

GRACE NOTES



In our newsletter series this month, we examine the confession of sins. Having come into God's presence in the Invocation, we immediately realize that we are poor, miserable sinners. The prophet Isaiah had this exact experience. When he was called into the heavenly throne room in the presence of the one true God, Isaiah cried out in terror: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" (Isaiah 6:5) Isaiah recognized that he was a sinful man, and sinners cannot stand in the presence of a holy God (cf. Judges 13:22; Luke 5:8).

Upon this realization, then, the only option is for us to confess our sins. "To confess" literally means "to say along with." Therefore, when we confess our sins, we are saying along with God what He has said to us. God in His Word has taught us that we are sinners. By confessing our sins, we are saying "Amen" to what God has said. That's why the confession of sins in Divine Service, Setting 1, begins with this quote from 1 John 1:8-9: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

The confession of sins that we speak together during the Divine Service can be broken down into a couple parts. First, we confess our original sin, that is, the sin that we have inherited from our parents since conception (cf. Genesis 5:3; Psalm 51:5). We confess that we are "poor, miserable sinners" (Divine Service, Setting 3) who are "by nature sinful and unclean" (Divine Service, Setting 1). Second, we confess our actual sin, that is, the sins we have committed by breaking God's Law (cf. Psalm 19:12-13; Psalm 51:1-4). We confess "all [our] sins and iniquities by which we have ever offended [God]" (Divine Service, Setting 3). More specifically, we recognize that we have "sinned against [God] in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved [Him] with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves" (Divine Service, Setting 1). Third, we admit that we deserve only God's temporal (or present) and eternal punishment. Fourth, we express our sorrow over our sin and ask for God's mercy because of Jesus Christ. In Divine Service, Setting 1, we say: "For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name."

In Divine Service, Setting 3, we say, "But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being."

Although the world may look at our confession of sins and wonder why the Divine Service begins with such a "downer" moment, truly, this is the way the Divine Service must begin. How can we expect to come before God and receive His forgiveness without admitting that we have no sins to forgive? If we come into God's presence without recognizing our grievous sin, we do not belong in His presence at all. Jesus says, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matthew 9:13). Therefore, we enter into God's presence as sick sinners, knowing that He alone has the medicine of forgiveness.

What great comfort there is for us in confessing our sins! Perhaps you've had the experience of doing something that your parents had told you very clearly you ought not do. How afraid you were that they would find out and you would get caught! And so you tried to hide it, but the longer you hid it, the more nervous and scared you became. Only upon admitting your wrongdoing could you ever truly have peace. So it is for us before God. King David puts our experience into words in Psalm 32:1-5: "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

There is no need to hide our sins from God, for we could not do it anyway. Instead, we reveal them to Him so that He might cover them with the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, fellow Christians, let us confess our sins fully and honestly before God, that we might rejoice in the forgiveness He gives in Jesus Christ!

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10am GLLC Chapel	2 6pm 	3 Pastor Away-Family Day	4
5 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion Bazaar mtg following Service RALLY DAY	6 7pm  Elders Meeting	7 6pm Community Bunco	8 10am GLLC Chapel	9	10 Pastor Away-Family Day	11
12 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	13 7pm  LLL	14 Flag Day 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg	15 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance	16	17 Pastor Away-Family Day	18
VBS 5:30p - 8:00p						
19 Father's Day 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	20 6pm  GLLC Meeting 7pm Evangelism	21	22 10am GLLC Chapel	23  NOON	24 Pastor Away-Family Day	25
Pastor away at LWML Convention in Lubbock						
26 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Pastor away</div>	27 8am Braille 5pm Piecemakers	28	29 10am GLLC Chapel	30		

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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
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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): Galen Bunte
Jim Duty
Ushers: Charlie Johannessen
Ed Randle
Altar Frances Mynar
Guild: Linda Read
Organist(s): June Parker
Esther Wolff (Sub)
Kim Appel (Sub)

Readers:
June 5 Nancy Fritsche
June 12 Dana Bunte
June 19 Mark Peres
June 26 Jean Miller

