



# Grace Newsletter

## October 2018

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## Humble Stewards

As stewards, we are the recipients and caretakers of God's goodness, love, mercy, and grace. Stewards are managers of God's creation. We acknowledge God as the owner; therefore, we are to act not as owners but as managers because our lives and resources are simply on loan from Him.

The book of Daniel gives an account of a man who failed to recognize God as Creator and provider and exalted himself. King Nebuchadnezzar, walking on the roof of "his" royal palace, surveying "his" kingdom, was overcome by pride as he announced, *"Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty"* (Daniel 4:30)? He thought he was asking a rhetorical question, but God condemned him to live like an animal as a consequence of his pride.

Pride is destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all His kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Pride has no place in the life of a servant. First Peter 5:6 reads, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that He may lift you up in due time." It is God alone Who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ Himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled Himself, should we not follow His example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled Himself, God exalted Him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: *"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him"* (Psalm 8:3-4)? The inference is that we are insignificant, yet David goes on to remind us of what we can be proud: *"You made [us] ruler over the works of Your hands; You put everything under [our] feet."*

Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. In the words of Martin Luther, humility is the decision to "let God be God". We are stewards through humility. We are to honor Him with what we have, what we are, and what He will make of us.

## SERVING THIS MONTH:

**The Elders:** 8:00 AM Clint Albrecht  
10:30 AM Scott Havener

**Organist:** Diana Baetke

### The Acolytes

#### 7-Oct-18

8:00 AM Owen Tucker  
10:30 AM Kamryn Albrecht & Colin Albrecht

#### 14-Oct-18

8:00 AM Adalyn Appleby & Elyce Burzloff  
10:30 AM Hanna Grantz & Matthew Diercks

#### 21-Oct-18

8:00 AM Lilyan Gruntorad & Carter Drury  
10:30 AM Benson Hill & Tobey Griem

#### 28-Oct-18

8:00 AM Caitlin Proctor & EmmaGrace Hartman  
10:30 AM Remi Ruggenburg & Abigail Jensen

### A/V Tech.

Need Volunteer  
Need Volunteer

Steve Butler  
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## GRACE LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT

In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church is to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, communities and world.

**POP CANS** — Thank you for your continued donations of pop cans. Please remember to drop your clean pop can donations off in the Sunday school wing. We ask that you put the cans or bottles in the marked boxes provided, as this will eliminate clutter and keep our Sunday school wing looking nice. Thank you for all your support.



## CHRISTMAS CANTATA!

Rehearsals start Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:45 pm in the balcony! Come join us!

## REFERRAL CENTER MONTH

Do you have extra Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, canned fruits & vegetables, paper products or toiletries that you would like to donate to the Referral Center? September is Referral Center Month at Grace. Please bring your donations for the Referral Center to the display through the month of October.

**Looking for cards? There is a variety of sympathy, thinking of you, get well, birthday cards and many others available for purchase downstairs next to Grace Hall.** Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards and napkins displayed.

### IMPORTANT

Deadline for submitting articles for the November Newsletter is October 15th at 9 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Preschool is collecting Milk Moola Caps from Kwik-Star milk jugs and juice containers. Milk caps can be left in the container located on the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continued support of Grace Lutheran Preschool.



**The 2018 Chancel/Altar Flower sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center.** We are asking members to donate bouquets in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$21 and there will be two bouquets each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates on the flower calendar, put your payment in the envelope provided, and slide the envelope through the mail slot in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

### **Flower Dates Still Available:**

October 21st  
November 4th, 18th, & 25th  
December 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 30th

**POP CAN TABS**—Did you know you can save your beverage cans and donate them to the Youth Group here at Grace? But what about the tabs on the top of the can? We collect those also. The tabs are donated to Camp Courageous. So the next time you finish that refreshment, 'pop' off the tab, save and bring to church. Contact Maribeth Penningroth with any questions.

