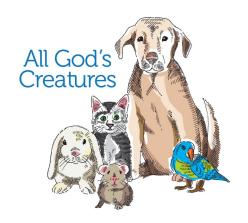


The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502

September 26, 2017



Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 7 10:00 AM

God has entrusted all of creation to our stewardship, including the animals that God created. Many of us have pets that provide us with companionship, and many of those pets are treasured members of our families. St. Francis of Assisi had a special gratitude for all of creation, calling animals his "sisters and brothers." The church has traditionally used the time of St. Francis's Day as a day for blessing animals, and we at Grace will do so again this year.

Meet in the East parking lot with your pets on a leash or in a carrier. This is a wonderful service for young children, and the young-at-heart, as we gather to ask God's blessing on our beloved pets, as well as all animals in creation.



The celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is in full swing this month of October. We have a Reformation bookstore outside the nave set up for our celebration at Grace. We have our own Reformation Worship and fellowship activity planned for Reformation Sunday morning. The next night, Monday, will offer a Lincoln cluster worship at Southwood Lutheran starting at 7:00. There are other celebrations going on in Omaha as well. Later during Lent we will offer a study of Luther's Small Catechism. But this is not just a time for novelty or celebration. It is a time to remember some of our personal history as individual Lutherans.

Do you remember the Small Catechism from your years in confirmation? How much do you remember? Say it with me: "I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him..." Can you finish? Do you remember where that is found? (It's in Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.) Here is the reading in its entirety:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith.

This sentence has always been meaningful and challenging for me. Meaningful because it describes a God already at work in my life and in the world. I have done nothing to begin nor can I do anything to end this work. God's work will be accomplished through the hands of any and many hands. God is already at work in us and through us for the sake of the world. But also challenging. Note that the agent of faith in this sentence is not me or us but God. We are recipients of God's work, way and will. We don't earn it. We don't deserve it. We don't find it. We don't make it happen. God does!

So we worship, we study and we serve so that we can become aware of God already working within us and our world. We don't find God. God finds us, calls us, enlightens us, sanctifies us and keeps us in the faith as we worship, study and serve in the name of Jesus. So keep worshiping, keep studying and keep serving in order to fulfill our mission of making Christ known to all through Grace. A Lutheran community where we are found and shaped by God and made aware of how God is already working in us and through us for the sake of the world.

Pr. En 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.
- ◆ Funerals: Arlene Higgins (August 28); Bob Shaw (September 16); Ed Hoyt (September 19)
- ♦ Baptism: Francesca "Frankie" Lou Ptacek
- ◆ The deadline for the next Greeter will be October20th. It will be mailed on October 24.
- 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: Betty Shaw [The Lutheran Center and Bethany Lutheran, Elkhorn];
 Robert Stimbert [Gloria Dei Lutheran, Wichita, KS]



Have you checked out the church's facebook page? Search for Grace Lutheran Church—ELCA and you'll find it!





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. 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 message will normally go out on Wednesday and will also inform the congregation of a members death.

Crop Walk



This year's Crop Walk is October 8th at New Hope United Methodist Church. We have 10 participant packets in the atrium. You can place your pledge in the packet and return to Pr. Eric on the day of the walk at New Hope. We will meet in front of the church at 1:30 PM. Or you can give Pr. Eric the packet after the walk by October 15th.



On October 1, Grace's Thrivent Financial group will meet at 10:30 am in the staff conference room. All are welcome to attend.

If you are 55 years or older, come join Yesterday's Youth, Wednesday,
October 11 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 is potluck, so

bring a dish to share and your table service and enjoy the fellowship. Drinks are furnished.

Wednesday Night at Church October Schedule

5:15—5:45 (Oct. 18) 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 (Oct. 4) Book Club

7:30—8:30 (Weekly) Confirmation

7:30—8:30 (Oct. 11 & 25) Creative Faith Practices

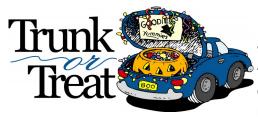
Sisters in Christ Please Come!

You are invited to join the Women of Grace and our guests from the other ELCA Lutheran churches in Lincoln for an evening of food, fun and fellowship!

