

Grace Notes



As our newsletter series on the parts of the liturgy continues, this month we come to the Prayer of the Church. The Prayer of the Church continues our response to God's gifts of life and forgiveness. Our Heavenly Father has spoken to us through His Son, Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-2), and has adopted us as His sons by Baptism into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). Having first spoken to us, God invites us to speak back to Him: "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me" (Psalm 50:15). This command and promise of God means that it is both our privilege and our duty to bring our concerns before Him. St. Paul writes in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Heeding the Word of God, the pastor invites the congregation to pray: "Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs." Notice the how wide the Prayer of the Church reaches. We pray, not only for the gathered congregation, not only for our closest family and friends, not only for Christians, but for all people as they have need. The Prayer of the Church, then, is the longest prayer in the Divine Service with a variety of petitions. We pray for our congregation. We pray for the Church at large. We pray for the spread of the Gospel. We pray for pastors and other church workers. We pray for right reception of the Sacrament. We pray for our government and leaders. We pray for those who protect us. We pray for those who are sick. We pray for those who are unemployed. We pray for families. We pray for seasonable weather. We pray for peace. We pray for those who are grieving. We pray for strength to live according to God's Word. We pray for protection against the devil's assaults. Wherever or whatever the need, the Church prays.






Because we cannot speak every petition every week, we often rotate through such petitions from one week to the next, trusting that our gracious Father will answer even those requests we simply summarize in the Lord's Prayer, for He knows what we need even before we ask (Matthew 6:8).

The Prayer of the Church truly is the congregation's prayer. After the pastor speaks each petition, the people gathered add their voices and make that prayer their own by responding, "hear our prayer," or, "Lord, have mercy." Once all our petitions have been offered, the Prayer of the Church closes: "Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord." The congregation responds with a hearty, "Amen," knowing that God will hear and answer us in our need.

The Prayer of the Church truly is an important part of the Divine Service. Far from a waste of our time, prayer is absolutely worth every minute we spend on it. After all, if the Church does not pray, who will? Therefore, let us pray with all boldness and confidence, asking as dear children of our dear Heavenly Father.

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				6pm 	Pastor Away-Family Day	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	7pm  Elders Meeting	6pm Community Bunco	10am GLLC Chapel		Pastor Away-Family Day	
VBS 5:30p – 8:00p						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	7pm  LLL		10am GLLC Chapel		Pastor Away-Family Day	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	6pm  GLLC Meeting 7pm Evangelism		10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance	 DEADLINE NOON	Pastor Away-Family Day	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed	8am Braille 5pm Piecemakers		10am GLLC Chapel		Pastor Away-Family Day	

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

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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.



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.

Elder(s): Vince Kaiser Trustees Tommy Oates
 Jack Page : Ronnie Pietsch

Ushers: Bert Bunte
 Galen Bunte

Altar Guild: Frances Mynar
 Linda Read

Organist(s): June Parker
 Esther Wolff (Sub)
 Kim Appel (Sub)

Readers:
Jun 4 Debbie Higgins
Jun 11 Maggie Smith
Jun 18 Philip Appel
Jun 25 Rose Caldwell

Acolytes:
Jun 4 David Wolff & Sterling Brown
Jun 11 Alex Caldwell & Baylor Watson
Jun 18 Ramon Wolff & Thomas Brown
Jun 25 Juniper Smith & Barrett Watson



Pre-School/ Mary Lou Oliver/
Kindergarten 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



Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if you are interested in this position

MIDWEEK AND CONFIRMATION TEACHERS

Pre-school - K Kristen Smiley
1st – 3rd grade Alex & Amanda Vanegas
4th - 6th grade Kristin Appel (June Parker-sub)
7th - 8th grade Pastor Appel
Adult Class Ed Randle



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**



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 Campion
 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 25 June Parker
 June 26 Chad Catron
 June 28 Alvin Tinberg
 June 30 Paisyn Smiley



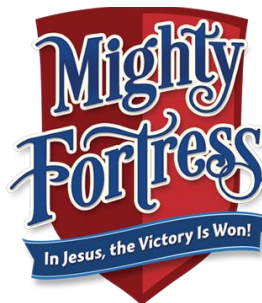
As of April, 30, 2017

Name	Balance
Prosperity Checking Acct	51,601.77
CEF-General	2,345.24
CEF-Land/Youth	11,802.67
CEF Property Loan	151,741.31
CEF Annex Loan	85,032.48
GLLC Playground Equip	100.00
Van Repairs	860.00
SS Missions	383.00
Memorial	1,350.23
Special Missions	895.02
Annex Bldg.	1,389.00
Door Offerings	382.05
GLLC Donations	20.00
Thrivent	917.00
Dedicated Misc	12,885.32
Youth Group	10.00
Faith Lutheran HS	
Endowment	770.13
Rental Income	9,780.26
Bazaar	12,287.61
Total Dedicated Funds	42,271.96
General Fund Balance	9,329.81

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



Join us for VBS 2017!
June 4-8; 5:30-8:00 PM
Each evening begins with a light meal and includes Bible stories, crafts, games, and more!



