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REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker

Editor/Church Secretary - Brenda Spahr

Organist - Colleen Jeffrey

Sexton - Alma Lopez

Community Outreach - Malachi Black

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



2016 Council Members

Ron Adrian	Vicki Cox	Arlone Farber
Ralph Fitle	Greg Hula	Loren Moyer
Brenda Spahr	Amanda Vazquez	Pastor Laaker

Officers Serving the Congregation:		
Financial: Janet Hula	Treasurer: Ralph Fitle	

The regular meeting of the Council was held on June 14th. The Council shared their prayer concerns for family members, friends, neighbors and victims of recent mass shootings.

Devotions: Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker reading the selected verses in the "Daily Texts" from Psalm 37:5 and Romans 5:2. The first tells us to commit our lives to God and trust in him. The second explains that we are worthy of God's grace because of Jesus and we should boast in the hope of sharing God's glory.

Visions for Ministry: An important piece to understand from the Empowerment Test is that it doesn't measure what is within you but what comes out from you. The author breaks down the traits and talks about how we apply those within the combination of leadership and empowerment. Through this assessment, we learn more about how we approach issues and individuals through our leadership and empowerment strengths and weaknesses. Some of our growth or lack thereof may be adjusted through our attitude. We will read pages 67-74 and review the previous 2 sections (51-66) to discuss next month.

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

Christian Education: Our one-day Vacation Bible School program Raindrops to Rainbows is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th from 12-5pm with a barbecue following for which families are invited. We have received a Thrivent Action Funds request of \$250 to help with the cost.

Evangelism/Outreach: The Kids at Work program has begun and there are 5 kids this year. The first checks have been distributed. Malachi has planned the first movie night for kids on Friday, June 17th at 7:30pm. Popcorn will be provided and the movie will be the Little Rascals.

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Finance: The Lutheran Planned Giving Services presentation took place this past Sunday at St. Luke's and was very informative. Endowment Board met and submitted its report. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to ratify the distribution from the Disney Endowment Fund.

Property: Tree stump out front has been ground up. The Endowment Board approved our request to move forward with replacing the carpet in the sanctuary. NFM has been contacted and will likely schedule the job in July.

Pastor provided 2 options for new directional signage to replace the existing weathered signs. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to use memorial funds to purchase 4 new signs.

Pastor will have a phone meeting with a roofer to have the valleys on the tower replaced.

Dan Dolezal has looked at the mortar issues on the alley side of the church and will be out tomorrow to look at deteriorating mortar in the bricks on the southwest corner of the church. Both issues will hopefully be resolved soon.

Service/Social Ministry: None

Support/Stewardship: None.

Worship: None.

Unfinished Business: Pastor provided a written report from the Synod Assembly.

New Business: None.

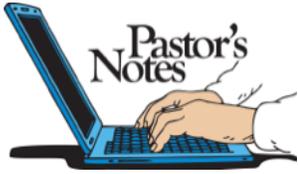
Announcements: Anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in community action, you are encouraged to participate in OTOC activities. Amanda will bring treats for July.

Adjournment: The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Vazquez, Secretary

Everyone have a save
4th of July





This month has brought us great sadness. On Sunday, June 12, we learned of the massive loss of life in Orlando, Florida. Two days later, a two-year-old boy, on vacation in Orlando, is killed by an alligator. These losses are on top of the daily news of the shootings and daily loss of life in other accidents. I also received a reminder from Presiding Bishop Eaton that this is the one-year anniversary of the shooting that killed nine persons in Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston.

My heart breaks as I hear of these losses. We mourn for those whose lives have been cut short. We lament the actions of persons who randomly kill or plan such massive murders. We long for efforts that would bring about peace.

Timothy Merrill, the Executive Editor for Homiletics, wrote these words to clergy this past week: As a country, we cannot agree on what it will take to achieve peace among us and to keep innocent people from dying. Social media is blowing up with people arguing about how to prevent the carnage that has become so commonplace throughout America.

