

### Grace Lutheran Church

#### HILLTOP LIGHTS

September 2019



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#### WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Note the worship times for services at the beginning of the month!

September 1 12th Sunday after Pentecost Setting 10

One worship service at 9:00 AM.

September 8 13th Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day Setting 4

9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
One worship service at 10:30 AM.

11:30 am Picnic and God's Work/Our Hands Projects

September 15 14th Sunday after Pentecost Setting 6

3rd Graders Bible Milestone

September 22 15th Sunday after Pentecost Service of the Word

3-year olds Story Bible Milestone

September 29 16th Sunday after Pentecost Setting 8

4-year olds Prayer Pillow Milestone

#### SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

9/15

3rd graders receive

Bibles

3rd grader/parent class to learn how to use the

9/22

Bibles.

3 yr. olds receive story

Bibles

9/29

4 yr. olds receive prayer pillows

3/4 yr. old parent class on using story Bibles and prayer pillows



#### **Rally Day Events September 8**

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:15 AM.

3 yr olds-5th graders meet in the sanctuary

Middle & High School meets in the fellowship hall

Adult class meets in the Gathering Room downstairs by the nursery.

- One worship service at 10:30 AM at which we will install Sunday school teachers.
- FREE Community Picnic following worship. The worship committee is providing hot dogs, chips, cookies, water
- God's Work Our Hands Projects as part of the Community Picnic

We'll receive donations for classroom Hygiene supplies for Cleveland Elementary.

You can give a financial donation or bring items such as Kleenex, hand sanitizer, or wet wipes.

Prayer Station where members will pray for the concerns people bring

**Garden Produce Exchange** — Members can bring garden produce to exchange or give for those who would like to have fresh vegetables.

**Youth Car Wash** Youth will be washing cars for free!

Meet at 9:15 AM in the narthex that day to help set up. We will also need help putting things away when it is done.

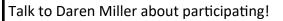


#### Music Rehearsals begin September 4

- Adult Chimes at 6:30 PM on Wednesday Evenings
- Celebrant Choir at 7:00 PM on Wednesday Evenings
- during Sunday SchoolGrace Alive, Singing Men, and Singing Women

• P3-4th Grade Music, 5/6 Chimes, & 7/8 Chimes meet

 Grace Alive, Singing Men, and Singing Women scheduled 2-3 weeks before they sing/lead worship



#### FROM THE PASTOR

September is here and that means the church building is going to get busier. Lots of ministry happened in the summer, but much of it has taken place outside the walls of the church — Bible camp, book group, bible study, Women's events and more has been happening. Now we're ready to kick off another school year of ministry. It's going to get busier. Look for some new programs especially the youth group for elementary aged children. This will be in addition to Sunday school and family ministry activities. We would like to build relationships and fellowship among the children of this age. If you would like to help, there will be many ways to be involved.

You will note from the council minutes that Grace was asked by Lutheran Social Services to temporarily use our building for a neighborhood ministry for school age children, which currently meets at Hilltop United Methodist Church. That congregation is having to do

some foundation repairs because of water leaking (sound familiar) and some roof repairs and so the space the program uses will not be ideal. The Council approved moving forward on exploring this, contingent on their licensing. The council thought that we should do this since it serves our neighbors and a partner ministry. However, LSS was NOT able to get the temporary licensing to use Grace, so the program will NOT be here this fall. LSS is very grateful, though, that we were willing to do this. Pray for their program that things go smoothly while their space is being repaired.

Thanks! The ELCA Churchwide Assembly met in August and passed several memorials, quite a few of which addressed reaching out to neighbors especially those in need. One that has been in the news relates to being a sanctuary denomination. There has been some misinformation out there about this memorial. The ELCA has long been a church that has reached out to serve immigrants and refugees. ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and SD Synod Bishop David Zelmer have provided helpful information about what this memorial means for our denominations and for congregations. Copies of their pastoral letters are on the information table. A summary report of the Churchwide Assembly is also available there.