Thanks to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Bake Sale. Our next meeting is on Thursday June 1st at 6:00 pm. We begin with a light meal, have a bible study and a brief business meeting. All ladies of Grace are invited to join us.

If anyone has any interest in teaching or substitute teaching for any Sunday School Class, please contact myself or any Board of Ed Member.

May God Bless all of you.
Respectfully,
Barb Johannessen

Braille Workers

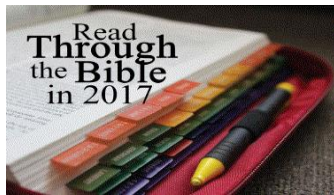


"The mission of Lutheran Braille Workers is to bring the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to individuals who are blind or visually impaired throughout the world." On the *fourth Monday morning* of each month, several ladies from Grace travel to Giddings for Braille workshop. We are currently in need of substitutes. ALL who are interested or need more information, please contact **Billie Courtemanche**



Reformation 500 The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

Our third special service during this 500th Anniversary year of the Lutheran Reformation will happen at the end of this month, on Sunday, June 25, as we commemorate the presentation of the Augsburg Confession. While that day may slip by for many Lutherans without the fanfare of Reformation Day, June 25 marks the day in 1530 on which God-fearing laymen took their stand for the Gospel and presented their confession of faith before Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg. You might even call June 25 the birthday of the Lutheran Church! That confession made 487 years ago continues to shape what we believe, teach, and confess before the world today. Centered on Christ and focused on the free gift of salvation that is ours by grace through faith, the Augsburg Confession reminds us of the high privilege it is to confess Jesus Christ. As our lips confess His name and as we worship Him with "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19), we rejoice that Jesus confesses us before His Father in heaven!



Our congregation continues to celebrate 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 by reading through the Bible during the year. A reading plan for the month of June is included in this newsletter; these readings will also be included in the daily devotion suggestions given on the back of the bulletin each week. We pray that being in God's Word daily has been a blessing to each and every one who is on this journey. Even if you struggled last month or didn't read at all, don't be afraid to start this month! God's Word is full of blessings for you and for me!

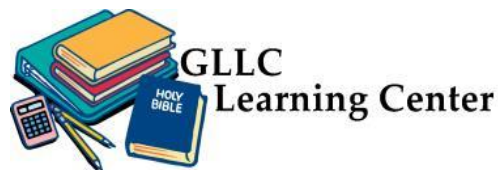


The Board of Education would like to remind every member of Grace Lutheran Church that we can add to the **Endowment Fund** at any time in any amount. Remember the Fund will be used for the Education of

our Youth at Grace Lutheran. It will be used for scholarships to Christian Camps as well as to help offset the tuition, for any qualifying member, to a Lutheran based school this includes higher education levels. This is a tax-deductible contribution. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board member.



Lutheran Witness Magazine price for 2017 is **\$13.65**



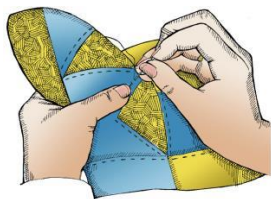
Grace will staff the Emporium beginning Tuesday May 30. Hours are 10 until 2. Sale days are Friday and Saturday from 9 until 2. Join us as you are able. We always need volunteers. Especially on Friday which is a very busy day. Our next shift will be July 24th through the 29th.

Work on the new building is progressing. We have a lot to accomplish before we can occupy it. Follow us on Facebook. We are a 501c and monetary donations are welcomed to help in paying down our loan and building out.

We thank everyone who donates to us and those who shop with us. It is always amazing to see the items leave the building. Sometimes on sale dates we can put new items out and they are immediately purchased.

Our monies go back to the nonprofits in the community. We couldn't do this without support from everyone.

We are all volunteers with no paid staff. The Lord has blessed our efforts and we give him thanks and praise.



PIECEMAKERS

Thank you all for your donations of sheets and fabric. Toni Ann and David brought us some sheets last week which we were able to utilize. Thank you for thinking of us. We do appreciate it. We appreciate all the donations we receive

We meet on the 4th Monday at 5 in the Sunday School building alley entrance. Come and join us. Next session June 26. We usually work for about two hours. Last week we tied four quilts.



