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**JULY SUNDAY EVENTS**  
9:30 am. Worship Service  
St. Luke's, 2815 I Street

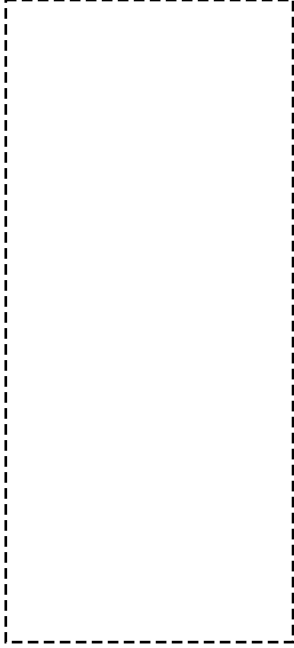
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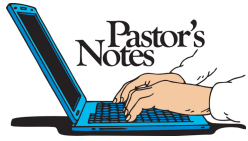


July Worship Services will be  
held at St. Luke's Lutheran,  
2315 I Street



With love to reach out, to serve,  
to welcome all in the name of  
our Lord Jesus.

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Minnesota.

They begin by asking the following question. What might God be up to amid the seismic changes the church and our culture are undergoing? What opportunities will congregations encounter if they rediscover and follow God's leading?

As they develop their thoughts from numerous meetings in which they sought to get insight from congregational leaders, they come to say, "the steps in the faithful innovation process are simple: Listen, Act, and Share.

So far, we have read the chapter on Listen and the chapter on Act. The journey of Listen-Act-Share addresses a question that congregations everywhere are asking: We know our church needs to change, but we're not sure what to do.

In the chapter on Listening, they write: Listening involves learning to walk (or bike or drive) around your neighborhood while asking God to help you see what God sees in that place. With listening, the conversation shifts from talking about institutional survival to learning how to join in the work God is doing in the world.

I can't help but wonder about those that came together to create our worshiping communities. I imagine that they walked about their community and observed what they perceived as God's interest and direction for their community. I doubt they spent any time worrying about whether they would be able to survive as an institution.

In the next chapter on Act, they state: The church as an institution needs to undergo a transformation so that it can learn to forge fresh connections with people inside its walls and outside in the community. They indicate that acting simply means we are going to try some new things that we hope will help us learn how to follow God's leading and be

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the church. They suggest that we need to take steps to try something new. They define an experiment as a planned set of actions that help us behave our way into new thinking so that we can learn how to address the challenges we are facing. Ultimately, we wish to be transformed personally as followers of Jesus.

All of this, so far, suggests that we need to be active in prayer, develop better listening skills and be willing to take some risks. I find this to be a delightful and challenging journey. I am hopeful that we can follow God into a hopeful future.

Pastor Laaker

## Stewardship

**Gratitude for the Gifts:** Recognize that everything you have - talents, resources, time - is a gift from God. Stepping forward in faith requires trusting you've been given what you need to be a good steward.

- **Identifying Your Gifts:** Take some time to reflect on the specific gifts you've been blessed with. This could be anything from creativity and leadership to kindness and patience. Recognizing them allows you to appreciate their value and how they can be used for good.
- **Expressing Gratitude:** Let gratitude be a guiding force. Thank God for these gifts in prayer, meditation, or simply a moment of quiet reflection. This reinforces the idea that they are gifts and motivates you to use them wisely.
- **Connecting Gifts to Faith Journey:** Consider how your gifts can be used to deepen your faith and guide your path forward. For example, if you have a talent for public speaking, perhaps you can use it to share your faith with others.
- **Gratitude for Challenges:** Even challenges can be seen as gifts in disguise. They can help you grow in resilience, develop new skills, and appreciate the good times even more.

By focusing on gratitude for the gifts you've been given, you set a strong foundation for responsible stewardship as you move forward with faith.





## St. Luke's 2024 Council Members

|               |                 |              |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Steve Braun   | Annette Chipman | Frank Durham |
| Cindy Fleming | John Kolb       | Nancy Klusaw |
| Dave Ruffner  | Molly Sedlacek  | Connie Tefft |
| Pastor Laaker |                 |              |

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Officers Serving the Congregation:

Treasurer: Nancy Klusaw

Financial Secretary & Memorial/Special Gifts: Rose Marie Lad

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### Council Notes ~ June 13, 2024

John Kolb, council vice-president, called the in-person meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Devotions: Pastor Laaker led devotions from Daily Texts – Deuteronomy 12:32 and John 7: 16-17.

