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Sunday School

Postpone until further notice
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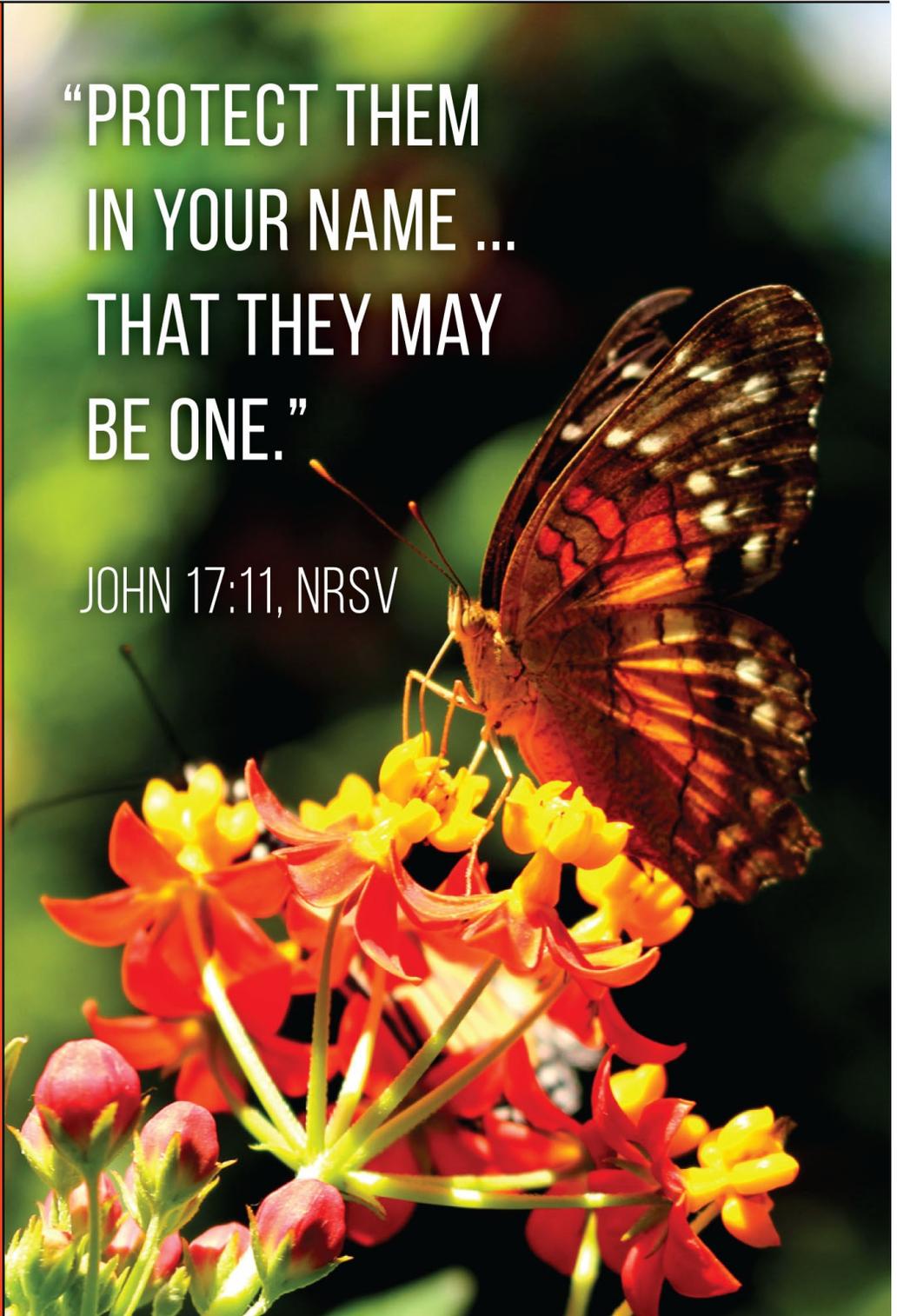
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*Grace Lutheran
Mission Statement:*

*Bringing People
Together and
Becoming Disciples
for Christ!*

“PROTECT THEM
IN YOUR NAME ...
THAT THEY MAY
BE ONE.”

