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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

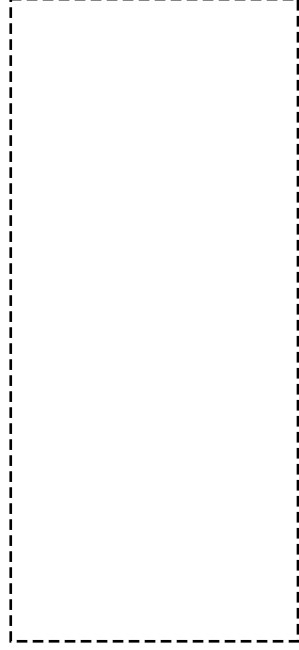
Lutheran Volunteer Corp - Malachi Black

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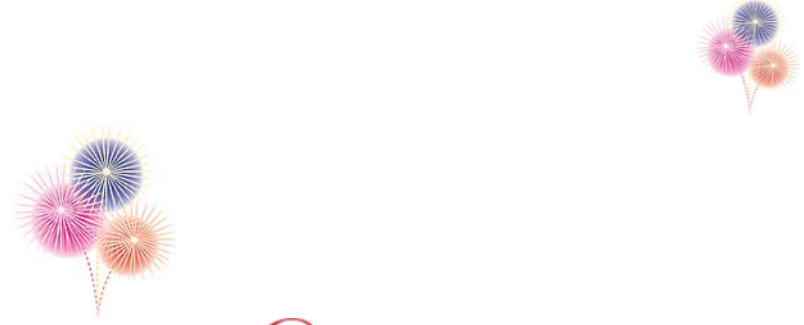
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Inspired By Christ, it is our mission
to share God's Word and Love in
care and service to all.



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 May 12th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns: We ask for prayers for Stephanie Bushman, Amanda’s friend, who continues with health issues, Arlone’s mother and sister-in-law who are battling ongoing health issues; Janet’s sister as she grieves the loss of her close friend, Tim Campbell, who passed away last week; Malachi’s friend, Melanie, after her recent liver transplant; Eva’s brother-in-law who seems to have given up, and her sister, Betty, as she struggles with this.

Pastor Laaker led devotions from Deuteronomy 18:14 and Matthew 23:10. The first tells us not to get caught up in the visions of fortunetellers but rather to trust God and look to the Holy Spirit. The second tells us that God is our only instructor. Look to God for instruction and purpose in your life, not to anyone else.

Visions for Ministry: There are 3 temptations that people face as they struggle to find hope: denial, despair and magic. If we look to hopefulness we energize ourselves and spark our imaginations to help us out of our hopelessness. How do we engage in this ministry and foster hope? How do we adjust our perspective and focus on hope?

Read chapter 4 for next month.

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

Christian Education: David said he is willing to lead Vacation Bible School if we want to have it; however, we have decided to take a break from VBS this year. Thanks to David for his offer. We will look at forming a subcommittee to look at what educational opportunities/VBS could look like for us in the future.

Evangelism/Outreach: Malachi will continue in a three quarter-time position with us at Grace since we did not receive a new Lutheran Volunteer Corp volunteer for this coming year. Brenda put up a sign up on the bulletin board for T-shirts if anyone is interested in ordering one.

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Finance: We received a thank you note from St. Luke’s for helping with their air conditioning repair.

Property: Graffiti damage was noticed on the windows in the back/alley. Pastor turned it in to the city graffiti van.

Service/Social Ministry: No new report.

Support/Stewardship: No new report.

Worship: Colleen will only be gone for 2 weeks in June for Guard training, and will return on the 21st.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Synod Assembly was nicely done. There was a lot of discussion surrounding the 2016 Budget; however, it passed without any of the proposed amendments. The ELCA adopted a social statement in 1991 that called for the repeal of the death penalty and has been vocal in the recent legislative action that repealed it.

Announcements: Kids at Work has begun. Pastor will take some vacation beginning June 27 for about a week. Janet will bring treats for July.



