

August 2023



Good News of Grace

Family Worship Times

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School 9:15am

Pastor

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Not Worth Comparing

Each day in the news there are pictures of human suffering. We see the families of plane crash victims, the shaken digging through piles of rubble that once were homes following an earthquake, and those whose lives have been blown apart by a tornado. Sometimes we don't have to turn on the television or computer to see pictures of suffering. Perhaps we need look no further than the mirror to see our own bodies racked with chronic pain or look beside us as we watch someone we love struggle with an affliction.

We do not have to live long in this life before we know the truth of St. Paul's words, we "groan inwardly as we look forward to being adopted as His children" (Rom. 8:22). God's word does not turn its back on that reality. The apostles of the Lord and certainly the Lord himself knew the full extent of human suffering. Trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger and sword, they lived through it all.

In Romans chapter 8, the apostle Paul was able to come to a startling conclusion concerning that suffering. He said, "**I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us**" (Rom. 8:18).

He did not say this to minimize the pain of the present suffering. He was not saying that it really isn't so bad. No, the hurt is real. But the glory that God has in store for us is so much greater that the present sufferings become insignificant. The sufferings of this life may be great, but the glory soon will be revealed in us is infinitely greater still. The

present sufferings of the church and of God's people cannot outweigh the glory which will come into our lives.

Now, for a little while, we may indeed suffer. But we do so in hope. We hope because we know that Jesus Christ died and rose again to life to give us a share of his glory, a glory that far outweighs all of our suffering. The Bible puts it this way, **"Now no condemnation remains for those who are in Christ Jesus...If Christ is in you, even though your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because you are righteous. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also make your dying bodies alive by His Spirit living in you"** (Rom. 8:1, 10-11).

We groan now, but we can wait patiently because even now in the midst of the suffering we have the hope of knowing that our future is secure. Not only that but we have the assurance that we do not face the world alone. We have been given the Holy Spirit to comfort and sustain us as He points our hearts toward Jesus. Again as the Bible tells us, **"You receive the spirit of God's adopted children by which we call out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children, and if children then heirs, God's heirs, and joint heirs with Christ"** (Rom. 8:15-16).

The comforting presence of our Savior in our trials and tribulations gives us hope. Or as the Psalmist said concerning God, **"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me"** (Ps. 137:7-8).

In a world that is groaning under the weight of sin and suffering, may we keep our eyes ever on the Savior and the glory that He has won for us.

In Christ,

Pastor Buchhorn

SPECIAL CALLED VOTERS' MEETING

On Sunday, August 6 at 9:15 a.m. a Voters' Meeting is scheduled for the purpose of calling a Parish Assistant. Our Call Committee has been diligently working to review information from a number of commissioned minister candidates and has agreed upon a recommendation. Come and learn more about this position and participate in the process of bringing a new church worker to our congregation. All communicant members who have reached the age of 18 years are eligible to vote and encouraged to attend. For more information speak to Pastor Buchhorn, Congregation Chairman Craig Evans or Head Elder Chuck Potosnyak or any member of the call committee. May God grant that His will be clear and done among us.

"And [Jesus] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" Eph 4:11-13.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

During the month of August our regular communion schedule will be revised due to Pastor Buchhorn's vacation. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated the first and fourth Sundays of the month (8/6 & 8/27). We will resume our normal 2nd and 4th Sunday pattern in September. The sacrament is also offered at the Family Communion time on Saturday at 4 p.m. each week. However, there will be no Family Communion time on Saturday, August 12.



Do you know that each Sunday an email is sent from the church to members and friends of Grace with a link to the livestream feed for the day and an electronic version of the church bulletin? If you do not receive this, it probably means we need an email address for you. We would love to include you in this opportunity to stay informed about what is going on at Grace. Simply send us email address or write your email address on the bottom of the attendance registration form at church when you fill one out.

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid

July 12, 2023

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid met July 12, 2023 with 11 members and Pastor Buchhorn present. Pastor Buchhorn lead the Bible study entitled “Be Assured” from the LWML Quarterly. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus! He is the ONE, the only Savior. You can count on Him because of who He is, what He has done, and what He continues to do for you.

