

Grace Notes



AUGUST 2016

This month in our newsletter series on the Divine Service, we examine the Introit. The Introit marks the beginning of the Divine Service proper (Confession and Absolution are parts of the Preparation, which did not always happen during the Sunday morning Divine Service but did always happen for Christians throughout the week). The Introit is the first piece of the Service of the Word, in which we hear the voice of Christ Himself speak to us before we receive His body and His blood in His Supper.

You may have noticed that the word "Introit" sounds like the word "entrance." That's a good way to remember the purpose of the Introit. Having confessed our sins and received God's forgiveness in Christ, the Introit provides words for our entrance into God's nearer presence. How else will we enter into God's nearer presence except with His own Words? That's why the Introit makes use of different verses from Holy Scripture, usually from the Psalms, so that we might pray God's Word back to Him as we enter into His presence. This is done responsively between pastor and congregation so that we might proclaim to the world and to each other the praises of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Introit is one of the Propers for each Sunday. A "Proper" is one of the parts of the Divine Service that changes each week. The words of the Introit change each week in order to set the tone and begin to lay out the theme for each Sunday that will come out more fully in the Collect and in the readings from Holy Scripture. For example, on Sunday, July 24, the Holy Gospel reading from Luke 11 recorded the account of Jesus teaching His disciples how to pray. The Introit for that Sunday served to introduce the theme of prayer to us with the words of Psalm 50:15, where God speaks: "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." This verse was the Antiphon for that particular Sunday. The Antiphon is the verse that is spoken at both the beginning and the end of the Introit, and it often serves as a thematic introduction for the Sunday. As you pray the Introit in the coming Sundays, make note of words like this that prepare you to hear the Word of God in the readings.

The Introit closes with the words of the Gloria Patri, which is simply the Latin for "Glory be to the Father." The full text of the Gloria Patri is very familiar to you: "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen." Sometimes we also close with the words, "world without end," an older translation that confesses our confidence in the everlasting life we will have with Christ in the new heavens and new earth when He returns. In both cases, the purpose of including the Gloria Patri with the Introit (and with other Psalms in our evening services) is to remind the gathered congregation that the Triune God is the God of both the Old and New Testaments. He alone is the God whom we praise and worship, which is made very clear by these words.

In the Introit, the Lord prepares us to hear further from His Word, that we might repent and be strengthened in faith in His Son Jesus Christ, whom He has freely given to us. Truly it is a moment of joy during the Divine Service as we draw closer to God in His Word. Though we often speak the Introit, we occasionally sing it, which is in perfect keeping with Psalm 100. This Psalm in particular summarizes the spirit of the Introit well, so I'll leave you with its words, that you might rejoice all the more each time we come to the Introit on Sunday morning: "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations."

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

August 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 7pm  Elders Meeting | 2 6pm Community Bunco | 3 10am GLLC Chapel | 4 6pm  LWML | 5 Pastor Away-Family Day | 6 |
| 7 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion | 8 7pm  LLL | 9 | 10 10am GLLC Chapel | 11 | 12 Pastor Away-Family Day | 13 |
| 14 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm Youth Group | 15 6pm  GLLC Meeting 7pm Evangelism | 16 | 17 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance | 18 | 19 Pastor Away-Family Day | 20 |
| 21 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions | 22 5pm Piecemakers | 23 | 24 10am GLLC Chapel | 25  NOON | 26 Pastor Away-Family Day | 27 |
| 28 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group | 29 | 30 | 31 10am GLLC Chapel 6p MIDWEEK FALL KICK OFF | | | |

Grace Lutheran Church

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

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

Please feel free to put old or unused toys in our box located in the Narthex

Pastor Timothy Appel

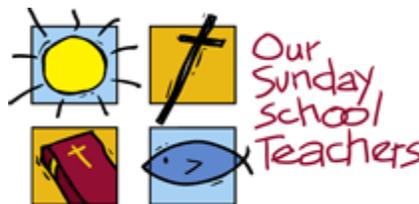
If you need to contact him, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com and his home phone number is 512-237-9664, or contact our Office at 512-237-2108. If you are not able to reach either number and it is an emergency, contact your Elder. (Elders list on bulletin board by the Office)

