

September 2023



Good News of Grace

Family Worship Times

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School 9:15am

Pastor

Michael Buchhorn

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Our Attitude Toward Work

In preparing to record some devotions for the local radio station, I came across this devotion from a book entitled "God's Word for Today" by O. Hallesby. It was written almost 100 years ago but the thoughts expressed are timeless. As we prepare to observe the Labor Day holiday, may we give thought to the attitude we take toward our work whatever that work may be.

"And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." COLOSSIANS 3:17

This is one of the many passages of the Bible about our daily life and our daily work. The Scriptures tell us that our daily work is a service unto God, yes, a means by which others may be saved—even those who are hard to win.

In Luther's day to marry and establish a Christian home was not considered holy, but to remain unmarried and enter a cloister, on the other hand, was holy. To be a mother was not holy, but to be a nun was. To do one's daily work was not holy, but to make pilgrimages and give gifts to monasteries and churches was.

In this connection, too, Luther brought to light once again the Biblical view: God looks on the attitude of our hearts. In the daily life of the faithful Christian there are therefore no acts which in themselves are holy and others which in themselves are unholy. No, all our deeds are well-pleasing to God if they are done in the right attitude of heart; to the glory of God in Jesus' name, in love toward God and in zeal for the welfare of others.

Luther says therefore that it is just as well-pleasing to God that we sweep the floor as it is that we preach the Gospel, provided that both are done in the right attitude of heart. Whether we are to sweep or to preach is simply a question of the gift of

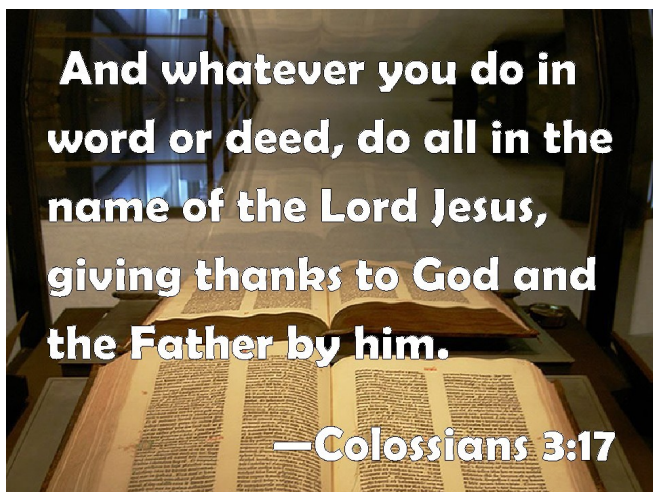
grace that God has given us.

Do your ordinary daily work, therefore, and rejoice that through it you are rendering a spiritual service every day. By so doing you shall also win souls for God, even the hardest. You shall win those who, the Scriptures tell us, cannot be won by words.

May God bless your labor and help us in our various vocations to serve Him and others.

In Christ,

Pastor Buchhorn



Senior Dinner On September 17th at 11:30 in the church basement the Mission Council would like to invite the members of our congregation age 65 and over to this year's Senior Dinner. This special event is a time to thank and honor our older members for their years of service to our Savior and congregation. It is a time to let them know they are appreciated. Those who are part of this generation which have carried (and in many cases still carry) the weight and responsibility of leading our congregation. This is an opportunity to stop and enjoy a meal, enjoy some entertainment provided by the "Sonsations" and be refreshed. We also hope to acknowledge some significant life milestones. We do hope that many of you will plan on attending.

Alaska Mission for Christ 2023

The 2023 Alaska Mission for Christ theme was based on John 1: 16 "For from His fullness we have all received grace upon grace."

We were blessed to spend another summer in Alaska as Alaska Mission for Christ long-term volunteers. What better place to be during a hot sweltering Midwest summer than the cool low- to mid-50s and 60s with almost daily drizzle during the 20-hours of sunlit days of Alaska. We stayed in a classroom at Anchor Lutheran School, just feet away from where the teams spent the night. (A wonderful accommodation for a retired teacher and pastor to spend a summer!) We daily rejoiced at God's majesty when we saw the mountains and ocean, and the profuse abundance of God's creation in this place--trees, flowers, and animals. The greatest blessing was working with the people--the teams coming and going through Anchorage, and the church and school that has become like family--Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and Anchor Lutheran School.

