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Grace Notes

October 2015

Dear Partners in the Good News,

Whoa! How did October get here so fast? Didn't school just let out a few weeks ago? The nice thing about this year is that summer seems to go on and on, although when you're reading this, it may be over.

Although we continued quilting, knitting and bible studying over the summer, this is the time of year when things really begin to move. The quilts and school kits have been packed up and are awaiting transport for their trip to Lutheran World Relief. Prayer shawls and baby blankets have been distributed and will continue to be given out during the year.

Our year of Christian Education began with the installation of our teachers and leaders, as they publicly made their commitment and received the blessing of God and the encouragement of the congregation.

Sunday School kicked off on Sunday, September 20th, with Janet Kokko leading a lesson on greatness in God's kingdom, as she welcomed several new students to the group.

NOTE: Sunday School is offered at 10 a.m. and ends by 10:50 am so children can attend worship with their parents. Look for the new gathering area for children in worship. They will rejoin their families after the opening prayer.

The After School Program got off to another terrific start on Wednesday, September 23, with a great turn out of staff and children. A Thrivent Action Team grant is being used to provide health-conscious snacks this year. Parents are being asked to ensure their children are picked up between 5 and 5:30 p.m. Depending on interest, there may be the occasional supper and informal worship, 5:30-7 (at the latest), to allow the parents and children to further develop their relationships with us and one another.

NOTE: The older children in the After School Program will have a lesson with me one week and a service project outing with Katie and Chris DeForge the next week. Faith Formation got off to a slower than expected start, but students will be gathering three times each month to learn and tell bible stories.

Lutheran Church Women (LCW) was the first group to kick off the new program year, with their meeting on Monday, September 7. In addition to their usual ongoing activities this year, they will be studying the letter of James at their monthly "2nd Monday" meetings.

NEW OPPORTUNITY: Join the building and grounds team on Saturday, **October 3** at 8 am. (or later, if you sleep in) to clean out the pole barn to make room for our groundskeeping supplies and our renters. If you have a truck, please bring it. We hope to move some damaged, broken, no longer used items to the dump by noon.

Now that we have a new custodian please continue to clean up after yourself.

Pastor Sally



Kiitos Paljon



Thanks you to all who helped keep our building clean and safe during our time without a custodian.

Anniversaries

Don & Susan Beck 12th

Andrew & Shantel Lorenz 15th

Paul & Torey Kostamo 28th

Birthdays

Chance Bridgers 1

Matt Aro 6

Karen Houle 8

Jordan Schulze 10

Sandra Henkel 13

Sally Rule 18

Tom Stimac 21

Jim Hanner 22

Miranda Aho 27

Bradley Jenkins 29

Carly Karvako 1

Evan Lorenz 7

Jason Harju 9

Carson Bukovich 13

Melissa Nicholas 16

Paul Kostamo 18

Serena Harju 22

Joe DeForge 26

George Makela 28

From the office

Would you like to start receiving a weekly devotion from the church office on Mondays? Please send Katie your name and email address.

Newsletter items are due in the office the last week of the month.

Please save your Econo receipts and return them to a box in the library. Grace receives 1% of the total receipts.

Help Needed

*** People of all ages to help sort clothing for the clothing drive.**

Please see Chris Davis, Heather Aro or Katie Bridgers.

Pennie Makela, a friend of Grace Lutheran for many years, and a frequent participant at Cup of Grace and bible study, has been hired as our part time custodian. She began on Monday September 28th and will usually work on Monday and Thursday mornings.

LCW News

We Need Your Support

The Grace LCW has decided to support two organizations this year for their Christmas project. The Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter is in desperate need of paper products. You can start bringing in toilet paper, paper towel, napkins and any basic paper product anytime. You may place these paper products in the box in the narthex. Envelopes for monetary donations will be put in the bulletins in November. This money will be given to 31 Back Packs. If you have questions you can ask Katie Bridgers. Thank you.

Quilters

Oct. 2nd and 16th
at 1:00pm

Bible Study

Wednesdays
11:00am
(after Cup of Grace)

All Invited to a Pizza Supper and Clothes Sorting Night

On Monday, October 5th the outreach committee will be sorting clothes from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Come join us for an evening of pizza and sorting clothes.

