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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

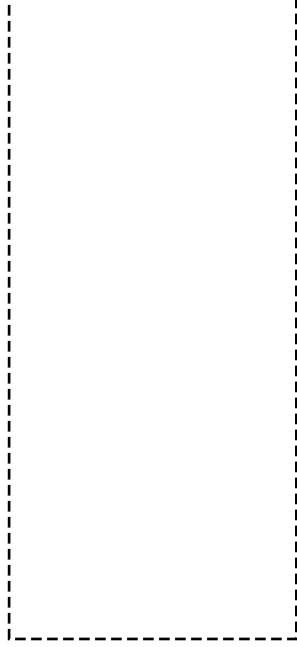
Sexton - Alma Lopez

Community Outreach - Malachi Black

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# THE GRACE MESSENGER 1889 - 2017



2017

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

The regular meeting of the Council was held on July 11th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns for prayers for members and friends.

Pastor Laaker led devotions from Psalm 71:3 and Acts 20:36-38. The first tells us to turn to God when we need refuge, as God will always be there for us. The second tells us about the beginning of Paul’s journey to share the gospel.

Visions for Ministry: The author discussed the value in failure and how we learn more from failure than success. We rarely want to fail, and in doing so, often are discouraged from trying again. But, if we can embrace the learning opportunity that presents itself from each failure, we will come closer and closer to success.

Read chapter five 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 on Saturday, July 22nd 12-5pm. Everything is on track, volunteers are organized, the schedule for the day is set, we are now just gathering registrations.

Sunday School: We have ordered free curriculum ideas and are waiting for them to arrive. Vicki brought up the idea of possibly considering doing Sunday School during the worship service following a children’s sermon, rather than before or after the service. Brenda said it would depend on who was willing to help, as our Sunday morning worship responsibilities are spread pretty thin.

Evangelism/Outreach: We met last Sunday to discuss details of the meal we will be providing for the prison ministry program this Sunday, July 16th.

Nebraska Brass emailed us to see if we would be interested in hosting them again next season. The Council agreed.

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Finance: The Immanuel Vision Foundation sent us information on a new grant opportunity.

Property: Loren has completed the new window installations in the offices, with help from Steve Braun of St. Luke’s. We are grateful to them!

Service/Social Ministry: None.

Support/Stewardship: None.

Worship: Table Grace Ministries will be here on the last Sunday of July with their music ministry.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Terry will bring treats in August. Amanda will bring treats in September.

Adjournment: The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Vazquez, Secretary



Thank you to Ron and Donna Adrian, Arlone Farber, Pastor and Mary Laaker, Loren and Marsha Moyer and Amanda Vazquez for your willingness to organize and serve a meal for Crossroads Prison Ministry following evening church services at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church on July 16th. We are blessed to have people willing to reach out to others.

Thank you, Malachi Black and Vicki Cox



Two weeks ago in worship, we heard Jesus use the parable of the sower in talking with the crowds. We observed that the sower was pretty reckless scattering seed in places where it was not likely to grow. We also observed that maybe it was not recklessness but extravagant hope that wherever the seed was sown there would be new life sprouting.

This makes me wonder if in this story Jesus is trying to get us to see that God is so abundantly generous with grace, love and mercy. God lavishes our lives with these gifts and awaits the new life that springs up from these sown seeds.

A week ago in worship, we heard Jesus us the parable of weeds in the wheat. I observed, having just returned from our family reunion in western Nebraska where the wheat harvest was in full swing, that I am not aware of any farmer intentionally sowing weeds in the field of wheat. However, weeds always appear. They simply show up in the crop.

It seems to me that Jesus encourages patience and not reckless efforts to fix the field by rushing to pull up the weeds. I remember walking the newly the sprouted wheat fields with my father as a child. There was no way to know which plants were weeds and which were wheat. It only became clear with developing maturity, which was which. Thus, it would seem that Jesus was trying to get us to see that God is not about letting the weeds take over the wheat. Thus God's grace enables growth and development and God is then able to make the ultimate decision about the type of plant we have become.

This coming week in worship, we will hear Jesus tell brief parables about a mustard seed, a bit of yeast in flour, a treasure in a field, a fine pearl and a net catching all kinds of fish. I wonder what might be the surprises Jesus has in store for us as we hear these parables once again.

