



Grace Notes
September
2017

Grace Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Pen:

1 John 1:5-7⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Have you ever stepped out of bed in the dead of night and injured your foot? Perhaps you stepped on a child's toy that has been left out, pointy side up. Or maybe your dearly beloved spouse moved something in your room and you broke a toenail walking through what had been a clear path last time you had seen it.

Having the light on makes a big difference. It helps to see what's in front of you. That way you can avoid the hot wheels, loose clothes and recently relocated furniture. For instance, it's so much easier to come down stairs when you see the steps, versus trying to count them in the dark. The light of Christ helps us to see this world more clearly as well. We see it with the help of God's Word, particularly Jesus' instructions and the teachings of the men who were his apostles.

We certainly need that extra light in our lives. The Bible tells us that we are spiritually blind. Without God's Holy Spirit and the light of Christ, we don't always recognize when God's giving us directions. For instance, the world, even the disciples, did not immediately recognize that God was talking to them through Jesus. Worse yet, we often make the mistake of calling God's Word bad, or trying to get rid of the Word; for this reason the world crucified Jesus instead of hailing him as Lord.

That's why it's so important to regularly be in God's Word. You don't just turn the lights on for a moment and then turn them off to navigate the way to the bathroom. When I'm searching for my lost keys I don't just turn the light on for a second and then flip the switch off. Rather, I leave the light on so that I can continue to search for the missing item.

We don't just need to flip the light of Christ on once a year or once a month, we need it regularly in our life. Otherwise we're blind to our own sin, and worse yet we are often blind to the love and forgiveness that God wants to offer us. We can't receive the guidance, comfort and grace of God if we don't leave the light on in our life! That's why it's so important to keep hearing God's word through regular worship attendance and time in God's Word. Thank God that He will always provide the light. All we need to do is come to Him and He will provide the light!

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending us the light of the world in Jesus Christ. Help us to see this world more clearly. Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our hearts with Good News of Christ crucified for sinners. In Jesus' name, Amen.

In Christ, Pastor Greg

Growing in Your Faith

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION at 10:10 a.m.

Adult Bible Study – Conference Room on Verdin Avenue. Led by Laura Goodell.

Sunday School-Sunday School Room-ages 4-grade 5

Jr. Confirmation-Youth Room. Grades 6 & 7. Led by Pastor Greg.

CHRIST CARE GROUP MINISTRIES

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm- led by Shirley Fischvogt, 574-5623 and Donna Nimmo, 812-637-3297. Call for location. Topic: Entrusted-A Study of Timothy by Beth Moore. **Begins Sept. 5th.**

Thursday (1st, 3rd, 5th) evenings at 7:00 pm-Led by Sherri Thompson, 598-9422. **Begins 9/21 or 10/1.**

OTHER BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 pm-Christian Basics for kids, led by Pastor Greg in the Youth room.

Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. – Conference Room on Verdin Avenue. Led by Pastor Greg. Topic: Amos

Last two Thursdays of the month at 1:00 p.m.-Snack and Scripture Bible Study in the café, led by Pastor Greg.

Office Hours:

Monday-9-4 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-8-3 pm

July Official Acts

Baptism-Daniella Masonga, 7/30/17

August Official Acts

Funeral-Jim Fischvogt, 8/5/17

Serving in September 2017

Altar Guild:

9:00 am Enma Ross, Gwen Linthicum, Sherry Smith

11:10 am Kathy LaFollette, Danny Thomas

Elders:

9:00 am-Bill Thompson; 11:10 am-

HARVEST HOME PARADE IS SEPT. 7TH! Grace is marching.
Be at Grace NO LATER than 4:15 to ride on float. Children must
be accompanied by an adult.

SUPER SATURDAY VBS!

September 9th

10:30 am-12:30 pm

Sign-up sheet is in the Verdin entryway.

Rally Day for Sunday School & Confirmation
is Sept. 10th at 10:10 am in the Boudinot lot.

Grace Homework Hub

Each Monday, Grace will open the library to provide a quiet place for neighborhood kids to do homework. Adults will be on hand to provide assistance if needed. Please call the office if you are able to help.

LWML Fall Retreat is September 23rd!

This One Day Event will take place at 9:00 am at The Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Registration forms are available and due by Sept. 19th. Topic: Luther, The Bible and Reformation. Speaker-Dr. Phillip Penhallegon, Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Milan, MI. Grace is asked to provide 50-100 Jello cups for Ronald McDonald House. Bags will be assembled at the event.

Thanks to Ruth Kannenberg for making bean bags for Tiny Tot Tuesday!

Braille work resumes on September 18th at 1:00 pm. FYI-Braille began at Grace on November 10, 1977. Thanks to all who have helped over the years!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Open Gym is each Wednesday, 3-5 pm for ages 5-15. **Adults are needed for supervision.**

Tiny Tot Tuesday is September 5th and 19th, 9:30 -11:30 am for children age 5 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **FREE!**

Rally Day is September 10th, 10:10 am.