Where: Grace Fellowship Hall When: Monday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Program to include special music from our talented youth and Diane Cooper from the Basket Bunch and Cooper & Co. You won't want to miss it! Please RSVP by September 29th to Beth (402-484-8388) or Tricia (402-540-5020).

Members of Grace are invited to Violin Explosion!; a concert for unaccompanied violin by Maureen O'Boyle on Saturday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This program will journey from the great Bach unaccompanied sonatas through the stunning explosion of creativity in the development of violin technique and composition in the early 20th century. Ms. O'Boyle is professor of violin at the University of Tulsa, and concertmaster of the Signature Symphony at Tulsa Community College. Members of Grace may attend the concert for free; admission for others is \$10 for adults/\$5 for children. The concert is sponsored by the Lincoln Suzuki Talent Education, Inc.



Trunk or Treat - Tuesday, October 31st 5-7 pm

We need YOUR help for one of our major outreach events of the year! Trunk-or-Treat has become a wonderful opportunity for us to interact with families from our neighborhood, and all Grace members are welcome to help

us make this event memorable. We need decorated cars for the parking lot, and people in costume to hand out treats. We also appreciate donations of candy (or money to buy candy) -- If you could help, please let Sandi know (office@egrace.org or 402-474-1505). Decorating a car does not have to be difficult ... anything cute and fun works great. You can find ideas online or talk to Grace staff members for help. Please remember to keep costumes and decorations more on the fun side and less on the scary side for the sake of the littlest trick-or-treaters!



Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our

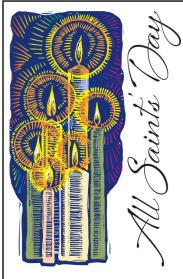
Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

The book fair will be located in the area up the main stairs (beside the elevator) on October 1 and 8 Orders will be placed on October 12.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

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.



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.

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

Grace's Thrivent Financial group will prepare the brunch for the congregational meeting on November 5. The offering from that meal will be given to youth from Grace to assist in their fundraising efforts to send some of them to the national ELCA youth gathering in 2018.

During 2017, our congregation's Thrivent group has utilized programs of Thrivent Financial to contribute financial support for the Easter Sunday continental breakfast, the reception honoring Pastors Allen and Lesher, and the Prescott School staff appreciation dinner. Thrivent Action Team Grants provided money to pay for food for the February semi-annual meeting brunch, as well as the Lenten suppers, so that significant contributions could be made to Grace's dishwasher fund, and to The Lutheran Center on the UNL campus. Join us at our next Thrivent meeting to learn more about this service oriented team.

"Whatever fear still assails us is either a temptation of Satan or a remnant of the old man, for in Christ there can be nothing but supreme assurance and joy."

"Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake."

-Martin Luther



Everett Giles family: Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate Everett's birth- \P day. He really appreciated seeing and hearing from everyone.

Don & Helen Carnes: Thank you to all that sent cards for our 60th anniversary and to those who came to our party. It was super.



Once again, use of leftovers from multiple "donors" provided part of the food for many hearty meals at The Gathering Place, this time on September 18. The leftovers came from fellowship hours hosted by Sue and Larry Clymer, and by the Stewardship Committee, the lunch after a memorial service for Bob Shaw, and Grace's summer picnic. Those donations are much appreciated. The menu for the September meal hosted by Grace consisted of baked beans and wieners prepared by Regina and Steve Paschold,

along with cucumber salad and a zucchini tomato medley from their garden. There was also bread, in addition to bananas, and dessert treats contributed by Jan and Terry Branting, Roger and Ginny Potts, and Joy Kokes. All of those mentioned above, and Carla Ingersoll, helped to serve and to clean up after 120 portions were distributed.



Celebrating the baptism of Francesca (Frankie) in worship on Sept. 3. Welcome to the Lord's family!



Keep growing hewell-rounded. Get plenty of sunshine skin. Be outstanding in your field.

Advice from a pumpkin

Martin Luther instinctively understood the power of music to nurture and teach. *Living Lutheran* continued its exploration of various facets of the Reformation with a recent list of 50 Reformation hymns. These are hymns that clearly sing of the central aspects of the Reformation—the cross, baptism, eucharist and Christian vocation—and its impact over the last 500 years. We include here part of the list created by Philadelphia -area church musician and musicologist Chad Fothergill. Check out the complete list, including links to recordings, at www.livinglutheran.org/2017/09/reformation-500-50-reformation-hymns.