Agenda: Agenda was accepted by motion.

Minutes of May 9, 2024, meeting: Minutes were accepted by motion.

Book Study: Chapter 3 “Act” of the Leading, faithful, Innovation was discussed. Please read Chapter 4 “Share” for next month.

Unfinished Business:

1. Roof Status – Steve Braun gave an update. The new project manager, Joey Swafford from McKinnis Roofing, stated that they hope to start on our roof soon.
2. Conversations with Grace continue. A Grace/St. Luke's Ministry Discernment Team will be assembled with up to six members from each congregation.
3. Synod Assembly – John Kolb gave an update. The theme of the synod was “Cultivate Love.”
4. Damage to air conditioner – Blankman AC came out on May 16 to check our units. They discovered different issues with our air conditioners. One of units has been stripped of its copper, but can be repaired. Another unit was also stripped, but cannot be repaired, it will have to be replaced with an approximate cost of \$7,000 - \$8,000. There is also a small leak in the A-coil of the main unit for the sanctuary. More information continues to be gathered.

Reports:

Pastor's Report – A written report was provided. Pastor shared information on the Citizen Police Academy presented by the OPD Southeast Precinct. It is an opportunity to learn what the police do in our community. It runs from August 1 – September 5 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact the church office to learn how to sign up. The staff and students from Spring Lake School were so thankful for the T-shirts provided to them, which was funded by a grant from Immanuel Vision Fund.

President's Report – A written report was provided. John read the report provided by Frank Durham.

Treasurer/Finance Report – A written report was provided. A CD was renewed, with some money taken out to help cover current expenses.

Financial Secretary's Report – A written report was provided.

Memorial Fund Report – A written report was provided. A check for \$20,000 was received from Grace Lutheran's Endowment to help cover our church's property expenses.

Building and Grounds Report – An oral report was given. Steve Braun sprayed for bugs in the fellowship hall and replaced some lightbulbs.

Evangelism – John Kolb gave an oral report.

Fellowship – There will be a Father's Day Brunch this Sunday, June 16 after service. All are welcomed to celebrate our fathers and father figures.

Stewardship – Pastor gave an oral report. The theme of our 2024 Fall Stewardship will be “Moving Forward by Faith.”

Parish Education – No report

Social Ministry – Cindy Fleming provided a written report. During the month of June, our congregations will be collecting a variety of items such as feminine products, diapers, cleaning supplies, snack foods, or bus passes for YES - Youth Emergency Services.

Worship and Music – The hymn selection committee will meet on July 16, 2024.

All reports were accepted by motion.

New Business: None

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Tefft, Secretary

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## Grace 2024 Council Members

|                                    |               |                        |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Ron Adrian                         | Barnaba Dyedi | Sarah Emery            |
| Arlone Farber                      | Greg Hula     | Janet Hula             |
| Eva Martin                         | Andrea Spahr  | Amanda Vazquez         |
| Pastor Laaker                      |               |                        |
| *****                              |               |                        |
| Officers Serving the Congregation: |               |                        |
| Financial Secretary: Janet Hula    |               | Treasurer: Ralph Fitle |

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Council Meeting Notes ~ June 11, 2024

**Call to Order** Sarah Emery called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Gathering of Prayers** Prayer concerns were offered for individuals as they heal and/or work toward peace in their lives. Cease fire in Middle East and Ukraine and other hot spots around the world. Protection for travelers into and through summer months. Strength for all who are dealing with weather related struggles. Violence and guns – help us to find ways to lay down weapons for the good of all.

**Devotions** Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker, reading the selected verses in the “Daily Texts” from 1) Proverbs 12:20 tells us to live and let live with kindness toward our neighbors and 2) Romans 12:18 reminds us to “live peaceably” in spite of others.

**Visions for Ministry** Leading Faithful Innovation by Dwight Zscheile, Michael Binder and Tessa Pinkstaff

Chapter 3 “Act” focuses on how we might take action towards leading faithful innovations.

If church is to transform, we need to “do” something before we can “think” it. A lively discussion was shared on ideas/ways to talk to folks. We need to get out our comfort zone and continue to work on active listening. Read chapter 4 for July meeting discussion.