CHURCH OFFICE

Normal hours are 9 to 2 Mon. – Fri. 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. We are there 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 we will get back with you as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Elder(s): Vince Kaiser
M. W. Kasper
Ushers: Galen Bunte
Charlie Johannessen
Altar Libby Caldwell
Guild: June Parker
Organist(s): June Parker
Esther Wolff (Sub)
Kim Appel (Sub)
Readers:
Aug. 7 Nancy Fritsche
Aug. 14 Dana Bunte
Aug. 21 Mark Peres
Aug. 28 Jean Miller

Acolytes:
Aug. 7 Ramon Wolff & Brenden Kadlecek
Aug. 14 David Wolff & Thomas Brown
Aug. 21 Sterling Brown & Alex Caldwell
Aug. 28 Barrett Watson & Gene Brown



Pre-School/Kindergarten Mary Lou Oliver/
Wendy Rohde
1st/2nd Grades Charles Johannessen
3rd/5th Grades Gene Brown
6th/8th Grades June Parker
Adult Classes Pastor Appel
STILL IN NEED OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Midweek and Confirmation Teachers

Pre-school --K Brooke Deapen
1st - 4th grade Kristen Smiley
5th - 6th grade Kristin Appel (June Parker-sub)
7th - 8th grade Pastor Appel
Adult Class Ed Randle



Passengers for Church Van

Benny Hajdik - 979-540-8437 is driving the Church Van for Sunday School and Church Services. If you need transportation, please call by 5:00 pm on Saturday. You may leave a message if no one answers.



Anniversaries

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| Aug. 1 | Kimberly & Philip Appel |
| Aug. 18 | Nancy & Don Young |
| Aug. 20 | Margie & Mark Peres |
| Aug. 23 | Donna & Daniel Kadlecek |
| | Murrelyn & James Rice |
| Aug. 24 | Mary Ann & Jim Duty |
| | Katie & John Stelling |
| Aug. 26 | Kathy & Mackie Wayne Kasper |
| Aug. 29 | Jean & Bill Miller |



Financials as of June 30th, 2016

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| FVB Checking | 2,941.80 |
| FNB Memorial Fund | 2,346.49 |
| FSB Bazaar Temp Acct | 204.00 |
| Prosperity Bazaar MMA | 6,437.87 |
| FNB – Rental Property | 8,124.14 |
| CEF General | 9,310.74 |
| CEF Land/Youth | 11,714.60 |
| (Liability) Annex Loan | 58,907.47 |
| CEF Property Loan | 156,994.76 |

Dedicated Accounts

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| GLLC Playground equipment | 100.00 |
| Door Offerings | 165.05 |
| SS Missions | 20.00 |
| Thrivent | 825.00 |
| Van Repairs | 720.00 |
| Ded. Misc | 1,646.00 |
| Youth Group | 369.00 |

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| Total Dedicated Funds | 3,845.05 |
| FVB Checking Account | 2,941.80 |
| Funds available for disbursement | -903.25 |



- Aug. 2** Kellie Rice
- Aug. 4** Bobby Hoskins
Shelby Jones
- Aug. 6** Jacob Hannusch
Vance Kaiser
- Aug. 8** Peyton Bennight
Emileigh Seaton
- Aug. 9** Mike Davis, Jr.
Bernie Satterwhite
- Aug. 10** Devin Deapen
Donna Kadlecek
- Aug. 15** Wendy Rohde
Clint Zimmerhanzel
- Aug. 17** Ashlyn Zimmerhanzel
- Aug. 19** Eleanor Mutschink
Kennedy Pietsch
- Aug. 20** Nancy Fritsche
- Aug. 21** Angel Hurst
- Aug. 23** Linda Noack
- Aug. 25** Patricia Kaiser
Julia Lorenz
- Aug. 27** William Campion
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.

