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REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

9:30 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

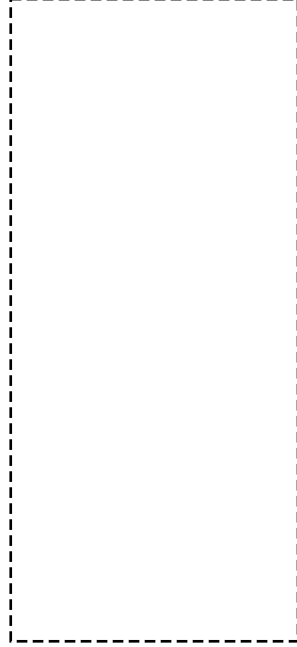
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker
Editor/Church Secretary - Brenda Spahr
Organist - Colleen Jeffrey
Sexton - Alma Lopez
Families In Action - Virginia McGill
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Inspired By Christ, it is our mission
to share God's Word and Love in
care and service to all.



2015 Council Members

Ron Adrian	Eva Martin
Andrew Edwards	Loren Moyer
Arlone Farber	Charles Tuw
Ralph Fitle	Amanda Vazquez
Janet Hula	Pastor Laaker

Officers Serving the Congregation:

Financial: Janet Hula Treasurer: Ralph Fitle

The regular meeting of the Council was held on February 10th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns: We pray for the continued recovery of those close to us; for Norma & Teresa Courtney as they continue to work through their separate stages of health. We continue to pray for help locating Raquel Concha, friend of Arlone & participating member of the ESL class as she has disappeared and there is still no contact. We pray for Dottie Hula as she struggles with health concerns. We pray for Jericho Vazquez and his ongoing health concerns. Ralph lifted up concerns for those who may lose their jobs at the company.

Pastor led devotions from Psalm 140:12 and James 2:5. The first speaks to us to put more focus on our faith. The second reminds us that faith without works is dead.

Visions for Ministry: The Council received literature to read over on “9 Surefire Ways to Make Your Church Completely Ineffective.” Conversation on the literature discussed, how people do not like changes and people do not like to participate. We received the new book for the year titled “A Door Set Open”; Grounding change in Mission and Hope by Peter L. Steinke. The first two chapters will be discussed at the next meeting including the Forward and Introduction.

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

Christian Education: Early First Communion Classes will begin on Sunday, March 8th for those interested in attending.

Evangelism/Outreach: Malachi is setting up with a school to have volunteers read to a Second Grade Class once a month. Habitat for Humanity’s new project this year is to gut and renovate a house instead of building a new house.

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Finance: Received from the County Clerk was an update regarding Jack Williams’ estate. A second update was received from Andrew Wilson regarding Church Mutual matter.

Property: Johnson Hardware have been here and measured the front doors. No date has been set on when the new doors will be installed.

Service/Social Ministry: No new business.

Support/Stewardship: Pastor shared the ELCA Congregation Report for 2014.

Worship: Lent begins on February 18th with Ash Wednesday, the theme this year for Lent is “Commitment Above Adversity” a focus on the Beatitudes.

Unfinished Business: No new business.

New Business: No new business.

Announcements: We will learn who will be our Lutheran Volunteer for 2015-2016 in early May. Loren will bring treats for our March meeting.



OTOC Update on bills pending in the Unicameral

On Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. leaders of Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) will provide an update about several bills pending in the Unicameral that would affect many Nebraska families. They will meet at Augustana Lutheran Church (3647 Lafayette Avenue) to discuss bills including Medicaid Redesign, improving Mental Health care, Drivers Licenses for immigrant youth, prison reform and environmental sustainability. Learn what you can do to improve our state. Go to OTOC.org or call 402-344-4401 more information.

In the supermarket, a minister was shopping for his wife. He was pushing a cart which contained their screaming baby. The minister kept repeating softly, “Don’t get excited, Albert; don’t scream, Albert; don’t yell, Albert; keep calm, Albert.”

A woman standing next to him said, “Preacher, you certainly are to be commended for trying to soothe your son, Albert.”

The minister looked at her and said, “Lady, I’m Albert.”

— via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea.
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This past week we began the season of Lent within our church year. I shared a few points about Lent in my message on Ash Wednesday. Here are some of those points along with other interesting points about this season we call Lent.

