

Grace Notes



As we've seen the last two months, the Church Year provides us with numerous opportunities to give thanks to God for the lives of His Christians throughout history. I'll highlight three in particular for you during the month of September.

On September 4, the Church commemorates Moses, the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. So much could be said about Moses that a whole newsletter article series could be written, but here I'll stick with the key highlights. Born in Egypt while Israel was there in slavery, the LORD spared Moses from Pharaoh's death decree through his faithful mother and Pharaoh's independent-minded daughter. Raised in Pharaoh's household, Moses was forced to flee Egypt at age 40 after murdering an Egyptian taskmaster. 40 years after that, the LORD spoke from the burning bush and called the reluctant Moses to return to Egypt in order to free Israel from slavery. The LORD accomplished precisely that through Moses in the Ten Plagues and the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea. Over the next forty years, Moses led the people of Israel to Mt. Sinai and then wandering in the wilderness, until they reached edge of the Promised Land. Moses himself was not allowed to enter, though the LORD did show it to him before he died. Perhaps just as significant as all of this is the fact that Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy).

On September 21, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Matthew, also known as Levi, was a tax collector by trade. Despite the fact that an Israelite in such a profession was despised and thought a "sinner" by many in Israel, Jesus called him to be a disciple (Matthew 9:9-13) and sent him as an apostle (Matthew 10:2-4). After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, Matthew was given by the Holy Spirit to be one of the four writers of the Gospels. The Gospel according to St. Matthew not only comes first among the Gospels in our Bibles, but it also was likely written first chronologically among the

Gospels, likely around AD 50. Particularly significant texts in Matthew's Gospel include the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), and the institution of Holy Baptism (Matthew 28:18-20). Church tradition is uncertain where Matthew's ministry took him and how he died.

On September 22, the Church gives thanks for Jonah, the Israelite prophet sent to the pagan city of Nineveh. Of course, Jonah is very well known for not actually going to Nineveh at first, but instead traveling the opposite way. The LORD would not allow His prophet to run, however, having him thrown overboard from his ship and subsequently swallowed by a large fish. After three days in the fish's belly, the LORD compels the fish to vomit Jonah onto dry ground. Upon receiving his second call, Jonah goes to Nineveh and proclaims the Word of the LORD. Even though they had been pagans previously, the people of Nineveh repent, and the LORD spares the city. Jonah is quite displeased, but the LORD reminds Jonah that His grace is intended for all people. This worldwide compassion of the LORD is one of the significant aspects of the book of Jonah, along with the picture of Jesus' death and resurrection that is given as a sign in Jonah's three day sojourn in the fish (Matthew 12:39-41).

This month also includes the notable celebration of St. Michael and All Angels on September 29. I will save more on that feast day for the Sunday we observe it here in the Divine Service. On the three days mentioned above, I encourage you to spend time reading God's Word concerning these faithful Christians. I pray that the Lord richly blesses you through the accounts and examples of these faithful men and women, saints whom He has forgiven by His blood.

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	2 7pm Elders	3	4 10am GLLC Chapel 6pm- Midweek Schedule	5 6pm LWML 	6 Pastor Away- Family Day	7
8 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm Youth Group	9 5pm Piecemakers 7pm LLL 	10	11 10am GLLC Chapel 6pm- Midweek Schedule	12 11am-Bible Study	13 Pastor Away- Family Day	14
15 8:30am- Worship/Communion 	16 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pm Evangelism	17 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg-Smithville	18 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance 6pm- Midweek Schedule	19 11am-Bible Study	20 Pastor Away- Family Day	21
22 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group	23 8am Braille	24	25 10am GLLC Chapel 6pm- Midweek Schedule	26 11am-Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON 	27 Pastor Away- Family Day	28
29 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	30			*MID WEEK SCHEDULE 6:00p Mid Week Meal 6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages		

Grace Lutheran Church

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

Elder(s): Bert Bunte
Galen Bunte
Ushers: Brad Zimmerhanel
Jack Page
Trustees Ed Randle
: Ronnie Pietsch
Organist(s): June Parker
Esther Wolff (Sub)
Kim Appel (Sub)
Aug. Altar Guild:
June Parker
Libby Caldwell

Acolytes:

Sept. 1 Juniper Smith & Baylor Watson
Sept. 8 Joshua Zimmerhanel & Ramon Wolff
Sept. 15 BAZAAR
Sept. 22 Jacob Moore & David Wolff
Sept. 29 Adrian Wolff & Marianna Peres



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

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

STILL IN NEED OF SUBTITUTE TEACHERS



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

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.

