

The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502

August 22, 2017



Please join us for Rally Day and "God's Work. Our Hands." activities on September 10. We will introduce our Sunday School teachers and welcome all students that morning. There will be opportunities for everyone to participate in a God's Work Our Hands program that morning also. Please join us in the gym 10:15. Sunday School classes will start on September 17.

Singing Stewardship

By Adam J. Copeland

One great piece of stewardship advice often given is to talk about money when **not** asking for it. But what about *singing* about money when not asking for it? What do our hymns teach us about Christian stewardship?

Rejecting Idols

Money, possessions, and the pursuit of idols comes up more often in hymns than you might expect. An example that immediately comes to mind is, “Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult,” a hymn composed by Cecil Frances Alexander in 1852. The hymn connects Jesus’ calling of Andrew the disciple to Christ’s call to us today, “Christian, follow me.” It’s a call *to* follow. The hymn makes clear, however, it’s also a call *from*.

2 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

3 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Following Jesus calls for a service and following more powerful than the allure of money, possessions, and other things of cultural value. The hymn sings that love of God requires an “obedience,” serving God above all other desires.

Stewarding Place

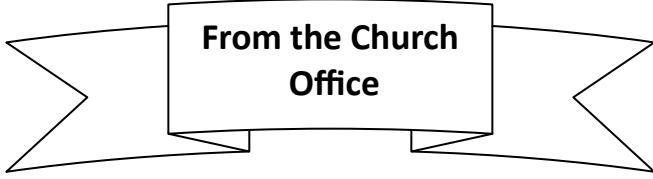
Marty Haugen’s beautiful hymn “Let Us Build a House” (also called, “All Are Welcome”) approaches another sort of stewardship. Each of the five stanzas begins with the encouragement, “Let us a build a house...” This longed-for house of worship will be a place where love dwells, dreams flourish, and all find place to feel welcome, serve, and teach. The final verse sings:

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

The text was written for a church dedication, so it fittingly speaks to the nature of spiritual community that builds, maintains, and strengthens physical space. It’s about the stewardship of both the worship space and the spiritual life of those who helped build it.

Hymns like this can push our stewardship thinking beyond mere worldly wisdom, getting sucked into spreadsheets and giving statements while forgetting the mission to which God call us.

Rich worship and music draws the congregation into stewardship thinking because stewardship is consistent with the gospel. I invite you to note other times in your congregation’s hymns and songs that draw out stewardship’s invitation.



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 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.
- ◆ Baptism: Caleb Knobbe on August 20
- ◆ The deadline for the next Greeter will be September 20th. It will be mailed on September 26.
- ◆ 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: Connie Whyrick [New Covenant Community Church, Lincoln; Edensburg Lutheran, Malmo, NE]

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](tel:402.474.1505)) or Dave ([402.499.9708](tel: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. Please let us know by Sunday, September 10. Again, thank you to all who help make worship at Grace a very meaningful experience. – Worship & Music Committee



The family of Don and Helen Carnes would like to invite their dear friends from Grace Lutheran to help them celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. The open house will be hosted by their six children on September 9, 2017 from 5-9pm at 417 Anthony Lane. Please rsvp to Donna (402-489-6193) if you plan to attend. No gifts, please."



THRIVENT FINANCIAL members – the next meeting will be Sunday, September 3, at 10:30 a.m. in the Staff Conference Room. Invite others to join us – spread the word about Choice Dollars, Action Team events, and other programs available

WOMEN of the ELCA -

*The September luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 6 at noon with Group Two hosting. Because of Labor Day, the Board meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 9:00 a.m.

*The NSWO Convention /Retreat is September 28-30 at Camp Carol Joy Holling. There will be workshops to attend, a servant room in which to volunteer on Friday and some unique retreat opportunities to attend on Saturday. Come, explore the wonderful Carol Joy Holling Camp. Registration forms are available.

*There will be a Special Event on Monday, October 2, so mark your calendars. More information will be forthcoming.

* This is the time of year to gather up items for Lutheran World Relief. Lists of needs are available.

