to say that Day will be inspiring us with some Bold Discussion from the Bible and then helping us see where we can make a difference being Bold. Let's give Day a big welcome by packing the Lounge. Our lively discussion will be finished by 2:00, if not a bit earlier. Please come and remember to R.S.V.P. to Tricia Rosno, 402-540-5020. We want to see YOU!!!



- Prescott summer festival Friday August 5th 5:30-7:30pm at Prescott Elementary. No registration needed. No cost (except optional food at event). Go as a family to support the near south neighborhood and Prescott.
- Game night—Tuesday August 9th 5-8pm in the Youth Room. Come to our monthly game night armed with your favorite game or two and a snack to share! Email Tyler if you plan on attending. Free event.
- Family movie night - Friday August 26th 5-8pm, in the Youth room. Come to a fun family friendly movie night! Movie TBD. No registration required. Just bring your favorite blanket or pillow and come to enjoy the movie.



"God's work. Our hands." events are an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Grace congregation will celebrate this opportunity on September 11. You can personalize our congregation's service events with a custom "God's Work. Our Hands" t-shirt. If you already have a shirt from previous years, plan to wear it again. **If you want to order a new one, please tell Sandi in the church office by Aug. 12. The cost is \$8.00 per shirt, to be paid when the shirts arrive.**



The wine floweth thanks to the generous support of many members of Grace. To all who have contributed communion wine these past twelve months, the Worship and Music Committee thanks you. We are currently creating a new roster of wine donors for the upcoming twelve months. If you would like to remain on the donation list, do nothing. If you would like to become a donating member of communion wine for our services at Grace, please call the church office (402.474.1505) or Dave (402.499.9708) and we will add you to our list. If

you would no longer wish to be a donating member, please call and let us know. Again, thank you to all who help make worship at Grace a very meaningful experience. – Worship & Music Committee



Prescott Staff Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendars for the third annual Prescott Staff Appreciation Dinner. This year's dinner will be held on Sunday, August 28th, beginning at 5:00 pm in Leshar Hall. It is a great way to show our appreciation to the staff for their great work with the children in our community.

Once again we'll be calling upon the great cooks of Grace to help with the dinner. We will be serving BBQ pulled pork sandwiches. We just need your help in completing the meal. We're looking for your help with the salads, vegetables, and desserts. A sign up sheet will be available soon.

We would also like to invite the members of Grace Lutheran Church to attend the meal too. It would be a great chance to meet the fine staff at Prescott and to wish them well on the school year. If you'd like to attend, please contact the church office prior to the 22nd of August.

If you'd like to help in the serving of the meal or the clean up that will follow, please contact either Curt Mann (cmann2@neb.rr.com) or Dave Ripa (dripa333@gmail.com). Thank you!!!

A great big THANK YOU goes out to the Grace Thrivent group for their financial support of this program!



From Keith and Corene Herbster: We would you to thank everyone who helped up celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. We had a wonderful day and received almost 100 hundred cards from those who could not attend. Wow! A special thanks to Robert Stimbert for his help.



When individuals from Grace served at The Gathering Place on July 18, there was a certain feeling of loss, given the fact that it was the first time they were there since the death of Michael Ryan. Michael had been the director of The Gathering Place for twelve years, and he had battled cancer for 18 years. His replacement, James Reilly, has some very big shoes to fill.

The menu on this occasion, when 103 portions were distributed, included hot dogs, potato chips, baked beans, tossed lettuce salad, bananas, cucumbers, and assorted cookies, cakes and brownies. The cucumbers came from leftovers on the Sunday morning produce table at Grace. Thanks go to the gardeners who shared them. Carla Ingersoll contributed the salad, and desserts were donated by Joy Kokes, Lois Schuerman, Ginny and Roger Potts, and Jan and Terry Branting. The serving/clean up crew included Carla, Joy, Jan, Terry, Ginny, Roger, and Regina and Steve Paschold. Thanks also go to Marilyn Holmquist and Lorraine James for recent financial donations.



SCHOOL KIT *Drive*

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. School kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases, adults—continue learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their family and their communities.

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 are located on the table outside the church office. Slips with the supply list are also available on the table.



A produce table will be set up in Leshar 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.

