

Grace Notes

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Sunday Morning 9:00 am

Online only until further notice.

Sunday School

Postpone until further notice
due to Covid-19.

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*Grace Lutheran
Mission Statement:*

*Bringing People
Together and
Becoming Disciples
for Christ!*



*Trinity
Sunday*

JUNE 7, 2020

The Pastor's Pen



Pastor Shane Koepke
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Ephesians 6:18 says With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints...

With prayer, be alert with perseverance for everyone. Boy, we are at a crossroads of what it means to live in the midst of the marathon of this pandemic. What's most interesting, is that many groups simply think because they are tired of not meeting in the ways they wanted, they can just start meeting again without consequence. Unfortunately that's not true. Cases in Freeborn county are still on the rise, and until they start to decline, the Executive council has decided to keep worship as an online only option for now.

But let's not forget that Christians are literally called to sacrifice themselves for the love of others. John 15.13 says "Greater love has no one than this, that

someone lay down his life for his friends." Jesus, time and time again, commands his followers to put others first, to make them safe, heal them and set them free from their burdens, often at the cost of our own. This kind of sacrifice is what we are called to again and again during this time. Wearing masks even when it feels silly, avoiding large groups, video calls instead of face to face visits are all things that have scientifically proven to diminish case spread.

At this time, Grace is preparing for all possibilities. We are pulling together a well-thought plan for reopening the building while remembering that this church has and always will be the PEOPLE OF GOD, gathered wherever we are, to worship the ONE TRUE GOD.

Until we can meet again, handshake, high five, and hug, know that our staff is missing all of you, longing to be together in person, and until that can safely be done, we will persevere and even sacrifice for the good of all.

Peace as we journey- PShane

WHAT DOES GRACE LUTHERAN MEAN TO ME?

Members of Grace.

Perhaps now more than ever we are reflecting on the importance of Grace Lutheran Church and its community in our lives. We would like to put together a book about the people of Grace. The book will share the rituals and traditions that bind us together as one community and share personal stories from our community. Please complete the **Grace Questionnaire** at <https://forms.gle/eUhPcP3NwrVDejRV6>. Responses will go to Janece Jeffrey, who will also be doing interviews, if you are willing. For those who do not have computers, please contact the church office at 507-373-6496 to make arrangement to receive a paper copy of the questionnaire. Janece will compile the stories into a book about our community. Thank you in advance for partici-



Please complete the Grace Questionnaire at <https://forms.gle/eUhPcP3NwrVDejRV6>

The Associate Pastor's Corner



Pastor Jennifer Gonsalves,
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Church, school, work and so much more looks so different today than it did just a few months ago. Yet, our need for community, for faith, for love has not changed. So, I want to share with you a devotion you can use to remind you to reflect on your day and share your joys and sorrows with your family and with God in prayer. It is called **Faith 5** – which you have probably heard me talk about before as it is a devotional we teach to our families.

And for those who live alone, I know that it is hard to read and to hear about activities like these because we think that we don't have a spouse, a child, a parent, a roommate living with us to do them with, we cannot participate. Please know that God is with and that you can still nourish your faith even if you don't have someone living in the same home to talk about life and faith with. You can do this activity by calling a friend or by journaling your responses. Just because you live alone does not mean you cannot participate in the larger life of the church.

So how does the **Faith 5** work? At the end of the day you come together as a family and do these five simple steps.

Share – Share your high (best moment) and your low (hardest moment) of the day with each other.

Read – Read a story from the Bible. You can read through a children's Bible, download a daily bible reading app if you need ideas.

Talk – Talk about what the story you just read means and relates to your highs and lows if you can.

Pray – Pray together. A simple prayer is to thank God for your highs and ask for God's help with your lows.

Bless – Bless one another (or yourself) by making the sign on cross on your forehead. Say: "Name, you are a beloved Child of God."

I hope that this activity can help you practice your faith at home and keep you connected to church until we can worship in-person together again.