- Lent Is a 40 day Christian festival beginning Ash Wednesday and concluding on Easter (Sundays are not counted and we don't really know why).
- The word "Lent" comes from the old Anglo-Saxon word *lengten*, which means "springtime," named so for the time of the year in which it occurs.
- What we now call Lent was originally a period of fasting and study for catechumens who were to be baptized on the Saturday before Easter. The 40 day fast was said by Athanasius in 339 AD to be celebrated the world over. The 40 day fast of Jesus in the wilderness was responsible for the number 40 being chosen.
- The purpose of this extended fast was to practice self-denial and humility. This was to prepare oneself for receiving God's grace and forgiveness in baptism, given on Easter Saturday or Easter Sunday.
- The liturgical color for Lent is purple, the color of repentance and sorrow for sin.
- Lent prepares us for the observance of Jesus Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection for us. It is a time of commitment to the new life of Christ begun in baptism. It is a time of disciplined study of Scripture and a time of growing in faith. In recent years Lent has become a time to remember our baptisms. It is a time to reflect on the impact of baptism on our lives, and to ask ourselves how we are doing. Most of all, it is a time of renewal and new beginnings, as we through faith apply the complete forgiveness won by Christ's death to our lives. Lent heightens our awareness that we desperately need Jesus Christ.
- As someone has said: "Lent is the Church's springtime. Out of the darkness of sin's winter emerges a people the Church--reborn through baptism into their Lord's death and resurrection from the grave."

- Lent is an opportunity not an obligation. It is not commanded by our Lord, nor is it even mentioned in the Bible. Those Christians who observe it do so because they find it a helpful opportunity for repentance and renewal, for the strengthening of their faith. Christians are free to observe or not observe Lent.
- The beginning of what we call "Ash Wednesday," is difficult to date with certainty, though it probably began around 600 A.D.
- Ash Wednesday is intended to be a bold confrontation with death. Ashes are applied to the forehead of Christians in the sign of the cross (throughout the Middle Ages ashes were sprinkled on the head) as a symbol of humility and repentance. The ashes are a reminder that we are "dust and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). Thus, they are a reminder of our mortality. Moreover, the ashes remind us of our limits, of what we are, and how greatly we need God's mercy in Christ. It is on Ash Wednesday that we not only receive that cross, as a reminder of our own mortality, but also that cross is traced over the cross that was placed on our foreheads long ago in our baptism. In baptism, we were marked with the sign of the cross and sealed with the promise of the Holy Spirit forever, both in life and in death.

During Lent, we experience the marvelous gift of hearing of God's great love for us in life and death. We are reminded of God's mercy and forgiveness. We journey from the mark of the ashes to the joy of resurrection as we celebrate the culmination of God's great work on Easter.

May our journey be marked with wonder and praise!

Pr. Laaker

Lord,

I know how much you love me. It's hard for me to feel it sometimes, but I know your love is always with me.

Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions. I am weak, but I know with your help, I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you. Amen.



Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.

1 Kings 8:28

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

Individuals listed below have ongoing health issues and concerns:

Andrew Edwards
Ken Hilmer
Carolyn Matson
Robert Moss
Cheryl Powley
Urbano Vasquez



James Harrahill
David Hufford
LaVonne Moss
Don Olson
Michael Squires



Norma Courtney (Arlone Farber's Mom.)
Christian Barajas (Samantha Trejo, Angela & Alex Everitt's brother.)
Pam Reents (Close friend to many!)
Dottie Hula (Greg Hula's Mom.)
Gema Wolde (Interfaith/Families in Action and friend to many!)

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

Grace Lutheran Church
ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes
Saturdays 9:00 to 11:00 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.



**Grace Quilters for
Lutheran World Relief**

Monday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join a lively group of people and assemble amazing tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief organization. These quilts are delivered around the world to areas most in need of a little comfort. Please feel free to stop by check out the activity. Coffee break and joke time is 10:00 a.m.; another opportunity in fellowship with one another. No experience is necessary!



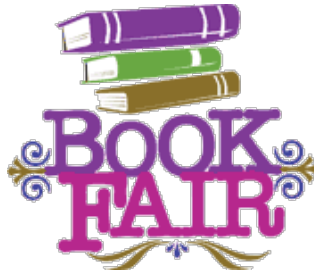


25th Year for Souper Bowl Sunday!

