

May 2022

# Good News of Grace



## Family Worship Times

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School 9:15am

## Pastors

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**JN 15:12 This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

On the night Jesus was betrayed, He gave the disciples a parting command. "Love one another as I have loved you." Jesus had provided an example of love which his disciples were to follow.

In May we thank God for those who perhaps more than anyone else help us to better know God's love, mothers. Most of us probably learned our earliest and best lessons about what godly love is like through our mothers. From our mothers we learned something about the nature of God's love.

Mothers reflect God's love which is unconditional love. Mothers do not love their new born babies only after they have met certain performance requirements. They don't say, "I will love this baby only if the baby loves me back." Or "I will love this child so long as he is healthy and doesn't spit up." No they love them before they are able to do anything that would merit love and affection.

Godly love is directed outward, mothers reflect that as well. A mother's concern is generally for more than herself. She does not go through life oblivious to the needs of others. She is concerned about the welfare of her children. As such she models the love of God which always is looking outward.

Godly love is a benevolent love that truly desires what is best for the other. Most mothers reflect that as well as they desire what is best for their children. They want for their children what will lead to their long term happiness and welfare.

Godly love is a comprehending love. It is a love that understands the true needs of another. Mothers have a knack for that too. Perhaps your

mother always seemed to know when something was wrong. Always seemed to know when you had a problem. Always seemed to know when you hadn't brushed your teeth.

Godly love is active love. Mothers know and show that love is more than an attitude, it involves action. Love is more than words it is reflected in deeds, whether bandaging a knee, preparing a meal, or playing a game. Love looks for ways to manifest itself in action.

Godly love is committed love. Mothers similarly show that commitment. They don't sign on with one year contracts. They are committed to the care and the nurture of their children for as long as they are needed. They are committed in good and bad times.

Godly love is sacrificing love. Mothers show us something of what that love is like. A mother's sacrifice begins even before her child is born as she endures a pregnancy that is often painful and inconvenient. A mother goes through the pain of childbirth. That sacrifice continues as the child grows. Out of love she awakes in the middle of the night to care for a sick child. We may have seen in our mothers people who would willingly go without something in order that their child might be better clothed or fed. Many mothers sacrifice career advancement for the well being of their children.

It is appropriate that if we have been blessed with a mother or step-mother who has shown us such love that we take time to honor and thank them and to thank God for them. Jesus as he was dying on the cross took special thought for his earthly mother to provide for her care. God has commanded that very thing as he said, "Honor your father and your mother."

But we miss the point if we stop there. While it is true that mothers in many respects model the love of God we need to remember that even a mother's love is still but a poor reflection of the even greater love of God.

Mothers to an extent reflect God's love. God's word uses a mother's care as a picture of His own, for he says, "**As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you**" (Is. 66:13). But even the most devoted mother's love will never equal the love that our God has for us.

We know that at times a mother's love comes up short. We may know of mothers who have neglected or abused their children. Mothers may think of the times that you were anything but godly in your attitude towards your children. There come times when mothers run out of energy or patience. But God's love never fails. God's word tells

us that **"Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me."** (Ps. 27:10) And again **"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"** (Is. 49:15) That is why as important as a mother's love is, it is important that we remember an even greater love, a love which is reflected by mothers but a love which is so great that even a mother's love is but a poor reflection. That is the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Christ,  
Pastor Buchhorn

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## **College Sunday Night Late Night Breakfast**

On May 1st come join us for our Special Late Night Breakfast at our usual time of 7:30pm. This will be open to all students, and would love to have you bring as many friends as possible. The semester is almost over and we greatly appreciate everyone who has helped us throughout this entire year. Please check your mailboxes for a letter from our students following next weekends wrap up. They can't wait to be back next year to continue growing in God's word and His love.

## **High School Sunday School Class**

Our current High School Sunday School Class is called, **"GENESIS, SCIENCE, AND THE FOUNDING FATHERS!"** Come join our High School Youth, Parents, and interested Adults Class as we unlock a "boat load" of topics in Genesis and how they totally apply to our day and our times. Ever wondered if science can confirm the Bible? Ever wanted to know what pearls of wisdom God's Word has to offer us for life today? And who were the founding fathers? Were they really just agnostics, deists or can they point us to the truth about Jesus and the Bible? Come join us as we discover how these three pieces actually fit together, in our new study through the beginning of God's Word... Genesis! Be sure to invite your friends and check out our schedule below!

## **High School Wednesday Night Bible Study**

We want YOU to JOIN US for Wednesday Evening High School Bible Study! May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:45pm to 9pm, and May 18th from 7:45pm to 9pm. Both evenings we will meet down at Cup of Grace! Bring an open mind, invite some great friends, and a willingness to have a lot of fun! We will see you soon!!!