We may be divided on what makes for peace. Some will argue that if more people had been armed, the slaughter could have been halted early on. Others will argue that no private citizen should be allowed to possess an automatic assault rifle. Church members will have differing views on gun control, help for the mentally ill and whether Islam is inherently a radical religion.

Don't even think of wading into those waters. But here's what you can do: **You can search for what unites every one of us.**

WE CAN AGREE, CAN WE NOT ...

- * that violence as a means of venting frustration is wrong.
- * that verbal violence sets a bad example.
- * that incivility and lack of respect for people different from ourselves -- whether because of political affiliation, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, religion, handicap -- often leads to abuse.
- * that posting and reposting an *ad hominem* attack on a political candidate is hurtful.
- * that hate is a negative and harmful emotion.
- * that we can live as people of peace, renouncing verbal and physical violence.

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- * that proactively initiating an act of kindness to someone who's radically different from us will bless both the giver and the receiver.
- * that Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:43-45a, NRSV).

CAN WE ALSO AGREE ...

- * to stop posting or uttering hateful, demeaning things, things that ridicule, that belittle -- even if the object of ridicule is Trump or Hillary?
- * to monitor our conversations so only gracious, kind words come out of our mouths?
- * to let God be the judge of other people and stop presuming we know the mind and heart of God?
- * to work together with people who may hold opinions and positions quite different from our own?
- * that at times it might be necessary to compromise for the greater good?
- * that the world, that earthly life, will never perfectly fit into our vision of the "peaceable" kingdom?
- * that our congregation should seek creative ways to assist victims of hatred or abuse, or participate with and support those who help these victims?

It's heart-wrenching to see people weeping over the loss of their loved ones ...

But look into Jesus' face for a moment. Imagine that face. See him with his head in his hands. See the tears dropping into the dust of the road. The Savior weeps. We weep.

In some way -- great or small -- let us agree to change. Let's be the change we need in this country. Let's stop doing whatever might be hurtful and start doing whatever might be healing.

Let's do it now.

I agree that there are things to do and things to not do. I would hope that we might be motivated to do as much as we can to address the issues of justice that must be addressed for the well being of all.

Pastor Laaker



And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Individuals listed below have ongoing health issues and concerns:

Christian Barajas
Theresa Courtney
James Harrahill
Dottie Hula
Cezar Martinez
LaVonne Moss
Linda Pafford
Urbano Vasquez



Norma Courtney
Andrew Edwards
Ken Hilmer
Carolyn Matson
Jack Pablo McGill
Don Olson
Brian Sutej
Melvin Wipperling



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

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 Damon Laaker, Grace Lutheran Church
Bishop Brian Maas, Nebraska Synod
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Bishop

Pray for the Sudanese community in general. David Nange, John Boato and Charles Tuv are the elders for the Sudanese Worshiping Community.

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

Pray for our Shut-ins and Nursing Home residents:

Ferne Matson - Home.
Joe and Barbara Narducci - Home.
Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn.



**Grace Quilters for
Lutheran World Relief**

The Grace Quilters are taking a break during the summer months. Please watch the Grace Messenger for additional information on their return around the end of summer.



**Prayer Service
Thursday
July 21, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

An inspiring and quiet experience in meditation, light music, and a deeper connection within God's presence, peace, and love.

The Neighbors South Habitat Coalition 2016 build has now began and will continue each Friday and Saturday. We will be working on rehabbing a home at 3319 S 20th Street for Maggie Ortega and her three daughters, Nathalia, Gabriella and Samantha. The first thing Maggie would like to do in her new house is cook a big family dinner and enjoy eating around the dinning room table together with her three daughters.



The work day begins at 8:30 am and concludes about 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed and welcomed. We are hopeful to have ten volunteers each work day. We will be taking July 4th weekend off.

Please call the church office (402) 341-7730 if you have questions or would like to help in some way.



Stewardship Moment

Scripture is filled with passages that remind us of the way God sustains and provides for our well-being. One of those passages is:

Jeremiah 17:7-8

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."