If you are 55 years or older, come join Yesterday's Youth, Wednesday, September 13 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. The program will be a DVD of The Forbidden Tomb of Genghis Khan.

YOUTH PLANNING MEETING—Middle School and High School Youth Meeting will be held September 17 at 11:15. This meeting is for our middle and high school youth and their parents. What would you like to do as a youth group? We want to hear your ideas and support you. We will meet right after Sunday School in the Youth Room.



The Congregation Council has set the dates for three upcoming congregational meetings. They are:

October 8th: To approve the proposed changes to our GLC Constitution.

November 5th: To adopt the proposed constitutional changes; to adopt the 2018 spending plan; and to elect members of the congregational council and nominating committee.

PENCIL IT IN January 28th: To accept the reports of the congregation



The Boy Scouts are going to have a garage sale on September 8-10. They will begin collecting donations of clothing, furniture, and all various garage sale items. These can be left on the stage for the Scouts to sort through and store until the sale. Proceeds will be used to purchase new camping equipment for the troop. All remaining items will be donated to the City Mission or other local agencies. Garage sale times are Sept. 8: 9 to 6; Sept. 9: 8 to 5; Sept 10: 1 to 4:30

Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a table for 8 to celebrate LFS's 125 years and the retirement of CEO Ruth Henrichs at the annual Faith In Action event! Let Sandi in the office know if you'd like to go! Contact Megan Morrow if you'd like to carpool, megmorrow61@gmail.com, 402-580-7222.

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska's annual Faith in Action

"125 Years of Expressing God's Love for ALL People"

Saturday, September 23, 2017

5 p.m. Cocktail Reception, 6 p.m. Dinner

Embassy Suites, Omaha

The evening includes:

- A celebration of Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska's "125 years of Expressing God's Love for ALL People"
- A keynote by Steve Pemberton, Walgreens Chief Diversity Officer and bestselling author of "A Chance in the World: An Orphan Boy, a Mysterious Past and How He Found a Place Called Home," soon to be a major motion picture
- Awards to people who have made a significant difference in the work of LFS
- Honoring and giving thanks for the work of CEO Ruth Henrichs who is retiring after 41 years of service with LFS!

Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry "Wish List" at this time include: The Lutheran Food Pantry is busy. Any monetary donations or shelf staple items are greatly appreciated, but items that we have an urgent need for now include: Breakfast bars, Canned meats, especially chicken and Spam, Condensed soups, especially creamed soups, Jelly, Canned fruit



On Sunday we welcomed little Caleb into the Lord's family! Blessings to Caleb and his family as they grow in faith together.

God's Work. Our hands.

**Stewardship Sunday and Commitment Sunday
God's Work. Our Hands Sunday
Sept. 17 and Sept. 24**

Sometimes we use our time and our talents to do God's work. We do things like this:

- We sing in the choir.
- We help paint an office.
- We serve at the Gathering Place.
- We teach Sunday School.

Sometimes we use our monetary gifts to do God's work. Our donations do things like this:

- Pay the salaries of our pastor and other staff.
- Help members of the church and the community in emergencies.
- Keep the church building in good shape for use by members and the community.
- Support the ministry of the Nebraska Synod.

In July, your completed Time and Talents surveys let us know what kinds of ways you will use your "hands" to do God's work. In the coming weeks, we are asking you to tell us what monetary gifts you will give to support Grace's mission in 2018. Here's how that will work.

Pledge cards will be mailed to all members on Sept. 11.

Timothy Siburg, Director for Stewardship of the Nebraska Synod, will be our guest preacher on Stewardship Weekend: Saturday, Sept. 16, and Sunday, Sept. 17. He also will lead a 10 minute discussion about how our gifts make us God's hands in the world at the beginning of Adult Fellowship.

We will practice our stewardship by observing the ELCA's "God's Work. Our Hands" on Sunday, September 24. During Adult Fellowship we will divide into teams and go out to pick up trash in Grace's neighborhood. Please wear your yellow t-shirt, or feel free to help with this project *without* wearing a yellow T-shirt.

