

# News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ September 2015



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Moore, Dave Chroninger, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Dorothy Gentry, Emma Nelson, Iris Snyder, Harold Wegner, Michele Amelotte, Rev. Doug McCormick, Cody Gustin, Shirley Johnson, Mike Knoblett, Dennis Diamond, Stuart Grenkowitz, Sam Brown, and Victoria Stoltz.

### **We also remember the families of...**

Carrie Wiseley, who passed away August 1st.

Donna Powell, who passed away August 12th.

### **Wedding**



We pray for God's blessings for Richard Clapp and Berniece Lyon, who were married, here at Grace, on Wednesday, August 5th.



We pray for God's blessings for Riley Faith Gohlke, who was baptized August 23rd. Riley's parents are Paul &

Jamie Gohlke and her sponsors are Bradey & Nicole Smith.

### **Large Print Worship Folder**

A large print worship folder, hymns and weekly bulletin are available for any one who would like one. Please ask the ushers for it.

### **"God's Work. Our Hands." Community Service Projects Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> after worship**

Haul out your God's Work, Our Hands t-shirts and get ready to get to work!!!

Lunch will be served at 11:15 at Luther Manor--please bring a salad or dessert to share. Luther Manor will provide hotdogs and drink. Sign up sheet will be available so Luther Manor can get a head count.

Activities will follow after the meal--you get to choose what you want to help!

1. Cleaning out gardens and filling planters with fall flowers at Luther Manor. Bring your gardening tools.
2. Polishing and cleaning headstones at Grace Cemetery. Bring scrub brush, pail, and gloves. For more info on this talk to Thelma.
3. Youth will be going to Huron Humane Society to clean, etc. The youth will have a collection box for items to be donated for the Humane Society.

We need your hands as we celebrate who we are as the ELCA--freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor!!



*From the  
Pastor*



I have been working on our calendar of activities for the next program year, September 2015 through August 2016. I was amazed at all the things that are going on when they are put together in one list. I think you might be too when you look at a whole year together.

Looking at how many groups are doing things, it is to the point where we need to coordinate between groups so too many things are not happening at the same time. Some will inevitably happen close together. I hope not too many will happen too close together to make it tough for people to participate. It just means things are going on at Grace.

Indeed God's mission does have a church. And for this place, one of its name is Grace Lutheran. God's kingdom is being built in big ways and small ways on a regular basis. That is all happening because each of you have gifts that can be used for the mission and ministry of this church. And you are offering them for the work we are doing together in God's Kingdom.

There are gifts of talents God has given each, from gifts of prayers to sewing to repairs to leadership to singing to serving worship to counting to cooking . . . Well you fill in the blanks. You know them and see them as well as I do.

One thing I give thanks for is people willing to try new things in this last year. More have said maybe I can do that. And I want to try that. That willingness is a gift of time invested in allowing God to work in you the new thing that is being made. Always being made new as an individual child of God and also together as the Body of Christ in this place, a community coming together and continuing to build church in this place.

We have also reaped the financial generosity of this congregation over this past year. Last year we were experiencing a significant deficit. You responded to our annual campaign in the fall and as you will have noticed in the weekly bulletin we have been ahead in income to budget. Thank you. THANK YOU. **THANK YOU!!!!**

This allows us to look forward to the future to the Kingdom to come and allows us to look outward to the Kingdom that already is but not yet all God wants or knows we can be.

As we kick off our program year in September, I invite you to be part of *God's Work, Our Hands* with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that you have received from God. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you are called to participate in this one particular Body of Christ, Grace Lutheran. Be Bold, Be Brave, Be Trusting that our God has a plan and mission for you and for us.

I also invite you to participate in our annual **God's Work, Our Hands** day on Sunday September 13 as we join with ELCA Lutheran churches across the country in going into the community and sharing some of what God has given us.

So Thank you. THANK YOU. **THANK YOU!!!!**

*Pastor Tom*

## Women of the ELCA 2015 Retreat and Convention

This year's retreat and convention will be held at the Keterien Center in Tustin, Michigan on September 25 and 26. Registrations range from \$25 - \$145 (includes lodging). **See more info on the bulletin board.** To register, or for more information, please contact:

Roxy Montague 231-872-0032

Dorothy Hansen 354-3563

Darlene Freel 354-8866.