AMC had close to 55 teams and over 400 volunteers serving in villages, some on the road system, but most in villages only accessible by air. These teams often have to go on a grocery shopping trip and haul all they need with them as groceries are not available for purchase in these wild remote locations. What IS readily available are opportunities to share God's love through Vacation Bible School, Fine Arts, Sports, Work & Witness projects, and Teen Camp. In fact, during Teen Camp this summer, about 30 teens were flown in from their remote villages to spend time hearing God's plan of salvation at this place north of the Arctic Circle. It was with great joy that six of these teens were baptized during the week!

It is our job to greet teams from all over the lower 48 at the airport, help them get supplies as necessary, have orientation and devotions with them, and arrange for a night of rest at either Anchor Lutheran School/ Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Anchorage or Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Chugiak. Other teams go directly to Fairbanks or Juneau. When they arrive in their destination villages, some of these servant teams stay in public schools that may have no heat or hot water and the temperatures dip into the upper 30s to low 40s at night.

We are thankful for the prayers of many of you for our safety driving to Alaska, the months serving there, and our return trip.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness. For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations" (Ps. 100:1-2, 5).

Serving with Joy!

Carl and Darlene Lilienkamp

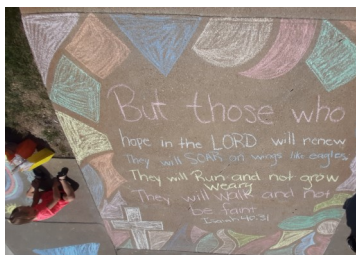
CHILDREN'S Sunday School



Rally Day

We had a wonderful start to our new year of Christian Education with our Rally Day celebration on August 20. Our theme for this year is "Telling the Wonders of God" and our children

got us off to a fantastic start by singing about Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. As we installed teachers for the year, we can be thankful for the many individuals who give of their time to assist families tell the wonders of God by teaching Sunday School and Midweek classes. The Board of Elders and Kitchen Sisters helped coordinate a fantastic lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. And we wrapped up the morning as children and families chalked the church sidewalks with Bible verses and illustrations. May we continue to rejoice in God's wonders particularly the greatest wonder of all that He sent Jesus to be our Savior.



WSC Campus Ministry

WELCOME BACK WILDCATS! We welcome all Wayne State College Students and are delighted you are in our community and at our church. We had the opportunity to meet many students at the Business and Organization Expo night and to issue an invitation to be a part of our cam-



pus ministry efforts at Cup of Grace and worship here at Grace. The Lutheran Student Fellowship group was also represented at the campus Organization recruiting event.



SUNDAY SUPPERS AT CUP OF

GRACE: Each Sunday evening a free meal for WSC or other students is being planned for Cup of Grace at 7:30 p.m. Please come and join us for this casual meal in a friendly, faith-affirming environment. We look forward to seeing you there.

THANK YOU to those who have already volunteered to prepare one of the Sunday Supper meals. If you would like to help in this practical hands-on way of showing love and concern to students, a sign up list is available on the bulletin board by the southeast doors. Thank you to Dan and Bonnie Hansen who will be helping as meal hosts and coordinators this fall. Contact them or the church office if you have questions about how you can help.

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Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid

August 9, 2023

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid met on August 9, 2023, with 15 members present. Mary Lou Erxleben led the Bible study entitled "A Fountain of Blessings." Each of us should be a fountain of blessing for the world around us.

President, Ellen Heinemann, opened the business meeting by leading us in the LWML Pledge. Christian Growth Chairman, Mary Lou Erxleben, shared a Mustard Seed devotion entitled "The Wisdom To Being Happy", based on Proverbs 8:34-35.

The secretary's report was given with one correction. The Treasurer's report was reported and filed for audit. Mary Lou Erxleben shared an e-mail from Janet Borchard stating that the end of July would be the end of her time with Lutheran Bible Translators due to health issues.

