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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

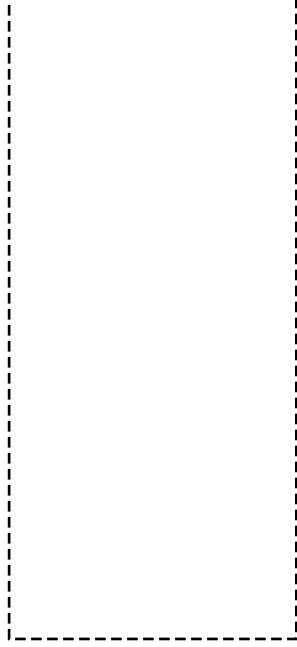
Community Outreach - Malachi Black

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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 Fittle	Greg Hula	Loren Moyer
Brenda Spahr	Amanda Vazquez	Pastor Laaker

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

The regular meeting of the Council was held on September 13th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns for healing of family and friends, for comfort to those dealing with the death of a loved one, for the people who have lost their homes to fire, flooding, bombings, etc., praise for Ron’s recovery and return to good health, and for stability and peace in Sudan and Syria.

Pastor Laaker led devotions from Psalm 3:2-3 and Mark 1:40-41. The first tells that even when surrounded by those who doubt God, we should find comfort in knowing that God is with us lifting us up. The second shows that God has compassion and love for us – all we need is to turn to God and ask for God’s presence in our lives.

Visions for Ministry: The author presented the idea that for those in a leadership role it isn’t always in the best interest of a group to take the easy route or the route that the majority chooses; but, rather, to challenge the group to take bold moves. However, it’s important also to maintain a healthy balance by nurturing steady progress, as well. Read pages 99-123 for next month.

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

Christian Education: The ELCA has put together a study document in preparation of a social statement regarding sexism and justice for women in the church. We have a year to review, then modifications will be made, and it will be available for review once more before it is voted on at the next church-wide assembly. Pastor provided information on the Declaration on the Way, which consists of 32 statements on how the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches agree on certain issues.

Evangelism/Outreach: Grace Reads has begun a new school year. We have added 3rd grade classes this year along with the 2nd grade classes. Spring Lake School had some hesitation based on past experience with volunteer groups not following through with their commitment. We are waiting to hear back from them. Neighborhood Cleanup took place this past Sunday as part of God’s Work Our Hands. Halloween is approaching...so we need to start talking about whether or not we want to put on a Halloween party this year. We will plan to meet briefly after church on Sunday, September 25th. Arlone & Amanda have offered to submit for Thrivent Action dollars to help with costs.

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Malachi talked about how he works with prison ministry and invited anyone who may be interested to become a sponsor, or as a church to be a location for one of the services. We could also choose to provide a meal for the group following the service. The size of group is usually around 50-60 people.

Finance: Health care costs will rise about 5% next year.

Property: Carpet installation was completed. We do have extra pieces of carpet that we can use to replace the old carpet behind the altar if we have volunteers willing to help with that. New street signs are all up. The cracked ceiling and repair is under way. There was a water leak in our entryway, so the work that was done did not fix the problem. The company that made those repairs will be back out sometime to look more closely at the issue. MUD is out replacing water and gas lines in the area, so hopefully they will take care of it before the cold sets in. Roger Meisinger (who has ties to the Hufford family) had the old Grace Lutheran Church stained glass window in his attic and recently gave it back to us. We will look at options for displaying it.

Service/Social Ministry: Habitat for Humanity Neighbors South Coalition will be completed and the dedication will take place Saturday, October 29th.

Support/Stewardship: None.

Worship: This Sunday, September 18th we will go out on the River City Star with St. Luke’s for worship service and will follow with a potluck here at Grace. The Nebraska Brass has chosen Grace as a location for their June 15th, 2017 concert.

Unfinished Business: Remember to continue following the election. OTOC will be hosting a candidate forum in October, if you’re interested in attending.

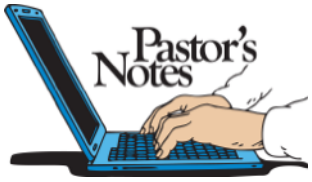
New Business: There were some updates to the model constitution, so Brenda has completed updating Grace’s constitution based on the information we received. We will now submit it to the Nebraska Synod Council for approval and then adoption at our 2017 Annual meeting.

Announcements: Pastor will be gone from October 1-7th. Pastor Nielsen will conduct worship while he is gone. Loren will bring treats in October.