## **High School Senior Recognition:**

May 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a High School Senior recognition prayer and announcement at our 10:30am service. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Erik if you have not already been notified. Seniors may wear cap and gown and sit up front as a group that morning. Congratulations Seniors!

## **Jr. High and High School Adventure Time:**

May 21<sup>st</sup> we will be soaring as high as an eagle at Go Ape Zipline and High Ropes Course! This is a fantastic opportunity to join us for some team building, joy and laughter. Conquer your fears. Reach big! Let's make this a fun outing as we grow closer to each other and of course God's amazing love for us all! More information will come in our group text message. If you aren't receiving those messages, please contact Pastor Erik as soon as possible.

## **Jr. High and High School Christian Concert:**

Join us and your friends at Norfolk's Cross Fest on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is interested in carpooling can meet at the church by 1:30pm. Bring a lawn chair, money for any food, and if you wish to rent a kayak... And don't forget to rest those vocal chords the night before as we will praise Jesus and His amazing love along with top performers like Cain, Jordan Feliz, I Am They, Love and Outcome,, and lots more!!!

## **National Youth Gathering Fundraiser**

WE MADE IT!!! Thank you so much for all the support, encouragement, love, and kind words that you have so generously lavished upon our Youth Group and their efforts in making it to the National Youth Gathering. Again, this gathering is taking place July 8<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> in Houston, TX. With our Easter Breakfast sales, we have officially raised all the money that we need in order to attend this amazing week! We could never have done this without YOU!!! We will still have a couple of opportunities to raise more money to seed the pot for our next NYG trip in 2025 as well as upcoming mission trips and events that are yet to be planned. If you would like to support us in any of those ways, we will be taking aluminum cans to Norfolk sometime in June as well as having a completely FREE WILL Donation Car Wash where we hope to just wash your cars as a huge thanks for all your support on June 25<sup>th</sup> as well. Have a wonderful May and enjoy some awesome graduations!



## Sunday School Updates and Reminders

Greetings from the 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday School students. The students have been busy with reading and discussing their lesson each week. In addition, we usually complete a craft and sing a song or 2 that correlates with the specific lesson! Recently, the students have learned about Peter escaping prison and Paul, Barnabas, and A Man Born Lame. The students always recite the Bible verse for the lesson and close with the Lord's Prayer. We are always happy to see your children in class. Thank you for the opportunity to learn about the Word of God with your children. Blessings, Michelle Ekberg & Desiree Kneifl

### Upcoming Lessons Include:

May 1<sup>st</sup> – **The Gentile Cause – The Jerusalem Council**

May 8<sup>th</sup> – **The Unique Greek – Lydia is Baptized**

May 15<sup>th</sup> – **The Unknown Revealed – Paul Preaches in Athens**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Preaching and Perils – Paul's Ministry and Hardships**

May 29<sup>th</sup> – **Paul's Prison Protection – The Plot to Kill Paul**

During the month of May, our 9:15am Sunday School Openings will continue meeting down in the church basement. Parents should plan to join their children as we kick off the morning with snacks, and a time of great fellowship. Immediately following this time of fellowship, the children will continue to meet for Upper and Lower division music. Music is open to all ages. Sarah Hansen will keep working with the lower division classes, and Symphony Jaroske will be teaching the Upper Division.

What a time it has been here at Grace!!! We have had so much fun with Easter Egg Hunts, tons of candy, and of course our very special Easter VBS called CrossPoint!!! I hope you were able to join us, and if you weren't then don't fear because we have another fantastic opportunity ready and waiting for you now! It is our summer VBS program called *Zoomerang*!!! You can sign up for *Zoomerang* by visiting our Church website! *Zoomerang* is the latest VBS from Answers In Genesis, and we will be travelling all the way back to the Australian Outback! Together we will discover that all of life is important! From the tiniest of babies in a mother's womb to the oldest person in our community. God created us all! Any gift of life He gives should be treasured and valued!

Midweek just wrapped up for the year. We hope you had an amazing time with us on our Wednesday evenings, and we certainly had a great time with all of you. We will be working on plans for the 2022-2023 school year. More information will be coming this summer as we get closer to those classes

starting up again. While MidWeek is done Sunday School is not. We will continue our regular Sunday School classes through May 29<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to be here with us. We will then shift to combining grades for June, July and August. Every Sunday besides the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month we will split the kids into an Upper and Lower division. 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and below will be in lower division class, and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders and above will be in the upper division class. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month, June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Erik will teach all ages and have some wacky games and crafts planned as we grow closer to God's love for us! And finally Rally Day is tentatively being scheduled on August 21<sup>st</sup>. We have lots of great activities planned as you can tell, so come join in the fun and be sure to invite your friends and family!