President Rhonda Sebade open the business meeting by leading us in the LWML Pledge. Christian Growth Chairman, Mary Lou Erxleben, shared a Mustard Seed devotion entitled “From Quiet Times to Noisy Love”.

The secretary’s report was given and approved. Correspondence was read: a thank you from Melvy Meyer and news letters from Alaska Missions and Lutheran World Relief. The treasurer’s report was filed for audit. The visiting committee reported sending several birthday, sympathy and get-well cards. The Quilting group tied 6 quilts and will meet again in August . A check for \$30.00 has been received from Best Choice and more Best Choice labels are being prepared to be sent.

Delegate Rhonda Sebade gave a report of the LWML National Convention she attended in Milwaukee, WI. The LWML Nebraska North Retreat will be held at Camp Joy Holling August 26, 2023. All members are encouraged to attend.

The birthday song was sung for Kahleen Johs and Fauneil Bennett. The next meeting will be Aug. 9, 2023 . The afternoon meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Following the meeting members stayed to tie fleece quilts, The recipients of these quilts will be determined later.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Rally Day is on the way!

What is Rally Day? A rally is when a group of people gather together to express their support for a common cause and to build excitement for work that they will undertake together. We are familiar with campaign rallies in politics. In sports, we use the word when a team works together against long odds to come back for a victory. Sunday School Rally Day is our day to gather back together from the various places our summer adventures have taken us and indicate our commitment to the task of learning and living our faith.

“Telling the Wonders of God” This year’s Sunday School theme verse is from Psalm 78:4 “We will not hide [what we have heard and known] from our children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.” The privilege of learning and telling the wonders God has done is each generation’s highest calling. We and our children are not born knowing about the wonders of God. The wonders of our creation, of God’s love, of his power on display in making a nation from one man, and most importantly of all the wonder of wonder that God in love gave His Son to be our Savior. These are all truths that must be taught if they are to be known. The Bible shows us that when God’s people failed in this task it led to hardship and calamity. Therefore, God commanded His people to teach these things to our children: “So the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God” (Ps. 78:6-7).

All of the Rally Day events will take place in the church building. During the Christian Education Hour we will begin with a large group opening in the church basement and students will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher and get familiar with their new classroom. During the 10:30 a.m. service it is planned that the children will sing, teachers will be formally installed, Bibles will be presented to the children entering 3rd grade and Catechisms to children entering 6th grade. Most of all we all can rededicate ourselves to learning and “Telling the Wonders of God.” Following the service, a hamburger/hot dog lunch is being planned. A special project is also in the works. It should be a terrific morning that you do not want to miss!

We have a wonderful and gifted group of teachers to assist parents in teaching these things to our children. We thank them for reflecting their love of the Savior by helping others to know Him. Plan now to attend Rally Day and be a part of “Telling the Wonders of God.”

grow with US in grace

SUNDAY SCHOOL in early August.

While our Rally Day celebration is not until the middle of the month, Sunday School classes for children will be offered all of August. August 6th and 13th students can hone their sleuthing skills with lessons from the “I Spy Salvation’s Story” series. Can you crack the case of the Floating Basket and the case of the Scarlet Cord? Join us as we get started in the church basement at 9:15 a.m.

Chicken Show Parade Float

Thank you to all who assisted with our Chicken Show Parade Float in the Wayne Chicken Show Parade on July 8. While the “pace chicken” was a little hard to keep up with, we were glad to help lead the parade! We are blessed to live in a community like Wayne where we can live out our faith freely.



Midweek Classes to Begin

Midweek classes for students in Third through Eighth grade are scheduled to begin August 23. The classes will meet from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. These classes are designed to build a solid foundation of faith by teaching the content of the Bible and the major doctrines of the Christian faith as expressed in the Small Catechism. This time of instruction seeks to aid parents in fulfilling Christ's baptismal command to teach the baptized all that He has commanded (Mt. 28:19) and ultimately to prepare children for the rite of Confirmation at the conclusion of their 8th grade year.