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

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

May God bless you and keep you always in His tender, loving care



In the Hospital

If you are admitted to the hospital, I would like to visit you in order to share God's Word and share a prayer with you in that difficult time. As you are able please let the church office know or ask the hospital to call the church office so that I can best minister to you
Pastor Appel



All ladies are invited to join us on **Thursday August 4 at 6:00 pm** we will begin with a light meal. We will be sharing our convention experiences

September will be the Birthday Party. We will be inviting the ladies of Grace and guests when we finalize the details.



PIECEMAKERS

Thanks to all who have donated material and sheets. All are welcome to join us. We will meet next on **Monday August 22nd at 5:00 pm.** We meet in the Sunday school building. Alley entrance



Evangelism committee will host the **Midweek Fall Kick Off** night on **Wednesday, August 31 @ 6pm** with pizza and ice cream. Meet your teachers for Wednesday night study and Sunday School, then enjoy pizza and ice cream with toppings along with fellowship. We are asking the congregation to once again share their favorite ice cream and toppings will be furnished. Don't miss this night of fun!



Thanks to all who donate and support us. The Lord continues to bless us as we do this work.

We are searching for another location. We have outgrown our current building and look forward to the next step.

We could not do this work without our volunteers and the support of donations and shoppers.

Thank you to everyone who has participated.

Our next opportunity to volunteer will be the week of the church bazaar. **September 19 through 24.**

We will make it work even if some folks aren't available. Billie and I have a plan!!

Linda Read



Thanks to your generosity the **Educational Endowment Fund** has been established! In order to help the fund to continue to grow, donations are still welcome and encouraged. Any member of Grace Lutheran is welcome to make a donation no matter how big or how small, everything is appreciated. Again **THANK YOU EVERYONE!!**

CLASSES 2016 - 2017

The following Wednesdays are the dates for our midweek classes this year. Our regular midweek schedule is to start with a light meal at 6:00 PM, followed by classes for all ages from 6:30-7:30. Dates marked with an asterisk (*) occur during Advent and Lent, when we have midweek worship services at 7 PM. During these two seasons of the Church Year, midweek classes will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 6:15 PM so that parents and children still have the opportunity to eat at the soup suppers we offer before services.

A sign-up sheet for helping with meals will be posted soon. Please plan to participate in our midweek classes this year; it is an excellent opportunity for all of us to grow together in a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Christian faith.

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| September 7, 2016 | October 5, 2016 | November 2, 2016 | *December 7, 2016 |
| September 14, 2016 | October 12, 2016 | November 9, 2016 | *December 14, 2016 |
| September 21, 2016 | October 19, 2016 | November 16, 2016 | |
| September 28, 2016 | October 26, 2016 | *November 30, 2016 | |

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| January 4, 2017 | February 1, 2017 | *March 1, 2017 | *April 5, 2017 |
| January 11, 2017 | February 8, 2017 | *March 8, 2017 | April 19, 2017 |
| January 18, 2017 | February 15, 2017 | *March 22, 2017 | April 26, 2017 |
| January 25, 2017 | February 22, 2017 | *March 29, 2017 | May 3, 2017 |

2016 LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS



The six youth who attended are Rose Caldwell, Chad Catron, Chloe Deapen, Devin Deapen, Jocelyn Kadlecek, and Ashlyn Zimmerhanzel, and the three adult leaders are Sandy Kadlecek, Carol Wood, and Pastor Appel.