- **1 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"** (*ELW* 503–505). Written in the late 1520s and first circulated as an inexpensive single-sheet broadside, Martin Luther's metrical commentary on Psalm 46 has probably been translated more frequently than any other hymn in church history. Luther and his contemporaries viewed this text as one of "comfort" in the face of adversity, confessing Christ as "the Lord of hosts by name" and reminding us that "no other God we claim."
- **2 "Out of the Depths I Cry to You"** (*ELW 600*). This was an early hymn of Luther's, a psalm paraphrase of the type he encouraged others to write. In one letter he urged, "I intend to make vernacular psalms for the people, that is, spiritual songs so that the Word of God even by means of song may live among the people ... since you are skillful and eloquent in German, I would ask you to work with us in this and turn a psalm into a hymn as in the enclosed sample of my work."
 - **3 "O Blessed Spring"** (ELW 447). Baptism grafts us to Christ, the "holy Vine" and "living Tree." Susan Palo Cherwien's text also calls to mind the original meaning of the Lenten season, a time of preparation for those being baptized at the Easter Vigil.
- **4 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"** (ELW 594). Though "A Mighty Fortress" is sometimes called the "battle hymn" of the Reformation, a better summary of Luther's reforms could arguably be found in this text. Originally 10 stanzas, it describes his realization of being "bound in Satan's chains," where his works couldn't save him; only God's unconditional love in sending Jesus can free us.
 - **5 "Holy God, Holy and Glorious"** (*ELW 637*). For hymn writer Susan Briehl, these stanzas sing Luther's theology of the cross. "God's glory and majesty are hidden under their opposites," she wrote: power is emptied, beauty is despised and rejected, living is shown in dying.
- **6 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"** (*ELW 241*). In these stanzas, Paul Gerhardt uses images of light to remind us of God's love: "Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me." His collaboration with cantor Johann Crüger is one of many examples of pastor-cantor teams that continue to bless the church's treasury of song.
 - **7 "Unexpected and Mysterious"** (*ELW 258*). Author Jeannette Lindholm wrote this text in 1996 for Advent at St. Mary's Episcopal in Rockport, Mass. For Lindholm, these words emphasize "God's love, compassion, and grace made known in incarnation" as well as "our own call to embody God's compassion and healing."
- **8 The Magnificat** (ELW 234, 251, 573, 723, 882). Luther saw Mary as a teacher, extolling her faith and trust in God's promises as well as her love and service to others. The Magnificat was an important text for Lutheran composers in the following centuries, especially as the gospel canticle for evening prayer.
 - **9 "Now the Silence"** (ELW 460). Author Jaroslav Vajda envisioned this text as an entrance hymn, "a list of the awesome and exciting things that one should expect in worship, culminating in the eucharist and benediction." The tune by Carl Schalk inaugurated a long collaboration between the two.
- **10** "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen" (ELW 548). Susan Cherwien's stirring imperative—"Rise, O Church"—compels us toward service in Christ's name. The striding melody by Timothy Strand gradually builds toward its highest note, a Trinitarian apex: "God," then "Christ," then "Spirit." The final stanza returns to the opening imperative: "Rise, O church, a living faith."

Please welcome our newest members of Grace:



Jackson and Patience Bukasa

Alexis Lipson



Emily Freeman





Ben, Megan and Frankie Ptacek



John & Patty Plambeck Michael Plambeck (not pictured)



Scrabble Fans! Let's put a Grace team together for the Lincoln Literacy annual Scrabble Scramble on Sunday, November 5 from 1-5pm at First Lutheran! Since Grace hosts Lincoln Literacy, it would be great to take part! Contact Megan Morrow if you're interested: megmorrow61@gmail.com, 402-580-7222.

Scrabble Team Sponsor Opportunity! Would you rather sponsor the Grace team than play? Sponsorship at the \$500 level includes Team Registration, a Grace sign at the event, a listing on the Lincoln Literacy website, our Grace logo on the event page of the website and in direct mail, and a post on Facebook with a link to Grace! A single donor could sponsor the team, or we can raise the funds for the sponsorship from multiple donors! Contact Megan if you're interested!