A tiny seed becomes a bush large enough to provide for others. A bit of yeast has the capacity to affect the whole loaf. A treasure is found in an unlikely place. A pearl is worth giving up all to secure its possession. A net is cast that gathers eatable food and trash. What might Jesus be trying to get us to see with our eyes and hear with our hearts?

These are rich stories that seek to engage our thinking and meditation. In some, Jesus begins with directing us to listen. Can we listen to the Holy Spirit as she helps us discern what Jesus would desire for us? Open your Bible and read these stories in Matthew 13. See where the Spirit directs your thoughts.

*Pastor Laaker*

## Stewardship Moment

“God comes right out and tells us why he gives us more money than we need. It's not so we can find more ways to spend it. It's not so we can indulge ourselves and spoil our children. It's not so we can insulate ourselves from needing God's provision. It's so we can give and give generously (2 Corinthians 8:14; 9:11)”

— **Randy Alcorn, Money, Possessions and Eternity**

As Paul writes to the Corinthians in his second letter: “God will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us.” 2 Corinthians 9:11 TEV

How might your generosity generate grateful thanks?

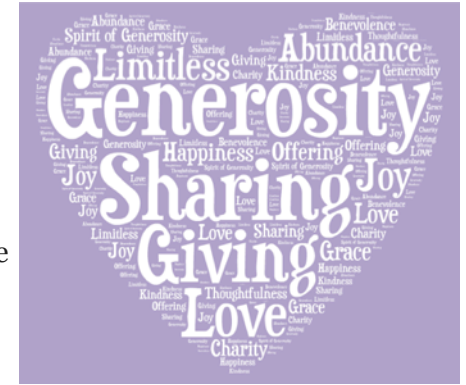


Table Grace Ministries will be present during worship on Sunday, August 6. Simone and Matt Weber will bring their unique musical talents to share. Please invite friends and neighbors to hear these wonderful servants of God.

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  
Pauline Stechenfinger  
Urbano Vasquez



Theresa Courtney  
Jayne Gustafson  
Carolyn Matson  
Sue Mize  
Don Olson  
Pastor Glen Schacht  
Dan Taylor



**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:

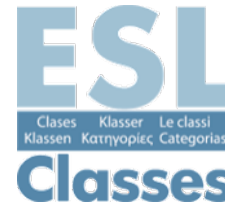
Pastor Damon Laaker, Grace Lutheran Church  
Bishop Brian Maas, Nebraska Synod  
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Bishop

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  
August 16, 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.

Malachi will be ending his work with Grace Lutheran and other ministries at the end of August. We are planning something for his farewell on Sunday, August 27. He is planning to relocate to Texas. We will post updates on the farewell plans in the weekly bulletin and on Facebook.



Malachi has been a wonderful addition to our ministry efforts. We will miss him. Please plan to help us celebrate his work on Sunday, August 27.



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 Prince of Peace for caring, maintaining, and making the lawn at Grace Lutheran look so inviting.



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 10:00 am. A short worship service will be conducted on the boat. A pot luck luncheon will be held at St. Luke's following the service. Someone will be at St. Luke's to receive food before the river boat ride.



Listening to the Fruit of the Spirit welcome! (left)

Singing and doing the motions to the songs is a great way to know one another! (below)

Blowing Huge Bubbles! (below)



Singing songs about the Fruit of the Spirit (above)

Painting rocks and writing Fruit of the Spirit reminders once the paint is dry! (left)



## Habitat – Neighbors South Coalition

As a Christian housing ministry, Habitat depends on the commitment from our faith partners. Each faith partner is part of a Coalition. A Coalition consists of numerous churches and other places of worship who come together each year to fundraise and build/renovate a Habitat Omaha home. This year Habitat Omaha's six coalitions will help build four new homes and renovate two more in the Omaha area.

Neighbors South Coalition is partnered with Interfaith and Carpenter's Crew Coalitions for the Faith Build this year. The work begins on Saturday, August 5, at 3905 N 22nd St. It will continue on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the months of August, September, October and the first part of November.

