

Good News of Grace

1Tim. 6:8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

It is probably too easily overlooked that of all the attitudes and actions which God dealt with in the Ten Commandments, the one that comes up twice is coveting. It is easy to downgrade coveting as a lesser sin than idolatry, murder, adultery or theft. Maybe because it is a sin that occurs only in our thought life, or perhaps because it is not a crime in the eyes of the state.

Yet when we trace back those other sins, don't they have their root in coveting? I think it is fair to conclude that this was in fact the first sin. Hadn't Eve already sinned well before she took the bite? In desiring the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which she knew was off limits, wasn't she already guilty of coveting?

The ninth and tenth commandments point us to two realms where coveting happens. The ninth commandment focuses our attention on things such as our neighbor's house and the items which fill it. The tenth commandment focuses on relationships. It is so very easy to find discontent in both areas.

Satan is continually at work to feed the fires of discontent. He tries to make sure we notice the good which our neighbor seems to have and we do not. No matter how good the yield from our field, he will make sure we hear about someone who had a better crop. The person with a high paying job will always find someone who is paid more or who has seemingly better working conditions. The person with a job looks at the retiree with envy, the retiree misses the interaction, productivity and paycheck that work brought. The married person envies the person with no spouse, the single person envies the married one.



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NOVEMBER



Pastors

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Family Worship Times

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School
9:15am

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It is a common and age old situation. Luther once observed, *“Everyone only sees how snugly the shoe fits his neighbor, but does not see where it pinches. On the other hand, he who is wearing the shoe does not note how snugly it fits but how badly it pinches him. The world lives on in the folly that everybody has eyes only for his own evil and his neighbor’s good fortune. But if he saw only his own good fortune and his neighbor’s evil besides, he would thank God and be satisfied in all quietness, no matter how lowly and bad his station might be. If we are to avoid such restlessness, disquiet, and disgust, we must have faith. Faith is firmly convinced that God governs equitably and places every man into that station which is best and most fitting for him.”*

Luther mentioned faith as a cure for discontent. Faith trusts that God knows best. The things He grants to us are to be received with thanksgiving, the things He withholds we learn to trust were not intended for us.

The book of Hebrews makes a similar point when it says, “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (13:5) Contentment flows from the promise of God. As we look ahead to our National Day of Thanksgiving, may God bless us with the gift of contentment and help us to avoid the sin of coveting.

Pastor Buchhorn

Family Communion Schedule for November

With virus precautions still needed, we will continue to offer a small group "Family Communion Service" in November. With the shortening days and time change, the service will be **moving to Saturday at 4 p.m.** so that those planning to attend can do so in daylight and not need to drive at night. This will begin Saturday, November 7. The family communion hour gives the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Altar in a small group setting. With the change in day, the lessons and message at the service will be the same as the one the next day. For those who would prefer to receive the sacrament privately either at your home or the church, please contact the church office to schedule a time.

Wayne State College and Younger Adults

Weekly College Events: Sunday Night Supper’s take place every Sunday at 7:30PM at Cup of Grace, and a weekly Bible Study for all College Students in and around Wayne is also held on Thursday’s at 5PM at Cup of Grace!

As our fall semester quickly draws to a close over this next month there are a few things that I want to remind everyone about. First, I want to remind you how exciting it is that we are getting to work with our College Students, and

because we are so excited I want you to reach out to them when they are here in church letting them know that you are praying for them in their studies and in life. Second there are still a few weeks open where we need someone to sign up to feed our college students through the end of November. If you are not interested in cooking no problem... You can always donate money and we will order food from a restaurant in town to be catered. If you enjoy cooking that is fantastic too! Our college students love eating homemade food! We are grateful for any type of meal that you are able and willing to help us provide. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Church kitchen or contact Pastor Erik for more details!

Youth Midweek Bible Studies We are continuing our Midweek Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM. This is a reminder that these classes are for all 3rd through 8th grade youth. We look forward to seeing you here at church from 6:30 to 7:30 every Wednesday. You can still join in the fun even if you missed the start of these classes. I hope you can join us as we dive into God's word together!

