

October's Grace

Sundae School Rally

Come join us on
Sunday, October 11th
for ice cream and cake
(servers will be wearing
masks and gloves)

Sign your K-12th grader
up for Sunday School
Class or just share
in the Fellowship

First day of classes will be
at 9:00am on
Sunday, October 18th

**EVERYONE
Is
Welcome!**



Stewardship Minute

Larry Burkett said, “When we surrender every area of our lives, including our finances, to God, then we are free to trust Him to meet our needs. But if we would rather hold tightly to those things that we possess, then we find ourselves in bondage to those very things.”

Andrew Murray summed up stewardship in this way: *The world asks, “What does a man own?” Christ asks, “How does he use it?”*

Jesus gave us important financial principles in The Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 25. Let’s analyze some significant points.

You see, stewardship is the God-given responsibility to manage His property. We’re not the owners of what we have, we’re simply temporary managers. And how seriously we take that role will determine if we are faithful or unfaithful stewards.

Few people truly understand how serious stewardship is – it impacts our eternal destiny. As much as Christians desire to hear the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” I wonder how many know that those words are reserved for faithful stewards!

Stewardship means we don’t consume all we’ve been given on ourselves, but have preserved some for others. Those who multiplied what was given to them were commended for their good work because there were resources available to help and bless those who cannot work.

Heaven will involve more stewardship responsibility! It won’t be a celestial vacation spent fishing over the edge of a cloud. It’s where the Body of Christ will have the awesome privilege of serving the Creator, Owner, and Master of the Universe for all eternity. The faithful stewards on Earth will be put in charge of cities in Heaven where we will continue to work and serve as stewards of God Almighty.

From Crown Financial Ministries



Time



Talent



Treasure

Pastor's Pause

Proverbs 29:18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish ...”

Dear Friends in Christ,

On September 3rd I was listening to “Family Life” radio station on the way home and I thought it was quite interesting and provocative. The manager was talking about getting nasty letters from their audience for some months now. Some mentioned that the station was pro-republican and others pro-democrat. The station manager (SM) said they are only trying to share the news from a Christian point of view, not trying to be pro-republican or pro-democrat.

It sounded to me that the SM felt hurt because people were attacking the personnel on the station who were just trying to pass along the news in a godly fashion. The SM mentioned this pandemic; how people are strongly divided about wearing masks or not.

There has been conflicting information about this disease and those involved. From what I have been able to glean from the news, no one is totally certain and some of the scientists/doctors have changed their views.

A good portion of people feel that governors have gone too far in their restrictions and others may feel that they have not gone far enough. Some doctors and governors have listed severe restrictions on what you can do, sometimes making people feel they are prisoners in their own home. These restrictions have also influenced the churches. Many are still not open. There are other doctors who say that we need to think through our given circumstance, but do not feel we need such restrictive actions.

It seems to **ME** that such strong restrictions and requirements are making people paranoid. I mean think about it, if you do not follow a certain protocol it sounds like you will get sick and die or you will cause someone else to die.

There are germs and virus all around us and yes we should take them seriously. Yet, we could go overboard by starting to live our lives in a bubble. We should take precautions, but in the end trust that our lives are in God's hands. God will be there to guide us through.

God's hand is always moving, always at work in our lives because He is sovereign over all life. Man may make plans, but it is God who determines his steps. (Prov. 16:9; 21:1; Job 12:23; Ps. 47:8; 139:16; Mat. 10:30).

In the life of a Christian, God's hand is not only always moving, but is always moving for the ultimate good of the believer. This doesn't mean that all things that happen to a believer are good in themselves, but that God works them all together for good. This can be difficult to understand until one realizes that the ultimate good for a believer is not external earthly comfort, but internal conformity to the image of Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:28-29)

Job 14:5 says, “A person's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed.”

Psalm 31:1-5 should sum up in how we view our days. “In You, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in Your righteousness. ²Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. ³Since You are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of Your name lead and guide me. ⁴Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for You are my refuge. ⁵Into Your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.”