National Youth Gathering 2016



Thank you for your generous support in sending our youth and adult leaders to the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July! Thank you for your prayers for these members as they traveled and attended. Each one was blessed to attend and experienced God's blessings in Word and Sacrament during the Gathering. It is simply amazing to be together with 25,000 fellow members of the Church to hear God's Word and grow in faith together. In order to give you a taste of our experience, each one of the attendees answered three questions: 1) What was your favorite part of the Gathering? 2) What did you learn about the Gathering theme, "In Christ Alone"? 3) How will the Gathering make a difference in your everyday life as a Christian here in Smithville? Here are their answers:

Carol

- 1) It was the different sessions I attended. But my favorite one was "The Gutter," which made a huge impact on me.
- 2) I think for myself it was really to consider Christ before you speak about/against person, take them and their feelings into consideration, and always put Christ first in you thought word and deeds.
- 3) I will try to get more involved with Christ and the community, humanity, and to bring joy to everyone, not just a few.

Ashlyn

- 1) The mass event was my favorite part, where many people taught us about Christianity.
- 2) I learned that you can do anything with Christ.
- 3) I can consider people more important than myself.

Jocelyn

- 1) My favorite part of the gathering was the mass event at the end of each day. The music and the speakers were good.
- 2) I learned that you should take Christ in consideration with everything that you do.
- 3) It will make me appreciate and trust in Christ more.

Rose

- 1) My favorite part was the 321 Improv show. They were hilarious, but in the end they still taught about Jesus
- 2) I learned that my identity is in Christ Alone. I may be good at other things but those things are not my identity.
- 3) The gathering really worked the theme "In Christ Alone" into my head. That is good because now when I am doing everyday things, I will remember that those things are never important as my identity in Christ Alone. We tend to forget that every day except for on Sundays.

Sandy

- 1) My favorite part of the gathering would have to be the mass events and the worship service. I found out that we are not alone if we have Christ. It still amazes me that as I looked around and I saw 25,000 youth and leaders. It make you stop and think about when the Bible is taking about the followers of that many moving about all the time. The worship service, where to begin: songs that were sung in Latin, and still how we were able to get everyone to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.
- 2) The things we do bring joy to us, but those things are not the joy that Christ brings. Knowing that Christ is there and will always be brings me real joy. All of the things that I thought brought me joy were also becoming my identity. When I take out all of the "trash" I can see that my identity is really in Christ alone.
- 3) I think about others before myself and not be that MEEEEEEEEEEEE monster, It's not all about me; it is about others in Christ alone. I will try doing a better job of practicing the grace of forgiveness with my fellow Christian here in Smithville.

Devin

- 1) My favorite part of the gathering was getting to experience 25,000 teens all singing the same music, praying the same prayers and receiving the body and blood of Christ. And, of course, we got to explore New Orleans and the Superdome.
- 2) What I learned about "In Christ Alone" is that Jesus is the only one we truly need in our lives, and also the only one who will stay in our lives with no doubt. Happiness comes and goes, but we can only find true joy in Christ Alone.
- 3) I believe that going to the gathering for the second time will impact my life here in Smithville by giving me a new outlook on the world. I had the chance to experience all new places and people, and also learn how great the power of God really is, and that God is everywhere. We can even see His works her in little Smithville, Texas.

Pastor

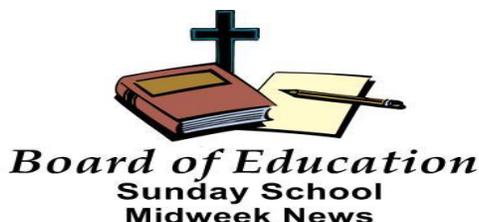
- 1) My favorite part of the National Youth Gathering was the closing Divine Service. It is such a joy to hear God's Word and receive the body and blood of Jesus together with so many Christians.
- 2) The Gathering theme, "In Christ Alone," taught me that my joy and identity in Christ can never be taken away from me. Jesus is faithful to His promise and will never leave nor forsake me. Because of all that Christ has done for me, I am free to live in humility and community with others.
- 3) The Gathering will make a difference in everyday life in Smithville as together our congregation seeks to live together under the love of Jesus Christ. Knowing that Christ alone is or Savior enables and encourages us to share the good news of salvation with our friends and family right here!