Adjournment: The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Vazquez, Secretary





I've been thinking about all the things that happen in October. Yes, there's Halloween but I was thinking more about the opportunities presented to us to make a difference in another person's life. On Sunday, September 25, in the Gospel of Luke, we heard Jesus tell the story about the rich man and Lazarus. As I opened my

most recent email from Habitat for Humanity-Building on Faith, there was this engaging quote from Mother Teresa:

"Poverty doesn't only consist of being hungry for bread, but rather it is a tremendous hunger for human dignity. We need to love and to be somebody for someone else. This is where we make our mistake and shove people aside. Not only have we denied the poor a piece of bread, but by thinking that they have no worth and leaving them abandoned in the streets, we have denied them the human dignity that is rightfully theirs as children of God."

On Sunday, October 9, we have the opportunity to support the Omaha CROP Walk. We have individuals walking in the walk and they need sponsors. Donations to CROP not only help to provide bread for hungry people but they also help individuals and communities develop resources that give them dignity and the capacity to provide for themselves and their families.

On Sunday, October 16, we will share information about the organization called Bread for the World. This organization invites us as Christians to write letters to our elected Congress people asking them to focus their designation of resources on the nutrition and health of mothers and children around the world. We can help Congress to affirm and provide additional resources to accelerate global progress against malnutrition.

On Monday, October 17, Omaha Together One Community invites us to participate in an Accountability Session that will address the two Candidates for US Congress and the Candidates for OPPD Board District 5. Where do our congressional candidates stand on issues like affordable health care for all and fair treatment of immigrants and refugees? Where do our OPPD candidates stand on OPPD's increased fixed service fee and transparency in Board Decision making?

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Finally at the end of the month, Sunday, October 30, we will celebrate the Reformation. Kathryn A Kleinhans writes, "Each year, the students in my Lutheran heritage class at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, read Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses. 'What surprised you?' I ask them. Typically the biggest surprise is what the Ninety-five Theses are not: They are not a laundry list of all the things Luther didn't like about the Roman Catholic Church. What they are is an academic argument focused on one specific topic - indulgences."

We learned that in the ELCA Churchwide Assembly on August 10, the ELCA Church Council brought a resolution "to express profound gratitude for "Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist" as another sign of the ELCA's commitment to making visible the unity that is God's gift in Christ {with the Roman Catholic Church}...and received the thirty-two Statements of Agreement, acknowledging that "receiving these agreements recognizes that there are no longer church dividing issues with respect to these Statements and to commend to the ELCA the "Declaration on the Way," "From Conflict to Communion" and the "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification" as resources for the common life of the church as we approach 2017 and beyond." The joyful recognition of this document draws together a litany of 32 consensus statements, where Catholics and Lutherans already have said there are not church-dividing differences between them.

We have come a long way in 499 years since the Reformation began. Next year, we celebrate the 500th Anniversary. I wonder what God has in mind for the church?

So, you see, there are significant things that challenge us, things that shape and form us and there are opportunities to put our faith into action. How will God work through you and me?

Pastor Laaker

*St. Luke's Pumpkin Patch
2315 I Street
October 4 - 31, 2016
1:00 p.m. to Dusk*



St. Luke's front yard will be decorated with various shapes and sizes of many pumpkins. Do you need a pumpkin to decorate your front porch or yard? Consider purchasing your pumpkins at St. Luke's this year.



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
Norma Courtney
Andrew Edwards
Ken Hilmer
Carolyn Matson
Jack Pablo McGill
Don Olson
Pam Reents
Urbano Vasquez



Christian Barajas
Theresa Courtney
James Harrahill
Dottie Hula
Cesar Martinez
LaVonne Moss
Linda Pafford
Brian Sutej



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.



**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!

**COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



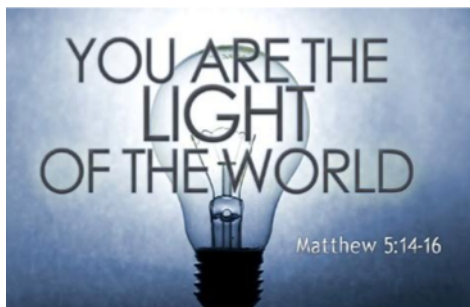
**Prayer Service
Wednesday
October 19, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

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



**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.



Stewardship Moment

Jesus said, “*You are the light of the world . . . let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven*” (Matthew 5:14-16).

Jesus is the light of the world.

