

Freed
& RENEWED
in Christ
500 YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502

May 23, 2017



- Abby Filbert—Lincoln Southeast High School
- Liam Hughes—Lincoln Southeast High School
- Jacob Krueger—University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- Steven Leshner—University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Chemical Engineering
- Matt Peppmuller—University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Master of Professional Accounting
- Kyle Thorson—Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Carley Weixelman—Lincoln High School, science focus program
- Tamya Zimmerman—Bryan Community Focus Program
- Shyanne Schroeder, daughter of Chris & Judi Schroeder —Norris High School
- Tria Bivins, granddaughter of Don & Helen Carnes—Lincoln High School
- Jake Wolfe, great grand son of Ardyth Wolfe—Millard West
- Shay Flowerday, granddaughter of Clarence & Charlene Johnson—East High School



Treasure in Jars of Clay

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed...2 Corinthians 4:7-9

The treasure mentioned here is the gospel. The good news of what God has accomplished for the world through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The good news that we are not forsaken but forever children of God. The good news that death is not a wall but a gate that moves us from this life to the next. The good news that all God's children matter. The good news that evil loses and God wins. The good news that rulers of this world are no match for the King of Kings.

We are a community with good news to share. But sometimes the news that we share about ourselves doesn't sound good. We talk ourselves down and convince ourselves that we are not that good and have little to offer. Our anger and frustration overrides and sometimes hides the treasure that we carry with us. But remember that this treasure is in clay jars. We are a fragile people. Easily tempted and distracted by our own egos. We forget the life of Christ that lives in each of us. A life so strong that not enough death can contain it!

So yes we are clay jars. No doubt about that! We make mistakes. We hurt others. But don't forget that God loves us anyway and calls us to share the gospel with those around us. Our own sinfulness is just a reminder that the power and glory always belong to God and so we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed because our center is Christ.

So as a church don't forget who calls us together to answer why we are here and for whom. If we are here only to promote ourselves then we should pity ourselves. If we are here to promote the power of God among us then we can walk with heads held high.

P.S.

A special thank you to all of you who celebrated my 30 years of ordination on May 21. It was a day to remember and the weather was great! Finally!

Pr. Eric Lesher

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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.
- ◆ The deadline for the next Greeter will be June 20th. It will be mailed on Tuesday, June 27.
- ◆ If you would like to be included on the weekly email update list (it comes from Constant Contact), please send an email to the office at: office@egrace.org. These message will normally go out on Wednesday and will also inform the congregation of a members death.
- ◆ Bulletins have been shared by: Jack & Arlene Reighard [Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach, CA]; Doug & Sarah Krueger [The Lutheran Center, Lincoln]; Darlene Stutheit [Luther Memorial, Syracuse]
- ◆ Birth: Everett Matthew, son of Rachel and Dustin Haider, born on May 4



**"I AM GOING TO
THE FATHER."**

JOHN 14:28

Ascension Day Worship

Thursday, May 25

6:30 pm

Chapel

(No evening prayer on Wednesday, May 24)

The origin of Father's Day

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.



THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS will not meet during the summer months of June, July, August, but will resume monthly meetings in September. So, mark your calendars for Sunday, September 3. See you then.

WOMEN of the ELCA - Our next meeting will be our annual '*Breakfast Out*' on Wednesday, June 7, 9:30 a.m. at Greenfields Café, 7900 S. 87th Street. Looking ahead – mark your calendars!

- Kitchen clean-up day – June 28, 9:00 a.m. We will go out for lunch following.
- Quilt Auction at Camp Carol Joy Holling – July 29th.
- Autumn Renewal – Saturday, October 8th – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Hastings, NE.
- NSWOC Convention – September 28-30 – Camp Carol Joy Holling

Planning for a "Special Event" in the early Fall is in the works, so watch for more information during the summer.



Grace Lutheran Annual Talent Show
June 11th, 10:30 a.m.
Leshner Hall

We are looking for some talent! Please consider signing up to share your talent at the annual talent show. You are guaranteed a kind audience and great food in return! Musical acts, reading of poetry, telling jokes, kung fu demonstrations, dance ... anything that you can accomplish in our fellowship hall is welcome. We even had a very memorable audience dance-along one year!

