

Grace Lutheran Church
is a caring community
of disciples, proclaiming
the good news of
Jesus Christ.

Grace Notes

July, 2019

“For freedom Christ has set us free.” This is one of the most powerful verses in all of Scripture... at least, it is for me. To me, the freedom we find in Jesus Christ is the whole of the Gospel. Nothing that binds us now can hold us. When our hearts overflow with love and we find friendships, we know true freedom. When we are bound by sin, we think our freedom is in other things, our social status or our money and our job or our political party or any number of things we identify with. Those things are traps. They blind us to what Jesus sets us free for, the freedom to love, freedom for friendship. The person sitting next to me is what matters most. Love for the person sitting next to you is completely free. It has no rules. The only thing it asks of you is to ask your heart what the heart of the other person needs. And when your answer comes from the heart, what the person next to you needs, you need. So loving that person is the longing of your heart. You are free! Alleluia!

My classes at Luther Seminary were inspiring. I studied pastoral counselling and two letters of Paul, Galatians and 1 Corinthians. It is a joy to be able to dig into my ministry and learn more about our faith. And what a blessing it is to be able to live the things I learn. Thank you.

In August, I will begin my Clinical Pastoral Education, which is the accredited training for pastoral counseling. That training will be done under the supervision of Pastor Bucky Beach, partially through my ministry at Grace and partially through ministry at our local jail.

This Fall, I am planning a series of bible studies on contemporary issues. Our faith has much to show us about our world. Let me know if there are issues that interest you, and maybe I can work your interest into the series.

Our church picnic is coming up, Sunday, July 21st at Agate Beach. There will be food and worship and fun and friends. We will have a special liturgy that day, which is quite beautiful and I hope you will enjoy. Come join us.

My sermons are all posted online at www.gracesouthrange.com/sermons/. If you miss us on Sunday, you can still read the preaching of the Word.

If you are willing to give me feedback on sermons from time to time, let me know. I will check in with you every once in a while, to learn about how my preaching is working and where I can grow.

Janet Kokko and Karl Rundman are part of my Teaching Committee, which helps me to learn and grow as a minister. Please let them know your thoughts on my ministry.

Do you have dreams for our church? Have you had an idea you wish you could try out on our congregation? Talk to me. Grace is your church. Let's make it what you need it to be.

As always, I am here for you and want to hear from you. Drop by my office, grab me after church or stop me at Walmart... I look forward to talking with you.

With faith and hope and love,
Micah

Kiitos Paljon

Thank you to all who helped with Vacation Bible School. We had a great few days with a wonderful group of children and their families!

Notes 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.

If we do not have your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

Birthdays

Micah Cavaleri 2	Macy Raffaelli 2
Liam Jeannotte 3	Bobby Kamppinen 4
Tammy Harju 4	Katie Tormala 5
Tom Savola 6	Jolene Jenkins 6
Patty Savola 7	Eric Jackowski 8
Jim Maierle 8	Rick Verran 9
Tony Juntunen 13	Jenna Anderson 14
Cameron Lystila 20	Eleanor Maki 22
Carol Stevens 23	Alanna Sweeney 27
Delores Keranen 28	Don Rule 31

Anniversaries

Randy & Laurie Aho 6
Rick & Tina Verran 12
Rob & Michelle Jeannotte 16
Roger & Tina Puska 17
Ralph & Betty Tapani 21
Jim & Sarah Hanner 26

Quilters
Wednesday,
July 3rd & 17th



Sunday School will begin before we know it. We will be needing teachers. You would not have to teach every Sunday; you could teach even once a month if you'd like. Anyone interested in teaching, please see Katie.

**Knit, Pray,
Crochet**
Every Tuesday,
1:00pm
All are welcome.

Teaching Committee

Janet Kokko and Karl Rundman are part of the Teaching Committee, which helps Vicar Micah to learn and grow as a minister. You are encouraged to share your insights about Micah's ministry with them. Your voice is important, so please let them know your thoughts.

Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship

Come and celebrate your birthday or anniversary on the first Sunday of the month. During our fellowship time, we have a special cake or cupcakes to honor YOU.

We would love to have more people offer to bake a cake or cupcakes for this special time. Please sign the sheet in the narthex. A large cake pan is available to use. You DO NOT need to clean up.

Help Needed

Used towels and dishcloths pile up in the kitchen. If you would be so kind to take them home to wash, that would be terrific!!!

July Worship Text

Sunday, July 7

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Jesus sends out seventy disciples.

Sunday, July 14

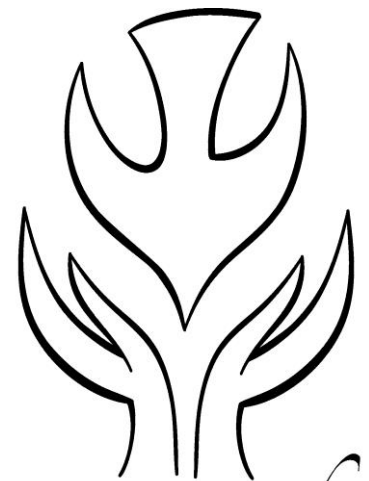
Luke 10:25-37
The parable of the merciful Samaritan

Sunday, July 21

Luke 10:38-42
Choosing the better part.