**Thank you** to all of you for your support for the Summer Lunch Box Program this past year. We have made a huge impact on the families in need within our community. Below is a table with information from the past 5 years. The number of families from and children from 2014 and 2015 are estimates as we did not have those statistics only the number of kits supplied.

Summer Lunch Box Statistics			
Year	Number of Families	Number of Children	Number of Kits Supplied
2018	105	242	680
2017	75	175	593
2016	77	199	557
2015	56	150	508
2014	45	105	338

This past year we were able to provide a \$5 lunch meat/sliced cheese voucher in addition to the \$5 produce voucher and the voucher for a gallon of white milk we have given in past years. These vouchers were redeemable at Randy’s Neighborhood Market. We purchased food for the kits from Aldi’s in Clinton and the River Bend Food Bank. Availability of the needed items was not always available from River Bend Food Bank, which is why we turned to Aldi’s. We also packed kits 3 times over the summer. We also are grateful to our local Referral Center for distributing the kits to families in need.

## 2018 Capital Improvements

The following are capital improvements that Grace needs to complete in the near future, and we are asking for donations to help fund the cost of these improvements. We have had donations already for some of the projects, and we are sincerely thankful for everyone who has graciously donated already and who will be donating in the future. If you would like to make a general donation for these projects, please put donations in the Sunday offering plate and label your offering envelope for “Capital Improvements” or you may drop them off in the Church office. If you would like to donate to a specific project, please label the envelope also with the project name and place it in the Sunday plate or drop it off at the Church office. If you have any questions, please see Melissa Riedesel in the business office or Randy Lange, Board of Trustees.

	Project	Estimated Cost	Comments
1	Replace Flooring in Lower Level of Preschool/Sunday School Wing	\$ 25,100.00	The 54 year old deteriorating epoxy floor coating has been cracking/peeling making the floor hazardous for occupants. Propose covering the floor with a heavy-duty vinyl laminate plank flooring and replacing the carpeted steps with a long-lasting, slip-resistant, rubber treads.
2	Replace two overhead projectors in Sanctuary and install one projector in Grace Hall	\$ 7,000.00	One of the two projectors in the Sanctuary is beginning to go out. Grace Fellowship Hall is also in need of a projector for presentations and educational events. Plans include replacing both of the Sanctuary projectors and relocating the one good Sanctuary projector to Grace Hall.

**Voter's Meeting**  
**Monday, October 8, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Agenda: 2019 Budget  
Election of Officers

**BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED -**

It is that time of year again when the Nominating Committee begins to make contact with congregation members to fill vacancies on the boards for 2019. But due to lack of volunteers, we currently do not have a Nominating Committee. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to serve on a Board or Committee. The church runs better and serves our members and community better when Boards and Committees have the required number of members.

Following is a list of Boards and Committees that will need members for 2019:

Board of Elders	7 Vacancies
Board of Finance	2 Vacancies
Board of Trustees	1 Vacancy
Board of Discipleship	2 Vacancies
Endowment Committee	1 Vacancies
Board of Education	1 Vacancy
Nominating Committee	6 Vacancies
Council Secretary	1 Vacancy
President Elect	1 Vacancy

If you have any questions regarding these vacancies or you would like your name added to the 2019 ballot, please call the church office.

**Special Gifts Given Include:**

In loving memory of Darrell Evers \$100 has been given to Capital Improvements and \$100 to the Sunday School.

**OctoberFeast**

The youth of Grace [6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders] will once again help at the OctoberFeast by carrying trays, filling and refilling drink, clearing & resetting the tables. This is an awesome way for us to give back and say thank you for all the support we receive from our church family. I will be sending out an email with a google doc attached to sign-up for shifts. Please contact Mark Sperry for more information. Participants are asked to please wear black pants or skirt and an all-white top. The date is October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALES**

The annual youth sponsored Christmas greenery sale kicks off Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to get your order in by November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Classes will not meet on **Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>**. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the annual Marty Party on that night. We request that all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders who are available please come out the help. The event will take place from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at Grace Camp. When you arrive, please come to the G\*Y\*M Building.