**Minutes** The minutes of the regular May 14th meeting of the council were accepted as presented.

**Financial Secretary’s Report** The report of the Financial Secretary, Janet Hula, was presented and accepted by motion.

**Treasurer’s Report** The report of the Treasurer, Ralph Fitle, was presented and accepted by motion.

**Mission Share** The monthly Mission Share contribution and San Andres contribution are both up to date.

## Committee Reports

**Christian Education** Barnabas Dyedi has applied for a scholarship for leaders through Nebraska Synod with good indication that it will be granted.

**Evangelism/Outreach** Pastor presented a flyer inviting regarding the Citizen Police Academy which is an overview of the general operations of the police department. Six weekly sessions begin Thursday, August 1st through September 5th.

**Finance** The Immanuel Vision follow-up report is due. Tissues and wipes were provided to Liberty School with the funds received. The Endowment Board report was reviewed. Funds from the Disney Endowment were ratified.

**Property** Bids have been received and accepted to replace the alley door to the basement and to address issues with the north parking lot door. Funds will come from the Disney Endowment. Several bulbs in the sanctuary hanging lights need to be replaced. Repairs have been made to the light over south double doors.

**Service/Social Ministry** We are collecting various items for YES (Youth Emergency Services) through June and may extend the drive into July. The Volunteers Assisting Seniors (VAS) group recently hosted a workshop here at Grace. They were pleased with our facility and hope to hold another one at Grace in early November.

**Support/Stewardship** Pastor selected “Moving Forward by Faith” (Hebrews 11:8-12) theme for the fall stewardship campaign.

**Worship** No report.

**Unfinished Business** Pastor presented a proposal for continuation with “Conversations” between Grace & St. Luke’s.

**New Business** An excellent written report prepared by Brenda Spahr overviewing her experiences at the Synod Assembly was shared with the council.

**Announcements** Eva will provide closing prayer in July.

**Adjournment** The council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Hula.

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*Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.*

*1 Kings 8:28*

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

Marcia Beck  
June Hilmer  
Samuel Mantzaris  
Pam Reents  
Marilyn Van Ormer



Vicki Cox  
Richard Krambeck  
Carolyn Matson  
Pat Scarpello  
Rose Wynn

**Pray for wisdom for your Church Council at Grace and St. Luke's 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, St. Luke's and Grace Lutheran Churches  
Bishop Scott Johnson, Nebraska Synod  
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Bishop

Pray for the Sudanese community in general. Charles Tuw, Moses Loda, John Boato, Barnaba Dyedi and Nenchi Ilka 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:**

Dolores Castro - Home  
Vicki Cox - Home  
Richard Krambeck - Trinity Villiage, Papillion  
Dee Nielsen - Peyton, CO  
Rev. Terry Nielsen - Echo Hills  
Jeri Swanson - Hillcrest Estates  
Marilyn Van Ormer - Home  
Doris Westman - Hillcrest Estates



All of our homebound enjoy receiving mail, if you would like to brighten their day, please call the church office for any addresses you need. Blessings!

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 Mary for your weekly dedication running the recording equipment every Sunday during worship service.

Thank you Donna & Ron Adrian and Brenda Spahr for taking care of the altar, and preparing communion.

Thank you Jean, Rod, Robin and Miriam for sharing your music ministry with us and providing beautiful music during worship services!

Thanks to everyone that helped with worship services during the month of June. It is much appreciated.

Thank you Janet, Eva, Bob, Connie, Rose Marie, Ron, and Donna, for your faithful dedication in helping assemble the monthly combined newsletter!

Thank you to all those that help keep both church grounds neat by picking up trash around the churches.

Thank you Alma for keeping both Grace and St. Luke's clean and so welcoming to everyone who enters.

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!

We hope you can join us for Table Grace the Musical! Blessings, Simone & The Table Grace team!



The Table Grace Musical performances will be held at:

Lofte Theatre, 15841 Manley Road, Manley NE, 402-234-2553.  
Performance Dates: August 8-9 at 7:00 pm.



