



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

Grace Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
 Heart of the Tri-Cities

VOTER'S CALL MEETING

Please join us for a voters meeting to decide who we will call for a Pastor. The meeting will be Monday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m.

AARON YAEGER

Aaron Yaeger will be here on Sunday, September 4th to preach. Aaron has a new mailing address. It is 1216 Rivermet Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805

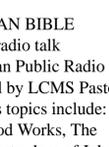
SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Lessons for this coming Sunday
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 66:18-23
Hebrews 12:4-29
Luke 13:22-30

DETROIT BASEBALL GAME

DON'T FORGET

For those who signed up for the Tiger game on August 27th, please be at the Grace parking lot by 2:30 p.m.. The bus will leave at 3:00 p.m. sharp. I think the Tigers are going to win!
Herb Pfundt



PRAYER REQUESTS

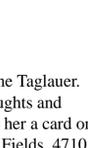
Dale Pickelman, Margaret Barber and Darlene Pfannes.

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

Divine Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Every Wednesday

ISSUES, ETC.

YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE CLASS...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Saints in Heaven, Good Works, The Movie "Ben-Hur," The Martyrdom of John the Baptist, Sacramental Vessels & Linens and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



THIS WEEK IN THE LITURGY: SALUTATION, COLLECT OF THE DAY
 The pastor stands in the congregation as Christ's servant. The vestments he wears indicate that he is not speaking on his own behalf, but as one sent and authorized to represent Christ Jesus. As the authorized representative of the Lord, he says, "The Lord with you." The congregation responds, "And also with you." Pastor and congregation are bound together in this salutation, or greeting, as the pastor prays the Collect of the Day on behalf of the gathered congregation. The Collect is a brief prayer that "collects" in one short petition all that we are asking God to do for us on the basis of the Word which is read and preached.

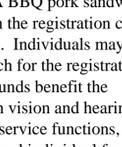
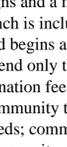
SHUT IN

Our shut-in this week is Irene Taglauer. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. If you wish to send her a card or note, her address is Auburn Fields, 4710 Stephanie Ct., Auburn.

SEMINAR STUDENT FOOD BANK

We are continuing to collect funds for the Seminar Food Bank. There is a box on the credenza with envelopes for your donation or earmark it "Food Bank" and place it in the offering plate. We will be collecting until August 21, 2016.

LIONS BIKE RIDE



LIONS Bike Ride (August 20)

Families, friends, and individuals are invited to the AW - LIONS Fundraiser "I Ride the Countryside" Bike Ride. It is being held Saturday August 20, 2016 at Auburn City Park, 9AM. Registration starts at 8:30 am. The cost is \$35 for a family of 4 (\$5 extra per person) and \$20 per person. Participants are able to choose a 3, 14, or 26 mile route that has signs and a map. A BBQ pork sandwich lunch is included in the registration cost and begins at 11am. Individuals may attend only the lunch for the registration donation fee. All funds benefit the community through vision and hearing needs; community service functions, community needs, and individual family needs.

NOTICES

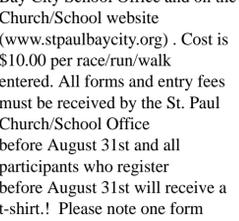
- The Monday 10:00 am Bible Study is suspended until August or September.
- There will be a Board of Christian Life meeting on August 23 at 7:00 p.m.
- The next Executive Board meeting will be on August 29.
- Avery Rose Varner, infant daughter of Justin and Jessica will be baptized this Sunday.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays
Steve Lindstrom, 19th; Mary Machul, 19th; Herb Pfundt, 19th; Lori Hockman, 20th; Hilda Wegener, 20th; Kim Gray, 24th; Rosemary Bush, 25th; Margaret Garlinghouse, 26th; Denise Gray, 27th; Lois Pruss, 28th; Sue Roth, 29th; Gayle Wood, 28th; Heather Bierlein, 29th; Jessica Melick, 29th; Allyson Hundley, 30th; Fay Schroeder, 31st

Anniversaries
21 Gordon & Fay Schroeder 51st
29 Jim & Janet Dietlein 52nd
31 Robert & Karen Wegener 26th

OUTDOOR SERVICE



80 people came to worship outside on a beautiful Sunday morning.

