

Grace Notes

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CONFIRMATION CAMP 2021



The Pastor's Pen



Pastor Shane Koepke
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"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose." Romans 8.28

Vocation and Vacation can go hand in hand. Vocation is the serving of God in the things we do, while vacation is the relaxing and rest we all need to revive our souls.

This last month, our youth went on a trip to the Boundary Waters with Wilderness Canoe Base, a Lutheran organization at the end of the Gunflint Trail. Our youth, their chaperone, Jeff Olson, from Grace and guide from the camp had an amazing time in the sun, wind, rain, cool and heat. If snow would have been added, it was the only thing they missed, from what I understand.

Our youth were celebrated and supported in their journey. Your prayers, well-wishes, and monetary gifts helped give them an experience they will never forget. I was privileged to go pick them up from their trip. I was expecting a group of run-down kids and a tired-as-could-be chaperone, but instead I was greeted with paddles waving, big smiles, and stories galore from the moment they got off the boat.

Their experience didn't have any staff from Grace along. No pastors, no youth director, just a fellow member of the church. Well, "just" is an understatement. Jeff was their jokester, their wisdom, their companion, a parent figure on the trail, and most of all, a mentor. His laid-back style was easy for the kids to grab onto, and their relationship grew and grew over the time they were together. The whole van ride home, it was a joke from the trail, a comment only they understood. Pictures were taken with Jeff, and when we arrived home, after they said hi to their families, the youth rushed to Jeff's car, where his wife Carol was waiting, so they could meet her and tell her about the trip.

This, my friends, is the church. People willing to reach out, to see themselves as an integral part of the church. People, like Jeff, who will be embarrassed I wrote this, but hopefully he will serve as an inspiration and confidence for you to serve your church in a way you maybe have been wanting or nervous to reach for in your life. I, along with all of you, thank Jeff and all those who are willing to be the church: mentor, give grace, have fun, and be community in places and with people you are unfamiliar and a little uncertain. Trusting along that path that God will continue to work all things toward good.

Peace as you journey toward your new adventures,
PShane

Grace will celebrate our mission of bringing people together and becoming disciples for Christ during a special worship series in July.

"Bringing People Together for (Everyday) Discipleship"

July 4: Where do you come from?

July 11: Where are you now?

July 18: Who are you? Be that! (Part of our "VBS for Everyone" celebration)

July 25: Who is everyone else?

The Associate Pastor's Corner



Pastor Dean Smith
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Do we ever outgrow Faith Formation?

My daughter graduated from high school in June... along with millions of other teenagers across the country (and a 94-year-old woman in Alabama). The rituals surrounding high school graduations have changed very little since I graduated in 1989, but there is one dramatic difference I realized this year. My perspective on education or, more accurately, learning has evolved.

When I was in elementary school, I remember watching my brothers and sister graduate from high school, and I thought they were done with school forever. Graduation was The Great Ending of education. I thought that a person learned everything they needed to know for life during those 12-ish years of school. This year, as I watched my daughter walk across the stage, I was acutely aware of the years of college to come...which will probably be followed by a few more years of graduate school...which will be followed by conferences, continuing education, in-services, etc. The learning will never stop for my teacher-in-progress.

Generally, most folks are aware that professional development is a necessary and good thing throughout a person's careers. Teachers, plumbers, medical professionals, bus drivers, accountants, pastors, military personnel...no one is above learning and growing.

I've noticed, however, that many folks make an exception regarding matters of faith. Our faith formation never stops. "Faith Formation" is a far more useful term than "Christian Education" when discussing our ongoing learning and growth in faith because it reminds me—and emphasizes for all—that we're not done yet. Each of us is a magnificent

work in progress! It doesn't stop when we're done with Sunday School. It most certainly isn't over when we are confirmed. "Graduating" from youth group isn't the end of our faith formation, either. Every day, every experience, every worship service, every milestone is an opportunity to reflect on what God is doing and how God is working around and through us.

This year, our usual Vacation Bible School will look a bit different because I don't see why we should just let the kids have all the fun. This year's Vacation Bible School is meant for everyone, and "everyone" means EVERYONE! We'll have games for all to play. There will be conversations where everyone will be invited to share. Each of you will be the star as you share, explore, and reflect on your faith journey just as it is. You don't need to be a biblical scholar. You don't need to be an expert. You just need to be YOU, because you are a blessing to others just as you are.