These words are words of hope and promise. The tree's roots know where they receive the life sustaining nourishment. They in turn provide the capacity for the tree to bear fruit.

Human beings are compared to the tree and its roots. Trusting in the Lord is the place where our roots receive the life sustaining nourishment. In the same way, this nourishment provides for our capacity to bear fruit. As the tree generously gives of its produce, we give generously of the gifts that we have received from the Lord's trust.

Thank you for your generous giving from the Lord's trust. May we not be anxious or fear filled. May we sink our roots deep into the promises of the Lord and bear fruit in abundance.

Lutheran South Pantry
4401 South 23rd Street
402-502-7070



Items that clients cannot purchase with their food stamps are always appreciated: Dish Soap, Kleenex, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrush and toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Razors, Mouthwash (without alcohol), Feminine hygiene products, Hair products (combs, brushes, picks), Bathroom tissue, Shampoo, Dry Laundry Soap, Can Openers, Diaper wipers, and Diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, 6 and pull-ups.

We always need paper or plastic bags.



Grace Lutheran Church
ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes
Saturdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
402-341-7730

Do you know anyone searching for the opportunity to learn the English language? Please direct them here at Grace. Every Saturday morning they would be greeted with a smile and very helpful tutors to start their education in one of the most difficult languages to learn as a second language.



Please join us as we work to unravel the English language on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11am.



All are Welcome!

Praise God for the continuing friendships as we learn and grow together.





We are through half a year of 2016. What have we learned so far? What struggles have we faced? Have things turned out exactly as we have expected? I could not have imagined the year as it has unfolded. Not for lack of creativity or imagination, but simply because so much is unknown. There isn't enough planning, strategy, or information that could inform me enough to know. I have learned a few things throughout the year and during my time in the outreach ministry.

For starters, outreach can be difficult. Outreach takes place in many forms, but essentially creates the opportunity to achieve improvement, progress, or build relationship within a community. Acts of outreach do not guarantee any successful outcome, however, and often lead to less than desired results. Outcomes are unpredictable, varied, and rely on many factors outside of individual or organization effort. Planning must be tactical, multi-faceted, and be reasonable given the conditions presented. Limitations often hinder the most desired outcomes, and one must steady himself or herself for any range of end results. Outreach IS difficult.

Outreach requires an all-in attitude. Passion typically fires a person up to want or will to be a part of something greater than himself or herself. The reality is this is not enough. Passions can be snuffed out by personal hardships, lack of resources, the inability to envision past challenges of the objectives that lie ahead, and counterintuitive plans.

People must be willing to sacrifice before and during challenging times in order to persevere. Time, talents, and treasures are often spoken about as the sacrifices we can or should make in ministry of outreach. Yet sometimes, the best sacrifice comes by way of our expectations. We cannot hold too tightly to expectations of greatness or failure. These can cloud perspective and the ability to rightly discern when important decisions need to be made. Being overly afraid of possible outcomes can be just as damaging as exceedingly high expectations which become the reasoning for throwing excessive resources at a project or ministry goal without sound rationale. Outreach requires all of us, not the efforts of a few.

Outreach is everyone's responsibility. Outreach objectively is reaching out. Reaching out to those in need; stretching beyond the boundaries, expectations, norms, and conditions. We typically think of outreach from the faith perspective. Certainly there is a great calling for us as Christians to advocate for the poor, lift up others through love who are struggling in suffering, and be an active voice against injustices. Everyone has a part to play in the role of outreach though. Anyone can be that agent of positive change and social justice. We are not called to love simply as Christians. We are called to love as human beings. Anyone can be an ambassador of outreach; some of us are simply paid to be one.

Malachi Black
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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10



Thank you Marilyn and Jerry Van Ormer for their on-going dedication in caring and tending to the plants in the entry way, they continue to thrive and look welcoming.