Please sign up on the sheets outside the church office, or contact Sara by phone/email to have your name added (sara@egrace.org/402-476-1505). If you have any questions, you can ask Sara. Sara or Colt is willing to accompany anyone on piano if needed as well, just ask us and we will work it out!

Watch for more details as the Talent Show gets closer, but for now, mark your calendars and volunteer to entertain us!

Join us on Wednesdays for Evening Prayer in Christ Chapel from 7:00 to 7:30. If you missed weekend worship or want to recharge your soul during the week then this worship is for you!

Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry "Wish List" at this time include: Ramen noodles, canned chicken, tomato products (diced, paste, sauce, etc.), fruit juice, and any other shelf-stable items.



June 12—16

5:30—8:00 PM

Kindergarten—5th grade

At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. They may not ace the test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. In Jesus, the victory is won!

A meal will be served from 5:00—5:25.

Registration forms are available on the table in the atrium, or on the church website (www.egrace.org)

Volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School

Grace will be partnering with Friedens Lutheran Church this year to offer Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 12 to Friday, June 16. Volunteers are needed from 5:30 to 8:00 PM to help lead activities at the storytelling, Bible challenge, and crafts stations and to guide classes as they tour the stations; volunteers are also needed to help serve pre-VBS dinners that will be offered at 5:00 each evening. Talk to Tyler (tyler@egrace.org or 402-540-5527) or a member of the Parish Education Committee to sign up!

Camp Carol Joy Holling still has dates open through the summer. Check out their website and see what is available: <http://caroljoyholling.org/registration>

Scholarships for camp are available to help with the cost. Contact the church office if interested.

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Lutheran mythbusting or.... Things you thought you knew about Martin Luther

On the show *Mythbusters*, the hosts unmask assumptions about our world — scenes from movies, familiar sayings or Internet sensations — and rigorously test their plausibility. When it comes to history, however, certain legends and inaccuracies can persist for generations without being challenged or corrected.

In the run-up to commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will share some “myths” about Martin Luther that deserve busting.

Luther was the first person to translate the Bible into the language of the people.

This is half true. The Latin translation (the Vulgate) already prepared in large measure by the fourth-century scholar Jerome was a perfectly good translation for its time because people in the Western parts of the Roman Empire spoke Latin. Translations into other languages were also produced in those days. In the 15th century several translations of Jerome’s Latin version were printed in German, among other languages.

Luther’s contribution was that he translated the Bible into German based upon the *original* languages of Greek and Hebrew. The first printed Greek New Testament appeared in 1516 and prompted Luther to begin learning Greek. When he began translating the New Testament while in protective custody at the Wartburg Castle in 1522, he already knew Greek well enough (helped by Melancthon, his colleague and Greek professor) to base his translation upon the Greek text.

In the following years, the Hebrew text (helped by early translations of the Old Testament into Greek and Latin) served as the basis of Luther’s and his colleagues’ work.

We have examined 10 “legends” about Luther. There are doubtless many more, and our age will invent new ones. Once we peel away the myths and misunderstandings, however, what remains is a remarkable figure in the history of the church.

Luther rediscovered for the whole church that God gives salvation by grace alone — without any reciprocal gift on our part — received by faith in Christ alone, where that faith comes into being not by human decisions but by hearing God’s gracious word of forgiveness and reconciliation alone.

By Timothy J. Wengert

Wengert, an ELCA pastor, is professor emeritus of Reformation history at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Reprint information was granted by Living Lutheran magazine for this article as it first appeared in the (Feb./2015) issue of Living Lutheran.



Consecrated to serve

“Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee,” we sing.

But what does that mean? What does it mean to consecrate our lives to the Lord?

The rest of the hymn gives us lots of hints:

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

What we learn through the words of the hymn is that everything we do, in every aspect of our lives, we do in response to God’s love for us – the love that forgives us, saves and supports us.

God gave us our hands, our feet, our silver and gold, our brains and our talents. We thank him by using those gifts to do God’s work in the world.