As a part of their equipping, the congregation will be presenting Bibles to our 3rd grade students during the Rally Day Worship service on August 20. Students entering 6th grade will also receive a special gift during the same service. They will receive a copy of "Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation" which is one of the primary teaching tools for teaching Christian doctrine in our church.

Godparents this is a great time to check in with those whose baptisms you witnessed. As you seek to "support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith," find out if your godchildren are enrolled in a program of Christian instruction. You can offer your help if needed to make sure your godchildren are attending. Pray for them that this would be a time of their maturing in the faith. You promised to be an example to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for their neighbor, may God strengthen us to live out that promise.

YOUTH CAMP OUT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 5PM
TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 5PM

Inviting Youth Students Grades 7th - 12th
& Parent Volunteers

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH

Questions Text: Lora Heithold 402-518-0791
or Teresa Tiedtke 402-369-2653



Mission Council Minutes

Grace Lutheran Church

July 10, 2023

Mission Council for Grace Lutheran Church met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023.

The following members were present: Ron Sebade, Pastor Buchhorn, Dwight Mock, Chuck Potosnyak, Megan Dubbs, Lowell Johnson, Diana Langemeier, Louise Green, Michael Temme, and Michelle Ekberg

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Ron Sebade. Pastor Buchhorn led with an opening prayer and small devotion.

The minutes from June 12, 2023 were reviewed; motion to approve by Lowell; seconded by Dwight. Motion carried.

Treasury Report

Louise Green presented the financial reports for June 2023. Mike motioned to approve; Chuck seconded. Motion carried.

Elder's report - Chuck Potosnyak reports,

The Board of Elders met at 7:30 p.m. on June 28, 2023. Pastor Buchhorn led the Elders in our continuing study of the Large Catechism. Junior Confirmation/Midweek is scheduled to resume on August 23, 2023. There is still a need to fill the Midweek fourth grade teaching position. There will be no Sunday School classes during the month of July. Vacation Bible School was a great success. About 60 children attended and approximately 20 teachers, cooks, helpers, and decorators volunteered. Thank you to everyone involved. Rally Day will be August 20, 2023, in the sanctuary. Plans are underway for the meal. Wayne State students will return to campus the weekend of August 19th, with classes beginning August 21, 2023. The Synodical Convention will be held during the last week of July. Matthew Harrison was reelected as our synod president. Pastor Buchhorn will be on vacation August 10-14, 2023. Pastor Rosenthal from Norfolk, Nebraska has agreed to cover the Sunday services. The Lord's Supper will be offered at the first and fourth Sundays in August. No communion on the second Sunday due to the guest pastor. Pastor Lilienkamp's duties will begin in September and compensation recommendations were discussed. Communion distribution procedure was reviewed.

A vote to approve Pastor Lilienkamp's salary proposal of \$2,500.00 per month for up to 20 hours per week as part-time Assistant Pastor was motioned by Michelle; seconded by Louise. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Call Committee- The committee will continue to conduct interviews until the right candidate has been found. There has been one interview and one more next week.

Trustee Report – Roof leak from the bell tower into the sanctuary will require the lifting of the bell and replacement of the bell mount. Repairs in the lower-level bathroom ceiling along with repairs and wall touch ups in the Preschool Sunday School room was put on hold to avoid doing it during Vacation Bible School. Replacement of the Preschool windows was completed on July 2, 2023. Heating issues in the restrooms and conference room upstairs in the education wing is still in progress. A battery-operated light was installed in the bell tower basement closet. Rain water has leaked into Pastor Buchhorn's office; the cause is likely due to the skirting between buildings and will be looked into further by Lowell.

Campus Ministry- Wayne State College is on summer break. A large screen TV was purchased for the Cup of Grace and still needs to be installed.

Auxiliary (Altar Guild/LWML): No reports given.

Endowment- The 1 year CD is maturing August 22, as previously approved those funds will come back to a local account to be disbursed this year. Dispensing will be discussed at the next meeting.

Memorial Fund- Louise reports from KimBerly Hansen. The memorial account has \$2,440. No further news.