Chloe

- 1) My favorite part of the Gathering was the mass event at the end of each day. They were so fun and I loved the people and the music.
- 2) I learned from the theme that my identity is in Christ alone. It's great to be good at things, but at the end of the day it all comes down to Him.
- 3) The gathering will make a difference in my life by helping me remember who I am as a member of the church community, how to have humility, and how to be nicer to others.

Chad

- 1) My favorite part of the gathering was becoming closer to God and making friends among fellow Lutheran youth. I enjoyed hanging out with my youth and becoming better friends with pastor.
- 2) I learned that all that I am is good but is trash compared to God's wonderful gifts. We are a community of people who are sinners that only but echo God's humility.
- 3) It will help me to realize that everything I do and everything I am should be "In Christ Alone." Life is not about me, it's not about finding love, or making friends, or becoming successful; it's about being a child of God with all my being.



Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

REMEMBER!!!! The FIRST Sunday of every month is the Sunday School Mission Sunday. This means that the offerings generously given the FIRST Sunday of every month will be given to a charity that is chosen by the Board of Education. Our Mission project this quarter is "Texas A&M Ministries". Please remember to bring your offerings to Sunday School each Sunday. (This does include the Adult Sunday School Class). Any child 3 years old and older is welcome to attend Sunday School every Sunday. We start at 8:45AM. COME JOIN US!!!!

The Sunday School Rally was very successful this year. We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make this event possible. Our youth are a very important key in our congregation and always enjoy seeing them interact together as well as with the adults in our congregation.

We are going to start the process of putting together new risers for the Christmas Play so that we will have enough space for all the participants to be seen by everyone. The risers that we have been using are well over 10 years old and were no longer meeting the needs of the participants. If anyone is interested in assisting with this project please contact Charlie Johannessen. Also if anyone is interested in directing the Christmas play this year please contact myself or Pastor.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,
Barb Johannessen



Mary Lou Oliver has graciously given of her time to supply these busy bags for our children. She started out with 15 and now has 7. **PLEASE** check to see if they were taken home by mistake. This is a generous gesture and we know it helps to occupy some of our children during Service. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



**HELP KEEP
OUR CHURCH CLEAN**

Please keep our church beautiful by picking up any debris that you might find in and around your pews and discarding in trash receptacles. This will surely help in maintaining a tidy image for our members and visitors when they are looking for a place to worship. Our Custodian cleans on Fridays but with all our church functions during the week, we can get pretty messy. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.
GLC Trustees



TRUST POSTER

No matter what you face, God is with you. Make this poster as a reminder to always trust God.



What you need:

- Cardstock
- Glue
- Twigs (a 3" piece and a 2" piece)
- Pebbles
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Sand or glitter
- Broken crayons (2 or 3)

What you do:

1. On the left side of the cardstock, trace a 3"-high letter T with glue. Place twigs on the glue lines.
2. Trace an R of the same size. Place pebbles on that glue.
3. Use black paint to make a U.
4. Trace an S in glue. Pour sand (or glitter) on top.
5. Make another T with glue. Place the crayons on top.
6. After the poster dries, shake off the excess sand (or glitter) into a trash can.



NEVER FEAR!

The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God, who always looks after you.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.

What plants grow in DIR ₁

The opposite of play WO ₂ K

One-of-a-kind ₃ NIQUE

A hug and a KI ₄ S

Sour TA ₅ R

To speak very loudly YE ₆ L

Immediately N ₇ W

Bees live in a HI ₈ E

A dandelion is this W ₉ ED

I ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅ in your unfailing ₆ ₇ ₈ ₉ ;
my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Answers: dirt, work, unique, kiss, tart, yell, now, hive, weed;
I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV



September 18th, 2016

The goal for 2016 is to raise TBA. This money will go to the support of our church, and other local outreach efforts. Please sign up on the posted lists.

Booth Poster

There are empty spots on the Committee/Booth worker poster. Please look especially at the Food Service and Games area and see if there is a way for you to help.

