

## ***Living in Grace***

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

# The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502

July 28, 2015

*An invitation....*

*Please join us in worship as we*

*celebrate the installation*

*of our new Senior Pastor-Head of Staff,*

*Rev. Eric K. Leshier,*

*on the weekend of August 9.*

*A reception will follow*

*the Sunday worship service.*

*Grace Lutheran Church*

*2225 Washington Street, Lincoln, Nebraska*



**"God's work, our hands"** is a theme that has become popular within the ELCA. It is a Sunday when ELCA congregations throughout the country engage in a servant event or project somewhere in their community. Presiding Bishop Eaton says "This Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world," September 13 has been designated as this year's "God's work, our hands" Sunday.

So I encourage you to begin thinking about a project or event that we can participate in on that Sunday. It would be nice to have a photo complete with yellow t-shirts of all of this year's participants. Posting photos like this on our website and social media accounts is a way to say that we are a church that gathers for the sake of the world and not just ourselves.

As I begin ministry among you this month I also want to lift up the theme "God's work, our hands." This theme helps us to remember that ministry is never about us but always about the God we worship and the people we serve. We serve others in response to how God serves the world through the ongoing ministry of his Son accomplished through the work of the Holy Spirit. That Spirit lives within each of us and so I pray that this Spirit awakens our faith in God and our love of neighbor as we begin a new chapter of ministry within the story of faith we know as Grace Lutheran Church.

See you soon!

Pn. Eric Tesher

### RALLY SUNDAY!

August 23rd will be the start of a new Sunday School Year. We will meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and get to know each other. Then celebrate with ice cream sundaes! Can't wait to see you there. Everyone is invited!!





## From the Church Office

**III or Hospitalized:** Birdeen Havlicek, Don Riemann, Bill Hokanson, Betty Shaw, Tom Lantis, Wayne Remington, Deloras Sorensen

**Birth:** Colton Thomas Anderson, born July 11. Colton is the son of William Anderson and grandson of Judi and Chris Schroeder.

**Congratulations to** William Anderson, who graduated from Lincoln High in July.

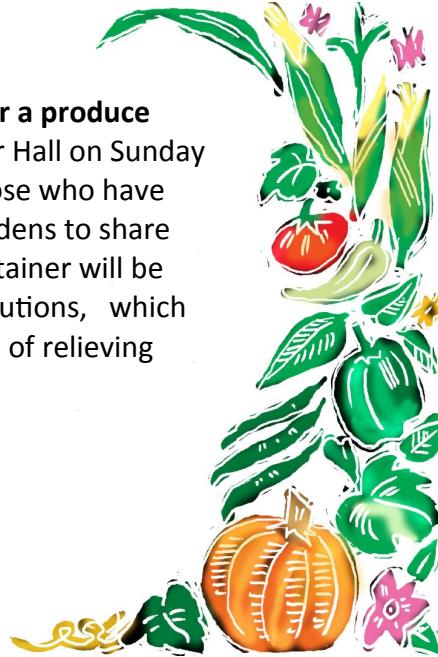
**Funeral service for Leoma Winch** was July 12 at Lincoln Memorial Park. Pastor Doug Allen officiated the service.

**The deadline for the next Greeter will be August 20.** It will be mailed on August 25.

**Bulletins have been shared by:** Pastor Bob and Darlene Rademacher [St. Andrew Lutheran Church, New Bern, NC]; Darlene Stutheit [Germanfest Community Worship, Syracuse, NE] Jack & Arlene Reighard [Bethany Lutheran, Long Beach CA]



**From now until late summer a produce table** will be set up in Lesher Hall on Sunday mornings. It is a way for those who have surplus items from their gardens to share with others at Grace. A container will be available for freewill contributions, which will be donated to the cause of relieving world hunger.



If you would be willing to help or teach Sunday School next year please let us know. If you would rather have a co-teacher we will be happy to do that. We appreciate your help. Contact: Kathie Remington (402)435-0782



**THRIVENT FINANCIAL members** – we will not meet in August, but mark your calendar for Sunday, September 6 – 10:30 a.m., in the Staff Conference Room.