JOHN 17:11, NRSV



The Pastor's Pen



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Peace to you from Jesus! Yep...
peace.

As we enter into further weeks of social distancing and time in new realities, I want to say to you, that it's okay. It's okay to be sad, mad, glad, happy, cheerful, worried, fearful, deliriously sad or overjoyed on any given day, at any given time. It's okay to be nice to yourself, to give yourself a break. It's okay. How do I know this? Well, because Jesus uses all the ranges of emotions to survive the world around him, and well, so can we. Jesus weeps at the death of friends, laughs, teases, has serious conversations and even calls people out for the way they are mistreating the world around them.

Sometimes I think people boil Christianity down to being nice. Well, sure, taking care of others is important, but so is taking care of yourself. Being a Christian also means we stand up to oppression, look for the lost and least and go to them to help. Being a Christian means it's okay to laugh at the absurd or cry at the overwhelming circumstances around us.

Jesus is always inviting us into being human. Giving us room to hide ourselves away for awhile and then re-emerging with new tools, new understandings to respond to the world we encounter. Don't lose heart, keep hope alive, and know that Jesus is with you, however you are, right now and into the uncertainty of tomorrow.

Peace for the journey- PShane



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The Associate Pastor's Corner



Pastor Jennifer Gonsalves,
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Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Sound familiar? Sounds a little weird to say those words today, for it is still Easter even though it may not feel like it as the calendar turns from April to May. Even though it may feel like we really never got to celebrate Easter as we stayed at home, watched church over the internet, canceled family get togethers. Easter still happened even though there was no community Easter egg hunts, no pancake breakfast, no great crowds of people. Easter was still celebrated by families, couples, and individuals marking the day in whatever way they could inside their own homes.

Easter was weird this year. It felt weird. I remember sitting behind the altar waiting for the livestream worship service to start and turning to Pastor Shane and saying, "This just feels weird." Because even though we had been livestreaming worship from an empty church for several weeks now, Easter felt different and it is okay to say that and to feel that.

We are living in a weird time. We are living in a scary, uncertain time. And we are living in Easter time. Yes, Grace, it is still Easter and thank God for that, because Easter time reminds us that death is not the end, life is. That's because Christ lives, we will live. And nothing, not sickness or pandemic, not fear or isolation, will ever separate us from the risen Jesus. For Jesus is the one who defeats sin and sickness and death and the grave. Jesus is the one who breathes new life into the sick, the dying and the dead. Jesus is the one whose love for us will never change, no matter how much our lives may, or how weird the world gets. And that is why, no matter how weird it may feel, we still shout, "Alleluia" and we still celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. For Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

PASTORAL CARE

To assist Pastor Shane and Pastor Jennifer in providing pastoral care for those hospitalized or homebound, please notify them of pending surgeries, overnight hospital stays, or individuals who would like a call. Hospital personnel do not always notify our church of our members who are in the hospital.

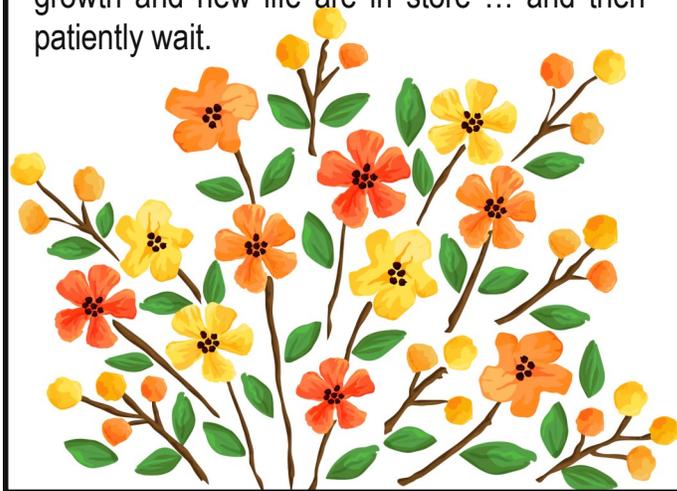
PASTORAL ACTS FOR APRIL

NONE

OF PATIENCE AND PRUNING

In many parts of America, Mother's Day is the recommended date for planting flowers outdoors. Subjecting blooms to the elements any sooner is risky, though sunny Spring days sure make waiting tough. Perhaps that's why poet May Sarton calls gardening "an instrument of grace," for it "slows us down and forces patience."