Education (Sunday School, Midweek, VBS, Children Programming) – Diana reports VBS is completed successfully. A 'thank you' to all who helped was extended. One teacher for 4th grade Midweek class and (possibly 2 if team taught) for Sunday School. There is a teacher's meeting on July 17. No Sunday School classes for the month of July.

Preschool-from Megan- Playground improvement projects that were planned have been completed. Rhonda Sebade has graciously agreed to be the new Preschool Director. The windows have been replaced and the blinds need replacement. There are approximately 16. The blinds will approximately cost \$800 total. Approval for this upgrade and the monies to come out of preschool checking was made by Louise; seconded by Diana. Motion carried. Closure of the northeast window to provide shelving in that room will begin this week. Classes for this fall are full. Michelle Ekberg has offered to clean the preschool. Approval was made by Lowell; seconded by Louise. Motion carried.

Stewardship/Finance: Mike has no new reports.

Administrative Handbook: Louise reported June items have been completed.

Evangelism/Publicity/Community Engagement: A 'thank you' was extended to those who assisted with the Chicken Show Float.

Fellowship/Kitchen: Ron notes the oven has been delivered but installation has been held up due to cabinet sizing issues. Thank you to Neal Greenwald and assistant Craig Evans for fixing this issue. A motion was made by Louise and seconded by Diana to pay \$200 for this needed additional work. Louise made a motion to approve this gift the motion carried.

Old Business:

District & Circuit Items- Matthew Harrison has been re-elected as Synodical President. National Convention will be held July 29-August 3 in Milwaukee.

Direct Mission Expense— Payments to Siouxland Hispanic Ministry will resume when they call a new Pastor.

Thrivent- Pastor reported that Thrivent financial has drifted from its foundation as a Lutheran Christian company and their stance of neutrality concerning social issues so that it is now actively supporting causes in conflict with our doctrinal position, as a result Grace Lutheran Church will not actively advertise Thrivent programs.

New Business:

Preschool Playground: Further suggestions regarding the Preschool Playground were brought to the Mission Council's attention.

-Placing gravel between swings and ship fall zones due to the lack of grass able to grow in the heavily trafficked area. The approximate cost will be \$1,000. A motion to approve this work was made by Michelle; seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

-Installing additions to the lawn sprinkler system so that the play yard of the preschool was covered was discussed. This was a proposal to include this work in addition to the previously approved sprinkler system expansion in the front of the building. The bid for this project was approximately \$1,500. After discussion a motion to not move forward with this project was made by Louise; and seconded by Diana . Motion carried.

-Shade Trees – The replacement/addition of two shade trees in the playground area was discussed. Various types and sources of new trees was reviewed. A motion was made by Louise; seconded by Mike. To approve up to \$400 for new trees. The motion carried.

The Preschool front and back porches are to be resurfaced. Ron Sebade will get the paint and supplies.

The condition of the parking stall on the north east side of the cement parking lot by the dumpster was discussed. Discussion on fixing or preventing further breaking will be done at a later meeting.

It was motion to adjourn was approved.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2023 at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Ekberg

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Elder on duty

- Aug. 06 8:00 am. Jared Heithold
10:30 am. Mike Heithold
Aug. 13 8:00 am. Payton Janke
10:30 am. Doug Heithold
Aug. 20 8:00 am. Chuck Potosnyak
10:30 am. Josh Ruwe
Aug. 27 8:00 am. Mike Heithold
10:30 am. Jared Heithold

Acolytes

- Aug. 06 8:00 am. Bryn Tiedtke & Myles Tiedtke
10:30 am. Lucille Ocampo & Chloe Kai
Aug. 13 8:00 am. Kennedy Junck & Sadie Fredrickson
10:30 am. Veronica Daum & Reagan Heithold
Aug. 20 8:00 am. Brayden Stegemann & Evan Bose
10:30 am. Ashlyn Trautman & Dreu Jensen
Aug. 27 8:00 am. Chase Rethwisch & Lauren Ekberg
10:30 am. Colston Starzl & Alivia Kesting