# St. Luke's

## Birthdays

4 – Dolores Nielsen  
8 - April Carlson  
11 - Shirley Hodne  
16 - Terri Durham  
21 - Robert Gregg, Sr.  
21 - Lisa Helwig  
26 - Jeff Petersen



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

Happy Birthday in faith! May blessings be upon you! On your birthday, remember that you were wonderfully made by God and rejoice in God's love. You are so blessed to be you and to share the amazing love of Jesus on your birthday! May God bless this day with more love than your heart can hold.



St. Luke's Mary Circle will meet on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 9:30 am in the Educational Unit for fellowship and Bible Study. Rose Marie Lad will have devotions, Nancy Klusaw the lesson and Teri Durham will serve as hostess. Everyone is welcome to come join in the learning, conversation and refreshments.

Path Assist, now available in your area, connects you to the resources you need to be healthy and improve the quality of your life. The Path Assist program is designed to help you confidently navigate local health and social service resources and advocate for your needs. The goal of Path Assist is to help you address issues like housing, food, transportation, access to medicine, isolation, and more before they become serious problems. Path Assist is a free program, you can sign up on their website at: [www.path-assist.com/gethelp](http://www.path-assist.com/gethelp) or call 402-265-6551.

# PATH ASSIST

# Grace's

## Birthdays

8 – Charles Farber  
9 – Madison Emery  
17 – Caleb Ketelson  
20 – Dustin Moyer  
25 – Samantha Moyer



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



Carol Joy Holling Camp,  
Conference & Retreat Center  
36th Annual Quilt Auction  
Saturday, July 27, 2024

More than just an auction! Bring your family and friends for a day of fun: camp tours, BBQ lunch and more! Join in this exciting day with lots of beautiful quilts donated by friends of Carol Joy Holling Camp. The auction and barbecue lunch will be held rain or shine.

## Event Schedule

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| 9:00 a.m.              | Quilts on Display                           |
| 9:30 a.m.              | Live Auction Begins                         |
| 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch Served                                |
| 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Pool Open                                   |
| 1:30 p.m.              | Silent Auction Closes                       |
| 2:30 p.m.              | Specialty Items Auction Starts              |
| 3:00 p.m.              | Silent Auction items available for pick up. |

## Free Parking and Admission

Pulled pork sandwiches and a selection of favorite salads.

Lunch: Adults ~ \$8, Kids (4~12) \$4,  
3 & Younger ~ Free

Vegetarian and Gluten-free options are available upon request.  
Concessions will be offered before and after lunch.

## Built On a Rock ~ by LaRayne Topp

Angry tornados, a lone place of worship, and the whispers of a gracious God left an ELCA Church in Pilger, Nebraska, as a place of sanctuary in a world turned upside down and sideways. Ten years ago, on June 16, 2014, four destructive tornadoes charged through Northeast Nebraska, eliminating farm buildings from the landscape around Pilger, Stanton, Wakefield and Wisner, along with 40 percent of the homes from the heart of Pilger. The storms also stole two lives.

Homes lay in rubble. Trees were twisted toothpicks. Grain bins served as giant, sharp projectiles, slamming into buildings and searing off roofs. In Pilger, the business district was wiped out, leaving only several usable public buildings, one of them St. Peter's Lutheran Church. It was amazing the church had survived at all, only a half a block from the destruction.

Although the building stood, glass shards from the glass doors and windows, branches and debris littered the interior. However, the communion rail, separating the chancel from the rest of the sanctuary, also divided kept destruction at bay. The cross and candelabra rested on the altar; the pages of the open Bible hadn't been mussed. Paraments hung from the pulpit and lectern, the bottom fringe remaining untangled. All was still.

Until one woman heard a gentle whisper. Several weeks after the tornadoes hit, Val Petersen was awakened one night to the sound of God's gentle voice. "Open a coffee shop," it said. And so she and her husband did. Not wanting to tie the coffee shop to a particular denomination, the Petersens named it The Rock Shop.

Previous St. Peter's Pastors Ruth and Gary Larson had donated a mammoth granite rock to the congregation before they left for the mission field, chiseled with the words, You are the Christ. Symbolic of shelter and safety, the rock served as a reminder of Christ's words to Apostle Peter: *And on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.* Indeed the tornado hadn't budged the massive stone one inch.

Relief organizations' meetings were held at the Rock Shop, at the village, county, state and federal level. It was also open for survivors and volunteers to meet. Conversations gradually became happier than at first. As businesses built back up in town, The Rock Shop was discontinued to turn its business over to them.