Courage is also required. Gardeners "must be brave enough to cut back the old and sit with bare branches, awaiting new growth," writes Cheryl Richardson (*Waking Up in Winter*). "And we must trust that it will come." When God prunes us, we too must trust that new growth and new life are in store ... and then patiently wait.



Musings



Deacon Robert Tewes,
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These are truly monumental times in which we are living. The rapid advance of COVID-19 and the swift modification of how we interact together as members of community have left our heads spinning and fear of what an unknown future might hold occupies our thoughts.

This situation has impacted how we worship together, too. Virtual church is not something that I even contemplated as I prepared and dreamed about what the music of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter season would look like. And yet, suddenly, we had to quickly modify our choices, our approaches, and our ministries, to adapt to the unprecedented needs we suddenly encountered.

Through it all, what impresses me the most is how receptive we have been to the mountain of changes that have been thrust upon us. I would argue that even when we worship from a distance via modern technologies, our community has never been closer. A mandated stay-at-home order has not silenced our proclamation of the Gospel!

I pray that you and your families remain safe in this journey. I long to re-assemble with our musical ensembles in our rehearsal spaces again. I look forward to sharing the peace and interacting with you with real, firm handshakes and warm hugs again. I look forward to assembling together and eating and drinking the body and blood of Communion with you. In time, that will all come to pass.

But until that time, keep what you are doing. keep the faith, keep being the church in whatever arenas you find yourself, and maintain the spirit of love and generosity that you have been demonstrating. We will get through this....TOGETHER!

Peace to you and your family,
Deacon Robert Tewes



SEEKING SPECIAL MUSICAL TALENT FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

As the summer season begins and our regular ensembles take a break for a few months, volunteers who would like to participate by sharing their musical talents in our services are once again needed. If you or a family member would like to share your talent this summer, please either contact Robert Tewes or leave a note in the church office. We look forward to the variety of gifts that each of you can share this summer.



Grace Children, Youth and Family Ministry



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We, as the staff, have been working hard these last few weeks to stay connected with our Grace family through social media, letters, text messages, a lot of video calls, and other unique ways. This includes moving our Wednesday evening programming to Zoom. Although it may look a little different, how awesome is it that we have this technology to connect with each other in such unique ways

Below you'll find some of the exciting things we're still planning for this month and summer. We are thrilled to still be celebrating our seniors in weeks to come! As of right now we are also still planning on sending our children to camp. We will try to keep you in the loop as we all navigate what summer may look like. Please keep all of those who work or volunteer in Outdoor Ministries in your prayers during this time of uncertainty.

9th – 12th Grade Youth Group on Zoom. Our Youth Group is meeting online each Wednesday at 8:00 pm. We spend our time catching up, doing devotions and playing games together. 9th – 12th graders are welcome to join any Wednesday they are free. Friends are welcome too! Follow our Instagram page @youthgracealbertlea for up-to-date information.

Celebrating our Seniors. Baccalaureate has been postponed for those graduating high school. In the meantime, we are still planning on celebrating our seniors in worship and other ways! Videos and photos will be shared on our Facebook page in weeks to come as we celebrate those completing this milestone.

Information about Bible Camp. As of the end of April, majority of summer camps are still planning

on operating as usual. Many of them are offering full refunds as well.

Sending your child to Bible camp is a great way to expose our youth to learning about God while growing in their faith. We are blessed to have so many camps around us (Good Earth Village, Ewalu, Lutheran Lakeside, etc) that offer a variety of games, worships, Bible studies, crafts, hiking, and more to a week of camp.