The week of June 12 you will receive a Time and Talents survey in the mail. The survey will give you a chance to respond directly to God’s love and God’s gifts by indicating your willingness to volunteer in a variety of ways to serve God in our congregation and our community.

Please fill out the survey and return it by Sunday, June 25, either in person or by mail. The Stewardship Committee members will tabulate the surveys and forward the results to the church council and congregational committees in early August. The council and committees will be in touch by September with everyone who has offered to help.

As the hymn concludes, “Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.” This is how we consecrate our lives to God: by using the gifts God gives us to do God’s work in our congregation, our community and our world.

In order to cultivate life-giving stewardship practices, the church must be attuned to the cultural context of its people.

For example, while the practice of collecting offering in baskets during the service certainly has theological significance, the reality is that many people simply no longer carry cash or checks; instead, online and electronic giving is on the rise. Creating space for people’s preferred giving methods is an act of hospitality and establishes greater connection between people’s charitable giving practices in the church and to the broader community.

Stewardship is certainly about money, but it’s also about how we manage all of life.

While financial stewardship is an important part of the stewardship conversation, as people of God, we have been called to steward all of life. This includes nurturing and giving generously of our time, our talents, and our vocations, keeping in mind the needs of our neighbors and all of creation.





Individuals from Grace who regularly serve at The Gathering Place have learned that it is difficult to predict the number of people to be expected for an evening meal. Before Grace served on May 15, during the previous week, the daily number of portions served had ranged from around 70 to 120. But the count on May 15 was 161. The home baked desserts certainly are always a bit hit. On this third Monday in May, the menu also consisted of macaroni and cheese with ham bits prepared by Regina and Steve Paschold, green beans, tossed lettuce salad, bread, and applesauce. Desserts were donated by Lorraine James, Nancy Schilke, Joy Kokes, Jan and Terry Branting, Ginny and Roger Potts, and Pat Lickei. Helping to serve and to clean up after the meal were Pat, Ginny, Roger, Jan, Terry, Joy, Regina, Steve, and Brady Garvin. Thanks go to Brady and to Marilyn Holmquist for recent financial gifts to support this important ministry to alleviate food insecurity in the Near South Neighborhood.



From Pastor Doug & Jeannette Allen: Jeannette and I want to express our sincere thanks to all the members of Grace Lutheran and also to former parishioners who sent their cards and greetings for the 60th observance of my ordination as a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. It was thoughtful that you observed my 60th anniversary, and, at the same time, the 30th anniversary of the ordination of our pastor at Grace Lutheran, Rev. Eric Leshner. The special offering of the day was designated for the Building project at the new Lutheran Student center on the Lincoln campus of the University of Nebraska. At this time the amount received for the student center project (from this offering) totals \$3795! And we also thank you for the beautiful floral arrangements, (along with the attractive colored glass bowl the flowers were in) and for the Waterford crystal decorative Celtic cross given us by the congregation.

PRESCOTT WALKATHON—Another successful Walkathon completed. Thank you so much for supporting Prescott school. A very special thank you to Sara Schott, Lorraine James, Pastor Eric, Sue & Larry Clymer for helping with the stations. We had a beautiful day to work and the kids loved every minute of it.

World Refugee Day Celebration

Saturday, June 24

9:00-3:00

Join us for a bus ride to the Joslyn Art Center in Omaha for World Refugee Day. We will observe a naturalization ceremony and visit exhibits and/or hear various speakers. We leave the church parking lot at 9:00 AM and return by 3:00 PM. The event is free. You can tip the drive if you want.

Bring a box, can or bag of the following for International Food Pantry:

White, kidney, or pinto beans	Asian noodles
Lentils, chickpeas	Vegetable oil
Jasmine or basmati rice	Tomato paste
Canned fish	Marinara sauce
Cornmeal	Sugar
Italian style pastas	Flour
Baking powder	Tea
Baking yeast	
	Spices: curry powder, tumeric, beryani spice, chili, black pepper, thyme, cumin, cardamom, cloves, cilantro, garam masala, cinnamon

Please contact the Grace Lutheran office if you are attending this event.