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After ten years, 20 new homes have sprung up in town. More than 200 trees have been replanted, and numerous businesses and civil buildings rebuilt.

In January of 2022, St. Peter's congregation held its last service. However, the building has been gifted to the local Historical Society with the understanding the sanctuary remain intact. To date five funerals, one wedding and a quilt show have taken place at The Rock Museum and Chapel, with historical items on display throughout the rest of the building.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church has served the community since 1900, providing a lifeline for the community in a time of deep distress, and will continue to showcase its history along with that of the area for many years to come.

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## Disaster Response Update

Beloved in Christ,

We continue to be thankful for the tremendous response to the destruction caused by multiple tornadoes touching down in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa during the month of May. In less than 24 hours after the May 10th storms, Nebraska Synod congregations in Bennington, Blair, and Elkhorn opened their doors to provide shelter, food, and other resources to those most impacted by the storms, and others contributed generously through their time, goods, and financial support through those congregations and the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

One of the ways that we do this work together as the Nebraska Synod is through the **Nebraska Synod Disaster Response fund**. Through this fund, we are able to help respond to needs related to recovery and rebuilding for the long-haul. If you feel so inclined to respond and help your neighbors in need, we invite you to prayerfully consider this financial opportunity. All gifts to the disaster fund are used in response to recovery, responding, and rebuilding to disasters. Disaster response work is a marathon and not a sprint.

Please visit the synod website at [nebraskasynod.org](https://nebraskasynod.org), we have relaunched a **disaster response page** where various resources are shared and will be added in the days and weeks ahead. We will do our best to keep you updated of needs and thank you for your prayers and for all that you are doing for your siblings in Christ impacted by these storms and tornadoes. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deacon Timothy Siburg directly.

In deep and hope and trust,  
Bishop Scott Johnson and your entire Nebraska Synod Staff



Saturday, July 13th  
10:00 a.m.

Get ready to paint the town with love and pride at the Heartland Pride Parade 2024! Join us on July 13th as we take to the streets of Omaha to celebrate diversity, acceptance, and unity in the LGBTQ+ community.

Whether you're marching, cheering from the sidelines, or dancing in the streets, let's come together to celebrate love, acceptance, and diversity in our vibrant community!

The parade will begin at 16th and Capital, down Capital Street to 10th then north past CHI Health Event Center.

For additional information, visit [heartlandpride.org](http://heartlandpride.org)

Continuing through the month of July we will continue collecting items in support of YES, Youth Emergency Services.



Acceptable items to be collected are:

New, in-package and/or clean gently-used clothing. **Please only donate new, in-package undergarments.**

Home goods.

Current season clothing items, as we have limited storage space.

Personal or self-care products for all skin and hair types.

Feminine products and diapers.

Cleaning supplies.

Prepackaged food, snacks, and drinks (bottled water and Gatorade in summer months.)

Bus passes.

Please place your donated items on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Mission: YES provides housing and support to youth experiencing instability, crisis, and homelessness.

Vision: We envision a community where youth homelessness is unacceptable and youth in crisis are safe, supported, and self-sufficient.

**BIBLE STUDY** Sometimes while praying, I read a verse or two of the Gospel, and it scares me silly! (see Mt. 5:20,22; 7:1, 13-14; Mk 11:23b, and Luke 6:24-26.) I know full well that my living doesn't meet any Gospel standard. I'm a liar and a thief and...(I stole a quarter from my brother once, but I couldn't stand the guilt. Then my brother caught me when I was putting it back. Unfair!) Even now, leave a cookie undefended on a table, and I'll scarf it up as I walk by. I've done worse things, too, but I won't tell you about those. All of which causes me to puzzle when people yell that they want justice for a personal wrong. When my time comes to be judged, I won't want justice; I'll want great gobs of mercy! (To those who may object that I often call for justice, yes, I care about historical justice, justice between peoples. You've heard me talk about Palestinians. Then there's the Rohingya of Burma/Myanmar, Armenians, Kurds, Namibians, and the people of Western Sahara, often called Polisarios. Others, too, but I can't spell their names.)

