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REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

9:30 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

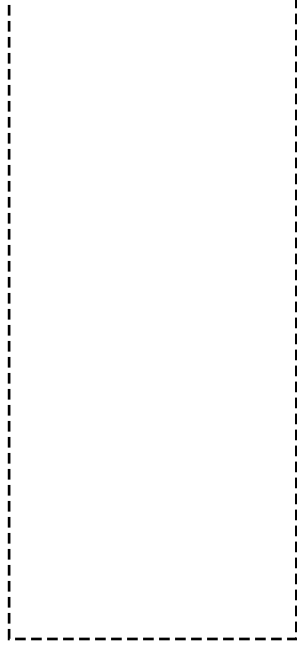
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Organist - Colleen Jeffrey
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THE GRACE MESSENGER

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



2018 Council Members

Donna Adrian	Vicki Cox	Andrew Edwards
Tom Emery	Arlone Farber	Greg Hula
Marsha Moyer	Terry Nielsen	Brenda Spahr

Pastor Laaker

Officers Serving the Congregation:

Financial: Janet Hula Treasurer: Ralph Fitle

The regular meeting of the Council was held on September 11th. Council members shared their prayer concerns for individuals medical needs; remembering all the first responders and victims during the anniversary of the 9-11 tragedies; safety for all who are preparing for Hurricane Florence; recovery for the Omaha Police Officer shot today.

Devotions: Pastor led devotions from Psalm 91:4 and 2 Thessalonians 3:3. The first reminds us that God continues to be our protector even when circumstances do not go the way we would like them to. The second reminds us that God is faithful and guards us from further hurts and danger.

Visions for Ministry: Council discussed Chapter 5 and discovered how organizations put together Strategic Plans to cover 3 to 5 years. Discussion included how some organizations might put too much energy into the planning, leaving very little energy to carry out those plans. Here at Grace we are confident we are on a path; everyday is a beginning; everyone is important and there is space for everyone. One never knows who one might encounter along the way. Council Members are asked to read Chapter 6 in "We Are Here Now" by Patrick Keifert before the next meeting.

Pastor gave the council a handout titled "4 Keys to Spiritually Renewing the Church"; Biblical foundations, Contemplation, Conversation, and Motivating and encouraging action. Council is encouraged to take a few moments and read the handout.

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

Christian Education: Brenda gave a brief report of the first "Word on Wednesday" classes in partnership with Bethel, Augustana, St. Matthew's and St. Luke's. Classes for elementary age students are small with the hope that they will grow each month. October classes will be on Wednesday, October 3rd at Bethel Lutheran Church, 1312 S. 45th Street. Grace/St. Luke's will host at Grace the "Word on Wednesday" on December 5th.

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Evangelism/Outreach: Vicki submitted results from the Listening Sessions to OTOC. The Accountability Session with Congressional Candidates and OPPD candidates is to be held on Monday, September 17th at St. Leo's at 6:45pm located at 102nd & Blondo, all are invited to attend. OTOC has sent out letters to congregations asking institutions to begin considering their 2019 commitments to OTOC.

Guardian Angel Training session will be at St. Matthew's on September 22nd, from 9:30 am to noon.

Tyler will be coordinating and organizing the Halloween Party this year. Planning meetings will be scheduled late September and early October.

Finance: None.

Property: MUD has returned and repaired and replaced the backflow; all is working normal.

Service/Social Ministry: Tyler gave an overview of his work during his first month at Grace and St. Luke's; which included working with Mary Thompson in the Pantry and Arts for All, Inc. Council enjoyed Q & A time with Tyler.

Support/Stewardship: Fall Stewardship Campaign will be "Transformed by Faith, Grace and Love." Additional information will be sent out in the October Grace Messenger.

Worship: Vicki will be here to receive food dishes before the River City Star – Worship on the River, Sunday September 23rd; Mary Thompson will be preparing baked chicken for the potluck.

Colleen's contract is up for renewal, we appreciate her time and talent in sharing her music ministry with us. Council was made aware of the fact that Colleen plays the flute; could there be an opportunity for a flute solo during a worship service?

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Pastor gave the Council an ELCA Advocacy Action Alert Handout detailing the need for action in support of the Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem. Please read and then decided to call the White House hotline (202-456-1111).

Teachers and students (both Liberty and Spring Lake) are happy to see readers return for another school year of sharing time while reading a good book.

Pastor and Mary will be on vacation from October 24th through October 30th; Pastor Terry Neilson will be filling in during this time.

