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And they were all filled with the

HOLY SPIRIT.

ACTS 2:4

The Pastor's Pen



Pastor Shane Koepke
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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12.2

Whenever I read this verse in the past, I often thought of it as not paying attention to this world, or that the world I live in is not worth anything. But! After careful reading (and dear Christians, carefully reading and critical thinking are part of faithful living) I have a new understanding. Mostly, what I am reading is that the conforming of this world isn't the only part of the story. Being faithful also means that we allow our minds to be transformed to the will of God. By doing so, we begin to have a vision of what God is up to in the world, and we can more fully participate in that effort.

God doesn't come into the world to throw it all away and start over. What God does is join us on the journey, so that the conforming to past ideals or fads or political bends will not control us forever. That God with us in Jesus gives us the wisdom to see that life is more than we thought, it's more than the immediate satisfaction or the ego who thinks we will control the world and therefore be happy.

To follow God down this new path we must, be willing to let our minds be transformed, to allow our minds to bend to the will of God, rather than the world. Often that takes some pride swallowing, some red-faced admission that we were wrong from time to time. And, with practice, our minds will change, be transformed even, to the will of God, and we will see the world and process the world with new eyes.

Phew! It's hard work, but having seen people in the process and looking back on times when my own mind has been transformed, I can say, It's so worth it.

Baccalaureate

Celebrating our graduates

May 16, 2021

9:00 am Worship Service

The Associate Pastor's Corner



Pastor Dean Smith
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The other night, I told some of our confirmation students how I accidentally got a part in the school musical during my senior year of high school. Well...it wasn't entirely accidental. I had some time to kill before baseball practice, so I walked into the Performing Arts Center and signed the sheet by the door. Doc Geroux looked up from the table, "Mr. Smith, are you in the wrong room?"

"Is this where the tryouts are?"

"This is where the auditions are for the musical."

"Then I guess I'm in the right place."

"Can you sing?"

"I guess we're both about to find out."

Dr. Geroux laughed uncomfortably and handed me one of the audition packets. I didn't bother looking at it because I couldn't read music anyway. (I still can't.) I just took a spot toward the end of the line and listened very closely to everyone else's audition. By the time it was my turn, I had a pretty good idea of how the song was supposed to sound. I did my best, and I made my stage debut as an anonymous chorus member in my school's presentation of *The Boyfriend*. (Pastor Dean Trivia Note: The female lead in that high school production was played by Renee Goldsberry who originated the role of Angelica Schuyler in a little Broadway production called *Hamilton*.)

I didn't know it, but that was a signature event in my life. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. My career in youth ministry started when I was asked to lead an 8th grade Sunday School class. I'd never done it before, but...why not? I volunteered for a few Sunday mornings with a handful of kids and a copy of Youth Specialties TalkSheets...which led to a lock-

in...which led to a community youth event...which led to a weekend retreat at my parents' house... which led to 30+ years of ministry. It's a career that has been frequently punctuated by the phrase, "Let's try it and see what happens."

In the ongoing tension between science and faith, that one sentence bridges the gap. We try things. We see if we achieved a good result — even if it's quite unlike anything we expected — we adjust, we continue.

To me, this is a hallmark of faithful living. We are constantly invited to witness to, and participate in, God's creative work in the world. This is a story that plays out time and again in scripture. On our most attentive days, we can see it playing out in our own lives, as well.

Sometimes, living in faith feels like walking into an audition for which you've done little to prepare. Sometimes, it requires quietly listening to learn the tune while you hear others sing the song. Sometimes, you get to be a back-up singer for a future star. No matter how you get there, your name still shows up in the program. Why? Because you tried something.

I'm thankful for this new adventure at Grace. I'm not quite sure what it will look like. We'll all learn as we go, I guess. The good news is that God is sitting in the director's chair, and we have the joy of listening for the cue to "Try it and see what happens."