If you aren't up to being part of the clean-up crew, you can use your hands to write and send cards to members who are sick or shut-in or who haven't been to church for a while. The messages you send will help Grace reach out to those who can't join us on a regular basis.

We will finish celebrating our commitment on Sept. 24 with a Treats provided by the Stewardship Committee.

On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24, we will ask you to return your 2018 pledge cards as a special part of the worship service, pledging to continue to be God's hands in this place.

Stewardship – sharing our gifts to do God's work – is a privilege, not just a duty. God gives us everything: our lives on earth and eternal life in heaven. He promises His love, support and help in all we do. In response, we use our gifts to be His hands in our church and our community. What could be better than that?



The Prescott Fall Festival was a success. We had Caricature drawings, Face painting, Music, Dancers, Rock painting, Rocket launchers. food, and so much more. What a wonderful way to end the summer vacation. A very special thank you to , Pat Lickei, Lorraine James, Dave Ripa, and Pastor Eric. Your help is always greatly appreciated.



Thank you to all our Grace friends who have given all kinds and colors of fabric to the sewing room. It is with these contributions that we were able to complete the 7 entries, 5 tied and 2 hand quilted quilts to the auction at Camp Carol Joy Holing on July 29. These items brought in \$515 for the outdoor ministries.

The quilts can be viewed on line at caroljoyholing.org. Grace's quilts are listed at 131-138. The group would welcome helpers to sew or tie and meet on Thursday beginning at 9 AM. Active members are: Jeannette Allen, Bev Hillman, Kathren Miller, Olga Nielsen, Arlene Reighard, Darlene Stutheit



Some retail businesses conduct "Christmas in July" sales events. At The Gathering Place on July 31 there was a taste of "Thanksgiving in July". The main dish was turkey noodle casserole. Thanks go to the Givens family for donating two turkeys, and also to Grace's Yesterday's Youth group for turkey leftovers. Casseroles were baked and delivered by Ginny and Roger Potts, Jan and Terry Branting, Joy Kokes, and Regina and Steve Paschold. Carla Ingersoll contributed tossed lettuce salad, and there were green beans, along with applesauce. Desserts were supplied by Joy, Brady Garvin, Donna Hansen, Carolyn Ossian, and Lorraine James. Helping to serve and to clean up after 154 portions had been distributed were Joy, Brady, Ginny, Roger, Jan, Terry, Carla, Steve, and Regina.

Considering uncertainty regarding traffic flow and people's availability, it was decided to prepare and deliver food to The Gathering Place before the third Monday in August (the day of the total eclipse). Regina and Steve Paschold prepared the sloppy joe filling. Also on the menu were potato chips, tossed lettuce salad, applesauce, and desserts baked by Joy Kokes and Regina Paschold. The meal was served by friends of Gathering Place Program Director, Lisa Janssen.

Wednesdays Nights at Grace

Worship + Education for All Ages + Fellowship + Fun

Wednesday Night Dinners

To make it easier for families and others to come and participate in Wednesday night activities, we offer a simple meal from 5:45 to 6:15. Choir kids, bible study participants ... any one who has to be here early or stay late is welcome to come! To help with planning, we'd LOVE an RSVP so we have an idea of numbers. Please email the office (preferred way to RSVP) at office@egrace.org; or call 402-474-1505. If you are willing to help cook or serve, we'd also love to hear from you! Please contact Karen Billings at:

[karen4state \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:karen4state@gmail.com)

Please Join us!!!

We are working on making Wednesdays a real event in the middle of the week for the members of Grace and the wider community. Please check out the events listed on this page and think about how you could participate. We also hope that some of you will have ideas for other classes or groups that we could offer on Wednesday nights ... we'd love to offer Adult Drawing or Painting Classes, yoga, ballroom dancing, or anything else that would be enriching or educational. If you have an idea, please contact me at cmann2 (at) allophone.com.