Committee Reports:

- Verna Mae Baier will order a new order of various cards including Christmas cards.
- Four quilts were tied last month, and ladies will meet this month on August 24th.
- Grace Kanitz has close to 700 UPC labels collected. A \$60 check was received from Best Choice for the last 1,000 labels sent.
- Betty Wittig reported on the greeting card ministry.

Old Business:

A reminder that the LWML Nebraska North Retreat will be held at Camp Joy Holling on August 26, 2023.

After our July meeting, 5 fleece blankets were tied for our service project. Seven more blankets will be tied after our meeting and Kathleen Johs stated she has fleece to donate for more blankets. There was discussion on where to donate these blankets and it was tabled until our meeting next month.

Chrismons for the Christmas tree will be done in October.

New Business:

- Currently there is no up-date for 2023-2024 Mission Grants.
- LWML Sunday will be October 1, 2023. We will sponsor the Lutheran Hour if that date is available, greet at both church services, have a reader at one of the services, mite boxes will be placed for donations, and distribute the 2023-2024 book marks listing the LWML Mission Grants.

The birthday song was sung for Jan Casey, Joann Temme, Lee Larson, and Betty Wittig.

The next meeting will be September 13, 2023. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Following the meeting members stayed and tied fleece blankets.

Mission Council Minutes

Grace Lutheran Church

August 21, 2023

Mission Council for Grace Lutheran Church met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2023.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Craig Evans.

Pastor Buchhorn led with an opening prayer and small devotion.

The minutes from July 11, 2023 were reviewed; motion to approve by Chuck; seconded by Pam. Motion carried.

Treasury Report

Louise Green presented the financial reports for July 2023. Michelle moved to approve; Diana seconded. Motion carried.

Elder's report - Chuck Potosnyak reports,

The Board of Elders met at 7:30 p.m. on August 7, 2023. Pastor Buchhorn led the Elders in our continuing study of the Large Catechism. Membership losses included Mardelle Hallstrom, who died July 9, 2023, in San Antonio, Texas. A graveside committal service was

conducted July 29, 2023 at Veterans Cemetery in Wayne. Junior Confirmation/Midweek classes are scheduled to resume August 23, 2023. Junior Confirmation expectations were reviewed and approved by the Elders. A full slate of teachers has been identified for Sunday School instruction. Plans are in place for Rally Day on August 20, 2023, which will be held at the sanctuary. Bibles and Catechisms will be presented to the 3rd and 6th grade students in the 10:30 a.m. service. Students will return to Wayne State classes on August 21, 2023. Grace is registered to participate in a Business Expo on campus August 20 and a Student Organization Recruitment event of August 22, 2023. A meal schedule has been posted for Cup of Grace Sunday night dinners. The youth have a camping trip planned at Camp Luther on September 8-9, 2023, and also have plans for participating in a Pack Away Hunger event October 14, 2023 at Mercy Meals in Norfolk. The Call Committee is continuing its search for Parish Assistant. Benefit Plan changes must be made by September 15, 2023. The Elders approved keeping the same Benefit Plan in place.

Committee Reports:

Call Committee- The committee is continuing its search process to identify and interview potential candidates until a suitable candidate has been found.

Trustee Report – Roof leak from the bell tower into the sanctuary still awaiting caulking, while undertaking this job the bell support needs repair. It 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 are needing completion. The lawn sprinkler system expansion at the preschool approved earlier in the year was installed in early August. Heating issues in the restrooms and conference room upstairs in the education wing is still in progress. A leak into Pastor Buchhorn's office when it rains will be investigated further by Lowell and Craig. Sunday School teachers have requested to personalize their rooms by painting some of the walls. This request was approved by Mission Council members.

Campus Ministry- Wayne State began classes on the 21st of August.

Dan and Bonnie Hansen have volunteered to host and coordinate Sunday night meals. The first meal was held on August 20 with 8 students in attendance. Chuck and Pastor had a table set up at the college; many connections were made with students regarding Grace Lutheran Church and the Cup of Grace. The large screen television has been installed. Thank you to Lowell and Craig!