PASTORAL ACTS FOR APRIL

FUNERAL

Robert Moreau
Marvin Gulbrandson
Cheryl Page

WEDDING

Orrion & Barbara (Engebretson) Roisen

Musings



Deacon Robert Tewes,
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**“Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!”**

This Easter greeting still rings in our ears as we continue to bask in the joy and hope that life as “resurrection people” brings us. The Easter season lasts for a week of weeks (7 x 7 days) as the immense joy and profundity it brings cannot be contained within a one-day celebration. The 50th day of Easter, the beginning of the 8th week, is the day the church celebrates its birthday, *Pentecost*. This year, the festival of Pentecost will be celebrated on May 23rd.

May is also the time of the year when historically we wind down our musical ensembles for the program year at Grace. This past year, under the influence of the worldwide pandemic, our music ministry has had to try new things; new ways of cultivating and sharing our musical gifts—for most of the year—outside the normal ways of gathering, rehearsing and performing. I am grateful to all who have met the challenge of singing in small groups, as soloists, as instrumentalists, those who helped us produce video collages and even a youth Christmas musical with different technologies. I am also so grateful for your patience as we have navigated the maze of complex technologies in our efforts to keep making worship happen each week, whether via virtual broadcasts or reduced-occupancy face-to-face worship. I hope many of you will continue to volunteer to assist with singing and sharing your special musical gifts during the summer months as well.

As the vaccine rollout continues to happen across our state and nation, the hope of things returning to more familiar patterns looks promising. Hopefully, soon we will look back on this extended period of trial with a new perspective. Hopefully, we will once

again be able to gather together, sing together, and fill our pews with the sounds of life and vitality.

May the promise of spring with the singing birds, beautiful flowers and healing rains remind you of the new life brought to us by our risen Savior.

I finish with words of a new song by Marty Haugen that I think reflects upon the state of our world right now. I hope these words bring you comfort, hope and purpose in these days:

“Hope is born when we choose to believe that love is stronger than hatred. Love is born when our hearts learn to see that every person is sacred. In times of darkness, in times of fear, choose to hope, choose to love, and know that God is near.” (© 2019 GIA Publications, Inc.)

Deacon Robert Tewes



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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What a busy school year. Although it may have looked a little different from previously, how lucky are we that we got to continue gathering together (in person and online) to worship, learn, serve, and have fellowship with one another.

Below you will find some of the exciting things we're still planning on this month and summer. We are thrilled to still be celebrating our seniors in weeks to come! This June we are planning on sending our Confirmation youth to camp for a few days and a few high schoolers to the Boundary Waters for a canoeing trip!

Upcoming Events Schedule

(schedule is subject to change):

- May 2:** Last Day of Youth Group
- May 5:** Last Day of Confirmation
- May 12 & 16:** Pastry Puffins Pick Up
- May 16:** Baccalaureate
- May 19:** 7th – 12th Grade Bonfire
- May 23:** Summer Trip Fundraiser
- June 6 - 9:** Confirmation Camp
- June 16 - 21:** High School Canoe Trip

Confirmation & Confirmation Camp: Our last night of confirmation will be on May 5th! Just a reminder to sign up your child for Confirmation Camp. If your child is not planning on going to Confirmation Camp retreat, please contact Ashley.

Baccalaureate: We will be celebrating Baccalaureate and our seniors on May 16th during worship! Seniors will be invited to sit with their families, in

their cap and gowns, during this service. Families will be provided with information of what Baccalaureate will look like in the weeks to come.

Pastry Puffins Pick Up: Thank you to everyone who purchased Pastry Puffins last month! You can pick up orders on May 12th 4:00 – 6:00 pm or on May 16th following worship.

7th – 12th Grade Bonfire: Join others on May 19th 7:00 – 8:30 pm for an outdoor night of a bonfire, activities, and lawn games – while maintaining social distancing. Bring a lawn chair. Meet by the Prayer Garden. No need to sign up. Hope to see you there!

Coffee & Treats Fundraiser: Watch the announcements for another canoeing trip fundraiser for Sunday, May 23rd. All proceeds will go towards our youth going on the summer trip to the Boundary Waters.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE LUTHERAN

7th – 12th Grade Youth Events: We are busy making safe summer plans. We are currently looking at gathering on various Wednesdays in June and July for service and fellowship! A schedule will be mailed out to families later this month.