MIDWEEK AND CONFIRMATION TEACHERS

Pre-school - K	Kim Appel
1st – 3rd grade	Tim & Esther Wolff
4th - 6th grade	Kristin Appel (June Parker-sub)
7th - 8th grade	Pastor Appel
Adult Class	Ed Randle

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



Sep. 3	Jane & Galen Bunte
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As of August 21st, 2019

Name	Balance
Prosperity Checking Acct	45,607.55
CEF-General	2,410.13
CEF-Land/Youth	12,129.10
CEF Scholarship	12,278.63
CEF Property Loan	134,447.66
CEF Annex Loan	4,744.14
Legacy Deo	11,449.34
Total Dedicated Funds	17,526.63
General Fund Balance	28,080.92

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



There is a plastic container in the Narthex for collection of **used bulletins & white printed papers** to be recycled at the Smithville Recycling facility. If there are any questions please ask Katie or John Stelling for info



Sep. 1	Bonnie Kaiser
Sep. 3	Clarence Hannusch
Sep. 4	Jean Miller
	Heidi Poppe
Sep. 7	Baylor Watson
Sep. 8	Daucie Davis
	Chloe Deapen
	Leslie Rice
Sep. 9	Jacob Stinson
Sep. 10	Roy Flora
	Anthony Hurst
	Presley Wallace
	Liam Leon
Sep. 11	Benny Hajdik
Sep. 12	Dorine Hoskins
Sep. 13	Chrissy Becker
	Trenton Vinklarek
Sep. 16	Gene Brown III
	Donna Zimmerhanzel
Sep. 17	Charlie Johannessen
Sep. 23	Edward Randle
Sep. 24	Esther Wolff
	Caysen Swartz
Sep. 26	Collin Kasper
Sep. 27	Ivan Fritsche
	Patricia Satterwhite
	Robert Wolff
Sep. 29	Courtney Pietsch
	Kylee Wallace
Sep. 30	Laurie Rector Hancock

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

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PIECEMAKERS

We will be meeting again on Monday, September 9th at 5pm. We meet in the Sunday School building--alley entrance. All are welcome to help us tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for donations. We are always looking for gently used sheets and cotton fabric.



Braille volunteers meet the 4th Monday of each month @ 8am. We carpool to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings to assemble braille bible study books.
Toni Ann Kadlecsek



We have received lovely donations and help from our willing hands is appreciated. We have been busy but there are lighthearted moments and opportunities to fellowship

We do appreciate all who volunteer. But we couldn't do without the generous donations we receive thank you all
You may have seen on FB or read in the paper we gave the Smithville PD a grant to use for cameras and equipment. Just one example of the community benefitting from our efforts. Each quarter we share our proceeds.

I should have a new schedule in November but to end this year we have the following dates:

- Grace will work:
- October 14 to October 19
- Store closed November 25 to 30 for Thanksgiving
- December 9 to 14th
- Closed for Christmas December 23 to January 6
- Open weeks will be
- October 28 to November 2
- November 9 to 14th.

Join us as you are able. Hours are 10 to 2 Monday to Thursday. 8:30 to 2:00 on Friday and Saturday

The Christmas room is open. Changes each week..Halloween will be out after we open after Labor Day holiday. We have lots of costumes and decor items.

We have lots of lovely Christmas items to brighten your decor!!

Again none of this would be possible without our generous donors and shoppers.



ALL invited to lunch/game day THURSDAYS at NOON
In the Parish Hall

We meet at noon in the Parish hall. We have a lite meal. All our welcome to join us for a spirited game of train. If you don't know how to play--not a problem. We will help. We play for the fellowship and don't play for points



Two Germany Trip Opportunities in 2020

In 2020, the city of Oberammergau, Germany, will be holding its world-renowned Passion Play that happens only every ten years. Two central Texas pastors are leading tours in 2020 that will include not only this Passion Play, but also a variety of Luther sites. Pastor Obersat of Ebenezer, Manheim, is leading a tour in May 2020, and Pastor Barz of Crown of Life, San Antonio, is leading a tour in July 2020. Information concerning both of these tours is available in the narthex for anyone who is interested.



