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REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

9:00 A.M. Christian Education

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker

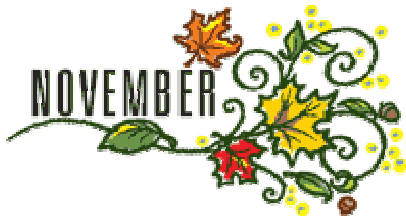
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Sexton - Nenchi Ilka

Interfaith Health Ministries - Virginia McGill

**Inspired By Christ, it is our mission
to share God's Word and Love in
care and in service to all.**



2011

**THE
GRACE
MESSENGER**



2011 Council Members

Titus Duli	Andrew Edwards	Arlone Farber	Ralph Fitle
David Hufford	Greg Hula	Carolyn Matson	Ernie Olson
Samantha Trejo	Pastor Laaker		

Officers Serving the Congregation but not on Council:

Financial Secretary: Janet Hula Treasurer: Margie Sutej

The regular meeting of the Council was held on October 18. The Council members shared their prayer concerns for the following individuals who are having health issues: Phil Minino, Norma Courtney, Sue Rose, Dottie Hula, Karen Luering, Elna Burns, Twyla Winterfeld, and Pastor Judy Gifford. We pray for the Olson family in their loss of Norma and we pray for Grace and David Traynor, as they deal with another loss with their extended family. We continue to pray for our shut-ins: Barbara Nelson, Barb Narducci, and Mae Lane; we pray for people across the nation that are unemployed; we pray for justice in immigration reform; we continue to pray for the countries of Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia, located in the Horn of Africa, where drought, famine, and poverty plague the lands; we continue to pray for all people in the United States that have been faced with physical and emotional trauma caused from natural disasters; we pray for leaders to put aside political feelings and unite together in finding solutions to the economic crisis; we pray for peace between Palestinians and Israelis; we pray for the needs of our Sudanese brothers and sisters; we pray for the people in New South Sudan, who are facing many issues as they start a new country; we pray for the safety of armed service personnel, police and patrol officers; and as we count our many blessings, we pray for the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the oppressed.

Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker reading the selected verses of Psalm 14:3 and Romans 5:8 from the "Daily Texts." The Psalmist is describing the depravity of human nature, and the deplorable corruption of mankind. Only fools doubt that God has the power to act. On another note, which is much more positive, the verse in Romans is saying that God demonstrates his love for each of us, as he gave his only son, Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross for our sins. God loves us, in spite of the sinners that we are. We pray that our words and actions will be pleasing to God.

Visions for Ministry: The Council continued their discussion on the book titled, "Leadership in Congregations." Leadership requires several people to bring their skills, talents, and gifts "to the table." There is not just one central leader, as just one person cannot be all eyes, hands, and speech. This is a very challenging time for Church leaders.

Reports were received from the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. Please continue to give generously.

Christian Education: No new report.

Evangelism/Outreach: There will be no Halloween party at Grace this year, due to the parking lot construction and the concern for safety.

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Virginia McGill, Interfaith Health Ministries Director, was nominated and has received the “Latino Partner of the Year” award. Congratulations to Virginia!

Finance: No new report.

Property: The Council has recommended that a “fundraising” letter be sent to the congregation detailing the additional costs on the parking lot project. Please watch for this letter. The goal is to raise an additional \$50,000.00 for the project.

Service/Social Ministry: No new report.

Support/Stewardship: The Council will prayerfully consider the Mission Share yearly commitment for 2012. Mission Share offerings support a myriad of ministries here and around the globe as together we do God’s work.

Worship: No new report.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

New Business: The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th, as Pastor Laaker will be out of town the previous week.

Announcements: Pastor Laaker will be attending a Theological Conference in Kearney from October 23-25.

Pastor Laaker will be attending the “Clergy Voyagers” Conference in Washington, DC from November 8-12.