Generous Reflections

Jesus placed great emphasis on the proper handling of our money. In Luke 16:11 we read, “*So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?*” If we are faithful with the money that God has entrusted to us, God will trust us with things of greater value, ultimately those of the spirit, the eternal. The improper use of our money can be an obstacle to our relationship with Jesus. With God’s help, we can handle our money faithfully and enjoy the spiritual blessings that come from an intimate relationship with our Lord.



I was reading an article titled "CHURCHES THAT COME ALIVE" recently. The author maintains that "the Christian churches that are thriving in the United States are the churches that 1) are focusing on ministry and outreach through discipleship, and 2) are not waiting "for a pastor" to prod them into doing something." He further maintained, "If the congregation NEEDS to have a pastor constantly pushing them to become involved in the ministry of the Gospel of Christ... nothing is going to change. The church's organizational system is designed to WAIT for someone to make it happen!"

It appears to me, after 35+ years of ministry, that my engagement in the process of discerning the vision of God's call to ministry in this place and my ability to articulate and encourage peoples' engagement in God's ministry is vitally important. Vision casting is a cooperative activity. It involves listening, reflecting and experimentation. Together we discern the Spirit of God's direction for ministry. This can be a challenge because patterns and processes of the past become sacred and often limit creativity and openness to God doing something new.

I have found that becoming a disciple of Jesus is much more than simply adding my name to the membership list of a church. Becoming a disciple requires me to be actively engaged in conversation with the Bible and people that cross my daily path. I have to be willing to allow God to speak through all kinds of medium: Bible study, book studies, grief support groups, creativity groups who design liturgical art, dance, music, puppets, etc., to name a few. I also believe that it is important to give people permission to act on their sense of God's call to engage ministry.

As I think about the ministry of Grace, now into its one hundred and twenty sixth year, I think it is important to know at least the general history of the congregation. It began as a suburban congregation and has become an urban congregation. Its participants have been primarily persons who have had access to resources and capable of self-determination. The neighborhood was originally pretty homogenous and today has become quite diverse.

It is abundantly clear that a shift in the relationship between church and culture has occurred. That shift as church consultant, Anthony Robinson observed has left many "dis-spirited, bewildered, paddling-as-fast-as-we-can." The day of simply opening the doors and people will come flooding in is over. What we often forget in the midst of this shift is that it is not about us as church. It is about the fact that the culture used to carry the traditions, symbols, and rituals of the Christian faith. Now, the culture has ceased to carry the faith.

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So what does this mean? It means that we have to be on the lookout for what God is birthing among us. Each of us has to be engaged in the discernment process. Each of us has to be engaged in living out our baptismal vocation as a child of God. We do not have to wait for someone to tell us what to do, we need to individually act on God's call to us to represent God's love toward all in our homes, in our work and in our community.

Do we still need the church? Yes, because it is in the church that we come alive with encouragement for the daily tasks that God calls us to perform. It is in the church that we gather around the table to receive the ongoing power of the Spirit as we share the Lord's Supper, doing it in remembrance of Christ. It is in the body of fellowship that we are nurtured with the stories of the ways we have seen God's presence active and alive among us.

So, let's be alive in Christ, discerning God's call, looking for and seeing God's presence active around us, being willing to act on God's call to each of us and engaging the fellowship for strength and courage.

Pastor Laaker

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Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. 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
Don Olson



James Harrahill
David Hufford
LaVonne Moss
Urbano Vasquez



Norma Courtney (Arlone Farber's Mom.)
Christian Barajas (Samantha Trejo, Angela & Alex Everitt's brother.)
Dottie Hula (Greg Hula's Mom.)
Randy Stechenfinger (Bobby's brother.)

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 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:

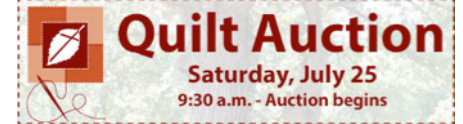
Ferne Matson - Home.
Joe and Barbara Narducci - Home.
Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn.



Prayer Service
Wednesday
July 15, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

**Carol Joy Holling Camp
27th Annual Quilt Auction
Saturday, July 25th
9:30 a.m.**



Join in this exciting day with good food, great fun and lots of beautiful quilts donated by friends of Carol Joy Holling Camp. The auction and barbecue lunch will be held rain or shine. (The Town Hall will be used in case of rain.) Bring your family and friends!