I've never experienced the love and caring that I have in the last several weeks. I want to extend my deepest appreciation for your encouragement, acts of kindness, kind words and prayers that came from you, the Church members my friends. Just knowing there are people thinking about me and my family meant so much. It's hard to explain in words how much this touched us. To everyone a heartfelt *Thank You! God's blessings to each of you.*

Billie Courtemanche

Hello, all! Things are going great here at the learning center. Summer is upon us and it is going to be busy around here.

We will still have a curriculum for the summer so the learning doesn't stop. We will also have a few field trips for our school age children.

I want to thank everyone who came out and supported our fundraiser. I also want to thank the LLL for cooking for us. We are so appreciative to have each of you!

Our playgrounds could use some small toys if anyone has any lying around that you know longer use. Thank you in advance.

Our infant room is in need of swings, jumpers and exersaucers. If anyone has any in good condition for a low price, please give me a call. 512-360-2800.

I would like to thank the church members for their support of GLLC. This Center makes a difference in the life of a child. Some children don't get to hear God's word and by having this center, we can teach the word of God to them. Whether it is going to chapel, learning new Bible stories each week, singing songs and more, they are learning God's word. That should make you proud to have your church be able to have a place that can provide that.

I wish everyone a great summer and safe travel!

Angel Hurst
GLLC DIRECTOR

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

WORK AT GLLC

Grace Lutheran Learning Center is hiring part-time workers for the afternoon shift. Applicants should be available to work between 12:30-6:00 PM, must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be willing to submit to a background check. If you love working with kids and sharing the love of Jesus, this is the job for you! Please contact our director, **Angel Hurst**, at [512-360-2800](tel:512-360-2800) to receive an application.

Voter's Meeting
April 30, 2017

The Voter's Meeting was called to order by President Gene Brown.

Pastor Appel opened with devotion. He read an article in the Austin American-Statesman about the impact Donald Trump has had in his first 100 days in office. This made Pastor think about the impact we have as a church and congregation. Anytime God's word is given there is impact as we will see next week when five young men will be confirmed. We need to ask how we are using our time, talent and treasures to impact our community and congregation.

A sign in sheet was passed around and signed by 21 members and 2 guests.

Ed Randle made a motion to accept Blake Craig, Rachel Hughes, Rick and Dawn Moers by Adult Confirmation. Charlie Johannessen seconded, motion carried.

John and Brenda Anderson attended the meeting and wish to become Voting Members. They will read the Constitution and be accepted at the next meeting they attend.

Barbara Johannessen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Voters Meeting held on February 5, 2017. Chad Catron seconded, motion carried.

Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Reports were handed out and reviewed. Tim Wolff reported on the accounts that he closed out. Everything is in one account now. The Dedicated Accounts were set up. Ed Randle asked if there was a report that could compare the expenditures to the Budget to make sure we don't go over on a line-item. Tim will run that report for the next meeting. Ed Randle made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Gary Smith seconded, motion carried.

Trustees Report: Gary Smith reported that the painting of the rental house would be discussed in New Business. Gary thanked the City for repairing the sidewalks around the church. Stop signs were also moved back for better visibility. The Trustees are working on a solution for the storage building in the back parking lot. Tim Wolff stated that the backside of the rental property storage could be used because it is not up to code and can't be used by the renters. That area can be used for storage. The Trustees will check on that as a possible solution. Tim Wolff made a motion to approve the report. Ed Randle seconded, motion carried.

Elders Report: Ed Randle reported that the Elders continue to study the Large Catechism. They received and accepted the transfer in of Dan and Shelly Robinson from Trinity in Holton, KS. Bert Bunte is the new Elder for 2017 and they set the Lenten service schedule and approved offering designations. Barbara Johannessen made a motion to approve the report. Melissa Brown seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Appel's report was handed out and reviewed. He stated that he is very happy with the youth confirmands and asked Voters to keep them in our prayers. Charlie Johannessen made a motion to approve the report. Ed Randle seconded, motion carried.

Sunday Superintendent/Board of Education/VBS: Barbara Johannessen reported that the Easter egg hunt was very successful and thanked everyone for the donations received. She stated that Rally Day was moved to May 28 because the first Sunday in June is the first day of VBS. The Board of Education is talking about starting a High School Sunday School class. The Endowment Fund is still in place and contributions toward this are welcome at any time. Rose Pietsch is handling VBS and discussion was held on giving rides home from VBS if needed for the kids who attend. This will be checked into further. Ed Randle made a motion to approve the report as presented. Marilyn Randle seconded, motion carried.