Reformation 500 Prayer Service

A Reformation Commemoration Service is to be held jointly by the Nebraska and Western Iowa synods on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 from 2-3:15pm with reception to follow. The service will be held at St. John's Parish on the Creighton University campus

in Omaha, Nebraska. Bishop Brian Maas of the Nebraska Synod and Bishop Rodger Prois of the Western Iowa Synod will be leading the worship service. The service also will feature choral music to help commemorate the occasion. Representatives of the ELCA's ecumenical partners will be invited to attend and participate. **Registration for the event will open on September 15th**. The link is on the Nebraska Synod webpage.

The Lincoln Area Mission Cluster of the Nebraska Synod, ELCA, Southwood Lutheran Church, and the Nebraska Synod TheoCon are partnering to host a celebration of our common witness to the Gospel commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Congregations, ministries and individuals are invited to bring quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and an offering for Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska which will support the expanded Lincoln Health 360 center. We hope to display at least 500 quilts, and to contribute significantly to those in need in our community! Bishop Brian Maas will preach and musicians from area congregations will offer their talents in praise. Our very own Bells of Grace will play part of the prelude for this service.

Details:

"All Things New"
Monday, October 30, 2017
7:30 p.m.
Southwood Lutheran Church
4301 Wilderness Hills Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68516

When Jesus Christ utters a word, he opens his mouth so wide that it embraces all heaven and earth, even though that word be but in a whisper. The word of the emperor is powerful, but that of Jesus Christ governs the whole universe.

October 1	
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Denny Berens
Communion Assistants	Darlene Stutheit, Kathie Remington, Dave Ripa, Lisa Holmstrom
Altar Guild / Communion bread	Dustin & Rachel Haider/Fran Gade
Greeters	Darlene Stutheit, Kathie Remington
Acolyte	Luke Filbert
October 8	
Assisting Minister	Roger Potts
Lector	Kaitlyn Dumler
Communion Assistants	Kevin Dumler, Steve Schott, Karen Billings, Ginny Potts
Altar Guild / Communion bread	Sharon Gottsche & Jacob Schott/Sharon Genthe
Greeters	Carolyn & Ron Ossian
Acolytes	Erin & Cameron Krueger
October 15	
Assisting Minister	Barb Smith
Lector	Curt Mann
Communion Assistants	Curt Mann, Donna Hansen, Arlene Reighard, Connie Whyrick
Altar Guild / Communion bread	Dave & Kathren Miller/Sharon Gottsche
Greeters	John & Elizabeth Johnson
Acolyte	Elli Petersen
October 22	
Assisting Minister	Jacob Krueger
Lector	Peter Schnake
Communion Assistants	Peter Schnake, Dave Ripa, Tina Loseke
Altar Guild / Communion bread	Doug & Sarah Krueger/Pat Lickei
Greeters / Acolyte	Betsy Johnson, Marge Nolte / Chloe Fitzgibbon
October 29	
Assisting Minister	Dean Dumler
Lector	Beth Kimmerling Dumler
Communion Assistants	Beth Kimmerling Dumler, Pat Lickei, Dennis Madison, Joyce Krueger
Altar Guild / Communion bread	Ginny Potts & Carla Ingersall/Bev Madison
Greeters	Yvonne Nielsen, Charlene Johnson
Acolyte\Procession	Kaitlyn Dumler, Conrad Schroeder, Kaiden Noecker, Jacob & Sophie Schott

On October 8th, a special congregational meeting will be held to determine if our Grace Lutheran Constitution will be revised. Summaries of the proposed changes have been published in the previous two *Greeters*. In addition, handouts of the specific language changes are now available for your review and may be picked up in various locations around the church.