Incarnate Leadership: 2011 Lay Leadership Academy

Nov. 18-19, 2011

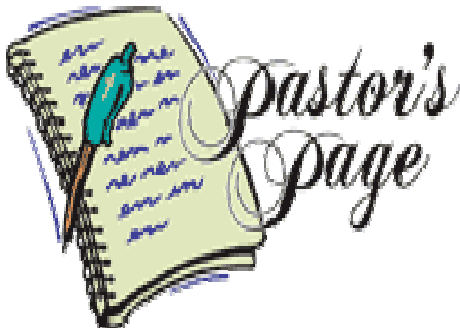
Carol Joy Holling Retreat Center, Ashland

The 2011 Lay Leadership Academy will be held Nov. 18-19 at the Carol Joy Holling Retreat Center near Ashland. The presenter will be Bill Robinson, author of Incarnate Leadership, who will speak on "Five Leadership Lessons from the Life of Jesus."

Lay members will experience how to lead in a way that honors God and genuinely helps people.

- ◆ Being a Leader - What are your responsibilities and privileges as a leader?
- ◆ Behind the Scenes - Who are the disciples in your life who will encourage you and/or confront you?
- ◆ Praise & Awareness - In what area do you feel a deep awareness of God's abundant grace?
- ◆ Truths - How does postmodernism affect you? How does using grace make you a better leader?
- ◆ Sacrifice - Do Christian leaders sacrifice more and how does your congregation's mission call you to sacrifice?
- ◆ Transformational Ministry - Also, find out what is new in - transformational ministry and resources/training available.

For information regarding cost and registration, go to nebraskasynod.org.



Recently I was attending the Nebraska Synod Outreach Team meeting. The devotions for that meeting included the following story. A young boy, about seven, was to be baptized. The day came for the baptism and he was so excited. During the baptism, the Pastor said, "Timothy, Jesus is your friend and he welcomes you into his family." This was a special day. Timothy couldn't wait to tell his friends that Jesus was his friend.

All thru the next week, Timothy talked about Jesus being his friend. He talked so much about Jesus being his friend that Bobby wanted to know more. Timothy said, "You come with me to church and I'll show you Jesus." So, Bobby asked his mom if it would be ok for him to attend church with Timothy and his family. Mom gave her permission.

Sunday came and Bobby went to church with Timothy. When they came into church, the pastor was at the door dressed in his white alb. Bobby asked, "Is that Jesus?" Timothy responded, "No, that's the pastor, but if you stick with me, I'll show you Jesus."

We might think that Timothy is naïve. We might think that Timothy is just a child and therefore doesn't really understand. On the other hand, maybe Timothy understands perfectly. In Mark 10:15, Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." Timothy trusts that Jesus is his friend and he is so excited about the relationship that he can't help but pass this blessing along.

Timothy has caught the essence of the question "How can I ask God to bless you today?" His comment to his friend, "if you stick with me, I'll show you Jesus," is a clear effort to bless his friend.

It is also a great reminder to us adults. Our efforts of living our faith ought to help demonstrate a clear presentation of Jesus. We have the opportunity to bless people in our loving actions. Like Timothy, we can invite people to stick with us, we'll show them Jesus. However, this does mean that we have to be actively living out our faith in loving actions.

It would seem that Timothy not only believed in God, he believed God. He believed that Jesus was his friend and he was motivated to show this friend to others. May the Holy Spirit so motivate us to not only believe in Jesus but to believe Jesus has the capacity to touch others through us.

Pastor Laaker



Each year, people from Grace Lutheran Church bring donations of mittens, gloves, scarves, and other warm items and place them on the tree. These gifts of warmth are donated to area shelters.

The Christmas Mitten Tree will stand in the upper fellowship hall in December.

During the special sales in the month of November and December, consider adding a pair of mittens or a scarf or two to your shopping basket.

Property Update

The house at 1310 S 26th was demolished and removed on Monday, October 3. The remainder of the lot was cleaned up by the end of the day, Tuesday, October 4. This work was completed by Anderson Excavation.

The existing parking lot was removed on Tuesday, October 11, by Swain Construction. All signs of the old parking lot were cleaned up by the end of Wednesday, October 12. Work began on excavating a trench along the north wall of the church building. A large pile of dirt began forming in the middle of the new combined lots.

The concrete window wells, exposed in the excavation of the trench along the north wall were removed on Monday, October 17. The old basement windows now exposed were blocked in by Thursday, October 20. Mercury Contractors began sealing the wall on Friday, October 21.