Is your child interested in attending Bible Camp? Summer camp is a great exposure for youth to learn about God and grow in their faith through games, worships, bible study and more. Some of these camps include Good Earth Village, Ewalu and Lutheran Lakeside. Did you know that Grace will pay for part of the tuition too for youth that attend an overnight camp? Contact Ashley for more information.

Vacation Bible School is currently being planned! If you would like to help out this summer, please contact Pastor Dean.

Parish Nurse Notes



Lori Tuchtenhagen,
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Greetings Friends of Grace Lutheran,

Spring is here! The months have passed as we isolated at home, worked remotely, home schooled, shopped online, and spent many hours with use of technology to communicate with family and friends. This was the best practice in protecting us from exposure to the COVID-19 virus, while waiting for a vaccine to become available.

At our house we certainly prepared and ate more meals at home, which was a good thing for us. However, we found that we were snacking more, while leading a sedentary lifestyle with increased screen time and television. These are tough habits to break, though with spring and summer coming I would like to enjoy the outdoors and improve my health.

Do you want to improve your health so you can enjoy the warmer months more fully? Start by making simple adjustments to help ease you into a new lifestyle. Cut back on soda, add a vegetable to your daily diet and watch your favorite TV show while walking on a treadmill. Small changes like these can make a big difference over a period of time. It is important to remember that diet is just part of the equation for a healthy lifestyle. The Surgeon General recommends 30 minutes or more of moderate intensity physical activity on most, if not all, days of the week. If you want a healthy body, you not only have to eat right, but will also have to exercise. Make this a family adventure. Set goals for your family's health and have fun working together toward these goals.

1 Samuel 25:6

Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!

May God Bless You

Lori Tuchtenhagen, Parish Nurse



Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

Classes resume

May 3rd at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Gain strength and balance to help maintain and improve your quality of life

Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) is an evidence-based strength, balance and fitness program for adults 65 and older. Performing exercises that improve strength, balance and fitness are the single-most important activity that adults can do to stay active and reduce their chances of falling. The entire curriculum of activities in the SAIL Program can help improve strength and balance, if done regularly.

Church Council Minutes

April 13, 2021, 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by President Tims at 6:31 pm.

2. Opening Devotion: Pastor Shane

Pastor Shane read "A Blessing For Those Who Are Grieving."

3. Open Forum

Opportunity for visitors to address the Council. The Council's intent for this open forum is to provide a time of listening. Each person addressing the Council is asked to be respectful of others wishing also to address the council. Council reserves the right to manage the time allotted for this time of listening

No items.

4. Approval of Today's Agenda

Motion by Munyer and second by Drommerhausen to approve the agenda for the meeting. The motion was approved.

5. Financial Report

Drommerhausen provided an overview of the financial report with no concerns noted. Motion by Hamberg and second by Groeneweg to accept the financial report as submitted. The motion was approved.

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Drommerhausen and second by Sorenson to accept the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was approved

7. Reports

• Lead Pastor Report: Pastor Koepke

Pastor Koepke reported there will be a funeral on Friday at 2 pm for Marvin Gulbrandson, and for Cheryl Page on Sunday at 2 pm. This service will also be live streamed at the request of family. Pastor Shane reported there has been some discussion about the appropriateness of applause in the worship service,

and he clarified that the staff does not/ will not invite applause but will not discourage spontaneous applause when the Holy Spirit moves our congregation. He encouraged council members as leaders to be aware of this discussion in case members bring up any concerns about this. He welcomed Pastor Dean.

• Interim Associate Pastor Report:

Pastor Dean

Pastor Dean expressed his gratitude and enthusiasm for beginning his employment at Grace. He will be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, with one Sunday off a month. He is attending school at Bethel Seminary in the Master of Marriage and Family Therapy Program on Mondays from 6-9 pm. He has been orienting with Ashley.