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 MAY

FUNERAL

Elwood Hagen
Edwin "Eddie" Johnson
Jeffrey Hoiseth
Clifford Engebretson
Clifford Stahl



Musings



Deacon Robert Tewes,
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We are in a new month together as we continue our journey in the altered landscape that has come about due to the COVID-19 situation in which the world finds itself. We still regularly worship together, but in a world that relies upon screens and technology. I thought I would use the article this month to describe what exactly this has meant for us at Grace, and what it will mean for us moving forward together.

It was a leadership goal of our congregation that in the year 2020 we would install and begin using video technologies to assist us in our efforts to proclaim the Gospel. Monies were budgeted, equipment needs were researched, and equipment was purchased. In late February two robotic cameras were mounted on the pillars of the sanctuary and wiring was run. A new computer system and attendant equipment was installed in the balcony, and software was purchased and installed. This was done in early March, just a week or so before we heard the first news of COVID-19. It had been our goal that we would have the streaming capabilities up and running by Easter 2020 (April 12th). We were clearly more than a month ahead of schedule!

And then things started happening quickly. Before long we found ourselves needing to have equipment in place and operable. Threats of a shelter-in-place order by the Governor were being shared in the news media. We videotaped our service for the first time on March 15th, and then this new norm—due to the order issued early that next week—that

we would not be gathering for face-to-face worship until further notice was announced. Hence, the mid-week Lenten services that remained for the Lenten season needed to be recorded and broadcast, immediately! It was a learning curve like I've never participated in before. But with the help of many, we did it!

The next step was to make worship live. We had the software and equipment to livestream the worship, but our technical abilities were still immature, and it was risky. We made a plan, said a lot of prayers, and we did it!



It is becoming more and more comfortable for us to provide this service each Sunday as worship is livestreamed via FACEBOOK-live. Anyone who “likes” Grace Lutheran Church – Albert Lea, MN on Facebook will have access to the livestream which begins at 9 a.m. On Sunday we convert the footage from the morning service and give it an accessible archived home on YouTube.com. You can search for “Grace Lutheran Church – Albert Lea, MN” and you will find our Channel where all of our video

Musings Continued

material is housed. You can even subscribe to the channel, which will notify you each time a new video is uploaded. We provide a link to YouTube on our website: gracealbertlea.org, as well.

Each Wednesday we also post a weekly installment of "Evening Graces" on Facebook, which is also accessible via YouTube beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Additionally, we are duplicating hard copy DVDs of our worship services for members who do not have access to internet devices, so that they can stay connected in this disrupted time. If you would like to receive a DVD version of our worship services, please let us know so that we can add your name to our distribution list (please call 373-6496). For the foreseeable future this is how worship will happen at Grace.

As the Governor issues new orders relaxing the number of people who can safely gather, we will be able to share special music as is our summer custom. If you would like to volunteer to play an instrument or sing a song, please let me know so that I can make arrangements with you. You can either email me (music@gracealbertlea.org) or call me (373-6496).



Having all of this technology working prior to the unforeseen circumstances might seem to some as just old fashioned "Good Luck." I think otherwise. Through it all we have been reminded that our providential God will give us the wisdom and means necessary to live out our faithfulness, if we maintain our trust in God. And so, we thank each of you for your patience and support as we have begun this new video ministry venture. We hope to involve many people, in the future, to grow this ministry, even once the pandemic lifts and life returns to a new normal.

Blessings to you and your families,
Deacon Bob 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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Happy Summer! I hope you all soak up the sun and spend some time outdoors (while social distancing, of course) in the months to come. Even though many summer plans have shifted, it is still important for us to care for ourselves and get some Vitamin D.

