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

Grace Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Spotlighter - September 7

Our Mission Statement
Sharing **GRACE**

Growing in God's word
Reaching out with love
Announcing forgiveness
Calling the lost
Encouraging 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-10, 14-18
Mark 7:24-37

Generosity Thoughts *Matthew 6:24 - "... You cannot serve God and money."* In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the first and last word about our stewardship - well, you have to go back a few verses to verse 21 to get the whole thing: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Read Matthew 5:19-34 again this week at home and consider your generosity to the Lord's work in light of what Jesus says.

Notices

- Saturday morning Women's Bible Study begins on September 8 at 8:30 am
- The Board of Christian Life will conduct its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, Sept 18th, at 7:00 pm
- Regular Quarterly Voters Meeting is Sunday, Sept. 23 at 11:30 am
- Special Voters Meeting is Sunday, October 7 at 11:30 am Topic: Deaconess Intern Vote. Any member who would like a specific agenda item included to please contact President Paul Varner or Vice President Kim Herbolsheimer.

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

Birthdays
Lynn Houghteling, 7th; **Vi Koehler**, 7th; **Dale Ruff**, 8th; **Annie Harrison**, 9th; **Jessica Ruff**, 9th; **Mark Geneseo**, 10th; **Judy Pfundt**, 11th; **Susan Emerson**, 11th; **Jim Klann**, 14th; **Mick Klann**, 14th; **Brenda Krystosek**, 15th; **Eric Alexander**, 16th; **Pam Horneber,** 16th; **Les Gray**, 17th; **Karen Rauschenberger**, 17th; **Rayferd Ralph**, 18th; **Shirley Wegener**, 18th; **Jean McCain**, 19th; **Haleigh McNally**, 19th; **Sally Netkowski**, 19th, **LeRoy Taglauer**, 20th, **Sarah VanTol**, 20th; **Paul Kalitta**, 22nd; **Janet Dietlein**, 23rd; **Olive Schmidt**, 24th; **Margaret Kent**, 26th; **Hannah Pyle**, 26th; **Ann Petrosky**, 27th; **Doreen Hetzner**, 28th

Anniversaries
Matt & Ericka Kubiak, 8th; **Phillip & Annette Frank**, 13th; **Kim & Betty Herbolsheimer,**15th; **Mitch & Elise Hoogland**, 16th; **Jordan & Hannah Pyle**, 19th; **Tom & Donna Prahl**, 19th; **Craig & Carol Harrison,** 20th; **John & Pam Whalen**, 25th;**Don & Julia Hundley,** 27th; **Joel & Katie Herbolsheimer**, 28th; **Guadalupe and Cindy Diaz**, 29th

Prayer Requests: Roger Schmidt, Brenda Krystosek**,** Les Gray, Shirley Gray, Melissa Netkowski, Gordon Marner, Jim Emerson, Ruth Roth, Tracey Storey, and Roland Taglauer.

Encouraging One Another In our thoughts and prayers this week is Roger Schmidt. If you wish to send him a card or note, his address is 302 Price St., Auburn.

Grace's Weekly Fall Bible Studies

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

On Sunday, September 9, a new round of Bible studies begin! Prayerfully consider studying Scripture with your brothers and sisters.

Sundays 10:45am	"Revelation for the Rest of Us!"
Mondays 10am	"The Lutheran Difference: God's Word!"
Wednesdays 6:30am	"Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey Him: A Study of Lutheran Practices!"
Wednesdays 6pm	"Prayer: We Speak to God!"
Saturdays 8:30am	"That the World May Know: A Look at the Culture, Geography, and People of Scripture!"

Quilting dates in September are the 10th and the 17th. We will be working 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.

Choirs begins September 13 The Handbell Choir and Senior Choir begin the new choir year on September 13, with Bells at 6pm and Senior Choir at 7pm. We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested, please talk to Nathan, either after service, by email at kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com, or by calling him at 460-8014.

Mums for Mission Trip Buy your mums this Sunday!! or we have vouchers for sale at $12 each or 2/$20. Voucherscan be redeemed immediately at Kutchey Greenhouse. Proceeds from this year's sale will go to upcoming Mission Trips. Talk to Paula Wegener, Karen Rauschenberger, Sue Roth or the church office for vouchers or questions.

Wellspring Lutheran Services/Child and Family Auxiliary meeting is Monday, September 17 at St. Paul, Frankenlust. Refreshments will be served at 7 pm. Devotions and meeting begins at 7:15 pm.

Grace Your Closet Update Starting in September (Sept. 18), we will now have our sorting nights on the third Tuesday of each month. The time will remain the same from 6:00-8:00. We are still in the process of swapping out summer clothes for more fall/winter choices and would love to have anyone with some free time that night to join us.

The next Saturday that the Closet will be open is Saturday, September 15, and we are still in need of some volunteers. If you are not able to join us on Tuesdays for sorting, the Saturdays that the closet is open is another great opportunity for our Grace congregation to be involved in this very important ministry outreach program. If you are able to help out in September - no experience necessary - please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, and thank you again for always supporting Grace Your Closet.