Swain Construction removed the large pile of dirt on Thursday, October 20. The combined lot has been regarded and the expectation is that the new entrances to the lot will be formed and poured with concrete beginning Monday, October 24.

Please continue to pray for the successful completion of this important project.



4 Tips for Your Emergency Cash Fund

The challenging economic times have made all of us more conscious about our financial savings habits.

Among our good friends and partners in stewardship putting focus on this topic is Nathan Dugan, founder and president of Share Save Spend . For over 20 years, he has interacted with thousands of families to help them align their values with their money decisions. Nathan encourages establishing and maintaining an emergency fund as one of the most important things you can do for yourself-both financially and emotionally. I like what he says in his full article, and I've highlighted here a few of his simple tips to get you started on building your own emergency fund.

- ◆ Rule of thumb: set a goal of accumulating between three to six months of your net income (that's after taxes).
- ◆ Find the wiggle room to stash away cash by diligently tracking your income and expenses for 30 to 60 days. For example, if you committed to packing a lunch each day rather than eating out how much money could you "find" and redirect to your emergency fund?
- ◆ Set rules for yourself about what qualifies as an emergency, because if you don't you'll be dipping into your fund far too frequently.
- ◆ Keep your emergency fund as "out of reach" as possible. Keep it in a separate account and restrict your electronic transfer options.

I would add that the Mission Investment Fund's Demand Account with checking is a good option for setting up your emergency cash fund, because it provides easy steps to deposit funds (including ACH) and to withdraw funds. There are no fees associated with the account, and of course you get a return on your investment. Current rates range from .7% to 1.1%.



Prayer Concerns from Family and Friends

*"We always thank God for all of you and continually
mention you in our prayers. "*

1 Thessalonians 1:2

Those we pray for named below are members unless otherwise specified:

- ◆ Andrew Edwards - Doing dialysis a couple times a week until a kidney can be found.
- ◆ Mae Lane - Ongoing health issues.
- ◆ Ken Hilmer - Ongoing health issues.
- ◆ La Vonne Moss - Ongoing health issues.
- ◆ Barbara Nelson - as she recovers from a stroke.
- ◆ Barbara Narducci - as she continues to recover from her fall.
- ◆ For the family of Norma Olson.
- ◆ Rose Heesacker - as she receives chemotherapy for cancer treatment. (June Hilmer's sister.)
- ◆ Rex Olson - healing during his cancer treatment. (Don Olson's brother.)
- ◆ Elna Burns - healing during chemotherapy. (Don Olson's sister.)
- ◆ Bradley Collett - healing during his treatment for blood clots. (Kids At Work Alumni.)
- ◆ Wanda Black - skin grafting surgery on her legs. (Ernie Olson's Aunt.)
- ◆ Scott Moore - recovery from surgery. (Gloria Moore's son.)
- ◆ Pastor Judy Gifford - recovery from surgery. (Assistant to the Bishop.)
- ◆ Norma Courtney - recovery from surgery. (Arlone Farber's Mom.)

Pray for our Shut - ins and Nursing Home residents:

Mae Lane - St Joe Villa.

Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn.

Pray for wisdom for your Church Council here at Grace Church.

Pray for the Council Members. Ask God to bless their ministry among us.

Pray for strength and spiritual wisdom for the leaders in the local church and the Nebraska Synod:

Pastor Laaker

Bishop David deFreese, Nebraska Synod

Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA Bishop, United States

- ◆ Pray for the Sudanese community in general. David Nange and Charles Tuw are the elders for the Sudanese Worshiping Community.

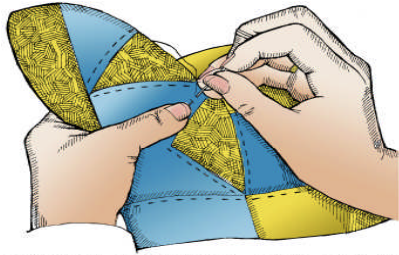
*Let's encourage each other as we see God's hand
in answering our prayers.*

Pray, but only on days ending in "y".

Just remember I always answer my knock-mails. ~God

Quotes from Olga Ripich





QUILTING GROUP

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief on Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

If you have the morning free, drop by and help cut squares and tie quilt tops on to the backs.