During the meeting, we will review and discuss each of the seven proposed changes. We will then proceed to a vote to 'approve' those changes. If a majority of the voting members present have approved the changes, we will then proceed to 'adopt' all changes. Language in our constitution indicates that the voting members present need to approve proposed changes and then at the next annual meeting would need to adopt those changes. I would like to expedite this process and deal with both the 'approval' and the 'adoption' in the same meeting. So it will be my intention, if the proposed changes are approved, to immediately ask those voting members present to give permission to 'suspend the rules' to allow for a second vote to adopt the changes at the same meeting. If two-thirds of the voting members present agree, we will then proceed to a vote to adopt all changes. This would include the seven proposed changes being submitted by the Church Council and those changes recommended by the ELCA which we have already approved at a previous meeting. Following a positive vote to approve and to adopt the proposed changes, we will then submit our constitution to the Nebraska Synod for their approval.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact me.

Curt Mann, Congregational President



Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry "Wish List" at this time include: Items needed this month for the Food Pantry are: canned spaghetti sauce, canned soup, canned fruit, canned meat, macaroni and cheese, dry pastas (noodles, macaroni, spaghetti), and peanut butter. Monetary donations are always appreciated to purchase items for the food boxes. Thank you for your support in helping the food insure in our community!

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The Grace Foundation has generously provided funds allowing us to add choral scholars to the Adult Choir this year. These singers are all college students at UNL, and they are proving to be wonderful additions not just to the choir, but to the congregation as a whole. We will be introducing them at a fellowship hour soon, and also will include bios for them in the next Greeter. If you see them around Grace, say hi and let them know you appreciate them singing with us!

"Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren."

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

—Martin Luther

Proposed Constitutional Changes

Change #1: Congregation Council Membership

- a) To reduce the number of Council members from 12 to 9.
- b) To eliminate language that asks the congregation to consider having a youth and/or young adult member serve on the Council.

<u>Rationale</u>: We believe that with the size of our congregation, we are able to handle all of our responsibilities with a group of nine individuals. We also believe that all youth and young adult members of the congregation should feel free to seek participation on our Church Council through the election process.

Change #2: Nominating Committee Membership

a) To reduce the number of individuals serving on this committee from 6 to 4.

<u>Rationale</u>: This request came to the Council from the previous Nominating Committee. They felt that they can accomplish their task with fewer people and the Council agrees.

Change #3: Evangelism Committee Name Change

a) To change the name the Evangelism Committee to the Congregational Life Committee.

Rationale: We believe that this new name better reflects the responsibilities of this committee at Grace. Note: There are two different areas within the GLC Constitution where it mentions the Evangelism Committee. Our intention is to change the name in both locations.

Change #4: Stewardship and Finance Committees

a) To provide language that allows these committees to operate as one or continue as two separate committees.

<u>Rationale</u>: This language change will allow for flexibility to operate in the best interests of these two committees. Presently they operate separately. However, in the future, the committees may want to join forces and work as one committee. The proposed language would allow this to happen.

Change #5: Columbarium Committee

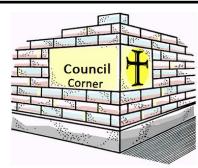
- a) To provide language that describes the purpose of the GLC Columbarium Committee.
- b) To provide language as to the number of members of this specific committee and terms of office.

<u>Rationale</u>: This would give needed language describing the make up and responsibilities of this committee. Previously, there was no language provided in the GLC Constitution.

Change #6: Reporting to the Congregation Council

- a) To provide language describing when written reports are to be given to the Congregation Council.
- b) The language would change from requiring these reports be delivered by the Sunday prior to the Council meeting instead of the Friday before.

<u>Rationale</u>: This change would just reflect the current practice of the Council.



From the Worship & Music Committee— The Choral Scholar program has begun. So far Sara has auditioned five UNL students for this program. We look forward to adding these fine voices to our weekly worship service. Also, due to Colt's resignation, Sara is seeking out individuals who can help accompany in the interim until a permanent replacement can be found.

From the Parish Education Committee— Our Sunday School year is off and running. Our thanks to everyone who has agreed to serve as teachers and staff for this upcoming year.

From the Evangelism Committee— The committee is continuing to seek out new ways to *REACH OUT* to the community and visitors to church. A new member reception will be held on October 1st. Please plan to attend and welcome our newest members.

From the Property Committee— A roofing contractor has made repairs to some flat roof leaks. They have suggested that we consider replacing the complete flat roofing system. Both the east and south parking lots have been restripesd and the other parts have now been painted. Roofing work will begin soon following damage caused by the hail storm. They also will be replacing the copper on the steeple and the skylight windows and frames.