There is an opportunity to go online at www.caroljoyholling.org to preview all the quilts that have been so generously donated. If you have any questions please call Heather Abbott at 1-402-944-2544 or you can email Heather at habbott@nlom.org.

A special thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapters across Nebraska for sponsorship of the Quilt Auction.

Below is the Schedule for this exciting day!

9:00 a.m.	Quilts on Display
9:30 a.m.	Auction Begins
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Bidding
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Barbecue Lunch
2:00 p.m.	Service Project Quilt Blessing
12:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Swimming, Paddleboating, and Canoeing
Scheduled throughout the day.	Hayrack Rides and Camp Tours

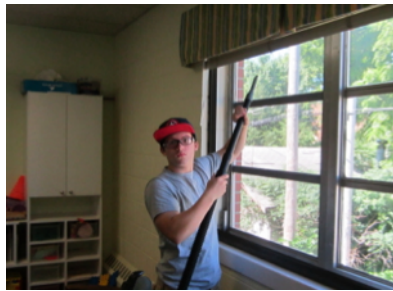
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Kids At Work - consider the possibilities of volunteering two days a week, one day a week, one week out of the month, any time you can spend helping with the Kids At Work

Summer Program will be helpful. Kids At Work will continue each Tuesday and Wednesday through July 22nd. If you are interested in participating or volunteering in this awesome opportunity of awareness for the youth, please speak with Malachi Black.



Job cleaning the window wells in the nursery!

Gabriel, Osbaldo and Daniel cleaning windows.



Gabriel, Osbaldo, Daniel and Job pulling weeds around the parking lot. Great Work Guys!

CHURCH PICNIC

**Annual Church Potluck Picnic
Kids At Work Celebration
Sunday, July 26th**

Celebrate with Kids At Work Summer Program during worship service and then enjoy food, conversations and fellowship during the Annual Grace Picnic! Invite family and friends to join in this funfilled day.

Bring a dish or two to share, meat, drinks and table service will be provided. A great opportunity to reconnect with friends and family.



Experience the joy of posing in some fun and crazy photos in the FOTOkeefe Photo Booth that will be available during the picnic.

Life is precious. When we choose to be active in our communities, face adversities that may not directly affect us but can visibly be recognized as negatively impacting others, and seek to bring justice to our local area, we choose life. People can speak of living a good life, bad life, productive or unproductive life, but if we are to contemplate what life inherently is, life is inherently good. The quality of it, the choices made in it, or what is done with it can vary but the essence of life is necessary for us to even begin to desire or speak about anything else. Life must exist first. God gives us life and the free will to choose how we use it.



We have been studying love in the New Testament and how Jesus challenges us to use love as an empowering agent in our lives. Love and power are connected in that it takes action to invigorate them. When we exercise our power in a loving way, we command the greatest potential for the best kind of living. Love challenges us to consider what is best for others and ourselves, especially when we would prefer to do what we want or feels good at the time.

Summer is a time to be fully active in the world, which means we will see many things happening. Often, there will be negative things that will deter us from wanting to interact or get involved in the community. It may be easiest to stay home or seek other, more entertaining activities. God calls us to work even more now in this mid-year time as situations arise. We are called to be empathetic, humble, and present with the joys and pains of life. When we engage the struggles of others, we show love for them and ourselves. As God's ambassadors, the work we do for Him blesses others but also glorifies Him. What better gift can we give to the One who gives us free will then to return it to His Able Hands?

Let our hearts be filled with compassion in the face of tragedies, kindness in the face of struggles, and mercy when we are wronged. We are not tasked with solving the great problems of the world but merely to be present and active in the communities in which our brothers and sisters suffer. Our greatest blessings come from heeding the will of the Father, who equips and empowers us in love to do the things we are unable to do in our own strength.

Malachi Black
Grace Lutheran Church
Community Outreach Associate
outreach@graceluth.com



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 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 take turns picking 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 Kids At Work group who assisted with the assembly the July Newsletter!
- ♥ Thank you to 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, Mary, and Malachi for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.
- ♥ Thank you to our friends from Prince of Peace who are doing an awesome job mowing the church yard.
- ♥ Thank you to all the kids participating in the Kids At Work program who have spent part of their work time pulling the endlessly growing weeds surrounding the parking lot.