The first "Thursday Morning Friends" gathering this fall on September 13 in the Common Room. Rev. Bob Roberts and his wife, Eileen, have been back to Africa teaching at the seminary in Yambio, South Sudan and sharing in the work being done at a new orphanage, Children of Hope, in Gambella, Ethiopia, where over 250 orphans were moved after the orphanage in South Sudan was bombed. (As you remember, Rev. Roberts supported us as a pastor during our recent pastor vacancy.) A recent article in the Michigan Section of the August 2018 Lutheran Witness entitled "Michigan Couple Spreads Gospel at South Sudan Seminary" shares the Robert's work. Check it out and come hear about the unimaginable sufferings and hard-ships these families and children endure and their eagerness to hear of the love and peace of Christ. The Robert's will also share the good news of the quickly growing Lutheran church body there. Grace has been a congregation very supportive of mission ministry. In the coming months there will be various events planned here at Grace to provide us the opportunity to support the ministry in South Sudan. Learn as much as you can about this ministry on September 13 and then join the congregation in supporting the people of South Sudan.

Thursday A.M. Friends Program for 2018 - 2019

September 13, 2018 10:00 A.M.The Robert's Return Adventure to South Sudan-Ethiopia, Africa

September 27, 2018 10:00 A.M.Fellowship and Lunch

October 11, 2018 10:00 A.M. Women of the Michigan Lighthouses by Jane Chandler

October 25, 2018 10:00 A.M.Fellowship and Lunch

November 8, 2018 10:00 A.M. Hidden Harvest - Putting good food to good use by Samantha McKenzie

No November Fellowship or Lunch

December 13, 2018 10:00 A.M.Bavarian Inn's Linda Lee Lunch - 11:30 AM

January 10, 2019 10:00 A.M.How Do Animals Survive the Winter - CNC

January 24, 2019 10:00 A.M.Fellowship and Lunch

February 14, 2019 10:00 A.M.History of Valentine's Day

February 28, 2019 10:00 A.M.Fellowship and Lunch

March 14, 2019 10:00 A.M.Weiss Pretzel Making - A Twisted History of Pretzels

March 28, 2019 10:00 A.M.Fellowship and Lunch

April 11, 2019 10:00 A.M.Region 7 Area on Aging - Topic to be Determined

April 25, 2019 10:00 A.M.Fellowship and Lunch

May 9, 2019 10:00 A.M.The Crash of Flight 67 at Tri-City Airport by Historian Floyd Andrick

May 23, 2019 10:00 A.M.Fellowship and Lunch

Possible GLC Mission Trip On Sunday, October 21, just before Bible study, a brief meeting will be held to see if we have people interested in going on a mission for 2019. We are also hoping to invite area congregations to join us. The trip may be international or within the U.S.A. If you are not able to make the meeting on October 21, please contact Paula Wegener or Pastor.

Frog and Chick Yoga will be at Grace again on Thursday evenings. Our class will start on September 20th at 6pm. The session will be 6 weeks for $45 or drop in for $10 a session. The class will meet in the Grace gym each Thursday for an hour.
Any questions contact Jen and Andrea, co-owners of Frog and Chick Yoga, LLC at frogandchickyoga@att.net

* Vinyasa flow yoga, based on exercise science
* All levels of experience welcome
* Christian meditation
* Aromatherapy & gentle head massage

Benefits of Yoga
· Increased flexibility & strength
· Lower stress levels
· More centered bodies
· Better body awareness
· Increased joint lubrication
· Increased bone density
· Fights off depression
· Promotes movement of the lymphatic system purging body of toxins

God, Grub and Games at Grace Mark your calendars for Friday, October 5th. That is the date of our next God, Grub, and Games at Grace event. It begins at 6:00 pm with a light meal, followed by devotions at 6:30 and games at 6:45. The meal that evening will be a taco/nacho bar. Volunteers are needed for this event. We will need help setting up and taking down tables. We will also need help in the kitchen preparing, serving and cleaning up. Please see the sign up sheet on the ushers' desk if you are available to help. Come join us October 5th for fun and fellowship!

Lutheran World Relief Donation items We are collecting for Lutheran World Relief kits until the end of September. Here is a list of items needed:

Fabric Kit items needed for 6 kits
(We have 7 pieces of fabric and 3 spools of thread)
cotton or cotton blend fabric pieces- 2 each of the following size options: 60" wide -- 2 1/4 yds 44" wide -- 3yds 36" wide -- 4yds We need 5 more.
Spools of neutral colored thread (250-300 yds): 2 We need 9 more.