Did you know that Grace will help pay for every one of our youth to go to camp? Grace Lutheran Church will pay for \$150 towards a full week or \$75 towards a partial week of camp. We also offer additional financial aid for families. Contact Ashley for more information and how we can support your child! If registering for Good Earth Village, use these codes... Full Week: GRACE150-2020 and Half Week: GRACE75-2020

Vacation Bible School (4 year olds - completed 5th grade) is July 27th – July 31st. This is a week-long opportunity for children to explore and learn about their faith through Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and more. Pastor Jennifer will lead a half-day program (9 am – noon) for our Pre-K kids while counselors from Good Earth Village will bring the experience of camp to Grace for our elementary-aged kids from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Details, registration and more information will be available on our website soon.

Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)

Parish Nurse Notes



Lori Tuchtenhagen,
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Dear Friends of Grace Lutheran,

For many years the month of May has focused on mental health. What a perfect time to offer compassion and hope to those that are deeply troubled by the uncertainty of our times. While our nation has reason to be concerned about the coronavirus, may we be reminded that the Great Physician who told us we should "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7). There is comfort in knowing that the Creator of the universe is mindful of our circumstances and invites us to call on Him in distressing times.

To protect our mental health and minimize our anxiety, we are being encouraged to keep routines in our life that include good sleep hygiene, healthy diets with routine meal times, taking time for exercise and play. Staying in contact with others by safe and social distancing, telephone, technology and even snail mail.

Here are ways to take care of your mental health and feel good each day the month of May!

1. Stretch.
2. Fly a kite.
3. Slow down.
4. Re-read a favorite book.
5. Hug someone in your household.
6. Plant a flower.
7. Have breakfast in bed.
8. Let someone do you a favor.
9. Rearrange a room.
10. Tell someone you appreciate them.
11. Watch the clouds.
12. Feel the wind.
13. Acknowledge when you are wrong.
14. Refuse to worry for a day.
15. Clean out your garage.

16. Say 'no'.
17. Make a surprise gift for someone.
18. Listen to the night sounds.
19. Let the phone ring.
20. Learn something new.
21. Mend a quarrel.
22. Tell someone a joke.
23. Tell someone how you feel.
24. Dance.
25. Say "Thanks God."

While we must be wise and use common sense in avoiding the spread of this virus, we should not give in to fear. As Christians, we are called to be an example of reason and hope. Turn to the Lord for encouragement and comfort.

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul." 3 John 1:2

Peace be with you,
Lori Tuchtenhagen,
Parish Nurse



Church Council Minutes

April 14, 2020 (Via Zoom)

1. Call to Order and Roll
The meeting was called to order by President Tims at 6:30 p.m.
2. Opening: Pastor Shane
3. Open Forum – No items
4. Constitution: Julie Groeneweg - Tabled
5. Approval of Today's Agenda – Action MSA (Moved/Seconded/Approved) by Groeneweg and Drommerhausen to approve the agenda for April.
6. Approval of Minutes – Action MSA by Drommerhausen and Hamberg to approve the March meeting minutes.
7. Budget Update: Dave Drommerhausen & Patti Tewes

Update highlights:

- March giving was good in spite of the coronavirus impact on worship.
- While budgeted expenditures and budgeted giving are off by \$20,000; it was felt that this was not out of the ordinary for the first quarter of the calendar year.
- Giving was strong for Easter.
- Online giving has been increasing every week.
- Spending on technology was on track with budget and plans.
- Worship and Music was slightly higher due in part to the need to address technology-based worship and daily messages to the congregation.

MSA by Schindler and Groeneweg to approve the budget report.

8. Reports
 - Lead Pastor Report: Pastor Koepke

- Staff were praised for their work in addressing Grace's response to the coronavirus impact on worship and church programming.
- Thanks to Bob Tewes for his work on implementing the technology needed to facilitate online and social media communication to the congregation.
- Thanks were expressed for Grace's generosity in this unique time associated with the coronavirus.
- Requests were made for "share the peace" videos. They are to be sent to Deacon Tewes.
- Associate Pastor Report: Pastor Gonsalves
 - Scholarship Committee met (Zoom) and 14 scholarships have been awarded.
 - Outreach is being done via phone to shut-ins and those living alone.
 - Making adjustments to deliver messages to children and the congregation via social media.
- Deacon's Report and Technology Update: Deacon Bob Tewes
 - Online streaming of services is on track and facilitated by the coronavirus situation.
 - Goal was achieved to have more membership participation in the Holy Week services.
 - Attendance or engagement with the online/social media services were impressive; 700+ for Maundy Thursday, 500+ for Good Friday, and 1200+ for Easter Sunday.
 - CD's are being developed of Grace services for at least 12 members that do not have access to Internet technology.