## Catechism Start up for Fall Student & Family Meeting

All the students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades along with parent(s), grandparent(s) or a guardian will gather for **a meeting at St. Paul on Thursday September 17th at 7 PM** for our kick off meeting.

The schedule for the year 2015 - 2016 will be outlined as well as the topics to be covered and the expectations of students and families. The teaching session will be early Sunday afternoons (usually the 1st or 2nd Sunday) and the family session will generally be the third Sunday evening of the month. *Get all the details and the years schedule at the meeting.*

**Please let us know that you are coming.**



## Greetings Grace Sunday School Parents

Kristin and I are excited about the upcoming year of Sunday School. Rally Day is Sunday,

September 13. Once again Sunday School will be offered during church service for all children enrolled in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Following the September 13 service, please join your child in the God's Work, Our Hands Service Project at Luther Manor. Wear clothes for gardening. More details to come. I hope everyone has had a fun summer. See you soon!

Kristin & Jim Berles

## Computer Class Resumes

On September 17th at 11 am we will resume our computer classes on word processing. See the sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Bring your questions or projects and we will talk about them and basic word processing.



## An Adult Study **EVENING** Class for the Fall **Lutheranism 101**

We will take a look at basic Lutheran beliefs and emphasises to more fully appreciate what Lutheran heritage contributes to our understanding of Christian faith. Using the book "Lutheran Trump Cards" (about \$10 cost) helps us smile at what a glorious hand of the cards God has given us and that we can share with others.

**First session will be Thursday October 1 at 7 pm.** There will be another 4 Thursday sessions over the next several months. We will confirm the remaining Thursday's schedule then. Please sign up by September 15th on sheet on the Narthex table so we can order the books . Or let the office know. Any questions, ask Pastor Tom.

## Women of Grace

The Women of Grace with meet on Wednesday, September 16, beginning at 1pm, at Eleanor Coddington's house.

The study will be from the "Gather" magazine this year (there are 2 extra copies in the narthex now) and there will be time for fellowship.



## Quilting/Sewing Resumes



Quilting/Sewing will resume at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8th. Please join us!

## Weekly Bulletin Deadline

**Wednesdays at 10 AM** is the deadline for submitting information for the following weekend's bulletin. Please have everything in to the office so that the bulletin can be produced in a timely fashion.

# Outreach and Mission

## Local

### Discipleship



#### Items Needed:

- \* Tuna & Tuna Helper
- \* Peanut Butter & Jelly
- \* Pancake Mix & Syrup  
(Just add water kind)
- \* Elbow Macaroni

*All items collected will be donated to Trinity Episcopal's food pantry.*

### Keeping in Touch with Our Loving Care Members

There is a new bulletin board in the dining hall with addresses, phone numbers and birth dates. Take time to send them a card, give them a call, or visit them. Let them know we do care about them and they are loved!

### Prayer Partners

There are 27 prayer partner teams, so their bulletin board (also in the dining hall) is a work in progress.

### Statewide

#### **LSSM Foster Children Program**

The program continues to have a great need for underwear (boys and girls) ages potty-trained through age 13. Also socks and toiletries. A collection basket is located in the Narthex.



Thank you to all who helped with the 5K Walk Me Home event on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. We had 15 walkers and 10 helpers for this first time partnering with Child

and Family Services Foster Children Program. We will be continuing this partnership and more info will follow next month. Our August "noisy" collection of \$123.25 went toward the "Walk Me Home" Event for Child and Family Services Foster Children Program.

## Global

### **World Vision "Sponsor a Child" Program**

Our "noisy offering", collected the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month by our Sunday School students, helps us sponsor Noella.

Our Sunday School students have sponsored Noella since 2007!

Read all about her on the bulletin board in the dining hall.

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### **Lutheran World Relief School Kit Program**

This is a summer project with a goal of collecting enough items for 10 bags. A list of the needed items is on the bulletin board in the Narthex entry - help yourself to a list. Items purchased can be



## **Training for Current and New Altar Guild Team Members, Ushers, & Communion Assistants**

**Sunday, September 27, Following 9:30 a.m. Worship**

*Please plan to attend if you serve in one of these areas.*

## Found Keys

We have several sets of found car keys that have never been claimed. The keys are located in the church office. If you've lost a set of keys, please contact the office at 354-2640.

