

Family Worship Times

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am

Pastor

Michael Buchhorn

904 Logan Wayne, NE 402-375-1905

Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—

for he grants sleep to those he loves.

Psalm 127:1-2

Three times in the opening verses of Psalm 127, the psalmist speaks of an activity being done "in vain." If something is done in vain, it is basically wasted energy because at the end of the day it will have accomplished nothing of real and lasting value.

Three things are specifically mentioned as being in vain. The labor of builders in constructing a house which is not also built by the Lord is in vain. The efforts of watchmen guarding a city that is not protected by the Lord is in vain. And finally, working long hours toiling for food without God's blessing will also be in vain.

Sadly, it seems that a lot of what is done in our world today is being done in vain. Mega-mansions are constructed but no thought is given to God. Nations build elaborate defense systems and maintain huge armies but forget to seek God's favor. People work crazy schedules and exhaust themselves chasing money or recreation and have no time for God.

There will come a time when these vain pursuits will be seen for the point-less endeavors that they are. In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon compared it to "chasing after the wind" (Eccl. 1:14). We have seen it on the scale of nations many of which assembled impressive arsenals but without God the nation fell apart. We often see that no matter how big the house,

families which are not united in their commitment to God splinter. We are truly blessed if we are allowed to see such things before it is too late.

What a blessed promise is given to those who do not forget God! "He grants sleep to those he loves." As we remember our dependence upon God and seek to involve him in our plans, we have his promise of protection. We can go to sleep at night knowing his holy angels stand guard over us. We trust that the key to our success is not working seven days a week. It does not come from squeezing more hours into our day. We remember that God who created all in six days has promised to provide for us. With his blessing our six days of labor will be enough.

As God's children we then ask him to help build our house, to stand guard over us and to provide for all of our needs of body and soul. We can rest in him. With God's blessing our efforts will not be in vain. This is his promise to us. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58).

In a world filled with vain pursuits, how good it is to know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain. May you find your rest in Him. In Christ,

Pastor Buchhorn

Called Voters' Meeting On October 8 at 9:15 a.m. we will have a special called voters' meeting for the purpose of considering extending a call to a Parish Assistant. Information concerning the candidate under consideration is available to read in the church office. All communicant members 18 and older are eligible to vote and encouraged to attend. May God make His will for us clear and bless the decisions which are made.

All Saints Day will be observed November 5 in our morning worship services. All Saints Day is a day to remember and thank God for those who gone ahead of us into heaven and left us an example by persevering to the end. As a part of our All Saints observance we will be reading the names of those who have entered that heavenly rest over the past year (since November 2022). Those who died as members of Grace will automatically be included. If you have another family member or friend who died in the Christian faith and who you would also like to be remembered in our recollection of the faithful departed, please submit their name and relationship to you to a pastor or call the church office by Oct. 29.

NEWS FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Thank you to everyone at Grace Lutheran Church for their continued support of my preparation for the office of the Holy Ministry! At the time of writing this, I am beginning my second week of classes in a ten-week quarter. I have two classes per day, with one in the morning and one right after lunch. These classes vary



from learning about the Gospel of Matthew, to learning how to lead church services, to learning about how theology works. I have also been asked to play the organ for some of our evening chapel services each week.

Learning Greek is a prerequisite to all other classes at the seminary, so I spent this past summer in Fort Wayne in a classroom for a majority of each day. It was very tough and time consuming. We did not receive a letter grade for the class, but it was rather a pass/fail based course. Whatever your final grade was, as long as it was 70% or more, you passed. I passed the course with around a 77%, based on my average from our three tests along with quizzes.

Once again, thank you for all of the support you give me in your prayers. It is truly a blessing to know that I am supported by so many brothers and sisters in Christ back home!

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6)

Blessings in Christ,

Riley Hlavac

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

We are off to a great start to telling the wonders of God in our Sunday School classes we have some wonderful teachers who eagerly help students learn about our amazing God. Below is glimpse into our K-1 class.



Greetings from the Grace
Lutheran kindergarteners and
first graders! Julie Bose and
Kortney Rees will be coteaching this class this year.
We are excited about all of
the things we are doing and
learning this year. Our year
together began by doing a
Mentos and Coke experiment. The children loved

watching the soda bubbling out of the bottle, and we discussed how we should all be "bubbling" with excitement to share God's Word. Following Rally Sunday, we began lessons from CPH's Enduring Faith curriculum. The students have biblical stories about creation, Abraham, and Isaac. We enjoy learning about God's word through stories, games, crafts, and songs. We have done many fun crafts this year already such as making paper serpents, doing sand art, and creating stained glass windows. Additionally, we are working on learning the Lord's Prayer and understanding what it means. We want to thank the parents and guardians for bringing their children to Sunday school. Attendance has been excellent this year, and we pray that this continues so we can all grow together in our faith.









