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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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# THE GRACE MESSENGER

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



**2017 Council Members**

Ron Adrian	Vicki Cox	Andrew Edwards
Ralph Fitle	Greg Hula	Marsha Moyer
Terry Nielsen	Brenda Spahr	Amanda Vazquez
Pastor Laaker		

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

The regular meeting of the Council was held on April 11th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns for individuals with health concerns and for victims and families in Syria affected by chemical bombs.

Pastor Laaker led devotions from Ezekiel 16:60 and Acts 2:39. The first tells us that God will be with you throughout your entire life and honor the promise of salvation. The second tells us that God’s promise extends beyond just the individual to include everyone, even those who have lost their way.

Visions for Ministry: This chapter talks about the role of church in society today and how much it has changed from previous generations. Younger generations have tended to drift away from the church, while older generations struggle with adapting to new ways to reach people. Church in the traditional sense was more about structure, rituals, and attendance; whereas, today church is becoming more fluid. Read chapter three of The Agile Church for next month.

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

Christian Education: VBS one-day event is planned for Saturday, July 22nd 12-5pm. Amanda and Malachi will work on a theme dealing with fruit of the spirit or creation.

Evangelism/Outreach: Vicki, Arlone, and Malachi attended the OTOC fundraiser, which they said was enjoyable. May 1st is the candidates accountability forum with the mayoral and city council candidates running for office, 7 pm, at St. Leo Catholic Church. The questions for the candidates will cover: housing, environmental sustainability, pay day lending, and police policy toward immigrants. The more people that attend the event, the greater the impact it will have on the candidates.

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Our ESL class is planning a trip to Morrill Hall in Lincoln on May 20th and we have been approved for a van, but we are in need of a driver. Vicki said there is a signup for the Crossroads Connection meal that we are interested in sponsoring. So far, there have been 3 people who have signed up. We are hoping for about 6 people to do one meal. There would be approximately 60-90 people. There are 4 dates available: July 2, & July 16. We will look at using a Thrivent Action Team sponsorship to cover the costs.

Finance: None.

Property: Vending machine has been delivered and is up and running.

Service/Social Ministry: Spring neighborhood cleanup is April 29th.

Support/Stewardship: Information was distributed about a possible fundraising partnership with Lansky’s.

Worship: Pastor asked for feedback about the Lenten services.

Unfinished Business: Brenda and Andrea have agreed to be our voting members at the Synod Assembly. The Synod Council approved our updated Constitution.

New Business: Kids at Work – for kids entering grades 5-8. It’s held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am-12 pm. If you know of any kids who may be interested, see Malachi.

Announcements: The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th – Election Day. Greg will bring treats in May.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Vazquez, Secretary



The Board of Directors and staff of Arts For All, Inc. would like to thank Grace Lutheran Church for their recent donation of \$7,500.00 in support of their program. Arts For All believe that all people have the ability to be creative and express themselves through the arts with the help and support of generous donations.

Putting The Arts Back Into Hearts



Jessie Obrecht, a student at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago wrote the following: “Our Gospel this week, April 23, is centered on two stories. The first is the story of Jesus visiting the disciples in the locked upper room, and the second is the story of Jesus visiting again, in order that Thomas might see and believe. In both of these stories we begin with an element of doubt or uncertainty.

“Immediately before this passage, Mary has told the disciples that Jesus was raised from the dead, which, as we know, means something great! It means that the promises that God had made were fulfilled and this God that we follow indeed has the power to overcome death for the forgiveness of our sins. The disciples at the time, though, are terrified. They are afraid that maybe something else has happened, they are afraid that the authorities will lash out towards them, and they are afraid of the unknown that now is. On top of all of this, they have seemingly lost their fearless leader, Jesus, and seem to be stuck in the grief, pain, and fear of it all. Similarly, Thomas enters our Gospel text after missing out on one of the greatest Divine visitations of all time. On top of this, he has missed out on seeing his dear teacher, friend, and Messiah that he undoubtedly has been grieving over as well. There is no indication of where Thomas was, or why he was not with the disciples the first time, but only that he cannot accept what they tell him unless he sees it for himself.

“When reading these stories, there isn’t much gained in chastising Thomas and the disciples for their doubt, uncertainty, and grief. In fact, Jesus doesn’t even chastise them. Rather, Jesus simply shows up. He comes to the disciples, bringing words of peace and continued purpose for those gathered (“As my Father has sent me, so I send you.”) Similarly, he comes to Thomas with words of peace, an act of presence, and a word about the future reality of belief – “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Jesus shows up – unexpectedly, mysteriously, and miraculously. Jesus shows up.