Finally, our Sunday School and MidWeek Teachers Meeting for May will take place on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 6:30PM. This will be more of an administrative meeting as we plan to put finishing touches on our classes for the year and look forward to our summer activities.

Respectfully,

The Sunday School Program ([pastorerik@gracewayne.com](mailto:pastorerik@gracewayne.com))

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## Air Conditioner Project Update:

Just in time for the weather to begin warming up the new air conditioning units for the church have been installed. The three units serving the sanctuary and church basement were replaced and a new unit was installed to serve the kitchen area. These units also have heating capacity to help us in transitional seasons before the boiler system is fired up. The new units should be more efficient than the units they replaced. Thank you to all who donated to make this project possible. Your generosity and the Lord's provision have allowed this project to have adequate funding to be completely paid for when the project is complete.



# Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid

April 13, 2022

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid met on April 13, 2022, with fourteen members in attendance.

President Mary Lou Erxleben opened the business meeting by leading the group speaking the LWML Pledge. Christian Growth Chairman, Rhonda Sebade, read a devotion from the Lutheran Hour called the Suffering Servant talking about Jesus hanging on the cross between two criminals and how Jesus changed the hearts of the criminals and saving both. Roll call was taken. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was filed for audit. Correspondence was shared from Lutheran Bible Translators, an e-mail from Janet Borchard stated that she would be retiring at the end of August but had finished the book of Genesis in the Ipiili language and was working on the books of Ruth and Jonah. A thank you letter from Hailie Heithold was read. A letter from Joy Markus, a missionary to Muslims in Michigan, stated she would like to share her life story. She works with POBLO Ministries which is a partner of the LWML. An invitation was read for the Spring Workshop which will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, South Sioux City on April 26 with registration at 9:00-9:15. The theme will be "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus" from Hebrews 12:2.

Mission Grant: President Mary Lou shared information about Propelling the Gospel – LAMP Ministry Inc. Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP) focuses on taking the Gospel to Indigenous people in northern Canada. Each year, hundreds of volunteer missionaries from the United State travel to remote areas to teach Vacation Bible School to thousands of children using transportation provided by LAMP. The organization uses small airplanes to get these missionaries to these remote areas and need to up date their technology with more advanced GPS systems.

Committee reports: Easter cards were sent to shut-ins and home bound church members. Six quilts were tied in March. UPC labels were collected.

Confirmands: Tatted bookmark crosses were made by Betty Wittig and given to the confirmands.

Old and new business: Ellen Heinemann has volunteered to be Vice President for 2022. The Spring Workshop will be April 26<sup>th</sup> at Hope in South Sioux City and we will meet at the church at 8:00 to car-pool together. In-gathering for the workshop is for the two Food Banks at both seminaries. We will give \$100 towards this in-gathering. Fauneil Bennett informed us about a World Relief project for fabric kits. We will pursue more information and discuss at the next meeting. The District Convention will be July 22/23 in Columbus. We will need two delegates and two alternates by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

There were no birthdays for this month. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.





After the meeting, we assembled hygiene kits that will be taken to Orphan Grain Train for the Ukrainian Relief project. We will continue to collect and assemble these kits until we have 80 in recognizing the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LWML.

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### **Lutheran Women’s Missionary League relief project.**

During their April meeting the ladies worked to begin assembling the kits for shipment. Thank you to all who donated toward the Hygiene Kits being assembled by the Ladies Aid as a mission project in cooperation with Orphan Grain Train. To mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our LWML group they have set a goal of assembling 80 Kits to be used for Ukrainian Refugee needs or where needed globally. They delivered 96 hygiene kits to Orphan Grain Train. Because they made 96 kits that made their goal of 95 in honor of the Ladies Aid 95th anniversary too. They are so blessed to have made their goals. Thank you again for your support!



# Mission Council Minutes

April 11, 2022

The Mission Council at Grace Lutheran Church met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022. The following members were present: Jerry Echtenkamp, Pastor Buchhorn, Chad Janke, Angie Beiermann, Dwight Mock, Chuck Potosnyak, Brian Frevert, Megan Dubbs, Pastor Erik, Di-ana Langemeier, Louise Green, and Michelle Ekberg.

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Echtenkamp.

Pastor Buchhorn led with an opening prayer and small devotion.

The minutes from March 21, 2022 were reviewed and approved; moved by Chad and seconded by Louise. Motion carried.