Acolytes:
June 5 Thomas Brown & Brenden Kadlecek
June 12 Barrett Watson & Alex Caldwell
June 19 David Wolff & Sterling Brown
June 26 Gene Brown & Brenden Kadlecek



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 SUBTITUTE 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

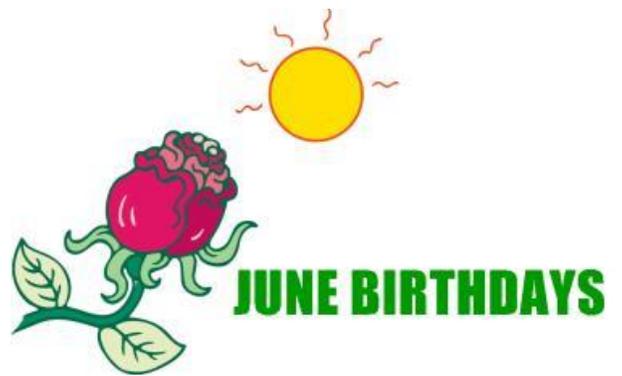


Passengers for Church Van

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.



June 3	Betty & Roy Flora
June 5	Kristin & Timothy Appel
	Brenda & Jack Page
June 9	Caren & Jeffrey Hannusch
June 10	Chrissy & Kerry Becker
June 14	Dana & Bert Bunte
June 16	Nancy & Ivan Fritsche
June 20	Tammy & Darrell Champion
June 25	Alice & Robert Miller
	LaVerne & Blackie Wallace
June 29	Natalie & Joe Ray Bennight
	Nelda & David Rohde



- June 1** Kimberly Appel
Brooke Deapen
Luke Oates
- June 2** Mildred Mutschink
Steven Phillips
- June 6** Kristina Pietsch
- June 8** Edward Noack
- June 9** Allan Riddle
Carolyn Smith
- June 10** Gary Smith
- June 13** Margie Peres
- June 18** Regan Kunz
Jacob Moore
- June 19** Frank Nevins
- June 25** June Parker
- June 26** Chad Catron
- June 28** Alvin Tinberg
- June 30** Paisyn Smiley



Financials as of Apr. 30th, 2016

FVB Checking	105.23
FNB Endowment	12,625.06
FNB Memorial Fund	2,345.49
FSB Bazaar Temp Acct	204.00
Prosperity Bazaar MMA	7,254.06
FNB – Rental Property	7,204.24
CEF General	13,290.11
CEF Land/Youth	11,695.10
(Liability) Annex Loan	59,516.32
CEF Property Loan	158,103.96

Dedicated Accounts

GLLC Playground equipment	100.00
Door Offerings	165.05
SS Missions	174.00
Annex Bldg	1,204.93
Thrivent	825.00
Van Repairs	700.00
Lilies	230.00

Total Dedicated Funds	3,398.98
FVB Checking Account	105.23
Funds available for disbursement	-3,293.75

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

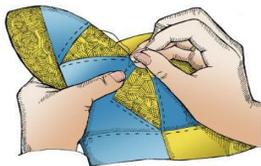


Save the Date for VBS 2016
Sunday, June 12 thru Thursday, June 16
5:30p – 8:00p



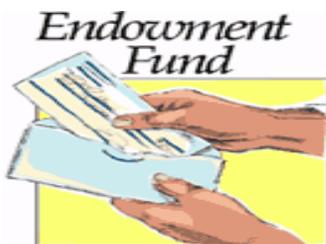
In the Hospital

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



PIECEMAKERS

We will meet **Monday Jun 27, at 5:00 p.m.** Alley entrance to the Sunday School room. All ladies are welcome to join us. No skill needed--just tying knots.
.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!!**



Ladies are invited to join us on **Thursday June 2,** for LWML. We begin at 6:00 with a light meal. We are normally adjourned by 8:00. All ladies are welcome to join us for bible study and fellowship.