Many of our summer plans look different at Grace, especially with summer camps. Good Earth Village will not have any summer programming this summer along with many other outdoor ministries or some that are starting programming at a later date. Due to this, we will be postponing Confirmation Camp for our 7th graders and Vacation Bible School will not be organized by Good Earth Village. **Although summer may look a little different, what a great opportunity for us to get creative or try new things!** Pastor Jennifer and Ashley have been hard at work creating programming for this summer for those Pre-K through 12th Grade.

7th & 8th Grade Youth Group: We miss you in Confirmation, so we are starting a Summer Youth Group for those in 7th – 8th grade during the 2019-2020 school year. We will meet every other Wednesday (June 10th & June 24th) online at 7:00pm. We will spend our time catching up, doing devotions and playing games together. A Zoom

link will be e-mailed to parents and shared on our Instagram page @youthgracealbertlea. Hope to see you there!

9th – 12th Grade Youth Group: We are restarting our Zoom Youth Group for this summer! Those who were in 9th – 12th grade during the 2019-2020 school year are invited to join us for Youth Group every other Wednesday (June 3rd & June 17th) at 7:00pm. We will spend our time catching up, doing devotions and playing games together. A zoom link will be texted to youth and shared on our Instagram page @youthgracealbertlea. Please text Ashley if you'd like to be part of the text reminder.

Vacation Bible School & Summer Planning: We are looking at different ways to keep our Pre-K through 6th Grade active this summer. Although Vacation Bible School may look different, we are still planning on doing something! Families will be receiving more information in regards of this summer at the beginning of June.

Baccalaureate: We will be celebrating Baccalaureate and our seniors on July 26th! Families should have received a letter with some information – please have your senior photos and future plans sent to Ashley by June 20th. More information will be shared in the next month.

First Communion Class will continue to be postponed. Families will be contacted when we are able to gather again for this class.



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YOUTH @ GRACE: @youthgracealbertlea

For the latest Photos, Youth Events, Updates & more!

Parish Nurse Notes



Lori Tuchtenhagen,
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Greetings Grace Lutheran Family,

The month of June reminds us of Fathers Day! It is also Men's Health Month! No matter how much you know about men's health, there's always room to learn more about steps to a healthier lifestyle, the top health concerns of men, and the importance of getting medical care and regular screening tests. After all, men not only have unique health concerns, but they also suffer from certain diseases. Worldwide, women outlive men - why? Some reasons include: men tend to smoke and drink more than women and generally have less healthy lifestyles, men do not seek medical help as often as women, and men tend to join in more fearless, risky, dangerous behaviors than women. Men also largely define themselves by their work, which adds stress and a disconnect from their emotional side. This can add to problems in their relationships, as well as in jobs and careers. The good news is that many of the major health risks that men face can

be prevented and treated if they are diagnosed early. You deserve to pay more attention to yourself, men! Take better care of yourself physically, mentally and emotionally. And if you are a women searching for ways to help the men in you life, tell them the same.

I realize as we have sheltered at home the past several weeks there have been many jobs that have been compromised and as mentioned above this is hard on anyone though with men this maybe even more difficult. We know that this time has been challenging to our mental health and if I may offer that the NAMI Minnesota website (<https://namisemn.org/>) has a great deal of information and hope to individuals and families.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

Do everything in love.

May God Bless You,
Lori Tuchtenhagen,
Parish Nurse

Worship Services

**Join us for livestream worship on
Sunday mornings at 9:00 am on
[facebook.com/GraceAlbertLea](https://www.facebook.com/GraceAlbertLea)**

This worship will be saved so you can watch it later, too!

Previous worship services can be found on our website at gracealbertlea.org

**Mid-week worship is available Wednesday evenings
on Facebook and on our website.**

Church Council Minutes

May 12, 2020 (Via Zoom)

1. Call to Order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by President Tims at 6:32 p.m.

2. Opening: Pastor Shane

Pastor Shane led the Council in devotions focusing on a reference in the Psalms related to the joys that life brings. He asked; within the context of the coronavirus situation; what joys Council members were experiencing. He also noted that every day is a new day and brings with it new joys.