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Gifts of Love

BOILER/BUILDING/ROOF/FURNACE FUND

In Memory Of:

Julie Jaspersen given by Kent Jaspersen

Jeanine Dahl given by Carolyn Schmitz

Jean & Richard Hanson given by Cheri Wehrenberg, children, grandchildren, Barb & Andrew Hanson

Gift Given By:

Carroll & Mavis Hanson

BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAMS

In Memory Of:

Larry Pence given by Barbara Tullberg

Edna Herfendal given by Lorraine Schaper,

Kenneth & Athelene Gerber, Mike Woitas,

Brad Kirchner, Robert (Cobb) Knutson,

Bill & Frieda Elliot

Gifts Given By:

Otto Bremer Trust Grant, Dale & Dorothy Baldwin,

Faith Ryan, Craig & Judy Christensen, Mildred Jensen

FOOD SHELF

In Memory Of:

Jeanine Dahl given by Barbara Tullberg

Eileen Farmer on your birthday given from her children

In Honor Of:

Pastor Shane and family given by Anonymous

Gifts Given By:

Darin & Rebecca Passer, John & Mary Penley

LOVE OFFERING

In Memory Of:

Eileen Galloway given by Jean Bergo,

Barbara Tullberg

In Honor Of:

Our 70th Wedding Anniversary on April 16 given

by Howard & Doris Sigurdson

Gifts Given By:

Ed & Julie Groeneweg, Steve & Kristine Lee,

LaVerne Seberson, Mary Tufte

MARTIN LUTHER FUND

In Memory Of:

Lucile (Kitty) Oakland given by Dan & Joyce Purdy

Gifts Given By:

Dexter & Janet Henschel, Dale & Dorothy Baldwin,

Darin & Rebecca Passer, Alex & Angie Johnston

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory Of:

Doris Perschbacher given by Lester Perschbacher

PRAYER GARDEN

In Memory Of:

Julie Jaspersen given by Kent Jaspersen

TECHNOLOGY

Gift Given By:

Darin & Rebecca Passer

YOUTH/EDUCATION MINISTRY

In Memory Of:

Pastor Craig Breimhorst given by Bill & Sue Barber

PLEASE NOTE that any additional "Gifts of Love" recorded by the church office after April 26, 2020 will appear in the next issue. If you have given a gift and your name has not been recorded, please call the church office so the correction can be made. Thank you.



A letter from the Lofstrom's & IHP-JEMA-TZ

We're "stuck" in Overland Park, KS. We're not going out frivolously, therefore, buying a LOT from Amazon. By using Smile.Amazon.com and designating International Health Partners, U.S., Inc (being careful not to designate the International Health Partners newly minted by some folks in New York), IHP gets 0.5% of your purchase. Now, that's not a huge amount – there would have to be \$10,000 worth of sales for us to receive \$50.00. But still...

And WHAT am I buying from Amazon? SEWING supplies. I'm making face masks with HEPA filter inserts. **We want each of you to be safe.** We want everyone to be safe! These masks are washable and dryable and ironable if you'd like. The filter can be removed and also washed and dried in the dryer or by air and sunshine.

People are making donations to IHP for the masks, some at \$10.00 each, some at \$20.00. One church donated \$500 and we're making them for everybody in that church who requests them. We're making them for church members at a church in Texas, too. And, we've sent masks to Florida, Iowa, Arizona, etc. If you'd like one or two or twenty or more, please just let me know and we'll add you to the list. ***If you'd like to order masks, just*** send me an email at paula@ihptz.org. Going full speed ahead I can make 8-9 in one day if I don't do anything (much) else, so it takes me a little while, but I'm making good progress.