Terry will bring treats in October. Tom closed in prayer at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Spahr, Secretary



As we enter the month of October, crops are being harvested. Garden produce will soon come to an end. It is a wonderful time to focus in on actions and prayers for those who struggle with hunger.

Rev. Amy Reumann writes, “The shortest sermon I know is only ten words. It was preached by my grandfather to a small, country congregation on the story of the Good Samaritan. He read the account of an outsider who demonstrates true neighbor love by stopping on the road to care for a bleeding and badly injured man. This Samaritan’s compassion stands in stark contrast to the religious types who passed by without offering aid. After reading the text, my grandfather mounted the pulpit and said ‘We all know what this means. Just go and do it.’ Then he sat down, sermon over.”

I suspect we all know what it means to provide for others. The question often is will we do it. Throughout the month, we will have opportunity to “do it.”

First, we have the opportunity to get some physical exercise and walk in the Omaha CROP Walk. If we choose not to walk, we can surely sponsor someone who is planning to walk. The funds raised will help support local efforts and world-wide efforts. I had the privilege of helping organize the first CROP Walk in Omaha in 1981. Let’s just go and do it.

Secondly, in the middle of the month, we will share information and action opportunities available to us through Bread for World. Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. God’s grace in Jesus Christ moves us to reach out to our neighbors – whether they live next door, in another state, or on another continent. The main effort of Bread for World is to get individuals to write letters to their elected Congressional members urging them to invest in key programs funded by the federal budget: Nutritional programs like SNAP, Tax credits for low-income workers, Humanitarian relief programs like the one in South Sudan, and International poverty-focused development assistance.

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Thirdly, we have the Loaves and Fishes Fresh Food Pantry here at Grace each Monday morning. Volunteers are needed and welcomed as we prepare and assist those who come to receive the excess bounty of food shared by Trader Joes and Whole Foods.

As Rev. Amy Reumann says: “Ending hunger requires charity and justice – binding the wounds of those who are hurt but also addressing those with the power to lord it over others. The role of those who govern is to make sure the needs of all are met for the sake of the common good. Sometimes those who govern need a firm reminder of this responsibility. And if we do not remind them, then who will?”

We, too, sometimes need a reminder of the responsibility we each have for the sake of the common good. How might each one of us “go and do it?”

Pastor Laaker



Photograph of a hungry group following Sunday, September 23rd’s Worship on the River! **98** individuals from age 2 to 99 from Grace, St. Luke’s, and the Sudanese ministry enjoyed the morning ride on the River City Star! Plenty of food and fellowship for all followed!

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:

Theresa Courtney
Jayne Gustafson
Jack Pablo McGill
LaVonne Moss
Pauline Stechenfinger
Urbano Vasquez



Andrew Edwards
Carolyn Matson
Sue Mize
Pam Reents
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 Worshiping Community.

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

Pray for our Shut-in and Nursing Home resident:

Mickey Andersen - 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 17, 2018
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.



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; Vicki, Arlone, Mary, and Amanda, for making connections with the students willing to learn and form friendships.
- ✝ Thank you Greg, Janet, and Mary; who take turns picking up altar flowers every Sunday morning.
- ✝ Thank you LaVonne, Marilyn, Gloria, Donna, and Ron, 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, Oren, and Mary for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.
- ✝ Thank you to all Loaves and Fishes Pantry Volunteers; for delivering food items on Sunday mornings, unloading and putting foods items away until Monday mornings, getting everything ready for Mondays and in greeting and serving all with smiles, care and love!

Grace Reads

As Grace Lutheran plans for the upcoming school year partnership with Liberty Elementary, there is a need to fulfill each classroom with readers! There is the opportunity for two readers on each day Grace representatives read at Liberty Elementary. Two readers are needed on the first, second and third Tuesday and Wednesdays of the month. If you are interested to share your talents by being a blessing and reading to a classroom at Liberty once or twice a month; Tuesday reading at 12:20pm and Wednesday reading at 3:05pm. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board, if you have any questions, please call the church office at 402-341-7730.



The theme for this year's stewardship emphasis is ***Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love***. We will begin this emphasis on Sunday, November 4. As God's people, we have been given the high honor of being God's stewards. As God's

stewards, we are called to manage faithfully all that we've been entrusted with according to God's will and benefit. Because of God's generous gifts of grace, faith, and love, we can accomplish all that God asks us to do. God works in and through us as we become God's hands, feet, and mouth. Each week during this three-week emphasis, we will be focusing on one of the three virtues, *grace, faith, and love*.