We Lutherans are a *big tent* church. We find members along the whole spectrum when it comes to social matters. But we agree on the power of grace and that God gifts everyone with grace and love in order to draw them into the kingdom. We all serve one Lord to the best of our abilities. God uses each one of us and it is He who brings the kingdom. As we begin another \_\_\_\_\_\_

ministry year at Grace I encourage you to think about how you want to be involved in growing your faith and serving your neighbor through the many opportunities that are in our congregation.

Blessings on your September!

Pastor Siri

**Pastoral Acts:** Wedding of Darcie Bermudez and Ryan Heaton on 8/23/2019.

#### **PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES OF GRACE**

Each week you are invited to pray for these families:

#### September 1-7: Shepherding District 20, Zone A

Jerrod Atkinson, Cole, Landon; Ralph & Gail Dybdahl; Greg & Chelsea Koch, Violet; Judy Nearman; Roger & Cheri Schumacher

#### September 8-14: Shepherding District 20, Zone B

Woody & Kathy Clauson; Homer & Marie Daniel; Glenyce DeGeest; Delores Mueller, Olivia;

#### September 15-21: Shepherding District 21, Zone A

Diane & Rich Andresen, Katie Archer; Hannah Best; Pete & Rhonda Bruggeman, Haley, Cade; Shelby & Brady Marsh, Addison, Aubrey; Marilyn & Rod Renback, Kirsten & Ross

#### September 22-28: Shepherding District 21, Zone B

Brian & Leah Ekeren, Rayne; Dick Neish; Larry & Deb Nelson, Austin, Blaine; Shirley Ziebarth

#### September 29-October 5: Shepherding District 22B

Maxine Bickett; Inge Erdmann; Clair Frevik; Harold Hanson; Ginger Kapsch, Erin, Taylor; Dave Stotz



**The Email Prayer Chain** is organized to pray for members' requests and concerns. Sharon Dierks — 271-0359 or dsdierks2@gmail.com — takes requests and then sends the email so that the members are notified promptly and begin the prayers. To join the email prayer chain, send Sharon an email request.

#### THANK YOU TO

- Kay Dahlquist, Krista Olson, & Daren Miller, Len Tschetter, the Singing Men, and Gea Eckhoff & Nick Fosheim for special music in August.
- To those who have been mowing the lawn this summer.
- To Joyce Cunningham, Judy McKittrick, and Carol Conrad for tending the Memorial Prayer Garden.
- All who have provided coffee treats for fellowship time.
- To Sharon Hetland for her care of the indoor plants.
- To Dick Neish and Jazlyn White for delivery the school supplies to Ideal.
- To Mark Conrad and John Camp for placing the old church sign by the east door.

#### **Hospital Calling**

If you are hospitalized and do not receive a visit from either Rita Blake or Pastor Siri within a day or two, your name is not coming up on our hospital list. Please call the office to let us know. This often happens if you go into the hospital through the Emergency Department. We cannot get lists from the VA or Specialty Hospital, so let us know if you are at one of these.



## GRACE LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING August 6, 2019

Brian Penn opened with Devotions. Next meeting will be September 3, 2019 with Devotions by Worship, Dave Dierks.

**Present:** Jeff Eckhoff, Dave Dierks, Brad Schriber, Roger Peters, Rita Blake, Michelle Brandenburg, Lisa Jasmer, Brian Penn, Becky Smith, Elaine Tatge, Deb Schriber, Mark Conrad, Pastor Siri Sorenson

Secretary's Report was approved.

**Old Business:** God's Work-Our Hands Sunday is Rally Day, September 8. We plan to collect classroom hygiene supplies for Cleveland, hold the picnic, have a garden produce exchange, car wash, and prayer station again. Sunday school will start at 9:15 with one worship at 10:30. Long Range Planning update: small groups getting input are finishing up and the whole committee will meet at the end of August to pull things together.

**New Business:** Next month budget worksheets will be handed out to begin planning for next year. Roger can give detailed and updated expense reports for those who would like. Bishop Installation service is Saturday, September 7 at 2:00 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran. It is open to all, but Synod would like RSVPs for planning purposes. Planning Calendars for 2019-2020 were included in Council packet. If you have items to add, let Pastor Siri know.