K-1 Sunday School Class showing off their snakes

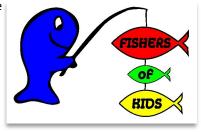
Sunday School begins with a unified opening in the basement fellowship area where we enjoy cookies and muffins (thank you KimBerly), celebrate good news and are introduced to the lesson for the week. Following that students go to music and class. Come and be a part of the excitement.

Fishers of Kids

Preschool is off to a GREAT start!

We have ten students in our M/W/F class, and eight students in our T/TH class. The students have been busy getting to know each other, and learning our school routine. This month, the students discovered ways on how to be a friend and make friends. They also learned about our class community and their neighborhood. In October, we will be having Parent/Teacher confer-

ences on Sunday, October 15th, and the children will also be singing in church that morning. Our October themes include: Autumn, Night Sounds, Fire Prevention, Pumpkins, and Chipmunks. Our fall parties will be held at the end of October. We look forward to a busy month.



Midweek Classes meet each Wednesday from 6:30—7:30 p.m. These classes provide an opportunity for students from 3rd through 8th grade to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith and what it means to live as a Christian. Thank you to our dedicated teachers who work each week to prepare engaging lessons. If you would like more information on Midweek classes please contact the church office or Pastor Buchhorn.

thank you for those who went to Camp Luther



Levi, Myles, Brodrick, Tanya, Emma, Bryn, Reagan, Lauren, Kash, Brayden, Dreu, Chase & Chase







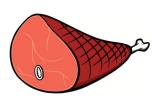
The group enjoyed many activities including a night hike, bonfire, chapel, kyaking & swimming

Upcoming ideas . . .

Holiday Pie Fundraiser, Cross Country Skiing, Ponca State Park Day T

Ponca State Park Day Trip . . . looking for more ideas

Be on the look out for more information about the youth ham sale. Hams will be delivered the first part of December!



7th-12th Grades October 2023

Youth Group HAPPENINGS

hayrides & pumpkin carving

Saturday, October 7th 4-8pm

Join us @ Doug & Lora Heithold's Farm for an evening of fun and devotion

- supper - hayrack rides - pumpkin carving (bring your own pumpkin) - s'mores RVSP for meal count by October 4th

Mercy Saturday, October 14th

We will be leaving the church parking lot at 9am to head over to Norfolk to pack meals part of their Mercy Meals Event. Lunch will be provided after our scheduled time slot. We will plan to be back in Wayne around 1pm.

RSVP for carpooling by October 8th

Please RSVP for upcoming events or if you have questions to Lora 402-518-0791 or Teresa 402-369-2653 Parent Volunteers are always welcome!

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid

September 13, 2023

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid met on September 13, 2023 with 27 members and 1 guest present. Pastor Lilienkamp opened with prayer and led the Bible study from the Fall Quarterly entitled "From Age to Age." We should engage our eyes to see times, people, and places where we can be God's lips and voice as we find others that we can mentor to help spread God's Word.

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 Word: Wisdom for Living...It's Time."

The secretary's report was given and approved. The treasurer's report was reported and filed for audit.

Correspondence was received and shared from Lutheran Bible Translators, Alaska Mission for Christ, Orphan Grain Train and Building Blocks Foster Care.

Committee Reports:

- Betty Wittig reported on the greeting card ministry. A birthday card for Pastor Erik was signed by those in attendance.
- Ruth Victor reported that the group met and tied quilts and will meet again on September 28, 2023.
- Grace Kanitz reported that she was close to sending in another 1.000 UPC labels to Best Choice.
- Verna Mae Baier reported on our card inventory and that Christ mas cards have been received.
- Ellen Heinemann reported on our fleece blanket project and that 12 fleece blankets were tied after our last meeting and another 7 more blankets will be tied after our meeting today.

Christmas Chrismon kits will arrive in October.

Old Business:

Details on LWML Sunday on October 1, 2023 were reviewed. The group will sponsor the Lutheran Hour, greet at both services and also read at a service. There will be flowers on the altar.

