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REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker

Editor/Church Secretary - Brenda Spahr

Organist - Colleen Jeffrey

Sexton - Alma Lopez

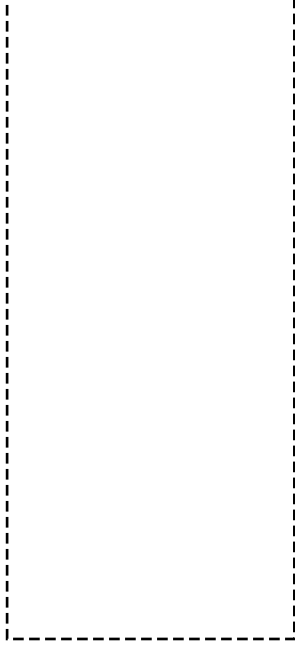
Community Outreach - Malachi Black

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



2016 Council Members

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

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

The regular meeting of the Council was held on March 8th. The Council shared their prayer concerns for those who mourn, those facing death, those seeking healing of health conditions, those missing in relationships and praying for peace from all of the violence afflicting our country.

Devotions: Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker reading the selected verses in the “Daily Texts” from Exodus 33:19 and 1 Timothy 1:12-13. The first tells us that God is the One who decides who will receive grace and mercy. The second teaches us that God’s mercy is for all regardless of their past actions.

Visions for Ministry: The author discussed leadership versus empowerment, explained the basic difference between the two concepts, and how we use those ideas to determine success. He also talked about how we understand different measures used to achieve a result versus the actual result, which can differ based on the way we view the information. There can be quite a difference in our view of the result based on whether we look at it intellectually or emotionally. We will read part 1 pages 26-40 and take the survey if you haven’t already.

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

Christian Education: None.

Evangelism/Outreach: Neighbors South Habitat Coalition begins in the next week or so. Pastor provided information from the last OTOC meeting regarding the death penalty and immigration. Bread for the World’s focus this year is for improved nutrition and health for mothers and children in developing countries. ELCA Nebraska Synod offers a grant up to \$1000 for new projects – Malachi is exploring community outreach ideas for us to do at Grace. If you have any ideas, please talk with Malachi.

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Finance: Lutheran planned giving services may provide a presentation for Grace & St. Luke’s jointly to go over wills and other long-term planning options. Council members favored a Sunday afternoon over evenings.

Property: The cracks along the back of the building have separated from the tar and caused water to leak in on the floor in the basement. Pastor has talked with Dan Dolezal (who helped with the parking lot expansion) about fixing this issue. Door locks – cylinders – were replaced.

Service/Social Ministry: Columbus Park neighborhood cleanup is Saturday, April 16th.

Support/Stewardship: None.

Worship: None.

Unfinished Business: None.


New Business: Synod Assembly is coming up June 2-4 in Kearney. Early registration ends March 15th so let Pastor know if you would like to go.

Announcements: Pastor’s surgery is scheduled for March 27th. Pastor Nielsen will conduct services for the first 3 Sundays in April. Vicki will bring treats for April.

Adjournment: The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Vazquez, Secretary

Carol Joy Holling Camp is sponsoring Explore, a Day Retreat for Elementary Students from 1st through 6th grades on Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Explore is a retreat designed to help grade schoolers discover the magic of creation and life at camp. Cost per participant is \$10.00; registration deadline is April 13th, register online at cjhcenter.org/explore. Please bring a sack lunch.





As you read this, I will be recovering from hip replacement surgery. My left hip has been on a downward spiral for a number of years. I finally made the decision to undergo surgery to remedy this painful and limiting situation. I would appreciate your prayers for full and complete healing. I long to be well so that I might serve you, God's people, well.

Some thoughts in this post Easter time. On Easter Sunday, in the gospel of John we met Mary Magdalene in the haze of dawn. She comes to the tomb and the stone of death is rolled away. Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb and see the empty linens. There are glimmers of life in this absence of death. After the men leave, Mary waits outside and weeps as she is questioned by angels, and then sees Christ's face which she does not recognize. Those of us who know the story want to burst into the story and begin the proclamation: He is risen! He is risen indeed! We can see the marks of the resurrection, but Mary cannot until she hears the voice of Jesus and cries out "Rabbouni!"