High School We want to invite all of our High School Youth and Parents to the High School Sunday School class that Jeff and Colleen Simpson are leading! We meet in the conference room close to the fellowship hall. I will also be leading another adult class in the fellowship hall as well. Come join us as we want you to be strong in your faith, and Biblical knowledge since God promises to speak to us through His Word. Let's continue to build strong relationships together in fellowship as well!

High School Youth The church office was recently contacted by Spencer Thompson who is an Admissions Counselor from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. If any of our high school families are interested in sitting down with Mr. Thompson to discuss the possibility of attending Concordia University please let Pastor Erik know. He will gladly help coordinate a meeting between you and Mr. Thompson as you seek to find out more information on the amazing opportunities that await you in Seward!

National Youth Gathering Fundraiser

It is almost time for our annually scheduled Youth Ham Sale!!! The proceeds of this sale go to helping the current 7th Graders through High School Sophomores as we prepare for the next amazing trip to the National Youth Gathering to Houston, Texas in 2022! These hams are fantastic for any family get together that you will have this winter! More information for this fundraiser including how to order, the price of our hams, and when you can expect to receive these great treats will be announced soon.

Pastor Erik's Young Adult Bible Study

This is a new Bible study that is open to all adults, again we don't check id's at the door, but we are especially hoping young adults and parents can join us in the fellowship hall at 9:15 every Sunday morning. We will be looking at the same lesson as the youth who participate in other Sunday School classes. This will hopefully give you a way to study the Bible together as a family. We want you to be in God's word not only here at church, but also at home. So come join Pastor Erik and learn ways to grow your faith and help nurture the faith of your children.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

During November the Altar Guild will be assembling a display in the sanctuary for donating non-perishable food items for the Wayne Food Pantry. Any healthy, filling, non-perishable foods are welcome. There is also a need for diapers and other paper goods and health/beauty aids. Here is a list of possible items: boxed meals (Hamburger Helper), canned meat (tuna, chicken), peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, pasta & sauce, canned fruit, canned soup, canned vegetables, cereals & oatmeal, flour & sugar, diapers (all sizes), toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste), paper products (toilet paper, paper towels)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Plan now to make the Thanksgiving Eve worship service a part of your observation of our National Day of Thanksgiving. The service will be in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25.

Sadly, due to the continuing COVID concerns surrounding large social gatherings, the Thanksgiving Day meal which has been lovingly prepared at the church for a number of years, will not be held this year. May God allow us to have safe household gatherings this year and join together again for a larger feast next year.

Preschool is off to a great start! We have five students in the Tuesday/Thursday class, and nine students in the Monday/Wednesday/Friday class. Teresa Tiedtke is our new teacher's aide in the M-W-F class. She is a great help and a blessing to us all! The students have been busy learning about their new friends, school rules, and routines. They have been attending chapel and learning more about our Bible stories. This month, we discussed fire safety. The children practiced Stop, Drop, and Roll, and other ways to stay safe in case of a fire. Autumn leaves are also a theme we had and the students made a leaf graph.

We will also be learning about voting and pumpkins in the next two weeks. Our parent-teacher conferences and Fall parties are also scheduled for this month. Next month, we will be learning about Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving. Happy Fall!

Thank you to all who have completed the re:Vitality survey. We hope to be able to share the results of the survey at the Voters' Meeting on November 15.

Sunday School

This month, the LWML Ladies stopped by each classroom and gave a small presentation about their organization and the collection of "mites". Each child was given a box to collect loose change to donate to the mission that the Ladies are spearheading to provide comfort dogs for emotional support during a crisis response. The children were excited to learn about this outreach and will be collecting change this month to put toward the LWML's goal.

