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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

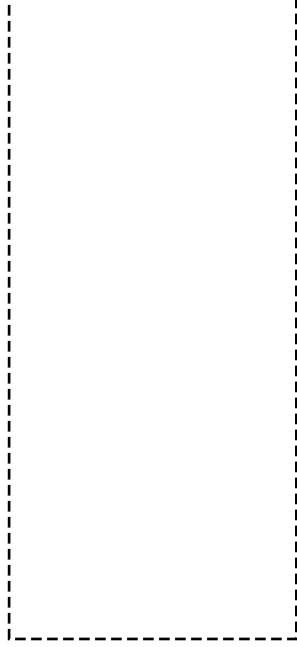
Sexton - Alma Lopez

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.



2017 Council Members

Ron Adrian	Vicki Cox	Andrew Edwards
Ralph Fittle	Greg Hula	Marsha Moyer
Terry Nielsen	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 June 13th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns for family members, neighbors, co-workers, friends and all the travelers vacationing throughout the summer.

Pastor Laaker led devotions from Job 5:8-9 and John 5:7-8. The first tells us that we need to seek God and receive God’s counsel. The second tells us that Jesus is capable of miraculous things often in the least expected ways.

Visions for Ministry: Who are we most like from the Bible? We all have a different role in this life and it takes all of us together to build our community. Can we be comfortable in our role and be open to see what God can do in our lives?

Read chapter Four of The Agile Church for next month.

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

Christian Education: VBS one-day event will be held on Saturday, July 22nd 12-5 pm. Amanda and Malachi are working on a theme with fruit of the spirit from Galatians. Malachi will talk with Janet about making signage and getting it up.

Brenda brought up the idea of bringing back children’s Sunday School, possibly once a month. If anyone is interested in helping out with that, talk with Brenda.

Pastor has started early communion classes with a couple of the children.

Evangelism/Outreach: Malachi said that while there was interest in the Kids at Work program, once parents learned they were expected to come to church on Sunday mornings with their children, they were not interested in that piece. So Kids at Work will not be happening this year.

Finance: Together a Greater Good (TAGG) – Pastor attended a meeting about it and said that if we would like to sign up for it, it’s a free program in which we would earn 5% on purchases made at certain businesses that have agreed to be part of the program. Malachi has offered to assist anyone who may need help signing up with this or the Baker’s program.

The Council ratified the Endowment Board’s recommendations for allocation to Grace Lutheran Kids at Work, Arts for All, and Brotherhood Mutual.

Century Link is increasing our costs per line by \$2 each beginning in September.

Property: Pastor Edgar reported a window in the library was broken and they have already had the window replaced. The sprinkler system guy came out to repair the issues with our system. Ehrhart Griffin said the storm drain was inspected and all is good. Air conditioning units were serviced last week and most of our units needed freon. Pastor asked us to think about whether or not we want to plant a new tree in the place of the tree we had to cut down in the front lawn.

Service/Social Ministry: None.

Support/Stewardship: Utilizing KLW Enterprises, this year’s fall stewardship program theme is Working Together...Celebrating God’s Good Gifts.

Worship: Pastor informed us that Sunday, September 17th is scheduled for our Riverboat Service.

Unfinished Business: Nebraska Brass Concert is coming up on Thursday evening. Thanks to those who have agreed to help out.

New Business: Brenda, Pastor, Malachi, Alma, and YaYa laid new mulch today. Thank you for your hard work!

Announcements: The next meeting is scheduled for July 11th. Vicki will bring treats in July.

Pastor will be in Western Nebraska the weekend of July 9th for a family reunion. Lynda Laird will be playing the organ for us, and Pastor is still looking for someone to preach.

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Catherine A. Caimano wrote a piece a couple years ago, titled, "Rethinking Outreach." I'd like to share the bulk of her thoughts here.

"Whenever I ask congregations to tell me about their ministry, they almost always start by talking about "outreach." Whether the parish is large or small, rural or urban, members tell me how they give out food and clothes, donate money to nonprofits and conduct Vacation Bible School for neighborhood kids. They tell me about their committees -- even the ones that have only one or two members -- and the many events and programs they manage.

"But more and more these days, they also talk about frustration and exhaustion. It's the same people doing the same ministry over and over, they say, the same programs and large events staffed by the same handful of volunteers. They believe deeply that the church should "do outreach," but everyone is busy and overcommitted. The result? Much less gets done by the few who keep giving more.