Jesus Christ promises to be with us, but sometimes we do not recognize him. Easter Sunday we sat in our service, drenched in the proclamation of the resurrection, but will we recognize the risen Christ when we meet him on Monday or any other day of the week? Christ comes to us each and every day, but sometimes we do not recognize him. We are made in the image of God and so Christ resides in all of us, when we feed one another, when we offer help to our neighbor, and when we forgive our enemies. Let us live in the promise of Easter morning and cry out with Mary, "I have seen the Lord." (John 20:18) as we bear witness to Christ's love manifest in us.

So, we have now entered the 50 days of Easter. This gives us seven weeks to celebrate God's amazing gift of love as seen through the resurrection of Christ. It gives us the opportunity to look with new eyes at all the ways God meets us in the ordinary encounters of each day. Maybe with Mary, we need to be greeted with Christ in human form for us to recognize the abiding presence of God.

Keep your eyes open to the ways God will appear to you! A blessed Easter to one and all.

Pastor Laaker

PS: In my absence for the next three weeks, Pr. Terry Nielsen will be conducting services at Grace and St. Luke's on Sundays. Should emergency pastoral care be necessary, Pr. Jan Peterson and Pr. Glenn Schacht have indicated their willingness to meet those needs. You may contact the church office as needed. They will have contact numbers for clergy assistance.

Go and Tell Christ Is Risen!

In 1 Corinthians 15, the Resurrection Chapter, the Apostle Paul writes, "What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins . . . that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures . . ." (1 Corinthians 15:3). Through Christ's Resurrection, God assures us that we are forgiven and that we, too, will rise again. Surely this is the message of first importance that we as stewards of our Risen Lord and Savior will desire to pass on. Go and tell that Christ is risen!



Prayer: Dear Lord, without your gracious aid I would be forever in the depths, forever bound to sin, forever lost. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and life you have given me through your son, Christ, my Redeemer. Help me boldly go out and tell others that Christ is risen! In Jesus' name I pray. **Amen.**

Blessing on your stewardship journey!

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



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

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



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

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

Individuals listed below have ongoing health issues and concerns:

Andrew Edwards
Ken Hilmer
LaVonne Moss
Urbano Vasquez



James Harrahill
Carolyn Matson
Don Olson



Norma Courtney (Arlone Farber's Mom.)
Christian Barajas (Samantha Trejo, Angela & Alex Everitt's brother.)
Dottie Hula (Greg Hula's Mom.)
Linda Pafford (Friend to many.)
The family of David Hufford.

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

Pray for the Council Members. Ask God to bless their ministry among us. Pray for strength and spiritual wisdom for the leaders in the local church and the Nebraska Synod:

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

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



We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.
1 Thessalonians 5:25, NIV



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 necessary!



On Palm Sunday Grace members gathered in the Fellowship Hall following worship services and assembled 31 Personal Care Kits in assistance with the Lutheran World Relief Organization. The Personal Care Kits provide basic sanitation and hygiene items for families who have lost their belongings in some of nature's devastating disasters to stay healthy, clean, and preserve personal dignity. Additional items will benefit the South Omaha Pantry; the items collected are not donated very often and will be greatly appreciated!



Please join the Sunday morning Adult Bible Study for the entire month of April as we will watch the movie 'What Dreams May Come' with Robin Williams and Cuba Gooding Jr. We will have weekly conversations about the themes and powerful messages portrayed. Class and movie time begin at 9:30 a.m., if you have any questions, please speak with Malachi, hope to see you there!



Join Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) at our 7th Annual Celebration of Community on Saturday, April 9 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Hot Shops (13th and Nicholas). Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door for an evening that includes great food, music, desserts, a terrific silent auction and hundreds of people who work to make Omaha a better community for all

families. Contact an OTOC member or OTOC at 402-344-4401 to buy tickets. Learn more how OTOC is working to improve housing, environmental sustainability, health insurance coverage and fair treatment of immigrants and refugees. Come and support this important work.

**Come to the OTOC Accountability Session with
OPPD Candidates on April 18**

OTOC will hold an accountability session with candidates for OPPD Board District 5, which represents Central and Northwest Omaha. Join OTOC **Monday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Leo Catholic Church** (102nd & Blondo) in the Fireside Room. Learn about why each candidate is running, their thoughts on OPPD's recent decision to increase fixed monthly service fees, and other topics related to OPPD's impact on our environment and community. All six candidates have been invited to participate.