• Deacon's Report and Technology:

Deacon Bob Tewes

Deacon Bob provided an update about the services of Holy Week. He continues to work on any technical issues that arise with live streaming service. He and Pastor Shane will be attending Synod Assembly at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna.

• Commission & Committee Report

Highlights

Drommerhausen reported that Grace is expected to receive about \$9,000 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

8. Old Business

• Capital Campaign/Bathroom Remodeling Update

Drommerhausen provided an update and said that there is only approximately \$25,000 left to raise to get the match from the foundation. Only \$27,000 is needed for the total project.

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Gifts of Love

ALTAR GUILD

In Memory Of:

Bob Moreau given by David & Carol Paschka

BALL SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory Of:

Lee Hustad given by Bob Ball & Laura McKibben

Cheryl Page given by Bob Ball & Laura McKibben

In Honor Of:

Megan & Olivia given by Bob Ball & Laura McKibben

BATHROOM RENOVATION/BOILER/BUILDING/ ROOF/FURNACE FUND

In Memory Of:

Bob Moreau given by Laura Ellis, Bernice Moreau, Sandy Fredrickson, Judy Hall, Charlotte Vinge, Gary & Karen Ohlmann, Kenneth & Athelene Gerber, Truman & Barb Thron, Marge LaFrance, Lorraine Branstad, Orville & Dorothy Simonsen, Hazel Spiering, Midred Jensen, Jean Bergo, Greg & Marsha Smith, Chuck & Sharon Van Wey, Mick & Becky Hanson, Mike & Karen Hendrickson, Roy & Cheryl Page, Thomas & Judith Mullen, Beverly & Thomas Paul, James & Diane Johnson, Megan Brozovich, Bill & Gwen Groskurth, Bill & Jane Buege, Shirlye Brownlow, Judy Christenson, Lester Perschbacher, Steve & JoAnn Bracker, Steve & JoAnn Bracker

Julie Jasperson given by Kent Jasperson

Marvin Gulbrandson given by Kent Jasperson, Dex & Jan Henschel

Cheryl Page given by Dex & Jan Henschel, Judy Hall

Gift Given By:

Carroll & Mavis Hanson, Barb Tullberg

BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAMS

In Memory Of:

Bob Moreau given by Robert & Muriel Hoeg, Ona Meyer, LuVerne Godtland, Faith Ryan

Cheryl Page given by Jim & Judy Munyer, Robert & Muriel Hoeg, Ross & Joyce Hansen, Mary Tufte, Don & Melody Munden, Rollin & Nancy Hoium, Gary & Karen Ohlmann, LuVerne Godtland, Mary Beese

Max Kleinschrodt given by Ross & Joyce Hansen

Gifts Given By:

Dale & Dorothy Baldwin, Mrs. Gerry's, Home Federal Savings Bank, Albert Lea Select Foods

CHILDREN'S MISSION

In Memory Of:

Cheryl Page given by Hazel Spiering

DON GROSS SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory Of:

Julie Jasperson given by Kent Jasperson

FOOD SHELF

In Memory Of:

Paul Rietveld given by Solveig Peterson

Cheryl Page given by Shirley Pearson

Gifts Given By:

Carroll & Mavis Hanson, Dex & Jan Henschel, Jean Bergo, Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

JOHN & ALMA MATHEWS SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory Of:

Robert Stuart given by Ron & Betty Mathews

LOVE OFFERING

In Memory Of:

Justin Kohn (nephew of Roy & Cheryl Page)
Marilyn Claassen

Jim Herplinck given by Dell & June Claussen

Cheryl Page given by Kenn & Gerri Breamer, Carlyn Tufte, Mick & Becky Hanson

In Honor Of

Addison Harig 1st Communion given by Mark & Trudy Harig

Gifts Given By:

Jennifer Swenson, Fern Drescher, David & Elaine Long, LaVerne Seberson, Dex & Janet Henschel, Kathy Peterson

MARTIN LUTHER FUND

In Memory Of:

Bob Moreau given by Jim & Judy Munyer, Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