August 7	
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Denny Berens
Communion Assistants	Bev and Dennis Madison, Denny Berens, Robert Stimbert
Altar Guild	Ginny Potts, Carla Ingersoll
Communion Bread	Steve Schott
Greeters	Yvonne Nielsen, Betty Shaw, Terry Branting
Acolyte	Luke Filbert
August 14	
Assisting Minister	Roger Potts
Lector	Steve Paschold
Communion Assistants	Steve & Tricia Rosno, Steve Paschold, Kevin Dumler
Altar Guild	Dave & Kathren Miller
Communion Bread	Barb Smith
Greeters	Pat Lickei, Steve & Laila Faust
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Dumler
August 21	
Assisting Minister	Tina Loseke
Lector	Lorraine James
Communion Assistants	Doug and Jeannette Allen, Lorraine James, Day Hefner
Altar Guild	Jon & Connie Thorson
Communion Bread	Darlene Stutheit
Greeters	Art & Bev Hillman, Phil Sorensen
Acolyte	Chloe Fitzgibbon
August 28	
Assisting Minister	Curt Mann
Lector	Amy Knobbe
Communion Assistants	Lori Drake, Fran & Kevin Gade, Karen Billings
Altar Guild	Mark & Karen Billings
Communion Bread	Wendy Apple
Greeters	Dave & Kathren Miller, Kevin Gade
Acolyte	Cameron Krueger

Did you know Grace now accepts electronic donations.

It's true, you now have a new option for giving. It's convenient, there's no cost for you to participate, and you can give securely using your smart phone or home PC. You can make one-time donations or set up weekly or monthly recurring donations.

Here's how -

Use the QR Code & donate using your Smart Phone/Mobile Device :

Using a QR Code Reader app and pointing it at the QR code (*the funny looking square*) tells your phone, or mobile device, how to directly access our secure Online Giving page.



Use our Website & donate using your home PC or Smart Phone/Mobile Device:

You can also access our donation page from www.egrace.org . Using your home PC, smart phone or mobile device, go to our website and click the 'Online Giving' link located in the Quick Links section of the homepage. Once you reach the secure donation page, you determine the amount, donation category, method, and frequency.

Here's the Benefits:

No more worrying about forgetting your checkbook or making sure you have enough cash when you attend a service. With electronic giving, you can give during the service or anytime during the week. For example, if you're traveling, feeling a little under the weather, or just need a Fun-day-Sunday, go online and set up a donation from egrace.org . Better yet, go completely worry-free and set up a custom recurring donation. The donation amount you define is forwarded directly to the church automatically on the day you choose. Electronic donations do more than just reduce our cost for envelopes. We spend less time counting offerings, we make safer smaller bank deposits, and Sandi spends less time recording donations because the Vanco system that powers our secure donation site also automatically updates our donation record keeping software. There's one more advantage - recurring electronic giving reduces seasonal offering fluctuations which provides much-needed consistency for our church.

Feel free to contact Jim Krueger or Matt Knobbe if you have questions about how the process works, or if you need help creating an online donation. Thanks for considering Online Giving.

Sampling stewardship



Money is a powerful force in our lives. Jesus says what we do with our money has the ability to take our heart with it. (Luke 12:34)

God cares about what we do with 100 percent of the money he gives us, not just the fraction we give to the church.

But that fraction is important, too. When we support our congregation, we support its mission: gathered to worship, called to witness and sent to serve – and to practice radical hospitality. The money we give to the church is money we give to God. It is one important way we are God's hands, doing God's work in this place.

Adapted from the ELCA publication "Stewards of God's Love"

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE GRACE CONGREGATION?

Creating and sharing a vision is one way our congregation continues to be God's hands in the world.

Earlier this year, the council worked together to formulate this vision statement: "Making Christ known to all through Grace." That is a broad vision to which each of us has the opportunity to add.

Our congregation's mission is this: "Gathered to worship, called to witness, sent to serve." We welcome everyone's ideas for putting this mission into action.

As the council developed a vision and mission statement, we worked hard to identify our members' values. We reviewed call documents, time and talents responses, group statements generated during Sunday morning coffee hour programs and other documents. We identified four values that will guide our work as your council:

Radical hospitality.