Coffee break and joke time is at 10:00 a.m.

Ladies of Grace,

You're invited to join our ESL class on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. for a Christmas celebration. We will be making jewelry and serving a luncheon. Please join us for the holiday fun! RSVP by November 19th by signing up on the bulletin board or by calling Mary Laaker at 402-342-2610 or Vicki Cox at 402-333-5980.



Mary, Amanda, Arlong, Vicki, Rudy, Margarita, Tomasita, and Roselvi



Women of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America

Lutheran Women of Omaha
will meet November 8, 2011
for a 12:00 Luncheon at
Iglesia Cristo Rey Lutheran Church
4440 South 25th Street

Program: PACE (medical services for 55+)

Project: Baby blankets and diapers.

Reservations By: November 6, 2011
To

Mardelle Gocek - 402-292-1328
Luncheon: \$6.00 COME JOIN US



Wednesday Night
November 16, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Candle light Prayer Service
for Confession,
Meditation and Healing
at Grace Lutheran Church.

People of all faiths are welcome!



Due to all the improvements and construction surrounding the church, there will be no Halloween Party this year!

Next year there will be ample parking for all who attend this celebration.

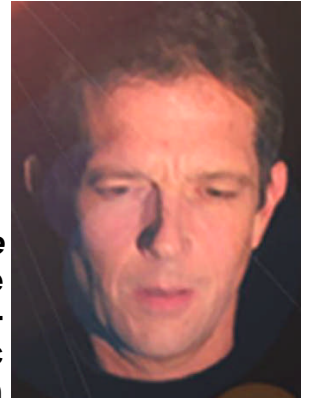
Community News

Coming to St. Timothy's
November 11, 7 p.m. Adults \$10, Kids \$1 (under 18)

Brad Sherrill in

PROPHETS

Off-Broadway actor Brad Sherrill's 600 live performances of *The Gospel of John* have touched the hearts of over 180,000 people worldwide! Please join us as Brad shares his compelling 2010 adaptation of Isaiah, Jeremiah and other prophetic texts....communicated powerfully for today's audiences through live performance and beautiful multimedia imagery.



"Prophets is marked by courage, imagination and a passion for truth telling..." -WALTER BRUEGGEMANN, world-renowned Old Testament scholar.

Since 2001, Brad Sherrill has performed *The Gospel of John* over 600 times in churches, cathedrals and theaters across the U.S., Canada and the U.K., including a six-week run off-Broadway at New York City's historic *Lamb's Theatre* and at professional theaters in Chicago, Washington D.C., Toronto and Atlanta. International performances have included many large, historic cathedrals in Europe such as *Westminster Cathedral* (London, 2007), *Christ Church Cathedral* (Dublin, 2008) and *St. Peter's Cathedral* (Belfast, 2008.) Brad spent much of 2009 memorizing large portions of texts from Isaiah and Jeremiah for his 2010 premiere of *Prophets*, which premiered in Atlanta at the *Conant Performing Arts Center* in March, 2010 and now tours the U.S. *Prophets* is Brad's first performance to bring Biblical texts into modern times through the assistance of multimedia.

PROJECT



The Theme for November is:
Baking Supplies/Bathroom Tissue/
Stocking Stuffers

These are things our clients can not purchase with their food stamps and are always appreciated.

Diapers	Dish soap
Deodorant	Toothbrush and toothpaste
Can Openers	Mouthwash (without alcohol)
Shaving Cream	Feminine hygiene products
Razors	Hair products (combs, brushes, picks)
Kleenex	Dry Laundry Soap
Bar Soap	Bathroom tissue

We always need paper or plastic bags.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Now that the kids are back in school, how about a refresher course for Mom & Dad? Restore Communication, Rekindle Romance, and Renew Commitment. This is the perfect time to register for the Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend of your choice. You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 8:00 p.m. to Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room. There is no counseling and no group sharing. No one tries to change who you are. It's great for couples who already have a good marriage and want to enrich their relationship, but it also does wonders for those marriages that have lost their luster through years of child rearing and work obligations.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends

February 10-12, 2012 in Lincoln, NE
Dayle & Terri Mautz
402-540-8508 dtmautz@yahoo.com

March 9-11, 2012 in Sioux Falls, SD
Vern & Karen Harrington
712-533-6221 giblem@frontiernet.net

Please register one month in advance.