3. Open Forum – No items

4. Approval of Today's Agenda – Action MSA (Moved/Seconded/Approved) by Munyer and Sorenson to approve the agenda for the meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes

MSA by Schindler and Drommerhausen to approve the May Council minutes .

6. Budget Update: Dave Drommerhausen & Patti Tewes

- Dave and Patty noted that giving is on track compared to last year.
- They also noted that giving was ahead of budgeted expenses through the month of April by \$434.

7. Reports

- Lead Pastor Report: Pastor Koepke
 - Pastor Shane was off for a week in early May
 - He has engaged the staff in "What's Next?" planning in light of the coronavirus state shutdown.
 - He has been doing member outreach via the phone as needed.
- Associate Pastor Report: Pastor Gonsalves

- Pastor Jennifer reported that the new Pen Pal Program targeted to shut-ins has gone well.
 - She noted that the traditional Vacation Bible School will not be operating this summer but added that something via technology or at-home kits is being explored.
 - There will be no Confirmation Camp this summer.
 - A funeral was conducted recently.
 - She, as well as other staff at Grace, have been engaged in technology supported services and devotional efforts via Facebook.
 - Work is being done with Ashley on Confirmation and Child, Youth, and Family activities.
 - Deacon's Report and Technology Update: Deacon Bob Tewes
 - Reports that the broadcasts via Facebook and the church web site are going well and have good viewership.
 - He noted that the Pentecost service will include music and messages from Tanzania and Latvia.
 - Deacon Tewes will be providing music for a synod-wide service on May 24.
 - He also noted that Bishop Eaton will be conducting a service on June 7.
 - Commission & Committee Report Highlights - No reports
8. Old Business
- 75th Celebration: October 10, 2021 (Committee: Pastor Shane, Jim Munyer, Marsha Smith) – No report
 - Capital Campaign
 - Restroom remodeling: Construction May 1st - Construction has been delayed due to the virus.

Church Council Minutes Continued

- Campaign update – Schindler reported that \$3,017 was collected in April. The total amount of funds collected in the campaign is \$1,068,000. So far, \$12,850 has been spent on the restroom project (engineering services, architect services, and asbestos removal). There is cash-on-hand of \$151,000 for the project
9. New/Other Business
- Payroll Protection Program (PPP) - A PPP Loan was approved for Grace in the amount of \$93,949. The funds will be almost exclusively used for payroll (two and one-half months). Since that is the case, the loan will be interest-free and forgiven.
 - Prayer garden refurbishing – Prayer Garden designated funds are being used to refurbish the garden and to add pavers and remove the ramp.
- Plan for reopening/attending church – Each church is being encouraged to develop their own reopening plans. Pastor Shane is working on that with staff. He noted that the main objective is to provide a safe space for worship and that staff has considered outdoor worship and using multiple rooms and spaces within Grace for indoor worship. He anticipates that the summer will be status quo with technology based services and devotions. The Synod is reaching out to churches that are struggling during the shutdown and virus crisis.
 - Any other business – No items
10. Prayer Intercessions – Deacon Tewes led the Council in closing prayers and the Lord's Prayer.
12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Faithfully submitted
Gary Schindler
Grace Lutheran Church Council Secretary



CREATION CARE CORNER

For the Beauty of the Earth

We give you thanks, most gracious God,
for the beauty of the earth and sky and sea;
for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers;
for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers.
We praise you for these good gifts and pray
that we may safeguard them for our posterity.
Grant that we may continue to grow
in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation,
to the honor and glory of your name, now and forever.