October 11th will be our Sunday School Rally day. I hope that you all can join us as we have a Sundae on a Sunday, plus cake. The cake is to celebrate those who will receive their First Communion. As a congregation and the ministerium we are planning on “Trunk-or-Treating” in our parking lot. The last Sunday in October we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday and what a special day that will be. Don't forget to wear Nebraska Husker red on that day. ☺

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Bill

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30 NIV)*

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not
published on-line



In Memory of

Barb Kenemuth
Louis Wayne Bolton
Brenna Hulings
Al Gallman

Rosie Carpenter

Rose Hvizdzak
Mary Lou Sanders
Mary Lou Dittman

MEMORIALS

Sent by

Rick, Kay & Lynzy Wheaton
Charlotte Reinhardt
Rick & Kay Wheaton
Dave & Jan Swanson & Mandy
James & Gretchen Taft
Wally & Vicki Sander
Paul & Carol Gallman
Virginia Randolph, Bill Strand &
Sarah Lanier
Jim & Sharon Long
Art & Barb Steinhauer
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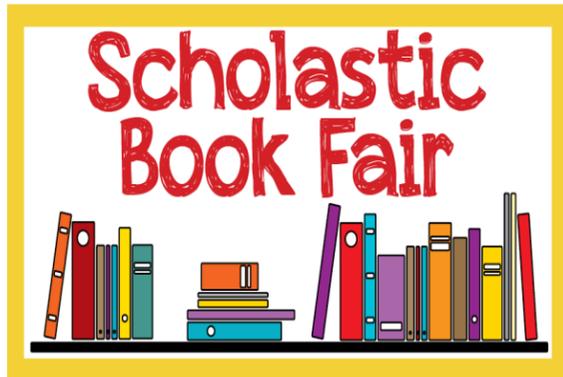
Growing with Grace September Update

- 🌸 We are still in search of a few assistant teachers but are in the process of hiring a “covid-buster” helper for after school hours.
- 🌸 School has started again hallelujah! We have full classrooms and happy kids.
- 🌸 Our DHS inspection (un-announced) should be happening in the coming month. Our license must be renewed by the 30th of Oct. so it will be a busy month ahead.

Our **STARS inspection/evaluation WILL NOT** be happening in person this year. They expect that all paper-work, and inspections will be done virtually....which means I am thankful for the scan & e-mail option on the printer!

- 🌸 I am going to take 5 days of vacation on Wednesday, September 30th - Tuesday, October 6th
If anything important arises, please call my cell, for anything else shoot me an email, or contact Jean or Liz at the school number.

- 🌸 I have applied for Tuition Assistance Grant through the United Way, and am in the process of writing a few more grants through Stars.



**Growing with Grace
Scholastic Bookfair
October 26
thru
November 2**

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Jill Taylor &
Mary Thompson

ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 4 -
Oct. 11 -
Oct. 18 -
Oct. 25 -

Council Meeting

The Church Council meeting is **Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30pm** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome to attend the monthly Council Meetings! There is also a suggestion box in the Welcome Center.



Please remember our shut-ins

The Pastor and the Deacons try to ensure that each person gets visitation and Communion at least once a month. BUT, a card, a phone call or a brief visit brightens the day for our brothers and sisters who can no longer attend services regularly. Cards and a list of our shut-ins are available in the Social Hall.

Sara Christjohn

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Snyder Memorial Health Care Ctr.
P.O. Box 680
156 Snyder Memorial Rd.
Marienville, PA 16239

Marsha Denning

354 Interstate Pkwy.
362-6429

Debbie Kelly

The Pavilion at BRMC
200 Pleasant St.

Donna Lannen

24 Shep Run Rd.
596-0286

Judy Signor

28 Brookline Court
779-1066

Special Prayer

The Pastor and the Deacons invite you to come to the altar to have your needs or the needs of a loved one addressed in individual prayer. Prayer will be offered immediately following each service on the **first weekend of every month**, but always feel free to ask for prayer at any time.



Love Letters

Do you know someone with a serious or terminal illness who may not have the support they need or a church family to support them? The Pastor and the Deacons would like to reach out to them with the love of Christ to help them with their spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Please contact one of the Deacons with the name and address of the person in need so a letter can be sent to them.

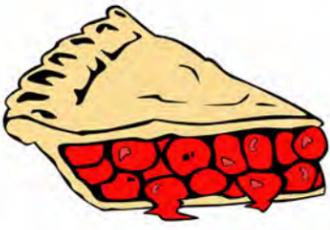


Deacons are: **Michele Evers, Robb Evers, Mary Paterniti, Jim Roggenbaum, Stacia Roggenbaum, Wally Sander, Barb Steinhauer, Kathy Verbocy and Kay Wheaton.**

Deadlines for Weekly Slides, Bulletin Items

Just a reminder that the deadline to have items placed in the weekly bulletin is Wednesday morning and the deadline for slides is Thursday morning. Please write the information up in the manner you would like church secretary **Dianne Deloe** to print it.

