

Receiving Christ Continually as God's People through Word and Sacrament



Grace Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Spotlighter - August 17

Our Mission Statement
Sharing **GRACE**

Growing in God's word
Reaching out with love
Announcing forgiveness
Calling the lost
Encouraging everyone

Visit Our Website

Worship Services
This Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Divine Worship

Wednesdays
Matins 8:30 a.m.
Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Lessons for this coming Sunday:
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 9:1-10
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69

Generosity Thoughts Mark 7:37 - "And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, 'He has done all things well.'" When God created the world it was "very good." And here Jesus does all things well. God is always blessing, always seeking our good. We know this is so... but we still struggle to believe it: for if we really believed it, why would we ever do anything contrary to God's will and Law? We know that everything He tells us to do is for our good... and yet we struggle in the weakness of the flesh. Lord we believe, help our unbelief!

Notices

- We have begun collecting for world relief kits this week. Lists of items needed are on the Usher's desk.

If your contact information changes, please notify the church office at 989-662-6161 or office.graceauburn@gmail.com

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays

Chelsey Frank, 17th; **Jodi Kent**, 17th; **Tim Reisig**, 17th; **Laurie Kozuch**, 18th; **Herb Pfundt**, 19th; **Joy Toth**, 19th; **Mary Machul**, 19th; **Cindy Diaz**, 20th; **Hilda Wegener**, 20th; **Lori Hockman**, 20th; **Dave Lederer**, 21st; **Kim Gray**, 24th; **Rosemary Bush**, 25th; **Gayle Wood**, 28th; **John Beckert**, 28th; **Lois Pruss**, 28th; **Sue Roth**, 28th; **Annette Rudick**, 29th; **Allyson Hundley**, 30th; **Fay Schroeder**, 31st;

Anniversaries

Andrew and Whitney Schmidt, 20th; **Gordon and Fay Schroeder**, 21st; **Dave Lederer and Julie Gray**, 22nd; **Jim and Janet Dietlein**, 29th; **Bob and Karen Wegener**, 31st

Prayer Requests: Melissa Netkowski, Shirley Gray, Gordon Marner, Jim Emerson, Ruth Roth, Tracey Storey, Roland Taglauer, Sandy Harrison (Patrick Harrison's mother), Irene Beethe (Kantor's mother) and Pastor David Hakes.



Encouraging One Another In our thoughts and prayers this week is Roland Taglauer. If you wish to send him a card or note, his address is 4205 S. Nine Mile Rd, Auburn.

GRACE YOUR CLOSET SOS: We could really use some volunteers for this Saturday, August 18 to help run the closet. If anyone is available from 10-12:30 we would love to have your help. Don't worry if you have not worked the closet before, it is easy work and very rewarding! If you can help out, please let Karla Weiss know. Thank you in advance for always supporting Grace Your Closet!

Quilting Our last August date is the 20th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. We continue to meet at the Gengler home at 1625 Wilder Rd. Bring a sack lunch and willing hands and hearts. No previous experience is needed as we have all kinds of tasks to perform, and most can be easily learned.

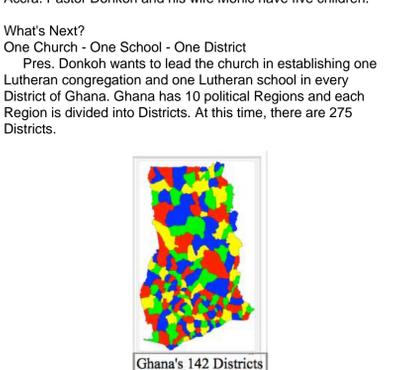
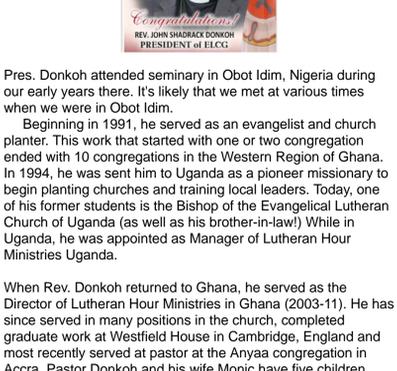


Monday Morning Bible Study will start up again this fall on September 10th at 10:00 am. Kantor Beethe will be facilitating the class. We will be studying "God's Word" from the Lutheran Difficult Series. From the introduction: "Sometimes it is difficult to understand why, if everyone is using the same Bible, there are different teachings across denominational lines. The differences do not reside in the written text, that is, the shapes formed by ink on paper. Rather, they lie primarily in the assumptions made by the readers. How do these Lutheran assumptions of biblical interpretation compare or contrast with those of other church bodies? How do they compare to your own?" Hope to see you there!

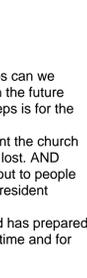
Thrivent Choice Dollars Thank you to all our members who have Thrivent products and who direct Thrivent Choice Dollars our way. To direct your portion of the Thrivent Choice Dollars go online or contact 1-800-847-4836.