Volunteers are welcome. To volunteer:

1. Go to the Habitat Omaha website at <https://www.habitatomaha.org/volunteer>.
2. Click on the "Sign Up to Volunteer Now" button.
3. On this screen you will see builds listed. At the top of the build list, in blue is "Use Reservation Code"
4. Enter your reservation code: Faith House = **faith**
5. Once you've entered your reservation code and clicked "Apply" you should see a button with only your coalition's schedule listed. Click on the box listing your build.
6. Once you have clicked on your build you will see a *long* list of all the workdays/shifts for your build. Scroll all the way to the bottom and you will see a button that says "Click here to register"
7. The next screen will ask you for your email followed by your first name. You can also sign-in with Facebook, Google, or Windows Live.

If you are a new volunteer the system will ask you to fill out a **mandatory** profile and sign our waiver, if you are a returning you will simply be logged in.

8. Once you have completed your profile or logged in you will be shown a list of shifts. Click the boxes next to the shifts you would like to register for, scroll to the bottom, and hit the "Complete Registration" button.

9. The next screen will be a confirmation screen...and you are done! You will receive a confirmation email which will also contain a one-click "cancel my shift" link should you need to cancel your volunteer shift.

**\*\*NOTE: When you first register with this new program you will be asked to create a profile but you will not be asked to create a password. The system will send you an email with a temporary password. You can sign-up the first time without creating a password, but the second time you try to log in you will need to either have your temporary password or you will have to click "Don't know password" on the login page.**

Follow the instructions and sign up for the dates you can help.

**\*\*Now Open\*\***

The Salvation Army  
Kroc Center Food Pantry  
2825 Y Street, Omaha NE 68107



DOING THE  
MOST GOOD

They will be open every Wednesday from  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

\*Documentation needed: Photo ID, social security cards or birth certificates for everyone in the household and mail dated within the past 30 days.\*



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!



We are heading toward the end of summer, having successfully completed a number of projects and activities. Grace did an excellent job hosting the meal for the Crossroads Connections Prison Ministry evening service held at Underwood Presbyterian. People stated that the food was delicious and especially enjoyed the cakes and desserts. The efforts of all involved were greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School was also another July success. The group of kids that came out had a great time learning about the fruit of the Spirit. They did a variety of crafts, sang songs, and engaged in fun and friendly games. Pastor read and taught a lesson about the fruit of the Spirit to the children, which was also intuitive for the adults as well. The meal held afterwards was awesome and festive. Many were able to resonate with the usefulness of the fruit of the Spirit and see where improvements in personal lives could be made. We focused on the positive actions carried by each fruit and made attempts to live out each fruit throughout the day. It was an enjoyable experience. A special thanks to the volunteers and staff who planned, prepared, and executed everything that needed to get done to make it a special and event-filled day.

As July ends, and August begins, so ends and begins another part of my journey. I feel I have grown immensely over my last 3 years here in Omaha, thus preparing me for what lies ahead. I've been greeted with amazing hospitality, friendship, love and compassion throughout my time here. There are so many people with whom I wish to thank for they're continual support of me during my time here at Grace. The conversations we have shared, the memories we have created, and the new relationships we have formed in this community are things I will continue to treasure for years to come. The road has not always been easy or without its challenges, but people here have demonstrated a resolve and endurance that has motivated me to elevate myself to new levels. I hope to continue my progress as I plan to relocate to Texas in August.

I want to thank my co-workers at Grace, Pastor Laaker, Brenda, and Alma, for being exceptional in their daily walk. Each has shown me kindness, love, and dedication to service. Exemplary service cannot be overstated and often is undervalued. Coming into an awesome atmosphere with open and empathetic people has been a gracious benefit to the position I have held the last few years. I am also extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with Virginia McGill, Gema Wolde, and Kaela Volkmer through Families in Action. These are simply amazing, hard working people whom I wish everyone could interact with in life. Their dedication to transformation in the lives of the Latino community in South Omaha has truly been inspirational. Big leaders often work for small organizations doing great things. Thanks so much!

I want to thank the many collaborative relationships I have formed while here, such as Families in Action, Liberty Elementary, Castelar, Crossroads Connections, Omaha Together One Community (OTOC), St. Luke's Church, Good Neighbors Ministries, The Beautiful Gate, Project Hope Satellite Pantry Program, Trinity Lutheran, Together Inc., Great Adventures Ministries (GAME), Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC), Thrivent Financial, Siena Francis House, Minne Lusa House, Table Grace Ministries, Open Door Mission, Lutheran Home, Precious Memories, W. Dale Clark Omaha Public Library, Josie Harper Hospice House (Alegent Health), Baker's grocery store (Saddle Creek location), and the other organizations that have aided in projects small and large.