In week one, our focus is on God's undeserved kindness and love which the Bible calls grace. God's grace comes from God through Jesus and his work for us. It is not something we have a right to. Jesus obtained it for us. We get it freely because of the obedience and sacrifice of Jesus. This saving grace also enables and motivates us to be God's stewards. The power of God's grace in our lives compels us to use our time, talents, and money in ways that glorify God.

In week two, we are reminded that it is through faith that we have access into God's grace and a new relationship with God. Through faith, God changes us, and we are born anew of God. Not only does faith justify us and give us peace with God (Romans 5:1), we are told by James and other writers that faith produces works (James 2:18). Faith leads to action. Through faith, we are empowered to fulfill God's purposes. Our deeds as stewards are evidence of our faith.

The third week we will focus on the virtue of love. Love ought to follow faith. Love seeks the welfare of others. *"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us"* (1 John 4:11-12). God's love in Christ will compel us to do things that appear foolish. God's love prompts us to give freely of our time, talents, and treasures to help others and extend God's kingdom.

I hope and pray that God will use the Sunday messages on ***Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love*** to draw you closer to God in Christ.

Yale Park Refugee Family Sponsorship

Friends, Ronnie Schacht has invited Grace and St. Luke's to respond to this appeal. She is willing to be the contact. Please read through this request and consider being a part of this effort to restore dignity to a family in our community.

Ronnie writes, "I have worked with several families that have been displaced from their Yale Park apartments. I was a Family Literacy Teacher with OPS and did home visits at 34th & Lake. Their living conditions are indeed deplorable, but they have a deep need and commitment to "stick together." I can only imagine the stress they are going through and I would like to help sponsor 1 family as Restoring Dignity has suggested in the following article."

Restoring Dignity has received many texts, calls, and emails about the needs of this community. After discussing with Heartland Family Services, we have decided that the most efficient and effective way to provide families with what they need is the following:

We are looking for churches, organizations, workplaces, neighborhood groups, etc. to sponsor one of the almost 100 families from Yale Park. Sponsorship looks like the following:

- Church/organizations/workplaces, etc. will be assigned one family and will be given a list of what that family has requested that they need for their new home. Many families will not be able to bring furniture with them due to bed bug and cockroach infestations. **They will essentially be "starting over"** and will need essential items like: *mattresses, blankets, sheets, dressers, towels, toiletries, kitchen table, chairs, couch etc.* All items will need to be in good condition (no items from homes with bedbugs or cockroaches, and all used items need to be in good condition (no signs of wear and tear or stains).
- Each group will be responsible for **obtaining donated items and storing them.**
- Once donated items have been acquired, each group will **transport items** to their sponsored family's home.

In this way, we believe that we will be able to provide essential household items for all of the families from Yale Park in a very short time frame. Providing home furnishing for almost 100 families is an enormous task, but if each of our church/organizations commits to one family, we can accomplish this!

Halloween Party
Grace Lutheran Church
1326 S. 26th Street
402-341-7730
Friday, October 26th
Viernes, Octubre 26th
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Free !!! Gratis

Refreshments
Refrigerio

Cake Walk
Juego
Caminar por el
pastel



Costume Contest
Concurso de disfraces

Games and Activities
for all ages!
Juegos y actividades
para todas las edades!

Please plan to attend the Halloween Party planning meeting on Sunday, October 7th following worship services if you would like to volunteer. A Halloween donation sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

The Omaha CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 14. Kickoff for the walk is at 1:30 pm. Registration (12:30 to 2:00 pm) and start of the walk takes place at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 61st and Western. Plan now to walk or sponsor someone who will be walking.

October 2018



7 - Terry Nielsen
14 - Arlone Farber
21 - Brenda Spahr
28 - Greg Hula
Nov. 4 - Mary Laaker



1 - Kym Bauer
7 - June Hilmer
10 - Jordan Vazquez
11 - Jonah Laaker
16 - Tom Emery
18 - Jericho Vazquez
22 - Moses Nyiwe
24 - Donovan Halfhill
26 - Rosemary Gaunt
Chadney Everitt
27 - Lori Vasquez
Jadyn Vazquez
29 - Andrea Spahr

October Acolytes

7 - Andrea Spahr
14 - Vicki Cox
21 - Greg Hula
28 - Janet Hula
Nov. 4 - Damien Rodriguez