## Hospice of Michigan Volunteers Needed

Hospice of Michigan is in need of volunteers in the Alpena and surrounding areas. If you can hold a hand, read a book, or just sit with someone and listen, you can begin a rewarding journey as a Hospice of Michigan volunteer. Please contact Kathy Lietaert at 231-779-5409 to discuss current opportunities, or go online [www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org) to fill out a volunteer application.



Please send in your items for the October (already!!!!) newsletter. It works best if you can email them in. Though they will be taken on paper, too.

## GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

#### CHURCH OFFICE 354-2640

Rev. Tom Orth ..... Home ..... 356-8729  
 ..... Cell ..... 916-8759  
 Office Manager.... Peggy Tomaszewski..... 255-8850  
 Music Director ..... Berniece Lyon Clapp ..... 464-7064

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President ..... Tom Lappan..... 356-3718  
 Vice-President ..... Harry Kautz ..... 595-3568  
 Exec. Secretary ..... Sandy Malaski..... 356-6248  
 Treasurer ..... Dennis Werblow ..... 354-5560

#### WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL

Education ..... Jim & Kristin Berles ..... 358-2768  
 Worship ..... Sharon Engstrom ..... 354-5133  
 Discipleship ..... Joelyn Rich ..... 340-0592  
 Property ..... Jeff & Sandy Welch ..... 595-2195  
 Fellowship ..... Thelma Stevens ..... 340-0599  
 Finance ..... Rick Engstrom ..... 916-5963

#### OTHER V.I.P.s

Stewardship... Wayne Christopherson .... 356-0430  
 Youth Director ..... Vicki Denstaedt ..... 916-9258  
 WELCA ..... Darleen Freel ..... 354-8866  
 ..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563  
 L.S.S.M. .... Kay Grove ..... 727-2054  
 Quilters ..... Caroline Weise ..... 354-8060  
 ..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563  
 LARCC ..... Eleanor Coddington ..... 354-8766  
 ..... Kay Grove ..... 727-2054

## August 2015

### Finances

GENERAL FUND ..... \$ 13,548.00  
 BUILDING FUND ..... 330.00  
 CHRISTIAN GROWTH ..... 10.00  
 OTHER ..... 1,828.91  
 TOTAL ..... \$ 15,716.91

(Does not include 8/29 & 30)

### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) ..... 112  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) ..... 340  
 TOTAL ..... 452

(Does not include 8/29 & 30)

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## SEPTEMBER 2015

### ACOLYTES

06 TAYLOR AGIUS  
13 JAKE SCHILLER  
20  
27 CHASE SCHILLER

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

06 ANNA LEWIS  
13 JOE GENTRY  
20 VICKI DENSTAEDT  
27 CAROLYNNE WEGMEYER

### USHERS

JOEL & LOGAN SUSZEK  
GARY & KAY GROVE  
JO ANN SMITH  
TOM BRENNAN

### GREETERS

06 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART  
13 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
20 ELSA PHILLIPS, LINDA GAPSKE  
27 SHELLY OLSEN & FAMILY

### COUNTERS

CHERYL LANG  
CINDY SUSZEK

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT

### ALTAR GUILD

SHERIE MCTAGGART  
SANDY MALASKI  
BONNIE CROSS

### FLOWERS

06  
13  
20  
27 WELCH

### COFFEE HOUR

06 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM  
13 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
20 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS  
27 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART

*PLEASE, please, please try to find a replacement or someone to switch with if you are unable to fulfill your Sunday scheduled duty AND share the change with Peggy. Thank you!*

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## OCTOBER 2015

### ACOLYTES

04 ISAAC MATZKE  
11 ALLISON URLAUB  
18 MADISON TIMMRECK  
25 ADAM URLAUB

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### LECTORS

04 DONNA CZARNECKI  
11 GARY NICHOLLS  
18 MIKE URLAUB  
25 CHERYL WERBLOW

### USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
DON & VERNA FURZE  
MATT, EVERETT & OLIVIA HASKE

### GREETERS

04 JEFF & CAREY SCHILLER & FAMILY  
11 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
18 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
25 JACK & PATTI TUCKER

### COUNTERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

LINDA GAPSKE  
JOEL FRALEY

### ALTAR GUILD

CINDY SUSZEK  
CHERYL WERBLOW  
ANNE GENTRY

### FLOWERS

04 DULEBOHN  
11  
18  
25 FREEL

### COFFEE HOUR

04 JEFF & SANDY WELCH  
11 LINDA GAPSKE, CHARLOTTE WERTH  
18 PATTI TUCKER, POLLY COOK,  
ELSA PHILLIPS  
25 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

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# September

## Anniversaries of Baptism



**September 1**  
Britni Nowak

**September 2**  
Joanne Kindt

**September 3**  
Philip Jordan

**September 5**  
Jon Crow  
Aaron Nowak

**September 10**  
Dawn Gentry  
Jim Hansen  
Brian Nelson

**September 12**  
Alena Poirier

**September 14**  
Astrid Greene

**September 15**  
Scott Henning

**September 20**  
Mark Freel

**September 27**  
Jonathan Lang  
Wayne Lewis

**September 28**  
Rachel Engstrom

**September 29**  
T. J. Lappan  
Charles McKay



2nd Clarence & Bonnie Cross  
Mark & Karen Upham  
Michael & Anne Wilson  
11th Jim & Laurie Hansen  
16th Tom & Jessica McKenzie  
17th Gordon & Karen Suszek

## Birthdays

**September 4**  
Kiowa Kirchoff  
Marcie Law  
Emily Townsend

**September 5**  
Emilee Manning

**September 6**  
Mark Upham

**September 9**  
Joelyn Rich

**September 10**  
Walter Spigelmyre  
Ryan Werblow

**September 11**  
Donald Cross  
Steven Garant  
Marjorie Weber

**September 12**  
Paula Hier  
Jacquelyn R. Timm

**September 14**  
Isabelle Denstaedt  
Nic Timmreck

**September 15**  
Thomas Bertrand

**September 18**  
Krista Lang  
Jordan Seck  
Maia Slominski

**September 21**  
Lawrence Nelson  
Gudrun Seck

**September 24**  
Judith Douglas

**September 26**  
Joseph Gentry

**September 27**  
Cheryl Lang

**September 28**  
Darlene Freel  
Ann O'Connor

**September 29**  
John Kuligowski  
Jessica McKenzie  
Caroline Weise  
Dennis Werblow

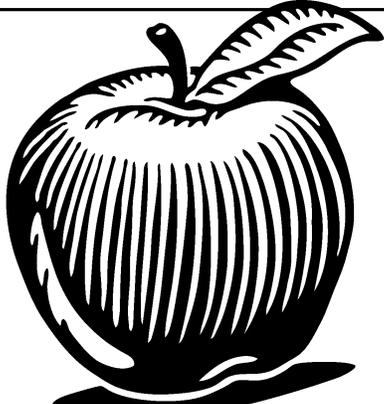
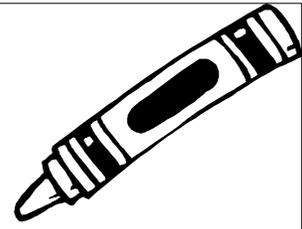
**September 30**  
Connie Suszek

## Wedding Anniversaries

19th Joel & Cindy Suszek  
Jim & Amy Townsend  
20th Lawrence & Emma Nelson  
29th Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
30th Alan & Sally Brilinski



# Kid's Page



## After-School snack

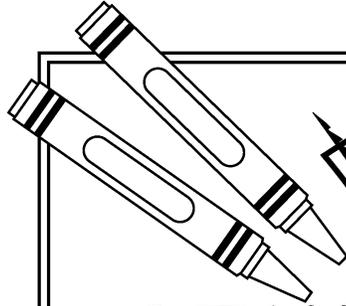
Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

### What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

### What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!



## PUZZLE

### STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

*Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.*



Do not be  in your own ;

 the  and shun .

This will bring  to your 

and nourishment to  bones.

 the LORD  your wealth,

with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.