I would like to also extend my sincere gratitude to all the pastors who meet weekly for Text Study. While we study the upcoming texts for Sunday services, the discussions we have about the real issues and situations in Omaha have held immeasurable value for me. Connecting the mission of Jesus to the real life situations we face both through personal testimony and through reflective dialogue has been more valuable to me than I can articulate in words. Thank you for your openness to share, and willingness to speak to the real challenges we face. I'm truly thankful for all the support and energy we have generated these last few years.

Thanks to each of you whom I've gotten to meet, grow with, and have felt the love given as you have opened and poured out your hearts to me. Words can't express how deeply humbled and blessed I have been by your presence in my life. I'm always praying for the continued growth and progress within this community. Be blessed and be a blessing!

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



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**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.

August 2017



- 6 - Mary Laaker
- 13 - Brenda Spahr
- 20 - Greg Hula
- 27 - Terry Nielsen
- Sept. 2 - Margie Sutej



- 2 - Vicki Cox
- 3 - Bobbi Jo Pankaj
- 23 - Charles Emery
- 26 - Kirstin Pafford
- 29 - Lily Casey

*August Alcolytes*

- 6 - Janet Hula
- 13 - Greg Hula
- 20 - Donna Adrian
- 27 - Andrea Spahr
- Sept. 2 - Vicki Cox



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

August Ushers

- Larry Foreman
- Andrew Edwards

Ushers & Greeters



August Greeters

- 6 - Sarah and Madison Emery
- 13 - Vicki Cox and Gloria Moore
- 20 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- 27 - Ralph Fitle and Andrew Edwards
- Sept. 2 - Ron and Donna Adrian

SUMMER

Responsibility List

Altar Flowers



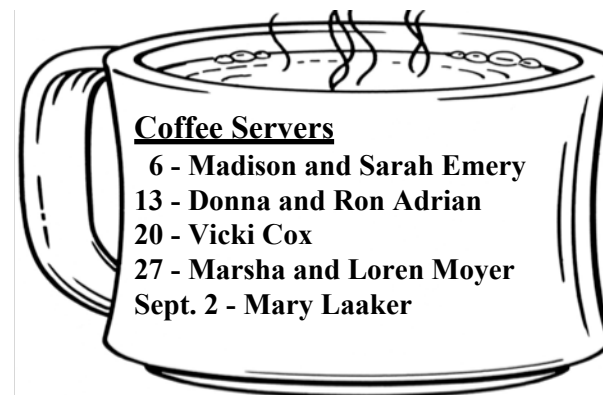
- 6 - OPEN.
- 13 - Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.
- 20 - OPEN.
- 27 - OPEN.
- Sept. 3 - Sandy Nielsen in celebration of her husband, Terry's birthday.

Flower Pick-Up for August:



Backpack Program

- 6 - OPEN.
- 13 - OPEN.
- 20 - OPEN.
- 27 - OPEN.
- Sept. 3 - Ron and Donna Adrian in celebration of their daughter in-law, Melissa's birthday.



Coffee Servers

- 6 - Madison and Sarah Emery
- 13 - Donna and Ron Adrian
- 20 - Vicki Cox
- 27 - Marsha and Loren Moyer
- Sept. 2 - Mary Laaker

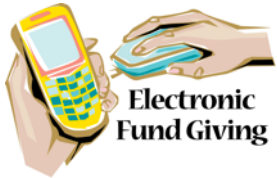




Have You Included  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Endowment Fund  
in Your Will?



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.**

**Electronic Fund Giving** 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.



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

If so, **RESPITE 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](mailto:edbennett@unmc.edu).

Young smiles and energy are invited to attend Sunday School beginning on September 10th. It is an exciting time to start a new adventure! What better place to begin an adventure than with the first adventure in the Bible ~ The Beginning, the Creation and all the wonder and amazement that accompanies the first story.