New Business:

- The LWML Fall Rally will be at Trinity Lutheran, Martinsburg, NE on October 24, 2023.
- More information will be coming.
- The Wayne Zone is asking for names for zone Vice President and Secretary. Please let Ellen know if you are interested. The District Office is also needing names from the Wayne Zone to serve on the District board.
- We will be remembering our three confirmands each month. Kathleen Johs will do September and Bonnadell Koch will do October.

The birthday song was sung for Pastor Erik, Bev Hansen, Ellen Heinemann, Mary Lou Erxleben, and Kathy Johnson. The next meeting will be October 11, 2023. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Women's Bible Study

Please prayfully consider joining us for an evening of God's Word, fellowship and dessert. This month's Sunday, October 8th study will be hosted by Teresa Tiedtke @ 204 W 10th Street, Wayne. Starting at 5:30pm. If you would like to bring a favorite fall dessert to share please do so though not required.

This a low key group that plans to meet every month. Come as it fits in your schedule. All are welcome. Questions contact Julie Bose or Teresa Tiedtke

Mission Council Minutes

Grace Lutheran Church September 11, 2023

Mission Council for Grace Lutheran Church met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Evans.

Pastor Buchhorn led with an opening prayer and small devotion.

Gene Casey was a guest speaker at the meeting concerning the concrete work needed to complete the preschool front yard lawn work. He spoke in support of replacing the curb cut with a full curb in front of the Preschool.

The minutes from August 21, 2023 were reviewed; motion to approve by Chuck; seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

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

A motion was made, seconded and approved to provide a grant of \$1,500.00 toward seminarian Riley Hlavac's fall tuition from the Endowment Fund. To ease the financial burden on those preparing for the Pastoral ministry the seminary requests that the home congregation of seminarians consider providing support in this amount.

Elder's report - Chuck Potosnyak reported the Board of Elders met at 7:30 p.m. on August 30, 2023. Pastor Buchhorn led the Elders in our continuing study of the Large Catechism. Membership Losses included Fritz Temme and Janet Claussen. Fritz Temme died August 9, 2023. His funeral service was conducted August 19, 2023, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Janet Claussen died August 11, 2023, and her funeral service was conducted on August 21, 2023. Official Acts included the marriage of Sarah Buchhorn and Wing Zhao, conducted by Pastor Buchhorn on August 12, 2023. Junior Confirmation and Midweek classes began on August 23, 2023. A successful Rally Day was held on August 20, 2023. Campus Student Ministry has resumed. Grace was

represented at the Wayne State College Business/Organization Expo for incoming college students. Bonnie and Dan Hansen are coordinating and serving the Sunday supper meals at Cup of Grace. The Lutheran Student Fellowship team will be planning other activities and events. The Youth have planned a camping trip September 8-9, 2023 at Camp Luther and a Pack Away Hunger event October 14, 2023, at Mercy Meals in Norfolk. District Circuit meetings will resume September 5, 2023. Pastor Lilienkamp will begin duties in September. The Call Committee conducted an interview with a potential Parish Assistant candidate on September 11, 2023. A Senior Dinner is scheduled for September 17, 2023, following the 10:30 a.m. service. Pastor Buchhorn will be on vacation November 6-18, 2023.

Committee Reports:

Call Committee- The committee is continuing to evaluate candidates and conduct interviews.

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 are needing to be completed. Heating issues in the restrooms and conference room upstairs in the education wing is still being evaluated, the cost of the electrical upgrade may require reconsideration of the initial plan. A leak into Pastor Buchhorn's office when it rains has been diagnosed as coming from a downspout issue which been fixed by Craig. Heat tape was also inserted into the main drainage line to avoid freezing this winter which led to other basement leaks. Further discussion was held concerning the bids for concrete work on the curbing in front of the preschool. Two proposals are under consideration. One involves replacing the curb which presently is cut for a driveway with a standard curb, the other involves retaining the driveway cut and replacing a section of concrete from the road to the sidewalk. Merit was seen in both proposals and it was decided to allow the voters to decide this issue at the annual meeting in November.

Campus Ministry- There have been 7-10 students attending Sunday night suppers. The television has been installed. It is hoped to be able to wire the television to the present sound system. A Keurig was purchased for the Cup of Grace to provide warm beverages to students and others using the center on an as needed basis. Thank

you again to Dan and Bonnie Hansen for serving and assisting Sunday evenings and to all those who have been preparing meals for the students to enjoy.

Auxillary (Altar Guild/LWML): (Pam) Ellen Heinemann reports for LWML that a donation of fleece was received for making blankets. The group has been enjoying making blankets during coffee hour and will donate the finished blankets to the Haven House or Orphan Grain Train.

