



The Call of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Desk...

We're back!

Actually, we never left. We say it every week... “We don’t just go to church — we are the Church!”

That reality has been put to the test for sixteen weeks — and will for some continue on into the future. It would be really great if we could collect some of the stories of how YOU have been the Church in these weeks of covid-19. I invite you to send me your stories. If the idea works, and I receive stories, I will put them together and share these in next month’s newsletter. How YOU have been the Church (and continue to be the Church) can perhaps inspire others who read the stories to learn and try new ways of being the Church as well!

The writer to the Hebrews tells us in chapter 10, ²³“*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*” ²⁴*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.* ²⁵*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another— and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*”

It is important to be encouragers to people in these challenging times. We all need it. One day you may be an encourager - the next you may need some encouragement. Things are changing all around us that quickly.

One thing that does not change — thankfully — is God. “*I the Lord do not change.*” - Malachi 3:6. “*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*” - James 1:17

His love never changes. His mercy never changes. His grace never changes. His Word never changes.

All His promises are true and faithful.

As we resume our in-person Sunday worship services, with the new schedule of 8:00 a.m. traditional and 10:30 a.m. contemporary we rejoice in these realities!

Remember a couple of very important things as we gather. First - ***Wear a mask!*** Second - Be kind and patient with one another and with the leadership of the church as we make adjustments and learn some new ways of doing things. It's going to all be okay. Really. But we have to work together. Third - if you are not yet feeling like you can join in-person worship - for whatever reason - ***please*** continue to worship online! There is no shame in staying home! Lastly - if you are not feeling well, or you have traveled, or you have been exposed to covid-19, ***PLEASE... stay home!***

We're likely going to have a few bugs and kinks to work out of our new Live Streaming of services, but we'll get there. Please be patient! Remember, that with live streaming, you will no longer be able to watch the services on Saturday. The 8:00 service will be available at 8:00 a.m. (And after), and the 10:30 service will be available to watch at 10:30 a.m. (and after). More instructions will be coming about that soon.

God be with you all, and please keep praying for the Church — which is you and I and the Body of Christ here gathered called “Grace!”

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



- *Pastor Huesmann*

Elders Report:

It is truly a blessing to write “see you in church Sunday”. It is with great joy that we look forward to worshipping together, in God’s house, once again after almost a four-month absence. But with that joy, also comes caution. We still must be careful as the virus is still amongst us. ***MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED.*** The main church doors will be open to facilitate entry without having to touch the doors. The Welcome Center will be closed. Once we enter the building, please proceed directly to the sanctuary, and take a seat. You will notice in the sanctuary that every other row of chairs has been taped off to promote social distancing. Families may sit together, but we ask others to promote social distancing. There will be no bulletins for either service. As you enter the sanctuary, confirmed members will be handed a plastic chalice which contain the elements for Holy Communion. Please just hold on to these until the proper time in the service when Pastor will instruct us on their usage. After communion, please hold on to the empty container until you leave church where you will find two containers to deposit them in. Also, as you leave the sanctuary you will see a basket on a table to deposit your offerings into. You will the exit the church through the main doors. We understand that these changes may seem awkward at first, but they need to be in place to protect us all. We thank you for your understanding and as I started out “see you in church Sunday”

Bruce Dietly, Head Elder

July Calendar

Calendar Key:

S=Sanctuary N=Narthex FH=Fellowship Hall
 WC=Welcome Center CB=Community Building Y=Youth
 K=Kitchen OC=Office Conference LS=Lord's Supper
 SC= Sanctuary Conference PK= PreK Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	4
5 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Contemporary Service	6 5:30pm Christian Yoga FH 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	7	8	9	10 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	11
12 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Contemporary Service	13 5:30pm Christian Yoga FH 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	14 6:30pm BLL Meeting	15	16	17 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	18
19 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Contemporary Service	20 5:30pm Christian Yoga FH 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	21	22	23	24 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	25
26 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Contemporary Service	27 5:30pm Christian Yoga FH 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	28	29	30	31 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	

Facilities Report:

Fortunately, there is nothing of significance to report this month. The fencing along the north property line has been installed and connected to the Pen-Air fence in the front of the property and to the holding pond fence at the back of the property. A big Thank You to Jody Evans for hauling of the wood from the old privacy fences. A new locking mailbox was also installed to secure the offerings that are being mailed in and to secure our delivered mail. One project we are planning is to entirely fence off from the Youth Building to the rear of the yard shed and move the dumpster to that area. This will secure more building equipment and move the dumpster closer to the facility. Hopefully, our monthly work days will be able to be restarted this fall.

In His Service, Bruce Dietly, Facilities Manager

AMAZING GRACE

Christian Preschool

**2020-2021 Preschool
Registration is Open**



Amazing Grace Christian Preschool is ready to register your two, three or four-year-old child in a preschool experience before the big step to kindergarten. We welcome every learner across our community to participate in the preschool program.

Until the Whole World Hears,

Amy Onkka, Director <><



***Join us Tuesday
mornings from
9:30 until 11:00 A.M.***

July Birthdays

Nathaniel Weber 7/1
Abby West 7/2
Olivia Polk 7/2
Dustin Barsuhn 7/3
Elly Fisher 7/5
Lucie Resmondo 7/6
Walter Senkow 7/8
Rebekah Linck 7/9
Sarah Gill 7/12
Jeff Foretich 7/13
Rex Roberts 7/13
Virginia Polk 7/13
Eunice Carr 7/14
Kathleen Seader 7/14
Barbara Nehring 7/15
Bobby Otwell 7/15
Lynette Hill 7/15
Richard Beverly 7/15
Ed Gill 7/17
Deborah Hoffman 7/21
Gary Bunde 7/21
Marji Clary 7/21
Samuel Bowdich 7/24
Stephen Bevans 7/24
Cassie Balogh 7/25
Julie Howell 7/26
Kiera Chapman 7/26
Orlando Ingvaldstad 7/27
Terry Weis 7/30
Donna Busarow 7/31

July Anniversaries

Dick & Christine Bevans 7/5
Kevin & Stacie Hammer 7/6
Rich & Pam Trampe 7/15
John & Donna Brooks 7/19
Bernhard & Staci Barsuhn 7/24
Dennis & Sharon Overhalser 7/25