"Sometimes I wonder whether we should just stop. Stop trying so hard. Stop doing the same things hoping for different results. Stop "doing outreach" -- at least as we now envision it. More precisely, I wonder whether we should take a step back and rethink our understanding of "outreach" and how it fits within the context of church and ministry.

"The problem with "outreach" is that it is "out there," somewhere far away. Jesus and his disciples, however, in their ministry, were close enough to touch. They served their neighbors; they healed people whose names they knew or with whom they spoke.

"For us, "outreach" is too often about packing food or sending resources and money to others. To be sure, such help is needed, but rarely are we asked to actually know and be with those neighbors in need. Though we might spend time with them as part of our "service," we are never truly with them. Not really.

"Outreach" too often presumes that we have no needs "in here." Although most Christians I've met have great compassion for others, they -- we -- are often reluctant to know about, are even secretive about, the needs in our own communities. The priest might know who has lost a job or can't pay the medical bills or whose house is in foreclosure, but not many other people do. Not those who share a pew with them, who pray alongside them, who receive the same bread and wine.

"Because those matters are private. Because we are ashamed. Because we are afraid.

"As we seek to serve the needs of others, of those outside our congregations, maybe we should also try to do better at knowing and sharing the needs of those within. We are called to be near. "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus was asked. A neighbor is "one who is nigh," one who is near.

"We are called to serve our neighbors. We are called to be near enough to others to understand their needs, to bear their pain, to truly offer ourselves. Do we know the needs of our neighbors at home, at church, at work, even in our families? Are we willing to ask?

"Being near, however, is scary. Whenever I ask church people what comes to mind when they hear the word "outreach," the first thing everyone says is "soup kitchen." Why? Because the average person in the average pew is far away from the average person in the average soup kitchen.

"That person in the soup kitchen could never be me. Therefore, I never have to confront the needs of the kind of people I know, or even my own needs. I don't have to know how needy we all are.

"Be not afraid," Jesus said. We don't have to fear the stranger, that person whose life could not seem more different from my own.

"Receiving is even scarier. Christian service confronts us with the reality that each of us will likely be poor and vulnerable sometime. We are called to be as open to being served as we are to serving.

"Learning to be vulnerable enough to give and receive is ministry. It's not a ministry that can be easily quantified -- like the number of meals served or mission trips completed -- but it is one that is at the heart of what church is for.

"The Christian community is not only a place where we worship God but also a place where members take the time to really talk, listen and reflect on their own lives and on the lives of others. It is a school where we learn to speak truth in love. It's where we learn, by being neighbors, that all are neighbors, willing to share each other's burdens. It's where we learn to erase the boundary between "out there" and "in here."

"Caring for our neighbors, whether in the next pew or far away, doesn't always require organized programs. In fact, in many congregations today, more energy is expended organizing and scheduling "outreach" programs than in actually doing the work of ministry. Sometimes feeding the hungry is as simple as buying or preparing a meal. Sometimes visiting the sick is just that. These are no less ministry for not being organized in the name of the church, or any other organization.

"If you love me, feed my sheep." There are many ways to feed others and to be fed. There are infinite places and ways to serve others and to be served. But there is only one place to learn what the words of Jesus mean.

"Church is not just another organization to do "good work." It is a religious community for forming disciples. If we do better at that task, then maybe we will start to see that people "out there" who are hungry and homeless are also "in here," with us, part of us. And maybe our communities will grow until we really are all neighbors, all of us, whatever our condition. As Christian disciples, we will still be called to give and receive. But there may not be any more "out" to reach."

I have to admit that her words touch my heart. – Thoughts? Pastor Laaker

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

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

Mickey Andersen
Andrew Edwards
Ken Hilmer
Jack Pablo McGill
LaVonne Moss
Pam Reents
Dan Taylor
Dave Wallace
The family of Linda Pafford



Theresa Courtney
Jayne Gustafson
Carolyn Matson
Sue Mize
Don Olson
Brian Sutej
Urbano Vasquez



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

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

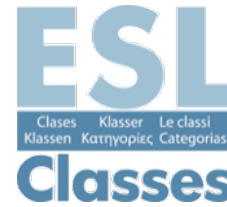
Pastor Damon Laaker, Grace Lutheran Church
Bishop Brian Maas, Nebraska Synod
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Bishop

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

Let's encourage each other as we see God's hand in answering our prayers.

Pray for our Shut-ins and Nursing Home residents:

Ferne Matson - Home.
Joe & Barbara Narducci - Autumn Pointe, Ft. Calhoun
Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn.
Jerry Van Ormer - Life Care Center, Elkhorn.