Sunday, July 28

Luke 11:1-13
Jesus teaches prayer.



Join Us for
WORSHIP

Lutheran Dictionary

by: Walter Lieder
Concordia Publishing House
Saint Louis, Missouri

Amen: A Hebrew word meaning “truly,” “it shall be so.”

Chaplain: 1. A clergyman who performs service in the military, some public institution, assembly, gathering, or convention. 2. One who is chosen to conduct religious exercises, as in a lodge.

Gethsemane: Aramaic: “oil press.” Enclosed garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives, the scene of Jesus’ agony.

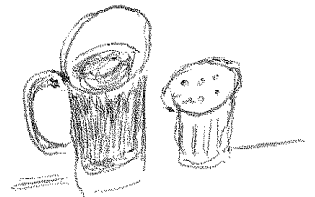
Layman: Anyone in the church not a clergyman, not a minister of the Gospel.

Parish: The area or people serviced by a pastor.

Faith
and

Fellowship

Thanks, fellowship servers
and those who prepare
and serve the food at
funeral meals.



Church Picnic

July 21st
Agate Beach

Worship at 11:00am
With a potluck to follow

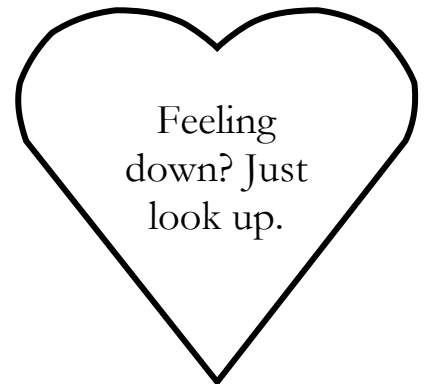
Please bring any type of sandwiches, fruit, raw veggies, bars or cookies. This will help as there is really no good way to clean up or to keep hot food hot. Council will supply chips, juice, coffee and paper products.



Grace Lutheran is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Roof Fund

We are asking everyone to pitch in for the Roof Fund by placing a few dollars in the log house available every time we have fellowship after services. Perhaps you will consider \$5.00 or \$10.00 (maybe more??), every couple of weeks, a worthwhile investment in the future of our church. We hope so! Thanks!



The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th.

Please join us in the park for some bounce fun and treats from the concession stand.

Our Hearts to Their Homes

Susan Koskela at home
Jean Simila at HCMC
Delores Paavola at home
Elaine Aro at HCMC
Eleanor Maki at the Bluffs
Jan Mikkola at the Bluffs
Amanda Mountjoy at home
Bill & Sandra Mannisto at the Bluffs

Service Workers for July

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Counters	Chris Davis Katie Bridgers	Pam Long Heather Aro	Karen Johnson Marianne Bohjanen	Cheryl Stimac
Reader	Jan Mikkola	Chris Davis	Tammy Harju	Annette Mattfolk
Ushers	Paul and Sue Slinde			
Acolyte & Bell Ringer	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
Communion Assistant	Chris DeForge		Pam Long	
Greeter	Pam Long	Alice Kolehmainen		Annette Mattfolk
Fellowship	Birthday and Anniversary Fellowship	None	Picnic at Agate Beach please bring salads, sandwiches, bars or cookies.	None

4th of July in South Range

Thanks to a wonderful donation by the 4th of July Committee, Grace Lutheran has the opportunity again to man the children's bounce house and the concession stand at the ball fields for the 4th of July. We are looking for volunteers to provide staff for the bounce house (collect the fee and make sure the children are safe, and don't puncture the apparatus) and sell the items at the concession stand on Thursday, July 4th, from 11am to 4pm. Volunteers do not have to be a Grace member. If you have a friend, a teenager, or a relative that would like to help that'd be great also! You may volunteer for one hour or more, whatever your schedule allows. All proceeds will go to the Grace Lutheran Church Roof Fund. Please talk to Katie to sign up. Thank you, 4th of July Committee!

Grace Lutheran Congregational Contact Information

Volunteer Coordinators

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	Chris Davis	482-5567
Readers	Cheryl Stimac	281-7909
Fellowship	Carolyn Rundman	482-6344
Ushers	Pam Long	482-4065
Greeters	Chris Davis	482-5567
Ride Coordinator	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Office Volunteers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Gardening	Janet Kokko	482-2368

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Tom Savola 281-5494 Katie Bridgers 482-2011

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Has your address changed? Please contact Katie in the church office if your address, phone number, email address, or other personal information has changed.

Would you like to receive any of the following by email? If so, please let Katie know.

- ★ Weekly Devotion (Mondays)
- ★ Tuesday's Grace Note
- ★ Monthly Newsletter

If you do not have a computer, and would like the newsletter mailed to you, please let Katie know.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Join us at 9:45am for this beautiful time of prayer.



*Do everything
in love.*

**- 1 CORINTHIANS
16:14**



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wednes.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	3 9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting	4 4th of July come join us at the park from 11am to 4pm for some fun at the bounce houses and treats from the concessions	5 8:00 AA	6
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