Parents, grandparents, children, friends, aunts, uncles, singles, wives, husbands, brothers, sisters... you're all a part of EVERYONE, and I hope you'll be part of our storytelling together. We each have wisdom and perspectives to share that will help us all continue to learn and grow. Faith formation is a life-long engagement, and I hope you'll be part of it.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18. On Saturday, we'll be together from 9:00 until noon. On Sunday, we'll gather for worship and have some time together after worship as well.

God's Blessings as you live your faith story this summer!

PASTORAL ACTS FOR JUNE

FUNERAL

Dorothy Schoonover
Lucille "Lucy" Gripentrog

Musings



Deacon Robert Tewes,
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Throughout our lives the question often comes up: “What do you want to be when you grow up?”

With so many of our youth having just recently graduated from their formal educational years, I am sure they have heard this question asked a lot. And, as we age, we are often introduced to others as “the person who performs a specialty occupation.” In some ways, what we do to earn a living can sometimes become so intrinsically bound within our sense of identity, we can hardly discern the person from the role we hold, but we are reminded that, first and foremost, we are all children of God. Beloved. Named. Claimed. And Called...to do certain tasks that benefit the advancement of the kingdom of God.

Our work life is a major part of each of our lives: We toil in the soil in different ways, each taking care of God’s creation as God commanded we should do. Our vocational service to others honors the God of Creation. It gives our life purpose, direction, and a sense of accomplishment. It creates and sustains community. It provides riches and realities that would be missing without each constituent part.

This July, we will hold up in our worship services the various vocations that give our world its rich diversity. As we reflect on different vocations, we are reminded of the varied tapestry of people that make up our family at Grace. We are reminded that we are taken care of and sustained by the work of countless people called into specific roles. We give thanks to God for providing these gifts to us.

Regardless of your vocational pursuits, there are elements at play in each of our toils, that give us the opportunity to bear witness to the God of Creation. Gentle words, kind and helpful gestures, honesty,

integrity, *stick-to-it-tiveness*. Each of these attributes that we bring to the workplace give honor to our God, our siblings in Christ, and make the world a kinder and more peace-loving kingdom.

Thank you for the vocation that you perform on behalf of others. Thank you for your on-the-job witness and examples of kindness you offer to others. Being a disciple of Christ often looks different in each of our lives. However, in the living out of our discipleship--both at work and at home--brings honor to our one God, and ensures that the world will “know we are Christians by the way we treat each other.”

Deacon Robert Tewes



FOLLOWING GOD’S LEAD

Jazz musician Thomas Dorsey traveled an unlikely road to become the “father of black gospel music.” At age 11, he dropped out of school to be a vaudeville performer and blues pianist. While Dorsey recovered from a nervous breakdown at age 21, his mother urged him to serve the Lord with his talents. It took several years, but the musician committed to composing spiritual songs — rejected by many mainstream churches as “the devil’s music.”

In 1932, after Dorsey’s wife and infant son died during childbirth, he channeled his grief into the piano, writing “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.” Known to be a favorite song of Martin Luther King Jr., it ends with these lyrics: “Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.”

Grace Children, Youth and Family Ministry



Ashley Kuhlman,
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June was a busy month for Grace youth! We finished painting the Youth Room, sent 22 youth to Confirmation Camp for a four-day retreat, sent 5 youth to Wilderness Canoe Base for a week of canoeing in the Boundary Waters and some more! We are so thankful for all of the volunteers that made these events happen this summer, especially those who took time out of their week to be with our youth.

Check out the back page of Grace Notes for photos from Confirmation Camp or Facebook for more. We are hoping that our youth who went on the Wilderness Canoe Base trip will share their stories sometime this summer in person or online at Grace. Check out more youth summer events listed below:

Summer Youth Fellowship & Service Events

This summer we have free opportunities for fellowship and service for those who just finished 7th – 12th grade. [Details, signup and times can be found at gracealbertlea.org/youth-summer21.](http://gracealbertlea.org/youth-summer21)

Covid-19 guidelines will be followed at each of these sites. Friends are welcome to join. Youth must sign up online to attend. Contact Ashley with any questions at 651-280-9502. See ya this summer!