**Women of the ELCA:** On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, our new year of meetings will begin. The Group Meetings' Bible Study through *Gather* Magazine will begin with a three-session study on speed and slowness, and how the Kingdom of God moves slowly, yet we are asked to move with ever greater speed. (1) *Sabbath Keeping* (2) *Make Haste O Lord* (3) *Tempo Giusto*. These sessions are authored by Liv Larson, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in the West Central neighborhood of Spokane, WA.

### A Brief Primer on Pipe Organs, Part 1 By Sara Schott, Director of Music

As our congregation has discussed the need to repair and refurbish our beautiful pipe organ at Grace, several people have asked questions about the organ, its maintenance, its value, etc. I thought it would be fun to write a little column for the next few *Grace Greeters*, explaining some basic things about pipe organs in general, and our organ in particular. I'm also always happy to demonstrate things on the organ or to answer questions in person, so just let me know if there's something you've been wondering about!

Our organ was built by Casavant Freres, of Saint-Hyacinthe in Quebec, Canada. It was built in 1969, and has a replacement value of about \$900,000. It would be considered a medium-sized instrument, but it is perfectly suited to the size and acoustics of Grace's nave. It has just under 2,000 pipes, most of which are made of an alloy of tin and lead that is called "spotted metal". The only wooden pipes are the pedal pipes that are visible from the floor.

Our organ was very well-built in its time; it has independent pedal stops that many less expensive instruments would have "borrowed" from the great or swell divisions (the two manuals, or keyboards) that we play. As organs became more and more expensive, many of them did have more borrowed stops.

The organ pipes sound when keys depressed by the player allow wind to enter them. There are five main parts to an organ:

- wind (blower, wind storage, wind trunks supplying air to pipes)
- keyboard and keyboard action (linking keys to pipes to make them sound)
- stops and stop action (controlling range of sounds heard)
- pipes and windchest (on which the pipes stand, and in which are the final valves and mechanism to control which pipes sound when)
- case

In next month's *Greeter*, we will talk about basic maintenance and care of the pipe organ.



## Q125 Christmas Ornaments Available

The Worship and Music Committee, in consultation with the Q125 committee, has ordered a small quantity of beautiful, high quality brass plated Christmas ornaments to sell to Grace members and friends. The ornaments come in a gift box with a brief write up of Grace's history on the back -- perfect for gift giving! They are only \$15 each (checks made out to Voices of Grace), and proceeds go to the Voices of Grace fund. They are available from the church office, or see Sara on a Sunday morning. Hurry though; only about 40 ornaments are still available!

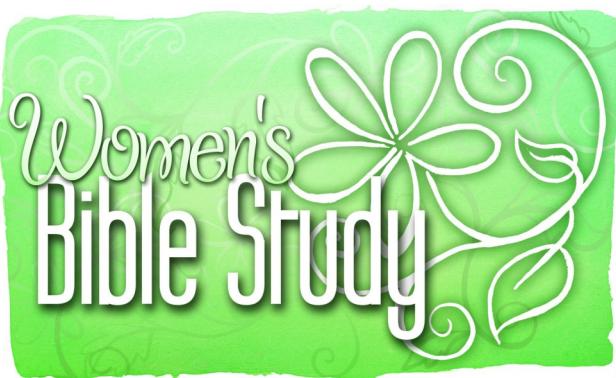


Beef—it's what was for dinner on June 29, when people from Grace distributed 143 portions at The Gathering Place. Using ground beef donated by friends of The Gathering Place, Regina and Steve Paschold prepared sloppy joes. The menu also included corn, bananas, tossed lettuce salad donated by Carla Ingersoll, and cakes and brownies which were contributed by Joy Kokes, Pat Lickey, and Ginny and Roger Potts. Helping to serve and to clean up were Ginny, Roger, Joy, Pat, Regina, Carla, and Pastor Bob and Darlene Rademacher.