Virginia McGill, MA
Executive Director

www.familiesinactionomaha.org



Gema C. Wolde
Community Health Worker
Se habla español.

Interfaith Health Service/Families in Action Spotlight on Martha

Our participants help tell our story best at IHS and Families in Action. One family story is excerpted below to summarize the ways in which our programs reach families and ripple outward to reach our community:

"Interfaith Health and Families in Action has something more than just programs. It has people who care about each other. I have been part of the organization for five years. I have four children and all of them are also part of Families in Action. I have been involved in the exercise and sewing programs since I joined. Sewing helped me connect with other women in the community and exercise gives me time to be with other women. My children also enjoy programs and appreciate the college volunteers who care about them.

Something else grew out of Families in Action when my son wanted to go to college and I wasn't sure how to help make sure that happened. He is my oldest, so it was our very first time looking at colleges. I felt lost, at times, in the big world of college choices. Families in Action encouraged my son and our family to reach for our dreams and helped us every step of the way. They worked with us on really thinking through the options available and in looking at what would meet his needs for education and our budget. They also put us in touch with teachers at different colleges, and worked with us on applications and scholarships. My son is now a proud student in college, is studying hard and doing really well! He will be volunteering with Interfaith and Families in Action next semester to meet with other participants interested in going to college to help support them and share what he learned about college choices."

Martha, Families in Action Participant since 2009

At Interfaith, we will continue to welcome and accompany families like Martha's who desire our services, and to work collaboratively with others who wish to see our city flourish by supporting the mission developed and embraced by our participants.

Virginia, Gema and Kaela, IHS/FIA

MOTHER **Many Titles, One Meaning**

Become a Mentor Today!



Catholic Charities is looking for experienced moms of all ages to provide mentoring support to pregnant and parenting young women. Within that friendship role mentors will give encouragement, demonstrate positive parenting and simply listen.

Please consider giving your time and talents to make a difference in the lives of these young women and their children.

For additional information, please contact Kathy Milbrath at (402) 829-9289 or email Kathy at, kathym@ccomaha.org; Laurel Determan at (402) 829-9283 or email Laurel at laureld@ccomaha.org.



The Neighbors South Habitat Coalition 2015 has begun and continues each Friday and Saturday. 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.

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

July 2015



- 5 - Brenda Spahr
- 12 - Arlone Farber
- 19 - Terry Nielsen
- 26 - Margie Sutej
- Aug. 2 - Mary Laaker

July Alcolytes

- 5 - Andrea Spahr
- 12 - Vicki Cox
- 19 - Janet Hula
- 26 - Donna Adrian
- Aug. 2 - Greg Hula

July Ushers

- Malachi Black
- Mary Laaker
- Andrew Edwards



July Greeters

- 5 - Gloria Moore and June Hilmer
- 12 - Greg and Janet Hula
- 19 - Lori Vasquez and Davena Garcia
- 26 - Vicki Cox and Bobby Stechenfinger
- Aug. 2 - Brenda and Andrea Spahr



- 3 - David Hufford
- 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!



Responsibility List

Altar Flowers

- 5 - Arlone Farber for the Glory of God.
- 12 - LaVonne Moss in honor of all family birthdays in July.
- 19 - OPEN.
- 26 - Greg and Janet Hula in loving memory of Joann Costello's birthday.
- Aug. 2 - Margie Sutej in honor of her husband, Brian's birthday.

Flower Pick-Up for July:

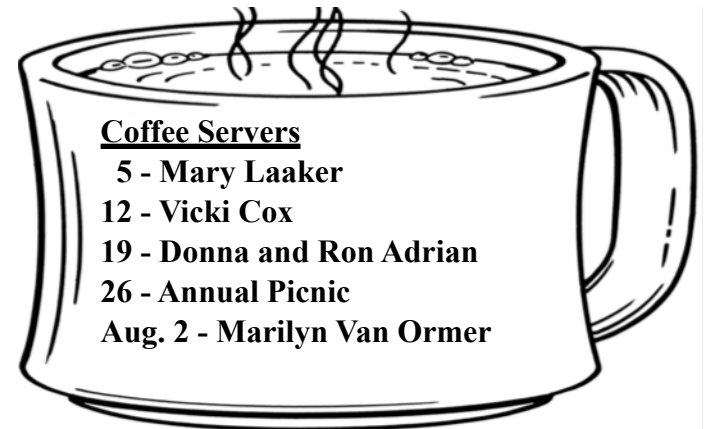
Backpack Program



- 5 - Vicki Cox, please remember all who face hunger issues.
- 12 - Brenda Spahr in loving memory of her grandma.
- 19 - OPEN.
- 26 - Malachi Black in celebration of Kids At Work.
- Aug. 2 - Vicki Cox in honor of her birthday.

Coffee Servers

- 5 - Mary Laaker
- 12 - Vicki Cox
- 19 - Donna and Ron Adrian
- 26 - Annual Picnic
- Aug. 2 - Marilyn Van Ormer



Baker's Community Rewards

Grace Lutheran Church has been accepted into the Baker's Community Rewards Program. Grace will get credit for every purchase* you make using your registered Plus card. The more you shop with Baker's, the more opportunity Grace will have to earn rewards. It is just that easy!



As a Baker's customer you must have the following three things to register and begin supporting Grace:

- One:** A Plus card, which are available at any store by asking an associate.
- Two:** A valid email address, which can be obtained from any free online service and can be anonymous.
- Three:** A personalized account at Baker's website, which again can be anonymous.

To enroll in the community rewards program:

- One:** Visit Baker's website at: bakersplus.com/communityrewards.
- Two:** Sign in OR Create an account (see below instructions on how you can create your online account)
- Three:** Click on "Enroll Now"
- Four:** Enter the 5-digit NPO (62209) and search
- Five:** Select Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and click on "Enroll"

To Create An Online Account At Baker's Website:

- One:** Go to Baker's website at bakersplus.com/communityrewards.
- Two:** Click on "Register" at the top of the page.
- Three:** Enter your email address, password, zip code (select preferred store) and check the box if you desire to receive email communication from Baker's.
- Four:** Click on "Create Account" at the bottom of the page.
- Five:** You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign in information to confirm.

For assistance setting up an online account or with general questions, please feel free to contact us at 800-576-4377 option 3. Administrators are always welcome to email us at DCR@dillonstores.com.

Green Picnic Guide



Gearing up for a summer picnic? Here are some earth-friendly ideas to help you keep your outdoor gatherings fun, simple and green.

Pack plenty of local, in-season fruits and vegetables and meat for you and your guests. Remember, fresh fruit "wraps" itself - no additional packaging needed! Check out the farmer's market for some local favorites!

Consider re-purposing your canvas grocery tote as a picnic bag or try searching your closets for backpacks or holiday baskets to tote your food and picnic supplies.

Try to choose a picnic destination that's easy to get to by biking, walking or using public transportation. Discover new hiking, biking and equestrian adventures that await you and your picnic basket.

Skip the individually packaged drinks and opt for coolers filled with your favorite party beverages. For food storage and leftovers, pack reusable tins and canisters.

Choose washable, reusable cloth napkins and tablecloths, check your closets again for old bandanas and bedshets that you don't mind getting dirty.

If reusable isn't an option for cups, plates and utensils, choose biodegradable items or look for products made from recycled materials. Planning to grill? Look for recycled aluminum foil.

Stick to sunscreen and insect repellents made with fewer chemicals and avoid spraying your entire picnic area with toxic pest products.

Think green for your picnic activities and entertainment. Bring your favorite nature and wildlife field guides along with some binoculars and a journal for outdoor exploring.

Remember to take your waste with you. Leftover picnic food in trashcans is often tempting to park animals. Bring an extra storage container for food waste and a tote bag for recycling. Also, consider using your melted ice to rinse reusable dishes and utensils.

green tips from earthshares.com



GET ON BOARD!