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PLEASE NOTE: DATES, TIMES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

For updates, please check our website, Facebook, or call the church office.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 9:00a Worship Service In person and Online 7:00p Last day of Youth Group	3 1:30p SAIL 5:15p Mary Circle 6:00p Hardanger Group	4 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting	5 9:00a Sewing Day 4:30p Cherub & Chancel 5:30p Worship Service Online only 6:30p Last day of Confirmation	6 8:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	7	1
9 Mother's Day 9:00a Worship Service In person and Online 	10 1:30p SAIL 6:00p Hardanger Group	11 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting 6:30p Council Meeting	12 5:30p Worship Service Online only	13 8:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	14	15
16 Baccalaureate 9:00a Worship Service In person and Online 	17 Newsletter Deadline 1:30p SAIL 6:00p Hardanger Group 	18 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting	19 9:00a Sewing Day 5:30p Worship Service Online only 7:00p 7-12 Grade Bonfire	20 8:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	21	22
23 Day of Pentecost 9:00a Worship Service In person and Online	24 1:30p SAIL 6:00p Hardanger Group	25 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting	26 9:15a Martha Circle 5:30p Worship Service Online only	27 8:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	28 10:00a Grace Notes Mail Prep for Mailing	29
30 The Holy Trinity 9:00a Worship Service In person and Online	31 Memorial Day Office & Building Closed					

Grace Prays

Prayers of Healing

Rev. Roald Kindem
Jane Buege
Pastor Milt Ost
Kathy Johnson
(wife of Gaylen Johnson)
Brecken Lee Graf
(grandson of Lee & Jodi Walters)
Betty Anderson
Dick Dahlen
Richard Anderson

Prayers for those Grieving

Family and friends of **Marvin Gulbrandson**
Family and friends of **Cheryl Page**
Family and friends of **Richard "Cal" Sharpsteen**
(son of Dan and Rebecca Sharpsteen)

Prayers of Joy

The birth of **Brecken Lee Graf**,
grandson of Lee & Jodi Walters

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.



Pastoral Care

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

MAY

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

1. Norena Love
2. David & Jeanne Lundak
3. Mildred Lyndorff
4. Eugene & Barbara Lysne
5. Jim & Jane Madson
6. Larry & Deb Madson
7. Richard & Faye Madson
8. Ricky & Debra Madson
9. Thomas & Ruthie Marselle, Eli
10. Brad & Pat Martinson
11. Leif & Ashley Martinson
12. Dona Matheson
13. Joel & Teresa Matheson
14. Ron & Betty Mathews
15. Kari Matson, Luke
16. Paul & Tonya Matson,
Alyssa,
17. Sheila Matson, Jared
18. Viola Matson
19. Max & Suzanne Mauer, Avery
20. Larry McDaniel
21. Judy Menssen
22. Charlene Meyer
23. Dale & Danette Meyer, Daleney, Samuel
24. Jerry & Sharon Meyer
25. Ona Meyer
26. Dorothy Michaelis
27. Merrill & Dee Mielke
28. Brandon Miller
29. Holly Miller
30. Jeff & Lori Miller
31. Jenna Miller



Caring and Sharing

Marilyn Anderson
Shari & Bill Anderson
Jernelle & Chris Baas
Rachelle Bizjak
Renaë Brackey
Nancy Brandt
Nancy & Mike Cottrell
Angie & Keith Flatness
Julie & Ed Groeneweg
Linda Hanna
Elaine & Milan Hart
Charlotte Haukoos
Carol & Dann Hustoft
Randi & Brian Kelly
Kristine & Steve Lee
Debra & Ricky Madson
Sharon & Jerome Meyer
Dee & Merrill Mielke
Angela & Matt Moller
Bernice Moreau
Kari & Steven Oman
Kristy & Roger Paul
Elisa Peterson
Nikki & David Rysavy
Debra & Peter Solie
Julie & Terry Stahl
Shari & Chuck VanWey
Terri & Warren Wichmann
Marsha Wolfgram

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

(Postponed until further notice)

Tuesday Morning Bible 10:00-11:00 am *(In person)*

This study for women offers fellowship, singing, and great discussion.