Curtis Mann, Grace Council President

Wednesday Night at Church September Schedule

5:15—5:45 (Sept. 20)	Preschool Craft Class
5:45—6:15 (Weekly)	Dinner
6:00—6:55 (Weekly)	Adult Bible Study
6:15—6:55 (Weekly)	Youth & Children's Choirs
7:00—7:30 (Weekly)	Evening Prayer
7:30—8:30 (Weekly)	Confirmation
7:30—8:30 (Sept. 7)	GLC Book Club

Preschool Craft Class: A once-a-month craft class for preschoolers and their parents! Join us for some fun family time and take home a cute seasonal craft. Led by Amanda Genuchi.

Adult Bible Study: The Wired Word curriculum weaves current events into a weekly Bible study that makes the lesson more relevant to modern Christian living. This bible study will be led by Pr. Lesher. If you email the office beforehand, Pr. Eric will send you the first lesson ahead of time.

GLC Book Club: The Grace Book Club is back! We will meet once a month (usually the first Wednesday) to discuss something that we've all read. Please come to the first meeting where we will choose our first selection. If you can't make the September 7th meeting, contact sara@egrace.org to get the information you need to participate in the October meeting!

Worship With Us! Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. in Christ Chapel: Worship defines our community here at Grace. Please join us for these short, candlelit services with readings reflecting on themes from the lectionary for the week.



Wanted: Singers and Ringers

Qualifications: A love of making music in a group, and a commitment to attending rehearsals and worship.

Being part of the musical worship leadership at Grace is a fun, rewarding experience. Joining a choir means being part of a supportive, caring group that loves music, worship and each other. We challenge ourselves and grow as musicians and people as we lead God's people in song at Grace, and we tend to share a lot of laughter along the way. See which of our groups you might be interested in, and join in! You'll be glad you did!

Adult Choir

Rehearsal time: Sunday mornings, 10:30—11:30

Adult Choir leads worship about 3 Sundays each month. We sing a wide variety of music, and we welcome new singers on all voice parts. We are adding choral scholars to the choir, and we hope to do some really fun things musically with those additional voices. If you are in high school or older, and available most Sunday mornings, come sing with us! Rehearsals begin September 10.

Bells of Grace

Rehearsal time: 7—8:30 p.m., Thursdays

Our advanced handbell ensemble. Some ability to read music is required for this group, as is a commitment to attending rehearsals faithfully and being available when the group performs. We have a great time working on music for worship and also our Christmas concert. We will begin weekly rehearsals on Sept. 7th

Youth Choir

Rehearsal time: 6:15 —6:55 p.m., Wednesdays

For Grades 4—9; we will sing for worship about once a month. We learn hymns, liturgy, psalms, and anthems, as well as how to use our voice well for singing. This group will start to learn to sing in harmony as well. Rehearsals start September 6th.

Grace Notes Bell Choir

Rehearsal time: 11:30 a.m.—noon, Sundays

Our beginning handbell choir, for both youth and adults. We play for worship whenever we get something ready, and perform in the annual Christmas concert as well. Very low-pressure, and a fun group of people. Rehearsals start Sept. 17th.

Cherub Choir

Rehearsal time: 6:15 to 6:40 p.m., Wednesdays

Preschoolers through 3rd graders learn hymns, liturgy, simple anthems, and how to sing well. We will sing for worship when we are ready, often with the Youth Choir helping us out. Rehearsals begin September 6th, and are led by Emily Freeman.

**Questions? Please contact our
Director of Music, Sara Schott
(402-474-1505/sara@egrace.org)**

Grace Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Minutes
June 13, 2017, 7:00 PM

Present: Curtis Mann, Teddi Reckling, Dave Ripa, Wendy Apple, Barb Smith, Kevin Gade, Doug Krueger, Karen Billings

Absent: Pastor Eric Lesher, Carla Ingersoll

Guests: Colt Ballou, Elizabeth Krueger

Opening Devotions given by Kevin Gade

Elizabeth Krueger presented information on the SS Middle school curriculum 6th through 9th grades, “animate Faith” sessions, six sections, will take two or three weeks per subject/section, journaling will be part of the studies with a journal provided, more discussion on the sessions. Teachers will be able to go to Tyler or Elizabeth with questions for assistance and/or tools needed. Brady Garvin and Alan Givens will be the SS Middle School instructors. Curtis asked that Elizabeth run it past Pastor Eric for his feedback and opinion. If Pastor is okay with the curriculum, it is a go.