Personal Care Kit items needed We have (# in Parentheses).
Dark colored bath towels (approx. 50" x 27"): 2 (8)
Sturdy comb with wide and narrow teeth: 9 (1)
Metal nail clippers with a file on it: 6 (4)

Baby Care Kit items needed We have (# in Parentheses).
Sweaters or sweatshirts with hoods; or sweater or sweatshirts with baby cap: 12 (have 3 caps)
Baby T-shirts (no larger than 18 months): 18 (6)
Dark colored hand towels: 10 (0)
Baby gowns: 14 (10)

School Kit items needed
70 sheet spiral notebooks: 50 (have 142)
Individual manual pencil sharpeners: 10 (have 29)
Blue or black ball point ink pens: 122 (have 118)
Box of 24 crayons: 3 (have 45)

Money for shipping
Money should be earmarked for Lutheran World Relief and put into the offering plate or given to the church secretary.

If you have any questions, please call Connie at (989) 450-1593.

VLHS Golf Outing - Register today!
The annual VLHS Golf Outing is less than one week away! Registration begins at 8:00am on Saturday, September 15 at Apple Mountain Golf Course. We hope you will join us - and other members of the Valley Family for a great day of fellowship, fun, and of course golf! This year's reduced rate of $85 has all the same great benefits: 18 holes of golf w/ cart, continental breakfast, and a buffet lunch - plus you support a great school! We hope you'll join this fun event and raises valuable scholarship making Valley Lutheran High School accessible for students who otherwise might not be able to attend. Call the school office at 989-790-1676 to register or for more information. Last minute sponsorship opportunities welcome!

Saginaw "40 Days for Life" campaign Greetings from the members of Valley Lutheran's "Protect Life" group, a student organization that works to end abortion and other affronts to the sanctity of human life. This fall, we will be participating in the Saginaw "40 Days for Life" campaign...and this is where we need you! This campaign (part of a nation-wide movement) is a 40 day non-confrontational prayer vigil that will be held outside of the Saginaw abortion clinic (3141 Cabaret Trail S #100) from Sept. 26 to Nov. 4. The goal is to cover the clinic in peaceful prayer from 7 AM - 7 PM each day. Since their inception, 40 DFL campaigns have been instrumental in shutting down the abortion industry in almost 100 cities. Will you join us in the attempt to end abortion in OUR community? Go to https://40daysforlife.com to create an account and sign up for a time slot. Note: The kickoff rally for this campaign will be Sunday, Sept 23 at 2:00 outside the abortion clinic (park at Beacon of Hope next door to the clinic). This is a family-friendly event so bring your family and friends of all ages! Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community and in our world!
God's blessings, Abby Brown (President) and Chloe Haynes (V.P.) of Protect Life, VLHS
Questions? Contact: Bess Winter at bwinter@vlhs.com

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Annual Harvest Supper Kawkawlin Community Church, 311 E. Grove St, Kawkawlin is having a Harvest Supper. It is Thursday, September 27 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The menu includes Swiss steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, baked beans, corn, salads and desserts. The cost is $11 for adults and take outs, $5 for kids 5-11 (inside only) and kids under 4 free. There will also be a country store. There is an elevator available.

Zion Lutheran Church
Smorgasbord & Country Store

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018
Serving 11:00 till 2:00

In Zion School across from the church
1553 West Seidlers Road, Auburn

Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Chicken, Dressing,
Real mashed Potatoes,Gravy, Pie, German Potato Salad,
Squash, Baked Beans, Bread/Sweet Breads

Suggested Donation:
Adults-$9.00
Ages 5 through 12 - $5.00
Age 4 and under-FREE

COUNTRY STORE OPENS AT 10:00

Call 989-662-6426 for additional information.

Annual Ox Roast St. John Lutheran Church, 206 N. Court St in AuGres, is having their Annual Ox Roast on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 11 am until 2 pm. A hearty meal of roast beef, potatoes, gravy, squash, coleslaw and homemade desserts will be served. Dinner tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Take-out dinners are also available.

Grace at Prayer for Sixteenth 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 27:13
I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

September 10	Psalm 58	2 Kings 9:1-10:29	Philippians 2:12-30
September 11	Psalm 44	2 Chronicles 29:1-24	Philippians 3:1-21
September 12	Psalm 94	2 Chronicles 31:1-21	Philippians 4:1-23
September 13	Psalm 27	2 Chronicles 32:1-22	Colossians 1:1-23
September 14	Psalm 38	2 Chronicles 33:1-25	Colossians 1:24-2:7
September 15	Psalm 71	2 Chronicles 34:1-33	Colossians 2:8-23
September 16	Psalm 108	2 Chronicles 35:1-25	Colossians 3:1-25

Writing from the Lutheran Confessions
I do not know how to change in the least what I have previously and constantly taught about justification. Namely, that through faith, as St. Peter says, we have a new and clean heart [Acts 15:9-11], and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator [1 Timothy 2:5]. Although sin in the flesh has not yet been completely removed or become dead [Romans 7:18], yet He will not punish or remember it. Such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins are followed by good works [Ephesians 2:8-9]. What is still sinful or imperfect in them will not be counted as sin or defect, for Christ's sake [Psalm 32:1-2; Romans 4:7-8]. [Smalcald, Part III, Article XIII, 1-2]

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.
-Safety to all children as they go back to school.
-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.
-Strength to speak Truth in love.
-Opportunities to share the Gospel with family and friends.
-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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