

2023

When to contact your pastor...

The pastor's care of souls is often said to be from "womb to tomb." That is, people typically contact their pastor for major life events (e.g., upcoming wedding, baptism, funeral), but there are many other good reasons to get in touch:

You or a loved one is going into the hospital. Whether it's a "routine" operation or an emergency visit, your pastor can plan to visit you, a family member, or a friend with God's Word of comfort. He can also keep you in his prayers.

You would like a prayer said for you or someone you know. Your pastor is always happy to pray for and with others, and our almighty and merciful God answers prayer! Please let the pastor know if you would like a prayer said publicly during the Divine Service; otherwise, he will keep it confidential. If the prayer is for someone else, please ask his or her permission first before requesting a public prayer.

Your conscience is troubling you. God doesn't leave us alone to struggle with temptation and guilt. He invites us to confess our sin and receive His forgiveness. You can confess your sin to your pastor in confidence and freely receive God's forgiveness and absolution delivered to you personally. You're welcome to come to confession even if no particular sin is troubling you.

You're wrestling with a spiritual issue or have a question about something the Bible says. Questions often come up when you're talking about religion with coworkers and friends, reading or studying the Bible, or listening to a sermon. Your pastor loves to discuss God's Word and wants to see you grow in your understanding of it.

You're facing a challenging decision or are dealing with difficult life circumstances. What should a Christian do in such situations? Your pastor will be happy to listen and help you think through your issue, pointing to relevant insights from God's Word. If your challenge is beyond his expertise, he can refer you to others who might be able to help.

You're not able to come to church for a prolonged period of time. Your pastor can make a home visit for a devotion and prayer, and if you so desire, the Lord's Supper. Your pastor wants you to stay connected to God's Word and his Sacrament. We're all in constant need of God's forgiveness and mercy.

A young family member is going to college or relocating for other reasons and needs to find a church in the new location. Pastors are happy to do what they can to help young people stay connected.

You know someone who wants to know more about Jesus. Your pastor would love to meet with him or her to share the hope that we have in Christ. You might offer to introduce this person to your pastor. This can make the opportunity a little less intimidating for someone who isn't used to talking with a pastor.

You have an issue in your marriage that you're having difficulty resolving. If an issue in your marriage seems particularly troublesome, there could be an underlying spiritual issue. Often people wait until their marriage drastically deteriorates before seeking help. A Christian marriage needs to be rooted in God's Word and built on His love. It's good to be reminded of God's love, especially as it applies to you, your spouse, and your relationship. (This advice really applies to any strained relationship.)

You have a question, concern, or suggestion about something at church. Many questions can be cleared up easily by simply asking. Likewise, if you have a concern about something at church or have a suggestion, let your pastor know. He might not be able to implement every suggestion, but your input matters.

**With thanks to Pr. Sam Gullixson for the original list.*

Pastor Woelmer

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10am-GLLC Chapel	3 6pm LWML 	4	5
6 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm-Youth Group	7 4pm-Quilting 7pm  Elders Meeting	8	9 10am-GLLC Chapel	10	11	12
13 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	14 7pm-  LLL	15	16 10am-GLLC Chapel	17	18	19
20 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion Rally Day after service!	21 4pm-Quilting 6pm-GLLC Mtg 7pm-Evangelism	22	23 10am-GLLC Chapel	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON	25	26
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Grace Lutheran Church

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Sunday School 8:45 AM
Midweek Classes 8:45 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM

Elders: Davey Kadlecek
Jack Page

Organist(s):
June Parker
Esther Wolff
Kim Appel
Ruth Eaton

Altar Guild: Toni Ann Kadlecek
Donna Kadlecek



As of July 26th, 2023

Name	Balance
Prosperity Checking Acct	74,851.16
CEF-General	2,514.97
CEF-Land/Youth	12,656.72
CEF Scholarship	12,812.76
Legacy Deo	6,028.23
Total Dedicated Funds	52,137.08
General Fund Balance	22,714.08

Grace Lutheran Learning Center

401 Wilkes Street
Smithville, TX 78957
Office Phone: 512-360-2800
Fax Number: 512-237-5990

Email address: gracelutheranlearn@att.net

We now accept CCMS enrollment

Pastor David Woelmer

If you need to contact Pastor Woelmer, you can do so via e-mail (rev.davidwoelmer@gmail.com) or phone (214-218-8354). Pastor Woelmer is normally in the office Monday through Thursday. He is available in the afternoons, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits.