Please sign up in the narthex if

Pole Barn Clean Out

Saturday October 3rd

8am to 11am

**We are cleaning out the pole barn
and need all the help we can get.**

Please let Katie know if you are able to help.

You may even find a hidden treasure!

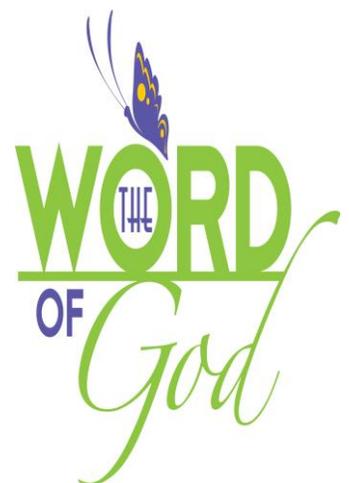
October Worship Text

Sunday, Oct. 4
Mark 10:2-16
Teaching on
marriage

Sunday, Oct. 11
Mark 10:17-31
Teaching on
wealth and reward

Sunday, Oct. 18
Mark 10:35-45
Warnings to
ambitious disciples

Sunday, Oct. 25
John 8:31-36
Jesus says,
Continue in my
word and you will
know the truth.





Saturday, October 10th is our free clothing give away. We are in search for volunteers to help. We are also seeking members to make bakery for this day. Please let Chris Davis, Heather Aro or Katie Bridgers know if you can help. Please stop by the church office to receive your free "Live Generously" tee-shirt to wear on Saturday, which you may keep.

Grace Lutheran Congregational Contact Information

Volunteer Coordinators

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Sharing Spiritual Gifts | Marianne Bohjanen | 482-8459 |
| Acolytes/Bell Ringers | Katie Bridgers | 482-2011 |
| Altar Duty | Chris Davis | 482-5567 |
| Communion | Chris DeForge | 482-8068 |
| Counters | Marianne Bohjanen | 482-8459 |
| Funeral Servers | Patty Savola | 281-5100 |
| Readers | Cheryl Stimac | 281-7909 |
| Fellowship | Carolyn Rundman | 482-6344 |
| Ushers | Pam Long | 482-4065 |
| Greeters | Heather Aro | 482-0341 |
| Ride Coordinator | Katie Bridgers | 482-2011 |
| Office Volunteers | Katie Bridgers | 482-2011 |
| Gardening | Janet Kokko | 482-2368 |

Building & Grounds Maintenance

| | | | |
|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Paul Bridgers | 482-3665 | Dave Aro | 487-6161 |
| Tom Stimac | 281-7910 | Angela Harju | 281-1732 |
| | | Heather Aro | 482-0341 |

Parsonage Maintenance

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|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Paul Bridgers | 482-3665 | Dave Aro | 487-6161 |
| Katie Bridgers | 482-2011 | Pam Long | 482-4065 |

Grace Lutheran Council

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Pam Long (President) | 482-4065 |
| Rick Schulze (Vice President) | 370-1055 |
| Jeanine Baillod (Secretary) | 482-3240 |
| Laurie Aho (Treasurer) | 482-0817 |
| Sally Wilke (Pastor) | 231-0048 |
| Cheryl Stimac | 281-7909 |

Rebecca Frost
231-0903

Heather Aro
482-0341

Dave Aro
487-6161

PRAYERS

Let us pray.

Generous God, you have given us all we need, which is so much more than we deserve. And yet, we come to you with our intercessions for one another, knowing that you listen and hear us. We pray for all those in our community of faith, that our trust in you might grow so that we live as your people, seeking blessing and love for all. We pray for those who are ill; for those who are troubled, anxious or depressed; for those who live each day in great pain, whether physical, emotional or spiritual; and for those who are grieving any losses. You know who these people are and you know exactly what they need, so we entrust them to your gracious and healing care.

Please show us what we might do to ease the suffering of another. Lead us and guide us as we minister to those around us; to those in our neighborhoods and communities. Help us to be so focused on you that we can see you and honor you in each person that we meet. We pray all this, and more, in the name of your Holy and precious



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is a member of
the Evangelical
Lutheran
Church
in America.