Colt Ballou presented the Choral Scholars Proposal – Grace’s strength is an open quality music program and liturgy combined. Asking to go the Foundation to invest in scholarship singers (see definition). Invest in the church as a whole. Seeking permission to send the proposal to the Church Foundation for funding for the singers. Discussion ensued on the potential positives of the proposal. Dave Ripa - motion made to have the Worship and Music Committee present the proposal to the Church Foundation for their consideration. Wendy seconded. Vote called, one nay, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the May 2017 minutes – noted that the budget information will be gathered. Stands approved as printed.

Staff Evaluations – Curtis needs Council members feedback for the Senior Pastor’s evaluation. Please submit your feedback to Curtis at your earliest convenience. Want to work on the staff evaluations by the end of June, will report back to Council members at August meeting. Committee chairs have been given evaluation questionnaires for respective staff members.

Fellowship Hour Food – what do we do on those Sundays where no-one has signed up to host the Fellowship Hour? Discussion ensued – do we provide cookies out of, say, Evangelism’s budget, do we use the Contingency Fund, have Council members go around to the members present at Fellowship Hour to garner volunteers. Dave and Karen will do so this coming Sunday, then we will go to the committees for one Sunday sign up, then the Evangelism fund.

Inactive members – time for second letter to go out, need to check in with Sandi on responses received to date, less than 20 to be sent out,

No Council meeting in July 2017.

Organ repair status report – one pipe has been a challenge to try to fix, and it cannot be fixed to be usable. The pipe will have to be remade. In addition, there are two wooden box pipes needing to be fixed properly which are currently glued and duct taped together, and one major electrical short which causes the organ to shut down. Bedient has provided an estimate for all repairs in the \$3000 to \$3500 range. Fund line item reviewed, money is available. Motion made to use designated funds for organ repair by Dave Ripa, seconded by Wendy Apple. No questions/comments. Vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence – Lutheran Food Pantry/St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, thank you for Lenten offering donations; Nebraska Synod staff, thank you for continued partnership and shared ministry in the mission share participation; Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry, thank you for donations during Give to Lincoln Day 2017.

Constitution update – Grace has received a report back from the Synod attorney, glowing report, question on timing as dictated by our constitution. One option would be to share the updates between now and the November semi-annual meeting, wherein the changes could be voted on/approved, enacted at January semi-annual meeting. We must have two formal votes to put it in to the church's business. The second timeline would be to meet to approve in October and, if approved, enact at November meeting. Curtis and Pastor will see where it will fit in the current Grace calendar.

Audit Report – completed by committee, distributed to those present, findings/recommendations reviewed. Barb moved to approve audit reports, Teddi seconded, votes called, motion carried. Thanks to committee members for their work on the audit.

The Council members went into Executive Session for Ministry Direction at 8:00 PM with a motion by Barb, seconded by Dave.

The Council members came out of Executive Session at 9:09 PM with a motion by Dave, seconded by Teddi.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports – stand approved as submitted, numbers are close to where we were a year ago.

Committee Reports: stand approved as printed

Evangelism – question on the logo to be used for the Ross Theatre ads

Full agenda for the August 2017 Council meeting.

Transformational Ministry – would need four to seven lay people, long term project, would require a commitment of \$320.00, Barb Smith and Dave Ripa are to participate in this ministry. Vote called, all Ayes, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Ripa, seconded by Barb Smith.

Grace Lutheran Church Congregation Council meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Billings.

Reformation 500 Prayer Service

To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in a spirit of mutual reconciliation, repentance, and hope, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha and the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are hosting a prayer service at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, 2650 Farnam) at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 11th. Archbishop Lucas of the Archdiocese of Omaha will preach. Nebraska Synod Bishop Brian Maas preached at a similar service in May, and will co-preside at this service. All are welcome and invited to attend. The services will use *Common Prayer**, a resource developed by a joint commission of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Lutheran World Federation. By participating in these two prayer services, Roman Catholics and Lutherans give public testimony to the shared virtues of repentance and reconciliation, thanksgiving and hope through the merits of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *Soli Deo Gloria!* (To God alone the Glory!).