Grace Lutheran Church
ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes
Saturdays 9:30 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.



Prayer Service
Wednesday
July 19, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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



**Are you caring for a loved one with special needs?
Do you feel you could benefit from a short break from caregiving?**

If so, **RESPIRE IS FOR YOU!** You are probably wondering what respite is. It is temporary, short-term care for families/parents caring for adults and children with disabilities or other special health care needs such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. The respite care providers come to your home to provide you a break. **Respite Across the Lifespan** is here to assist you in locating someone to come and provide that short-term break and to help you in securing potential funding to pay for respite care. Please contact our office at **402-559-5732** for details or write Ellen Bennett at edbennett@unmc.edu.



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

- ✝ Thank you ESL tutors; Malachi, Vicki, Arlone, Mary, and Amanda, for making connections with the students willing to learn and form friendships.
- ✝ Thank you Greg, Janet, Mary and Eva; who take turns picking up altar flowers every Sunday morning.
- ✝ Thank you LaVonne, Marilyn, Gloria, Donna, Ron, Eva, and Malachi for your dedication and help in assembling the monthly Grace Messenger!
- ✝ Thank you Ron, Donna and Brenda for taking care of the altar, and preparing the communion table.
- ✝ Thank you to all ushers, Andrew, Vicki, Larry, Mary, and Malachi for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.
- ✝ Thank you to the Grace readers who participate in reading books and growing imaginations to both 2nd and 3rd grade students at Liberty Elementary School.
- ✝ Thank you to Prince of Peace for caring, maintaining, and making the lawn at Grace Lutheran look so inviting.

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



Items that clients cannot purchase with their food stamps are always appreciated: Dish Soap, Kleenex, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrush and toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Razors, Mouthwash (without alcohol), Feminine hygiene products, Hair products (combs, brushes, picks), Bathroom tissue, Shampoo, Dry Laundry Soap, Can Openers, Diaper wipers, and Diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, 6 and pull-ups.

We always need paper or plastic bags.



Stewardship Moment

“Working Together. . . Celebrating God’s Good Gifts.” This will be our theme this fall as we prepare for 2018. I can’t help but think about all the wonderful gifts I get to experience with each of you.

In Psalm 147, the Psalmist writes: “Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.” (v. 1) And a little further on, he writes: “Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. God covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. God gives animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. God’s delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor God’s pleasure in the speed of a runner; but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear the Lord, in those who hope in God’s steadfast love.” (v7-11)

These and many other gifts come to each of us without our effort. I celebrate the wonder of God’s gifts and rejoice in being able to share some of the gifts God has given to me as we work together.

Worship on the River



We will gather on Sunday, September 17, beginning at 9:30 am at the River City Star. We will sail the Missouri River at 10 am. A short worship service will be conducted on the boat. Additional information will be provided in upcoming issues of the Grace Messenger.



Grace Lutheran Church
 1326 South 26th Street
 Vacation Bible School - One Day Event
 Sat. July 22nd 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 Kids 3 yrs - Grade 6.
 Free Dinner to follow - Families invited.

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, July 22nd from Noon to 5pm for children ages 4 to 6th grade. Children will be learning about the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5 and exploring how to recognize the fruit and make it bountiful in their own lives. Families are invited to join their children for a cookout following at 5pm. Feel free to invite others and join us for a fun day filled with music, crafts, and learning more about our awesome God! Registration sign up sheets are located in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of ways including setting up, participating within a group, help with the cook-out and clean up. If you are interested the next planning meeting will be on Sunday, July 16th following worship services or have any questions, please speak with Amanda, Malachi, or call the church office, 402-341-7730.



All of these opportunities can help support the mission work at Grace Lutheran. If you have any questions, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you get connected and supporting Grace without costing you anything but a few moments in time to use these opportunities.

TAGG ~ Together A Greater Good

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We recently heard an eloquent sermon about being sent out to preach the Good News. A message directed right at the disciples who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. They had been empowered to continue the work that Jesus started. Their directive was simple, but their task was anything but easy to carry out. They would face various trials and many would ultimately die for the cause. James 1:2-3 states, "Count it all joy, lest ye fall into diverse temptations, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience." I wonder how the disciples would have interpreted that verse had they been able to read it.