Gentle Reminder
The office, financial,
and custodial staff do
not work on Sunday
mornings. Thanks for
respecting their
worship time with
their families.

Join us Oct. 5th
to help sort
clothes for the
clothing drive
and have a
pizza supper.

Fall is Here!

Heart to Heart

Prayers, Cards, Calls, Visits, Hugs

Elaine Aro at home
Nancy Harris at home
Delores Paavola at home
Eleanor Maki at the Bluffs
Amanda Mountjoy at home
Irene Kokko at Portage Pointe
Esther Parolini at Portage Pointe
Pauline Weslander at Portage Pointe

Arbor Green
Worship is the last
Thursday of the
month at 10:00am.
All are invited to
join us for worship.

Where's Pastor Sally?

Grace Lutheran
Mon. & Wed.
9am to 12:30pm
Sally's day off is
Thursday.
On Tues. & Fri.,
she's at
First Lutheran.



Service Workers for October

Assisting Minister ~ Janet Kokko
Altar Duty ~

| | Oct. 4 | Oct. 11 | Oct. 18 | Oct. 25 | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Counters | C. DeForge C. Stimac | H. Aro K. Bridgers | C. Davis K. Johnson | S. Slinde J. Kokko | |
| Fellowship | Open | Hosted by the Aho and the Bridgers families | Open |  | |
| Greeters | Heather Aro | Jean Simila | | | |
| Ushers | Sally and Don Rule | | | | |
| Acolyte & Bell Ringer | Youth | Youth | Youth | Youth | |
| Reader | Assisting Minister | Assisting Minister | Assisting Minister | Assisting Minister | |
| S. S. Teacher | Chris DeForge | Tammy Harju | Janet Kokko | Heather Aro | |

More funny things on the way to church

(compiled by Dave Anderson and Tim Wilcox)

Me too, Mom!

My wife, Erna, thought the day had come. She was wrong. "The day" was to be our 3-year-old son's first time alone in the pew while his mother went forward for Communion. Erna thought, "He'll be OK." But just as she received the bread, Nathan stood up and yelled, "I'm hungry too!" There wasn't a straight face in church—two red ones, though. Guess whose.

The Rev. Julius Kimpel
Stevensville, Md.

Reminder to all
people who use the
building for
programs,
fellowship, other
events, please
remember to
clean up, return
materials, restore
the area as it was
when you arrived.

September Council Highlights

- + A wish list will be added to the newsletter for items needed in the church.
- + The Christian Education committee is ready for the Christian education year.
- + Tom Stimac will purchase a Craftsman lithium battery powered weed trimmer and an extra lithium battery; this will be used for the church and parsonage.
- + Paul Bridgers will order four bulbs (and adaptors if needed) for one pod to try them to see if it will be bright enough in the sanctuary.
- + A member has requested to store their jet skis in the pole barn this coming season. Council approved pending Building and Grounds Committee cleaning out and disposing of the garbage in pole barn.

Wish List

Christmas fabric and clothes pins for our After School Program

Spark Bibles to give away

Old towels or rags for cleaning

Money for cupboards for the classrooms

Someone to paint empty Godly Play people figures.

Money for a flat screen T.V. for the wall in the classroom

Celebrating Children in Worship

The Prekindergarten Child

Adults can help a curious preschool child in the following ways:

- ~ Sit near the front where the child can see what is happening.
- ~ Prior to worship teach the response to the prayers of the church following the sermon.
- ~ Use the children's bags which are located in the narthex. They contain crayons, paper, and other items for their pleasure.
- ~ Allow your child to stand on the pew with your arm around his/her waist while you sing the hymns and liturgy.
- ~ Take a stretch together in the lobby if needed.

Pastor Sally Wilke

231-0048

Office Hours

Mon. & Wed. 9am to 12:30pm

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Katie Bridgers

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Primetimers

FeedMill, on
Tuesday, Oct. 13th, at
12:00 noon. Please
contact me to make
a reservation.

Thank you.

Elma Rice

482-0516

How to Stay Alert in Church.