We are approaching our second anniversary. We continue to be blessed with wonderful donations and cheerful shoppers. We have been able to give back over \$85,000 to the community of Smithville. Quite a start from our humble beginnings o getting our "seed" money from the Ministerial Alliance. We were able to repay them after our garage sale and er look orward to permanent space with more room and better layouts.

Among the groups we have been give grants to are:

- Meals on Wheels
- Smithville Food Pantry
- Smithville Police Association
- Angels Unawares
- Smithville Community Clinic
- Mission-U-Too
- St. Vincent DePaul
- New Horizons Respite
- Bastrop Long Term Recovery
- Smithville Volunteer Fire Department
- Smithville Educational Foundation
- Serenity Star Recovery

We look forward to continuing our service to the community.

Our next volunteer opportunity will be:

- July 18-23
- September 12-17
- November 7-12

Thank everyone who has volunteered or donated. Please consider joining us on one of our scheduled days

We give thanks and praise for the blessings we have been given. All glory to God!

Linda Read



Faith Lutheran High School Golf Tournament

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting its first annual golf tournament this summer on **July 9** at beginning with a **shotgun start at 8 AM at Pine Forest Golf Course in Bastrop**. The format is 3 Man Select Shot and the registration fee for each three-man team is \$300, which includes your round of golf, golf carts, and lunch. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams, as well as competitions for longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt. Registration forms for the tournament are available through the church office, as well as sponsorship forms. Contact FLHS Board member Jeff Cowen at 979-716-7399 with any questions. Thanks for your support!

Guest Pastor Paul Hoemann on June 26

Pastor Appel will be at the LWML Texas District Convention in Lubbock on Sunday, June 26. Pastor Paul Hoemann will be our guest pastor at Grace that day. He serves as the pastor for University Lutheran Chapel in College Station, doing LCMS campus ministry among the students at Texas A&M University. We look forward to hearing about his ministry there and hearing him proclaim the Word of God among us that day!



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SEALED CLOSED BID

"Sealed closed bid" for the roof sheet metal closing date 6/12/2016 @ 11:30 AM. If there are some folks that would like to bid on some of the metal contact Tim Wolff for possible other names that are asking the same.

- sealed closed bids
- highest bidder takes all sheet metal removed including guttering
- closing date June 12th after church
- all material must be removed within 2 weeks after the roof project is completed.
- Gary Smith has volunteered his time and truck to haul to the highest bidder (max mileage 30 miles)



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

In my
FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

PUZZLE

FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.

“ _____
 _____;
 _____.”

Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it." Proverbs 8:33, NIV



**Board of Education
Sunday School
Midweek News**

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church



REMEMBER!!!! The FIRST Sunday of every month is the Sunday School Mission time. 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 "**Angels Unaware**" located here in Smithville. It is a Charitable Organization that feeds the homeless children in our community every weekend, 3 meals each Saturday and Sunday and 1 evening meal on Friday. We understand there are around 65 children that are being fed at this time. 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!!!!

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,

Barb Johannessen



Sunday, June 5th will be our Annual Sunday School Rally. We will have hamburgers, and hot dogs. There will be games for the children to play outside (weather permitting) and adults are welcome to play games in side while the food is being prepared. We would like to ask the Congregation to bring a bag of chips and or a desert to share at our celebration. **PLEASE** come and join us in the fun and help celebrate the Christian Education of our youth as they promote to the next level of Sunday School Education. It is fun for all!!





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 Learning 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



Please sign up before July 1, 2016 so we can get the tickets printed and ready to be distributed around mid July.

1 \$1,000 VISA Card (1) _____ _____ _____ _____	6 \$150 VISA Card (1) _____
2 \$500 VISA Card (1) _____	7 \$100 Gift Card – Lowe's _____
3 \$200 VISA Card (1) _____	8 \$100 Gift Card – Academy _____
4 \$200 VISA Card (1) _____	9 \$100 Gift Card – Wal-Mart _____
5 \$150 VISA Card (1) _____	10 \$100 Gift Card – _____