LSS proposal: LSS would like to use Grace as a temporary location for the afterschool program currently at Hilltop Methodist which is experiencing water problems and needing to do roof repair. The anticipated time frame is end of August through January 2020. Many of the children attend Cleveland and walk to the program which is targeted to children whose families couldn't afford such a program. The consensus was that we should help out our neighbors and partner ministry. They would like to start by August 22 when school starts so the council voted to authorize Jeff Eckhoff and Pastor Siri Sorenson to move forward with LSS and enter into a use agreement. All expenses will be paid by LSS including any damage. They will do daily custodial duties. They understand that the space is already used on some days by other groups and they accommodate funerals.

**Treasurer's Report:** Total Deposits through July 31, were \$206,698.42. Expenses for same period \$214,359.82. Checking account balance end of July was \$32.05. Payroll taxes / Benevolences up to date. We had to borrow \$6,390.00 in June and \$2,800.00 in July from the Berg Fund. In June we paid a quarterly insurance payment. Giving is down in the summer. Talked about the church van and wondered if we need to keep it, since it is not being used at this time. Will do some exploring and put this on the agenda for September.

**Pastor's Report:** Submitted written report. June and July activities included: 2 funerals, care for those in need, planning for fall, setting up a Bread Sunday with Bread Break, and taking two weeks of vacation.

Evangelism Committee: Met with Long Range Planning subcommittee to provide input for future.

**Worship:** Asked for feedback on not ushering out and will continue this into the fall. Planned picnic for Rally Day. Also reported on the upcoming Golf Outing. Any proceeds will go to the new Elementary Youth Group and Toilet Paper Challenge. **Stewardship:** Did not meet.

**Women of Grace:** Had breakfast on August 1. Held at the church at a later time and attendance was up significantly. Planning for Soup and Pie on October 6. Ticket prices will be the same. Elicited feedback on where to give the proceeds and the Women's Executive Board will decide from the suggestions given.

**Communications and Tech:** Get screen announcements to Becky by Wednesday so she has time to make them and preview them. Sign up on-line is working. It's a slow process and she encourages all who call to give people the link so they can get used to doing it. At least get peoples' emails so they will get the reminders. Will begin mid-month email blasts again and will include volunteers needed. Preparing a slide show for Rally Day highlighting all that happened over the summer.

**Music Ministry:** Choir schedule will be out this week. Replaced some chimes and mic chords. Working on improving Facebook sound quality. New Grace Alive liturgy is well received so will include that in worship service rotations. Have a tentative plan for Christmas Music Sunday.

**Faith and Family:** Written Report submitted. Met with LRP group to provide input. Had a very successful VBS under the theme "God's Game Plan." Working on getting the Elementary Youth Group going with interested parents. Did calendar planning for upcoming school year.

Parish Nurse: Written report submitted. Took some time to go to Baltimore. Attended two funerals.

Youth and Young Adult: Written report submitted. Attended camps with MS and HS youth. Upcoming events noted. Will start seminary classes on September 4.

**Church & Society:** Filled 40 backpacks for Ideal with some extra supplies. Dick Neish will deliver next week. Will begin collecting for TP Challenge

**Property:** Written Report submitted. Need some new volunteers to help with Memorial Garden. Going to key game and proprooms.

#### Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Siri Sorenson, secretary pro tem

#### **OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM**

#### I NECESSITIES FOR NEIGHBORS — TOILET PAPER CHALLENGE

Once again we are collecting toilet paper for the Necessities for Neighbors. For the past several years, we have collected enough for Charis Ministries to distribute at both "Necessities" and Food to You for about three months. Grace will serve Necessities for Neighbors on November 3.



#### Thank you for the School Supplies!

The people of Ideal, SD are so grateful for the gift. The supplies were delivered in mid-August by **Dick Neish.**They also delivered quite a few of the clothes that have

They also delivered quite a few of the clothes that have been received over the summer as well. Your generosity has touched the lives of many!