The adventure continues in the sharing of the Bible stories with each student in attendance! Sunday school classes will have more activities by sharing in the wonderment of Bible stories. Curriculum will be based from Spark House. Spark House has been supplying the little devotional booklets that have been available on the back table in the sanctuary.

Without giving my thoughts or opinions away, I would welcome the opportunity to hold conversations with parents, volunteers or the curious and discuss what you hope will be accomplished in a Sunday class time.

I look forward to sharing adventures on Sundays.

Faithfully in Adventure!  
Brenda

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Saint Lukes Lutheran Church of Omaha on September 29, 2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979.**



## Tips for Going Solar at Home

Solar power is used around the world to generate electricity, cook food, heat water, and warm buildings without the polluting emissions from conventional energy. In the US, the price of solar PV has dropped 75% from 2008 to 2013 and is now within reach for many businesses and homeowners. Solar has the potential to provide many times the current total energy demand in our country. Here are some tips for joining the solar revolution:

Assess whether solar energy is the right choice for your home. How much is your monthly electricity bill? If it's less than \$100.00, there may be more economical ways of saving on energy costs, such as weatherizing your home.

Crunch the numbers before you get started! Check out American Solar Energy Society or Solarhood.net, they feature average cost calculations, rebate information, and a directory of solar installers and distributors in your area. Solarhood.net will conduct online home assessments using the latest technology and inform you if your home is a good solar panel candidate.

Be sure to keep in mind any state and federal incentive programs. Depending on your location, these rebates can cut costs by as much as 50%. Remember to check the fine print when signing up for solar panel installation. Warranties for parts and accessories will often run out before the panels themselves.

Consider leasing if the upfront costs of purchasing a PV system are too much for your household. In many states, leased systems can be installed for zero money down. Visit EnergySage for a list of solar financing companies.

Go beyond PV. You can use the power of the sun not only to generate electricity, but also to heat your water. Many states are incentivizing solar hot water systems. Find out more at the Department of Energy website.

Opt for a grid-tied system. Keeping it "grid-tied" will allow you to sell your excess energy and adds a built-in safety net of stored energy in case you need a little extra.

Find a reputable and experienced local installer. A good installer will help you navigate through different incentive programs and permit procedures to keep initial costs low. Check with your local American Solar Energy Society (ASES) chapter for leads on reputable solar professionals in your area.

*green tips from earthshare.org*

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

Amazon Smile



Grace's unique link is: <https://smileamazon.com/ch/47-0667089>

## Kroger Community Rewards Giving More Back to the Community!

Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations will earn millions of dollars through Kroger Community Rewards.

Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

Register your Bakers Plus card with Kroger and choose Grace Lutheran as your charitable choice.

Here is the link to register your card: <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>



A church's choir had grown so large that folding chairs had been placed up to and around the pulpit. This seriously restricted the pastor, who like to move about while preaching.

One Sunday, the pastor flung out a hand during his sermon to emphasize a point - and hit a lady choir member flush in the face. He apologized profusely.

The following Sunday, when the pastor started his sermon, the congregation broke into laughter, confusing him.

A parishioner pointed to the choir behind him. The pastor turned around and there sat the lady he had struck the week before, wearing a catcher's mask.

~ via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE  
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"Baseball is like church. Many attend but few understand."

~ Wes Westrum, New York Mets manager (1967)  
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## Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 263

Matt 13:31-43

A Mustard Seed

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ANGELS BURNED  
BIRDS CAUSES  
CROWD CREATION  
DOUGH FATHER  
ENEMY FULFILLED  
FIELD FURNACE  
FLOUR GARDEN  
HIDDEN GROWS  
JESUS HEAVEN  
PERCH KINGDOM  
PLANTS MUSTARD  
PULLED PARABLES  
SEEDS PROPHET  
SHINE SOWED  
TEETH SPOKEN  
WEEDS STANDS  
WOMAN WEeping  
WORLD HARVEST  
YEAST

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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### Signs and Wonders

Sign outside Broad St. United Methodist Church in Burlington, NJ:  
"Too hot to keep changing the sign. Sin bad. Jesus good. Details inside."

Sign outside Countryside Christian Church, Leawood, KS:  
"Noah should have swatted the two mosquitoes."

~ via G. Taylor Hess, Mission, KS  
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