Thank you. Bless you. Please, stay safe. Paula and Denny

Jesse Kitundu, President, IHP-JEMA-TZ writing:

Zinga seems to be quite a remote area and safe only if you stay without going into town. Zinga is 65 km north of Dar es Salaam, 10 km South of Bagamoyo is a tourist town. It is about 2km from the main road going to the north of Tanzania (Tanga and Arusha). The same busses that are going to Bagamoyo from Dar es Salaam are carrying our workers coming to work. In order to be safe from the coronavirus, everybody is putting on masks and gloves in the busses and at work too, not forgetting to wash their hands with soap. Life is fragile, we should handle it with care.

We thank you for the protective gear you have sent in the past that we can now utilize, fluid soaps and sensitizers that you donated. These are keeping us safe.

Heavy rains are pouring all over Tanzania and Coastal region and Zinga is badly affected by floods. The road to the hospital from the main road is flooded again this week. This has affected our transportation. It is not possible to use our bus to carry the workers. Instead, we are using the minivan. From time to time we are using the Caterpillar bobcat to save us by pulling the stuck cars out of the mud.

Dear Friends of Mothers and Children of Tanzania let me thank you again for your support during this hard time. We welcome you again to come and visit us once the situation gets better.

Na mbarikiwe wakati huu mugumu (Let our Lord Bless you during this hard time).

Jesse A. Kitundu , MD
President, IHP-JEMA Tanzania.

Grace Prays

Prayers of Healing

Hazel Spiering

Dottie Smith

(Mother of Greg (Marsha) Smith)

Dave & Elaine Long

Edwin Johnson

Bruce & Diane Olson

Prayers of Joy

For our 2020 Graduates.

For all the essential workers.

**For the return of spring
and all that it brings with it.**

Thinking
of you

If you know anyone needing prayers of our congregation, please let us know so we can include them on our list. Requests for the Prayer Chain can be arranged by calling the church office.

May

(The list below is to remind us to pray for our Grace family members on the following dates.)

1. Elinor Stotts
2. Mark & Andrea Stotts
3. Rex & Lois Stotts
4. Judy Stover
5. Ruth Strand
6. Tony & Tina Strom, Joci, Hailey, Logan
7. Troy & Gabrielle Studier,
Cashton, Ledger, Kinley
8. Joyce Stundahl
9. Daryl & Judith Swee, Abraham, Kayla
10. Jennifer Swenson, Laynee
11. Robert & Tiffany Syverson,
Adam, Alex, Marty
12. Marissa Talamantes, Jaeger, Jaxon, Jarek
13. Tim & Angela Tappe, Dakota, Carter
14. Marlene Tasker
15. Shelby Tetzloff
16. Bob & Patty Tewes, Ashley, Camille, Emma
17. Greg Thomas, Grace
18. Cole & Nicole Thompson, Norah
19. Gary & Sandra Thompson
20. Judean & Carol Thompson
21. Steve & Julia Thompson, Griffin, Malana
22. Helen Thorstad
23. Larry & Lanae Thorstad
24. Truman & Barbara Thron
25. Vince & Corrine Tims
26. Paul & Julie Tlamka
27. Jameson & Amanda Toft
28. Robert Toft
29. Randy & Lori Tuchtenhagen
30. Carlyn Tufte
31. Kevin Tufte, Brooke, Tenley



Caring and Sharing

**Co-Chairperson: Cheryl Page
and Jean Bergo**

- Marilyn Anderson
- Shari & Bill Anderson
- Jernelle & Chris Baas
- Rachelle Bizjak
- Renaë Brackey
- Nancy Brandt
- Nancy & Micheal Cottrell
- Angie & Keith Flatness
- Pierrette & Ray Gavle
- Julie & Ed Groeneweg
- Linda Hanna
- Elaine & Milan Hart
- Charlotte Haukoos
- Carol & Dann Hustoft
- Randi & Brian Kelly
- Debra & Ricky Madson
- Sharon & Jerome Meyer
- Dee & Merrill Mielke
- Angela & Matt Moller
- Bernice & Robert Moreau
- Kari & Steven Oman
- Kristy & Roger Paul
- Nikki Schumaker
- Julie & Tom Sorenson
- Julie & Terry Stahl
- Gloria Ugland
- Shari & Charles VanWey
- Terri & Warren Wichmann
- Marsha Wolfram

OUR THANKS to Debby Ryan and Linda Andersen for serving as chairwomen for April Caring and Sharing; and to all who volunteered to help and/or provide food. Your help was appreciated.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES for Adults at Grace

We invite you to join any of our regular Bible study groups at Grace Lutheran.