Food and Potato Salad

There is no mixing of Potato Salad. Thank you for all donations of cash.

Cakes and Desserts

All families are asked to donate 2 or 3 desserts. Some to serve and some for the cake wheel.

Chips and Sandwiches – Sept. 16th

Some chips and sandwiches are needed so we can eat while we work on Friday night. Thank you!

Country Store

Items you wish to donate for the Country Store can be delivered to the Parish Hall any time. We will gladly accept new and hand-made items only. NO CLOTHES please.

Bagging Toys

Toys for Fish Pond and other games will be bagged on Friday, Sept. 16th at 7:00 pm..

Auction Items

We need auction items. **We are asking each family to donate at least two items for the auction.** Please leave auction items in the Parish Hall and list fair market value AND donor for each item. Call one of the Bazaar Committee members by Sept. 17th if you want to save an auction numbered sale slot or if you need pick up of auction items.

Auction

Items will be tagged at church on Friday, Sept. 16th, starting at 7:00 pm. A second tagging will be Saturday, Sept. 17th at 2:00 pm, and loading auction items will start at 4:00 pm. Please sign up for these and all other activities.

Auction Merchant Lists

Merchant lists are posted for Bastrop and Smithville areas. Please pick favorite businesses or banks that you patronize and wish to request items for the auction. Write your name on the list to ensure that you will be the only one making the request for that location. Thank you so much for assisting with this.

Raffle

We need someone to sell Raffle tickets from noon to 4:00 pm. If you can help, please SIGN UP on poster board in Narthex or let one of the committee members know. Raffle tickets are available, after September 1, see Chrissy Becker for more tickets.

VFW Grounds

On Saturday, Sept. 17th, the VFW lawns will need work. The BBQ pits must be burned off. We need volunteers to get barrels from the park. If you are available to help, meet at the VFW at 1:00 pm.

Games & Entertainment

Help is needed with the games. A Bounce House will be an attraction for the children. Please share this information with your friends. Invite the children to come have fun.

Firewood

Call Jim Duty for the latest update at 512-581-2001. Firewood will be gathered on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Meet at the Duty's to leave at 1:00 pm with gloves and a chain saw if you have one. It takes a crew of 8 about two hours to cut the wood and stack it on the trailers. Please help. Sign up on the poster and remember to call Jim.

BBQ Cookers

Co-Chairmen are ????? and ??????. BBQ cooking will start shortly after midnight. Many workers are needed for the cooking, slicing, serving and cleaning. It is a long night. Shifts of workers would be nice.

Transport Tables

Volunteers are needed to transport tables and game equipment to the VFW. Please sign up.

Clean Up Committee

Clean up after the Bazaar is a trying time because everyone is tired. The VFW hall and the grounds must be picked up. All the chairs, tables and equipment must be returned.

Grace Lutheran Leaning Center

The Learning Center will be making placemats. Business card ads are \$25.00, or \$45.00 for a double ad. A placemat will be made with congregational signatures also. The fee will be \$5.00 per family. Anyone on the GLLC board will help you.

Sell Meal Tickets

If you are interested and in need of some meal tickets, please see Nancy Fritsche and let's try to commit as many people as possible with early meal ticket sales.

New Members and All

This is probably the largest social mixer for fun and fellowship all year. For a new member this is a great way to mix and mingle and get acquainted. Please be there, as we need you to work somewhere during this busy day.