**MARTY PARTY**

The annual Children's Marty Party will be held, Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm out at Grace Camp. There will be s'mores, a hayrack ride and pizza for dinner. When you arrive, please check-in at the Youth building. This event is open to all children 3-years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**PRIDE of the WAPSI EVENT**

Attention all Jr. & Sr. High students. Make plans now to join us **October 21<sup>st</sup>** for an afternoon of fun and adventure at the Pride of the Wapsi Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch. Please meet at church at 1:30 pm that afternoon. We will carpool there and when finished return to Grace Camp for a hotdog roast and s'mores. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside of Mr. Sperry's office. Deadline to sign-up is **Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. **Cost is \$12 per person.**

**FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT**

Join us Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> for a Soup & Chili Cook-Off & Family Game Night. Taste testing will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the Game Night at 7:00 pm. There will be prizes for each category [soup or chili as well as best overall.]

# LWML Mission Guild

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2

## Calendar of Events

October 7, 2018 – LWML Sunday &  
MITES Sunday

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

### 2018 Fall Collection Drive

### School Kits

**Give a child the opportunity to go to school!**

#### Supplies needed for each School Kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½" (no loose-leaf paper can be accepted)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- Empty Computer Paper Boxes to pack supplies in

All items must be new and unused. Please remove any packaging before you donate. Donations may be left on the stage in Grace Hall or at the display table in the church foyer when available.

**Thank you for your support! Eve Circle  
The Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
- Grace Lutheran Church**

## *October Feast This~N~That*

**OctoberFeast** will soon be here. We are still in need of many pies to serve to our guests. If you are interested in **baking pies** for the OctoberFeast the sign up sheet is located on the table in the foyer. Please sign up today, a lot of pies are needed.

**Tickets** are now on sale. You can purchase your after church services or stop by the church office.



### **Sunday School Offering**

Through the months of September through December our Sunday school offering will be going to help The Referral Center in DeWitt. The Referral Center shelves are bare any help we can give them would be appreciated. A display will be set up in the overflow for any child that wishes to bring non-parishable food or toiletry items we will also have our normal Sunday offering collections. Let do our part to help re-stock those shelves.



Preschool is underway and we are having fun getting to know our new friends! We started working on our letters and are wrapping up our unit on All About Me! Next we are moving on to our unit on Fall to learn about Fire Safety, Apples, Leaves, and Pumpkins!

### **Stewardship Corner**

A bumper sticker said, "Money isn't everything, but it's right up there with air and water." We live in a money-driven culture that often associates a person's value by how much he earns and possesses. In order to be labeled a success, many are driven to possess more and more. Gaining wealth is often an obsession. The Apostle Paul warns us, "*The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil*" (1 Timothy 6:10). Jesus warns us about wanting money and things: "*Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions*" (Luke 12:15). With God's help, we can keep material things from becoming overly important.

# GRACE LUTHERAN

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## CHURCH

# October Feast



Sunday, October 14th  
Serving 3:30-7:00 PM

### MENU

By Matthiesen's Catering

SALAD BAR

SLICED ROAST BEEF

SLICED HAM

MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY

CORN

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

BREAD BASKET

DESSERTS

TICKETS : *Adult \$10 in advance*  
*Adult \$12 at the door*  
*Children 6-10 years old - \$5*