He became one of us to overcome the darkness of sin, wickedness, and unbelief. As Christians, we are the light of the world because we reflect the light of Jesus. When we live our lives in such a way that people are able to see the difference Christ makes in us, our lights shine brightly. Interestingly, Jesus does not say that he wants us to be lights. He tells us that we are lights because he has changed us into people who live to glorify and serve him. With God’s strength, our lights will never be darkened but will shine brightly.

Annual Lutheran Service Corps Open House & Spaghetti Dinner Benefit Sunday, October 16, 2016



Plan to stop on your way to dinner and meet the 2016-2017 Volunteers and tour their residence home at 6220 N. 30th Street between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.. Dinner will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6340 N. 30th Street from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Enjoy dinner out, bring your family and friends! Adults: \$7; Children 5-12: \$4; Children under 5: \$2; Families: \$20. All proceeds help to support the social ministry of Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Lutheran Service Corps of Omaha! For information or questions, please call 402-457-5890 or email at Omaha.dev@lutheranvolunteercorps.org.

Death Penalty Referendum

In the last month, there have been several headlines that have captured the attention of Nebraskans. One had to do with the cost of keeping the Death Penalty in Nebraska. Another had to do with the language on the ballot. There were other headlines, too.

In 2015, the Nebraska Legislature voted to end the death penalty in Nebraska. The vote to end the death penalty was supported by 16 Republicans, 13 Democrats and 1 Independent. Following this vote, a ballot measure was put underway to restore the death penalty and was successful in putting this on this November’s ballot.

I wrote earlier that the ELCA adopted a Social Statement in 1991 specifically on “The Death Penalty.” In the Social Statement it says, “We begin by assuming that government plays a God-given, protective role. “God entrusts the state with power to take human life when failure to do so constitutes a clear danger to society” (p. 2). This view is qualified, though: “[T]his does not mean that governments have an unlimited right to take life” or “must punish crime by death” (p. 2). The text quickly questions whether it is even possible to administer the death penalty justly. By the end, the social statement concludes that it is not.

“Three reasons are given to oppose capital punishment: 1) executions represent an unacceptable, non-restorative approach to violent crime; 2) executions can reinforce social injustice; and 3) the death penalty cannot possibly be administered justly.”

In an Op-Ed Commentary piece within the Omaha World Herald, on Monday, September 19, Tom Venzor, the Executive Director for the Nebraska Catholic Conference, summed up the Roman Catholic stance on the death penalty. He ended his commentary by saying, “the bishops of Nebraska urge Catholics and all people of good will to vote to retain the repeal of the death penalty this November.”

While I honor those whose opinions differ, I will be voting to Retain the Referendum Measure 426. I believe this bipartisan solution to replace the death penalty with mandatory life without parole is the direction my Christian conscience calls me to support.

Pastor Damon Laaker



We are already in the last quarter of the year. Eight months has already come and gone. There has been so much we have accomplished this year, yet still more to do. Through work and personal volunteer time, I have been privileged to be a part of many great things while being here in Omaha. In sharing some of the projects, organizations, and tasks I undertaken, I hope to encourage people to get involved or inquire about things of interest. It's been a fruitful and productive year, and I have enjoyed the opportunities so far.

One such opportunity has been working with Crossroads Connections. Crossroads has a prison ministry which seeks to unite inmates with their families at Sunday evening worship service. This helps build quality time and helps inmates grow in their spiritual journey. Sponsors, such as myself, have the opportunity to ride with inmates to church locations or even drive some depending on preference. Churches can get involved as a host church location for future services or volunteer to provide a meal for another church that's hosting. It's a great service opportunity for individuals and congregations alike.

Another important thing I am a part of is Great Adventure Ministries. GAME hosts Tuesday evening Bible studies downtown at SOZO coffeehouse on Jones St. Each week a meal is prepared, a small worship service is had, and we break down parts of the Bible based on the book of study or topic selected (currently in Mark). GAME also does service projects while collaborating with various organizations such as Open Door Mission and Stand Down for homeless veterans. Additionally, they offer weekly and monthly venues and events as ways of fellowship and healthy social growth. Their target group is young adult professionals, but they have a wide range of participants.










These are just two of several groups I am a part of that have greatly shaped my experiences here in Omaha. In conjunction with my work with Grace, these have given me extended opportunities to serve and be served through ministry, fellowship, and growing in the Word. I am blessed to be a part of such great ministries and hope to build new collaborations in the future through some of the partnerships and connections I have made in Omaha. As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, suggestions, or thoughts. Thanks for your encouraging words and dedication to the work we do here in Omaha.