Thank you ESL tutors; Malachi Black, Vicki Cox, Arlone Farber, Mary Laaker, and Amanda Vazquez, for making connections with the students willing to learn and form friendships.



Thank you Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer, Greg and Janet Hula, and Eva Martin; who take turns picking up altar flowers every Sunday morning.



Thank you June, LaVonne, Eva, and Marilyn for your continued dedication in creating a reflection of God's love and care in every quilt sent to support Lutheran World Relief.



Thank you LaVonne, June, Gloria, Marilyn, Jerry, Eva, and Malachi for your dedication and help in assembling the monthly Grace Messenger!



Thank you Ron and Donna Adrian and Brenda Spahr who take turns in the care of the altar, and preparing the communion table.



Thank you to all ushers, Andrew, Jerry, Ron, Vicki, Larry, Mary, and Malachi for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.



Thank you Loren and Malachi for sharing their talents in building the new little library now on display and helping those in the area with the convenience of having the accessibility to get lost in a book this summer.

One-Liners shared from JoyfulNoiseletter.com

It's a whole new ballgame when Jesus is the manager."

- via Rev. David Shreve, Hagerstown, MI

"Practice courtesy; you never know when it might become popular again." - Author unknown

Citizen Police Academy

Learn what the Police do! See the different police units. Participate in police scenarios. Get to know your officers and keep your neighborhood safe!

Participate in the Southeast Precinct's Citizen Police Academy located at 25th and Vinton Streets on July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, and 25. from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

This is a free event however space is limited so register early! To complete an application, contact ofelia.robles@cityofomaha.org. Registration deadline is July 1st. For additional information or questions, please call 402-444-7743.



"From Raindrops To Rainbows" Grace Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School - One Day Event

Youth were able to hear two Bible Stories while experiencing sitting in a boat, just like the disciples!

Awesome wave artistry!



Grace's Free Little Library is now on display in the front island of the parking lot! Stop on by and browse for an interesting book! If you have any books for all ages you would like to contribute to the outdoor library or have any questions regarding this new adventure, please speak with Malachi. Let's spread the joy of imagination through reading a good book this summer!

Basics of Organizing Series: Leadership in an Election Year



Join leaders of Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) on Monday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church (3647 Lafayette Ave) for the second of a three part summer training series about how to organize to assure that candidates for public office respond to the issues that affect our families and communities. The focus on the second session is "How to Organize meetings and walks in our neighborhoods to educate voters about issues". The third session will take place on Monday August 7th at Augustana and will focus on how to organize a large accountability session with candidates for office to seek their commitment to support our Action Agenda. For questions, contact OTOC at otocfornebraska@gmail.com



Special music time with Todd and Lynda was a treat for all.

Water games were fun for all ages. Even the very young!



Skit time with a stern cloud warning children to behave! Very entertaining.

July 2016



- 3 - Mary Laaker
- 10 - Arlone Farber
- 17 - Greg Hula
- 24 - Margie Sutej
- 31 - Terry Nielsen
- Aug. 7 - Malachi Black

- 4 - Bryce Bojanski
- 8 - Charles Farber
- 9 - Madison Emery
- 11 - LaVonne Moss
Urbano Vasquez
- 17 - Caleb Ketelson
- 18 - Gabriel Granillo
- 20 - Dustin Moyer
- 24 - Angela Everitt
Aden Hargis
- 25 - Samantha Moyer

Did we miss your birthday?
Please contact the church
office and let us know!