2011 Nebraska Lutheran World Relief Ingathering

All over the United States, Lutherans reach out to those in need overseas through Lutheran World Relief's Quilt Kit Ministry. The Quilts and Kits gathered for Lutheran World Relief by women's groups, confirmation classes and congregations truly make a difference in the lives of people all over the world. A continued generous response from congregations in Nebraska will help to ensure that LWR is able to respond to the increasing needs overseas. Won't you join us? LWR expects a 15% increase in requests from partners in 2011.

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Items accepted are quilts, blankets and soap as well as School Kits, Health Kits, Layettees and Sewing Kits (2010 guidelines) and School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits (2011 guidelines).

Packing Notes

40-lb. limit per box. Please use strong cartons secured with packing tape. Label boxes clearly in large, block letters with the contents and name and address of your congregation. Do not mix items (including 2010 and 2011 Kits); boxes should be all Quilts, all Fabric Kits, etc.

Specific assembly guidelines for the projects are available online at lwr.org/getinvolved or by requesting a free Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide at 1-800-597-5972.

News from the Families of Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 6, 2011
Celebrate Gertrude's 103rd Birthday!

Following worship service, you are invited to a joyous celebration of Gertrude's birth!



**Give Glory to God
through decorating
The Sanctuary
During the Season
Of Advent**

POINSETTIAS

Cost:
\$8.00 each

A Sign Up sheet
has been posted on the Bulletin Board

The Deadline for Ordering is December 4th

Be sure to designate whether you would like to take your flowers home after the holiday or donate them to the church for shut-ins or staff.



Buy Your 2012
God's Creation Calendar Today!
Supplies are Limited.
Fundraiser for the
Grace Lutheran Church Library.

Only \$5.00!

Remember!



November 6th

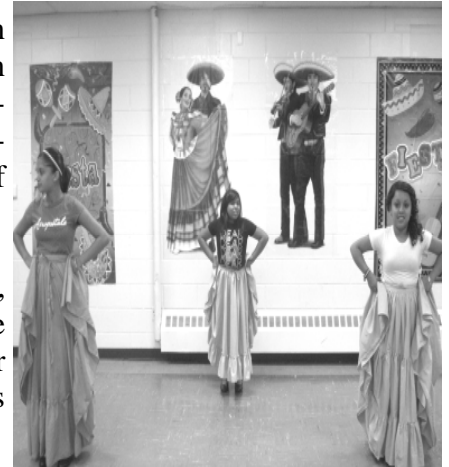


Virginia McGill
Director

Gema C. Wolde
Community Health Worker
Se habla español.

Families in Action Celebrates a Traditional Zumbathon in Grace Lutheran Church

Over 150 Families in Action participants celebrated together in September with a fiesta of dancing and a potluck at Grace Lutheran Church. The photo above shows a few of our high school participants (Maria, Karina and Michelle) who led the entire group in several folkloric dances. Other dances were from various parts of Mexico and Central America.

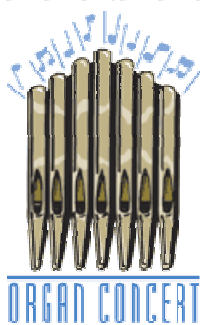


Guest Dance Leaders also included: Ilda, Norma, Elizabeth, Julia, Michel, María Fernanda y Gema. Each person designed a routine with traditional songs from Mexico and Central America. After our dancing, food was brought in by each family to share that was delicious and healthy!

If you would like to see more on this activity with Families in Action, please visit our website, www.familiesinactionomaha.org. The site is a work in progress and is being update by Virginia with the generous support of Tri Delta Volunteers. A special thanks to all the members of Tri Delta who are making such a difference in our programs, and to Lauren and Heidi who have provided invaluable design expertise with humor, grace and selflessness.

We would also like to thank all of our families, Grace Lutheran Church our host, and all our staff, volunteers and community partners who help make such festivities special and possible!