KFUO Bible Study Resources

Looking for Bible study opportunities during the week? Make use of the fantastic resources for growth in your Christian faith produced by our very own LCMS radio station, KFUO (www.kfu.org). Their variety of

programs will provide something of value to every person who listens.

CHURCH OFFICE

Normal hours are 9 to 2 Tues. – Thurs and 9 to 1 on Friday. If you need any help from the office i.e., copying documents, record information, info to be put in the bulletin and/or newsletter, etc., please feel free to stop by, call, etc. I am here to provide you with whatever you need from the church office. You may also leave a note in the Secretary's box in the Narthex, and I will get back with you as soon as possible. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Lisa Stem



Thank you!

Elizabeth and I want to express our gratitude for all the help we've received from countless members of the congregation this past month. We are grateful for your generosity in supplying us with appliances and providing meals, as well as offering your time to help us move, clean, repair, and get settled. Thank you to those who helped remodel and install new furniture in the church office in preparation for my arrival. Thank you for your work in setting everything up for my Ordination and Installation service, as well as the wonderful potluck afterwards. I'm thankful that the Lord has called me to Grace Lutheran, and I pray that He would bless my ministry here in the years to come.

Pastor Woelmer



Braille

Braille volunteers meet the 4th Monday of each month @ 8am.

We carpool to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings to assemble braille bible study books.



Aug. 1	Philip & Kimberly Appel
Aug. 15	Jerry & Helen Fleck
Aug. 18	Don & Nancy Young
Aug. 23	Daniel & Donna Kadlecek
	James & Murrelyn Rice
Aug. 24	Jim & Mary Ann Duty
	John & Katie Stelling
Aug. 26	Mackie Wayne & Kathy Kasper
Aug. 29	Bill & Jean Miller

Sunday School

Sunday school for all ages has returned to its regular time slot of 8:45 AM. The response from so many members of our congregation has been tremendous. The parish hall has been filled with great joy each Sunday morning as so many children and adults are eager to learn God's Word—and there's always room for more! Please join us each week in the Parish Hall for a short opening with everyone together before we go to our separate classes. You won't regret making time to read, learn, and rejoice in God's Word!



Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study at 8:45 AM continues each week, led by the guest pastor for that week. Join us to spend time together in God's Word.



Aug. 2	Kellie Rice
Aug. 4	Bobby Hoskins
Aug. 6	Jacob Hannusch
	Vance Kaiser
Aug. 7	Bradley Champion
	Kolson Zimmerhanzel
Aug. 8	Peyton Bennight
Aug. 9	Mike Davis, Jr.
	Bernie Satterwhite
Aug. 10	Donna Kadlecek
Aug. 14	Connor Swartz
Aug. 15	Wendy Rohde
Aug. 16	Clint Zimmerhanzel
Aug. 17	Ashlyn Zimmerhanzel
Aug. 19	Eleanor Mutschink
	Kennedy Pietsch
Aug. 20	Hannah Stem
Aug. 21	Angel Hurst
Aug. 23	Linda Noack
Aug. 25	Patricia Kaiser
Aug. 27	Debbie Higgins
	Patt Langer
Aug. 29	Troy Kasper
	David Rohde
	Stefanie Monecke
Aug. 30	Cindy Davis
	Katie Stelling
	Kira Kaiser
Aug. 31	Hallye Bonorden
	Gene Brown, Jr.

Wishing these Friends a Happy Birthday! from your "Grace" family

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear correctly, please contact the church office so we can correct our files. Thank you.



Dear Member of Grace Lutheran Church,

WELCOME PASTOR WOELMER and FAMILY from the Board of Education!!