October Ushers

Mary Laaker
Andrew Edwards



October Greeters

7 - Ron and Donna Adrian
14 - Marsha and Loren Moyer
21 - Ralph Fittle and Andrew Edwards
28 - Vicki Cox and Gloria Moore
Nov. 4 - Brenda and Andrea Spahr



Responsibility List



Altar Flowers

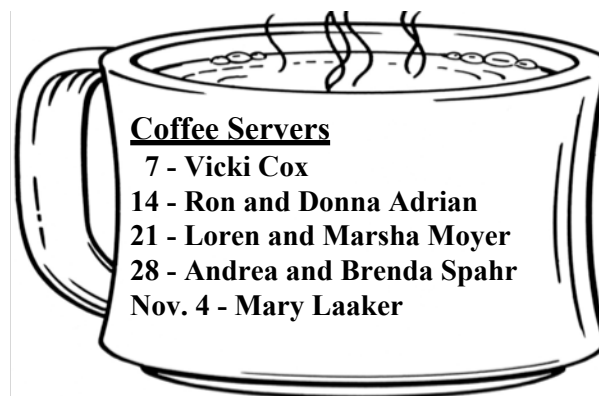
7 - Arlone Farber in loving memory of her Dad, Charles Courtney.
14 - OPEN.
21 - OPEN.
28 - Ron and Donna Adrian in celebration of their grandson, Jack's birthday.
Nov. 4 - John and Brenda Spahr in celebration of their daughter, Andrea's birthday.

Flower Pick-Up for October:



Backpack Program

7 - Amanda Vazquez in celebration of her sons, Jaydn, Jericho, and Jordan's birthdays.
14 - Eva Martin in celebration of her granddaughter, Andrea and her great-grandsons, Donovan and Jaxon's birthdays.
21 - Mary Laaker in celebration of Family October birthdays.
28 - Ron and Donna Adrian in celebration of their grandson, Jack's birthday.
Nov. 4 - John and Brenda Spahr in celebration of their daughter, Andrea's birthday.



Coffee Servers

7 - Vicki Cox
14 - Ron and Donna Adrian
21 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
28 - Andrea and Brenda Spahr
Nov. 4 - Mary Laaker



Loaves and Fishes Pantry

Grace Lutheran Church
1326 South 26th Street
402-341-7730

North Door (Parking Lot Door)
Opens at 9:45 am

Pantry is Open 10:00 - 11:00 am
Every Monday

Variety of fresh foods donated by
Trader Joe's and Whole Foods.

All are served with love and care.



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.

Grace Lutheran Church has three additional ways that you could contribute without spending any out of pocket funds. Only a few moments of your time to download apps for TAGG - Together A Greater Good and when you shop at smile.amazon.com Amazon will donate - Grace's unique link is: <https://smileamazon.com/ch/47-0667089>. Register your Bakers Plus card with Kroger and choose Grace Lutheran as your charitable choice! All of these opportunities will match a certain percentage of your purchases and direct those funds to Grace.



Christian Education Opportunity!! WOW (Word on Wednesday)



St. Luke's/Grace, St. Matthew's, Bethel, and Augustana are combining to offer a new program for the children and young people of our congregations on the first Wednesday of each month.

Any child from Kindergarten through 6th grade is invited. Students will be divided into two sections - Kindergarten through 2nd and 3rd through 6th. Supper will be served from 6:00 to 6:30 pm and classes will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Come and learn about Joseph and his brothers on October 3rd at Bethel Lutheran, 1312 S. 45th Street.

Classes November 7th will be held at Augustana Lutheran, 3647 Lafayette Street where we will learn about Baby Moses. December classes will be held here at Grace with St. Luke's and we will learn about Advent and the birth of Jesus!

*Dates and church locations for 2019 to be determined.

What an awesome opportunity to grow in faith and meet new friends! If you have any questions, please see Brenda Spahr at Grace or Connie Tefft at St. Luke's.



Confirmation Classes

We are participating in a joint Confirmation Class with Bethel, St. Matthew and Augustana. October classes will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 45th & Poppleton beginning on October 3, 6:30 pm.

Grace Sunday School News

The regular Grace Sunday School classes continue to meet every second and fourth Sunday each month. Classes in October will be on the 14th and 28th at 10:00 am. Children from age 4 through 6th grade are welcome!

If you have any questions, please speak with Brenda, Mary, or Sandy.



Habitat Faith House Build
Every Saturday through October
3323 Emmet Street; 8:30 a.m.