As the days grow shorter and colder with the change of seasons, it is only natural for us to turn our attention toward the upcoming holidays. One of our Sunday School mission projects this year was packing and sending Christmas care packages through the Orphan Grain Train for children in need. We are still gathering items each month and during the month of October we were asking for donations of boys and girls socks.

We are also looking forward to celebrating Reformation Day. This year, in addition to our traditional lessons, the Sunday School teachers are planning on handing out information to our Sunday School students and their families about this special anniversary for the Lutheran denomination, and what it means to us as Christians. Please keep an eye out for updates about the success of this project!

In the 5th and 6th Grade class, we have been learning about God's promises to Abraham (and to us) in the book of Genesis and reading our way through the ancestral family lineage of Jesus. Through these lessons, we are shown our need for a Savior and can see how God provided for us by sending a Savior, his Son, Jesus. Ultimately, we are learning that we are saved by God's grace alone!

In our class, we also like to encourage the students to memorize or become familiar with the books of the Old and New Testament. One of our goals is to practice putting the books in order and improving our recall. This is a skill we will develop as the year progresses and works in tandem with Midweek instruction. Typically, we also like to include projects that can extend our lessons and understanding. However, this year we are being extra cautious and are thus navigating how this changes are plans for learning, as the year continues. Thank you for keeping the Sunday School in your prayers, and we look forward to growing in faith this year.

The 5th and 6th Grade Class

During our previous Sunday School meeting, the teachers decided to continue offering music in the individual classroom, as opposed to offering a specific opening and/or music time. With that, Sunday School classes, which begin at 9:15 a.m, will continue to begin in the individual

classrooms. As such, we ask that parents immediately drop off their children to their classroom, and if any plans change, we will alert parents to any updates. The Sunday School is encouraging the use of masks for both students and teachers during Sunday School class time. We hope this policy shows how highly we value the safety of both your children and our teachers.

Our next Sunday School meeting will take place on November 12th, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. During this meeting, the teachers will be primarily focusing on discussing our plans for the Christmas program/practices.

Speaking of the Children's Christmas Program, due to persisting health concerns, the program for this year will have to take place in a different format, especially in comparison to the events of previous years. As such, please be on the lookout for a more comprehensive letter from the Sunday School, in the weeks ahead, which will detail all of our plans in relation to this activity. As always, it is our intention to keep the parents well informed, and we hope that you will appreciate any changes that are made in the interest of safety.

For the month of November, in reference to our service project, the Sunday School will be asking for donations of a plastic or rubber ball (a tennis ball would also be acceptable). If you are interested in assisting with this activity, the Sunday School will be collecting any donations in the marked bin by the Sunday School office, in the basement. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

For more information, and updates concerning any future plans for Sunday School activities, please make sure to join and routinely check our Facebook page. Join by searching Grace Lutheran Sunday School, Wayne, NE for updates and weather-related announcements.

To close, we sincerely appreciate the patience of all of our Sunday School parents and students as we continue to navigate these health conscious times. We know that there have been a lot of disappointments in the past several months, but please know that we are trying to do our best to offer a valuable educational experience, centered in Christ, for the students of Grace Lutheran Church. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you have an interest in teaching, subbing, or assisting in a non-teaching fashion, please contact Derek Jareske at 402-369-1555 or dejare01@gmail.com. Thank you!

Respectfully,
The Sunday School Program (sundayschool@gracewayne.com)

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid

October 14, 2020

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid met October 14, 2020 with 9 members and Pastor Buchhorn present. Pastor Buchhorn lead the Bible study entitled "From Fear To Faith—The Reformation Story". This Bible study lead us to turn to God's Word and the history books to learn about Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation, and, especially about Jesus Christ and the value of the Reformation for our lives today.

President Rhonda Sebade open the business meeting by leading us in the LWML Pledge. Ellen Heinemann conducted a memorial tribute for Ladies Aid member, Phyllis Nolte, who passed away. Ellen also gave a devotion entitled " Be Still and Know I Am God" based on Psalms 46:10.