Due to the winter weather storm on February 1st the opportunity to donate items was extended to include the following Sunday, February 8th as well.

The generosity of Grace Lutheran totaled \$166.00 and 158 food and perishable items. The reflection of God's love in the support of our neighbors during the Souper Bowl Sunday effort is truly awesome!

Annual Used Book Sale is in full operation. Looking for a new book to read or a movie to watch? Take a moment to browse at the Sale Table and select a few items to take home. Donations of your used books, DVDs, old VHS movies, puzzles, games, or CD's are still being collected. Please leave your appropriate materials in the colorful box provided in the fellowship hall. All proceeds will go toward new books, projects, or library supplies.



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.

BASKETS OF PROMISE

On Easter, we celebrate the joy and hope of Christ's resurrection. Yet around the world "the least of these" - those Christ calls us to serve - continue to suffer.

This season of Lent, we will walk with people around the world afflicted by war, displacement and poverty by collecting and assembling Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

Grace Lutheran can reach out to those in need by partnering with Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** Lenten appeal. Throughout Lent, we will be collecting Personal Care Kits to send to families around the world. The kits will provide basic sanitation and hygiene items for families coping with some of life's most difficult situations. The kits will allow families to stay healthy and clean and preserve personal dignity.

Items needed to complete a Basket of Promise are:

Feb. 22nd	Bar of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping).
March 1st	Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended).
March 8th	Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging).
March 15th	Combs.
March 22nd	Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional).
March 29th	A Second Bar of Soap.

Grace Lutheran will be collecting the above mentioned items to assemble 30 Personal Care Kits to faithfully bring a future of hope to families in need. You can be a part of this Lenten journey and bring an item or two and brighten the hope, faith, and future of an individual or a family through Lutheran World Relief.

Following worship service on Palm Sunday, March 29th, everyone is encouraged to stay and help assemble the care kits that have been collected during the 2015 Lenten season.



Serving one another
with Love!



It's a good time to be alive. Truth be told, anytime you are alive is a good time to be alive. I know that people believe we live in the most dangerous of times, the internet is completely out of control, and kids have such a sense of entitlement that it's sickening (perhaps this is all totally true), but life itself is precious whenever and wherever it occurs. Life is beauty. We are privileged to breathe and interact day-to-day. The struggle is real. It definitely creates a strain on the quality of life we have, but I wonder if that isn't better than the alternative situation of having zero struggles because with no breath or life. There seems to be only one vital thing one can do with something so valuable and precious. Engage in it as much as possible.



Grace Lutheran is doing just that thing. We are getting involved in the community and are seeking to venture into new waves of community engaging activities. One new project we hope to engage in is a book reading program in the upcoming months which will target reading to second graders in the schools. We hope to have volunteers who will be able to dedicate their time as readers. More will be disclosed as we begin to make the necessary preparations. We are seeking ways to be more of service and continue to commit to the value of creating and building a greater quality of life. Your skills, abilities, and commitment will be invaluable and vital to moving forward in other efforts in the future.

The focus throughout the Lent services this season will be commitment through adversity. We will look at a number of Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel and reflect on how it is seen in the workplaces and communities around us here in Omaha. Speakers will come and share with us their experiences and how these beatitudes are being engaged. We invite you to join us weekly for dinners and services during this Lenten season.

The time to live is now. It will always be now. There is so much to live for and much to be experienced. I am thankful for the opportunity to share and be a part of this congregation as this has been such a life giving and learning experience. Please engage with ideas, suggestions, skills and time as we seek to recommit and dedicate ourselves to God's work. Perhaps instead of focusing on what will be given up for Lent, ask the question, "In what one way can I better focus my time and efforts on God's purposes for me?"

Malachi Black, Community Outreach Associate
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Lutheran Volunteer Corps
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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 the plants in the entry way, they continue to thrive and look welcoming.
- ♥ Thank you to the Quilting crew; Marilyn, LaVonne, June, Eva, and sometimes Bob, for the weekly dedication and effort in creating quilts for the Lutheran World Relief Organization.
- ♥ Thank you to the 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 to Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer, Greg and Janet Hula, and Eva Martin; who pick up altar flowers every Sunday morning.
- ♥ Thank you Donna, Vicki, Greg, and Janet for responding to the request for additional acolytes! You are all doing a great job!
- ♥ Thank you to the Newsletter Assembly crew; Marilyn, Jerry, LaVonne, Bob, Gloria, and June, it is always a treat to listen and join in the lively conversations!
- ♥ Thank you to Ron and Donna Adrian and Brenda Spahr who take care of the altar, and prepare the communion table.
- ♥ Thank you Alma for your dedication, efforts, and responsibility of cleaning this busy building, it looks fantastic!