Fearless listening and conversation.

Genuine humility.

Divine anticipation.

So now it is your turn as members of Grace. How do the mission, vision and values explained above fit in your perception of our congregational life? What did we miss? What additional ministries come to mind as you consider these statements?

Please take some time to think about and pray about this and share your thoughts with any council member or the pastor.

Also, please mark your calendars for the Semi-Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, after the 9 a.m. church service. The council will present a number of by-law revisions for you to consider and vote on. One of these is a proposal to change and expand the Evangelism Committee to become the Congregational Life Committee. A team is working on the wording for the council to consider in August.

Please take some time this summer to invite friends or neighbors who may need a church home to join us at Grace. We are sure you know some folks who would welcome the joy and ministry we share at Grace. Bring them with you to sample our work together.

Have a blessed and relaxed summer.

Dennis Berens

Council president

**Tuesday, August 2**

9:30 am Al-Anon
7:00 pm Committee Mtgs.
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 3

7:00 pm Evening Prayer Service
7:30 pm Congregation life Cmte Mtg.

Thursday, August 4

9:00 am Quilting
10:30 am Lincoln Lit. conversation class
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, August 5

5:00 pm Prescott Summer Festival
5:30 pm Y Respite Care

Saturday, August 6

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, August 7

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship
10:40 am ASF

Tuesday, August 9

9:30 am Al-Anon
5:00 pm Family Ministry Game Night
7:00 pm Council Mtg., W.R.T. Mtg.
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 10

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday, August 11

9:00 am Quilting
10:30 am Lincoln Lit. conversation class
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, August 12

5:00 pm Leshar Hall reserved

Saturday, August 13

9:30 am L.L.C. Board Mtg.
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, August 14

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship

Monday, August 15

5:00 pm Gathering Place

Tuesday, August 16

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

Wednesday, August 17

7:00 pm Evening Prayer Service

Thursday, August 18

9:00 am Quilting
10:30 am Lincoln Lit. conversation class
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Saturday, August 20

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, August 21

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship
10:40 am A.S.F.
11:30 am WELCA—Lounge

Tuesday, August 23

8 am—5 pm Lifeline Screening
9:30 am Al-Anon
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 24

7:00 pm Evening Prayer Service

Thursday, August 25

9:00 am Quilting
10:30 am Lincoln Lit. conversation class
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, August 26

5:00 pm Family Ministry Movie Night

Saturday, August 27

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, August 28

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship
10:40 am A.S.F.— Lounge
5:00 pm Prescott Appreciation supper

Monday, August 29

5:00 Gathering Place

Tuesday, August 30

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

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 pm Evening Prayer Service

**child care provided*



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Doug & Jeannette Allen
Steve & Tricia Rosno

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Willie & Jeanne Weisbrook

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Kevin & Kimberly Fritchie
Michael & Laura Lawrence

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Dean & Kay Ossian

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John & Brittany Johnson

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Ken & Lisa Holmstrom

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Gene & Lianne Garza

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Larry & Penny Group

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Henry & Judy Lambert

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Kim & Shannon Mills

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Don & Helen Carnes
Steve & Regina Paschold



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Lynn Senkbeil

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Brady Garvin
Hazel Johnson
Edward Meitzen

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Ron Holtgrewe
Steven Leshar
Steven Pozehl
Megan Watchorn

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Jeannette Allen
Marvin Krueger

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Philip Gipson

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Ellie Johnson

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Kathryn Bodfield
Steven Melichar
Donna Schnell

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Ed Binder
David Paschold

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Bev Hillman
Steve Rosno

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Alan Givens
Carol Olson

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Jill Marshall

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Kathy Zimmerman

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Josh Leshar

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Belva Gleason

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Stacy Parent

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Kris Hilde

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Everett Giles
Dennis Madison
Andrew Meitzen

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Loretta Ahl
Phyllis Narveson

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Kim Mills

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Dave Miller

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David Baker
Dana Miller

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Charlie Matya

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Denny Berens—President

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Kevin Gade—Finance

Carla Ingersoll—Evangelism

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Teddi Reckling—Finance

Dave Ripa—Stewardship

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