(Adapted from The Lutheran Handbook)

Get adequate sleep ~ Late Saturday nights are Sunday morning's worst enemy. Resolve to turn in earlier. A good night's sleep on Friday night is equally important to waking rested on Sunday, as sleep debt builds up over time.

Drink plenty of water, though not too much ~ It is easier to remain alert when you are well hydrated. Consider keeping a small water bottle of water with you during worship. One quick bathroom break is considered permissible. Two or more are bad form.

Eat a high-protein breakfast ~ Foods high in carbohydrates force your body to metabolize them to into sugars, which can make you drowsy. If your diet allows, eat foods high in protein instead, such as scrambled eggs with bacon.

Arrive early and find the coffee pot ~ If you don't drink coffee, consider a caffeinated soda.

Focus on your posture ~ Sit up straight with your feet planted firmly on the floor. Avoid slouching, as this encourages sleepiness. Good posture will promote an alert bearing and assist in paying attention, so you'll get more out of worship.

If you have difficulty focusing on the service, divert your attention. Occupy your mind, not your hands. ~ Look around the worship space for visual stimuli. Keep your mind active in this way while continuing to listen.

Stay alert by flexing muscle groups in a pattern ~ Clench toes and feet; flex calf muscles, thighs, glutei, abdomen, hands, arms, chest, and shoulders. Repeat. Avoid shaking, rocking, or other movements that attract undue attention.

If all else fails, consider pinching yourself.

Kids' Korner

Join us for

Sunday School
Sunday mornings at 10:00am.

After School and
Faith Formation Program
Wednesdays after school.



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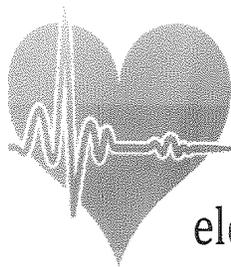
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Pastor Sally is out of the office from Oct. 1st through Oct. 3rd</p> | <p>Knit, Pray, Crochet NEW DAY & TIME</p> |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <p>9:45am Choir 10:00am S.S. 11:00am Worship</p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p> | <p>6:30pm Prayer Service</p> <p>4pm to 7pm Clothes Sorting and Pizza Supper</p> | <p>1:00pm Knit, Pray, Crochet</p> | <p>10:00am Cup of Grace 11:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Quilting 3:00pm A.S.P</p> | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| <p>9:45am Choir 10:00am S.S. 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Fellowship hosted by Aho and Bridgers families</p> | <p>7:00pm L C W</p> | <p>12:00pm Primetimers at the FeedMill</p> <p>1:00pm Knit, Pray, Crochet</p> | <p>10:00am Cup of Grace 11:00am Bible Study 3:00pm A.S.P/F.F</p> | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| <p>9:45am Choir 10:00am S.S. 11:00am Worship</p> | <p>6:30pm Joint Council Meeting at 1st Lutheran</p> | <p>1:00pm Knit, Pray, Crochet</p> | <p>10:00am Cup of Grace 11:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Quilting 3:00pm A.S.P/F.F</p> | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| <p>9:45am Choir 10:00am S.S. 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Potluck</p> | | <p>1:00pm Knit, Pray, Crochet</p> | <p>10:00am Cup of Grace 11:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Nursing Hom Visits 3:00pm A.S.P/F.F</p> | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | | | | <p>10:00am Arbor Green Worship</p> | <p>8:00pm AA/AL-Non</p> |  |

Community Corner



The South Range 4th of July Committee is looking for new members to help plan the 4th of July Celebration in South Range. It'll be our 110th one, so we hope to make it GRAND! Call 482-1439 if you'd like to help!



Help Little Brothers Help the Elderly!

Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly provides local elderly people with free transportation to medical appointments both locally and to regional health care specialists in Marquette. This year they are also piloting a small program in Baraga County. **Little Brothers is seeking volunteers with their own vehicles who are willing to provide “door through door” transportation, which includes standby assistance to and from the car and through the door of the home or medical office.**

Anyone interested in volunteering should call Little Brothers' Transportation Coordinator, Michelle Kovachich at (906) 482-6944.