Endowment- The 1 year CD is matured August 22, as previously approved those funds will come back to a local account to be disbursed this year. A recommendation for dispersal will be brought to the Annual Voters' meeting. Any with suggestions for possible recipients are encouraged to speak with an Endowment Fund Administrative Committee member: Craig Evans, Ron Sebade & Louise Green by the end of September.

Memorial Fund- Louise reports from KimBerly Hansen. The present balance is \$2,448.19.

Education (Sunday School, Midweek, VBS, Children Programming) – Diana reports that there is a Sunday School and Midweek Teacher's meeting on September 18, 2023.

Preschool-from Megan- Preschool has two slots available for a student in the T/Th class. The M/W/F class is full with 10 students. Tree replacement for the playground is awaiting completion. Rhonda Sebade and Grace Kanitz have been volunteering in the classes this year. A 'thank you' was extended to all who have helped make improvements at the preschool. It was reported that the vacuum cleaner for the preschool needs replacement. A new one will be ordered.

Stewardship/Finance: Mike has no new reports.

Administrative Handbook: Louise reported August items have been completed.

Evangelism/Publicity/Community Engagement: No new reports. Fellowship/Kitchen: Ron reports from KimBerly. Paper products have been donated by the Janke family. The Senior Member Luncheon for those 65 and over will be Sunday, September 17. Mission Council members are to help serve. A check for the entertainment has been received from Louise. There is an issue with the countertops in the kitchen bubbling up once again. Lowell will look into this issue and report back.

Old Business:

District & Circuit Items- Circuit meetings for fall have begun. District Fall Pastor's conference is scheduled for October 9-10 in Columbus with Pastor Buchhorn and Pastor Lilienkamp planning to attend. Circuit Forum meeting is to be held at Grace on September 24, 2023.

New Business:

Final distribution from Dwaine Rethwisch estate in the amount of \$45,603.77 designated for Grace's Endowment Fund was received on September 9, 2023. A check was sent to be deposited in that account at LCEF.

The church custodian contract was reviewed for renewal. It was agreed that the present custodians Cindy Evans and Yvonne Greenwald have been doing an excellent job. A motion was made by Louise, seconded by Diana that the contract be renewed for the period of October 1, 2023-September at the rate of \$1440 per month/ \$17,280 per year. Motion carried.

Nomination Committee headed by Ron Sebade will be contacting church members in request of their names to be placed on the ballot in November to serve on the Mission Council or other offices. If anyone has nominee recommendations; they are encouraged to contact Ron. Nominations will be for secretary, treasurer, two elders, and 2 mission council members will be sought.

A motion was made by Louise to set the Annual Voters' Meeting for noon on November 19, 2023 with a meal provided; seconded by Ron. Motion carried.

Input for the 2024 proposed budget will be needed. Budget requests will be solicited from various groups having oversight of portions of the church budget. The deadline for returning that input is October 1. A budget planning meeting for Mission Council members to discuss and approve a proposed budget was set for Thursday, October 5th at 7 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2023 at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Ekberg

Elc	ler	on	duty	
-----	-----	----	------	--

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Elder o	n duty	SPECIALAS
Oct 01	8:00 am.	Chuck Potosnyak
	10:30 am.	Josh Ruwe
Oct. 08	8:00 am.	Mike Heithold
	10:30 am.	Jared Heithold
Oct. 15	8:00 am.	Doug Heithold
	10:30 am.	Payton Janke
Oct. 22	8:00 am.	Josh Ruwe
	10:30 am.	Chuck Potosnyak
Oct. 29	8:00 am.	Jared Heithold
	10:30 am.	Mike Heithold
Acolytes	;	
Oct 01	8:00 am.	Trecyn Ocampo & Alivia Kesting
	10:30 am.	Evan Bose & Veronica Daum
Oct. 08	8:00 am.	Lauren Ekberg & Bryn Tiedtke
	10:30 am.	Dreu Jensen & Colston Starzl
Oct. 15	8:00 am.	Chloe Kai & Sadie Fredrickson
	10:30 am.	Grant Reeg & Chase Rethwisch
Oct. 22	8:00 am.	Trecyn Ocampo & Lucille Ocampo
	10:30 am.	Alivia Kesting & Courtney Roeber
Oct. 29	8:00 am.	Myles Tiedtke & Reagan Heithold
	10:30 am.	Ashlyn Trautman & Veronica Daum
Lay Read	lers	
Oct 01	8:00 am.	Kathy Johnson
	10:30 am.	Louise Green
Oct. 08	8:00 am.	Hallie Heithold
	10:30 am.	Doug Temme
Oct. 15	8:00 am.	Lowell Schardt
	10:30 am.	Mary Temme
Oct. 22	8:00 am.	Irene Mock
	10:30 am.	Brian Kesting
Oct. 29	8:00 am.	Jeanette Swanson
	10:30 am.	Andy Bose
Greeters	;	
Oct 01	8:00 am.	Jan Casey & Barb Greve
	10:30 am.	Mary Janke & Mary Lou Erxleben
Oct. 08	8:00 am.	The Tiedtke Family
	10:30 am.	Brian & Shelley Frevert
Oct. 15	8:00 am.	LeRoy & Carol Robbert
	10:30 am.	Doug & Mary Temme
	10.50 am.	= -
Oct. 22	8:00 am.	Lowell & Kathy Johnson
Oct. 22		= -
Oct. 22 Oct. 29	8:00 am.	Lowell & Kathy Johnson