Faithful Conversations

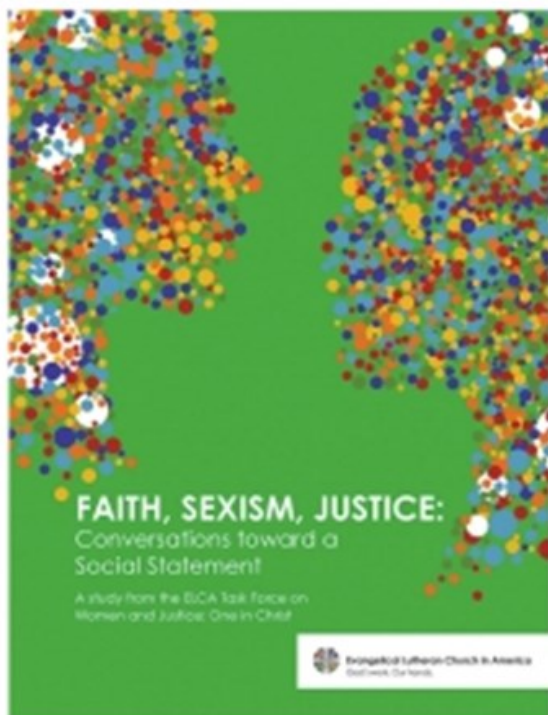
“Be the change you want to see in the world” (often falsely attributed to Gandhi)

Are you concerned with the state of the world today? Do you tend to avoid “uncomfortable” subjects out of concern for your friendship with others? Are you wondering where God is in all of this? Do you feel separated from God?

You are not alone. Grace Lutheran Church is spearheading a new program that will allow us to discuss difficult topics in a supportive environment while listening to others with respect. It will also have a component on learning spiritual practices which can help to re-connect with God/Divine/Greater Power.

First, the Faithful Conversation committee will be leading a discussion on the ELCA resource, “Faith, Sexism and Justice Conversations toward a Social Statement” for 4 consecutive Thursdays from 7-8p starting June 22. We will be learning how to listen well to others and have respectful conversations. A healthy community does not shy away from difficult topics and disagreement. This is just a beginning for us to speak about difficult topics. If you have suggestions for others topics, please let a FC committee member know. Members are: Carol Olson, Pastor Megan Morrow, Barb Smith and Teddi Reckling. No RSVP necessary.

On Sunday, June 25th during the Fellowship Hour, Carol Olson, Spiritual Director, will introduce us to the Tree of Contemplative Practices which will be the basis for a retreat she will lead at Grace on Saturday, July 8 from 1-4pm entitled “Creative Faith Practices for Busy People”. This retreat will give you opportunities to “try out” various spiritual practices. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Carol by July 1st (402 -486-0864 or carolinroma@yahoo.com)



From the Director of Music

The annual church talent show is coming up soon, and the Bells of Grace will perform several pieces for that event. I thought it would be fun to share a little bit of "handbell history" with you, as people often wonder how this art form began.

Hand bells have been traced as far back as the 5th Century B.C. in China. The oldest existing bells with handles found in China dated from 1600 B.C., although bells of various kinds and shapes have been found all over the world.

Hand bells as we know them are descended from tower bells in England. Around the 16th Century, the art of tower bell ringing was established in England. A set of five to twelve bells was rung in a numerical sequence (this was called "change ringing"). You can still hear English change ringing at various churches and cathedrals in England, and a youtube church will turn up many examples. The change ringing is used for joyous occasions (the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton) or sad ones (the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales). It takes hours of pulling on the ropes to cause the bells to ring in the right order, thereby creating the desired pattern of pitches. As you can imagine, practicing on the actual church bells was disturbing to the villagers, so small bells were developed to all the ringers to practice indoors. This kept the ringers out of the cold bell towers and kept the village more quiet.

Eventually, the ringing of these small bells became an art form of its own. Larger sets of hand bells were cast. "Tune ringing" (ringing melodies and simple harmonies set to music for festive occasions such as Christmas) peaked around the middle of the 19th century, and began to wane by the 20th century. After World War II, tune ringing began to enjoy a resurgence in popularity.