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 Marilyn and Jerry Van Ormer for their on-going dedication in caring and tending to the plants in the entry way, they continue to thrive and look welcoming.
-  Thank you ESL tutors; Malachi Black, Vicki Cox, Arlone Farber, Mary Laaker, and Amanda Vazquez, for making connections with the students willing to learn and form friendships.
-  Thank you Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer, Greg and Janet Hula, and Eva Martin; who take turns picking up altar flowers every Sunday morning.
-  Thank you June, LaVonne, Eva, and Marilyn for your continued dedication in creating a reflection of God's love and care in every quilt sent to support Lutheran World Relief.
-  Thank you LaVonne, June, Gloria, Marilyn, Jerry, Eva, and Malachi for your dedication and help in assembling the monthly Grace Messenger!
-  Thank you Ron and Donna Adrian and Brenda Spahr who take turns in the care of the altar, and preparing the communion table.
-  Thank you to all ushers, Andrew, Jerry, Ron, Vicki, Larry, Mary, and Malachi for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.
-  Thank you to all the Grace readers who participate in reading books to both 2nd and 3rd grade students at Liberty Elementary School.
-  Thank you to everyone who came in the Saturday morning after the new carpet was installed to help with putting the various items back in place.



Omaha Together One Community

Come to the OTOC Accountability Session with Candidates for US Congress, Brad Ashford and Don Bacon; Candidates for OPPD District 5, Craig Moody and Tom Mulligan on Monday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Church Hall located at 102nd & Blondo. Learn where candidates stand on OTOC's Action Agenda for the Congressional Candidates including accessible, affordable health insurance for all, improving behavioral health care, policies to adapt to and mitigate climate change and fair treatment of Immigrants and Refugees. For the OPPD Candidates; Change OPPD's increase of fixed service fee, increase transparency in Board Decision making and increasing commitment to renewable energy. Join OTOC in making this election about issues, not personalities or parties. For additional information please visit Omaha Together One Community website at www.otoc.org.

Carol Joy Holling Camp has a few upcoming events:



Explore is a one-day retreat, nature-themed retreat for 1st through 6th graders. Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, \$10.00 per child.

Family Advent Retreat

Bring your family together to be purposefully present as we prepare for the Christmas season. Through devotion, projects and intergenerational fun, the whole family will be actively engaged in learning about the meaning of the season. December 2-4, 2016, \$225 per room at the Sjogren Retreat Center.

Early Bird Savings

A savings for camper families if you register by December 1st you can choose to receive a discount of \$50 or a really cool, "I Don't Get Homesick, I Get Campsick" hoodies that comes along with a \$30 discount for a full week summer camp session at Carol Joy Holling in 2017. Families will still be able to register for the \$50 Early Bird discount for a full week of through January 31, 2017.

Register today for any or all three events at caroljoyholling.org/ registration.



With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks," notes the [Los Angeles Times](#) (Oct. 26, 2009).

Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,000 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone.

This year's CROP Hunger Walk in Omaha will be Sunday, October 9th with registration at 1:00 p.m. and the walk starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church at 61st and Western Avenue.

Local agencies receiving funds will be Open Door Mission, Siena Francis House, and the Stephens Center.

Even if you are not able to walk the 1, 2, or 5 mile routes, you can still support another walker. Sponsor forms will fill the back table in the sanctuary soon. Individuals interested in walking, please see Malachi for a sponsor form and begin to secure donations.

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.

October 2016



- 2 - Mary Laaker
- 9 - Margie Sutej
- 16 - Malachi Black
- 23 - Brenda Spahr
- 30 - Greg Hula
- Nov. 6 - Terry Nielsen



- 1 - Kym Bauer
- 7 - June Hilmer
- 10 - Clayton Hanson
- 11 - Jonah Laaker
- 16 - Tom Emery
- 18 - Jericho Vazquez
- 22 - Moses Nyiwe
- 23 - Omaina Lado
- 24 - Donavan Halfhill
- 26 - Chadney Everitt
- 27 - Lori Vasquez
- Jadyn Vazquez
- 29 - Andrea Spahr

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



October Acolytes

- 2 - Greg Hula
- 9 - Janet Hula
- 16 - Brenda Spahr
- 23 - Vicki Cox
- 30 - Damien Rodriguez
- Nov. 6 - Andrea Spahr

October Ushers

- Malachi Black
- Mary Laaker
- Andrew Edwards

Ushers & Greeters



October Greeters

- 2 - Ron and Donna Adrian
- 9 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- 16 - Greg and Janet Hula
- 23 - Mary Laaker and Sarah Emery
- 30 - Andrea and Brenda Spahr
- Nov. 6 - Vicki Cox and Larry Foreman



Responsibility List

Altar Flowers



- 2 - Greg and Janet Hula in celebration of their grandson, Damien's birthday.
- 9 - Ken and June Hilmer in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.
- 16 - OPEN.
- 23 - Ron and Donna Adrian in celebration of their grandson, Jack's birthday.
- 30 - Brenda Spahr in celebration of her daughter, Andrea's birthday.
- Nov. 6 - OPEN.