Thursday Morning Bible Study 8:00-9:00 am *(In person)*

Consider joining this group where there is an opportunity for good discussion and good fellowship.

Grace WELCA Women's Circles

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

Lois Circle (Postponed until further notice)

Martha Circle (Meets 4th Wednesday, 9:00 am)

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

**The church office and building
are CLOSED on
Monday, May 31st.**

ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for your generous gifts during this time. You can mail in or drop off your offering to the church or give electronically.

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Text: 833-939-1383

More information can be found on our website at <https://gracealbertlea.org/discipleship/giving/>

Church Council Minutes Continued

- **75th Celebration: October 10, 2021** (PShane, Jim Munyer, Marsha Smith) Tabled.

9. **New/Other Business**

Discussed the practice of signing people into church. Will continue this practice for the foreseeable future.

10. **Prayer Intercessions**

Pastor Shane entertained prayer requests and led the council in final prayers.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by President Tims at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted, Laura McKibben
Grace Lutheran Church Council Secretary

Activities and Events

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Bible study group is meeting in person at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room. This study is for women, offers fellowship and great discussion. The group is studying Parables. Books are available to purchase at the meeting.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Bible study has started up again. Thursday mornings at 8:00 am in the Fireside Room. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed (masks are mandatory, no more than 10 people may attend and social distancing will be adhered to).



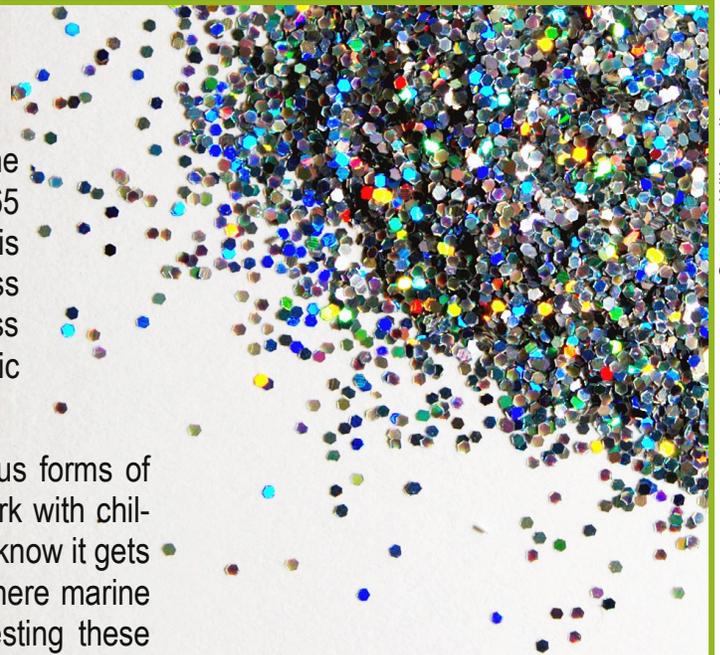
CREATION CARE CORNER

Plastic was first produced as Bakelite in 1907, and the industry took off in mid-century. Over the past 65 years, plastic production has increased 200-fold. This past year, the journal Nature reported that the mass of plastic in existence is now *double* the entire mass of animal life on the planet. Over 40% of new plastic is manufactured for single-use.

All that glitters is not gold: one of the most insidious forms of plastic we frequently encounter, especially if we work with children, is glitter. If you've ever tried to clean it up, you know it gets everywhere. It can easily escape into waterways where marine life mistake the sparkly mylar flecks for food, ingesting these bits that can disrupt hormones and cause liver damage.

Try to avoid buying glitter, and if you must use it, please clean up after it and dispose of it properly in the garbage.

