# Good News of Grace

# **Family Worship Times**

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

#### **Pastor**

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## Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

In the month of November our thoughts rightly turn to Thanksgiving. Once again we have seen the bounty of a fruitful earth being gathered in from the fields around us. God's blessings of sun and rain, soil and seed are once again have led to filled barns and bins.

Most of the blessings for which we give thanks are easy to describe. The explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism for example lists some of them as "body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses....clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals and all I have."

The catechism goes on to remind us that these gifts come to us "only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me." And rightly concludes, "For all of this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

But as we form our own personal lists of things which we are thankful for, the list is incomplete if we think only of the things we can see or the eyes we see them with. St. Paul reminds us of this in the book of 2 Corinthians where he writes, "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" He reminds us of a gift that is so astounding and amazing it is "indescribable". The context of this verse helps us to begin to understand what that gift is.

Paul spoke of the "surpassing grace" God gave to the Corinthians. God had worked a miracle in the hearts and souls of the people of Corinth. He had transformed them from selfish and self-centered people who thought only of themselves to a caring and supportive fellowship who were concerned for the needs of others. They showed that concern by freely and generously giving to help others. They did this because of the indescribable gift given to them and to us when God gave us Jesus. Jesus selflessly gave himself to us. His gift changes us.

Motivated by the love of Christ, the Corinthians learned to rely upon the provision of God and trusted that "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Co. 9:8). They came to experience the truth, "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and... your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" (9:11). Because their hearts had been changed by the grace of God, the Corinthians took the blessings they had been given by God and shared them.

As we prepare for a national day of Thanksgiving at the end of the month, as we count our blessings, do not forget the indescribable gift of Jesus. Remember also the gift which is ours by being a part of the communion of saints, the Holy Christian Church. As we see reflections of Christ in the generous and giving hearts of those around us, we have all the more reason to thank God for all of his gifts, even those that are beyond description. With thanksgiving, Pastor Buchhorn



#### **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**NEW MEN'S BIBLE GROUP** will be offered 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday mornings at 7:30 AM at Cup of Grace. The first meeting will be on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM. Men, being the spiritual leaders of the home, are especially invited to:

Enjoy meeting with other men to discuss and apply God's Word for these unsettling times.

Support and pray for one another, the church and world community. Enjoy casual conversation and encouragement.

Have breakfast and coffee and be on your way by 8:30AM.

Women's Bible Study for November is scheduled for Sunday, November 12th @ 5:30pm hosted by Brooke Sturm at her home; 803 Jaxon Street, Wayne. If you would like to bring something that goes along with soup to share please do so though not required. Reminder; this is a low key group that plans to meet monthly but that doesn't mean to join you need to be there every month. Come as it fits in your schedule, all are welcome. Questions contact Julie Bose or Teresa Tiedtke.

**Alone on Thanksgiving?** Once again Grace Lutheran will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Call the church office to sign up.

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



#### Grades 2-3

A big hello from Tasha Forsyth and Chuck Potosnyak and all the students in the second and third grade classroom! The first few months of Sunday School classes have certainly gone quickly. We have been learning many things so far. Our lessons each week have been covering stories from Genesis. We have learned how God called Abraham from his home to a new home that He would show him. He promised Abraham that his offspring would be as many as the stars in the sky. We saw how Abraham obeyed and trusted in God, even when he was told to sacrifice his own son, Isaac. God never wanted him to sacrifice Isaac, only to test him. Abraham showed his great faith in the Lord, just as all of us should do each day. We learned about the twin brothers Esau and Jacob, and how Jacob tricked his father Isaac to bless him instead of Esau. Currently we are learning more about the story of Joseph, Jacob's favorite son, and how his brothers sold him into slavery. Despite that happening, Joseph also showed great faith in God. God helped deliver him and made him the second most important man in Egypt. All of these stories from Genesis have taught us that God can be trusted and never, ever, will leave us. With each of our lessons we have an activity, art project, or game. We like doing all of those things. One of our most fun games had to do with the story of Rebekah drawing water from a well. We did a water bucket relay. Two teams of players had to take a cup of water from one bucket to another bucket. Water was splashing everywhere! We also practice singing songs and also playing bells. We will be doing songs in church from time to time, so we hope you can see us perform. Each Sunday has been a great time to learn more about God and all He does for us.