Another opportunity will be: October 29th...Neb Synod and Western Iowa Synod service at St John's Catholic Parish on Creighton Campus....2:00 pm.

July Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Present: Karen Billings, Barb Smith, Kevin Gade, Wendy Apple, Doug Krueger, Pastor Eric Lesher, Dave Ripa, Curt Mann, Teddi Reckling, Carla Ingersoll

Guest: Jim Krueger

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

Doug Krueger gave devotions.

Motion to move into executive session for ministry direction, to include Jim Krueger, was made by Karen Billings. Seconded by Barb Smith. Motion approved.

Motion to move out of executive session was made by Teddi Reckling. Seconded by Barb Smith. Motion approved.

Other Business:

Council approved the following Congregational Meetings:

October 8, 2017: approve the constitutional changes

November 5, 2017: adopt constitutional changes, budget, and elections

January 28, 2018: Receive reports

Picnic on July 30: Hot dogs to be grilled by Council volunteers.

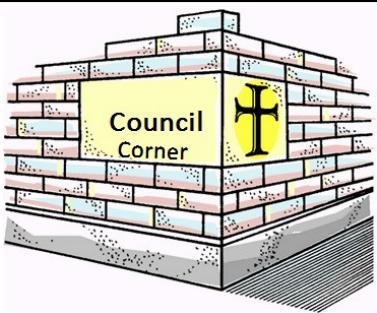
Wednesday Services/Activities:

To consider additional activities and meals for Wednesday nights at Grace. Need a Coordinator.

Next Council Meeting: August 8, 2017

Meeting concluded with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Ingersoll, Council Secretary



From the Worship & Music Committee: A special THANK You to our Grace Lutheran Foundation for funding eight ***Choral Scholars*** for the upcoming school year. This is a brand new venture for Grace and we anticipate great rewards by adding these additional voices to enhance our worship services.

From the Parish Education Committee: Sunday School teachers will meet at 10:45 on August 27th in preparation for the new school year. Sunday School Rally Day is September 10th will all classes starting on September 17th. Pr. Eric has notified all confirmation students of their meeting dates. Middle and High School youth and their parents will have a meeting on September 17th at 11:15 am to discuss activities for the year.

From the Evangelism Committee: The next time you visit the Ross Theater, please look for our Grace Lutheran Church advertisement. Our thanks to the Basler Evangelism Endowment for making this advertisement possible. The committee is also designing oven mitts and door hangers to share our mission at GLC. The committee has also been in contact with inactive members.

From the Property Committee: The contractor has been chosen to repair the roof damage from last year's hail storm. The committee has also restripesd both of the parking lots. They also welcomed Dennis Madison as their newest committee member!

From the Social Ministry Committee: An amazing opportunity is now available...a trip to the Holy Land sponsored by the Nebraska Synod. Your tour leader will be Pr. Megan Morrow.

From the Stewardship Committee: The committee is preparing for God's Work Our Hands Sunday on September 10 and Stewardship Sunday on September 17th.

From the Memorials Committee: The committee reviewed the existing memorials, items purchased with memorial funds, and the addition of new memorial funds.

From the Finance Committee: The committee appreciates your continued financial support of GLC. Now is a great time to get caught up on your annual pledge if it has fallen behind.

From the President of the Congregation: I hope you will join us for our new ***Wednesday Night at Grace*** program. There will be a Grace family meal and a special worship service. In addition, Pr. Eric will be starting up a new bible study prior to the worship service. Sara would like to organize a book club. There will be music rehearsals for our younger members. Plus many other things added throughout the year. If you have other ideas on special programs, please let me know! Please plan to make this a part of your weekly schedule!

500th Anniversary of the Reformation events:

September 11th—7:00 pm Reformation Prayer Service @ Kountze Memorial (2650 Farnam) in Omaha.
October 29th—2:00 pm Reformation Commemoration Service @ St. John's Parish, Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE

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.