Mats for the Homeless Can you crochet? Tie bags together and make a ball out of them? All of these jobs are important to make sleeping mats for the homeless. There has been ladies that have been working on some of these jobs during the summer and are ready to put the mats together. We need your help. Please join us on October 16 and November 20 from 6:30 to 8. We will start again on February 19 and March 19 from 6:30 to 8. Please join us on the 3rd Tuesday of those months.

Grace Lutheran Church Camp 2018
Thirteen families gathered at Coldwater Lake Family Camp-ground in Weidman for a weekend of fun and fellowship. As always there was volleyball, corn-hole, euche, marbles and lots of beach time since we shared with beautiful weather this year. We shared several meals together and enjoyed an evening of wine tasting and appetizers to kick off the weekend. Pastor and Ruth were able to join us on Saturday to participate in some games before Pastor presided over our outdoor church service. If this all sounds like fun to you, please consider joining us next year as we continue our tradition. Grace Lutheran Church Camp 2019 will be August 1st-4th. Make plans to join us and watch for sign-up information coming this fall.



Mums for MOST Once again we are partnering with Kutchey Greenhouse for our Mums for MOST fundraiser. Proceeds from this years sale will go to upcoming MOST Mission Trips. Currently we have vouchers for sale at \$12 each or 2/\$20. Vouchers can be redeemed immediately. We will have Mums on site for sale on September 9, after church, for the same prices. See Paula Wegener, Karen Rauschenberger, Sue Roth or the church office for vouchers or questions.



August 17th Loons game.

- * Doors open at 5:00.
- * Game starts at 7:00.
- * Dueling pianos will be playing before game.
- * First 1000 receive a MSU or U of M hat.
- * Everyone is on their own to get to the game.
- * We have an area in section 103 to all sit together.
- * Tickets will be in your church mailbox Sunday, Aug. 5th.
- * Go Loons!



Most Ministries Annual Fundraising Luncheon
September 8, 2018
Washtenaw Community College
You are invited to join MOST Ministries at its Annual Fundraising Event as it partners with the Michigan District, LCMS to launch a permanent eyeglass clinic in South Africa! Featured speakers include Michigan District President, Rev. David P. E. Maier, and Tim and Beth Heiney, who will share their personal testimonies about international mission work and the blessing that short-term teams can be for international communities and churches. Come hear how God opens doors when the body of Christ answers the call to go into the harvest field. Donations given at this event will be matched by the Michigan District Here We Stand campaign's "International Ministry Initiative." The initial donation will benefit MOST Ministries operations and the matching funds will go towards the new South Africa eye clinic project. Please call 734.994.7909 or email kbone@mostministries.org no later than August 20 to request a seat at this event. For more information regarding MOST Ministries, [click here](#).



"Remember Whose You Are" One-Day Conference
September 15, 2018 | Peace, Shelby Township
POBLO and Peace Lutheran Church invites pastors, teachers, youth ministers, and parents to attend a special conference for leaders looking to engage, educate, and equip youth to impact others with the Gospel. Come and learn the difference between Christianity and Islam and hear testimonies about what it means to be "unequally yoked." Registration is \$10/person (\$15 at the door). To register, [click here](#). For more information, contact Marco at 586.718.1776 or Cynthia at 248.659.2063.

Orphan Grain Train is starting up in Michigan and needs our help! Reaching into 67 countries with the message of Jesus to accompany humanitarian aid and mercy care, Orphan Grain Train for 27 years has responded to human need with the love of Jesus. OGT distributes food, clothing, medical supplies, Christian literature, school materials, tools, personal transport devices for the disabled, and more. Orphan Grain Train also quickly responds domestically with disaster relief when hurricanes, fires, or drought place people and livelihoods in jeopardy. The new Orphan Grain Train Michigan located in Sebewing is the first formal presence for OGT in our state. A new branch warehouse facility opens there soon. For more information about Orphan Grain Train, visit www.ogt.org or contact Orphan Grain Train Michigan Branch Manager, Pastor David Reed EM, 989-600-2264.

Orphan Grain Train
Michigan Congregational Associate

Being sought is one individual or couple within each LCMS congregation willing to undertake the following:
Acquaint oneself generally with Orphan Grain Train by visiting its website

- Be the communication liaison into your congregation.
- Be able to receive Orphan Grain Train-Michigan information via email.
- Convey notices for bulletins/newsletters to church office for inclusion with permission.
- Keep one's pastor acquainted with news from Orphan Grain Train--Michigan.

Share contact information to connect others locally interested in Orphan Grain Train.

If you are interested in volunteering to help support this ministry, please get in touch with Pastor Reed.

Issues, Etc. Declaring The Whole Counsel Of God...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Marriage & Divorce, Responding to Roman Catholicism's Claim of an Infallible Magisterium, An Introduction to Isaiah, Jesus Teaches About an Unforgiving Servant and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Erber Newsletter

Dear Partners in mission,
In our July newsletter, we shared about the Installation of Rev. John Shadrack Donkoh as the new president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana. In this newsletter, we want to share a bit more about Pastor Donkoh and where he intends to lead the church - beginning right now!