**Christmas Program:** One of the great joys of the Christmas season is the opportunity to tell again the story of our Savior's birth. Each year we have been blessed to have children take part in that retelling through our traditional Christmas Eve Children's Christmas program. Plans are already beginning for this year's program. We need to know which children will be participating so that speaking parts can begin to be assigned. If you have not already done so, please let your child's Sunday School teacher know if they will be participating or email the church office kwiser@gracewayne.com

Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, it was decided that the program will be scheduled as our **10:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service December 24**. (This time change is just because of this year's calendar peculiarities.) Practices for the program will begin on Sunday, November 26 at 11:30 a.m. following the late worship service. A snack will be served to children and then we hope to get to work so that the practice can conclude by 12:45 p.m. The final rehearsal on Sunday, December 17 will go a little longer since our annual Jesus' birthday party will also be held that day. We do very much hope that all of our congregation's children will be a part of the program.

The preschool students have been busy this month! The children sang in church, and we had parent/teacher conferences. Thank you, parents, for attending and discussing your children's progress! This month, we learned about signs of autumn and sounds at night, including nocturnal animals. Fire safety and pumpkin themes are still to come. The Wayne Fire Department will be visiting the preschool soon. We will also be exploring pumpkins and having our fall parties at the end of the month.

Special thanks to everyone who worked at the preschool this summer and fall by painting, landscaping, assembling/fixing play equipment, and many other tasks. We appreciate everyone's' hard work and the preschool looks great! In November, our themes include Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and Winter Holidays. Plans are also being made for the students to participate in a Thanksgiving program. We look forward to a busy month ahead!

7th-12th Grades November 2023

# Youth Group HAPPENINGS

Holiday Ham Sales

Ham Sales has been a tradition in our church around the holidays. We are excited **YOU** will be helping us sale some delicious hams for another year! The 8-10lb hams are \$35 each and we have a limited number of hams (150 in total). Official sales will begin Sunday, November 19th but you can start as soon as you would like. Sales **DEADLINE** is Wednesday, December 6th or until we sell them all. With a delivery date of Wednesday, December 13th. (order form enclosed)

# Cornhole TOURNAMENT

Warm up those tossing arms . . . we are putting on a corn hole tournament and you and your friends are invited. Sunday, November 5th at 5:30pm in the church basement. Supper and prizes will be provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: CHPISTMAS CELEBRATION
Saturday, December 2nd Cup of Grace @ 5:30pm







#### **Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid**

October 11, 2023

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid met October 11, 2023, with 13 members and Pastor Buchhorn present. Pastor Buchhorn led the Bible study entitled "Here Am I-Send Me" based on the story of Samuel. God calls His people to serve in different ways, as workers in the harvest fields. We should be ready with open hearts and minds when he calls.

Mary Lou Erxleben shared a special version of the LWML pledge with members participating.

Christian Growth Chairman, Mary Lou Erxleben, shared a Mustard Seed devotion based on Isaiah, chapter 46.

The following business items were address:

- A memorial gift of \$10.00 will be sent to the Mite Project in memory of member Joann Temme.
- Ruth Victor reported the Quilt Group tied 6 quilts on Sept. 28 and will meet again October 26, 2023.
- Grace Kanitz reported a check for \$30.00 has been received from Best Choice and more Best Choice labels are being prepared to be sent. Verna Mae Baier reported the greeting card inventory was sufficient at this time. Kathleen Johs reported 15 fleece blankets, which the members tied the last two meetings, have been donated to Orphan Grain Train.

LWML Fall Rally will be hosted by Trinity, Martinsburg on Tues Oct. 24 with registration beginning at 9:00 A.M. Registration fee is \$5.00. Anyone wishing to carpool should be at Grace Church parking lot by 8:30 A.M. Grace Lutheran LWML will give a gift of \$50.00 for the Ingathering.