Flower Pick-Up for October: Greg and Janet Hula

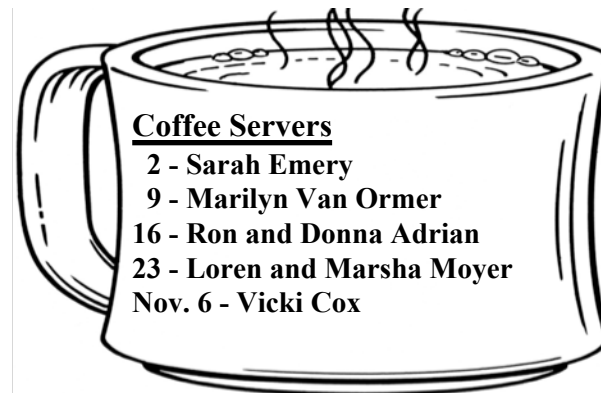


Backpack Program

- 2 - Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer in celebration of their great-granddaughters, Ameila and Rayna's birthdays.
- 9 - Pastor and Mary Laaker in celebration of their son in-law, Tom, and their grandsons, Jonah, Jaydn, and Jericho's birthdays.
- 16 - Charlotte Palczynski in celebration of her granddaughter, Danielle's birthday.
- 23 - Eva Martin in celebration of her great-grandson, Donavan and her granddaughter, Andrea's birthdays.
- 30 - Brenda Spahr in celebration of her daughter, Andrea's birthday.
- Nov. 6 - Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer in celebration of their granddaughter, Jeanna's birthday.

Coffee Servers



- 2 - Sarah Emery
- 9 - Marilyn Van Ormer
- 16 - Ron and Donna Adrian
- 23 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- Nov. 6 - Vicki Cox





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




 Grace Lutheran Church
 Free Halloween Party
 October 28, 2016
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 1326 South 26th Street
 402-341-7730
 

Plans are underway for this year's Halloween Party. Please look over the list below and help where you can, as always your help is graciously appreciated and needed.

Items needed for the Halloween Party:

Costume Contest will be judged in three different categories: scariest, funniest, and most creative. First and second place prizes are needed in each category. Prizes should cost around \$3.00 to \$6.00 each, and be something that can be used for Halloween, or have a Halloween theme.

Game Prizes:

- Hundreds of trinkets for carnival games.
- Candy for carnival games.
- Dum-dum suckers for the "Lollipop Tree"
- Bottles of 2 liter pop for "Ring Toss"
- Cakes for the "Cake Walk"
- White Elephant give-aways for "Bingo".



Refreshment items:

- 3 large bags of Vic's popcorn.
- Dozens of cookies! Homemade or store bought, all are good!
- Bags of wrapped Halloween candy for treat bags.
- Cellophane holiday treat bags for popcorn and candy.

Money, a donation container will be placed on the table in the back of the sanctuary each Sunday for your convenience.

Donated items should be placed in the Halloween Box in the upper fellowship hall.

If you would like to be a helper during the Halloween Party, please speak with Malachi Black. Prayers are appreciated ~ please pray for a successful and entertaining evening for all!



Keep Your Home Performing

home bright:

As the days get darker, we turn the lights on earlier and leave them on more each day. Lighting accounts for about a quarter of all electricity consumed in the U.S. Here are some ways to lighten the energy load while keeping your

Replacing light bulbs. Regular incandescent light bulbs are inefficient, with 90% of their energy going to generate heat not light. Replace standard lamps with compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs - they cost more per bulb but are far more efficient and last up to ten times longer. Over the life of one CFL, you can avoid replaing up to 13 incandescent bulbs and use 75% less energy!

Use lighting controls.

Photocells turn lights on and off in response to natural light levels - for example, on at dusk and off at dawn.



Crank timers, which are spring-driven and similar to old oven timers, limit lights to short durations where the need for light is brief.