Pres. Donkoh attended seminary in Obot Idim, Nigeria during our early years there. It's likely that we met at various times when we were in Obot Idim.

Beginning in 1991, he served as an evangelist and church planter. This work that started with one or two congregation ended with 10 congregations in the Western Region of Ghana. In 1994, he was sent him to Uganda as a pioneer missionary to begin planting churches and training local leaders. Today, one of his former students is the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Uganda (as well as his brother-in-law) While in Uganda, he was appointed as Manager of Lutheran Hour Ministries Uganda.

When Rev. Donkoh returned to Ghana, he served as the Director of Lutheran Hour Ministries in Ghana (2003-11). He has since served in many positions in the church, completed graduate work at Westfield House in Cambridge, England and most recently served as pastor at the Anyaa congregation in Accra. Pastor Donkoh and his wife Monic have five children.

What's Next?
One Church - One School - One District
Pres. Donkoh wants to lead the church in establishing one Lutheran congregation and one Lutheran school in every District of Ghana. Ghana has 10 political Regions and each Region is divided into Districts. At this time, there are 275 Districts.

Discussions have already started about what steps can we begin to take today that will lead to bigger steps in the future that lead to achieving this goal. One of the first steps is for the church to appoint Regional Pastors.

Is this goal too lofty or unobtainable? Jesus sent the church out to all nations. AND God desires that none are lost. AND God has given us His Word and Spirit! Reaching out to people with God's Word is what the church is all about! President Donkoh is determined to get going!

Look at John Donkoh's background again. God has prepared him and many others (including even me) for this time and for this task!

Prayers for the New President

Today, please include President Donkoh and the church's outreach to the Ghana in your prayers!
David and Joyce
You've heard my message, and it's been confirmed by many witnesses.
Entrust this message to faithful individuals who will be competent to teach others.
(2 Timothy 2:2)

Where are we?

How to support us:
Please pray that:
God would grant us the wisdom and abilities we need to support the church in Ghana to reach out to the 275 Districts of the nation.

If you desire and are able to support us financially, please:

- * Write check to: LCMS
1. On Memo Line, write: "Support for Erbers"
2. Send to: LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861
- * Give on-line at: LCMS.org/Erber, Click on "Give Now"
- * Call LCMS Mission Support at: 888-930-4438.
- * Send to: Mission Central, 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, Iowa 51034

Write to us at:
david.erber@lcms.org
joyce.erber@lcms.org

Grace at Prayer for Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Invocation
In the Name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Verse of the Week: Psalm 90:14
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

- August 20 Psalm 51 2 Samuel 12:1-25 1 Corinthians 12:1-13
- August 21 Psalm 139 1 Kings 1:1-35 1 Corinthians 12:14-31
- August 22 Psalm 97 1 Kings 2:1-27 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- August 23 Psalm 111 1 Kings 3:1-15 2 Corinthians 1:1-22
- August 24 Psalm 27 1 Kings 5:1-18 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
- August 25 Psalm 32 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
- August 26 Psalm 36 1 Kings 8:22-63 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Writing from the Lutheran Confessions
We will now return to the Gospel, which does not give us counsel and aid against sin in only one way. God is superabundantly generous in His grace: First, through the spoken Word, by which the forgiveness of sins is preached in the whole world [Luke 24:45-47]. This is the particular office of the Gospel. Second, through Baptism. Third, through the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Fourth, through the Power of the Keys. Also through the mutual conversation and consolation of brethren. "Where two or three are gathered" (Matthew 18:20) and other such verses [especially Romans 1:12]. [Smalcald Articles Part III, Article VIII]

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- Sunday:** Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.
- Monday:** Pray for daily to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and faithful work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for Lutheran schools [especially Zion Beaver and Trinity Monitor] and her teachers; for good government and for peace.
- Tuesday:** Pray for the Church and her pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and deaconesses.
- Wednesday:** Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.
- Thursday:** Pray for repentant hearts, that all would confess their sins and seek our Lord and His forgiveness in the Word and Sacraments.
- Friday:** Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.
- Saturday:** Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

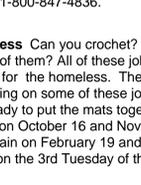
In Our Prayers this Week:
-The sick, shut-in, and suffering.
-The families of our loved ones in the Armed Forces.
-Growth for Grace Lutheran Church.
-Steadfastness for Christians persecuted throughout the world.
-Unity among the mid-Michigan congregations in caring for the poor.
-God's use of Grace Your Closet to clothe families.
-Wisdom to put the best construction on everything.
-Opportunities to share the Gospel with family and friends.
-Those suffering from the floods in the east and the fires in the west.
-Wisdom as we consider a deaconess intern.

Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Benedicamus
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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