President Ellen Heinemann gave a plea for members to volunteer for zone and district offices.

The groups will be making new Chrismons for the Church Christmas tree. The organization of kits and a timeline took place. The Birthday song was sung for Yvonne Manning and LaVon Biermann. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

### Minutes of Special Called Voters Meeting

October 8, 2023 @ 9:15am

The meeting was called to order by Congregation Chairman Craig Evans with 44 voters present. Pastor Buchhorn opened the meeting with a devotion, prayer and hymn.

A review of the candidate search process was given by Chuck Potosnyak. He described the process of communicating with the district office, searching a database of candidates, refining the list by a committee review of Commissioned Minister Information forms to gauge which candidates might be a good fit for our congregation, contacting potential candidates to ascertain their openness to considering a call and conducting online video interviews with several candidates.

Following that search process one candidate was recommended by the call committee for consideration by the Voters' assembly. Craig Evans then presented a brief biographical sketch of DCE Brian Pike presently serving at Grace Lutheran Church of Lafayette, Indiana.

The floor was opened for questions and comments following which a motion was made and seconded to extend a call to DCE Brian Pike to serve as the Parish Assistant of Grace Lutheran Church of Wayne, Nebraska at an initial salary of \$49, 674 per year plus benefits.

Ballots were distributed, marked, and counted. The votes counted 37-yes and 5-no. A motion was made and seconded to make the motion unanimous. The motion carried.

The call committee was thanked for their efforts in helping our congregation reach this point in the calling process.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. Pastor Buchhorn closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Ekberg, Secretary

#### **Annual Voters' Meeting**

Our annual voters' meeting for the purpose of electing officers, passing a budget and other resolutions will be held beginning at noon on Sunday, November 19. The agenda for the meeting was mailed to members in October and is also posted in the fellowship area. A light meal will precede the meeting. All communicant members 18 and older are eligible to vote and encouraged to attend.

### Mission Council Minutes Grace Lutheran Church October 16, 2023

Mission Council for Grace Lutheran Church met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023.

The following members were present: Craig Evans, Ron Sebade, Pastor Buchhorn, Doug Heithold, Lowell Johnson, Pam Janke, Diana Langemeier, Louise Green, 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 the Mission Council meeting on September 11, 2023 were reviewed; motion to approve by Lowell; seconded Louise. Motion carried. Minutes from the special called voters' meeting was motioned to approve by Louise; seconded Pam. Motion carried.

#### **Treasury Report**

Louise Green presented the financial reports September 2023. Lowell motioned to approve; Dwight seconded. Motion carried.

Elder's report – Doug Heithold reported the Board of Elders met at 7:30 p.m. on September 26, 2023. Pastor Buchhorn opened the meeting with prayer. Official Acts included the marriage of Mathew Frevert and Eley Navrkal, officiated by Pastor Lilienkamp on September 9, 2023. Junior Confirmation classes are proceeding well with three students in the 8th grade and nine students in the 7th grade. Midweek classes and Sunday School are continuing successfully. Campus Student Ministry is hosting Sunday night dinners and future activities are being planned by the LSF leadership team. The Youth enjoyed a camping trip September 8th-9th at Camp Luther. A "Pumpkins and Hayride" get together took place at Doug and Lora Heithold's farm on October 7th and a Pack Away Hunger event is planned for Mercy Meals in Norfolk on October 14, 2023. District Circuit Meetings have resumed and a Circuit Forum was held September 24, 2023 at Grace. Pastor Lilienkamp has begun serving Grace in September. Salary proposals for the budgeting process were discussed and approved by the Elders. The proposed Advent Christmas Worship Schedule was approved. The first Midweek Advent service will begin on Wednesday December 6, 2023. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. There will be a Communion service at 8:00 a.m. and the Children's Program will take place at 10:30 a.m. that morning. A Candlelight Carol Service will be held at 8:00 p.m. that night. A Christmas Day 10