ST. PAUL RUN/WALK

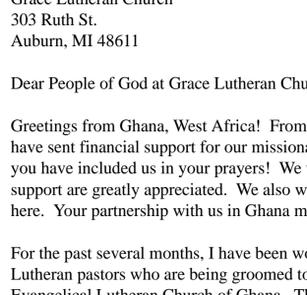
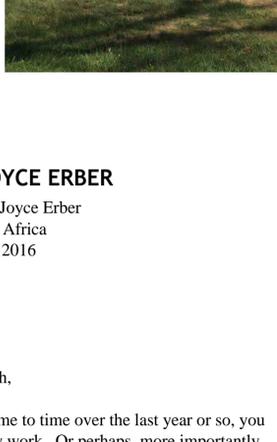
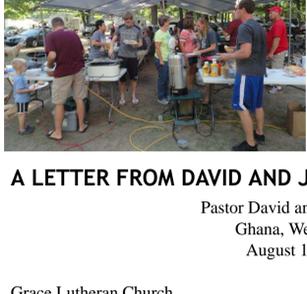
The St. Paul Lutheran Church and School's Fifth Annual JME Memorial Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, September 10th, with the first race starting at 9:30 am sharp. There are 5 races in total; ¼ Mile Race (10yrs. and under), 2 Mile Run, 1 Mile Run, 2 Mile Walk, and 1 Mile Walk.

Registration/Waiver forms can be found in the St. Paul Lutheran - Bay City School Office and on the Church/School website (www.stpaulbaycity.org). Cost is \$10.00 per race/run/walk entered. All forms and entry fees must be received by the St. Paul Church/School Office before August 31st and all participants who register before August 31st will receive a t-shirt! Please note one form needs to be filled out per registrant.

Please join us for this wonderful event which is open to children and adults of all ages!
 The Church/Walk/Run is located at 6100 Westside Saginaw Rd, Bay City, MI 48706. If you have any questions please call 989-684-4450.

CHURCH CAMP

Thank you to everyone who could make it out to Coldwater Lake for our annual Grace camping trip! We had over 40 people join us for the weekend of fun and fellowship. We are thankful for the many guests who were able to join us this year, as well. We enjoyed tubing, volleyball, wiffle ball, cornhole, Family Feud and, of course, Euchre. Thank you to all who helped in some way to make the weekend a success - whether it was helping to set up camp, hauling supplies, cooking or helping with our church service, we appreciate it all! God provided us with beautiful weather and many laughs as we enjoyed our time together.



A LETTER FROM DAVID AND JOYCE ERBER

Pastor David and Joyce Erber
 Ghana, West Africa
 August 10, 2016

Grace Lutheran Church
 303 Ruth St.
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Dear People of God at Grace Lutheran Church,

Greetings from Ghana, West Africa! From time to time over the last year or so, you have sent financial support for our missionary work. Or perhaps, more importantly, you have included us in your prayers! We want you to know your prayers and support are greatly appreciated. We also want to share a bit of what is happening here. Your partnership with us in Ghana means a lot to us and the church here.

For the past several months, I have been working with a small group of Ghanaian Lutheran pastors who are being groomed to serve as the new leadership of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana. This week I learned that one of these pastors did not grow up in a Christian home. In fact, when he was born, a "soothsayer" came to meet his parents. (A "soothsayer" is a traditional spiritual specialist who reveals what is true and real from the local perspective of spiritual reality.) The soothsayer announced that the new born child would also become a soothsayer! The parents began to take steps to do whatever needed to be done towards this end.

But then God stepped in. As this child was becoming a young man, someone came with the message of Jesus. The Spirit of God was working through the Word. As Paul wrote in Romans 10, "Faith comes by hearing the message [of Christ]." In faith, the young man stepped away from the traditional religion of spiritism and eventually studied to become a Lutheran pastor - someone who proclaims Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Now, not quite so young anymore, he is being equipped to serve as the leader of the church and of pastors in one of Ghana's ten regions. By expanding the church's leadership, we hope to expand the care given to pastors and congregations as well as expand the church's effort to reach the lost in every region and corner of Ghana.

In our daily time together, we study God's word; systematically review Christian doctrine; study New Testament Greek; discuss practical matters and current events that affect pastors and the church; and we pray together.

Again, thank you for your prayers for us and for your support of this special work!

Your partners in mission,

May God be with you today and always!

David and Joyce

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MOST UPDATE

The MOST Mission Team is committed, complete with location and time of travel.