We are excited to have Sunday School back at 8:45 am every Sunday. Our classes will be in the fellowship hall for all ages. 3yrs old through kindergarten teachers are Kim Appel and Ester Wolff, 1st grade through 4th grade is Kayla Herschap, 5th grade through 8th grade will be Donna Zimmerhazel and Gene Brown, III and High School will be Gene Brown. We are always in need of volunteers to help teach or to sub when one of the teachers is out, so please feel free to contact a board member and we will gladly assist you in getting set up to volunteer.

RALLY DAY IS BACK!!! We will have Rally Day on August 20th after services. The Board of Education will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs and ask that the Congregation bring chips and or desert as able. There will be games and activities for everyone! Come have a good time.

DONUTS!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the Board of Education Bulletin Board for anyone who wants to furnish snacks between Sunday School and Church. There is also a donation can in the kitchen by the donuts if you would rather just donate to the cause.

Our current mission project is Missionary Becky Bartelt, there are envelopes on the Board of Ed Bulletin Board for anyone who would like to contribute to our Mission.

Our Board members for this year are: Charlie Johannessen, Toni Ann Kadlecek, Kathy Kasper, Mary Lou Oliver, Margie Hicks, June Parker, Barb Johannessen and the Sunday School Superintendent is Donna Zimmerhazel. Please feel free to contact any of us at any time if you have questions.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,

Barb Johannessen

Board of Education



The Born Again Emporium (BAE) is a resale thrift store created by the Smithville Ministerial Alliance in August, 2014. The organization is run by volunteers from the following churches: Colorado River Cowboy, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Grace Lutheran, St. Paul Catholic, and RVICS (Roving Volunteers In Christ Service.) On a weekly basis volunteers from each church are responsible for sorting, cleaning, pricing, stocking and selling donated merchandise. Smaller churches partner and volunteers work with another church during their assigned weeks. There are many volunteers that work regularly every week.

This ministry has been blessed from inception growing from a small garage to an 8,000 sqft building in 2017. Recently, another expansion of 4,011 sqft was completed to accommodate the ever growing donations, support and needs of the community. The goal of the BAE is to serve, support and strengthen our community through donations of time, money, items of clothing and housewares.

Proceeds from sales go to various non profit organizations throughout our community. Funds are distributed through an application. The most important requirement is that the organization must be meeting human needs in the community. Money is not given to individuals but does accept vouchers from the Ministerial Alliance and St. Vincent de Paul Society. As of June this year, the BAE has donated over \$773,000 to benefit the community with meals for the elderly, equipment for the police and fire departments, school supplies, Friends of the Library and more.

The other benefit of this ministry has been the sense of community that has grown and been shared by the volunteers of the participating churches. Grace Lutheran has been consistent in their service to the ministry since inception.

Volunteers are needed! Whether you can work a few hours, a day or an entire week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday,) we would welcome your help. Prayerfully consider representing Grace Lutheran in this growing ministry.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda Sanders, Katie Stelling, David and Toni Ann Kadlecek, Rose Pietsch, or Marilyn Burns. Below you will find the schedule for Grace Lutheran volunteers for the rest of the year.

August 14-19, 2023
September 25-30, 2023
November 6-11, 2023



UPCOMING:

August 3rd
6pm-Business Mtg

August 7th
4pm-Quilting

August 21th
4pm-Quilting

We welcome you to join us in “Serving the Lord with Gladness.” Please contact any LWML member or June Parker at 512-581-1168 to learn more or go to www.lwml.org or www.lwmltxdist.org to read about the mission and great history of LWML.

Mission Project in July from Grace – University Lutheran Church, Austin, TX

Grace LWML members hosted Wednesday, July 26th VBS meal. We also hosted the potluck on July 9th after the Installation and Ordination of Pastor Woelmer

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:

The Texas District is hosting 3 retreats this fall in different areas of Texas making it easier for LWML members to attend nearer their homes.

September 8-9
Glen Lake Camp, Glen Rose, TX

September 22-23
Ceta Canyon, Happy

October 20-21
Spiritual Retreat Center, Victoria, TX

Please go to the Texas District website for more information or talk to one of Grace’s members.

Donations to the large Mite Box in the Narthex are joyfully accepted.