English handbells were introduced to America by the Peake Family Ringers in the 1830's and in 1840 by P.T. Barnum. In 1923, Mrs. Margaret Shurcliff of Boston organized the Beacon Hill Ringers with groups forming in the Northeast United States. The New England Guild of Hand Bell Ringers was formed in 1937 and then in the 1950's and '60's, hundreds of groups began to spring up throughout the United States in churches, schools and other organizations. In 1954 the American Guild of English Hand bell Ringers (AGEHR) was founded with Mrs. Shurcliff as its first President. The guild (now known as Handbell Musicians of America) still exists. It provides all kinds of support to members, including regional conferences that several members of the the Bells of Grace have attended in the past.

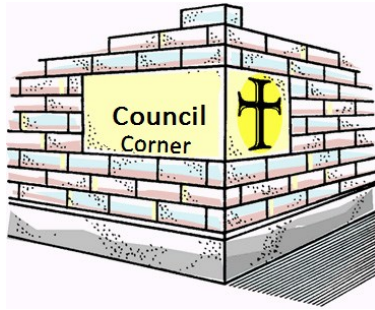
For handbell choirs, commitment is super important! Without everyone at practice, it is difficult to achieve the musical result we are after. And if someone misses a performance, we either have to find a last minute sub (ask Tina Loseke about that, as she is called on often!), or we have to cancel the performance entirely. Handbell sets are very expensive, because the bells are handcrafted of bronze. Grace's has a 5-octave set of Schulmerich handbells, and 5 octaves of Schulmerich melody chimes, which are made in Pennsylvania. Our bass bell ringers covet more octaves so they can ring even bigger bells! For more information on the bell-making process, you can go to www.schulmerichbells.com

When you watch the bell choir, you will see many special techniques used to achieve different sounds. Sometimes we hit the bell directly into the foam on the table (that is called a "mart"), or strike them with mallets, or pluck the clappers, or wave them in circles in the air (a "gyro"). As the art of handbell ringing progresses, composers get more and more adventurous with techniques, which keeps it all very interesting. We will be looking for a new ringer or two in the fall. If you like a fun group of friends and a musical challenge, come talk to Sara Schott about the possibilities!



The Sixth Sunday of Easter was a little extra special this year at Grace as we celebrated the ordination anniversaries of Pr. Eric Leshner (30 years), and Pr. Doug Allen (retired, 60 years). What a blessing these two pastors have been to the Church, and what fun to celebrate with them! Congregation President Curt Mann announced that the congregation had collected \$3,795 in honor of Pr. Eric and Pr. Doug. The money will go to the Lutheran Center at UNL for their building campaign.





From the Council— We received a thank you card from Teresa Elliott at Cornhusker Bank that read, “Thanks for giving back to the local community through your collections for ***One Day Without Shoes.***” Our Grace Lutheran family comes through once again. Thank you for your kind and generous donations.

From the Worship & Music Committee— As we look ahead to June, make your plans to attend the Grace Talent Show on June 11th during the Fellowship hour. Also June is World Refugee month and we will be providing special information through our bulletins to help us understand their situation throughout the world. On Sunday, June 25th, we will be using a special global liturgy during worship.

From the Parish Education Committee— “A Mighty Fortress” is the theme for Vacation Bible School-2017. The dates are June 12-15th. Dinner will begin at 5:00 pm and the program will start up at 5:25 pm. Please plan to attend!

From the Evangelism Committee—We are looking at ways to promote Grace Lutheran Church throughout the community. We will soon be advertising at the Ross Theater thanks to a gift from the Basler Evangelism Endowment. Window clings for your cars are being developed as are a welcome kit including an oven mitt for our church visitors.

From the Property Committee—We continue to work with our insurance claim adjusters for the hail damage to the exterior surfaces. It has now been determined what hail damaged areas the insurance company will cover. We continue to work on the issues with the one boiler that is presently inoperable. We also are pleased to welcome 30 high school youth and adults from one of Pr. Eric’s former parishes in Illinois that will be visiting for a week-long mission trip.