**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.

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



**TABLE GRACE
C A F E**
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls

Table Grace Cafe is celebrating five years of nourishing hungry bodies and souls at 1611 1/2 Farnam Street. To celebrate, we are meeting at the Joslyn Castle, 3902 Davenport Street, on Friday, April 8th with an evening of Hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. concert and 8:30 p.m. desserts. Tickets can be purchased at simonegweber.com or by calling 917-992-8574. A "Table Grace Café" Album will be included with each ticket.



**Columbus Neighborhood Clean Up
Saturday, April 16, 2016
9:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.**

No Early Drop Offs

The Annual Columbus Park Neighborhood Clean Up on Saturday, April 16th will once again be held in the parking lot of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located at 22nd and Leavenworth Street.

This is a great opportunity to do some spring cleaning around the house or yard!

Any questions, please call Seth Gabriel at 402-341-7020.



Spring is typically a time known for renewal, new beginnings, and fresh growth. The weather patterns begin to change, and people are more hopeful about things to come. There are more opportunities to engage in outdoor activities. The Resurrection of

Jesus is perfectly aligned with the newness Spring offers. Unlike Spring, however, Jesus rising from the cold, dead, stony tomb was greatly unexpected. Jesus brought a newness the world had never seen; a hope that many had lost.

Life isn't a perfect cycle of events that neatly circulates through good and bad times. There's so much unpredictability that we cannot just wait for better things to happen. Jesus came in solidarity to the poor and downtrodden, not as the expected warrior champion to overthrow the oppressive regime in power.

How do we present ourselves in service to others in ways that may be unexpected or not predicted? Each of us must realize that the change we seek for the world comes through each of us. How we choose to act, live, and be transforms the unknown future that awaits. Like the budding of new plants, surely we unfold the mysteries of the unknown as our energies and efforts set the stage for God's Will to flourish in this world.

Over the next several months, new opportunities to engage with the community will unfold. We will present the movie, What Dreams May Come, which will take a look at different facets of life and death. Please come out in the month of April as we host a segment each week. We will be taking book donations for a community library that will be displayed outside. More details will come as we get closer to putting things together. We also hope to engage in activities to draw the different cultural groups in South Omaha together such as game and movie nights, and culturally themed meals. Ideas, suggestions, and any help will be greatly appreciated. Let's blossom the garden God has given us here into a fruitful, energy filled space.

Malachi Black
Community Outreach Associate
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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 to Marilyn and Jerry Van Ormer for their on-going dedication in caring and tending to the plants in the entry way, they continue to thrive and look welcoming.



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



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



Thank you 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, Larry, Mary, and Malachi for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.



Thank you to the Liberty Elementary readers; Malachi, Pastor Laaker, Arlone, Margie, Vicki, Eva, and Brenda for sharing the gift of learning through imagination and fun with the second graders.



Thank you to everyone who served Lenten dinners and helped with any set ups and clean ups before or after the dinners. The food was delicious!



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 to meet each Tuesday and Wednesday through the months of June and July. If you are interested in participating or volunteering in this awesome opportunity of awareness for the youth, please speak with Malachi Black. Additional information will follow in upcoming issues of the Grace Messenger.

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



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

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!

Haven't had the chance to sign up? Not a problem, please contact the church office for a complete list and instructions on how to obtain your registered Baker's Plus card, talk to a Baker's associate; they are happy to help set up your rewards card, or you can refer back to previous issues of the Grace Messenger. Grace Lutheran's 5-digit NPO is 62209.

For assistance setting up an online account or with general questions, please feel free to contact Baker's at 800-576-4377 option 3, or email at DCR@dillonstores.com.

Mischievous organists who tickle churchgoers

A recent church research survey indicated that many church organists have a mischievous sense of humor and occasionally play pranks on congregations or exact subtle revenge on clergy who displease them.

Half of 2,000 churchgoers polled by Christian Research said they had noticed an organist slipping unexpected, playful tunes into services, reported JN consulting editor Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft of Dover, DE.

Tactics included slipping snippets of heavy metal classics, advertising jingles, and even nursery rhymes into hymns and anthems. For instance, an organist in Scotland who had a falling out with his church's clergy retaliated by inserting a rendition of "Send in the Clowns" as the clergy processed in for a Sunday service.

Another pastor fired an organist after he played "Roll out the Barrel" at the funeral of a man who had a reputation for being fond of beer. Another organist spiced up some orthodox choral music with the tunes "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" and "I'm a Barbie Girl."

One parishioner reported that "we had an organist at our church who played every hymn as if it were an 'all skate' at the local roller rink. Old Rugged Cross to 6/8 time is unique at best."