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:

The convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 22-25, 2023 "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" has ended.

The delegates voted and selected 31 mission grants to be completed by March 31, 2025.

The total of the grants is \$2,350,000. Two of the grants that were especially of interest to our local Grace LWML

Group were the first one selected - Orphan Grain Train Servant Center - \$100,000 and the 4th one - Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment - Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,00.

In the coming months we will feature each grants in this newsletter



The Widow’s Mite --- And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” Mark 12:42-44 ESV



FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas seeks to engage young adults in a Christ-centered environment where faith and knowledge grow as one.

HOME OF THE FALCONS!

August 2023

New Student Registration

We are overjoyed to have **20 students** registered for the 2022-2023 school year. Prospective families continue to call and tour the school, and we continue to add more students to our family. FLHS offers a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, and small class sizes. You can receive registration materials by visiting our website, at www.fhlstx.org, or calling (979) 242-2889. Tuition scholarships are available.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we prepare to begin another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support!

First Day of School

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 16th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

Opening Service

Please join us on Sunday, August 20th at 3 pm as we will officially open our seventh academic school year. "Better Together" based on Romans 15:5-6 is the theme for 2023-2024. A worship service will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda. The service will be led by our association Pastors. Offering will be collected to support the FLHS Scholarship Fund. A potluck dessert and punch reception will follow.

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 28th. New this year will be **The Battle of the Vines**, in addition to **The Battle of the Brew** - both are home brew competitions, so start planning your brews now. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, and lots of fun!

Camp Lone Star Retreat

FLHS students and faculty are preparing for our annual retreat to Camp Lone Star on August 31 and September 1. We would appreciate prayers as we prepare for this valuable experience for all students. Also, food and monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact FLHS to find out how you can support our retreat!

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, Thrivent Choice Dollars, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

Amazon Wish List

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS website or Facebook page. Thank you for your generous support!

Follow Us On Facebook!

With a new school year almost underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website (fhlstx.org) which is updated regularly as well.



Singing the Church's Song in Asia

June/July 2023
NEWS FROM BECKY BARTELT
Serving the Lord in Taiwan/Asia



A New Neighbor!

I have a new neighbor and friend. Mindy Thews has been teaching English and Bible classes at Concordia Middle School, about 30 minutes from where I live, for seven years.

This summer/fall she is transitioning to a different role as Lutheran Education Coordinator for Asia. She has moved into the apartment next to mine. We are looking forward to working together to coordinate and collaborate with Asian Lutherans to educate youth in the faith through music and Sunday school programs. Mindy is also very close friends with my sister's sister-in-law, which is how we first became acquainted.

Please pray for Mindy as she adjusts to her new role.

Conversation Partners

In the last month I have started meeting with two friends to converse. We speak English for half the time and Chinese for half the time. I am hoping this will help me to make new connections with people, improve my speaking and listening skills and help someone else with their English skills. Last Saturday Feiyuan, one of my new conversation partners, our teacher Kelly and I met to practice speaking and so I could teach them how to bake cookies. Many families in Taiwan do not have kitchens, let alone a toaster oven, as I have. If people don't have kitchens, they make do with rice cookers and hot plates or they eat out, which is actually quite reasonable in Taiwan. Feiyuan is actually from Macau and is studying Chinese and English in Taiwan. She was excited to learn how to follow a recipe in English and bake cookies.



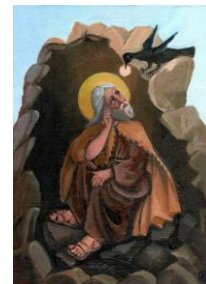
Prayer Request



Last month I requested prayers for my sister, Sarah Lindau, as she was facing a surgery to remove part of her colon with a large polyp in it and a hysterectomy. The surgery was successful, but they did find cancer in the polyp and in the lymph nodes around the colon. She is currently recovering from surgery and will begin chemotherapy for colorectal cancer in the next few weeks. The plan is to go in for chemotherapy every two weeks for six months. Because of this I requested and received permission to take my 2023 vacation time in Nebraska, so I can spend some time with her while she goes through chemotherapy. I will be in Nebraska with her for part of September. Please pray for Sarah as she faces this tough schedule of chemotherapy and for safe travel for me.