Gema and Virginia



The Omaha Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present their annual Advent/Christmas program on Sunday, November 27th at 3:00 p.m. The program will take place at Maplewood United Methodist Church, 3535 Maplewood Blvd. The presentation will include organ music by Chapter members and organ students. The featured organ this year is a 2-manual electronic organ by the Rodgers Organ Company. This year, donations will be received for the local AGO Organ Scholarship Fund. In the past moneys from the Scholarship Fund have gone to support and encourage local organ students. There is a handicapped accessible entrance on the east side of the church. Coordinator is Gilbert Ward.



“When I had third-graders in my class at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo, FL, they had learned the order of the names of the first six books of the New Testament. “One day, I asked if anyone knew the name of the very first book of the whole Bible. Russell raised his hand and answered, ‘Preface.’”

—Gloria Walz
Clearwater, FL

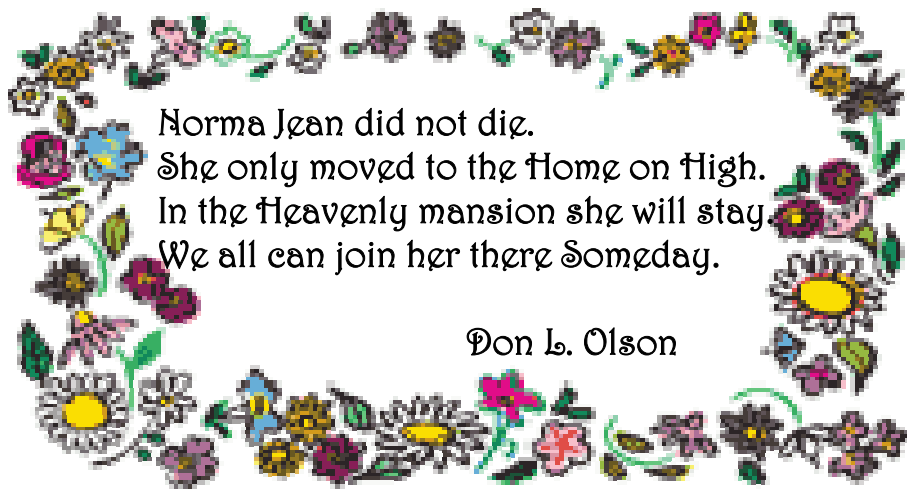
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And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

- ◆ Thank you to Marilyn and Jerry Van Ormer for their dedication in tending to the plants in the entry way, they continue to look welcoming.
- ◆ Thank you to Donna Adrian, Mary Laaker, Tom and Sarah Emery, Arlone Farber and Vicki Cox for their ongoing care in the nursery during Sunday morning worship service.
- ◆ Thank you to Bob Moss, Jerry Van Ormer, and Ernie Olson for their continuing efforts to maintain the church with any projects that need to be completed.
- ◆ Thank you to all the lawn care personnel; Bob Moss, Jerry Van Ormer, and Ernie Olson who are tending the Church yard and the yard to the north of the church beautifully.
- ◆ Thank you to Marilyn, LaVonne, June, Gloria, and Eva, with your dedication in quilting for the Lutheran World Relief.



Norma Jean did not die.
She only moved to the Home on High.
In the Heavenly mansion she will stay.
We all can join her there Someday.

Don L. Olson

Ladies of Grace Church,
Thank you all for the luncheon that you prepared and served for us. It was greatly appreciated and Mom would have loved it!
Don, Ernie, Grace, Donna and family.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
Harold F. Mohn

It is making someone happy
By little things you do.
It is giving no receiving
That so enriches you.

It is a word of kindness
To help one's troubles bear;
It is the hand of friendship
To show you truly care.



It is sharing with another
The things that you possess;
It's the Christian way of living
That brings you happiness.



The Lord Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

As managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us, we have a responsibility to manage well what rightfully belongs to God. By storing up treasures in heaven, we safeguard that which we value. There, our treasures are not subject to destruction, damage or even inflation. Nor are they subject to theft since God provides the universe’s greatest security system!

There’s nothing wrong with saving or investing here on earth. In fact, Jesus gave a commendation to faithful stewards for that very action. But the primary place to invest is in what might be called “God’s Eternal Bank.” There are many ways to invest in that special “bank.” When given in the name of the Lord Jesus and for His sake, even a cup of water can be an investment in God’s Eternal Bank. Our financial resources can also be used in this way. Each time we give our tithes and offerings at Grace Lutheran Church for the glory of God, we are storing up treasure in heaven, “investing for time and eternity.”