July Alcolytes

- 3 - Vicki Cox
- 10 - Brenda Spahr
- 17 - Donna Adrian
- 24 - Andrea Spahr
- 31 - Janet Hula
- Aug. 7 - Greg Hula

July Ushers

- Ron Adrian
- Larry Foreman
- Andrew Edwards

Ushers & Greeters



July Greeters

- 3 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- 10 - Larry Foreman and Ralph Fittle
- 17 - Vicki Cox and Andrew Edwards
- 24 - Greg and Janet Hula
- 31 - Gloria Moore and June Hilmer
- Aug. 7 - Ron and Donna Adrian



Responsibility List

Altar Flowers



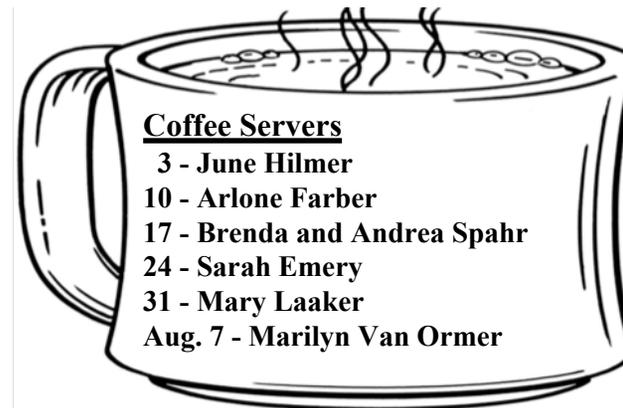
- 3 - In honor of David Hufford's birthday.
- 10 - Arlone Farber in honor of her son, Charles' birthday.
- 17 - Vicki Cox to the Glory of God.
- 24 - Janet and Greg Hula in loving memory of Janet's mother, Joann Costello and family member, Lance.
- 31 - Charlotte Palczynski in celebration of her grandson, Trae's graduation.
- Aug. 7 - OPEN.

Flower Pick-Up for July: Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer



Backpack Program

- 3 - Pastor and Mary Laaker in celebration of their grand-daughter, Madison's birthday.
- 10 - Joe and Barbara Narducci in loving memory of their daughter, Kathy.
- 17 - Margie Sutej in honor of her grandchildren.
- 24 - OPEN.
- 31 - OPEN.
- Aug. 7 - OPEN.



Coffee Servers

- 3 - June Hilmer
- 10 - Arlone Farber
- 17 - Brenda and Andrea Spahr
- 24 - Sarah Emery
- 31 - Mary Laaker
- Aug. 7 - Marilyn Van Ormer



Nebraska Death Penalty Initiative

The Nebraska Synod in Assembly adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That, prior to the Nebraska Death Penalty Initiative on November 8, 2016, called and lay leaders of the Nebraska Synod, will make the ELCA Social Statement on the Death Penalty readily available in their congregations and encourage prayerful study and opportunities for discussion; and

RESOLVED, That, church members are called upon to give the Social Statement on the Death Penalty serious consideration as they form their own judgments on eliminating the death penalty in Nebraska.

As most of you are aware, the Nebraska Legislature in 2015 adopted LB 268, which repealed the death penalty in Nebraska. The ballot measure this fall will include the petition effort to reinstate the death penalty.

The ELCA social statement on “The Death Penalty” expresses ELCA opposition to the use of the death penalty because of the church’s ministry with and to people affected by violent crime, even while recognizing that God entrusts the state with the power to take human life when failure to do so constitutes a clear danger to society.

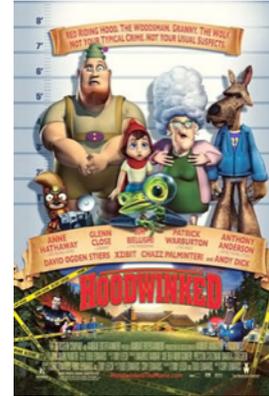
The statement acknowledges the existence of different points of view within the church and society and the need for continued deliberation, but objects to the use of the death penalty because it is not used fairly and has failed to make society safer. Its practice undermines any possible alternate moral message since “the message conveyed by an execution, reflected in the attention it receives from the public, is one of brutality and violence.”

You can read or download the full social statement on “The Death Penalty” in English or en español. The statement was adopted in 1991 by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Death-Penalty?_ga=1.178794343.21065439.1452822569 You can get access to the complete document at this link.

I personally will be voting to “retain” the action of the Legislature in abolishing the death penalty in Nebraska.