All are welcome! It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet the future homeowners, Lino and Grace, and share in fellowship with one another, as well as the Thrivent representatives who are helping to fund some of the project. The event itself will be casual and informal. Food will be provided! As soon as the celebration is over, folks can sign up as construction volunteers and start working. There is a GREAT opportunity to engage new people in your church with Habitat! Some people don't know what to expect, so this will give them a wonderful in-person overview.

Congregation members who want to volunteer are encouraged to register ahead of time at <https://tinyurl.com/faithhouse2018>. Registering ahead of time 1) helps our construction supervisor Mike know how many people to expect ahead of time, 2) helps us accurately track volunteers for grant purposes, 3) helps us to be safe and have a one stop shop for your emergency contact info.

Carol Joy Holling Camp Events

Middle School Retreat: October 12-14, 2018. Adults are offered many opportunities when it comes to self-care, but what about youth? During this retreat, middle school students will pause on all that busyness and come back to camp to focus on their well being.

Mother & Tween Daughter Retreat: October 27-28, 2018. Fall is a time where life seems like a giant to-do list. Join us for a weekend to be present, try new things, grow together and have fun!

Explore! Day Retreat: November 3, 2018. Each Explore! Day Retreat is a one-of-a-kind retreat for kids in grades 1-6 to discover the magic of exposing God's creation out at CJH Camp. Join us as we embrace our connections with nature and one another!

Visit CJHCenter.org to learn more and register for one or multiple events!
Questions? Contact Jacqueline Goering at JGoering@NLOM.org or 402-944-2544

Hi everyone! I am happy to inform you that I have just about settled in to life here in Omaha, I wanted to thank everyone for being so welcoming in my transition to a new community. As for what I've been up to this month; our reading program, Grace Reads, is in full swing and I'm excited to say that I have joined the other volunteers in on the fun of reading to these incredible kids. I have also become a volunteer for the program Arts for All, an organization that offers art and music classes for youths around the city. I have also taken an interest in attending OTOC events such as their candidate accountability night and their meeting where people with TPS (Temporary Protective Status) were able to speak out and share how we can help be advocates for them. As for what's coming up this month, we are beginning to put together everything for the Halloween party this year. If you are interested in volunteering or assisting in any way, keep your eyes on the bulletins, we will have a planning meeting on October 7th after worship service and a donation sign up posted on the bulletin board. And feel free to join in on the evening festivities on Friday, October 26th. Great things are ahead.



Smiles,

Tyler Birkhoff
Community Outreach Coordinator
Grace Lutheran Church
outreach@graceluth.com

Grace's Free Little Library continues to be used in the neighborhood on a regular basis and continues to be in need of additional books. Pre-school, 1st grade and 2nd grade books and periodicals seem to be the most popular items. If you have any of these items that you are willing to donate, please speak with Vicki or Arlone. Please continue your participation by stopping and browsing for an interesting book. Help encourage the youth through reading a good



Violence Against Women

Around the world at least one woman in every three has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime. Most often the abuser is a member of her own family. Increasingly, gender-based violence is recognized as a major public health concern and a violation of human rights.

What Is Gender-Based Violence? Violence against women and girls includes physical, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse. It is often known as "gender-based" violence because it evolves in part from women's subordinate status in society. Many cultures have beliefs, norms, and social institutions that legitimize and therefore perpetuate violence against women. The same acts that would be punished if directed at an employer, a neighbor, or an acquaintance often go unchallenged when men direct them at women, especially within the family. Two of the most common forms of violence against women are abuse by intimate male partners and coerced sex, whether it takes place in childhood, adolescence, or adulthood. Intimate partner abuse--also known as domestic violence, wife-beating, and battering--is almost always accompanied by psychological abuse and in one-quarter to one-half of cases by forced sex as well. The majority of women who are abused by their partners are abused many times.

America as a nation has for too long failed to grasp either the scope or the seriousness of violence against women. Even with the adoption and reauthorization of The Violence Against Women Act, we are still plagued with sexual harassment in many different forms. Women are not believed when reporting. The culture has failed to hold males accountable and thus the cost of reporting becomes burdensome and dangerous.

This must change. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has stated: "Gender-based violence is an ancient sin that for thousands years has harmed countless women, children and men. It is a sin that Christians need to recognize, understand and confront, for our religious history also bears its stain." ELCA social message on Gender-Based Violence, pg 1.

According to the ELCA social message on Gender-Based Violence, physical, sexual, or emotional harm directed at a person based on gender, sex, or sexuality is gender-based violence. For example, domestic violence is a form of gender-based violence; it is a pattern of violent behaviors used to control an intimate partner that crosses all economic, social and cultural boundaries. It may be physical, but it may also take on more subtle forms such as emotional, verbal or financial intimidation and control.