GLLC: Tim Wolff reported that enrollment for March at the Center was 69 and for April it was 71 and stated that it fluctuates monthly. The Financial Report was discussed. They have been concentrating on getting the payables collected. They are working on a Parent's Handbook as well as a Director's Handbook. They are also trying to get food subsidy paperwork filled out. Kristin Appel made a motion to approve the report. Barbara Johannessen seconded, motion carried.

LWML: No report

LLL: Ed Randle reported that they meet on the second Monday of each month. They served a midweek meal on February 8th. They had a successful fish fry on March 30th and cooked for the GLLC Fundraiser. They will cook the beans for Camp Lone Star in July. Tim Wolff made a motion to approve the report. Charlie Johannessen seconded, motion carried.

Bazaar Report: Gene Brown brought up that he has heard talk of moving the location of the bazaar or possibly not having the bazaar. The location won't be changed this year as it is too late to make that change. The bazaar is how we pay for the Parish Hall and it needs to continue.

Unfinished Business: Chad Catron presented the plans he has for his Eagle Scout Project, which is to landscape the church lawn. In an effort to cut down on annual maintenance, Chad presented Plan B. This should cut the cost to maintain in half. Chad plans to seek donations for this along with congregational support. After a long discussion, Charlie Johannessen made a motion to approve Chad Catron's Eagle Scout Project Plan B as indicated. Gary Smith seconded, motion carried. Chad will be in charge of the fundraising efforts.

New Business: Trustees have narrowed down the bids for the repairs on the Rental house and Sunday school building. Travis Slusher gave a proposal for \$5600.00 to replace all bad siding and trim, scrape and sand both buildings, re-glaze windows as needed, prime all bare wood, apply two coats of Kelly Moore paint and pick up and dispose of all construction debris. An anonymous donation of \$5000.00 was given for this project. Philip Appel made a motion to approve up to \$6000.00, (\$5000.00 of which is already donated) to repair house and Sunday school building. Charlie Johannessen seconded, motion carried.

Tim Wolff requested a committee be appointed to look into providing health insurance and to be able to hire some full time employees at Grace Lutheran Learning Center in an effort to keep good employees. The employee turnover rate is very high. Gene Brown appointed a committee of Barbara Johannessen, Tim Wolff, Chad Catron and Philip Appel to check on health insurance options for GLLC staff.

Ed Randle made a motion to adjourn. Gary Smith seconded, motion carried.

The Voter's closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Pietsch



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _t t_ m_,"

'Y_ _ _r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_r."

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

Read Through the Bible in 2017

Grace Lutheran Church, Smithville, TX

“God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever!” Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by reading through the Bible in 2017. These same readings can be found on the back of your Sunday bulletin every week. (Note: On days listed as “OFF,” consider re-reading something from earlier in the week or making up a day that you might have missed.)

Readings for the Month of June

June 1	Acts 10:23-48	Judges 18-19
June 2	Proverbs 11:1-9	Psalms 72-73
June 3	OFF	
June 4	Acts 11	Judges 20-21
June 5	Acts 12	Ruth 1-4
June 6	Acts 13	1 Samuel 1-3
June 7	Acts 14	1 Samuel 4-7
June 8	Acts 15:1-21	1 Samuel 8-10
June 9	Proverbs 11:10-23	Psalms 74-77
June 10	OFF	
June 11	Acts 15:22-41	1 Samuel 11-14
June 12	Acts 16	1 Samuel 15
June 13	Acts 17	1 Samuel 16-17
June 14	Acts 18	1 Samuel 18-20
June 15	Acts 19	1 Samuel 21-23
June 16	Proverbs 11:24-31	Psalms 78
June 17	OFF	
June 18	Acts 20:1-12	1 Samuel 24-25
June 19	Acts 20:13-38	1 Samuel 26-29
June 20	Acts 21:1-36	1 Samuel 30-31
June 21	Acts 21:37-22:29	2 Samuel 1-4
June 22	Acts 22:30-23:35	2 Samuel 5-7
June 23	Proverbs 12:1-18	Psalms 79-80
June 24	OFF	
June 25	Acts 24	2 Samuel 8-11
June 26	Acts 25:1-22	2 Samuel 12-13
June 27	Acts 25:23-26:32	2 Samuel 14-15
June 28	Acts 27	2 Samuel 16:1-19:8
June 29	Acts 28	2 Samuel 19:9-20:26
June 30	Proverbs 12:19-28	Psalms 81-83

This Reformation Reading Plan has been provided by the Michigan District, LCMS through their Here We Stand Campaign.