Occupany sensors activate lights when you enter a room and turn them off after you leave. They are good for areas of infrequent use, such as storerooms.

Dimmers reduce the wattage and output of light bulbs. They also significantly increase the life of the incandescent bulbs.

Don't overuse kitchen and bathroom ventilation fans. Left on for too long, these fans can pull out much of your heated air.

Clean fixtures and lamps annually by wiping off the dust (make sure the bulb is cool first).

Clean or repaint walls. Dirt on surfaces reduces the amount of light they reflect and make the room feel darker.

Turn off incandescent lights when you are not using them, even if you are just leaving the room for a few minutes.

green tips from earthshare.org

Reading Your Bible in a Year - October 2016

1	Rev. 1	Neh. 1-2	Psalm 96
2	Rev. 2	Neh. 3	Psalm 97
3	Rev. 3	Neh. 4	Psalm 98
4	Rev. 4	Neh. 5:1-7:4	Psalm 99
5	Rev. 5	Neh. 7:5-8:12	Psalm 100
6	Rev. 6	Neh. 8:13-9:37	Psalm 101
7	Rev. 7	Neh. 9:38-10:39	Psalm 102
8	Rev. 8	Neh. 11	Psalm 103
9	Rev. 9	Neh. 12	Psalm 104:1-23
10	Rev. 10	Neh. 13	Psalm 104:24-35
11	Rev. 11	Esther 1	Psalm 105:1-25
12	Rev. 12	Esther 2	Psalm 105:26-45
13	Rev. 13	Esther 3-4	Psalm 106:1-23
14	Rev. 14	Esther 5:1-6:13	Psalm 106:24-48
15	Rev. 15	Esther 6:14-8:17	Psalm 107:1-22
16	Rev. 16	Esther 9-10	Psalm 107:23-43
17	Rev. 17	Isaiah 1-2	Psalm 108
18	Rev. 18	Isaiah 3-4	Psalm 109:1-19
19	Rev. 19	Isaiah 5-6	Psalm 109:20-31
20	Rev. 20	Isaiah 7-8	Psalm 110
21	Rev. 21-22	Isaiah 9-10	Psalm 111
22	1 Thes. 1	Isaiah 11-13	Psalm 112
23	1 Thes. 2:1-16	Isaiah 14-16	Psalm 113
24	1 Thes. 2:17-3:13	Isaiah 17-19	Psalm 114
25	1 Thes. 4	Isaiah 20-22	Psalm 115
26	1 Thes. 5	Isaiah 23-24	Psalm 116
27	2 Thes. 1	Isaiah 25-26	Psalm 117
28	2 Thes. 2	Isaiah 27-28	Psalm 118
29	2 Thes. 3	Isaiah 29-30	Psalm 119:1-32
30	1 Tim. 1	Isaiah 31-33	Psalm 119:33-64
31	1 Tim. 2	Isaiah 34-35	Psalm 119:65-96

Letters to the Pastor

Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8, Chicago.

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8, Nashville.

Dear Pastor, Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9, Phoenix.

Dear Pastor, My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. Robert Anderson, Age 11.

Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age 10, New Haven.

Dear Pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9, Albany.

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9, Tacoma.

Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12, Sarasota.

Dear Pastor, Please pray for all the airline pilots. I am flying to California tomorrow. Laurie. Age 10, New York City.

Dear Pastor, I hope to go to heaven someday but later than sooner. Love, Ellen. Age 9, Athens.

Dear Pastor, My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua. Age 10, South Pasadena.

Dear Pastor, Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? Sincerely, Christopher. Age 9, Titusville.

Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph, Age 11, Akron.

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Matt. 10:21-33

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Disciples in Training

AFRAID	BROTHER
APART	CHILDREN
BETRAY	DAYLIGHT
BODY	DESTROY
CALLED	DISOWN
CITIES	GROUND
FATHER	HEAVEN
FINISH	HIDDEN
HAIRS	MASTER
HOUSE	MEMBERS
ISRAEL	NUMBERED
PENNY	PARENTS
REBEL	PROCLAIM
ROOFS	RATHER
SAVED	SERVANT
STANDS	SPARROWS
TRUTH	STUDENT
WORTH	TEACHER

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Luther



This life therefore is not righteousness
 but growth in righteousness not health but
 healing, not being but becoming,
 not rest but exercise.
 We are not yet what we shall be
 we are growing toward it,
 the process is not yet finished but it is going on,
 this is not the end but it is the road. All does not
 yet gleam in glory but all is being purified.