Service will be on Monday. New Year's Eve also falls on a Sunday. There will be Communion at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. There will be no evening service. Pastor Buchhorn will be on vacation November 6- 18, 2023.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Call Committee-** A call has been issued to Brian Pike, DCE through a special voters' meeting. Mr. Pike has plans to come visit Wayne in person the weekend of October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Report — Roof leak from the bell tower into the sanctuary will require the lifting of the bell and replacement of the bell mount; recent rains have helped define where the leak is. 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. Roof leak over the bell room in the front of the sanctuary from the heating vent pipe. The roofing company has been called to find a date to come fix a new leak that has developed from the roof valley above the sanctuary southwest door. A proposed resolution concerning cement work along main street in front of the preschool was considered and approved for action by the voters' meeting in November.

**Campus Ministry**- There have been 10-12 students attending Sunday night suppers. Dan and Bonnie Hansen had guest servers from Wakefield. It is still hoped to connect the new television to the existing building audio system.

Auxillary (Altar Guild/LWML): (Pam) Ellen Heinemann reports for LWML that tied blankets have been completed and delivered. Mary reports that the Altar Guild will have packets to make Chrismons available soon. Please contact Karen Schardt or the church office. Their monthly meeting will be coming up soon with Pam Janke attending.

Endowment- The Endowment Committee met tonight to discuss recommendations for the distribution of \$40,401.57 from the endowment fund. These funds are a portion of those entrusted to the congregation from the Baker estate to be used toward mission outreach. It was recommended that for this year eight mission projects be funded in the amount of \$5,000 each. The recommended recipients are 1) Missionary Daniel Conrad for work in the Dominican Republic. 2) Seminary Riley Hvalac for tuition assistance 3) Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool in Winnebago 4) Lutheran Hour Ministries 5) Mainstreet Living- television ministry out of Sioux City 6) Alaska Mission for Christ 7) Missionaries Rev. Brian/Deaconess Keah Prayne in Tanzania. 8) Siouxland Hispanic Ministry. A motion

to approve the list was made by Michelle; seconded by Ron. Motion approved.

**Memorial Fund**- Louise reports from KimBerly Hansen. Balance carried forward was \$2,448. 19. A deposit of \$385.00 was made increasing the monthly balance to \$2,833.19.

Education (Sunday School, Midweek, VBS, Children Programming) — Diana reports that there is a Sunday School and Midweek Teacher's meeting on October 23, 2023. Youth group students participated in Pumpkin carving/hayrack rides at Doug and Lora Heithold's home. They will be looking forward to a Cornhole Tournament. Meal packing was at the Orphan Grain Train last Saturday for a couple of hours, thank you to all who helped. Aluminum cans are still being collected in the small white shed. November newsletter will have more details on Youth Ham Sale.

**Preschool-from Megan-** Tree replacement in the playground needs completed.

**Stewardship/Finance:** Mike has no new reports.

**Administrative Handbook:** Louise reported October items have been completed.

**Evangelism/Publicity/Community Engagement:** No new reports. **Fellowship/Kitchen:** Ron reports from KimBerly. A bridal shower was held in the basement. The kitchen ladies assisted with two funerals that served 100. Meat and potatoes was served by Vel's Bakery and the congregation was called for salads/desserts. The first meal for Advent will be Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Next year's Senior Dinner's date will be discussed and finalized. Three new 30 cup coffee makers were purchased to replace the old.

#### **Old Business:**

**District & Circuit Items**- District Fall Pastor's conference held for October 9-10 in Columbus. Emphasis was on Spiritual Growth through Bible Study. Circuit Bible Institute is tentatively scheduled for Grace in late January or early February. The Concordia University President will be asked to come up from Seward to present if available.

Senior Dinner was held September 17, 2023 in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church, a thank you to all who assisted.

Nomination committee report and the Budget Committee Report were reviewed. Both were approved as presented for inclusion in the voters' agenda.