Upcoming Events Schedule

(schedule is subject to change):

- July 7:** On the Lake Day
- July 14:** Service Project @
Myre-Big Island State Park
- July 21:** Bonfire Night
- July 28:** Salvation Army Food Pantry
Service Day

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. 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 at youth@gracealbertlea.org.



FOR EVERYONE!

Parents, grandparents, children,
friends, aunts, uncles, singles, wives,
husbands, brothers, sisters...you're
all a part of
EVERYONE!

What happens when families get
together to play some games,
do some, crafty things, and talk
about Jesus?

Let's find out together!

Saturday, July 17th

9:00 am-Noon

Sunday, July 18th

Gather for worship at 9:00 am
and wrap up following
worship service.

Parish Nurse Notes



Lori Tuchtenhagen,
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Dear Friends of Grace Lutheran,

Summer is here and we will soon be celebrating Independence Day! It is our hope to have achieved the 70% vaccination rate and to have restrictions lifted to enjoy the company of our family and friends again following months of pandemic restrictions. Reminder that safety is key as we continue with good handwashing, distancing and entertaining outdoors as much as possible with smaller groups of individuals.

Fireworks are a special part of our July 4th celebrations and I strongly encourage you to take advantage and participate in community events and displays of fireworks with your family and friends.

Should you purchase fireworks yourself, safety guidelines are provided to firework vendors for distribution to consumers. The guidelines include:

- Buy fireworks only from licensed retail outlets.

- Follow directions carefully with close adult supervision.
- Never experiment with homemade or altered fireworks.
- Before you enjoy the fireworks, get permission from the property owner.
- Keep a bucket of water, wet towels, and a garden hose nearby.
- Light only one firework at a time, away from the crowd.
- Never shoot fireworks from metal or glass containers.
- *Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never point or throw fireworks at people or animals.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Fireworks can be dangerous, think ahead before you light!

Have fun, but be safe!

May God Bless you,
Lori Tuchtenhagen, Parish nurse

LIVING OUT SCRIPTURE

When Texas suffered an uncharacteristic winter storm in February, one couple's act of kindness toward a stranger demonstrated the power of living by the Golden Rule.

Chelsea Timmons, a grocery store delivery driver, got stuck in the ice-covered driveway of customers Doug Condon and Nina Richardson. Because towing companies were inundated, the couple invited her to stay with them — which she ended up doing for five nights! The three shared meals and conversation, and Chelsea baked them a cake and befriended their dogs. In short, Nina and Doug say, she became “part of the family.”

“Do to others what you would have them do to you,” says Jesus (Matthew 7:12, NIV). Doug echoes Jesus closely when he explains one reason behind their actions: “We have daughters, and we hope if they were ever in a situation like this that there would be someone who would open their house and help them.”

Perhaps Doug and Nina also experienced the delight of another Bible verse: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Hebrews 13:2, ESV).

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Church Council Minutes

June 15, 2021, 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by President Tims at 6:28 pm.

2. Opening Devotion: Pastor Shane

Pastor Shane led the council with a reflection from "Bless the Space Between Us."

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 Sorenson 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. The forgiveness request of the PPP Loan was approved. PPP funds have helped to put the budget in good shape with over two months' operating expenses as recommended. Motion by Meyer and second by Hamburg to accept the financial report as submitted. The motion was approved.

6. Approval of Minutes

Correction Motion by Drommerhausen and second by Munyer to accept the minutes of the May meeting. The motion was approved.

7. Reports

• Lead Pastor Report: Pastor Koepke

Pastor Shane expressed thanks for the support he received with the recent death in his family. He is on vacation this

week and will be on jury duty in July. He reported it is going well with Ashley being in school and working. She is taking the youth to the Boundary Waters tomorrow morning. The focus for worship this summer will be "Vocation" and will incorporate that message into the message and the closing blessing. He is still working with the memorial team to install a granite memorial wall in the prayer garden.