-From The Book of Common Prayer (1798)



Ruby-throated hummingbird at Cardinal flower. Source: Wikimedia Commons

Gifts of Love

BALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory Of:

Steve Brownlow given by Bob Ball & Laura McKibben

Gift Given By:

Sharon Ball

BOILER/BUILDING/ROOF/FURNACE FUND

In Memory Of:

Edwin "Eddie" Johnson (father of Gaylen Johnson)

given by Dexter & Janet Henschel

Gift Given By:

Carroll & Mavis Hanson

BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAMS

In Memory Of:

Carole Nelson given by Rodger D. Nelson

Gift Given By:

Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

FOOD SHELF

In Memory Of:

Jeff White given by Ross & Shelly Peterson

Gifts Given By:

Darin & Rebecca Passer, Dale & Dorothy Baldwin,
Mark & Sharon Kvamme

LIBRARY FUND

In Memory Of:

Twin Grandson's given Delores Nasby

Gift Given By:

Darin & Rebecca Passer

LINDSEY LOEHR DIEMER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Gift Given By:

Craig & Becky Loehr

LOVE OFFERING

In Memory Of:

Jeff White given by Dell & June Claussen

Edwin "Eddie" Johnson (father of Gaylen Johnson)

given by Larry & Janice Lestrud

Kenneth Joachim given by Dell & June Claussen

Carol, daughter of Bob & Pat Goldman given by

Dell & June Claussen

Gifts Given By:

Ed & Julie Groeneweg, LaVerne Seberson, Richard &
Darlene Jordahl, The Emil & Helen Lykken Fund of Infaith
Community Foundation, Ron & Pat Holtan

MARTIN LUTHER FUND

In Memory Of:

Edna Herfendal given by Bill & Jane Buege

Edwin "Eddie" Johnson (father of Gaylen Johnson)

given by Dale & Dorothy Baldwin, Rodger Nelson,

Robert & Bernice Moreau, Jim & Judy Munyer

Jean Blassing (sister of Pat Linnes) given by Dale &

Dorothy Baldwin

Gift Given By:

Darin & Rebecca Passer

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory Of:

Dennis Schmidt given by Lester Perschbacher

MUSIC MINISTRY

In Memory Of:

Myrtle & Clarence Christenson (my parents) given by

Delores Nasby

Gift Given By:

Darin & Rebecca Passer

PARISH NURSE FUND

In Memory Of:

Vern Nasby given by Delores Nasby

PRAYER GARDEN

Jim & Marge Bendixen given by the Andersen Family

Oluf Andersen given by the Andersen Family

Ned Henschel, Shirley Baker & Joyce Floan

(our siblings) given by Dexter & Jane Henschel

Sally Ann Hamberg given by Tammy Hamberg

Edwin & Sylvia Johnson given by Mark & Trudy Harig

Julie Jasperson given by Kent Jasperson

Lenny Hultgren given by Delores Nasby

Gift Given By:

Richard & Darlene Jordahl

YOUTH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory Of:

Herb Mehus given by Virginia Sorenson

PLEASE NOTE that any additional "Gifts of Love" recorded by the church office after May 24, 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.

Grace Prays

Prayers of Healing

Hazel Spiering
Dave & Elaine Long
Bruce & Diane Olson
Deb Attig

Prayers for those Grieving

Family & Friends of Elwood Hagen
Family & Friends of
Edward "Eddie" Johnson
Family & Friends of Jeffery Hoiseth
Family & Friends of Clifford Engebretson
Family & Friends of Clifford Stahl

Prayers of Joy

Birth of Asher Daniel DeBoer
(Parents, Jace & Lacey DeBoer and
Grandparent, Brad Williamson)

Birth of Aurora LaVonne Ortiz
(Parent, Shelby Tetzloff and
Grandparents, Rod & Loree Anderson)

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.

