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

**Grace Lutheran Church**
**The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

# Spotlighter - July 13

Our Mission Statement
Sharing **GRACE**

**G**rowing in God's word
**R**eaching out with love
**A**nnouncing forgiveness
**C**alling the lost
**E**ncouraging everyone

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**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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
**Amos 7:7-15**
**Ephesians 1:3-14**
**Mark 6:14-29**

**Generosity Thoughts** Romans 6:22 - "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life." The fruit of faith in Christ are the good works of a faithful Christian life. We have received grace upon grace in the free forgiveness of our sins, and so we are now free to go forth and bear fruit in serving our neighbor in the home, the church, and society.

**Notices**

- **There will be NO Spotlighter next week.**

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

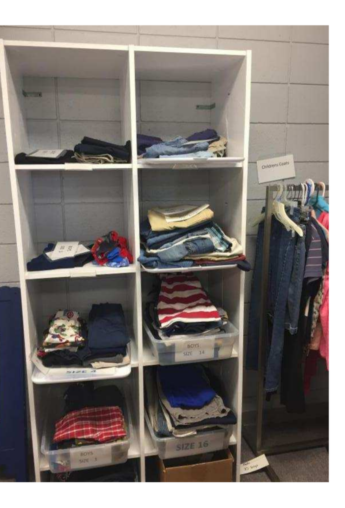
**Birthdays/Anniversaries**
**Birthdays**
Crissy Beethe, 17th; Emily Beethe, 17th; Judy Eichman, 17th; Rachel Kozuch, 19th; Ericka Kubiak, 20th; Brendan Harrison, 21st; Rob Feinauer, 25th; Cherye Krueger, 25th; Donna Wegener, 29th; Avery Varner, 29th; Shannon Zilska, 30th, Andrew Schmidt, 31st

**Anniversaries**
Michael & Judy Potter, 16th; Pete & Cindy Fredrich, 19th; Bill & Elaine Schmidt, 19th; Dallas & Judy Eichman, 22nd; Greg & Laurie Kozuch, 22nd;

**Prayer Requests:** Olive Schmidt, Carol Mularz, Diane Dodt, Melissa Netkowski, Shirley Gray, Gordon Marner, Jim Emerson, Ruth Roth, Tracey Storey, Sandy Harrison (Patrick Harrison's mother), Irene Beethe (Kantor's mother) and Pastor David Hakes.

**Quilting** We will be working July 16th 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.

**Encouraging One Another** In our thoughts and prayers this week is Gordon Marner. If you wish to send him a card or note, his address is 1033 Eddie Drive, Auburn.



**Grace Your Closet** would like to send a huge thank you to the Lance family, Mike, Grace and Judy, for their help in building and painting two new shelving units for our Closet, Thank you to Thrivent for providing the funding for supplies. What a wonderful addition to our space that allowed us to make more efficient use of the room we have available and to display even more clothing items for our visitors. Stop on by and check them out!! They look great! Thank you also to Gary Pyle and Ernie Weiss for their help in getting them installed!

Also, we are still in need of helpers at the Closet for our next opening, which is Saturday, July 21 from 9:45-1:00. The work is easy and the reward great! If you can help, if even for a short time, please let Karla Weiss or Deb Pyle know or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Hope to see you there!

**A Soap Drive** will be held here at Grace for the remainder of June and all of July. This soap is for Lutheran World Relief kits and bulk shipping. The soap must be completely wrapped and new bath sized bars. We particularly need the mild types (like Ivory) for the Baby Care Kits, but any brands can be used for all of the others. A box labeled "SOAP" will be placed in the Narthex near the entrance for you to fill with your donations. Grace has been generous in the past with this drive, and we pray that the Lord will move your hearts to help in this way again. We will begin the drive for other kit items in August. Thank you for your help in this.

**Installation of New and Re-elected Officers on JULY 22**
On Sunday, July 22, we'll have the installation of congregational officers. New officers and those who have been re-elected to another term will be welcomed to come forward during the service to be installed. We give thanks to our Lord for the outgoing officers and their faithful service to Grace and this community. Their service and sacrifice are so appreciated.

**Grace Community Festival-Workers Needed** We are planning on our second annual Community Festival event July 27, 28 and 29. To make this a success we need many workers just as we did last year. There is a sign-up sheet on the elder's desk for the various job listings. Please add your name to a job that you would like to help out with. We cannot do this without your help. This schedule may change slightly as events get added. If you have any questions speak with Kim Herbolsheimer or Don Rauschenberger.

**Men's Softball Tournament** Grace men's softball team will again play in Trinity Lutheran church tournament August 10 thru 12. Anyone interested in playing contact Terry McNally 989-513-1964.

**del Rey Promotions Presents NEWWORLDSON** in concert to benefit Beacon of Hope on July 14, 2018. The cost is $10.00, ages 5 & under are free. The doors open at 6:00 pm. Concert begins at 6:30 pm. It will be held at Beacon of Hope Pregnancy Center, 2360 Midland Road, Bay City. Tickets are available at Beacon of Hope (989-922-5433), from Ray Garcia (989-662-6050), or online at Attendstar.com This is a family-friendly concert appropriate for all ages.

**Loons Baseball** You are all invited to a Loon's baseball game Friday night, August 17. This will be a congregational night and will not be tied in to any of the "Faith" nights that the Loons are offering. There will be a sign up list in the church office. You can sign up with the church secretary, Kim Herbolsheimer or Deb Pyle. Cost is $10, please pay when you sign up. More information to follow. Deadline to sign up is July 25. GO LOONS!

**Christian Concert** Trinity, St. James (119 E. Munger Rd.) in Munger is hosting a free Christian concert featuring " The Sound". It is Wednesday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m.

**Valley Lutheran High School** is accepting applications for the position of part-time Communications Assistant. This individual will work closely with the Executive Director, Development Director, and Director of Student Recruitment in communicating the School's mission to its constituencies. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter who is strong in written communication skills, familiar with InDesign and Office software applications, social media, and supportive of the mission of Valley Lutheran High School. The position is for 15 hours per week with a flexible work schedule. Interested applicants may send a resume' with cover letter by July 31 to Dr. John Brandt, Executive Director, Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty, Saginaw MI 48603 or by email to (jbrandt@vlhs.com). For more information contact John Brandt (989-790-1676, jbrandt@vlhs.com)

## Grace Community Festival

**Grace at Prayer for Eighth 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 33:20**
Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

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| July 16 | Psalm 21 | Judges 16:4-30 | Galatians 4:12-31 |
| July 17 | Psalm 92 | 1 Samuel 1:1-20 | Galatians 5:1-26 |
| July 18 | Psalm 20 | 1 Samuel 1:21-2:17 | Galatians 6:1-18 |
| July 19 | Psalm 82 | 1 Samuel 2:18-36 | Acts 15:22-41 |
| July 20 | Psalm 115 | 1 Samuel 3:1-21 | Acts 16:1-22 |
| July 21 | Psalm 106 | 1 Samuel 4:1-22 | Acts 16:23-40 |
| July 22 | Psalm 137 | 1 Samuel 5:1-6:16 | Acts 18:1-28 |

**Writing from the Lutheran Confessions**
God does not force a person to become godly. (Those who always resist the Holy Spirit and persistently oppose the known truth are not converted, as Stephen says about the hardened Jewish people [Acts 7:51].) Yet God the Lord draws the person whom He wants to convert [John 6:44]. He draws him in such a way that his darkened understanding is turned into an enlightened one and his perverse will into an obedient one. This is what the Scriptures call creating a clean heart. [Formula, Article II:60]

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same 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 faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily 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.

**Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

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

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