• Interim Associate Pastor Report: Pastor Dean

Pastor Dean submitted this written report:

Wednesday Night Confirmation gatherings wrapped up at the end of May. We're looking forward to planning the curriculum for this coming fall. The Baccalaureate Service went well. It was good to see the graduates surrounded by their congregational family during the service. I led devotions/Communion at Thorne Crest on Thursday, May 27. Confirmation Camp was last week. Ashley and I took turns leading it. We were joined by two parents and two of Ashley's friends—former camp counselors at Good Earth Village. We are discussing future reconfigurations for this event that will: 1. Encourage greater participation among Confirmation students (Goal: 100%) and 2. Be more accessible for parents/adults within the congregation to volunteer (Goal: At least 2 men and 2 women who aren't staff members) 3. Lector Training for younger worship leaders. I mailed postcards to our 5th and 6th grader families to invite them to come to this event with the hopes of adding some younger voices to our scripture reading ranks. That event will be on Wednesday,

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Church Council Minutes

June 16. VBS for Everybody will be July 17 and 18. Faith Formation isn't just for kids. People of all ages are invited for a time of exploring faith, faith-oriented play, and (hopefully!) some cross-generational faith conversation. These kind of events are directly connected to the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. Our daughter graduated on June 6, so the first two weekss of June have been filled with activities related to that...and baseball, baseball, baseball. (I'm an assistant coach for my son's 14U AA travel team.)

- **Deacon's Report and Technology:**
Deacon Bob Tewes
Deacon Bob reported he is collecting ideas for favorite hymns to sing this summer. He is also finding people to perform special music during worship service. He is helping with the focus on vocation for worship this July.
- **Commission & Committee Report Highlights**
No items

8. Old Business

- **Capital Campaign/Bathroom remodeling: Update**
Drommerhausen reported there is \$63,000 to pay on the project, with \$41,000 in the bank. Drommerhausen made a motion to use Thrivent Choice Funds to pay a portion of the capital campaign costs up to \$10,000, with dollar-for-dollar matching with congregation funds. Munyer seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was approved.
- **Constitution**
No items.

- **75th Celebration: October 10, 2021**
Munyer reported that the committee has sent letters inviting former pastors and members who have become pastors to come speak. He also said they have been reaching out to founding members to write their stories/reflections about the founding of the church. Pastor Shane will formally send the founding members a letter, as well.

9. New/Other Business

President Tims suggested the following agenda for the mid-year Annual meeting on June 27th:

- Budget
- Strategic plan update
- Capital campaign
- Elections
- Community building after Covid-19
- 75th Anniversary celebration.

Drommerhausen suggested a new line item be added to the budget to prepare for and track expenses related to online worship. Discussion from the council members about the benefits of online worship, including new members and people attending who would not otherwise.

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 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Laura McKibben
Grace Lutheran Church Council Secretary



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
				1 8:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	2	3
4 9:00a Worship Service In person and Online 	5 BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSED	6 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting	7 9:00a Sewing Day 10:00a Youth on the Lake Day	8 8:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	9	10
11 9:00a Worship Service In person and Online	12 1:30p SAIL 6:00p Hardanger Group	13 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting 6:30p Council Meeting	14 10:00a Service Project @ Myre-Big Island	15 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> 8:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL 	16	17 9:00a EVERYONE VBS 
18 9:00a Worship Service In person and Online 9:00a EVERYONE VBS 	19 1:30p SAIL 6:00p Hardanger Group	20 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting	21 9:00a Sewing Day 7:00p Youth Bonfire	22 8:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	23	24
25 9:00a Worship Service In person and Online	26 1:30p SAIL 6:00p Hardanger Group	27 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting	28 9:00a Salvation Army Food Pantry Service Day 9:15a Martha Circle	29 8:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	30 10:00a Grace Notes Mail Prep for Mailing	31

Grace Prays

Prayers of Healing

Gwen Baas
Sue Ranney
Anna Nottleson
(granddaughter of Judy Menssen)
Arlene Levine
Roger Bjorklund
Judy Menssen
Marjorie Dann
Solveig Peterson
Truman Thron
Julie Olson
(sister of Jeanne Schindler)
Jane Buege

Prayers for those Grieving

Family and friends of **Lucille Gripentrog**
Family and friends of **Dean Claassen**
(grandfather of Pastor Shane {Janelle} Koepke and
great-grandfather of Brecken & Evelyn)
Family and friends of **Dorothy Schoonover**
(mother of Tina {Matt} Kermes)

Prayers of Joy

The birth of **Beckham Henry LaFrance**,
son of Darin & Nicole LaFrance

VBS for EVERYONE!