The secretary's report was given and approved. The treasurer's report was filed for audit. The visiting committee reported sending many birthday, sympathy and get-wells cards. The Quilting group did not meet in Sept. but plans to do so in October. Bonnadell Koch will provide items of encouragement for the Confirmands. The Fall Rally in Winside has been cancelled due to the virus.

LWML Mission Grant # 15 highlighted pre and post seminary training for local church workers in Africa. The spreading of God's Word of Salvation in Africa needs well-trained workers and pastors. Some villages are led by helpers and workers from local congregations and others by seminary trained and ordained pastors. Both groups are eager for opportunities to study theology in a community that enables them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care.

In observance of LWML Sunday Ellen and Rhonda visited with the Sunday School classes and handed out fruit of the spirit coloring pages and LWML mite boxes for children. The money collected in these mite boxes will help pay for expenses and care of Comfort Dogs. Plans are being made to have a Comfort Dog visit the Sunday School group at a future date. The large Mite boxes were placed at both doors on LWML Sunday; \$274.92 was collected.

Several members from the LWML Evening Circle came to the meeting and a discussion took place concerning combining the two LWML groups. After positive dialogue the Evening Circle officers will bring this up for discussion at their November meeting.

The birthday song was sung for LaVon Biermann. The next meeting will be Nov. 11, 2020. The afternoon meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

MISSION COUNCIL October 12, 2020

The Mission Council at Grace Lutheran Church met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020. The following members were present. Jerry Echtenkamp, Deb Jensen, Justin Anderson, Dwight Mock, Chuck Potosnyak, Neal Greenwald, Pastor Buchhorn, Pastor Christensen, Heather Reinhardt, Angie Beiermann, Chad Janke and Brian Frevert.

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Echtenkamp.
Pastor opened the meeting with a devotion.

Minutes approval: Minutes from September 2020 Mission Council meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Angie and seconded by Chad to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Deb Jensen

The financial statement for September 2020 was reviewed. It was moved by Justin and seconded by Dwight to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Elders report – Chuck Potosnyak

The Board of Elders met on August 3, 2020. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. A study of Lesson Six in the study of Building Up the Body of Christ followed. Regan Louise Hefti, infant daughter of Travis and Stephanie (Bjorklund) Hefti, was baptized October 3, 2020 in a private ceremony. Phyllis Nolte passed away on September 25, 2020 and a funeral service was held at Grace on September 29, 2020. A private graveside service was held for former member Derold D. Johnson on October 5, 2020. Two weddings were conducted. They were Connor Cross and Lauren Mathews on September 12, 2020, and Nicole Wehrer and Jaret Harmer on October 3, 2020. Junior Confirmation and Midweek classes have resumed and are going well. Campus Student Ministry continues to offer Sunday Suppers. Efforts are being made to reach out to students. Sunday School and Sunday Bible classes have all resumed. The LCMS program of self-assessment and training survey will be available to all members from October 11 to November 1, 2020. It can be completed online or in paper form. Pastoral Compensation recommendations for the 2021 Budget were presented. A preliminary discussion of the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas schedule was held. To keep consistency with the other evening worship services, the Thanksgiving Eve service will be scheduled for 6:15 p.m. The traditional Children's Christmas Eve program will have to be adjusted due to COVID -19 concerns. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Mission Council Committee Member Reports:

Trustee: Justin Anderson

When the City of Wayne came to replace the outside meter, they noticed some corroded wires. Jason Beiermann will be replacing/fixing the wires. The sprinkler repairs are being completed at the preschool.

Zach's have been contacted to check the heating system for winter. Justin will handle filter replacements.

Endowment and memorial Fund: Deb Jensen

Kimberly Hansen reported to Deb that memorial money has been given on behalf of Phyllis Nolte and the family will be contacted for their wishes for the use of the memorial.

There were no other committee reports.