From the Social Ministry Committee— The produce table has been very productive this year. Thank you to all who have donated your 'green thumb' products each week. It will continue throughout the growing season. Another example of our ministry to Prescott School...13 cases of Kleenex were purchased and delivered to Prescott.

From the Stewardship Committee— Pledge letters will be mailed and should arrive at homes about September 11th. The committee is providing a light meal after our trash pick-up on God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. They will also host Adult Fellowship on September 17th. Timothy Siburg, Director of Stewardship for the Nebraska Synod will be our guest preacher. Commitment Sunday will be September 24th.

From the Finance Committee— August saw decreased givings but higher expenses. Please make certain that your annual giving is up-to-date.

From the President of the Congregation— I am continually impressed with the generosity of our members. Your generous donations will allow our Boy Scout troop to purchase much-needed camping equipment and program supplies. Your willingness to put on your gloves and go throughout the neighborhood picking up trash and making those positive connections with our neighbors will reap many benefits. Your helpful hands in making certain that we can offer an education program for all ages. The giving of your time, talents, and financial gifts make it all happen. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. God Bless each and everyone of you!

"There is not — nor can there be! — any reason for tearing oneself away from the church in schism. Rather, the worse things become, the more one should help her and stand by her, for by schism and contempt nothing can be mended."

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

-Martin Luther

August Council Meeting Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Present: Kevin Gade, Wendy Apple, Doug Krueger, Dave Ripa, Curt Mann, Teddi Reckling, Carla Ingersoll

Absent: Karen Billings, Pastor Lesher, Barb Smith

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

Teddi Reckling gave devotions.

The April and June Council minutes were approved as written. The July minutes had one change made and then were approved.

The new church business cards were distributed. Suggestion to congregation was to share them with new neighbors and acquaintances. Thank you to Sandi for designing and ordering the new cards.

The Boy Scouts would like to have a garage sale in their garage on the weekend of September 8-10. They would use the proceeds to purchase new equipment and to provide supplies for their growing troop. The congregation will be encouraged to donate items for this sale. Donated items can be placed on the stage. Unsold items will be donated to charity. Dave moved that the Scout Troop would be allowed to have their garage sale September 8-10. Wendy seconded. Motion carried.

The November congregational meeting will November 5, 2017. Thrivent will sponsor the brunch with Thrivent funding. The free will offering will be used to help support the youth trip to Houston next summer.

The Choral Scholars program was fully funded by the GLC Foundation from September 2017 through May 2018. The program will be continued to be funded through 2018 and into the future. Will advertise at Wesleyan and UNL music departments for 8 applicants.

Council discussed the upcoming Wednesday Night at Church program. Karen Billings has agreed to coordinate the food for the evening. Various activities were discussed. More to follow.

Children's Music Intern: Teddi moved to approve the funding of \$100, plus taxes, per month, for the children's music intern from September thru December 2017. Wendy seconded. Motion carried.

The Ross Theater sent us 10 complimentary tickets for our sponsorship for the next 12 months, which included our advertisement prior to movie showing. Discussion followed on what to do with them. Possibilities discussed were a silent auction for a fund raiser or a Grace night at the Ross.

Staff Reports:

Senior Pastor-written report Director of Music-written report Approved as written

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports:

July 2017 August 2017 Approved as written **Committee Reports:**

Parish Education/Youth: written report

Evangelism: Did not meet **Property:** Written report. **Social Ministry:** Written report

Stewardship: written report. Council signed the Pledge letter that will be sent out in September.

Finance: written report **Memorials:** written report

Worship and Music: Written report

Committee reports approved as printed.

Dave made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel topics. Teddi seconded. Motion carried.

Dave made a motion to go out of executive session. Doug seconded. Motion carried.

Received a thank you note from the Nebraska Synod for the use of the Grace facility for their Trnasformational Ministry Event on July 29.

2018 Spending Plan: Council will work on spending plan for 2018 in our September 12 meeting. Jim Krueger will be invited to attend. Council will finalize plan in October.

Dave moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting: September 12, 2017

Meeting concluded with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Carla Ingersoll, Council Secretary



Grace members are invited to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Rev. Bill and Jane Shaner on Sunday, October 1 from 2 to 4 pm at First Lutheran Church, 1551 S 70 ST.