The universal principle of giving is found in 2 Corinthians 9:7 — We are to give as we have decided in our hearts to give. In other words, giving (including when to give and how much to give) is a matter of the heart. It is the same principle Moses expressed in Exodus 25:2 — We are to give willingly from the heart.

Dr. George W. Truett was invited to dinner in the home of a very wealthy man in his congregation. After the meal, the host led him to a place where they could get a good view of the surrounding area. Pointing to the oil wells punctuating the landscape, he boasted, “Twenty-five years ago I had nothing. Now, as far as you can see, it’s all mine.”

Looking in the opposite direction at his sprawling fields of grain, he said, “That’s all mine.” Turning east toward huge herds of cattle, he bragged, “They’re all mine.” Then pointing to the west and a beautiful forest, he exclaimed, “That, too, is all mine.”

Dr. Truett simply placed one hand on the man’s shoulder and pointed heavenward with the other. “How much do you have in that direction?” he asked.

That’s a good question, isn’t it? No matter what our wealth and financial holdings here on earth may be, what really counts is what we have in store in heaven.

As you consider our annual stewardship emphasis, “Investing for Time and Eternity,” and as you consider how God has blessed your life, to use Dr. Truett’s question, “How much do you have in that direction?” And perhaps even more importantly, as you consider the year which lies ahead and your commitment to the Lord to give to this ministry, what will you — by faith — promise to give in the coming year?

Please plan to be present on “Investment Celebration Sunday,” November 20, 2011, as we offer our Faith Promise Cards in thanksgiving for God’s blessings in the past and in anticipation of God’s provisions in the future.

“ . . . the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

A man was traveling in a hot-air balloon that was suddenly enveloped in a cloud. When it came out of the cloud, the man did not recognize anything on the ground below, and he called out to a man walking on the ground: "You there! Where am I?"

"You are in a hot-air balloon, about 60 feet off the ground," came the reply.

"You must be a theologian!" called the man in the balloon.

"I am," said the man on the ground, "but how did you know?"

"Your information, while accurate, is of absolutely no use to me," said the balloonist.

"You must be a bishop," said the man on the ground.

"I am," said the man in the balloon, "but how did you know?"

"You don't know where you are," the man on the ground replied. "You don't know how you got here. You don't know where you're going. *And it's my fault!*"

—Andrew Fisher
Resurrection Parish
Denville, NJ

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Special Days in November at Grace Lutheran Church

November 6 - Fall Back,
Daylight Savings Ends.
November 8 - Council Meeting.
November 9 - Photographers Club.
November 16 - Prayer Service.
November 17 - Neighborhood Meeting.
November 23 - Photographers Club.
November 24 - Thanksgiving Day.
November 26 - Moyer Wedding.
November 27 - First Sunday in Advent.



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Thanksgiving thoughts

"It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings. Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to? Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn. Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow. Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement. Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character. Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons. Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference."

—via Peter Dring
Land O Lakes, WI

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Books of the Old Testament

GENESIS	KINGS	SONG OF SOLOMON	OBADIAH
EXODUS	CHRONICLES	ISAIAH	JONAH
LEVITICUS	EZRA	JEREMIAH	MICAH
NUMBERS	NEHEMIAH	LAMENTATIONS	NAHUM
DEUTERONOMY	ESTHER	EZEKIEL	HABAKKUK
JOSHUA	JOB	DANIEL	ZEPHANIAH
JUDGES	PSALMS	HOSEA	HAGGAI
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 C I H O Z I G C R O M E O U A G E
 H T A P E T S E G D U J O M C O R
 I I I R A A H O S A M O S A I F O
 H C M O E T A G E N E S I S M S N
 A U E V S N I O X E X H T U R O O
 I S R E O E A B O J M U H A N L M
 R Z E R H M S P D A N A L R Z O Y
 A A J B E A I N U M B E R S N M E
 H C P S A L M S S L E I N A D O S
 C H G S E T S A I S E L C C E N I
 E A O B A D I A H A N O J A S P S
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