On July 20 it was Grace's evening to serve at The Gathering Place. Especially during the summer months, those who wash dishes in the kitchen are thankful for the modern dishwasher which Grace members helped to purchase. With the steam condenser feature, the room temperature now is usually in the low 80s, compared to the upper 90s when we worked with the old dishwasher. On this particular day the menu consisted of spaghetti with meat sauce prepared by Regina and Steve Paschold, tossed lettuce salad contributed by Carla Ingersoll, bread, applesauce, and dessert treats donated by Pat Lickey, Joy Kokes, Helen and Don Carnes, Donna Hansen and Phil Sorensen, and Regina and Steve. All of those folks mentioned above helped to serve and to clean up after 103 portions were distributed. Special thanks go to Ken Johnson and to Irene and Barry Moore for helping to alleviate food insecurity through their financial support.

## Only one answer

Having a happy time? *Praise God.*  
Life getting difficult? *Seek God.*  
Having a quiet moment? *Worship God.*  
Suffering great pain? *Trust God.*  
Puzzled about what to do? *Ask God.*  
Overwhelmed with joy? *Thank God.*



### "Reading the Gospels With New Lenses"

—A Bible Study with Pastor Bob

All women of Grace—August 12th is our summer Bible study! Pastor Bob has graciously agreed to lead us. He is selecting his own study material so no need to bring your magazines, just your Bibles. We'll be treated to an inspiring morning. Beth and Tricia will serve coffee, pastries and fruit at 9:00 a.m. and we'll start our study around 9:30.

Bring something to share for lunch and your own table service and we'll do what we do best and eat again after our study is finished. You are welcome to join us for any part of the morning that works for you! Hope to see many of you on August 12 in the Lounge!!



### Prescott Staff Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendars for the second annual Prescott Staff Appreciation Dinner. This year's dinner will be held on Sunday, August 30th, beginning at 5:00 pm in Lesher 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. Please sign up to bring food on the chart outside of the church office.

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 30th 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](mailto:cmann2@neb.rr.com)) or Dave Ripa ([dripa333@gmail.com](mailto:dripa333@gmail.com)). Thank you!!!

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

**Near South Association** – Social Ministry Committee is looking for a volunteer to represent Grace at the Near South Association meetings. The monthly meetings are held at First Plymouth Church (2000 D Street) in the Mayflower Room (lower level). The meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 pm. Their website is: <http://www.nearsouth.org/> If you are interested, please contact Lori Drake – [ldrake3@neb.rr.com](mailto:ldrake3@neb.rr.com) or 402-310-8386.



**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.



**Thank you!**

**From Gigi Lange:** I would like to thank my Grace family for helping me move to my new apartment and for the furniture and other items. I very much appreciated it. God's blessings to all.

**From Betty Shaw:** I want to convey my deepest gratitude to Pastor Bob and the wonderful friends remembering me with prayers and well wishes during my recent hospitalization. All is deeply appreciated.

**From Birdeen Havlicek:** I want to thank everyone for their cards, notes and letters while I was at the hospital. Also, to those who stopped by for a visit. Special thanks to Pastor Bob for his several visits and also Pastor Sylvia who stopped in the day she left Lincoln. I had a visit with my pulmonary doctor yesterday and the future does not look bright. Things are seeming to be going worse than better. I miss going to church and Bible study on Sunday mornings. Hope I'll be back to see you all again before long. I am staying at my daughters place for now.

Quasquicentennial Worship and  
fellowship  
June 14, 2015  
Bishop Brian Maas, preaching