Mendelssohn's Elijah

Last week I took the train to Kaohsiung (about 1 1/2 hours) to audition for an international choral festival the beginning of August in Taipei. We will spend a week rehearsing sections of this oratorio, going to break-out sessions and going to concerts in the evening. I am excited to learn more about how music is taught and learned in Taiwan and to hopefully make some music connections with musicians from Taiwan.



PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR...

- a successful surgery for my sister.
- the opportunity to learn more about music teaching and learning in Taiwan
- a new neighbor and friend

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- my sister as she begins chemotherapy
- a great time of learning and connecting in Taipei in August.
- safe travel for me in September.

My Taiwan Address:
5F-2 #167 Gongyuan St.
East District
Chiayi City, Taiwan 600044



Vacation Bible School

All Praise & Glory be to God, our Father, and to His Son, Jesus Christ, for a successful Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran Church! I am so grateful that we can conduct VBS in an effort to bring the Word of God to people of all ages.

First, I thank **God** for giving us a reason to conduct VBS and that He inspires the folks who prepare the curriculum that we follow. This year our theme was *God's Living Water* and I loved the "water" Bible stories shared each night.

Next, I would like to thank all of the folks at Grace who volunteered to help our program. Without you, we simply could not conduct VBS! We averaged **39 kids** and **37 teachers/helpers** each night this year. Thanks so much to all who are so willing to help! You ARE the hands, feet & voices of Jesus!!

A very special THANK YOU to **Kim & Philip Appel** for applying for TWO scholarships from Thrivent and getting \$500 to offset the costs of VBS! This was a wonderful help, especially in purchasing the food for VBS! They have done this for several years and it is so appreciated!

Thank you, **Pastor Woelmer**, for leading the Openings & Closings each night. Just 2 short weeks after being Ordained and Installed he jumped into the fire and he did an outstanding job of leading us! We look forward to many years of conducting VBS together. We enjoyed having **Elizabeth, Ellie & Ruth** join us also.

This year we didn't have a music leader but I promise to have one next year.....**any volunteers for that?**

Thanks to **June Parker** for another terrific job done in the Storytelling/Bible Challenge site. I never have to be concerned about the kids "getting it" because I know you do a great job to get the message across. June set up shop in Room # 4 this year and that seemed to be a good move. Job well done, June!

Thank you, **Mary Ann Duty**, for being the leader of the Snack site again this year! I didn't even have to ask Mary Ann as she volunteered before it came to that!! **Milly Cheak & Eleanor Mutschink** could be found sitting in on this class for a special lesson each night. Special thanks to **Cathy Smith, Brenda Page, Toni Ann Kadlecek, Donna Kadlecek, Kyle Pietsch, Ryley Whitlow & Chrissy Becker** for preparing all the snacks for the classes! You all do a wonderful job of keeping all the numbers straight and making extra snacks on demand when I would show up and ask for snacks for the teachers/helpers! I also greatly appreciate how clean the kitchen was each night after closing. We missed **Frances Mynar** this year and mourn with her over the loss of her beloved sister Betty.

Thank you, **Esther Wolff**, for leading the Crafts site this year. I appreciate you signing up for this position when no one else did! Thanks to your helpers **Darrell Becker, Christine Juarez, Cheryl, Jacob & Maddie Moore** for assisting with all those kiddos and all that felt and glue!! Not only did they assist the bigger kids in making a banner for the week but they also helped out the Pre-K classes. **Khloe Pietsch & Maddie Moore** needed "community service hours" for NJHS and earned them by cutting out 24 different pieces of felt for 25 packets for the anticipated Pre-K classes. Great job, girls!!

Thank you, **Kim Appel**, for teaching one of the Pre-K classes, which consisted of 10 to 13 little ones each night! Those helping in this class were **Philip Appel, Mary Lou Oliver, Lisa & Chuck Stem and Kaylee Wolff**. You all did an outstanding job of sharing the Good News of Jesus with these kiddos. We missed **Wendy Rohde** but look forward to her help next year. Kudos for handling all those little ones!!