If I can help somebody as I pass along.....
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song.....
If I can show somebody that he's traveling wrong.....
Then my living shall not be in vain.

~ Anonymous
SkyWriting.net





Virginia McGill, MA
Executive Director

www.familiesinactionomaha.org



Gema C. Wolde
Community Health Worker
Se habla español.

My College Community Service Learning Experience in Action
Tyler B., Creighton University Class of 2016
College of Arts and Sciences, Pre-Med and Spanish

During my semester abroad in the Dominican Republic last semester, I was enveloped by a continuous feeling of community and belonging. Whether I was in the city with my new friends or in the rural countryside with my *campo* family, that feeling of genuine camaraderie was immense. As I returned to the United States, I knew that if I were to remain sane and driven towards my goals of medicine and foreign language, I would have to find an outlet to engage in that newfound sense of love and community.

Luckily, upon my return, I learned about *Families in Action*. After my very first encounter with this organization, I realized that this place was something special. The lively atmosphere of a group of women taking part in a class was enriched by the mischievous smiles and laughter of their children who had joined their parents for the afternoon. I was asked to spend my time with these kids, which fits fantastically into my passion of pediatrics and childcare. We played games, turned a circular patio into a soccer arena, and laughed (a lot). As the afternoon came to a close, we began our route to drop off a sweethearted woman who is a regular participant. As we parked in her driveway, she invited us in to meet her family! Words cannot express how meaningful that experience was. A little girl cooked for us on her make-pretend kitchen set, a group of teenagers were holding band practice in the basement, and very genuine and sincere interactions and conversations were shared. This was exactly what I was looking for as I began my post-study abroad life. Although my Spanish ability was not prepared for such conversation, my heart was enlightened. The ease of conversation and the comfort I felt in the home of a woman whom I had just met reminded me dearly of my evening chats with my *campo* mother. For me, these interactions are priceless.

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I have come to understand that the transition for many families into the United States culture and lifestyles is difficult. Working as an English second language instructor at other organizations, I was always surprised to find adults who, after spending more than ten or twelve years in Omaha, still did not feel comfortable speaking English. I would ask them if they found opportunities to embark in English conversations. Could they comfortably spend a part of their day practicing the language with their coworkers or English-speaking members of their communities? The majority of the responses were 'no'. The barriers are too large. The community for such interaction, to a large degree, is lacking, *Families in Action* addresses that issue at the root. I learned very quickly that community takes precedence in this organization. Perhaps English is not a strong suite for some individuals, but the volunteers at *Families in Action* see past those obstacles. This organization provides a comfortable setting, a community *home* in which both native Spanish and English individuals can commingle, learn and engage with each other. There is no hesitation in interacting across cultures primarily because the individuals who are associated with *Families in Action* look beyond barriers. This is a home of human to human interaction, and it is beautiful. I know that *Families in Action* will continue to grow in meeting our community needs regarding health, community, and acculturation. I am beyond thankful that I have found such a genuine institution that has embodied a rich community-feeling for all involved.

Tyler, B.



Free Basic Computer Skills Classes

Learn basic computer skills to gain employment, further your education, or stay in touch with long-distance family members. Two locations to choose from:

Heartland Workforce Solutions American Job Center
5752 Ames Avenue - Monday's 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Urban League of Nebraska
3040 Lake Street - Wednesday's 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For additional information please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board or call Barbara A. Thomas at 402-451-1066, ext. 35.