From the Social Ministry Committee—A special thank you to Kathie Remington and Larry & Sue Clymer for all of their work supporting Prescott School. Also thanks to everyone who helps prepare and serve food at the Gathering Place each month.

From the Stewardship Committee—The committee continues to prepare the *Time and Talent* surveys for June. Please make certain to return your survey. Plans are also being made for ***God’s Work. Our Hands Sunday.***

From the Finance Committee—April ended with our expenses being higher than the offerings. The expenses were down, from previous months (mainly due to utilities) and below budget, but the offerings did not keep pace even with five Sundays in April. The graphs in the bulletins will continue to show our financial status. Note: During discussion in the Council meeting, the message that we are sending to all staff and committees....if we don’t need it right now, then let’s not spend the money.

From the Memorials Committee—We reviewed the existing memorials and ‘wish lists’ submitted by various church committees. We are thankful for the new Easter paraments that were purchased from the Harold Paschold memorial gifts.

From the President of the Congregation—We are looking for someone from our congregation who would attend the monthly Near South Neighborhood Association meetings. These meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at First Plymouth Church. <http://nearsouth.org/>
Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NSNALincoln/> Please contact the church office if you are willing to help keep GLC represented. Thank you!

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



**Day Camp for Seniors
Tuesday, June 27
9:00-3:00**

Camp is for everyone, regardless of age! Join us for a wonderful day of fun and fellowship. We will gather at Grace and use our bus to get to camp. The camp will use their bus to get around the site, but there will be some light walking between buildings. Wear your comfortable walking shoes. Cost: \$10 per person - pay at the door

Let the Grace Lutheran office know if you are going by June 26 at noon so we can get a head count to the camp!

Christian Symbol—Bee

The bee symbolizes various traits across cultures and faiths, including community, industry and resurrection. Its sting may represent judgment, while its honey calls to mind the sweetness of divine riches. Multiple times in the Old Testament, the Promised Land is described as “flowing with milk and honey” (e.g., Exodus 3:8), and the Psalms declare God’s words “sweeter than honey” (19:10; 119:103).

Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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June 4	
Assisting Minister	Tina Loseke
Lector	Connie Whyrick
Communion Assistants	Connie Whyrick, Jan Branting, Lori Drake, Donna Hansen
Altar Guild	Doug & Sarah Krueger
Greeters	Betsy Johnson
Acolyte	Conrad Schroeder, Kaitlyn Dumler, Elli Petersen, Luke Filbert, Chloe Fitzgibbon
Communion bread	Wendy Apple
June 11	
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Denny Berens
Communion Assistants	Denny Berens, Arlene Reighard, Brady Garvin
Altar Guild	Ginny Potts, Carla Ingersoll
Greeters	Denny Berens
Acolyte	Jacob Schott
Communion bread	Karen Billings
June 18	
Assisting Minister	Barb Smith
Lector	Steve Paschold
Communion Assistants	Teresa Serafin, Steve Paschold, Doug & Jeannette Allen
Altar Guild	Jon & Connie Thorson
Greeters	Steve & Regina Paschold
Acolyte	Cameron Krueger
Communion bread	Helen Carnes
June 25	
Assisting Minister	Dean Dumler
Lector	Karen Billings
Communion Assistants	Karen Billings, Don & Helen Carnes, Beth Kimmerling Dumler
Altar Guild	Kurt & Cindy Eberspacher
Greeters	Beth Kimmerling Dumler
Acolyte	Kyle Givens
Communion bread	Cindy Eberspacher

Let the church office know if you would like to attend this game together. We can carpool or possibly take the church bus. The deadline for getting tickets is noon on May 30.