“There are times in life when we find ourselves in situations much like the disciples in these stories. Our lives are falling apart. Illness and death surround us, relationships are failing and/or fleeting, employment or schooling is a constant battle with no direction, and we are unsure of everything and everyone around us. These are not moments where we chastise ourselves or folks going through these times. Instead, we remain open to the ways in which Christ shows

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up in our world. We maintain our faith in the fact that Christ will show up, and that sometimes we are invited to be a part of that showing up in our communities. At the end of the day, these stories are not nearly as much about the deep doubt and despair that the disciples demonstrated, but rather about the long history of our God continuing to show up in the lives of God’s people. There is nothing we have done or can do to deserve this “showing up”, but we are called to see, believe, and share with others the great wonder that is this ever-present God who walks alongside of us through the ups and downs of this journey of life.”

I wonder how we might be active in showing up as reflections of Christ each and every day? Can we model Jesus who doesn’t chastise but offers peace and presence?

*Pastor Laaker*

**Omaha Together  
One Community**

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OTOC

Accountability Session with  
Omaha Mayoral and City Council Candidates  
**Monday, May 1, 2017**  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

St. Leo Catholic Church Hall  
102 & Blondo Street

Learn where candidates stand on:  
Safe Rental Housing  
Environmental Sustainability  
Regulating Pay Day Lending  
Omaha Police Policy toward Immigrants

Any questions, please call 402-344-4401 or  
email: [otocfornebraska@gmail.com](mailto:otocfornebraska@gmail.com)



**Remember to Vote on  
May 9th!**

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

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*

**Please keep in your prayers the individuals listed below who have health issues and concerns:**

Ron Adrian  
Theresa Courtney  
Jayne Gustafson  
Ken Hilmer  
Jack Pablo McGill  
LaVonne Moss  
Linda Pafford  
Brian Sutej  
Urbano Vasquez



Mickey Andersen  
Andrew Edwards  
James Harrahill  
Carolyn Matson  
Sue Mize  
Don Olson  
Pam Reents  
Dan Taylor  
Dave Wallace



**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 Tuw are the elders for the Sudanese Worshipping 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.  
Jerry Van Ormer - Life Care Center, Elkhorn.



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes**  
**Saturdays 9:00 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.

During the Lenten Season, Grace collected items each week to assemble 30 Personal Care Kits that were assembled on Palm Sunday, following worship services. Each Personal Care Kit contained two bars of soap; a bath towel; a toothbrush; nail clippers and two combs. These kits help individuals to stay healthy, clean, and preserve personal dignity.

**BASKETS OF PROMISE**

This year Grace was able to assemble 38 Personal Care Kits! Wow! Thank You!

May God's Love shine through each Care Kit and brighten the hope, faith, and future of an individual or a family through your generosity and Lutheran World Relief.



Grace's Free Little Library is on display outside 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 continuing adventure, please speak with Malachi. Let's help spread the joy of imagination through reading a good book!



**World Refugee Day 2017**  
**Saturday, June 24, 2017**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Joslyn Art Museum**  
**2200 Dodge Street**

World Refugee Day honors and celebrates the courage, strength, and determination of women, men, and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict, and violence. The FREE event will feature:

- cultural music, dance, and fashion presentations
- a naturalization ceremony at 10:30 am
- gallery viewing and hands-on art-making activities
- an informative speakers series
- and, for refugees only, a health fair.

An important educational component of the day will be an engaging series of talks:

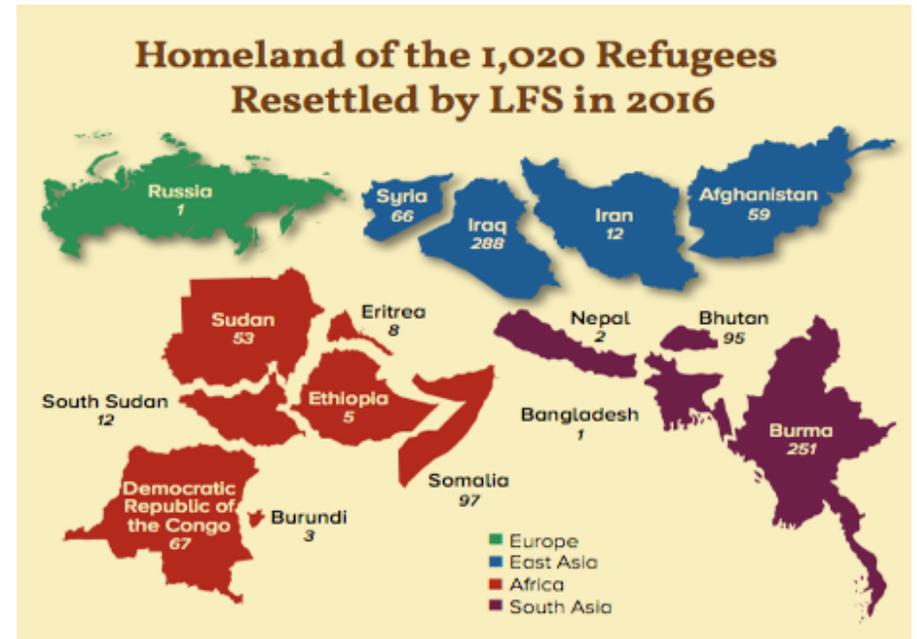
**Gharghashta Khatawazai**, the youngest parliament member in Afghanistan, and the first-ever female spokesperson for that country, became both famous and a target. After endangering her own life to help others, Gharghashta and her husband were forced to escape the country, becoming refugees in the U.S.

**Abeny Kucha** will recount her family's experience of surviving seven years of civil war and genocide in South Sudan in a talk that is both heart-wrenching and hopeful. Abeny has published a book entitled *Tears of a Mother* and appeared on TEDxLincoln.

**Our speaker from Syria** was forced to flee that region's devastating conflict for the safety of her family and children. She will recount her powerful story of tragedy, hope, and survival.

**Abdi Hussein** fled the civil war in Somalia, then devoted himself to assisting the refugee community through work with Care International, National Council of Churches, and Islamic Relief U.K. He is now a bilingual liaison working with Somali families in Omaha.

For additional information, please contact Susan Mayberger at (402) 557-2431 or email her at [susan.mayberger@ops.org](mailto:susan.mayberger@ops.org)



As people of faith, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska (LFS) stands in solidarity alongside refugees. We cannot forget who refugees are — they are parents and children who have lost everything. They flee discrimination, threats and violence in search of safety and a future of hope. Last year, LFS welcomed 1,020 refugees from 16 countries; 653 in Omaha and 367 in Lincoln.

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**Happy Days Gloria**  
**(to the tune of "Happy Days Are Here Again")**

Glory be to God above  
 And to the Son who lives in love.  
 For the powers of death he overcame;  
 Life will never be the same!

Now the devil's crying tears.  
 All his plans and schemes have disappeared.  
 So a song of Easter joy we'll raise;  
 All our days are happy days!

~ Rev. Jill Harvey, Niantic (CT) Baptist Church  
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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 ESL tutors; Malachi, Vicki, Arlone, Mary, and Amanda, for making connections with the students willing to learn and form friendships.
- ✝ Thank you Greg, Janet, Mary and Eva; 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, Marilyn, Gloria, Donna, Ron, Eva, and Malachi for your dedication and help in assembling the monthly Grace Messenger!
- ✝ Thank you Ron, Donna and Brenda for taking care of the altar, and preparing the communion table.
- ✝ Thank you to all ushers, Andrew, Vicki, Larry, Mary, and Malachi for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.
- ✝ Thank you to the Grace readers who participate in reading books and growing imaginations to both 2nd and 3rd grade students at Liberty Elementary School.

**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.**



### Stewardship Moment

Putting First Things First

In his interesting volume, *Money, Material Possessions and Eternity*, Randy Alcorn writes, "Were I the

Bible's editor, I would cut out much of what it says about money and possessions. Anyone can see it devotes a disproportionate amount of space to a subject of secondary importance. . . . As it stands, these large portions of Scripture have little appeal to sophisticated people (such as us) in an advanced culture (such as ours). In fact, if the Bible were written today and . . . judged by what it says about money and possessions, it would never get into print. . . . After all, we come to the Bible for comfort — not for a lecture on finances . . . . How could the Bible's Author and Editor justify devoting twice as many verses to money than to faith and prayer combined? And how could Jesus say more about money than both heaven and hell? Didn't He know what was really important?"