These are the details:
 When: June 30 to July 8, 2017
 Where: Chajabal, Guatemala
 Project: Eyeglass Mission

Current Team:
 "Senders:" Grace Congregation and others helping the team meet their needs through prayers, finances, encouragement, making or donating project materials. "Goers:" These are the current traveling team but each member is invited to join the Going Team. Currently \$100 deposits from each member are required to designate Grace as TEAM 1719.

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| Sue Roth | Gary Roth |
| Deb VanTol | Steve VanTol |
| Sharon Schilke | Pastor Steve Schilke |
| Val Boeve | Tammy Hyatt |
| Paula Wegener | Karen Rauschenberger |
| Lucas Weiss | Bethany Weiss |
| Brianna Dotson | |

Materials Needed:

- 3000 pairs of eyeglasses (For the next 9 months, Auburn Williams Lions will give the glasses they collect to Grace MOST Mission Trip.)
- Witness materials and eyeglass cases. In September a work bee will be hosted to teach anyone interested in sewing eyeglass cases.

Financial Need:

- \$2200-\$2400 per person. Travel, lodging, and meals are included.
- The MOST Travel Team thanks Grace for the donations already contributed to the trip. Fundraisers are being planned but donations are appreciated. Please put "MOST Missions Trip" on the memo line of a check to assure any donations goes to the MOST Travel Team common account that will be shared equally among all members traveling.

More information will follow. Thanks you for your prayers and support.
 MOST Liaison, Deb VanTol

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Thrivent Financial disbanded their chapter system as of June 30, 2015. For schools and congregations, this means that monies through Care in Communities will no longer be available. They have started a new program called Thrivent Action Teams. Recipients receive a \$250 VISA debit card for the project. The requesting and reporting process is simplified and each Thrivent member can request two per calendar year.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has introduced a program to encourage members to initiate one-time service events, educational activities or fundraisers. Thrivent members 16 and over may quickly apply for a \$250 prepaid VISA debit card for a service project twice a year. The purpose is to purchase project supplies, promotional materials, or seed money (for example, items to be sold for a fundraiser). Interested members apply on line (you must have on line access to your Thrivent account) by describing the project in a paragraph. If approved, an e-mail is received within a day or two. In about 10 days, members receive the \$250 card in the mail. The card is accepted anywhere VISA is accepted. Here a just a few examples: Purchase fleece to make blankets, supplies for shelters, construct a wheel chair ramp, hold any type of collection drive (coats, toiletries, school supplies), host educational events such as budgeting or safety, etc.

A complete list of suggestions and more information is available at <https://www.thrivent.com/actionteam>. This spring the Ladies of Grace utilized this program to send care packages to our college students, we have also utilized the grant for Grace's Large Print activities. Our MOST group is looking for Thrivent members to assist in their fundraising also.

If you are a Thrivent member, Karla Weiss (671-1711) can help you apply for your grant!
 Please also contact Karla if you can help Grace to utilize your \$250 grants.

Steps:

- You must have on-line access to your Thrivent account. However, you can also be an associate member (with no products) and request a card. You can go to www.thrivent.com and on the upper right click Register Now for account access.
- Once you have on line access, when you sign in you will be directed to the My Thrivent page. You can either enter "Thrivent Action Team" in the search box (red, on the right) or go to <https://www.thrivent.com/actionteam/>
- Click on on-line application (watch the video if you like) and then apply now.
- Fill in the project date and then submit.

THRIVENT CALENDAR

Order your member calendar - Free from Thrivent Magazine by Oct. 10
 The 2017 member calendar (9-by-12 inch) will feature the photography of our members and will be offered directly to our members for free, courtesy of Thrivent magazine. The 2017 calendar will feature unique photos taken by Thrivent members that tell their story and show "Christianity Around the World."

The traditional 14-by-13-inch version of the 2017 calendar will be distributed to churches, schools and organizations. However, this will be the last year that the traditional calendar will be distributed.
How to order your free 9-by-12 inch calendar (limit one per member):

- Mail the business reply card found in the September issue of Thrivent magazine, or
- Starting Aug. 15, call the Member Connection Center at 800-847-4836.

Orders must be placed by Oct. 10, and calendars will be mailed in November.

Questions?

- Call the Member Connection Center at 800-847-4836 and say "fraternal" or send an email to fraternal@thrivent.com.

The Lutheran Hour
 Radio: Sunday morning on WSAM-AM 1400 from 8:30 - 9:00 A.M.
 Internet: lutheranhour.org

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"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."
 2 Corinthians 9:8

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