St. Luke's Lutheran and Grace Lutheran Church are planning a joint outing to a Kansas City Royals Baseball game, Sunday August 16. We will travel on an Arrow Stage Line Bus. We will leave at 9:00 a.m. and return following dinner after the game. Cost for transportation, ticket to the game and a catered BBQ meal afterward is \$55 a person. Bus capacity is 56, reserve your seat early! If you would like to go, please contact Ed Nodean at 402-968-5996 or edward.nodean@cox.net.



Leaders of Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) invite you to join us at a training session on the basic skills of organizing on Monday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church (38th and Lafayette Avenue). This training session will focus on basic practices that everyone could use to successfully organize in their congregation, community or neighborhood. Learn how to help people identify their common concerns and then work together effectively for the common good. Go to OTOC.org or contact OTOC at otocfornebraska@gmail.com for more information.

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.

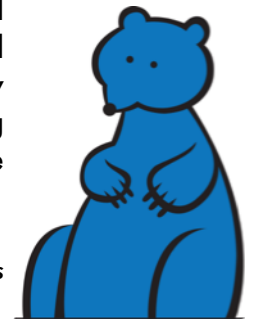


Lutheran South Pantry
4401 South 23rd Street
402-502-7070

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.

It's a sunny summer morning in the big forest and the Bear family is just waking up. Baby Bear goes downstairs and looks at the table at his small bowl. It is empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?!!" he squeaks with all the fierceness he can muster. Next, Papa Bear arrives at the scene, looks into his big bowl. It is also empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?!!" he roars and shakes the house. Mama Bear puts her head through the serving hatch from the kitchen and yells, "For heaven's sake, how many times do we have to go through this? It was Mama Bear who got up first. It was Mama Bear who woke up everyone in the house. It was Mama Bear who made the coffee. It was Mama Bear who unloaded the dishwasher from last night and put everything away. It was Mama Bear who went out in the cool early morning air to fetch the newspaper. It was Mama Bear who set the table. It was Mama Bear who put the cat out, cleaned the litter box, and filled the cat's water and food dish, and, now that you've decided to drag your sleepy selves downstairs and grace Mama Bear's kitchen with your grumpy presence, listen good, 'cause I'm only going to say this one more time - I haven't made the porridge yet!"



shared by Greg Hula through Riverside News



On September 8, 1892 a Boston-based youth magazine - The Youth's Companion' published a 22-word recitation for school children to use during planned activities the following month to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. Under the title "The Pledge to the Flag", the composition was the earliest version of what we now know as

the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Ten Independence Day Trivia About the Bald Eagle:

- * Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson served on the committee that picked the eagle for the national seal (Franklin wanted the turkey).
- * Bald eagles have few natural enemies and live only in North America.
- * Bald eagles get their white head and tail feathers when they are about 4 to 5 years of age.
- * Bald eagles are not, and never were bald. The term comes from when "bald" meant "white-headed".
- * Their maximum speed: 40 mph or over 100 mph while in a dive.
- * They can lift roughly half their body weight.
- * The Bald Eagle is no longer considered endangered, and now only threatened.
- * The only other kind of eagle in North America is the golden eagle.
- * Bald eagles mate for life, but if one dies, the survivor will eventually accept a new mate.
- * It is a felony to shoot an eagle.

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Bible Wordsearch

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Matt. 5:9-19

Beatitudes2

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E	E	V	M	D	L	E	H	T	E	P	I	D	I	O	LEAST	LONGER
J	T	E	A	P	H	U	L	T	H	S	A	N	S	B	LETTER	NEITHER
O	T	N	L	T	L	O	S	I	U	R	S	S	E	A	LIGHT	PROPHETS
I	E	U	I	R	S	E	T	N	G	R	O	E	I	R	PEOPLE	REJOICE
C	R	E	E	G	L	A	D	N	I	H	T	W	L	D	PRAISE	REWARD
E	N	F	U	L	F	I	L	L	G	T	T	H	N	B	SALTY	SMALLEST
															SHINE	TEACHES
															TRUTH	THROWN
															WORLD	TRAMPLED

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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Nicholas took his four-year-old son, Bryan to several baseball games where "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung before the start of each game.

Later, Nicholas and Bryan attended St. Bartholomew's church on the Sunday before Independence Day. The congregation sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and after everyone sat down, Bryan suddenly yelled out at the top of his voice, "Play ball."



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