The poster features a dark blue background with a faint image of a baseball field. At the top left is a cartoon mascot of a bird wearing a baseball cap and holding a bat. To its right is the Werner Park logo, which includes a globe and the words 'WERNER PARK'. The main title 'LUTHERAN NIGHT' is in large, bold, white letters, with 'at Werner Park' in smaller white text below it. Below the title is the text 'CELEBRATE THE 500TH REFORMATION WITH US!' in gold. On the left, there are two circular images: one of Martin Luther in a blue cap and black robe, and another of a person in a large, inflatable Luther costume. To the right of these images are two gold circles containing ticket prices: '\$11 GROUP INFIELD BOX SEAT (\$15 value)' and '\$7 GROUP OUTFIELD BOX SEAT (\$13 value)'. Below the ticket prices, the date and time 'June 5 7:05 PM' are written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom left, under the heading 'ADD-ONS:', are three items: '\$7 SLICE OF PIZZA & SODA VOUCHER', '\$6 HOT DOG & SODA VOUCHER', and '\$4 CENTRIS FFZ & MINI GOLF PASS'. To the right of these are two bullet points: '• SING "TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME" DURING THE 7TH INNING STRETCH!' and '• FEATURED MISSION: CAMPUS MINISTRIES'. At the bottom, the text 'DEADLINE TO RECEIVE SPECIAL PRICING: MAY 31ST' is in bold, gold letters, followed by '1,501 Lutherans attended in 2016!' in smaller gold letters.

LUTHERAN NIGHT
at Werner Park

CELEBRATE THE 500TH REFORMATION WITH US!

\$11
GROUP INFIELD
BOX SEAT
(\$15 value)

\$7
GROUP OUTFIELD
BOX SEAT
(\$13 value)

June 5
7:05 PM

ADD-ONS:

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- \$6** HOT DOG & SODA VOUCHER
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- FEATURED MISSION: CAMPUS MINISTRIES

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE SPECIAL PRICING: MAY 31ST
1,501 Lutherans attended in 2016!



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David & Kathren Miller

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Larry & Cindy Watchorn

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Melvin & Darlene Brydl
Art & Bev Hillman

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Jay & Amy Ostermeyer

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Steve & Laila Faust
Barry & Irene Moore

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Bob & Sandie Anderson
Brent & Kendra Jensen

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EJ & Jill Marshall

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Gerald & Debra Hilde

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Greg & Susan Barnason
Dennis & Charlyne Berens
Sawyer & Felicia Jager

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Keith & Corene Herbster

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Norah Noecker

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Susan Barnason

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Sharon Genthe

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Viletta Haddal
Bruce Petersen
Connie Whyrick

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Delmar Motycka

**Thursday, June 1**

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, June 2

6:00 pm Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, June 3

4:00 pm Wedding of Matt Peppmuller & Jordan Murphy
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, June 4

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship, A.S.F.
11:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, June 5

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, June 6

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

Wednesday, June 7

9:30 am WELCA brunch at Greenfields
7:00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday, June 8

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, June 9

5:30 pm YWCA respite care
6:00 pm Chapel reserved

Saturday, June 10

10:00 am Lincoln Lit. classes
5:30 pm Worship
6:30 pm Lounge reserved

Sunday, June 11

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship, Talent Show
11:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, June 12

5:00—8:00 pm VBS
6:00 pm Chapel reserved
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, June 13

9:30 am Al-Anon
5:00—8:00 pm VBS
6:30 pm WELCA #6 Mtg.
7:00 pm Council Mtg., W.R.T. Mtg.
8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, June 14

5:00—8:00 pm VBS
7:00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday, June 15

5:00—8:00 pm VBS
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Friday, June 16

5:00—8:00 pm VBS
6:00 pm Chapel reserved

Saturday, June 17

10:00 am Lincoln Lit. classes
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, June 18

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship, A.S.F.,
11:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, June 19

5:00 pm Gathering Place
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, June 20

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

Wednesday, June 21

7:00 pm Evening prayer

Thursday, June 22

7:00 pm "Faith, Sexism and Justice
Conversations toward a Social
Statement" study—lounge
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

Saturday, June 24

10:00 am Lincoln Lit. classes
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, June 25

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship, A.S.F.
11:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, June 26

6:30 pm Scout Committee Mtg.
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday, June 29

7:00 pm "Faith, Sexism and Justice
Conversations toward a Social
Statement" study—lounge
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.

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