## Treasury Report

Louise Green notified that the Thrivent Choice Dollars have been placed into a sub-account. Accounts were reviewed and approved; moved by Chuck and seconded by Angie. Motion carried.

## Elder's report – Chuck Potosnyak reports,

The Board of Elders met on April 4, 2022. Pastor Buchhorn opened the meeting with prayer. Pastor Erik led the Elders in discussion of Chapters 7-10 of the book Joining Jesus on His Mission. Membership gains included one addition by baptism. Membership losses included seven communicant members five transfers to other LCMS churches, one release, and one death. There are eight confirmands this year. There was a discussion concerning confirmation preparation process. The Rite of Confirmation will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. The Lord's Supper will be offered only at the 8:00 a.m. service that morning. The Sunday School is sponsoring a one-day Easter VBS on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be substitute teachers available this summer for the Sunday School staff. On the third Sundays of June and July, Pastor Erik will lead all the students in a class. Rally Day Sunday is planned for the third Sunday in August. The Sunday School is looking to fill the Sunday School Director position. The Campus Student Ministry has been asked to present at the LWML Spring Rally the last Tuesday of April. College students have been attending church and a late-night breakfast is planned for finals week. We will be represented at the District Convention by Pastor Erik and Deb Jensen. Post Easter follow-up efforts to encourage church attendance with members was discussed. Common Cup Communion will be offered on Maundy Thursday. Plans beyond Maundy Thursday are still under discussion. The new Pictorial Directory project was discussed. Photography is tentatively scheduled for November 8-12, 2022. A request for a non-member wedding for November 5, 2022 was discussed. The request was approved pending the bride's home pastor consenting. There was discussion concerning inquiries about offering more contemporary worship, the item will be further discussed in a

future meeting. Pastor Buchhorn will be on vacation April 18-25, 2022 and Pastor Erik will be on vacation May 24 to June 1, 2022. Our meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

**Committee Reports:**

**Trustee Report** – Air Conditioning replacement project is wrapping up to completion. The basement water fountain needs repairs; motion to remove and not replace the fountain by Louise, seconded by Diane. Motion carried. Attention regarding the door stop on the floor by the kitchen and it being a tripping hazard to some was made, and will be looked into with the hopes to find a more suitable place for it.

**Campus Ministry-** Pastor Erik reported that new officers were being elected. Riley Hlavac is working on the application process. Forms are due by April 22. Most of the same officers are returning to their same position. Late night dinners and activities continue. Attendance continues to be good and attendees often bring friends. The tenants in the Cup of Grace have signed a lease for another year including through the summer. They will provide lawn care. Pastor Erik will purchase a trimmer to help with this maintenance.

**Endowment-** A check was sent off to the LCMS Missions for Ukraine Refugee Relief.

**Memorial Fund-** KimBerly Hansen report per Louise-Memorial Fund balance at the beginning of March was \$2,593.19. A disbursement of \$500 for Air Conditioner replacement project; with a remaining balance at the end of March of \$2,093.19.

**Education** – Diane reported VBS will be June 6-10, a Mon-Fri this year. Sunday School staffing for the fall is being discussed. Lowell Johnson/Chuck Potosnyak will team teach the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom. During the opening in the basement, it is encouraged for adults sit with a child or children sitting by themselves at tables to join them and help connect them to the congregation. Attendance issues were discussed. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Midweek class received an invitation for parents to attend an end of the year wrap-up provided with snacks/refreshments allowing them to view the new curriculum and show what they learned during the year.

**Preschool-from Megan-**Enrollment for next year continues to increase. Acceptance letters will be sent out to the students' who have completed the forms/payment. Friday, May 6 will be Graduation. Copywrite, Sara, and Ann will take care of flowers, bulletins, and cake details. Décor will be reached out to Teresa Tiedtke to assist. They are looking at possibilities to video tape the ceremony. Swing set options will be discussed by Lowell, Pastor Erik, and Keila. A survey will be given to Kathy to include in the bulletin regarding the preschools' hours/services.

No other reports were given.

**Old Business:**

**Ongoing facility projects-** The repainting of the metal doors will be completed once the weather warms. The toilets in the women's bathroom was discussed as issues with their continuous running. A proposal to take one of the toilets out and make a handicap accessible stall. This would cap the third toilet stall, need new stall dividers, and a new sink. A motion to look into the cost of this with at least two different contractors was made by Louise and seconded by Megan. Motion carried.

**Continuing COVID precautions** – No changes made.

**District & Circuit Items-** Pastor Erik and Deb Jensen will be going to District Convention to represent Wayne on June 24-25 in Kearney.