Lay Readers

- Aug. 06 8:00 am. Jeff Simpson
10:30 am. Doug Temme
Aug. 13 8:00 am. Louise Green
10:30 am. Galen Wiser
Aug. 20 8:00 am. Hallie Heithold
10:30 am. Brain Kesting
Aug. 27 8:00 am. Lowell Schardt
10:30 am. Jennifer Kesting

Greeters

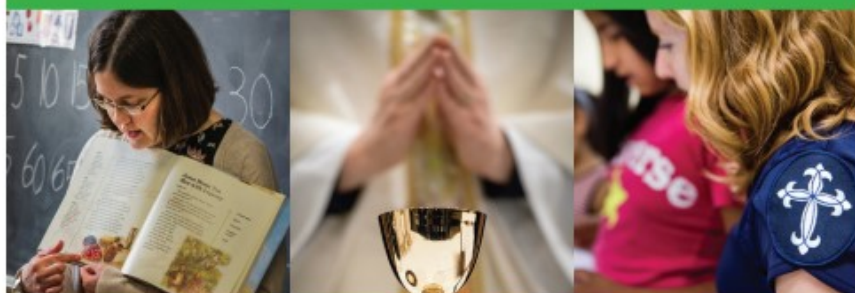
- Aug. 06 8:00 am. Tiedtke Family
10:30 am. Doug & Mary Temme
Aug. 13 8:00 am. LeRoy & Carol Robbert
10:30 am. Galen & Kathy Wiser
Aug. 20 8:00 am. Jesse & Cassie Heithold
10:30 am. Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp
Aug. 27 8:00 am. Gene & Janet Casey
10:30 am. Chad & Pam Janke

GRACE FAMILY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kennedy Pickinpaugh, Ruger Roeber, Case Ruwe & Loreta Tompkins
- 2 David Doescher, Alice Mrsny, Eleanor Ruwe, Nancy Sutton & Austin Vanhorn
- 3 Taylor Stowater
- 5 Ryan Bodlak, Janet Casey, Avery Kai & Lindsay Niemann
- 6 Joshua Sharer
- 8 Shania Anderson, Rick McKeown & Jesse Rethwisch
- 9 Zeppelin Blohm & Mandy Olson
- 10 Jamie Janke & Lucas Woodward
- 12 Deb Daum
- 13 Iris Bodlak, RaDelle Erxleben, Nick Junck & Katlin Potter
- 14 Calvin Starzl
- 15 Alvin Gehner & Mardelle Mikkelsen
- 16 Dennis Carroll
- 17 Kori Witt
- 18 Mark Janke
- 19 Joann Temme
- 20 Roger Hefti, Mindy Heithold, Lee Larsen, Jade Lilienkamp, & Nathan Temme
- 21 Norma Tietz
- 22 Leon Daum & Knox Koch
- 23 Parker Kesting & Jordan Widner
- 24 Andy Bose & Jennifer Widner
- 25 Halie Frideres, Jeff Simpson & Betty Wittig
- 27 Blake Kneifl
- 30 Lennox Ruwe, Craig Janke, Brody Talbott & Brooklyn Talbott
- 31 Riley Hlavac, Alan Niemann & Leanne Westphal

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August 2023 Grace Lutheran Church — Activity Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9a Bible Study	3	4	5 4p Family Communion
6 8a Worship/Comm 9:15a Sun. School 9:15a Voters' Meeting 10:30a Worship/Comm	7 3:30p Kinship Communion 7:30p Elders	8 1p Blood Bank	9 9a Bible Study 2p Ladies Aid	10	11	12 No Family Communion
13 8a Worship 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship	14	15 6:30p Preschool Orientation	16 9a Bible Study 6:30p Jr. Conf. Orientation	17	18 	19 4p Family Communion
20 Rally Day 8a Worship 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship 11:30a Noon Meal 7:30p Sun. Supper	21 6p Education Mtg 7p Mission Council	22	23 9a Bible Study 6:30p Midweek Begins	24	25	26 4p Family Communion
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