Today, we as Christians are tested. Maybe not so much as unto death, but in real, challenging ways. Can we see how we are both called and empowered to spread the Good News? Do we recognize the opportunities in a mostly secular society to be witnesses of our faith without necessarily be 'Bible thumpers' or reiterators of Scripture everywhere we go? While our task is perhaps the same, how we carry it out can be quite different than the disciples.

Matthew 9:16 says, "See I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise like serpents and innocent as doves." Serpents are known for being crafty, sly, and often not visible until they are upon their target. Do we flaunt our Christianity unwisely at times? Do we snuff out our own witness before we have a chance to really do so? I wonder if we can do more to spread the Good News by speaking less and acting more. I wonder if sometimes in an attempt to win over that family member, friend, or loved one that we miss out on how God is trying to use us.

Actions speaks louder than words is how the saying goes. While I certainly have a lot to say about this phrase, I won't divert from my main point. Action through faith, speaks loudest even when it doesn't seem to reach the audience. Any action can send a message, but when it's empowered by faith, it's hardly able to be ignored. Clarity is important when delivering a message, not just delivering the message itself. Spreading the Good News should be less about how people see us, and more about how God is active in the world through His love and grace. Let's continue to be active in the efforts to build community and raise awareness through our humble service to the goodness that God envisions in the lives of all.

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**Carol Joy Holling Camp
29th Annual Quilt Auction
Saturday, July 29th
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!

Event Schedule

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, & Canoeing Hayrack Rides & Camp Tours

Free Parking and Admission

HUGE Barbecue Lunch: Adults ~ \$6, Kids (4~12) \$3,
3 & Younger ~ Free

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

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



July 2017



- 2 - Brenda Spahr
- 9 - Greg Hula
- 16 - Terry Nielsen
- 23 - Margie Sutej
- 30 - Arlone Farber
- Aug. 6 - Mary Laaker

- 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!

July Alcolytes

- 2 - Andrea Spahr
- 9 - Donna Adrian
- 16 - Vicki Cox
- 23 - Damien Rodriguez
- 30 - Brenda Spahr
- Aug. 6 - Janet Hula



July Ushers

- Vicki Cox
- Mary Laaker
- Andrew Edwards

Ushers & Greeters



July Greeters

- 2 - Gloria Moore and Vicki Cox
- 9 - Andrew Edwards and Ralph Fitle
- 16 - Ron and Donna Adrian
- 23 - Andrea and Brenda Spahr
- 30 - Larry Foreman / Bobby Stechenfinger
- Aug. 6 - Sarah Emery and Mary Laaker



Happy 4th of July!

Responsibility List

Altar Flowers



- 2 - Margie Sutej in loving memory of her mom, Emily Mommsen.
- 9 - LaVonne Moss in celebration for family birthdays.
- 16 - Arlone Farber in awareness for everyone facing hunger issues.
- 23 - OPEN.
- 30 - OPEN.
- Aug. 6 - OPEN.

Flower Pick-Up for July:
Mary Laaker

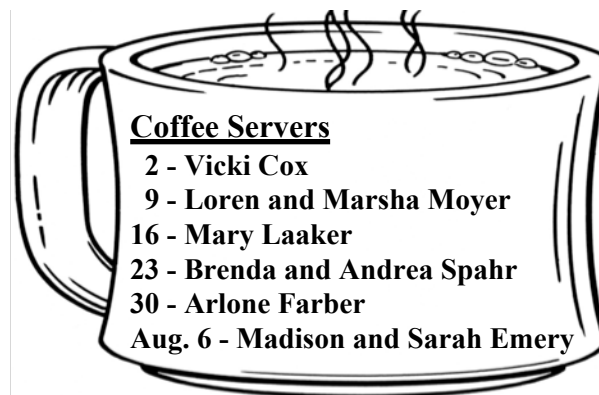


Backpack Program

- 2 - Margie Sutej in loving memory of her mom, Emily Mommsen.
- 9 - Arlone Farber in awareness for everyone facing hunger issues.
- 16 - OPEN.
- 23 - OPEN.
- 30 - OPEN.
- Aug. 6 - OPEN.

Coffee Servers

- 2 - Vicki Cox
- 9 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- 16 - Mary Laaker
- 23 - Brenda and Andrea Spahr
- 30 - Arlone Farber
- Aug. 6 - Madison and Sarah Emery



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



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



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

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

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

Donations

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



"Do you accept credit cards?"