*Carry-out available*

# Happy Birthday

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jayce Block Lois Matzen Peyton Goddard	13 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey Garrity Mary Garlough Cathy Paarmann	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Melissa Schroeder Chad Christensen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Larry Hall Terry Daniels Angel Paarmann		Barry Anderson Michael Niemann Gavin Feldpausch	24 <sup>th</sup>	Cody Block Isaiah Sunday
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kyptin Barys Tracy Knapper Abrieanna Appleby	15 <sup>th</sup>	Paige Griem Jackson Butler Macy Vance	26 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Azinger Jared Paarmann
4 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Peters Gavin Birt	16 <sup>th</sup>	Ryne Hoepner Sheryl Brommelkamp	27 <sup>th</sup>	Joy Smith Brandon Ketelsen
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sala Knipfer Benson Hill		Lawrence Harmsen Katie Minick	28 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Alger Evelyn Dunnegan
6 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Meyers Parker Friederichs Cooper Small	17 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Ann VanMeter Jason Hill Duane Hansen	29 <sup>th</sup>	Kelci Anderson Cindy Sperry Roger Kaufman
	Nancy Spain Kelly Lawrence Karen Eden		Paul Garrity Betty Jo Ketelsen Lorelei Johns	30 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Postell Kayla Wagner Kris Walther
8 <sup>th</sup>	Aaron Meyers Paige Hoffmann Carver Krukow		Allen Roseland Joey Spain Tasha Becker		Mark Henningsen Ronnie Peters Lois Pote
9 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Niemann Zackary Garrity	20 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Kuehn Joan Lass	31 <sup>st</sup>	Sara Feldpausch Jared Wold Weston Maass
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lilyan Gruntorad Wanda Trafford Daniel Mangan		Rhonda Schroeder Rhonda Weimerskirk Betsy Henningsen		Jeremy Spain Zanyel Barys
	Lexi Meggers Carmen Ketelsen	21 <sup>st</sup>	Austin Daniels Roy Jacobsen Abigail McCormick		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Luke Dohrmann		Alice Moeller Denise Wold Mason Lawrence		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Ketelsen Alexandra Mohr Sarah Flathers Netty Schneider	22 <sup>nd</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christina Niemann		



1 <sup>st</sup>	Marc & Kelly Thumann	16 <sup>th</sup>	Richard & Marty Block
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark & Colleen McDevitt	18 <sup>th</sup>	Scott & Julie Dahl
4 <sup>th</sup>	Troy & Tiffany Paarmann	20 <sup>th</sup>	Wade & Patricia Niemann
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ken & Judy Hartmann	21 <sup>st</sup>	Gerald & Sala Knipfer
6 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie & Jordy Daniels	26 <sup>th</sup>	Rick & Brenda Stewart
12 <sup>th</sup>	Steven & Karen Theisen	27 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Marjorie Paasch
	Kivian & Theresa Eschbach	29 <sup>th</sup>	John & Jill Gisell
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Diane McVey		
14 <sup>th</sup>	John & Gina Rockrohr		

# OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Class <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion <b>1:00 PM</b> Human Foosball Tournament <b>3:00 PM</b> Clinton Circuit Meeting	<b>1</b> District Pastor's Conference <b>1:00 PM</b> 500 Card Club	<b>2</b> District Pastor's Conference	<b>3</b> No PM 4's Preschool <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation Classes <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Glory Bound Choir <b>7:45 PM</b> Cantata Rehearsal	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tops Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Weight Watchers Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Hall Rental - Baby Shower
<b>7</b> "Mites" Sunday <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Class <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Board of Discipleship Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Voter's Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation Classes <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Glory Bound Choir <b>7:45 PM</b> Cantata Rehearsal	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tops Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Weight Watchers Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Class <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>3:30 PM</b> Octoberfeast	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline <b>1:00 PM</b> 500 Card Club	<b>16</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> West Wing Communion <b>6:30 PM</b> Camp Board Meeting	<b>17</b> Preschool - No 4s Class <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation Classes <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Glory Bound Choir <b>7:45 PM</b> Cantata Rehearsal	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tops Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Weight Watchers Meeting	<b>19</b> No Preschool	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Class <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship/Communion <b>1:30 PM</b> Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Board of Christian Education	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Marty Party @ Grace Camp <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Glory Bound Choir <b>7:45 PM</b> Cantata Rehearsal	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tops Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Weight Watchers Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Family Promise Board Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Chili & Soup Cook-Off / Game Night	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Class <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NO CONFIRMATION No PM 4's Preschool <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Glory Bound Choir <b>7:45 PM</b> Cantata Rehearsal	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Tops Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Weight Watchers Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>