**GARDENERS NEEDED!** Those who tend the outside garden are looking for some additional volunteers to help with the maintenance of it. If you would be interested in helping talk to Pastor Siri or Joyce Cunningham.

Foot Care Clinic is Tuesday, September 17. All the appointments are filled right now but if you are interested talk to Rita Blake, Parish Nurse.

#### **CONFIRMATION AND EDUCATION**

The 2018-2019 Youth Activity and Confirmation Orientation for 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on Rally Day, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an introduction to the confirmation program for this year and will also include information about youth activities for the year.

**The Fall Acolyte Schedule** is now on *Sign up Central.* You can access it from the Facebook Page or the Ipad on the Information Table. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will have an acolyte orientation during Sunday school on one of the September 15.

#### Thank You to our Education Staff for 2019-2020

P3 Robin & Keith Nipp 1st/2nd Kate Archer 5th/6th Grade Robin Hofkamp 9th Grade John Archer P4/K Jessica Weber 3rd/4th Tammi Soutar 7th/8th Grade Darrell Griggs High School Brian Penn Adult Pastor Woody Clauson Music: Kay Dahlquist, Alicia Peterson, Christine Verba

Faith & Family Committee: Wendy Bergen, Jen Beyer, Robin Hofkamp, Amanda Johnson, Jessica Weber, Tammi Soutar

Director of Faith & Family Ministry: Lisa Jasmer

#### ADULT EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**AGING GRACEFULLY meets on Thursday, September 5 at 9:30 AM.** The speaker is Rich Koele from Hope Haven which manufactures and distributes wheelchairs to children and adults worldwide. Karen Shea is providing treats.

**Grief Support Group** meets on Tuesday, September 10 at 10:00 AM in the meeting room at church to provide support for those who have suffered loss of any kind.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets on Tuesdays, September 10th and 24th at 6:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee & rolls provided.

"Why not give it a try?" or "Why not?" "Give it a try"

Either way you say it, you are invited to give the Adult bible study class a try. The first class meets on Sept. 8 at 9:15 AM in the Gathering Place downstairs across from the nursery. We sill be studying I Corinthians. Paul's letter to the Corinthians is among some of the earliest Christian writings we have. It begins by reminding us about Paul and his teachings & then looking at the way these themes are applied in addressing the struggles facing the Corinthians. We begin and end with the certainty of the faithfulness and love of God. Come and give it a try!!



A Novel Idea book group is a small group that reads fictional, books throughout the year. The group meets on September 29 at 9:30 AM in the meeting room across from the office. The book for September is *Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine*. The novel focuses on 29-year-old Eleanor Oliphant, a social misfit who becomes enamored of a singer she sees performing named Johnnie Lomond, whom she believes she is destined to be with. If you have questions before then, email Becky Smith at beckyjsmith80@bmail.com. ALL ARE WELCOME!



## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE FOR CIRCLES

H: Hostess C: Co-Hostess

B: Bible Study

Martha Circle meets 9:30 AM Thursday, Sept. 19 in the Fellowship Hall

H: Karen Jorgensen

C: Marie Nessan

B: Gretchen Tweet

Hannah Circle meets 7:00 PM Thursday, Sept. 19

At Kay Dahlquist's home

H: Kay Dahlquist C: Cindy Hofer

B: Gretchen Tweet

Altar Guild—Mary Beth Jacobson & Julie Miller

Kitchen upkeep & Acolyte gowns— Sharon Hetland & Sue Hooyer

Sunshine Person—Robin Hofkamp

#### **SHETEK WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**women's** October 25-26, 2019

A retreat for women of all ages. Come to camp to be renewed in your faith, relax with other women in Christian community and spend time in God's beautiful creation. *Invite a friend who has not been to the retreat before and you both receive a \$10 discount!* Or if you're new, you get the \$10 discount also.



## SOUP, PIE, AND COUNTRY STORE Sunday, Oct 6, 4-7:00 PM

We will have silent auction items, Second Hand Heaven, & the Country Store . Sign up sheets will be available in September to bring soup,

pie, cool whip, and items for the Country Store or Silent Auction. We will need LOTS of help!! If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Dierks (271-0359) or any member of the WOG executive board.