Auxillary (Altar Guild/LWML): (Pam) Altar Guild will be putting together Crismon kits for members to make if they wish. More advertising will be coming regarding this opportunity.

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. A recommendation for possible disbursements will be discussed before the next council meeting.

Memorial Fund- Louise reports from KimBerly Hansen. The memorial account has \$2,440. Jason Biermann wired the ovens as a donation in honor of his grandfather, Merlin Biermann.

Education (Sunday School, Midweek, VBS, Children Programming) – Diana reports that the Sunday School teachers met tonight. All teaching positions have been filled. Thank you to all who will be teaching this fall. Rally Day seemed to go quite well. Thank you to the Elders and Kitchen Sisters for assisting with the meal. A big ‘THANK YOU’ to Payton and Brittney Janke for providing the meat and grill.

Preschool-from Megan- Preschool has had orientation. Currently there are one or two slots available for the T/TH class. Preschool blinds and porch repainting has been in the works. Thank you to all those who helped. Window removal and shelving in the northeast room has been completed. There was a discussion regarding the driveway curb cut at the preschool. Two options were presented by Lowell and bids from Sebade Construction were given. Option 1) Leave the 18x19 driveway (\$2,200) from the street to the sidewalk. Option 2) replace the curb (\$2,700). A bid was presented also for the entire sidewalk on the west side of the preschool to be replaced (\$3,400). These items of discussion were tabled for a future meeting.

Stewardship/Finance: Mike has no new reports.

Administrative Handbook: Louise reported July items have been completed.

Evangelism/Publicity/Community Engagement: Grace Lutheran Church and The Cup of Grace was represented at the College Welcome Day. The event had positive feedback.

Fellowship/Kitchen: The new oven has been installed. “Thank you” to Craig and Neal. The kitchen served 170 at the funeral on Saturday, August 19, with Vel’s catering the meat. They served 120 for the Claussen funeral on Monday, August 21. The Senior Dinner is scheduled for September 17. Mission council will help serve the meal and entertainment from ‘The Sunsations’. Ron made a motion to provide a check of \$200 for the Quartet entertainment; Louise seconded. Motion carried. ‘Thank you’ to all who helped serve on Rally Day Sunday.

Old Business:

District & Circuit Items- The Synodical Convention was held in Milwaukee.

New Business:

Choir rehearsals will be on Thursday nights with director Daniel Oldenkamp. Valerie Knight will direct Bell Choir. Both will commence following Labor Day.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023 at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Ekberg

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Elder on duty

- Sept 03 8:00 am. Doug Heithold
10:30 am. Payton Janke
Sept. 10 8:00 am. Josh Ruwe
10:30 am. Chuck Potosnyak
Sept. 17 8:00 am. Jared Heithold
10:30 am. Mike Heithold
Sept. 24 8:00 am. Payton Janke
10:30 am. Doug Heithold

Acolytes

- Sept 03 8:00 am. Chloe Kai & Lucille Ocampo
10:30 am. Evan Bose & Veronica Daum
Sept. 10 8:00 am. Ashlyn Trautman & Lauren Ekberg
10:30 am. Sadi Fredrickson & Kennedy Junck
Sept. 17 8:00 am. Ragan Heithold & Chase Rethwisch
10:30 am. Dreu Jensen & Colston Starzl
Sept. 24 8:00 am. Bryn Tiedtke & Myles Tiedtke
10:30 am. Brayden Stegemann & Courtney Roeber

Lay Readers

- Sept 03 8:00 am. Jeanette Swanson
10:30 am. Mary Temme
Sept. 10 8:00 am. Kathy Johnson
10:30 am. Andy Bose
Sept. 17 8:00 am. Irene Mock
10:30 am. Jo Junck
Sept. 24 8:00 am. Diane Zach
10:30 am. Galen Wiser

Greeters

- Sept 03 8:00 am. LeRoy & Carol Robbert
10:30 am. Doug & Mary Temme
Sept. 10 8:00 am. Lowell & Kathy Johnson
10:30 am. Don & Lisa Nelson
Sept. 17 8:00 am. Jesse & Cassie Heithold
10:30 am. Justin & Megan Anderson
Sept. 24 8:00 am. Gene & Janet Casey
10:30 am. Galen & Kathy Wiser