Recipe Corner



Some people say it doesn't pay
To bake the old-fashioned way
To fuss with recipes for cakes
To beat, to measure, and to bake.
They say it's a waste of time
When you can buy it anytime.
Maybe they're right, but here's the why
That I bake cookies, bread and pies,
The looks I get are like double pay
For all my time spent on baking day.



Shirley Presher

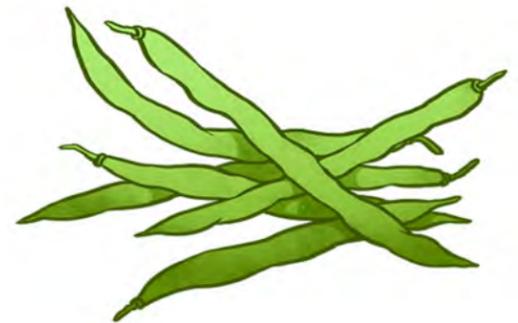
Cinnamon Roll Bake

2 cans of cinnamon rolls, quartered (reserve icing)
1 can apple pie filling
1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)

Mix the ingredients together in a bowl; pour into a sprayed 9x13 baking dish. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes; top with reserved icing; serve warm.

Ham and Fresh String Beans

1 pkg. (8 oz.) ham cubes
1 med. onion, chopped
black pepper to taste
2 c. water
1 lb. fresh string beans
3-4 med. potatoes, quartered



Bring ham, onion, black pepper and water to a boil. Cook gently for about 30 minutes. Add beans and potatoes, and cook gently for about 30 minutes, or until potatoes are tender.

Cheddar Cheese Soup

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| 4 slices lean bacon, chopped | 1/2 tsp. paprika |
| 1 cup finely chopped onion | 4 cups chicken broth |
| 1 cup finely chopped celery (incl. some leaves) | 1 cup half and half |
| 1 carrot, chopped fine | 3/4 pound sharp cheddar, grated |
| 3 tablespoons flour | 3 tablespoons fresh minced parsley |

Cook bacon until crisp and drain it on paper towels. In bacon fat, cook onion, celery and carrot over moderately low heat for 10 minutes or until softened. Add flour and paprika and cook, stirring for 3 minutes. Add chicken broth in a stream, whisking, bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in half and half and cheddar and cook over low heat until cheese is melted (don't boil.) Stir in parsley; garnish with bacon. Makes 6 servings.



GIFTS OF GRACE GIFT CARD PROGRAM (to Benefit Growing with Grace Preschool)

Orders with payment must be submitted
by 10:00am on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month

**NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

Questions?
Contact Jackie Streb

Gift card orders with payment can be dropped off at the church office Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The orders can be put into the safe (on the wall outside Dianne's office), or handed to Dianne or Pastor. All orders with payment must be in the church safe by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 4th.

Grace Memorials / Altar Flowers

Prayerfully consider donating to the Grace Memorial fund when you wish to make a memorial donation. When you donate to the Memorial Fund, a card is sent to the family of the person that you are remembering.

Also, you may sign up for Altar Flowers on the chart posted in the Social Hall. This can be in memory of a loved one or friend or to commemorate a special event.

To make a donation you may use one of the envelopes in the Welcome Center and place in the collection plate, the safe or call **Sharon Long at 368-6711 or the Church Office at 362-3244.**



**Church Office Hours:
Monday thru Friday - 7:30am to 1:30pm**



**Grace
Lutheran
Church**

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Join Us For Worship!

**Friday
6:30pm Crosswalk
Youth Worship at the CLC**

**Sunday
10:00am Blended**

**Adult Education
9:00am**

***We're On
The Web!***

www.agraceplace.org

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Grace Lutheran Ministries &
Growing with Grace
Christian Preschool***

**CURRENT AND
UPCOMING EVENTS
AT GRACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

“Rooted”

***Facebook Live: CLC Grace
6:45pm***

October 4

***Gift Card Orders
Due by 10:00am***

October 7

***Deacons Meeting
6:00pm***

October 11

***Sundae School Rally
9:00am***

October 13

***Council Meeting
6:30pm***

October 18

***Retirement Luncheon for
Dianne Deloe
11:30am***

October 26 — November 2

***Growing with Grace
Scholastic Book Fair***

The Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter is published monthly. Submissions for newsletters can be left for the newsletter team in the church office. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please e-mail them to: newsletter@agraceplace.org or leave them in the church office.