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.

JULY

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

1. Sharon O'Byrne
2. Donna Oakland
3. Gary & Karen Ohlmann
4. Rich & Ann Oliphant
5. Mike & Nikki Olsen, Logan, Ledger
6. Bruce & Diane Olson
7. Jeff & Carol Olson
8. LeAnn Olson
9. Marlene Olson
10. Robert & Regis Olson
11. Steven & Barbara Olson
12. Travis & Jill Olson, Nicholas
13. William & Rita Olson
14. Steven & Kari Oman, Ajay, Cassandra
15. Pastor Milt Ost
16. Sandra Ostrem
17. Rick & Kathi Overocker
18. Roy Page
19. Bruce & Pat Palmer
20. Darin & Tonia Palmer, Gracie, Alex
21. Mavis Parrish
22. Arnold & Sharon Pasche
23. Roger & Kristy Paul
24. Chris & Shannon Paulsen,
Wyatt, Zachary
25. Milton & Elaine Paulsen
26. Tamra Paulson, Mayzie, Bryxlie, Ryker
27. Julie Pearson
28. Shirley Pearson
29. Raymond & Carol Pedersen
30. Nicholas & Lisa Pederson,
Aleesha, Dominick, Jaxon, Colton, Ella
31. John & Mary Penley



July

Caring and Sharing

Annette Besco
JoAnn & Steven Bracker
Carolyn Breuer
Cathy Bronson
Sharon & Mark Christian
Evelyn Egland
Linda Ferguson
Becky & Mick Hanson
Arylss & Richard Haug
Wanda & Michael Hoiseth
Jeannie & Scott Jackson
Amy & Jeffery Kelley
Jody & Brad Kirchner
Christma & Todd Lange
Merilynn & Ronald Linde
Kari Matson
Judy & Jim Munyer
Jean & Larry Nelson
Sandra Norby
Elaine & Milton Paulsen
Sandy & Larry Petersen
Analynn & Scott Peterson
Linda Pierick
Jeanne & Gary Schindler
Jennifer Swenson
Angela Tappe

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES for Adults at Grace

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

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

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

Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:00-8:00 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 (Does not meet during the summer)

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

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

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



REACH THE SUN

The quickest way for anyone to reach the sun and the light of day is not to run west, chasing after the setting sun, but to head east, plunging into the darkness until one comes to the sunrise. ... Walk into the darkness rather than try to outrun it.

—Gerald Sittser, *A Grace Disguised*

Gifts of Love

ALTAR GUILD

In Memory Of:

Dorothy Schoonover, mother of Tina Kermes given by Mark, Karen Sara & Amy Sanderson

BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAMS

In Memory Of:

Cheryl Page given by Linda Andersen

Jim Madson given by Linda Andersen, Gary & Karen Ohlman

Paul Foss given by Linda Andersen

Dorothy Schoonover, mother of Tina Kermes given by Hazel Spiering

Diane Natzel, sister of Marsha Smith, given by Ona Meyer

Gifts Given By:

Otto Bremer Trust, Martha Circle, Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

BALL SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory Of:

Paul Tomczak given by Bob Ball & Laura McKibben

BATHROOM RENOVATION/BOILER/BUILDING/ ROOF/FURNACE FUND

In Memory Of:

Lucy Gripentrog given by Carlyn Tufte

Julie Jasperson given by Kent Jasperson

Gift Given By:

Carroll & Mavis Hanson

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In Memory Of:

Dean Claassen, grandfather of Pastor Shane Koepke given by Bill & Gwen Groskurth

Dorothy Schoonover, mother of Tina Kermes given by Jerry & Gerry Vogt

Diane Natzel, sister of Marsha Smith given by Dave & Sally Skrlin

FOOD SHELF

Gift Given By:

Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

LOVE OFFERING

Gift Given By:

LaVerne Sebersen, Richard & Darlene Jordahl

MARTIN LUTHER FUND

In Memory Of:

Dean Claassen, grandfather of Pastor Shane Koepke given by Hazel Spiering

Dorothy Schoonover, mother of Tina Kermes given by Dex & Janet Henschel, Dorothy & Dale Baldwin