June

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

1. Barbara Tullberg
2. Mary Tuohy, Mikki, Mason, Molly
3. Nick & Kelley Turnmire
Brendan, Lauren, Avery
4. Jesse Tuttle
5. Gloria Ugland
6. Todd Undahl
7. Greg & Sarah Undahl
Jonathon, Gage, Kinley
8. Charles & Shari Van Wey
9. Diane VanGuilder
10. John VanRyswyk
11. Justine VanRyswyk, William
12. Gregory VanRyswyk, Brody
13. Grace Vee
14. James & Geraldine Veldman, Chad
15. Todd Vogelsang
16. Jerry & Gerry Vogt
17. Steve & Christine Vogt, Nickolas, Brandon,
Stephanie, Jesseca
18. Ashley Wacholz, Ava, Mason
19. Maxine Wacholz
20. Connie Wadding
21. Steve & Jen Wadding, Sean, Seth, Dominic,
Devyn, Lydia, Cameron, Gerika, Izaac
22. Frank Wakefield
23. Shane Walk
24. Dawn Walk
25. Derreck Walk, Peyton
26. Lee & Jodi Walters
27. Ryan Walters
28. Karen Wangen, Jasmine, Dustin, Chase,
Courtney, Ciara, Ariana
29. Jessica Waters, Jaylee, Devin
30. Cheri Wehrenberg



JUNE

Caring and Sharing

**Co-Chairperson: JoAnn Bracker
and Melody Munden**

- Debra & Jimmy Akemann
- Linda Andersen
- Pat & Alan Arends
- Jean Bergo
- Angela Bryand
- Sheila & Bryan Calderon
- June & Delmon Claussen
- Jan & John Delle
- Pembie & Joel Erickson
- Gwen & Bill Groskurth
- Helen Hamberg
- Mary Harriman
- Muriel & Bob Hoeg
- Colleen Ingvaldson
- Sandra Jimenez
- Margie Kirchner
- Della Leland
- Elaine & David Long
- Jane & James Madson
- Joan & Ross Moyer
- Karen & Gary Ohlman
- Ann & Rich Oliphant
- Carol & David Paschka
- Mary & John Penley
- Kathryn Peterson
- Julie Sternhagen
- Nicole Steven
- Carol Thompson
- Jodi & Lee Walters

OUR THANKS to Cheryl Page and Jean Bergo for serving as chairwomen for May 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 book 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!

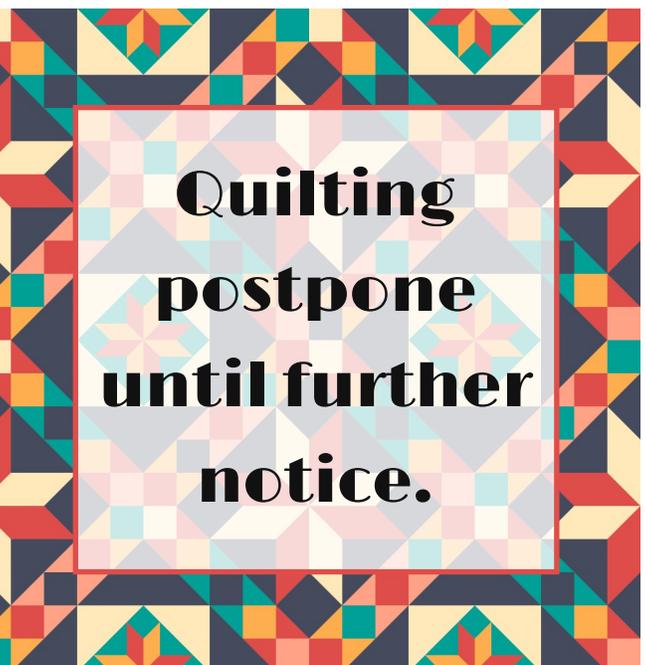
Grace WELCA Women's Circles

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.