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The common aims that we all can do are: 1. Recognize, name and root out the violence and its sources wherever it is happening. 2. Ensure care and create safe communities that foster healing. 3. Provide education. 4. Create accountability.

Let us seek to do our part in addressing violence against women. You can read the ELCA social message on Gender Based Violence here:
www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Gender-Violence.

God's Work ~ Our Hands

The ELCA is continuing the invitation for congregations to put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. Grace Council has proposed that Grace continue their partnership and support for Liberty Elementary teachers with items needed in each classroom. Items needed for each classroom are: Clorox Wipes, Hand Sanitizer (no alcohol), Hi-liters, Dry Erase Markers, Post-it Notes, Kleenex and Pencils. All are invited to bring donations to Grace until Sunday, October 22nd when all are invited to gather and assemble items into bags for classrooms.



 **Lutheran Family Services**
of Nebraska, Inc.

LFS SINCE **1892**
Welcoming · Strengthening · Healing

Lutheran Family Services
Foster Care.

Foster Homes are needed. Open your heart and your home to a foster child. Training and 24-hour support are provided.

Every year, hundreds of youth in Nebraska are removed from their families because of neglect and abuse. While these families heal, their children need a safe, loving, home-like atmosphere with minimal judgment and abundant patience.

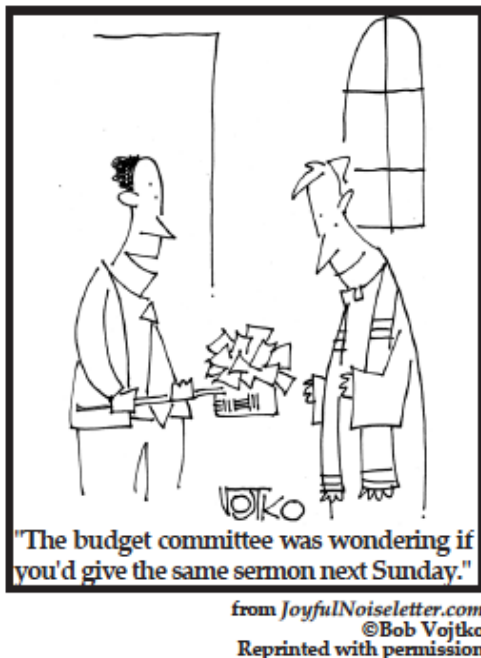
Make a difference in a child's life ~ become a foster parent.

For further information access us on—line:
www.lfsneb.org or call 402-661-3125.

October is Be-Kind-To-Your
Pastor Month.
During this month, you can:

- Thank your pastor.
- Pray for your pastor.
- Encourage your pastor.
- Honor your pastor.
- Humor your pastor.
- Invite your pastor to dinner
flavored with good jokes and
laughter.
- Tithe.

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Luther Quotes to Ponder

"I have often learned more in one prayer than I have been able to glean from much reading and reflection."

"A father should handle his children in the manner in which we observe God handling us."

"The truth is mightier than eloquence, the Spirit greater than genius, faith more than education."

"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it had hands, it lays hold of me."

"Ah, it is a great thing to have the Word and a piece of bread!"



In observance of
Reformation Sunday,
October 28, 2018
Please wear the color red.

The Ultimate Halloween Word Search

y	f	t	i	s	p	i	d	e	r	c	r	y	p	t	m
i	k	r	g	h	o	u	l	h	b	t	h	g	i	n	u
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y	i	g	a	w	m	p	n	o	t	o	w	c	h	c	i
r	f	i	o	l	i	o	r	s	a	l	x	a	a	u	r
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c	o	f	g	z	r	o	c	s	g	n	i	w	t	a	b
s	c	r	e	e	c	h	w	h	t	t	o	o	h	r	u
l	i	z	a	r	d	f	e	e	t	e	i	b	m	o	z
z	s	t	s	o	h	g	d	h	e	r	r	h	o	w	l
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batwings
blackcat
bones
broom
caldron
coffin
costumes
creepy
crypt
dracula
frighten

frogeyes
ghosts
ghoul
goblins
grave
groans
halloween
haunted
hoot
howl
jackolantern

lizardfeet
moans
monster
moon
mummy
night
owl
potions
pumpkin
scary
screech

skeleton
spider
spirits
spooky
tombstone
trick or treat
vampire
webs
werewolf
witch
zombie