GRACE FAMILY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gene Casey
- 2 Dan Junck
- 3 Holly Hurlbert
- 4 Amelia Stabler, Amanda Stabler & Stephanie Henderson
- 5 Courtney Roeber, Mark Heithold & Cole Zach
- 6 Karen Schardt, & Korrina Niemann
- 7 Darlene Johnson
- 8 Emilia Bose, Sarah Hansen & Emily Ramold
- 9 Brooks Blohm
- 10 Galen Wiser, Maggie Schmoll, Marty Schmoll, Eric Hefti & Rose McKeown
- 11 Sandy Nichols
- 14 John Meyer & Josh Starzl
- 16 Lizzbeth Lempke
- 17 Dan Hansen, Regg Lubberstedt, Don Endicott & Joan Schaefer
- 19 Darin Jensen & Evan Jacob
- 20 Arika Hefti, Ashlyn Trautman, & Tamara Schardt
- 21 Jared Heithold
- 22 Lynal Krueger
- 23 Colston Starzl, Krista Young & Keith Doescher
- 24 Dylan Jensen
- 25 Alex Echtenkamp
- 26 Teresa Wurdeman & Mandy Vanhorn
- 27 Brian Fox, Beverly Hansen & Vel Temme
- 28 Ellen Heinemann, Ethan Jareske, Trey Jareske, & Reagan Heithold
- 29 Brittany Temme
- 30 Mary Lou Erxleben, Harley Greve, Kathy Johnson & Austin Slama

Youth News



As a kickoff to the fall, the Youth are planning a trip to Camp Luther in Schuyler September 8-9. It promises to be a fun outing with a variety of activities led by the Camp Luther Staff. Youth attending should already have registered. For more information about youth activities contact Teresa Tiedtke or Lora Heithold.

On October 14 Youth are planning to participate in the "Pack Away Hunger" event at Mercy Meals in Norfolk. This hands on service project will allow our youth to be a part of an effort to fight world hunger by packing nutritious meals to be sent world wide. Mercy Meals of Nebraska is a non-profit organization that allows volunteers to package nourishing food that will be delivered by the Orphan Grain Train to children in need throughout the world. Orphanages, refugee camps, feeding centers, disaster relief centers and local food pantries have been recent recipients of our food. The mission of Mercy Meals is to help fight world hunger and help to reverse the effects of malnutrition globally.






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SEPTEMBER 2023 Grace Lutheran Church — Activity

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Grace Lutheran Church 402-375-1905 www.gracewayne.com</p>					1	2 4p Family Communion
<p>3 8a Worship 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>5 FIRST DAY OF PRE-SCHOOL</p> 	<p>6 9a Bible Study 10a Preschool Chapel 5p Bells 6:30p Midweek</p>	<p>7 10a Preschool Chapel 7p Choir</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Youth Camp Out</p>	<p>9 4p Family Communion</p>
<p>10 8a Worship/Comm 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship/Comm 5p LIFT Bible Study 7:30p Sun. Night Dinner</p>	<p>11 3:30p Kinship Comm. 7p Mission Council</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9a Bible Study 10a Preschool Chapel 2p Ladies Aid 5p Bells 6:30p Midweek</p>	<p>14 10a Preschool Chapel 7p Choir</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 4p Family Communion</p>
<p>17 8a Worship 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship 11:30a Senior Dinner 7:30p Sun. Night Dinner</p>	<p>18 6p Teachers' Mtg</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9a Bible Study 10a Preschool Chapel 5p Bells 6:30p Midweek</p>	<p>21 10a Preschool Chapel 7p Choir</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 4p Family Communion</p>
<p>24 8a Worship/Comm 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship/Comm 7:30p Sun. Night Dinner</p>	<p>25 1:30p Countryview Comm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9a Bible Study 10a Preschool Chapel 5p Bells 6:30p Midweek</p>	<p>28 10a Preschool Chapel 7p Choir</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 4p Family Communion</p>