Our second Pre-K class was taught by **Darlene Becker** with helpers of **Khloe Pietsch, Keira Ketchbaw and David Wolff**. They did a wonderful job with this class and it was definitely a group effort. This class went from 5 kiddos on Sunday night to THIRTEEN kiddos on Monday night and I honestly don't know how they did it so gracefully! Thanks be to God for good and faithful servants!!

This year, because of a previous commitment, **Donna Zimmerhanel** was not able to lead the games, however some of her helpers from the past years stepped up & signed up. Thank you, **Thomas Brown, Adrian Wolff & Joshua Zimmerhanel** for taking on this role! We moved VBS to the end of July in anticipation of having our new Pastor and with that came extreme heat with temperatures over 104 degrees daily and I knew we could not conduct the games outside safely so we moved them to the Narthex and that was a "game changer" so to speak! Worked out great. Thanks to these young men and **Mandy Conforti** for spending the week playing fun games with the four groups.

Special thanks to the Leaders of the 4 rotating groups: **Angel Wolff, Kennedy Pietsch & Payton Lynch, Robert Wolff & Treszer Anderson**. This job is not easy but you all did a fantastic job!! These teens learned which rotation to follow and lovingly led their kiddos around. I greatly appreciate each of you!

I don't know how **Marilyn Burns and Margie Hicks** do it, but year after year they do an amazing job of keeping up with attendance records and assigning kids to a class when registration forms are completed. I know I said it last year but next year I really hope to implement online pre-registration to avoid the craziness of same-day registration! Y'all are the BEST and I truly appreciate all that you do!!

Our VBS program is so fortunate to have great people assist us with preparing meals each night! Thanks so much to the **Board of Education, LLL, Evangelism Committee, LWML and Joe Marquette at 7-11** for making all those pizzas.

The following folks were here to help prepare the meals & drinks, pass it all out and clean up afterward: **Kim & Philip Appel, Chrissy & Keatyn Becker, Darlene & Darrell Becker, Sterling & Thomas Brown, Marilyn Burns, Mandy Conforti, Jim Duty, Jerry Fleck, Brandon Herschap, Margie Hicks, Barb & Charlie Johannessen, Christine Juarez, Donna Kadlecek, Toni Ann Kadlecek, Johnie Kalina, Keira Ketchbaw, Payton Lynch, Mary Lou Oliver, Brenda Page, June Parker, Kyle, Kennedy & Khloe Pietsch, Ed Randle, Lisa & Chuck Stem, Cathy Smith, Ryley Whitlow, Esther, David, Adrian, Robert, Kaylee & Angel Wolff and Brad & Josh Zimmerhanel**. Thank you all SO MUCH, we simply could not do this without you!

We had several people "float" and help out wherever needed. They didn't mind what I suggested and fell into line where needed. Thank you, **Amber Hurst, Amber Cox & Sterling Brown**, your servant hearts are much appreciated. Thanks also to **Lisa Stem, Toni Ann Kadlecek, Kristina, Kennedy & Khloe Pietsch, Kim & Philip Appel, June Parker & Darlene Becker** for helping take it all down & returning everything back to the way it was before VBS.

I was so excited this year because we had more kiddos registered from **Grace Lutheran Learning Center** than ever before. Thank you, **Angel Hurst**, for all you did for our program! We had a total of 11 kiddos from GLLC!

Our VBS Mission Project was in support of our Missionary, Becky Bartelt, who is singing the church's song in Asia. I am so excited to report that we collected **\$622.25** for that mission project!! Thank you all for your generous donations!

It was a joy and an honor to be the VBS Director again this year. This project requires the help of so many people and I am truly blessed to be among some of the **BEST** people in the world. I thank God for all of you—whether your name is listed here or not—I really **COULD NOT** do this without the support I receive. To God be the glory!

May God richly bless each of you for participating in the 2023 VBS program at Grace. It is my prayer that we planted some seeds and that if watered properly, they will grow! I look forward to your continued support as we prepare for **VBS 2024**.

In Christian love,
Rose Pietsch