# Quasquicentennial Banquet

## June 13, 2015

### The Knolls



<b>August 2, 2015</b>	
Assisting Minister	Jacob Krueger
Lector	Kaitlyn Dumler
Communion Assistants	Brady Garvin, Bob & Sandie Anderson, Art Hillman
Greeters	Marge Nolte, Brady Garvin
Altar Guild	Lori Drake, Carla Ingersol
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Dumler
Communion Bread	Laila Faust
<b>August 9, 2015 Installation for Pastor Lesher</b>	
Assisting Minister	Dean Dumler
Lector	Curt Mann
Communion Assistants	Curt Mann, Beth Kimmerling Dumler, Pastor Bob Rademacher, Ginny Potts
Greeters	Neil Larson, Ken Johnson, Ron Most
Altar Guild	Doug & Sarah Krueger
Acolyte	Cameron Krueger
Communion Bread	Pat Lickei
<b>August 16, 2015</b>	
Assisting Minister	Day Hefner
Lector	Connie Whyrick
Communion Assistants	Bruce and Cheryl Petersen, Jan Branting, Connie Whyrick
Greeters	Frank & Lorraine James, Jeannette Allen
Altar Guild	Ginny Potts, Bob Rademacher
Acolyte	Jacob Schott
Communion Bread	Dave Ripa
<b>August 23, 2015</b>	
Assisting Minister	Barb Smith
Lector	Chloe Fitzgibbon
Communion Assistants	Lori Drake, Peter Schnake, Kathie Remington, Robert Stimbert
Greeters	Glen & Bonnie Drophman, Del & Jo Miller
Altar Guild	Yvonne Nielsen
Acolyte	Chloe Fitzgibbon
Communion Bread	Barb Smith
<b>August 30, 2015</b>	
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Carol Olson
Communion Assistants	Carol Olson, Don & Helen Carnes, Denny Berens
Greeters	Doug & Sarah Krueger
Altar Guild	Jon & Connie Thorson
Acolyte	Luke Filbert
Communion Bread	Darlene Stuthiet

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**June Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Present: Steve Rosno, Dennis Berens, Terry Branting, Pastor Sylvia, Dave Ripa, Lynn Chamberlin, Connie Whyrick, Barb Smith, Carla Ingersoll, Pastor Doug Allen, Jeanne Weisbrook  
Absent: Jacob Krueger [Excused], Teddi Reckling (Excused)

President Steve Rosno called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call taken

Dave Ripa provided the opening prayer.

Denny B. moved we approve the appointment of Carla Ingersoll as new Council representative to fulfill Margaret's term to the end of 2015. Connie W. seconded. Motion carried.

The May Council meeting minutes were reviewed. Terry B. made a motion to approve and file the minutes. Seconded by Barb S. Motion carried.

The April 30 Council meeting minutes were reviewed. Denny B. made a motion to approve and file the minutes. Seconded by Barb S. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Letter from Voices of Hope – Thank you for the contribution from the Lenten offerings.

Lincoln Lutheran Choir – Thank you for using our facility

Sheila – Thank you for letting her have her art display

**Staff Reports:**

**Senior Pastor:** Written report presented.

**Visitation Pastor:** Written report presented.

**Director of Music:** Written report presented.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Written report presented.

Memorials Committee will be requesting written documentation of gifts given, Finance Committee will discuss the process

**Treasurer's Report:** Written report presented.

Barb S. made a motion to accept and file for audit all staff reports. Seconded by Dave R. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Parish Education:** Written report presented; Verbal report from Connie W. about Intern's visit. Thrivent met and announced they will give \$1,000 to the Seminarian Support Fund (One time give to all seminarians).

**Evangelism:** Carla I. gave verbal report; talked about tech support, they need more committee members; they are creating a member demographic chart

**Property:** Written report presented

**Social Ministry:** Written report presented

**Stewardship:** Written report presented; August 1 will provide Time and Talent sheet results.

**Finance:** No report

**Youth:** No report

**Memorials:** May meeting will be 5/18

**Worship and Music:** No report

**Quasquicentennial Committee:** Written reports presented

**Organ Repair Committee:** Written report presented

Terry B. made a motion after all reports were presented to accept and file the committee reports. Seconded by Barb S. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Inactive Members:** Denny B. moved we approve the additional names to be removed from the active church membership list of active members. These names were removed by administrative action, making our membership 457 (249 households). Seconded by Connie W. Motion carried.

**Organ Repair:** Dave moved that Grace Luther Church accept the contract from Bedient Organ, so Phase I can begin. Denny B. seconded. After discussion, it was recommended that the Property Committee, Sara S., and Mark M. review the contract. At this time, Denny B. moved we table Dave's motion. Barb seconded. This motion was also withdrawn.

Terry B. moved the Property Committee review the contract and meet with Bedient Organ group (Mark M.) and Sara S. to clarify portions of the repair agreement by no later than June 26. Barb seconded. Dave called for the question. Denny B. seconded. Motion carried to call for the question. Motion carried. Vote on the current motion by Terry B., motion carried.