GRACE FAMILY BIRTHDAYS

1	Amber Roeber & Jennifer Utecht
2	Jacob Daum, Trecyn Ocampo & Lanee Rethwisch
3	Mandy Heithold & Bodey Woehler
4	Glenda Beiermann, Payton Junck, Yvonne Manning, Logan Trautman & Onar Spahr
5	Abigail Olson
6	Dennis Dannelly & Brandon Sebade
9	Charles Maier, Carol Robbert & Arlyss Temme
10	Teresa Klug, Brittany Janke & Josie Thompson
11	Flint Broders, Henry Greve, Bryce Heithold, Ryker Heithold,
	Chloe Kai & Jennifer Kesting
12	Ray Junck & Glen Nichols
13	Casey Brentlinger
14	Matthew Roeber
15	Angie Beiermann & Kathleen Frevert
16	LaVon Biermann & Abigail Mitchell
17	Kristin Echtenkamp, Cindy Evans & Paula Haisch
18	Caroline Endicott, Conner Hansen, Tonya Janke & Lisa Nelson
19	Yvonne Greenwald
20	Todd Beiermann, Mary Daum, Lora Heithold & Carol Wilke
21	Irvin Haisch, LaVerle Johnson & Valerie Knight
22	Brady Henderson, Judy Kruger & Connor Fox
23	Kris Stewart & Levi Trautman
25	Michelle Meyer
26	Katelyn Vanhorn & FayeMarie Wheeler
27	Tanya Brogren, Carter Junck, & Brandon Kai
29	Emily Matthes
31	Tim Hansen & Kyle Miller

Grace Lutheran Church 904 Logan Wayne, Nebraska 68787 ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
WAYNE NE
PERMIT NO 18

$OCTOBER\ 2023 \quad {\tt Grace\ Lutheran\ Church-Activity\ Calendar}$

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LWML Sunday 8a Worship 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship 7:30p Sun. Night Dinner	2 3:30p Kinship Comm	3	4 9a Bible Study 10a Preschool Chapel 5:00p Bell Choir 6:30p Midweek	5 10a Preschool Chapel 7p Budget Mtg 7p Choir	6	7 3p Junck/VonSeggern Wedding 4p Youth @ Heithold's No Family Communion
8 8a Worship/Comm 9:15a Sun. School 9:15a Call Mtg 10:30a Worship/Comm 5:30p Bible Study @ Tiedtke's 7:30p Sun. Night Dinner	Pastors' Con	10 1:00p Blood Bank nference	11 9a Bible Study 10a Preschool Chapel 2p Ladies Aid 5:00p Bell Choir 6:30p Midweek	12 10a Preschool Chapel 7p Choir	13	14 9a Youth @ Pack Away Hunger 4p Family Communion
15 8a Worship 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship 7:30p Sun. Night Dinner	16 7p Mission Council	17	18 9a Bible Study 10a Preschool Chapel 5:00p Bell Choir 6:30p Midweek	19 10a Preschool Chapel 7p Choir	20	21 4p Family Communion
22 8a Worship/Comm 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship/Comm 7:30p Sun. Night Dinner	23 1:30p Countryview Comm.	24	25 9a Bible Study 10a Preschool Chapel 5:00p Bell Choir 6:30p Midweek	26 10a Preschool Chapel 7p Choir 7p Altar Guild	27	28 4:30p Woodward/Lunz Wedding No Family Communion
29 — Reformation Sunday 8a Worship 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship 7:30p Sun. Night Dinner	30	31				Grace Lutheran Church 402-375-1905 www.gracewayne.com