The rhetorical answer to Alcorn's last question is, "Of course, Jesus did." And here's the reason: There is a direct relationship between a person's commitment to following Jesus Christ and his or her attitude and actions concerning money, material possessions and giving. Or as Alcorn put it, "If Christ is not Lord over a person's money and possessions, then He is simply not that person's Lord."

Think about it: God didn't choose Fidelity, Vanguard, T. Rowe Price or some other fine financial firm to manage God's money. God chose ordinary people like you and like me. And to make sure we are "putting first things first," God provided a tremendous amount of personal instruction for us in the Scriptures.

How might we become better stewards of this rich resource that God places in our hands?

### Become a Member of the Columbus Park Neighborhood Association:

Monthly Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 402-341-7730.



May 2017



- 7 - Arlone Farber
- 14 - Margie Sutej
- 21 - Brenda Spahr
- 28 - Terry Nielsen
- June 4 - Mary Laaker



- 7 - Christi Edwards  
James Harrahill
- 8 - Ellison Simon
- 10 - Juan Vazquez
- 13 - Danaka Ashcraft
- 16 - Marissa Halfhill  
Alexandra Everitt
- 21 - Jessica Armstrong
- 22 - Parsila Dike
- 25 - Arlone Farber
- 26 - Estir Lewa
- 27 - Brenda Anzalone  
Donna Adrian
- 31 - David Wallace  
Edda Nyiwe

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



May Alcolytes

- 7 - Andrea Spahr
- 14 - Greg Hula
- 21 - Donna Adrian
- 28 - Vicki Cox
- June 4 - Damien Rodriguez

May Ushers

- Vicki Cox
- Mary Laaker
- Andrew Edwards

Ushers & Greeters



May Greeters

- 7 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- 14 - Bobby Stechenfinger & Andrew Edwards
- 21 - Greg and Janet Hula
- 28 - Ron and Donna Adrian
- June 4 - Larry Foreman and Ralph Fitle



Responsibility List



Altar Flowers



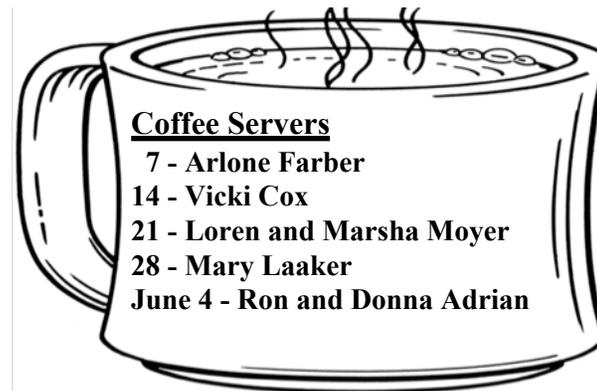
- 7 - Andrew, Christie, Clay Edwards and Tracy Petrini  
in loving memory of their Mom, Charlotte Edwards.
- 14 - OPEN.
- 21 - Vicki Cox in loving memory of her parents, Harlan and Eileen  
Morter.
- 28 - Van Ormers and Palczynskis in loving memory of their parents.
- June 4 - Terry and Sandy Nielsen in celebration of their  
Wedding Anniversary.

Flower Pick-Up for May:  
Greg and Janet Hula



Backpack Program

- 7 - OPEN.
- 14 - LaVonne Moss in loving memory of her husband, Bob Moss.
- 21 - Loren and Marsha Moyer in celebration of their daughter,  
Jess' birthday and to remember all who are homeless and  
hungry.
- 28 - Ron and Donna Adrian in celebration of their daughter,  
Brenda's birthday.
- June 4 - OPEN.



Coffee Servers

- 7 - Arlone Farber
- 14 - Vicki Cox
- 21 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- 28 - Mary Laaker
- June 4 - Ron and Donna Adrian





Spring is officially upon us! We have ventured through Lent and Easter, and prepare for the days ahead to Pentecost. Much like Jesus gave the command to go forth and preach the Good News, so we should be going out and reaching those in our community. While there's a literal understanding to the Good News, we can also understand an interpretative concept to preaching the Good News. Jesus teaches an ethic of love which means we focus our efforts on doing the greatest good for others. What better way to do this than to show empathy and compassion for one's situation?

We have a number of opportunities coming up to help, assist, or serve. Our annual Kids at Work program will be in need of several volunteers to chaperone and drive to work sites. Any help whether once or each week from June to late July will be greatly appreciated! We are also hoping to serve one Sunday with Crossroads Connections and their prison ministry, where I have served as a Transportation Sponsor for the last couple of years. People who would be willing to help serve a meal and cleanup are asked to sign up on the bulletin board sheet or come speak to me. We hope to do so in July with enough volunteers.