Pastor Laaker



Family Movie Night at Grace Friday, July 15th at 7:30 pm

Come enjoy games, movie and fellowship time with one another. Bring your children, invite their friends for a movie night. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Enjoy the fellowship during the showing of “Hoodwinked” together. If you have any questions, please speak with Malachi Black or call the church office.

Arts For All, Inc. and the South Omaha Public Library have partnered to host “Where Books and Art Meet” Workshops for children between the ages of 8-12. The series takes place on Saturdays from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the South Omaha Library, 2808 Q Street. Each workshop is taught by professional artists and teachers and will feature a story time and an accompany arts activity. Workshops are free, registration is required, space is limited to 25 each week. You can register online at omahalibrary.evanced.info/signup/eventcalendar.aspx?df=calendar.



Kids At Work - consider the possibilities of volunteering: with only 16 total days available for participants to work; the variety of opportunities are flexible including volunteering all 16 days, or two days a week, one day a week, one week out of the month, any time you can spend helping with the Kids At Work Summer Program will be helpful. Kids At Work continues to meet each Tuesday and Wednesday through July 20th. If you are interested in participating or volunteering in this awesome awareness for the youth to give back to the community, please speak with Malachi Black.



Keeping Cool... and Green

While good ol' ventilation is still the most environmentally-friendly and cost effective way to cool your home, not everyone is lucky enough to have lots of strategically placed windows to catch the least bit of cross breeze.

Two-thirds of all homes in the United States have air conditioners. Air conditioners use about 5% of all the electricity produced in the United States, at an annual cost of more than \$11 billion to homeowners. So when the weather warms up we should do everything we can to conserve energy as we keep cool. That means treating our air conditioners the same way we treat other energy-demanding appliances: by using them wisely and keeping them running efficiently. Here are some tips to help:

Invest in an energy-efficient air conditioner. If you are buying a new air conditioner, choose one for maximum energy efficiency. New air conditioners come labeled with an Energy Efficiency Rating (EER), a standard that lets you calculate how much electricity the A/C will consume. The higher the EER, the less it will cost you to operate the appliance to achieve the same level of cooling.

Avoid overcooling. Don't use or buy more cooling equipment capacity than you actually need. If you decide on central air conditioning, select the most energy-efficient unit that will cool the size space you have. Bigger is not better. A larger unit than you need will cost more to run and may not remove enough humidity from the air, the feature that some consumers like most about air conditioners.

Keep your cooling system well tuned. Have it professionally maintained, and ask how the energy efficiency of the system may be increased. Remember to replace the air filter regularly.

Install a whole-house ventilating fan. This can be put in your attic or in an upstairs window to cool the house, even if you have central air conditioning. According to Consumer Reports, a big fan working under the right conditions can cool and ventilate an entire house for about the energy cost of running an air conditioner in one room.

Set your thermostate as high as possible. 78 degrees Farenheit is often recommended as a reasonably comfortable and energy-efficient indoor temperature.

Draw the blinds. Reduce the need for the A/C by keeping shades drawn, especially on south-facing windows.

Program the thermostat. Set the thermostat higher during the day when no one is in your house or apartment.

