

# Grace Lutheran Newsletter

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH • 1100 G STREET • FAIRBURY, NE 68352

August, 2020

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated on Sunday, August 2 and Sunday, August 9 at 8 AM. We will also offer "drive-thru" Communion on those Sundays, 9:30 AM - 10 AM. **In light of the recent increase in community spread of COVID-19 in our local area, WE ARE ASKING MEMBERS WHO ATTEND OUR CHURCH SERVICE TO WEAR MASKS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND MAINTAIN AT LEAST 6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCING.** We are blessed to have attendance numbers that fill our church but must make those who are considering a return to worship feel safe and welcome.

**The LWML General Meeting** is Monday, August 3 at 6:30 PM at the church. Mary Circle will be hostess.

**We will recognize our Confirmands on Sunday, August 9 at 8 AM.** These youth were scheduled to be confirmed on April 19 but due to COVID-19, we were unable to have the actual service. They are **Rayanne Bedlan & Samantha Bedlan**, daughters of Dave & Laura Bedlan; **Lily Davis**, daughter of Scott Davis & Dustin & Andrea Schmidt; **Stormi DeFrain**, daughter of Cory & Tina DeFrain, **Tristan Korthals**, son of John Korthals & Jenik Zabokrtsky; **Ava Kroll**, daughter of Shawn & Teresa Kroll and **Kelbie Schmidt**, daughter of Dustin & Andrea Schmidt & Shawna Schmidt.

**Elders** will meet on Tuesday, August 11 at 7 PM. Church council will follow at 7:30 PM.

**Rally Day will be held on Sunday, August 16 at 9:15 AM.** This will also be a "Backpack Blessing" Sunday.

**Confirmation/Midweek Parents/Students will meet on Sunday, August 16, at 6:30 PM.**

**Ruth Circle** will meet on Thursday, August 20 at 10 AM at Cedarwood, if opened to the public at that time.

**Ladies Aid** will meet on Thursday, August 20 at 1:30 PM.

**Pastor Glen Emery has accepted our call to Grace.** Tentative dates are as follows: Their last Sunday in Osmond will be September 20. The moving company will pack up and move their items September 28-29 with arrival date in Fairbury later that week. He plans to begin work at Grace on October 4 with installation on October 11. We will keep you posted when we have more definitive dates. We continue to pray for Pastor and his wife, Vickie, as they begin God's new journey at Grace.

A basket will be set up in the Narthex for Pastor Freese and Deb. You can bring non-perishable food items, cards, etc., and place them in the basket as a thank you for his service here at Grace. He will be at Grace for the Ebke-Knigge wedding on August 8, so **please have your items to the church by Sunday, August 2.** His new address is 27068 County Road #12, Hooper NE 68031.

Orphan Grain Train is rolling into Lincoln this September at 4817 N 56th St, Suite #10, Lincoln. During the month of August, they will begin training volunteers and setting up this facility. If you are interested, please contact Grant Schmidt at [gschmidt@ogt.org](mailto:gschmidt@ogt.org) or Bruce Sutherland at [bruce@ogt.org](mailto:bruce@ogt.org) or call OGT toll free at 1-877-371-7393.

Seth Hart, son of Pastor Ken Hart of the Faith Lutheran Church-Fairbury, came to the church council meeting last month. He recently graduated from Concordia University-Seward with a major in World and Intercultural Studies and has now been accepted to be a university teacher and teach English in Mongolia for the English Language Institute/China (ELIC) this fall. He will need support, both prayerfully and financially. If you are interested in helping him or would like to contact him, his cell number is 402-300-1292 or contact the English Language Institute/China, PO Box 3000, Fort Collins CO 80522.

**August, 2020**

**CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES!**

Mark your calendars and don't miss our fun day planned for Sunday, August 16th! We will begin the day with a Back-to-School backpack blessing at our worship service at 8:00. Bring your backpacks as we ask the Lord for His blessings as you begin a new school year! The high school youth will be donating backpacks to the schools to distribute to needy children. Following the worship service, families will go on an **Amazing Grace Road Rally** in the community! Bring the whole family and see who can complete all the tasks! We will be able to complete the rally in an hour. Treat bags will be distributed at the end of the race to the children.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SIGN UP LIST for the new school year is ready!** Last year's plan worked out so well, and we will use the same approach this year with parents and volunteers rotating teaching duties on a monthly basis. **We will plan to have those who taught last year teach the same month this year unless you tell us otherwise.** A new list will be posted Aug. 2. Please be at the 8:00 worship service Aug. 16th as we ask the Lord's blessings on our Sunday School and Midweek program this year.

**IMPORTANT MIDWEEK AND CONFIRMATION MEETING SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH AT 6:30 PM:**

Parents and students in grades 3-8 need to attend this important meeting. Pastor Emery will be here and you will have the opportunity to meet him as we discuss the program this year. We have some new plans in place and are excited to share them with you! Midweek and Confirmation will begin Sept. 9th. Get ready for a FUN year learning about the Bible and GROWING in your relationship with Jesus!

**BACKPACK SUPPLY DRIVE** will begin Aug. 2nd. Many local families are dealing with a budget crunch, due to COVID-19. Please consider donating supplies to those who could use help in our community. Any school supplies will be accepted, including pencils, glue sticks, scissors, notebooks, tissues, etc. If you wish, you can also check Walmart school supplies section for specific needs at our schools. A collection box will be set up in the entryway. THANK YOU!

**THIS MONTH'S BOOK REVIEW** is on a publication that you could easily read in one evening! The National Geographic Special Issue on *The Holy Land: Crossroads of Faith and Conflict*, was very informative, covering the origins of the Judaism, Christianity and Islam and the conflicts these three beliefs cause today in the Middle East. Check it out!

**Grace Kids,  
preschool-high school!  
Bring your backpack to church and join us for a special**



**BACK-TO-SCHOOL  
BACKPACK BLESSING  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
AUGUST 16 8:00 AM**

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## INSIDE NEWS FOR AUGUST

**Holy Communion/Drive-Thru Communion**  
- August 2 & 9

**LWML General Meeting** - August 3

**Recognition of Confirmands** - August 9

**Elders/Church Council Meeting** - August 11

**Backpack Blessing Sunday/Rally Day** - August 16

**Confirmation-Midweek Parents/Students  
Meeting** - August 16



# 2020 MISSION GOAL

**\$15,519**

**\$27,000**