Still another organist had the congregation bursting with laughter when he played a slowed-down version of "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" from Mary Poppins.



Stephen Goddard, of Christian Research, commented: "Hidden from view, your local church organist may appear unassuming and selfdeprecating, but like any true artist, he or she can be eccentric, mischievous, and very opinionated. Mess with him/her at your own peril."

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April 2016



- 3 - Mary Laaker
- 10 - Brenda Spahr
- 17 - Arlone Farber
- 24 - Greg Hula
- May 1 - Malachi Black

- 1 - Sarah Emery
- Eva Martin
- 5 - Emily Bauer
- 7 - Linda Helm
- 13 - Samuel Mantzaris
- 14 - Thomas Emery
- 23 - Julia Traynor
- 27 - Barbara Narducci
- 28 - Ferne Matson

April Alcolytes

- 3 - Greg Hula
- 10 - Janet Hula
- 17 - Vicki Cox
- 24 - Donna Adrian
- May 1 - Andrea Spahr

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

April Ushers

- Vicki Cox
- Malachi Black
- Larry Foreman

Ushers & Greeters



April Greeters

- 3 - Ron and Donna Adrian
- 10 - Gloria Moore and June Hilmer
- 17 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- 24 - Andrea and Brenda Spahr
- May 1 - Mary Laaker and Sarah Emery



Responsibility List

Altar Flowers



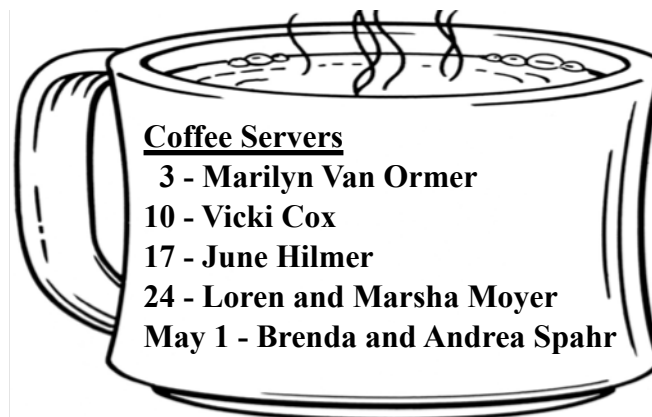
- 3 - Pastor and Mary Laaker in celebration of their daughter, Sarah's birthday.
- 10 - Margie Sutej in celebration of her Wedding Anniversary.
- 17 - OPEN.
- 24 - OPEN.
- May 1 - Andrew, Christi, and Clay Edwards and Tracy Petrini in loving memory of their mother, Charlotte Edwards.

Flower Pick-Up for April: Greg and Janet Hula



Backpack Program

- 3 - Pastor and Mary Laaker in honor of their daughter, Sarah and their grandson, Tommy's birthdays.
- 10 - Charlotte and Ed Palczynski in honor of their granddaughter, Lindsey and grandson, Sam's birthdays.
- 17 - Arlone Farber for awareness of all who face hunger issues.
- 24 - Marilyn and Jerry Van Ormer in honor of Nick and Henry's birthdays.
- May 1 - Vicki Cox for awareness of all who face hunger issues.



Coffee Servers

- 3 - Marilyn Van Ormer
- 10 - Vicki Cox
- 17 - June Hilmer
- 24 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- May 1 - Brenda and Andrea Spahr



Earth Day Omaha - April 16, 2016
Elmwood Park
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

“The only way forward, if we are going to improve the quality of the environment, is to get everybody involved.” ~ Richard Rogers

Earth Day Everyday

Earth Day Omaha is made possible by the Earth Day Omaha Coalition, which is comprised of volunteers from organizations and the community.

The Earth Day Omaha Coalition is dedicated to increasing public awareness of environmental issues through annual Earth Day events and activities. The Earth Day Omaha Coalition is affiliated with Earth Day Network, the international organization coordinating Earth Day events worldwide.

Activities on Saturday, April 16th include all day entertainment on the Main Stage including Native American Flute by Michael Murphy, Nebraska Wildlife Rescue, Folk Rock Music by Pancho and the Contraband and much more.