Diane Natzel, sister of Marsha Smith given by Dorothy & Dale Baldwin

MATHEWS SCHOLARSHIP

In Honor Of:

Mark & Karen Stuart's Anniversary given by Ron & Betty Mathews

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory Of:

Jim Madson given by Richard & Darlene Jordahl, Barb Tullberg, Michael & Monica Hobbiebrunken, Scott & Julie Ramlo, Linda Ferguson

Cheryl Page given by Ron & Merilynn Linde

PRAYER GARDEN

In Memory Of:

Cheryl Page given by Sue Smith, Richard & Darlene Jordahl

Deb Koenigs given by Sue Smith

Julie Jasperson given by Kent Jasperson

Dorothy Schoonover given by Bob & Patty Tewes

Les Tufte on Father's Day given by Mary Tufte

Gift Given By:

Carroll & Mavis Hanson

VAN FUND

Gift Given By:

Sandy Fredrickson



PLEASE NOTE that any additional "Gifts of Love" recorded by the church office after June 20, 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.

Online Giving

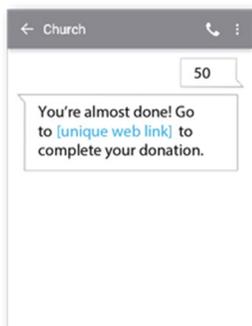


TEXT YOUR DONATION

Simply text your seasonal gift amount to 833-939-1383 and then follow the instruction on your phone to complete your donation.

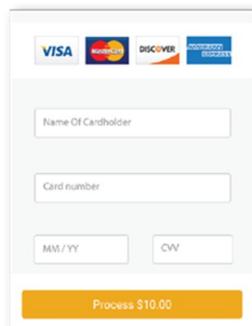
1. Get Started

Enter our 10-digit Vanco Text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.



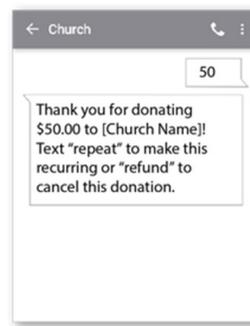
2. Register

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."



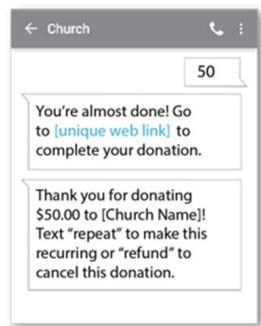
3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.



4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



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



SUMMER CAMP 2021

FAITH & FUN FOR ALL AGES!

WWW.GOOD EARTH VILLAGE.ORG

(507) 346-2494



QUARTERS FOR WORLD HUNGER

On Friday June 11, 2021, the United Nations issued a report that over 350,000 people in Ethiopia's Tigray province are facing famine and over 2 million are just one step away. Ongoing conflict has forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee causing loss of harvests and income. It projects that between July and September the number of people facing famine will rise to over 400,000. ELCA World Hunger continues to provide help, but they need our prayers and donations of money.



NO FAIR TRADE COFFEE
Until further notice



Remember your coins for Sunday's Noisy Offering!

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Sunday Worship
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GENEROSITY AT GRACE



Thanks for your attendance In Person or Online 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.

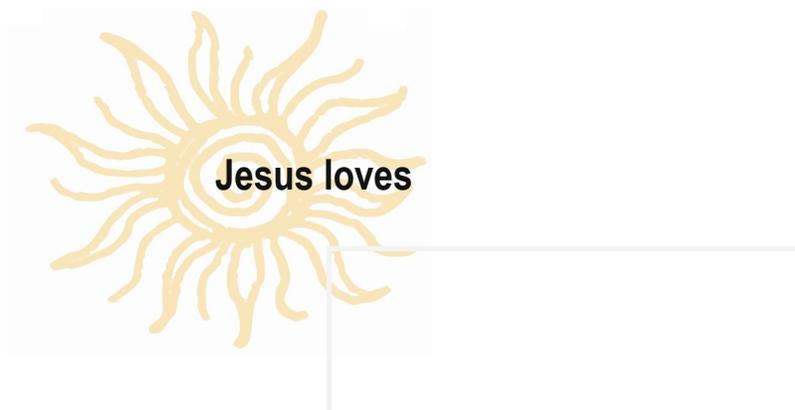
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