In the reading we look at today, St. Paul writes about deep issues of salvation justice between peoples, and between God and us. Please try something. First, read Romans 9:19-24. Then go back and start at verse 14. Read forward to verse 29. You can continue on to verse 33, or even take it to chapter 10, verse 4. Do the different stops make a difference in how you see things? I'm no Scripture scholar, so I can't really explain it to you. But I can encourage all of you to spend a little time with verse 16 of chapter 9. In the end, when I feel a bit depressed by an informal life review, I look to Jesus, and to the wonderful, abundant mercy of God!

Sara welcomes comments and questions at: 402-686-1693.

### LFS/Dana Village Saved to Serve Opportunity

Come join us on August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at First Lutheran Church, 2146 Wright Street, Blair, NE and learn about Lutheran Family Services purchase of the former Dana College Campus and the Angel Share program located there that assists young adults exiting out of the Foster Care System. We have been asked to help set up a Dana Village Pantry. We will be preparing some healthy snacks/meals for (with) the youth and providing recipes/resources. Providing quilts is a goal. Sewing squares, binding and tying quilts and assembling personal care bags for the youth is on the agenda.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Gardeman at 402-889-2523.





Grace Lutheran and St. Luke's have some additional ways that you could contribute without spending any out of pocket funds.

Take a few moments of your time to download the app for **TAGG - Together A Greater Good**; they partner with several community business. Take a snapshot of your receipt and some businesses will donate 5% to a charity of your choice ~ either St. Luke's or Grace.

Register your **Bakers Plus card** with Kroger and choose Grace or St. Luke's as your charitable choice!

**Ronald McDonald House:** Save your pop tabs. They use the proceeds to pay the utilities. A box is provided in the back of the sanctuary for the tabs. Our most recent contribution of pop tabs brings our total to 129,000.

**Eye Glasses.** Do you have old eye glasses that you no longer use? A box is located in the back of the sanctuary to place them. They will be given to the Lion's Club to be used for individuals in need.

In the United States millions of children receive breakfast and lunch at school throughout the academic year. However, when school is out for the summer, there is a critical gap in nutrition assistance for school-aged children.



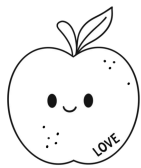
Only 11 out of every 100 children who receive school lunches during the school year also have nutrition support during the summer. This means that as many as 89% of children and their families in the U.S. who need nutrition support in the summer aren't getting it.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are already at work in ministries and projects all over the United States to meet the needs of their congregations and communities.

Help a child in the United States get the nutrition they need this summer with a gift to ELCA World Hunger today. Your generosity extends God's warm hospitality with food on the table.

Can we count on you to give a meal and help feed children in need this summer?

ELCA World Hunger Envelopes are available in your church office! Thank you.



## Loaves and Fishes Pantry

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

**Pantry is Open 10:00 - 11:00 am  
Every Monday ~ Even Holidays!**

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

The Pantry continues to reach out to those in need on a weekly basis. Clients of the Loaves and Fishes Pantry are asked to park along Poppleton Street. Participants are then directed through the alley to pick up prepared sacks and bags of much needed food items. **The Pantry is in need of clean plastic grocery bags and paper grocery sacks!** Please continue to keep the Pantry and all the work that is done in your prayers. *All are served with love and care.*

Do you know of a family or individual in need of food assistance?  
Please share the Pantry information with them.

There is a variety of volunteer opportunities for anyone interested.  
Call the church office for additional information.

**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, Feminine hygiene products, Hair products (combs, brushes, picks), Bathroom tissue, Shampoo, Dry Laundry Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Diaper wipes, and Diapers, especially sizes 6 and pull-ups.

**We always need paper or plastic bags.**



## 4th of July ~ Word Scramble



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**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*

**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*

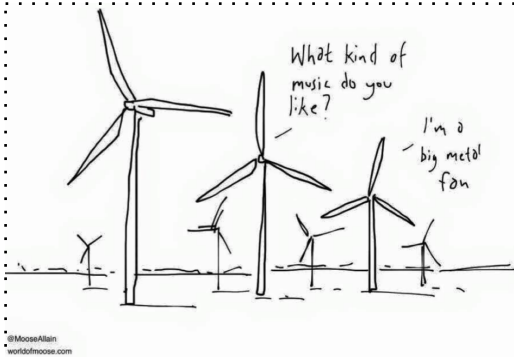
**Robert:** What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party?

**John:** I don't know.

**Robert:** Tea-shirts.

*Submitted by John D., Richmond, VA*

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