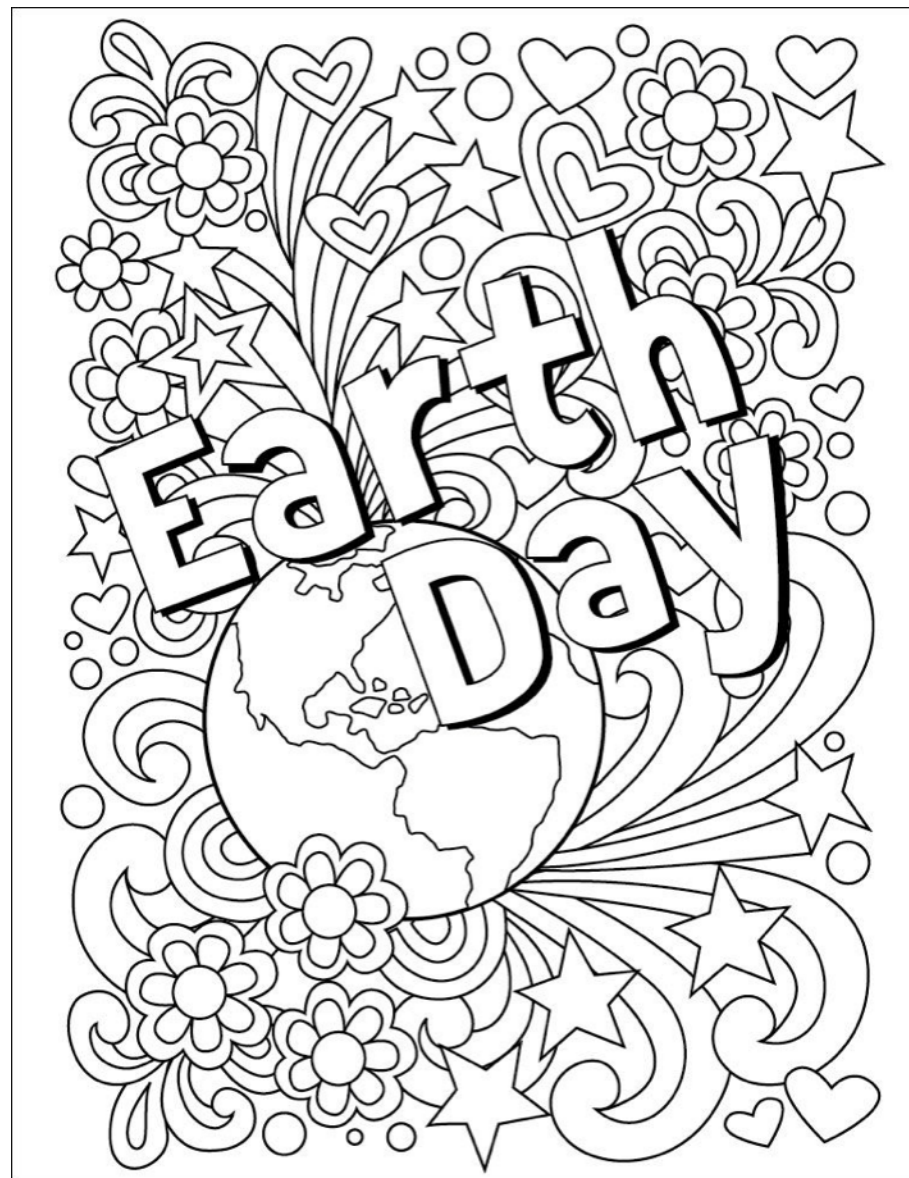
There will be a Demonstration Tent set up with a variety of demonstrations throughout the day including Tree Planting, Composting with Worms, Rain Barrel Demonstrations and much more.

There will also be a Children’s Tent with many fun activities including Worm Bed and Animal ID, Balloon Animals, Earth Day Button Making, Garden Art Dragonflies Kite building and so much more.

There will be a tree climbing event from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for individuals of all ages.

Additional schedules and information can be found online at earthdayomaha.org or you may pick up schedule copies in the church office.

In the chance of lightning, please seek a safe shelter such as Elmwood Park’s pavilion, the UNO parking garage, or your vehicle. When lightning is present, do not touch any metal, including the framework of a car. If a tornado warning is issued the event will be canceled.



Grace Coloring Contest

In the celebration of Earth Day, anyone who colors the above picture, cuts out the picture (please ask for parental help if needed!) and bring the colored page to church and it will be placed throughout the building.

Earth Day Begins at Home



There are plenty of ways you can make every day Earth Day. Improve your own small part of the planet by considering these suggestions for spring-cleaning, garden preparation, and home improvements.