"For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7b



Source: Wikimedia Commons

Gifts of Love Continued

MARTIN LUTHER FUND CONTINUED

In Memory Of:

Cheryl Page given by Gerhard & Irmi Kleih,
Richard & Virginia Loberg

Marvin Gulbrandson given by Dale & Dorothy
Baldwin

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory Of:

Bob Moreau given by Jim & Jane Madson, David
& Julie Drommerhausen, Lynne Groskurth, Gerry
& Marion Gehling, Mark & Sharon Kvamme, Jerry
& Gerry Vogt

Jim Bottelson given by David & Julie
Drommerhausen

Cheryl Page given by Ron & Pat Holtan, Jeff &
Carol Olson, Jim & Jane Madson, Jerry & Gerry
Vogt, David W. Nelson, Ronald & Arliss Anderson,
Mike & Karen Hendrickson, Suzanne Moore, Barb
Tullberg, Lorraine Brandstad, Bill & Gwen
Groskurth, Jean Bergo, Jeff & Traci Bennett,
Lowell & Barbara Peterson, Pat Johnson, Doris
Callahan, Joy Tavis

Donna Heilman given by David & Julie
Drommerhausen

MUSIC FUND

In Memory Of:

Rosie Rasmussen given by Sandy Fredrickson

Cheryl Page given by Dorothy Michaelis

PRAYER GARDEN

In Memory Of:

Julie Jasperson given by Kent Jasperson

Cheryl Page given by Kent Jasperson,
Cheri Wehrenberg, David & Sally Skrlin, David &
Carol Paschka, Mark Severson

Bob Moreau given by Paul & Marsha Blom, Helen
Lovik, Mary Ann Martinson, Dennis & Mary Cahill,
David & Sally Skrlin

Gift Given By:

Carroll & Mavis Hanson

PARISH NURSE

In Memory Of:

Bob Moreau given by David & Sally Skrlin

PRAYER SHAWL

In Memory Of:

JoAnn Beckius given by June Claussen

QUILTERS

In Memory Of:

Bob Moreau given by June Claussen

YOUTH MINISTRY

In Memory Of:

Rodger F. Christenson given by Bill & Sue Barber

Lois Stenzel given by Bill & Sue Barber

Cheryl Page given by Dale & Charlotte Elvebak

YOUTH SUMMER TRIP

In Memory Of:

Cheryl Page given by Jim & Jane Madson

PLEASE NOTE that any additional "Gifts of Love"
recorded by the church office after April 25, 2021
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.





QUARTERS FOR WORLD HUNGER

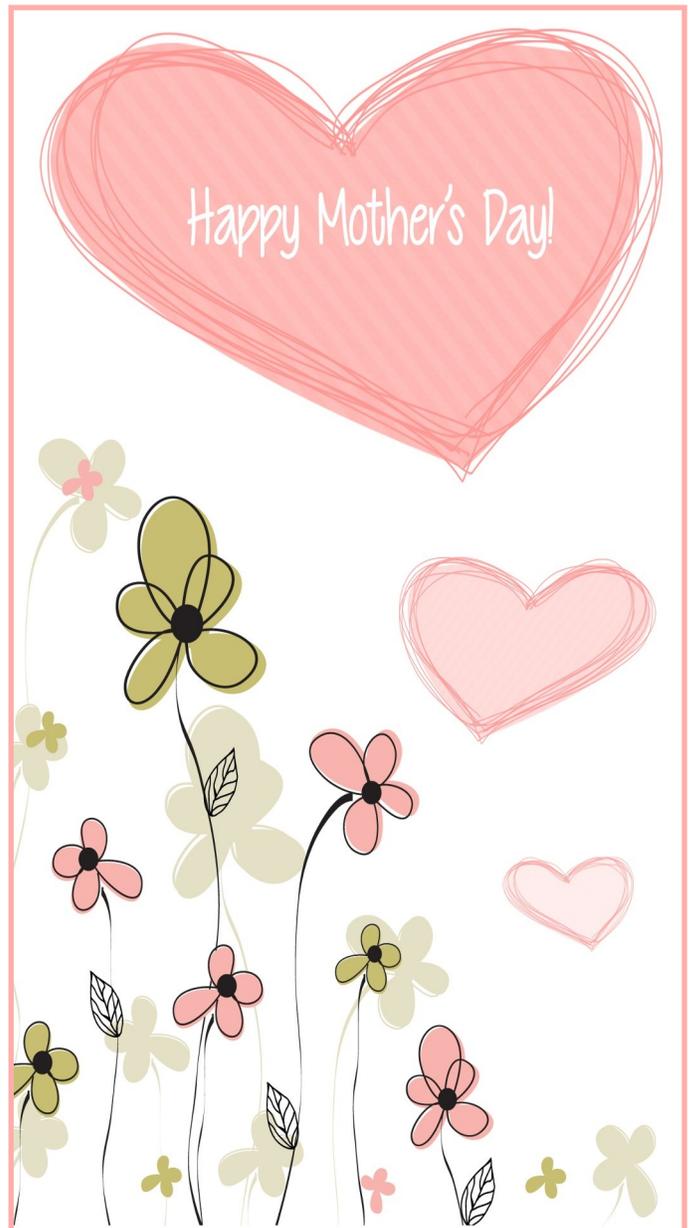
World News continues to bombard us with bad news. The Corona Virus continues to spread in spite of precautions and vaccinations. World hunger is on the rise. In Bangladesh this past week, a massive fire in a refugee camp has caused death and destruction, and worsened the food situation. ELCA World Hunger is on the scene and doing what they can to relieve hunger --- but they need our help. Every dollar you give to ELCA World Hunger is used to help hungry people. Please continue to pray for the work done by ELCA World Hunger and consider a monetary gift to ELCA World Hunger. Thank You.