Rationale: 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.

Rationale: 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.

Rationale: 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.

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

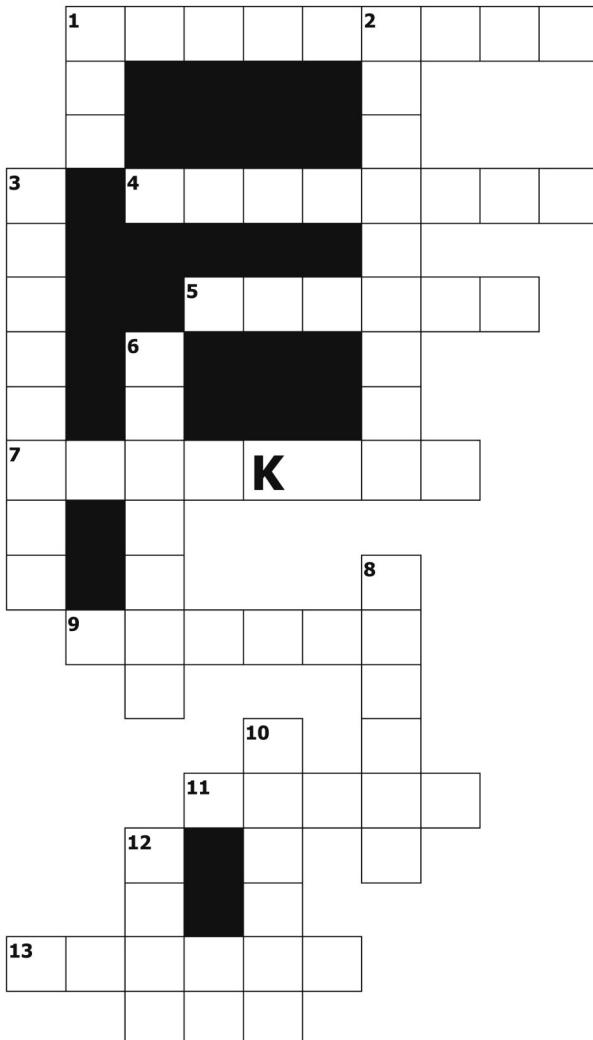
Change #6: Reporting to the Congregation Council

- 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.

Rationale: This change would just reflect the current practice of the Council.

Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete this crossword
about women in the Bible.



1. (across) Cousin of Mary (Luke 1:36)
1. (down) Mother of Abel (Genesis 4:1-2)
2. Mother of Solomon (2 Samuel 12:24)
3. Moses' wife (Exodus 2:21)
4. Lied about her giving to the church
(Acts 5:1)
5. Saved her people from destruction
in Persia (also a Bible book name)
6. A judge in Israel (Judges 4)
7. Mother of Esau (Genesis 25:21, 25)
8. The wife Jacob loved (Genesis 29:20)
9. Sister of Mary (John 11:1)
10. Sewed clothes (Acts 9:39)
11. Hosea's wife (Hosea 1:3)
12. Sat at Jesus' feet in conversation
(Luke 10:39)
13. Sister of Moses and Aaron
(Exodus 15:20)

Answers: 1. (across) Elizabeth, 1. (down) Eve,
2. Bathsheba, 3. Zipporah, 4. Sapphira, 5. Esther,
6. Deborah, 7. Rebekah, 8. Rachel, 9. Martha,
10. Dorcas, 11. Gomer, 12. Mary, 13. Miriam