Old Business:

District and Circuit items

A circuit forum was held on October 11. Rev. Jeff Warner of Laurel was elected to the position of Circuit Visitor for the next triennium. Due to COVID schedule disruptions events which normally would receive an offering to go toward the circuit mission commitment were not held. It was decided to ask each congregation of the circuit to contribute \$50 to make up this shortfall so that the mission commitment to Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach can be met.

The Congregation's PPP loan forgiveness paperwork has been completed and submitted to the bank June 17 and due to pending legislation has not been processed yet.

There was no new information on the project to replace the East church doors.

We are continuing to livestream services.

Dwight Mock is still working with companies/individuals to receive bids for replacing the Main Street sign. The present sign is 19 years old and there are some appearance and software issues.

The congregation has been under current contract with Appera from Norfolk for changing out rugs, mop heads and supplying other consumable items like bathroom soap. The company has been notified of the decision not to renew our contract with them effective December 21, 2020.

The new copier and lease approved with One Source in the last meeting was installed on October 7, 2020.

The Annual Voters' Meeting will be held on November 15, 2020 after the late church service. The congregation will receive a letter soon with the agenda items and details for the meeting. Justin is contacting Pac 'n' Save for different options for lunch, keeping COVID concerns in-mind.

Following input from our new church insurance carrier, we will be reviewing the congregation's policy for screening volunteers or staff working directly with children. Pastor Erik will contact the boards directly affected by this change to assist in developing a policy.

New Business:

The council reviewed the Annual Voter's meeting agenda and ballot nominees. It was moved by Justin and seconded by Chuck to approve the agenda as presented.

The proposed budget for 2021 was reviewed and discussed. It was moved by Angie and seconded by Deb to present the proposed budget at the Annual Voter's meeting.

A bid will be solicited from our new insurance carrier for the congregation's Workers' Compensation Insurance. The present policy ends December 31, 2020.

Chad Sebade has agreed to keep the same snow removal fees as last year for this winter. It was moved by Chad Janke and seconded by Dwight to have Chad Sebade handle this year's snow removal.

Pastor Buchhorn thanked the Altar Guild for purchasing new cup trays for communion in his closing remarks. Pastor Buchhorn also wants to remind the congregation to complete the re:Vitality survey. The survey will be available from Oct. 11-November 1. A paper copy of the survey is available at the church or can be filled out online at <http://lcms.cadds.sgizmo.com/s3/?cong=C957297>. It is an opportunity for the congregation to do a self-assessment to identify areas where the congregation is functioning well and also to identify potential growth areas.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is November 9, 2020

Respectfully submitted

Heather Reinhardt, Secretary

GRACE FAMILY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sarah Buchhorn
- 2 Madison Frevert, McKenna Frevert, Geoff Nelson & Duane Witt
- 3 Lydell Heggemeyer
- 4 Terry Bartling & Maria Maturey
- 5 Morgan Centrone, Julie Cull, Bea Kinslow & Roger Schwanke
- 7 Aaron Daniels, Bonnadell Koch & Aracili Latham
- 8 Linda Gehner, Kimberly Ocampo, Dwaine Rethwisch & Micah Sprouls
- 9 Con Munson
- 10 Kelly Hansen & Landen Sharer
- 11 Jordyn Doescher, Larry Echtenkamp, Brian Frevert & Bob Sutton
- 12 Doug Heithold & Addilyn Temme
- 14 Cathy Echtenkamp & Mason Frevert
- 15 Seth Cross
- 18 Megan Anderson & Delores Rebensdorf
- 19 Rebecca Anderson & Kyle Brogren
- 20 Taylor Nelson
- 21 Ryan Allemann
- 23 Brenda Pippitt & Mary Temme
- 24 Tanner Heithold
- 25 Derek Carroll, Aubree Hansen, Samantha Niemann, Kerry Tanfield & Keith Woodward
- 26 Terri Heggemeyer
- 27 Mike Victor
- 28 Meghan Battles, Dwight Schultz & Ryan Van Cleave
- 30 Earl Fuoss, Jennifer Haas, Jessica McCain, Lowell Schardt & Kyler Sperry

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