**SECOND HAND HEAVEN** (formerly Grandma's Attic) will be accepting donations until **September 29**. Please no clothing, bedding, electronics, or VHS tapes. You can leave items downstairs

Date	Pledges, Loose, & Sunday School	Benevolence	Rent & Misc. Income	Special Funds & Memorials	Attendance
August 4	\$3,3368.69	\$26.00		\$20.00 Berg Fund	112
August 11	\$2,801.64			\$495.76 Spark bibles	105
August 18	\$2,231.00			\$135 Spark bibles \$900 from golf tourney	160
August 25	\$1,537.00		600.00	\$120 Spark bibles	143
Simply Giving	\$11,973.00			\$75.00 Evangelism	



We are designating the kids' Noisy Offering to purchase SPARK Story Bibles to be placed in the pews. We currently give these bibles to 3 year olds. Each bible

costs \$15 if you are interested in donating the cost in honor or in memory of someone special. Our goal is to purchase 64 copies. There are envelopes on the information table to make a designation.

Start a
Small
Group

Is there a need you see? Do you want to study a particular book of the Bible? Are you looking to connect with peo-

ple? What programming would **YOU** like to see at Grace? We have several small groups now but maybe they aren't a good fit for you or your family—let us know your ideas and we will try to get things started!! Start brainstorming!!

Let's build community!!

## Anniversary Celebration house, Sunday, Se

Charlie and Sharon Pedersen are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with an open

house, Sunday, Sept. 22, 2-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and help them celebrate!



Thanks to all of you who remembered my 80th birthday with

calls, cards, and other personal greetings.
Eighty years went by so quickly! I appreciate
all of my Grace Lutheran family and friends.
God's peace and blessings to each of you!

**Marge Olawsky** 

#### 3rd Annual Golf Outing Thank You!!

Thanks to everyone that golfed in the golf outing and to everyone who donated prizes. We had 36 golfers and had a great time! The money raised will be donated to the Toilet paper fund and the new Grace Kids youth program for our younger youth.



## Youth and Young Adult

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# **Return Soon!**

Welcome back! We missed you! We all had a busy, but hope you eventful summer. With the return to school it is also time to return for youth group.

Middle school youth group will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 6:30-7:30pm. All 6th-8th grade students are welcome.

High school youth group will begin on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 7:30-8:30pm. All 9th-12th grade students are welcome.

## Youth Groups MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING In November At Joy Ranch

November 15-17, 2019 or November 22-24, 2019

Gather with your friends at Joy Ranch for the weekend.

Get ready for an adventure in faith certainly welcome. in the new frontier of Joy Ranch. Stay in JR's Bunkhouse, enjoy Rootbeer floats and games in the Thirsty Boot Saloon and hang out in Wild Bill's Game Room.

You will be spending the weekend with the amazing Joy Ranch staff,

adults from your church and peers from around South Dakota. You don't need to pack along your boots and cowboy hats for this wild west adventure, but they are



GRACE KIDS, our new youth group for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, starts on Sept. 11th! We will meet from 6:30pm-7:45pm. All Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome to join us as we use **TeamKID:** All In to help grow young disciples by strengthening their relation-

ships with God and with one another through education and having fun. It features Bible exploration through stories, games and fun activity-based learning all while helping kids grow to be more like Jesus. There is a sign up link on our website where parents can sign their children up for the nights they plan to attend (This is helpful for our planning, it give us an idea of how many kids to expect. Please sign your children up if you can, but kids are still welcome to attend even if they did not get signed up.) Adults who are interested in leading or helping may also sign up online for dates they are available to help. We will need approximately 2-4 adult leaders/helpers per session. Adults who are willing to help lead or assist are welcome and invited to stay for a session or two prior to helping if you would like to get a feel for how the group works and what we do. Please contact either Lisa Jasmer (lisa.mathiasonjasmer@gmail.com, 605-334-8625) or Brooke Penn (brooke21graham @yahoo.com) with any questions. We hope to see you there!



Kathy Johnson

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