I would like to spark up some conversation with people about what you are thankful for this year. What's an impactful thing you are appreciative of this year? What has stood out and made a significant impact on your life? For me, working alongside of the kids in our Saturday ESL class. I have felt a renewed sense of commitment and dedication to helping others, and fostering an environment for growth and development. While I typically focus on the translations with the adults in our class, I have spent more time with the children as well. I taught them new, strategic games to play that has really helped them and me bond. They have taught me much about perspective on different things, which has been invaluable for my well-being. It's amazing to me how when you seek to help others, you end up receiving so much unexpected help in return.

I look forward to hearing from some of you when I see you next. Be well, and be a blessing to others. I am thankful for the people at Grace who have nurtured an environment of love and support. You have made me feel like a part of the family here. Let us continue to spread the love of Jesus to all those we interact with in our lives.

Malachi Black  
Community Outreach Associate  
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At the Council meeting on March 14th, Malachi informed us of the work being done through Crossroads Connection of Omaha. It is a "Christian community of faith in support of prisoners, those released, and their families because God's grace is extended to all. It works to bridge the gap from being in the penal system to helping former inmates

find their way back into society through caring support of Christ's follower's." Malachi has been active with the group and has under gone training as a volunteer.

They offer a Sunday evening church service every week with a meal following the service. Numerous churches throughout Omaha, Bellevue and Fort Calhoun are involved. As a congregation we have been asked if we would like to participate in the program. It can be in different ways: preparing and serving a meal at another church or donating money to help cover the cost of the food that is served.

#### **The Mustard Seed statement from Crossroads:**

*Based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed, Crossroads' effect on our participants usually starts small but often grows to huge proportions.*

*According to Mark 4:30-32, the mustard seed is the smallest seed in the world, but once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant. This is a reminder to our participants that spiritual growth comes in very small steps, but over time these steps can produce great growth in their lives. They can participate in the kingdom of God through small expressions of love and service when the opportunities present themselves. A smile, a strong handshake, a word of encouragement, a phone call, a comforting hug, a helping hand, a financial contribution, changing a flat tire, attending worship services, praying - - all of these acts are them planting mustard seeds.*

*After attending three worship services we give mustard seed tokens of encouragement to participants to remind them how God's kingdom works. These tokens have the Crossroads logo on one side, and a mustard seed with the words, "Take this mustard seed and grow." The mustard seed token is a reminder to all that their old life is behind them and they are growing in the faith and in their relationship to God to make a better future.*

As a congregation do we want to plant a mustard seed? A sign up sheet is posted on the Grace bulletin board. If you have any questions, please speak with Malachi.

Have You Included  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Endowment Fund  
in Your Will?



A current, Remember the Church in Your Will, brochure has been placed on the back table in the sanctuary. Please pick up a free copy during your next worship time and consider Grace Lutheran a place for remembrance.



**Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church year round.**

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis.

**Get started today!** Ask for an authorization form in the church office.

### Donations

Like to make a donation to Grace but all you have is your credit or debit card? You can now with our iPad and Square reader. The Square reader is a hand held device that has the mobile capacity to swipe your card. Ask an usher to provide this unique experience for you.



Lutheran Service Corp  
Charity Golf Tournament

May 20, 2017

14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament  
Presented by the Hawks Foundation.

Registration and Lunch at 12:00 p.m.  
Shotgun Start at 1:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Eagle Hills Golf Course  
502 Eagle Hills Drive  
Papillion NE



For additional information or questions,  
please contact Scott Glaser at (402) 457-5890 or  
email at [omaha.dev@lutheranvolunteercorps.org](mailto:omaha.dev@lutheranvolunteercorps.org).



**Lutheran Night  
at Werner Park**

**Friday, June 5th  
7:05 p.m.**

Awesome Add-ons:

\$7.00 Slice of Pizza & Soda Voucher  
\$6.00 Hot Dog & Soda Voucher  
\$4.00 Centris Family Fun Zone & Mini Golf Pass

\$11.00 for Group Infield  
Box Seats (\$15.00 value)

\$7.00 Group Outfield  
Box Seats (\$13.00 value)

Sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the 7th inning stretch

Featured Mission will Campus Ministries of ELCA and LCMS  
1,501 Lutherans attended in 2016. Come enjoy the fun with family  
and friends!