**Quilting
postpone
until further
notice.**

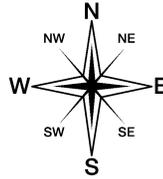
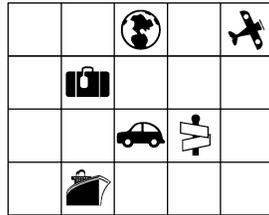
Summer Fun



Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _ _

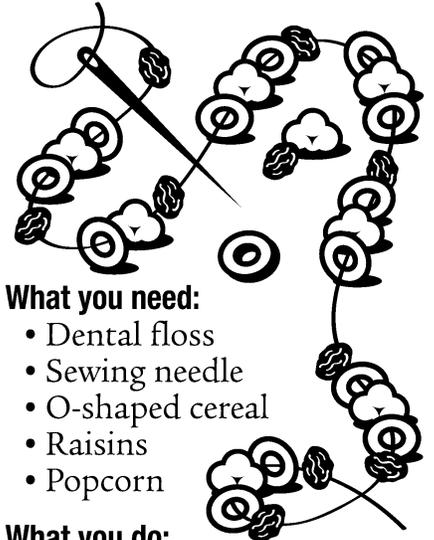
Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_ vermored. Psalm 121:8, NIV

ROAD TRIP TREAT!

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

Answer: plane, car, sign, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL— OLIVE

The olive branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The olive branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).



QUARTERS FOR WORLD HUNGER

As I write this, I am sure you are as tired of staying home and trying to stay safe, as I am. So you really don't need anymore depressing news, however, according to David Beasley, executive director of the U.N. World Food Program, the coronavirus pandemic has created a disruption domino effect of a health crisis, a collapsing economy, rising unemployment and disruptions to the food supply that are all upending the developed world which could lead to a staggering 20 million people facing starvation. These are scary statistics and all the more reason for us to keep our world leaders in our prayers and give as we are able to the ELCA World Hunger Fund.



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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CARING & SHARING: Time is running out. 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.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything **by prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let **your requests** be made know to God.

Philippians 4:6



NO FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Until further notice

GENEROSITY AT GRACE



**Special Note: The ELCA is developing a way to count people during this time. Thanks for your attendance either live or later as we continue to be the church apart together.*

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.

Letter from Denny & Paula Loftroms

Dear Grace,

Like you, we are experiencing very different times. But it's not all bad by any means. My son David has been putting in a lovely garden around our newly poured back patio (the old one sunk a foot over the 40 years since this house was built on fill). Soon I'll be able to work outside when writing thank you notes for the generous donors to IHP.

It is, indeed, the donors that make all of this possible. To help, please send what you are comfortable sending to:

**IHP – Matt West, Treasurer
8016 N Everton Ave.
Kansas City, MO. 64152**

**Or, go to our website, www.ihptz.org and click on Donate
Or, call Matt at 816-985-4406 and he'll put it on your credit or debit card.**

Thank you.

Mostly, I've been in the basement making face masks with HEPA filters. For the moment I'm caught up except for an order for another 20 from a church in Iowa yesterday. I'm always happy to receive more orders. We want each and every one of you to be as safe as possible.

Denny and I are going to go ahead and plan a fall-winter-spring speaking schedule, depending on whether or not there will be an upsurge in Covid-19 cases and whether or not churches will be safely open and whether or not schools, colleges, and medical schools, Rotary and other service clubs will want us to present the story of IHP to them.

So, please, if you'd like us to come to talk with you or your group, let me know. For now, it looks like we'll start in September and go to Minnesota and Iowa. Then we'll go to New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois and probably back to Kansas City for Christmas.

After Christmas, we'll head south. We're planning to end up in Orlando at the end of March, then return to K.C. and back to Tanzania in early April. If you'd like to have us come, please let me know by phone, 870-404-4491, or email – paula@ihptz.org.

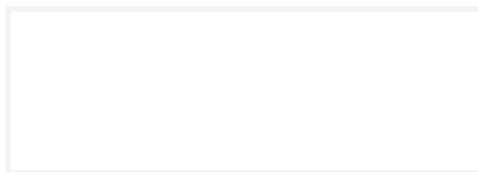
Blessings and gratitude,
Paula and Denny

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