March 2015



Worship Assistants

1 - Arlone Farber
 4 - Greg Hula
 8 - Terry Nielsen
 11 - Malachi Black
 15 - Margie Sutej
 18 - Mary Laaker
 22 - Arlone Farber
 25 - Brenda Spahr
 29 - Greg Hula
 Apr. 3 - Malachi Black
 Apr. 5 - Mary Laaker

March Alcolytes

1 - Janet Hula/Brenda Spahr
 4 - Vicki Cox
 8 - Andrea Spahr
 11 - Greg Hula
 15 - Donna Adrian
 18 - Brenda Spahr
 22 - Andrea Spahr
 25 - Janet Hula
 29 - Vicki Cox
 Apr. 5 - Greg Hula/Donna Adrian

March Ushers

Ron Adrian
 Jerry Van Ormer
 Vicki Cox
 Andrew Edwards

March Greeters

1 - June Hilmer and Gloria Moore
 8 - Eva Martin and Andrea Spahr
 15 - Ralph Fitle and Vicki Cox
 22 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
 29 - Lori Vasquez and Davena Garcia
 Apr. 5 -



8 - Alejandra Granillo
 9 - Andrew Edwards
 12 - Mary Laaker
 Carolyn Matson
 13 - Ken Hilmer
 14 - Suata Lewa
 17 - Jaden Mabe
 19 - Craig Helm
 21 - Catlin Cuffe
 22 - Marsha Moyer
 Regina Lewa
 24 - Esahia Nyiwe
 27 - Abigail Hegarty

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



Ushers & Greeters

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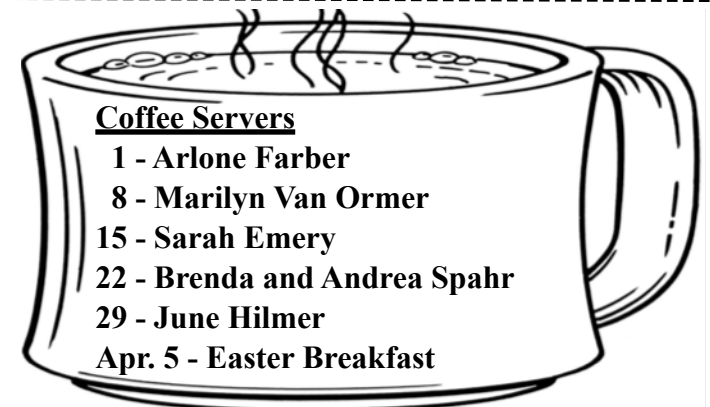
Altar Flowers

1 & 8 - OPEN.
 15 - Pastor and Mary Laaker, in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.
 22 - Charlotte Palcynski, in honor of her grandchildren's birthdays.
 29 - Ron and Donna Adrian, in honor of their granddaughter, Madelyn's birthday.
 Apr. 5 - Pastor and Mary Laaker, in honor of Sarah and Tommy Emery's birthdays.

Flower Pick-Up for March: The Van Ormers

Backpack Program

1 - Marilyn and Jerry Van Ormer, in honor of their great-grandson, Kyler's birthday.
 8 - Arlone Farber, Remember all who are hungry.
 15 - Pastor and Mary Laaker, in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.
 22 - Malachi Black, God's Blessings and Renewal this Spring.
 29 - Eva Martin, in honor of her great-granddaughter, Abigail's birthday.
 Apr. 5 - Pastor and Mary Laaker, in honor of Sarah and Tommy' Emery's birthdays.



Coffee Servers

1 - Arlone Farber
 8 - Marilyn Van Ormer
 15 - Sarah Emery
 22 - Brenda and Andrea Spahr
 29 - June Hilmer
 Apr. 5 - Easter Breakfast



Holy Week



Palm Sunday, March 29th
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Worship with Palms

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
2315 I Street
6:00 p.m. Dinner/7:00 p.m. Service



Last year St. Luke's attended Grace's Maundy Thursday Service at Grace and Grace attended St. Luke's Good Friday Service. This year Grace has been invited to St. Luke's Maundy Thursday Service and St. Luke's is invited to attend Grace's Good Friday Service.



Good Friday,
April 3rd
Grace Lutheran
7:00 pm

Sunrise Service
Easter Morning, April 5th
Grace Lutheran ~ 6:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast prepared and
served by the Moyer Family
at 8:00 a.m.
St. Luke's Easter Service
at 9:00 a.m.



Our theme for the five Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday will be "Commitment through Adversity: A Focus on the Beatitudes." We will have guest speakers each evening. Our musical setting for the service will be Holden Evening Prayer.

The evening begins with a light meal at 6 pm and service begins at 7 pm. Come spend time in fellowship around a meal and be enriched with the presentations and music of worship.