September 3	
Assisting Minister	
Lector	Steve Rosno
Communion Assistants	Carol Olson, Steve & Tricia Rosno, Brady Garvin
Altar Guild	Doug & Sarah Krueger
Acolyte	Conrad Schroeder
Communion bread	Wendy Apple
September 10	
Assisting Minister	Tina Loseke
Lector	Jacob Schott
Communion Assistants	Lori Drake, Bruce & Cheryl Petersen,
Altar Guild	Ginny Potts, Carla Ingersoll
Acolyte	Kaiden Noecker
Communion bread	Karen Billings
September 17	
Assisting Minister	Barb Smith
Lector	Steve Paschold
Communion Assistants	Lois Schuerman, Fran & Kevin Gade, Steve Paschold
Altar Guild	Jon & Connie Thorson
Acolyte	Chloe Fitzgibbon
Communion bread	Helen Carnes
September 24	
Assisting Minister	Roger Potts
Lector	Cindy Eberspacher
Communion Assistants	Cindy Eberspacher, Teresa Serafin, Kevin Dumler, Charlene Johnson
Altar Guild	Kurt & Cindy Eberspacher
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Dumler
Communion bread	Cindy Eberspacher



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Larry & Sue Clymer

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Alan & Susan Givens

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Kelly & Justin O'Hara

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Chris & Judi Schroeder

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Todd & Sandra Robinson

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Marvin & Joyce Krueger

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Johnny & Megan Winterfeld

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Rod & Debbie Basler

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Tom Lantis
Lindsey Williams

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Ed Hoffman Jr
Christina Riemann

5
Mark Block
Nancy Hoffman

6
Eugene Grabow

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Kurt Eberspacher

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Curt Mann

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Sophie Ostermeyer
Peggy Pedersen
David Stokke

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Danielle Billings
Ayda Matya

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Jayne Brown
Edward Vader

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Alicia Andersen
Conner Knobbe
Robert Shaw

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Makenna Riemann

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Carol Campbell

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George Sturgeon
Megan Winterfeld

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Lily Drake
George Foster
Tina Loseke

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Deb Watson

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Jason Guern

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Cameron Krueger
Debbie Winterfeld

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Kyle Givens
Maxwell Rathjen

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Susan Coatney



Friday, September 1

5:30 pm YWCA respite care

Saturday, September 2

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, September 3

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Fellowship, ASF, Thrivent Mtg.

5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, September 4

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

9:00 WELCA Exec. Brd. Mtg.

9:30 am Al-Anon

6:30 pm Scouts

7:00 pm Committee Meetings

8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, September 6

12:00 pm WELCA Mtg. & lunch

5:45 pm Wed. night at Church

6:15 pm Children's Choir

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, September 7

9:30 am Lincoln Literacy classes

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

7:15 pm Bell choir

Friday, September 8

9 am—6 pm Scout Garage Sale

5:30 pm YWCA respite care

Saturday, September 9

8 am—5 pm Scout Garage Sale

5:30 pm Worship

6:30 pm Lounge reserved

Sunday, September 10

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Sunday School Rally Day and
“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

1:00 pm—4:30 pm Scout garage sale

3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, September 11

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy

1:00 pm WELCA #2 Mtg

6:30 pm Scout Cmte. Mtg.

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, September 12

9:30 am Al-Anon

6:30 pm Scouts

7:00 pm Council Mtg., W.R.T. Mtg.,

WELCA #6

8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, September 13

11:30 am Yesterday's Youth

5:45 pm Wed. night at Church

6:15 pm Children's Choir

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, September 14

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

7:15 pm Bell Choir

Friday, September 15

5:30 pm Gym reserved

Saturday, September 16

5:00 Lesher Hall reserved

5:30 pm worship

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Fellowship, A.S.F., choir,

11:30 am Bell choir, youth mtg.

5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, September 18

9:00 Lincoln Literacy

5:00 pm Gathering Place

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 am Al-Anon

6:30 pm Scouts

8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, September 20

1:00 pm WELCA #1 Mtg.

5:45 pm Wed. night at Church

6:15 pm Children's Choir

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, September 21

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

7:15 pm Bell Choir

Saturday, September 23

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Fellowship, A.S.F., choir,

11:30 am Bell choir, New Member class

3:00 pm Bell choir

5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, September 25

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, September 26

9:30 am Al-Anon

6:30 pm Scout Committee Mtg.

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

5:45 pm Wed. night at Church

6:15 pm Children's Choir

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, September 28

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

7:15 pm Bell Choir

Friday September 29

6:00 pm Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, September 30

4:00 pm Hiltner\Johnson wedding

5:30 pm Worship

*child care provided

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