Greetings may be sent to 5534 Barrington Park Drive, Lincoln 68516



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Scott & Lori Drake Glen & Bonnie Drohman

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John & Elizabeth Johnson

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Duane & Sarah Mischnick

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Doug & Sarah Krueger

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Roger & Ginnie Potts



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Melvin Brydl Sarah Mischnick

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Nora Johnson

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Brian Carnes Amy Ostermeyer

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Richard Brown

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Erin Krueger

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Larry Genthe

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Gerald Hilde

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Reid Genuchi

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Doug Krueger

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Joyce Benedict

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Jason Faust Aiden McKillip

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J. P Winterfeld John Winterfeld 17

Brent Hoffman Lindsey Linville

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Duane Mischnick

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Lynnette Lewis

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Ruby Johnson

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Amy Filbert

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Fran Gade Jim Krueger Laura Lawrence

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Brittany Hoxie Dylan Hughes

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Beth Kimmerling Dumler

Marge Nolte

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Todd Lange

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Helen Carnes

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Penny Group Megan Morrow Norma Sturgeon

Sunday, October 1

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Sunday School, Fellowship, ASF,

Thrivent Mtg., Choir 11:30 am Bells

3:00 pm Lincoln Luth. Choir rehearsal 5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, October 2

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy 6:30 pm WELCA special event 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 3

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

Wednesday, October 4

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, October 5

9:30 am Lincoln Literacy classes 7:00 pm Bell Choir, N. A. Mtg.

Friday, October 6

5:30 pm YWCA respite care

Saturday, October 7

10:00 am Blessing of the Animals10:00 am Chapel reserved5:30 pm Worship7:00 pm Chapel reserved

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Special congregational mtg.
11:30 am Bells
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, October 9

9: 00 am Lincoln Literacy 1:00 pm WELCA #2 Mtg 6:30 pm Scout Cmte. Mtg. 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 10

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, October 11

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, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

4:00 pm Suzuki lessons 5:30 pm Gym reserved

Saturday, October 14

12:00 pm Lounge reserved 5:30 pm worship

Sunday, October 15

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Sunday School, Fellowship,
A.S.F., choir,
11:30 am Bell choir
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 20

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, October 19

6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Lincoln Literacy 4:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved 7:00 pm Bell Choir, N. A. Mtg.

Friday, October 20

5:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved 6:00 pm Chapel reserved

Saturday, October 21

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Sunday School, Fellowship,
A.S.F., choir
11:30 am Bell choir
1:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, October 23

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 am Al-Anon6:30 pm Scout Committee Mtg.8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

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, October 26

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

Friday October 27

6:00 pm Chapel reserved

Saturday, October 28

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, October 29

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Sunday School, Fellowship,
A.S.F., choir
11:30 am Bell choir
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, October 30

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 31

9:30 am Al-Anon 5—7 pm Trunk or Treat 8:00 pm AA Mtg.

*child care provided



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Curt Mann: Council President Karen Billings: Parish Ed and Youth

Kevin Gade: Finance

Wendy Apple: Worship and Music Dave Ripa: Stewardship and Memorials

Barb Smith: Social Ministry Teddi Reckling: Evangelism Carla Ingersoll: Evangelism Doug Krueger: Property

Women of the Reformation

Although the names most often associated with the Reformation are male, women also played key roles in maintaining the integrity of the church. "Most were wives and mothers," professor Justin Holcomb writes. "Some were also authors, apologists, ex-nuns and queens. All were faithful servants of Jesus."

Women who made notable contributions include:

- Katherine von Bora, the former nun who married former-priest Martin Luther
- Argula von Grumbach, a Bavarian noblewoman who published letters and debated with university faculty
- Olympia Fulvia Morata, an Italian scholar who lectured on the teachings of Luther and Calvin and was persecuted and imprisoned
- Jeanne d'Albret, queen of Navarre and a leader in France's Huguenot movement, who tried to peacefully resolve tensions between Catholics and Protestants
- Marie Dentière, an aristocrat who left an Augustinian monastery to speak in public even on street corners! about church reform

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