To purchase your tickets, please contact Andy Baker at  
402-738-5137 or [AndyB@omahastormchasers.com](mailto:AndyB@omahastormchasers.com)

Deadline to receive special pricing is **May 31st!**



## Maintain Your Vehicle to Save Money and Energy

Keeping your car maintained properly does more than prolong its life: it'll save you money at the pump too. You will reduce smog and the emissions that contribute to global warming. Follow these tips to get the maximum fuel efficiency from your car.

**Change your air filter.** Cleaning your air filter regularly can improve your gas mileage significantly.

**Avoid speeding.** Speeding, rapid acceleration, and hard braking are not only unsafe; they lower your gas mileage. Every 5 mph you drive over 50 mph is like paying an additional \$0.24 per gallon for gas.

**Use cruise control.** Using your cruise control will keep you driving at a more consistent speed and can generally improve fuel efficiency.

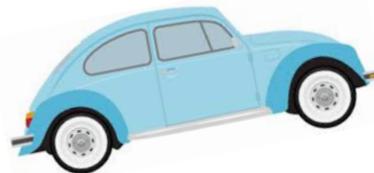
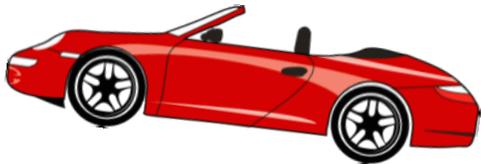
**Don't idle.** Idling wastes fuel. It's more efficient to turn the car off and restart when you are ready to go. Hitting the drive-through? Consider parking and picking up food inside. The US Department of Energy has some resources to encourage cities to reduce idling.

**Lighten up.** Driving around with heavy objects in your trunk? Leave them at home and save some fuel.

**Inflate tires properly.** Car tires that are underinflated will lead to poor gas mileage. You can often find the correct pressure for your car printed on the edge of the driver's side door.

**Mileage still too low?** A tune-up could make a considerable improvement in your miles per gallon.

*green tips from earthshare.org*



## 65-Year-Old Mother - - New Baby

With all the new technology regarding fertility, a 65-year-old woman was able to give birth to a baby recently.

When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, her relatives came to visit. "May we see the new baby?" one asked.

"Not yet," said the mother. "I'll make coffee and we can visit for awhile first."

Thirty minutes had passed, and another relative asked, "May we see the new baby now?"

"No, not yet," said the mother.

After another few minutes had elapsed, they asked again, "May we see the baby now?"

"No, not yet," replied the mother sternly.

Growing very impatient, they asked, "Well, when CAN we see the baby?"

"WHEN HE CRIES!" she told them.

"WHEN HE CRIES??" they demanded. "Why do we have to wait until he CRIES??"

"BECAUSE.... I forgot where I put him!"

*~anonymous, skywriting.net*



As we were practicing the anthem before the service at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, the choir director, Paulo Castro, stopped us. He thought we might be going too fast, pulled out his phone, and set his metronome app for the time. It gave a few ticks and one of the ladies said, "You have a metronome on your phone?" He replied, "Yes, these iPhones do everything but cook your dinner."

One of the basses commented, "For that, you need a Samsung 7."

~ Rev. Alice McDowell, Indianapolis, IN  
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While on vacation, a friend and her husband visited a church one Sunday. They settled into a pew near the front of the church. An usher came up to them, tapped on the pew and said, "This pew is saved."

Her husband looked up, smiled and replied, "That's OK. So are we!"

~ via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE  
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# Bible Wordsearch

Teachings of Jesus

Wordsearch 260

Matt. 12:41-50

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ARID  
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HOUSE  
JESUS  
JONAH  
LISTEN  
ORDER  
QUEEN  
REST  
RISE  
SEVEN  
SISTER  
SPEAK  
STOOD  
SWEPT  
TAKES

ARRIVES  
BROTHER  
CONDEMN  
DISCIPLES  
FATHER  
GREATER  
JUDGMENT  
MOTHER  
NINEVEH  
OUTSIDE  
PLACES  
POINTING  
REPENTED  
REPLIED  
RETURN  
SEEKING  
SOLOMON  
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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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**The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.**

**Surprise! Surprise!**

**It was an Apple.**

**But with extremely limited memory.**

**Just 1 byte.**

**Then everything crashed.**