Sunday Morning Adult Forum September — May

Come join us at 10:05 am Sunday mornings.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:00 am
(Fireside Room)

This study for women includes fellowship, singing, and Bible discussion.

Friday Morning Bible Study

6:00-7:00 am (Kitchen)

Come join this group where there is an opportunity for good discussion and good fellowship, along with good coffee and treats!

Grace WELCA Women's Circles

Mary Circle (meeting 1st Monday, 5:15 pm)

Lois Circle (meeting 4th Tuesday, 9:30 am)

Martha Circle (meeting 4th Wednesday, 9:30 am)

New members are always welcome! Call the church office, 373-6496, for more information.



... just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may **live a new life**. ROMANS 6:4

Church Council Minutes Continued

- Audio distortion from the balcony is being addressed.
- Postcards were sent to choral group members.
- Good Friday music included a Tewes piece performed by students and alumni from Luther College.
- New series...."Evening Graces" will start on Wednesdays at 5:30.
- Commission & Committee Report Highlights - No reports

9. Old Business

- 75th Celebration: October 10, 2021 (Committee: Pastor Shane, Jim Munyer, Marsha Smith) – No report
- Capital Campaign
 - Bathroom remodeling: Hoping for a May 1 start on construction, but this will be impacted by the coronavirus situation. Approximately \$9400 has been spent on the project to date (asbestos removal, architectural plans, and plumbing plans).
 - Set a date to celebrate the success of the Capital Campaign – Plans to celebrate the conclusion of the campaign will be timed with the completion of the restroom project.
 - Campaign Giving Update: \$1,065,000 collected to date, \$999 collected in March, and cash-on-hand is \$151,675.

10. New/Other Business

- COVID-19 – Impacting worship and programming, but pastors and staff are adjusting in a positive and creative manner.
- Payroll Protection Program – Application is being made for the federal program since it was expanded to include churches and other non-profit organizations.

The funds from the forgivable loan program will be used for payroll. It is anticipated that the funds will cover two and one-half months of payroll expenses.

- Any other business – No items

11. Prayer Intercessions – Pastor Shane led the Council in prayer.

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Schindler

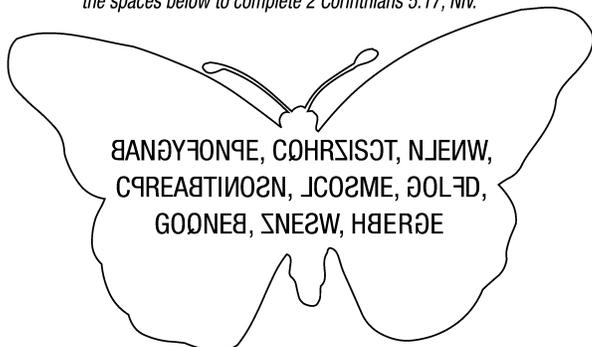
Grace Lutheran Church Council Secretary



Transformation **POWER**

Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
 God transforms us from old to new.

Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



BANGYONTE, CQHRISOT, NJEIW,
 CPREACTINON, LCOZME, QOLFQ,
 GOONEB, SNEZW, HBERQE

Therefore, if _____ is in _____,
 the _____ has _____:
 The _____ has _____,
 the _____ is _____!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here

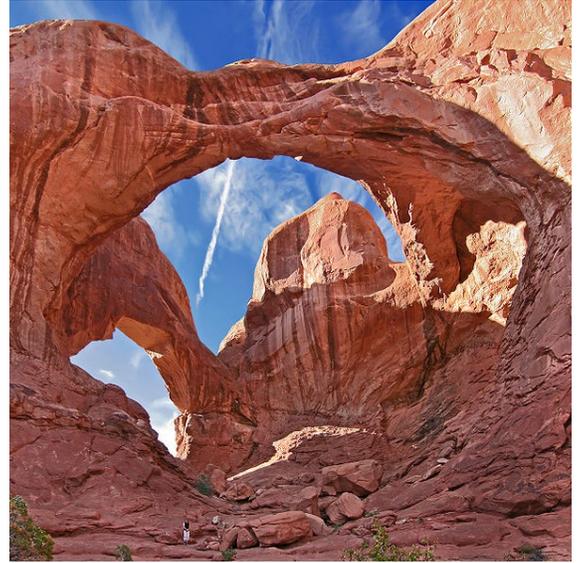


CREATION CARE CORNER

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards Your infinite light. We thank You for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

-From "A Prayer For Our Earth" by Pope Francis

Arches National Park, Utah. Source: Wikimedia Commons



Attending worship at Grace Lutheran virtually this month?

If you'd like to make a offering/gift to Grace, please see below.

Your offering can be mailed to the church (918 Garfield Ave)

You can also give online through our website
<https://gracealbertlea.org/donate/>

Download and give through the **GIVE + (give plus)** app on your phone.

You can also text in your offering at **833-939-1383**

More information on how to give electronically can be found at
gracealbertlea.org/discipleship/giving/



Thank you for your kindness & generosity!



QUARTERS FOR WORLD HUNGER

We are told that world hunger is on the rise again. After a number of years of leveling off, or even declining, it is getting worse. Over 20 million worldwide don't know where their next meal is coming from. There are many reasons - climate change, decline in number of farmers, economic downturn, the corona virus pandemic, but whatever the reason, the fact remains that your ongoing and generous gifts to ELCA World Hunger are urgently needed. Thank you for your generous support.



Save your coins at home for the Noisy Offering when worship services resume in person.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CARING & SHARING: We still need co-chairs for August, September and November. The Caring & Sharing monthly co-chair sign-up sheet for 2020 is in the Narthex or call the office. Please consider being a co-chair for August, September or November. WELCA thanks you for giving of your time in serving our Grace community.



NO FAIR TRADE COFFEE
Until further notice

GENEROSITY AT GRACE



The Finance Ministry Team and Church Council appreciate your generous support. Your faithful Stewardship is essential for us to continue to support our ministries at Grace Lutheran.

2020 Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank the people of Grace for their generous gifts that allow us to support our students in achieving their educational goals. We were very impressed by this year's applicants and are honored to award the following Grace Scholarships:

Grace Foundation Scholarship – Makenzie Herr

Godtland Scholarship – Jocelyn Strom

Gertrude Hanson Memorial Scholarship – Katelyn Lee

John and Alma Mathews Memorial Scholarship – Kaedyn Kirchner

Janice M. and Henry J. Guse Scholarship – Katelyn Steven

Lindsey Loehr Diemer Memorial Scholarship – Katelyn Lee

Lu Ryan Memorial Scholarship – Anna Anderson

Donna Ball Memorial Scholarship – Jacklyn Matson

Donald Ball Memorial Scholarship - Logan Schumaker

Laurence McGill Memorial Scholarship – Maggie Moller

Delores Ost Scholarship – Culley Larson

Vern Jahnke Memorial Scholarship – Hayden Johnston

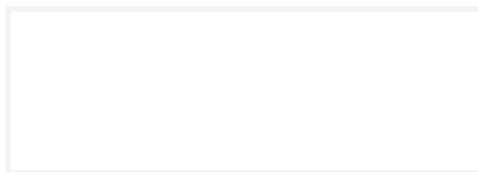
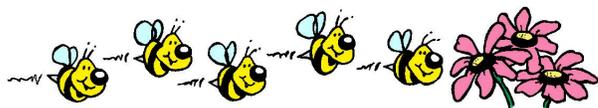


Pastor Jennifer & Ashley Kuhlman stopped by each scholarship recipients home to surprise them with the great news!

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