Super Saturday is September 9th, 10:30-12:30 pm.

Homework Hub opens on September 11th and is each Monday., 2:45-4 pm.

September Community Dinner is Sept. 12th, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

Bake Sale is September 17th between services. Proceeds to benefit LWML Mites and Open Gym activities.

See calendar attachment for all activities and times.

The PBS broadcast of *Martin Luther-The Idea That Changed The World* is September 12th at 8:00 pm.

If you would like to donate to Hurricane Harvey Relief you may send your donation to:

The LCMS

P.O. Box 66861

St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Be sure to put "Hurricane Harvey Disaster" in the memo section of your check.



September

5th-Cady Wullenweber

12th-Ryan Evans

13th-Hannah Nimmo

**14th-Howard Eggerding-97!,
Laura Goodell**

**18th-Grace Bredenfoerder-
99!**

22nd-Brad Gebhardt

28th-Chuck Birkholtz



Remember in your prayers

Del Bowling, Carol Bowling, Howard Eggerding, Dave and Linda Eisele, Margaret Fischvogt, Dawn and Emmaleigh Howard, Becky Kannenberg, Tom Knabe, Elisabeth Manor, Ken Mattie, Linda McCabe, Donna Nimmo, Ken Ross, Clara Schablein, David Stamper, Ruth Thomas, Chase, and Clyde Wullenweber.

Friends of the parish: Landon Amand, Mike Bender, Dan Brunsman, Paul Chapman, Steve Cheesebrew, Dick Cranston, Evangeline Devol, Beth Earles, Kathy Enterline, Ken Gardner, Kelly Hampton, David Hensley, Madison Hochman, Matt Kammerer, Jarred Kimble, Sue Kuehm, Jen Lichtenberger, Marty Link, Dena Papin, Lisa Pfaehler, Charlie & Jackie Phillips, Kelly Reupert, Jen Robben, Ken Schnell, Carl Servizzi, Jan Shively, Grace Singler, Ken Spille, Nancy Thomas, Eric Thompson, Jon Veite, Ann Wade, Steve Westerkamp, Reagan Woodburn and Hannah Ziesmann.

Those serving our country: Michael Kappa, Michael Lee, Andy Goff, Craig Martin and Dana Rolfes.

Missionaries: Roeske family in Alaska, the Esala family

Gifts given to Grace:

In honor of Ken Mattie: MM Bill Thompson, Mr. Tim Moller

In loving memory of Jim Fischvogt: Marie Moeller, MM Richard Smith, Becky

Stamper, MM Charlie Otten, MM Brad Gebhardt, MM Bill Thompson, MM Dan Niehaus, MM Bill Schmithorst, Elaine Cheesebrew, MM Dave Ringshauser, MM Gary Goldfuss, MM Mark Eggerding, Danielle English, Laura Goodell, Carol Smith, MM Scott Kuwatch, MM Gil Stadtmiller, MM Hugh Schaffer, MM Paul Parks, MM Donald Gerhardt, Phyllis Morganroth, MM Jack Davis, Dave Schwoeppe, MM Barry Weir, Janice Jackson



WESTFED FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

September items: Spaghetti, sauce, canned veggies

Please continue to save brown paper grocery bags for use by the pantry. Boxes for bags and food donations are located upstairs and downstairs. Monetary donations are always welcomed. Make checks payable to "GLC" and memo "WestFed" on the check.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Don't forget "Mighty Mites" collected the first Sunday of each month. When you "feed" that hungry Mite box, your offerings support the missions in the Ohio District and around the world. The LWML Ohio District receives 75% of these offerings and 25% is sent to the National LWML.

At the national level your "mites" support Redeeming Life Maternity Home in Sanford, Florida with a \$100,000 grant.

Your Ohio District "mites" support Project Hope for the Homeless at Zion Lutheran Church in Painesville, Ohio with a \$10,000 grant. Working with Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Ohio, this grant will assist Project Hope in responding to the human hurts and hopes of homeless persons in Lake County, Ohio by providing emergency shelter, care and guidance in the name of Jesus Christ.

2016-2018 LWML Ohio District Mission Goal for Mites: \$205, 000.00

Mites received as of June, 2017: \$97,876.00

Mites needed each month for the next 14 months: \$9,775.00

**2015-2017 LWML National Level
Mission Goal for Mites: \$2,000,000**



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
KINGDOM CONCEPT

The members of Grace Lutheran Church glorify God and make disciples by engaging the community through educational opportunities and using these opportunities to intentionally share Christ.

"VISION MARKS"

Together we will
Proclaim the
Be increasingly
Bring Christ's
Constantly

GROW in God's Word
REDEMPTION through God's Grace
ACTIVE in service to the Lord
CARE to our community and beyond
EQUIPPING believers for a life of Discipleship

MISSION STATEMENT: We go in service to all people – sharing, caring and teaching – to bring them to Christ.

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