2016 Bazaar Committee

- Betty Flora
- Rose Pietsch
- Mary Lou Oliver
- Marilyn Burns
- Nancy Fritsche
- Chrissy Becker



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| <p>1 \$1,000 VISA Card (1) <u>Ann & Johnny Schroeder \$100.00</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>2 \$500 VISA Card (1) Esther & Time Wolff</p> <hr/> <p>3 \$200 VISA Card (1) Nelda & David Rohde</p> <hr/> <p>4 \$200 VISA Card (1) Chad Catron</p> <hr/> <p>5 \$150 VISA Card (1)</p> <hr/> | <p>6 \$150 VISA Card (1)</p> <hr/> <p>7 \$100 Gift Card – Lowe’s Charlotte Metzler</p> <hr/> <p>8 \$100 Gift Card – Academy Rose & Ronnie Pietsch</p> <hr/> <p>9 \$100 Gift Card – Wal-Mart Betty & Roy Flora</p> <hr/> <p>10 \$100 Gift Card – Milton’s Furniture</p> <hr/> |
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The Askins in Asia

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A Journey-Filled June

The June of 2016 will go down in the Askins record books. The month began with our first trip to the emergency room for stitches—ever.

While en route to see the dragon boat races (pictured above and below), Ezekiel took a spill down the stairs of the double-decker bus.

Even though he needed four stitches in his cheek, we give God thanks that he only needed four stitches and nothing else.

And, as a testament to healthcare in Hong Kong, the hospital got him in and stitched up in time to make it back to the dragon boat races.

Annie took the dragon boat races by a storm. She and her siblings made friends with a dragon boat crew. Annie stretched and warmed up with—in the middle of—the team. By the time they were ready to race, they invited Annie and the entire family down to the “by invitation only” area of the races, and we all got an unmatched view of the races.

But dragon boats were not the only adventure we had in June. As renovations continue—hopefully finish—on our home, we spent a few days in a local hotel. We learned a little more about Hong Kong.

The first floor of our building, where the regional offices are housed, is being renovated to include a permanent chapel. Every day, 18 children, 3 sets of parents, and office staff gather to hear and receive God’s Word. We will soon have a dedicated space at the center of our life together.

Finally, please keep us in your prayers especially this coming month. In anticipation of the upcoming birth, Pr. Askins scheduled numerous trips to collect stories in Asia from partner or potential partner churches. Please keep us all in your prayers as he travels and the rest of the family waits for his return.



Hang Loose!

—By Eliza

What does it mean to wave your hand with a thumb and pinky sticking up, but the other three fingers down? I always read it as “hang loose,” “surf’s up,” “catch the wave,” or “let life be an endless summer beach party.”

Well, now I will see it differently.

Over the last week a handful of times the thumb and pinky up gesture has been aimed at me and my children. The gesticulator usually has a smile and a bit of astonishment in his or her eyes.

Why were they shaking that hand gesture at me and smiling? They were counting my children. They realized not just 5 but 6.

In Cantonese, the number 6 is shown on the hand with thumb and pinky up. The smile showed approval and encouragement for having so many and taking care of them.

The astonishment showed in their eyes as I, the sole adult amidst a gaggle of children, pushed a shopping basket—just a small basket plopped atop a tiny cart loaded down with vegetables, fruits, and more—through the wet market. Feeding a family of 7(8) requires the little basket to be filled to the point of the wheels not wanting to move.

Ladies and gentleman we are hanging loose in this life raising 6 children in the fear and love of the Lord. We are trusting Him as He gave us these 6 to guide, protect, educate, and nourish.

And daily the surf is up and I try to catch the waves. Sometimes it’s a beach party and other times a complete wipe out. But at the end of the day those 6 know the Lord and that they are Christ’s children through the waters of Baptism. So, I’ll add a raised index finger to my thumb and pinky showing that those 6 are my loves.

☉ *Soli Deo Gloria* ☉

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- For Eliza and the new baby, that both would be healthy and safe
- For Pr. Askins as he travels throughout the region
- For the LCMS in convention
- For our partner churches throughout the world, and especially Asia

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—The Askins

A Page of Pictures

Enjoy these pictures from our last network support trip. For more, visit our website: askinsinasia.com.



Returning from the dragon boat races. Ezekiel is trying to show his stitches.



Some boys found dad's unattended phone.



At the museum in Hong Kong.



Annie warming up with the dragon boat team.



Sometimes you have to go to the store with Annie on your shoulders.