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 10th! Help plan a schedule and ensure supply quantities with your feedback:



How many children over the age of 4 by September 10th in your household? _____

Would you prefer class to begin before worship service? _____

Would you prefer class to begin after worship service? _____

Would you be willing to help with a class? _____

I would like classes to be held: once a month _____;
twice a month _____;
every Sunday _____.

Would you prefer Sunday School classes to be held a different day and time; if so, which day and at what time?

If you have any questions, please call the office (402) 341-7730.



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



Keeping Cool And Green

While good ol' ventilation is still the most environmentally-friendly and cost effective way to cool your home, not everyone is lucky enough to have lots of strategically placed windows to catch the least bit of cross breeze.

Two-thirds of all homes in the United States have air conditioners. Air conditioners use about 5% of all the electricity produced in the United States, at an annual cost of more than \$11 billion to homeowners. So when the weather warms up we should do everything we can to conserve energy as we keep cool. That means treating our airconditioners the same way we treat other energy-demanding appliances: by using them wisely and keeping them running efficiently. Here are some tips to help:

Invest in an energy-efficient air conditioner. If you're buying a new air conditioner, choose one for maximum energy efficiency. New air conditioners come labeled with an Energy Efficiency Rating (EER), a standard that lets you calculate how much electricity the air conditioner will consume. The higher the EER, the less it will cost you to operate the appliance to achieve the same level of cooling.

Avoid overcooling. Don't use or buy more cooling equipment capacity than you actually need. If you decide on central air conditioning, select the most energy-efficient unit that will cool the size space you have. Bigger is not better. A larger unit that you need will cost more to run and may not remove enough humidity from the air, the feature that some consumers like most about air conditioners.

Keep your cooling system well tuned. Have it professionally maintained, and ask how the energy efficiency of the system may be increased.

Install a whole-house ventilating fan. This can be put in your attic or in an upstairs window to cool the house, even if you have central air conditioning. According to Consumer Reports, a big fan working under the right conditions can cool and ventilate an entire house for about the energy cost of running an airconditioner in one room.

Set your thermostat as high as possible. 78 degrees Farenheit is often recommended as a reasonably comfortable and energy-efficient indoor temperature.

Draw the blinds. Reduce the need for the A/C by keeping shades drawn, especially on south-facing windows.

Program the thermostat. Set the thermostat higher during the day when no one is in your house or apartment.

green tips from earthshare.org

4th Annual FESTIVAL SAN ANDRES

We invite you to participate in our 4th Annual festival!!! Funds raised will be used to strengthen the mission of our church! Thank you for showing us your support!

July 22nd, 2017 10am - 10pm
4440 S 25 St. Omaha, NE

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Food for Sale!

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- *Tamales
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AMOR NORTEÑO

We will be presenting the candidates for Little Miss San Andres!

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MUNDO LATINO

Teacher: Tommy, can you tell us where the Declaration of Independence was signed?

Tommy: Yes, ma'am. At the bottom.

Submitted by Luke M., Morganton, NC

Justin: Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York Harbor?

Gerald: Why?

Justin: Because she can't sit down.

Submitted by Justin A., Oquawka, IL

Johnny: Does Europe have a 4th of July?

Josh: No.

Johnny: Yes, it does. It comes right after the 3rd of July.

Submitted by Jude P. D., Rayne, LA

Harry: What do you call an American drawing?

John: What?

Harry: Yankee doodle!

Submitted by Aubrey T., Jackson, MS

Teacher: More than 200 years ago, our forefathers defeated the British in the Revolutionary War.

Caleb: Wow! They must have been pretty strong, four men defeating a whole army!

Submitted by Caleb B., Borfield, IL

Robert: What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party?

John: I don't know.

Robert: Tea-shirts.

Submitted by John D., Richmond, VA

Jokes were shared from Boyslife.org



Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 262

Matt. 13:16-30

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S	D	B	E	K	Y	U	C	E	S	G	C	S	F	S
P	A	R	A	B	L	E	N	T	S	E	V	R	A	H

Wheat & Tares

CROP	APPEARED
EARS	BLESSED
ENEMY	BUNDLES
EYES	COLLECT
FIELD	FORMED
GOOD	GATHER
GROW	HARVEST
HEART	HEAVEN
JESUS	KINGDOM
LISTEN	MESSAGE
ROCKY	PARABLE
SOWED	PROPHETS
THORNS	RECEIVED
TRUTH	SERVANTS
WEALTH	SNATCHES
WEEDS	SPROUTED
WHEAT	YIELDING
	UNFRUITFUL
	RIGHTEOUS

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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A little boy opened the big, old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

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