Other discussion on Phase II, sending out three separate letters, one asking for financial help from the congregation, one asking for financial help for select members of Grace, one to the community. Dave moved the first letter go out to the entire congregation along with brochures to be mailed tomorrow (6/10). Pastor Doug A. seconded. Vote: 3 Yea; 7 Nay, Motion did not pass. Phase II is still on hold, letters may go out in the fall (September). It may go into 2016 Budget.

**Budget Workshop:** Denny B. moved that the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in August (8/25) there will be an optional budget workshop with the Finance Committee. Connie W. seconded. Motion carried.

**Audit Committee Report:** Finance Committee will review. Denny B. moved we accept the recommendations and send to the Finance Committee and that we should send a special Thank You to each member of the committee. Barb S. seconded. Motion carried.

**Reminder to have Committee Budgets to Jim by July 1.**

**Seminarian Fund Report:** Connie W. moved that \$3,000 be transferred from Janis Jodais fund to the Seminarian Fund. Lynn C. seconded. Motion carried. Council agreed that any letters going to our seminarians would have the pastor's and council president's signatures.

**New Business:**

Verbal Synod Report given by Steve R.

Reviewed Congregational Meeting minutes, will be voted on at Reporting meeting, January 2016.

Installation of Pastor Eric Lesher, possibly 1<sup>st</sup> week end in August. Pastor Megan will help set this up.

Proposal for Electronic Bulletin Board to be placed in the Atrium. Dave R. moved we proceed with the purchase and installation using money the Memorials Committee will provide. Barb S. seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Sylvia reported her last preaching Sunday will be June 21.

There being no more business to bring before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeanne Weisbrook, Council Secretary



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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

25  
Kim & Shannon Mills

30  
Don & Helen Carnes



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Lynn Senkbeil

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Brady Garvin  
Hazel Johnson  
Edward Meitzen

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Ron Holtgrewe  
Steven Pozehl  
Delores Sorensen  
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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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

23  
Kim Mills

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David Baker  
Dana Miller

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Kelly O'Hara  
Jillian Jensen

**Saturday, August 1**

5:30 pm Worship

**Sunday, August 2**

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

**Monday, August 3**

7:00 pm Committee Mtg.

**Tuesday, August 4**

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

**Wednesday, August 5**

7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

**Thursday, August 6**

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

**Friday, August 7**

5:00 pm YWCA Respite Care

**Saturday, August 8**

5:30 pm Worship

**Sunday, August 9**

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

**Tuesday, August 11**

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

**Wednesday, August 12**

9:00 am WELCA Summer Bible Study  
7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

**Thursday, August 13**

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

**Saturday, August 15**

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

**Sunday, August 16**

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

**Monday, August 17**

5:00 pm Gathering Place  
6:30 pm Memorials Committee

**Tuesday, August 18**

9:30 am Al-Anon  
6:00 pm Mutual Ministry Mtg.  
7:00 pm Evangelism Cmte. Mtg.  
8:00 pm AA Meeting

**Wednesday, August 19**

7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.,

**Thursday, August 20**

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

**Friday, August 21**

6:00 pm Wedding rehearsals

**Saturday, August 22**

4:00 pm Wedding of Nick Holle & Monica Sorensen (Lutheran Center members)  
5:30 pm Worship

**Sunday, August 23**

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Fellowship, Rally Day and ice cream social

**Tuesday, August 25**

9:30 am Al-Anon  
7:00 pm Budget workshop  
8:00 pm AA Meeting

**Wednesday, August 26**

7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

**Thursday, August 27**

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

**Saturday, August 29**

5:30 pm Worship

**Sunday, August 30**

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Fellowship, Sunday School  
5:00 pm Prescott Appreciation Dinner

**Monday, August 31**

9:00 am WELCA Executive board mtg.  
5:00 pm Gathering Place

\*child care provided



## Grace Staff and Council Members

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**Judi Schroeder,**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**Elizabeth Krueger,**  
*Nursery attendant*

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Lynn Chamberlin	489-6575
Carla Ingersoll	477-5049
Jacob Krueger	780-6708
Teddi Reckling	435-5873
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*Please keep all these servant leaders in  
your prayers.*

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