Lenten Speaker Schedule

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| March 4 | Mae L'Heureux
Blessed are the persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10) |
| March 11 | Malachi Black
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. (Matthew 5:4) |
| March 18 | Stowe Heavner
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5) |
| March 25 | Mike McMahon
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3) |



Early Communion Class

Pastor Laaker will be conducting an Early Communion Class beginning Sunday, March 8th and concluding Sunday, March 29th, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm at Grace Lutheran. Parents and students are invited to bring a lunch. We will watch some videos, do some work sheets and share stories of this wonderful gift that Jesus gave to his disciples in the Lord's Supper.



The Neighbors South Habitat Coalition begins it's 2015 work on Friday and Saturday, March 20-21. We will be working on rehabbing a home at 2718 S 23rd Street for Rosalinda Bonilla and her three daughters.

Our work begins at 8:00 am and concludes about 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed and welcomed. We are hopeful to have ten volunteers each work day. Our work days will be Friday and Saturday. We will be taking Easter weekend, Memorial Day weekend, and July 4th weekend off.

Please speak to Pastor Laaker if you have questions or would like to help in some way.

A fellow worker in Pioneer Clubs ministry told Pastor Gordon Wells of New Life Assembly in Barre, VT, this story:

She and her youngest daughter wrote out the Ten Commandments and posted them in their home. Not long after, her daughter came to her and said that her older sister was sinning.

The mother asked why, and the daughter replied, "She is committing adultery."

The mother mentioned this to her husband and later that night they had a private conversation with the youngest daughter.

"I understand you think your sister is committing adultery," the father said. "Why do you say that?"

"Well," the youngster replied, "she is always trying to act like an adult!"

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**Carol Joy Holling Camp
Men's Retreat - May 8-9, 2015
Understanding the
Cornerstones of Our Faith**

An event for men, designed to encourage discussion about the cornerstones of faith; The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed and The Lord's Prayer. Plus, the retreat will include great fellowship, a meaningful service project and lots of good food!

Schedule:

Friday, May 8th

5:00 p.m. - Check In.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Grill-Out.

7:00 p.m. - Devotion # 1 - The Ten Commandments.

8:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Campfire Worship.

8:30 p.m. - Fellowship.

Saturday, May 9th

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast.

8:30 a.m. - Devotion #2 - Apostle's Creed.

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Camp Service Project.

12:00 p.m. - Lunch.

1:00 p.m. - Devotion #3 - The Lord's Prayer.

2:00 p.m. - Closing and Sending Off.

Three different Pastors will be joining our retreat to guide us on a journey of better understanding the cornerstones of our faith - The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed and The Lord's Prayer.

Rev. John Gosswein has been the pastor at Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Kearney, NE for over 20 years.

Rev. Patrick Sipes is a graduate of Luther Seminary and is currently studying Spiritual Direction through Creighton University and the Nebraska Synod.

Rev. Paul Coen is currently serving as the Senior Pastor for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Omaha.

To register please go online at cjhcenter.org/mens-retreat or call Carol Joy Holling Camp at 1-402-944-2544.

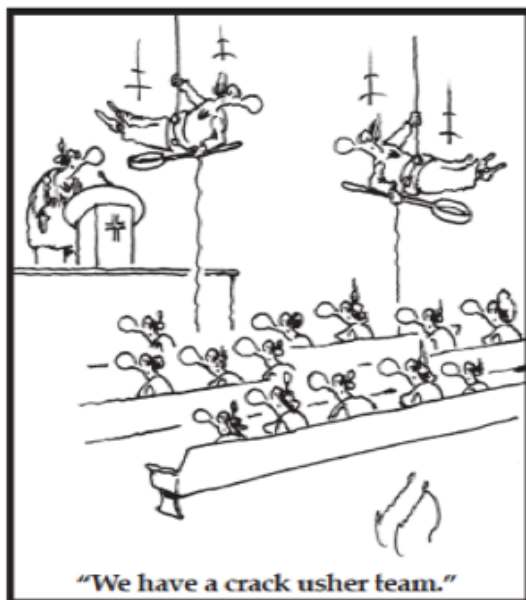
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Daylight Savings
Time Begins on
March 8th



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JOHN LIGHTING
JUDEA PLEASED
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PEOPLE PRODUCE
PROPER OPENED
RAISE REGION
SPIRIT SANDALS
VIPERS STONES
VOICE THROWN
WHEAT WARNED

WRATH

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