green tips from earthshare.org

Reading Your Bible in a Year - July 2016

1	Mark 11:1-14	1 Kings 1	Hosea 4:1-5:4
2	Mark 11:15-33	1 Kings 2	Hosea 5:5-15
3	Mark 12:1-27	1 Kings 3	Hosea 6:1-7:2
4	Mark 12:28-44	1 Kings 4-5	Hosea 7:3-16
5	Mark 13:1-13	1 Kings 6	Hosea 8
6	Mark 13:14-37	1 Kings 7	Hosea 9:1-16
7	Mark 14:1-31	1 Kings 8	Hosea 9:17-10:15
8	Mark 14:32-72	1 Kings 9	Hosea 11:1-11
9	Mark 15:1-20	1 Kings 10	Hosea 11:12-12:14
10	Mark 15:21-47	1 Kings 11	Hosea 13
11	Mark 16	1 Kings 12:1-31	Hosea 14
12	1 Cor 1:1-17	1 Kings 12:32-13:34	Joel 1
13	1 Cor 1:18-31	1 Kings 14	Joel 2:1-11
14	1 Cor 2	1 Kings 15:1-32	Joel 2:12-32
15	1 Cor 3	1 Kings 15:33-16:34	Joel 3
16	1 Cor 4	1 Kings 17	Amos 1
17	1 Cor 5	1 Kings 18	Amos 2:1-3:2
18	1 Cor 6	1 Kings 19	Amos 3:3-4:3
19	1 Cor 7:1-24	1 Kings 20	Amos 4:4-13
20	1 Cor 7:25-40	1 Kings 21	Amos 5
21	1 Cor 8	1 Kings 22	Amos 6
22	1 Cor 9	2 Kings 1-2	Amos 7
23	1 Cor 10	2 Kings 3	Amos 8
24	1 Cor 11:1-16	2 Kings 4	Amos 9
25	1 Cor 11:17-34	2 Kings 5	Obadiah 1
26	1 Cor 12	2 Kings 6:1-7:2	Jonah 1
27	1 Cor 13	2 Kings 7:3-20	Jonah 2
28	1 Cor 14:1-25	2 Kings 8	Jonah 3
29	1 Cor 14:26-40	2 Kings 9	Jonah 4
30	1 Cor 15:1-35	2 Kings 10	Micah 1
31	1 Cor 15:35-58	2 Kings 11	Micah 2

Hands

At age 96, Betty Hatcher of Oklahoma City, OK, is still writing for her church newsletter at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Here's her latest contribution, titled "It Takes a Lot of Hands to Make a Church after the Builders All Have Gone."



Hands that greet a stranger or fold to pray, that cook the meals for hungry, feeble folk or sew the infant quilts.

Hands that print the bulletins or serve the wine and bread and give the programs out.

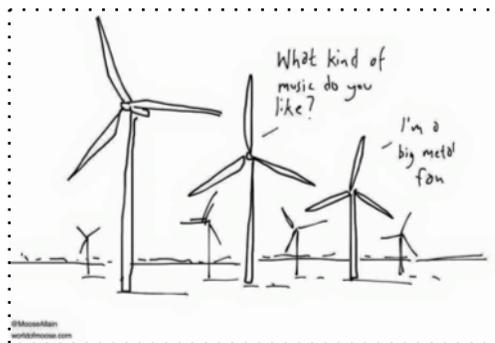
Hands that hold a Bible and clap at news of answered prayer or dial a lonely soul and write the consolation note.

Hands that touch the organ keys or hold the music score, that pour the punch and coffee or wash the dishes up.

Hands that count the offerings and write the checks for bills, that decorate the notice boards or gently hold a child in Sunday School.

There are so many hands within our church that pass agape on,
Hands that speak without a word And tell our Savior's love.
Our Calvin Church is filled With God-directed hands.

—Betty C. Hatcher, Reprinted with permission from JoyfulNoiseletter.com



Facebook Page: Clean Christian Comedy



Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 250

Matt.9:22-34

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Jesus Heals

AMAZED AFTER
ASKED AWAY
ASLEEP DAVID
BELIEVE DONE
CALLING EYES
CROWD FAITH
DEMONS FLUTE
DRIVEN GIRL
ENTERED HOUSE
INDOORS ISRAEL
LAUGHED JESUS
NOTHING KNOWS
OUTSIDE LORD
PLAYERS MUTE
PRINCE MERCY
REGION NEWS
RESTORED NOISY
RULERS OVER
SPREAD SEEN
STERNLY SIGHT
TOUCHED SPOKE
WARNED

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A football player went to a televangelist and asked him to pray for his hearing.

The televangelist laid hands on the man's ears and prayed fervently. "Are you hearing now?" the televangelist asked.

"I don't know" the football player replied. "It doesn't take place till Tuesday at the courthouse."

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