Annual Voters' meeting will be held on November 19, 2023 at noon. A motioned was made by Louise; seconded by Diana to approve asking Vel's Catering to prepare the meal before the meeting. Motion carried. Mission Council will provide desserts for the meal. It was requested that photos of nominees be presented as a part of the election process.

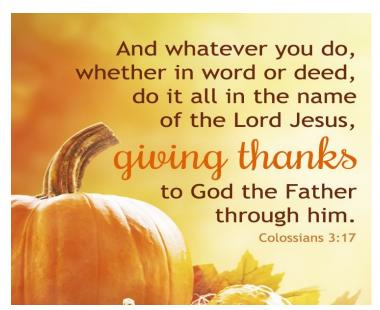
#### **New Business:**

Finalization and approval of voters' meeting agenda items including nominations, budget, preschool landscaping, and endowment committee motions along with a report from the call committee. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Louise; seconded by Dwight. Motion carried. A voters' meeting announcement and agenda is to be mailed USPS to all member households in the coming days.

A financial review policy was discussed. After brief discussion it was recommended that a three person review committee be established to do an annual financial review of any accounts using the church tax ID number. A motion to establish the committee was made by Lowell; seconded by Diana. Motion carried. The committee will be determined at a later date.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2023 at 7 pm. Respectfully Submitted,



### **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Elde	r on duty				
05	8:00 am.	Payton Janke			
	10:30 am.	Doug Heithold			
12	8:00 am.	Chuck Potosnyak			
	10:30 am.	Josh Ruwe			
19	8:00 am.	Mike Heithold			
	10:30 am.	Jared Heithold			
22	6:15 pm.	Chuck Potosnyak			
26	8:00 am.	Doug Heithold			
	10:30 am.	Payton Janke			
Acol	ytes				
05	8:00 am.	Brayden Stegemann & Lauren Ekberg			
	10:30 am.	Evan Bose & Kennedy Junck			
12 8:00 am.		Bryn Tiedtke & Chloe Kai			
	10:30 am.	Dreu Jensen & Colston Starzl			
19	8:00 am.	Sadie Fredrickson & Lucille Ocampo			
	10:30 am.	Grant Reeg & Chase Rethwisch			
22	6:15 pm.	Alivia Kesting & Courtney Roeber			
26	8:00 am.	Trecyn Ocampo & Myles Tiedtke			
	10:30 am.	Ashlyn Trautman & Veronica Daum			
Lay F	Readers				
05	8:00 am.	Jeff Simpson			
	10:30 am.	Jo Junck			
12	8:00 am.	Diane Zach			
	10:30 am.	Jennifer Kesting			
19	8:00 am.	Kathy Johnson			
	10:30 am.	Galen Wiser			
26	8:00 am.	Louise Green			
	10:30 am.	Doug Temme			
Gree	eters				
05	8:00 am.	LeRoy & Carol Robbert			
	10:30 am.	Jerry & Lore Echtenkamp			
12	8:00 am.	Gene & Jan Casey			
	10:30 am.	Don & Lisa Nelson			
19	8:00 am.	Lowell & Kathy Johnson			
	10:30 am.	Galen & Kathy Wiser			
26	8:00 am.	Tiedtke Family			
	10:30 am.	Doug & Mary Temme			

#### **GRACE FAMILY BIRTHDAYS**

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9a Bible Study 10a Preschool Chapel 5:00p Bell Choir 6:30p Midweek 7:30p Elders	2 10a Preschool Chapel 7p Choir	3	4 7:30a Men's Bible Study 3p Matthes/Korth Wedding No Family Communion Fall Back - Reset your clocks
5 8a Worship 9:15a Sun. School & B.C. 10:30a Worship 5:30p Youth Cornhole 7:30p Sun. Night Dinner All Saints übserved	6 1:30 Country View Communion 3:30p Kinship Comm	7	8 9a Bible Study 10a Preschool Chapel 2p Ladies Aid 5:00p Bell Choir 6:30p Midweek	9 10a Preschool Chapel 7p Choir	10	11 11a Family Communion (Note time change for this week only)
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