NO FAIR TRADE COFFEE
Until further notice



Remember your coins for Sunday's Noisy offering!



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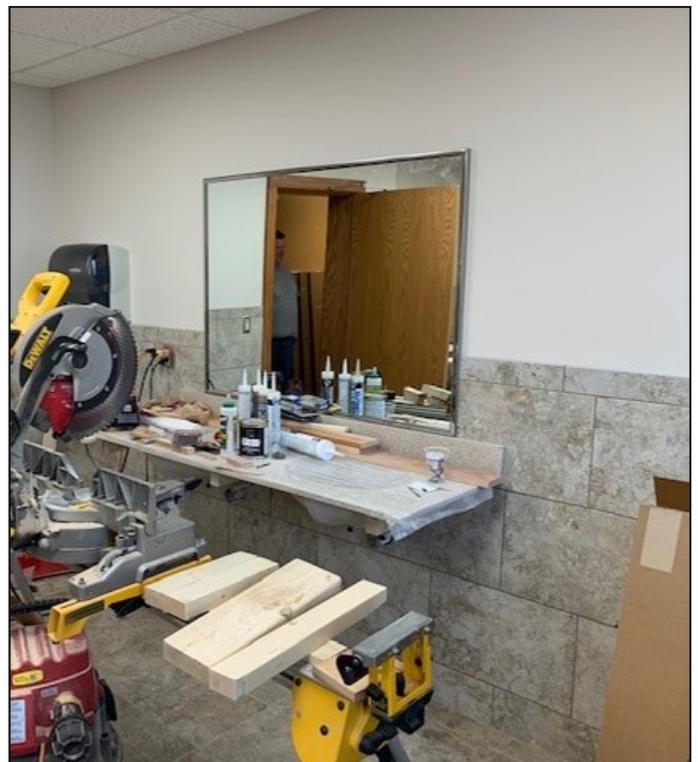
Thanks for your attendance In Person or Live Streaming as we continue to be the church apart and together.

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.

Bathroom Remodel Update



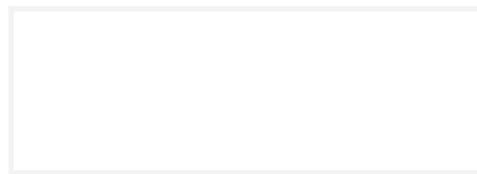
Great progress continues to be made.



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Sunday Worship at 9:00 am
In person and online

Wednesday Worship
at 5:30 pm - online only



Join your Grace family
each week!