A thank you was extended to all the members of Council for their help serving the Lenten Meal of taverns and a side. A special thank you given to Louise Green for coordinating. The distribution of the \$397 will be discussed at a later time.

Preschool teacher Keila Olson signed a contract to teach the 2022-23 school year. The need to identify possible substitutes for days Mrs. Olson cannot meet with her class was discussed.

The twenty-four old metal chairs have been claimed with a small donation. The shed is now empty for storage.

**New Business:**

A choir director will be sought since our present director is graduating WSC.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Ekberg



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# GRACE FAMILY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Matthew Frevert
- 3 Lane Pickinpaugh
- 4 Lana Chapman, Taryn Kurpgeweit & Elaine Rump
- 5 Brooklyn Trautman & Pat Wheeler
- 6 Anna Kruger
- 7 Pam Janke, Theresa Jensen & Ruth Kanitz
- 8 Cleone Fredrickson, Jerry Jensen & Jason Mrsny
- 9 Brandon Biermann & Todd Lubberstedt
- 10 Rick Smith
- 11 Daniel Baier & Megan Nissen
- 12 Darlene Lilienkamp, Derek Loewe, JoAnn McKenzie & Graycen Trautman
- 13 Eely Forsyth, Doug Temme & Jacob Woodward
- 14 Courtney Klug & Marta Victor
- 15 Eldon Heinemann & Melinda Longe
- 16 Camryn Evans
- 17 Doris Meyer & Alan Pippitt
- 18 Ron Sebade
- 19 Diane Zach
- 20 Mike Anderson, Trexton Ocampo, Kyle Roeber & Katie Saul
- 21 Marvin Bodlak & Cade Janke
- 22 Melvy Meyer, Chuck Potosnyak, Jalen Sharer & Troy Stowater
- 23 Creek Broders, Todd Fredrickson, Harley Henderson, Janice Mitchell & Teresa Tiedtke
- 24 Brenda Fletcher, Ray Jensen & Dave Zach
- 25 Cindy Lubberstedt & Rod Tompkins
- 26 Braxton Biermann, Braydon Biermann, Loree Echtenkamp, Bryn Tiedtke & Myles Tiedtke
- 27 Izabelle Ruwe
- 28 Ralph Beiermann
- 29 Lacey Blohm, Kevin Heithold, Amanda Jareske, Megan Jensen & Duane Suehl
- 30 Connor Cross, Alivia Kesting & Erin Olson
- 31 Alyssa Chinn, Jan Doescher, Sara Ruwe, Mikenzie Schafer & Alexis Temme

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

### Elder on duty

01	8:00 am.	Jared Heithold
	10:30 am.	Mike Heithold
08	8:00 am.	Lonnie Matthes
	10:30 am.	Troy Stowater
15	8:00 am.	Josh Ruwe
	10:30 am.	Chuck Potosnyak
22	8:00 am.	Mike Heithold
	10:30 am.	Jared Heithold
29	8:00 am.	Troy Stowater
	10:30 am.	Lonnie Matthes

### Acolyte

01	8:00 am.	Reagan Heithold & Dreu Jesen
	10:30 am.	Chase Rethwisch & Colston Starzl
08	8:00 am.	Bryn Tiedtke & Gracelynn Daniels
	10:30 am.	Brayden Wehrer & Alivia Kesting
15	8:00 am.	Tre'cyn Ocampo & Courtney Roeber
	10:30 am.	Emma Heithold & Maddux Heithold
22	8:00 am.	Dylan Jensen & Konnor Kai
	10:30 pm.	Blake Kneifl & Lanee Rethwisch
29	8:00 am.	Myles Tiedtke & Landen Sharer
	10:30 am.	Graycen Trautman & Cloey Young

### Greeters

01	8:00 am.	Gene & Janet Casey
	10:30 am.	Galen & Kathy Wiser
08	8:00 am.	Chuck Potosnyak & Louise Green
	10:30 am.	Chuck Potosnyak & Louise Green
15	8:00 am.	Lowell & Kathy Johnson
	10:30 am.	The Tiedtke Family
22	8:00 am.	Jesse & Cassie Heithold
	10:30 pm.	Don & Lisa Nelson
29	8:00 am.	LeRoy & Carol Robbert
	10:30 am.	Justin & Megan Anderson

### Lay Readers

01	8:00 am.	Hallie Heithold
	10:30 am.	Galen Wiser
08	8:00 am.	Lowell Schardt
	10:30 am.	Jennifer Kesting
15	8:00 am.	Kathy Johnson
	10:30 am.	Jo Junck
22	8:00 am.	Diane Zach
	10:30 pm.	Andy Bose
29	8:00 am.	Irene Mock
	10:30 am.	Brian Kesting

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