Purchase non-toxic cleaning products. Use natural fiber sponges and cleaning agents that are biodegradable, phosphate-free, chlorine-free, and unscented.

Reduce paper use. Use rags instead of paper towels; cloth napkins instead of paper ones. Buy post-consumer recycled paper and recycle it when you have used it.

Refurbish responsibly. Use water-based or vegetable-based paints, stains, and varnishes. Don't wash paint thinners, household cleaners, oil, or pesticides down the drain or pour them on the ground; use them up, give leftovers to friends or a charity, or dispose at your local toxic waste disposal center.

Repair instead of replace. Reupholster furniture. Resole your shoes.

Replace disposable goods with renewable ones. Buy rechargeable batteries. Use dishes instead of paper plates.



Plant for the planet. Strengthen your garden's resistance to pests by planting resilient plants, by rotating the fruits and vegetables you plant, and by attracting friendly bugs to prey on the pesky ones.

green tips from earthshare.org

Earth is the third planet from the Sun, the densest planet in the Solar System, the largest of the Solar System's four terrestrial planets, and the only astronomical object known to harbor life. The radius of the earth is 3,959 miles, the earth is 4.543 billion years old! The earth is 92.96 million miles from the sun, the mass of the earth is: 5.972×10^{24} kg and the earth's area is: 196.9 million mi².

Reading Your Bible in a Year - April 2016

1	Matt. 25:1-30	Num. 30-31	Job 1
2	Matt. 25:31-46	Num. 32-34	Job 2
3	Matt. 26:1-25	Num. 35-36	Job 3
4	Matt. 26:26-46	Deut. 1-2	Job 4
5	Matt. 26:47-75	Deut. 3-4	Job 5
6	Matt. 27:1-31	Deut. 5-6	Job 6
7	Matt. 27:32-66	Deut. 7-8	Job 7
8	Matt. 28	Deut. 9-10	Job 8
9	Acts 1	Deut. 11-12	Job 9
10	Acts 2:1-13	Deut. 13-14	Job 10
11	Acts 2:14-47	Deut. 15-16	Job 11
12	Acts 3	Deut. 17-18	Job 12
13	Acts 4:1-22	Deut. 19-20	Job 13
14	Acts 4:23-37	Deut. 21-22	Job 14
15	Acts 5:1-16	Deut. 23-24	Job 15
16	Acts 5:17-42	Deut. 25-27	Job 16
17	Acts 6	Deut. 28	Job 17
18	Acts 7:1-22	Deut. 29-30	Job 18
19	Acts 7:23-8:1	Deut. 31-32	Job 19
20	Acts 8:2-25	Deut. 33-34	Job 20
21	Acts 8:26-40	Josh. 1-2	Job 21
22	Acts 9:1-25	Josh. 3:1-5:1	Job 22
23	Acts 9:26-43	Josh. 5:2-6:27	Job 23
24	Acts 10:1-33	Josh. 7-8	Job 24
25	Acts 10:34-48	Josh. 9-10	Job 25
26	Acts 11:1-18	Josh. 11-12	Job 26
27	Acts 11:19-30	Josh. 13-14	Job 27
28	Acts 12	Josh. 15-17	Job 28
29	Acts 13:1-25	Josh. 18-19	Job 29
30	Acts 13:26-52	Josh. 20-21	Job 30

A grandmother was going to church one Sunday when she got a call from her daughter. The daughter said she and her husband were going on a five-day holiday trip, and asked grandma whether her three little grandchildren could stay with her while they were gone. Grandma was so delighted that she put five dollars in the collection basket at church and thanked the Lord.

The Sunday after the grandchildren had returned home, grandma put \$20 in the collection basket.

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

Jesus the Healer 2

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Matt 8:14-27

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CROSS	CARRIED
FAITH	CROWD
FEVER	DISCIPLE
FOXES	EVENING
HOLES	FATHER
HOUSE	FOLLOW
ISAIAH	FURIOUS
JESUS	FULFILL
LAKE	HEALED
LORD	PROPHET
LYING	REBUKED
NESTS	REPLIED
OBEY	SPIRITS
STORM	SPOKEN
SWEPT	TEACHER
WAVES	TOUCHED
WINDS	WARNING

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"Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence." —Eugene H. Peterson

"Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of 80 and gradually approach 18." —Mark Twain

"It takes courage to play in a world that does not play."
—Fred Donaldson