Caring for Towers Residents

The staff at Towers Nursing Home was very appreciative of our congregation's recent donation of toiletries for their residents. The Evangelism Committee is continuing to encourage the members of our congregation to donate various toiletries (shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, etc.) to the residents at Towers. You can place them in the designated box in the narthex. Thank you for showing this love to our neighbors at Towers!

Pastor Appel Hosts Radio Bible Study

Pastor Appel is now the host of the radio Bible study, *Sharper Iron*. This program airs every weekday morning from 8:00-9:00 AM on KFUE, a Lutheran radio station out of St. Louis, MO. You can listen live on your computer or laptop by going to www.kfuo.org, or on your tablet or smartphone by downloading the KFUE app. If you miss the show in the morning, you can also listen to archived programs on the KFUE website. Please consider making use of this Bible study as a way to strengthen your Christian faith during the week!



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



LWML

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

UPCOMING:

Sept. 5th:

6pm-LWML Birthday Party at Good Times at Dry Creek

Oct. 6th:

Post Oak Zone Fall Rally-Schulenberg

We welcome you to join us in “Serving the Lord with Gladness.” Please contact any LWML member or Sharon Reinberg at 512-923-8222 to learn more or go to www.lwml.org or www.lwmltxdist.org to read about the mission and great history of LWML.

Our Mission Projects:

-Bazaar - \$250 meat

We raised \$801.40 for the Bastrop Pregnancy Center through the baby bottle fundraiser.

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

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:

Scholarships for Semiarrians-Texas District LCMS (\$50,000)

The LCMS recognizes the importance of seminary training to equip dedicated men for ministry to God’s people. To help offset these costs, scholarship funds will assist seminary students from the Texas District, enabling them to go out and serve with less financial burden.

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:

Teach Me Too – Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin (\$100,000)

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has seen a growing desire for early intervention support of children with learning needs. In 1976 LSEM began serving children with special learning needs in the Detroit area and has since expanded programs and services to include a presence in Lutheran schools nationwide. Their pilot program is Let It Shine Academy at Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas. The Teach Me Too program was designed to administer intervention strategies, address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder and other unique needs such as hyperactivity issues, decreased or delayed social skills, developmental or speech delays, sensory integration difficulties, or other learning differences. As a resource for families, this program provides assessments, consultations, and materials to help children on an individual basis. This grant would help fund Teach Me Too, expand the Let It Shine Academy, provide teacher training, and offer scholarship funding for children whose families cannot afford the cost of the Let It Shine Program.



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 seeks to engage young adults in a Christ-centered environment where faith and knowledge grow as one.

HOME OF THE FALCONS!

Great Start to the School Year

We have had a great start to the school year! We love having our 10 students on campus and pray that their education and faith may grow abundantly this year! Registration remains on-going. Come and visit! Call us today - (979) 242-2889!!

Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th to 11th grade students on Friday, September 6th from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us!

Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 19th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. Lots of games, activities and food will be available. Stay tuned for more details!

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 or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

Wish List

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

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am

Scholarship Program

Have you ever had this thought? "Faith Lutheran High School sounds great, but my family can't afford it." We firmly believe that EVERY family desiring a Christ-centered education for their children should have the opportunity to attend FLHS. We have a Tuition Scholarship Program with funds available. We utilize TADS to disburse these scholarship funds, and EVERY family who applies receives some assistance. We'll do everything in our power to make sure that money isn't the reason you don't choose FLHS. Give us a call (979-242-2889) to learn more about FLHS and how you can become a part of our family! **In today's increasingly hostile, non-Christian society, you can't afford to NOT send your child to FLHS!**
Thank you!

There have been so many people, organizations, groups and churches who have contributed to the success and growth of FLHS over the summer - through donations of wish list items, monetary donations and so much more. We are so incredibly thankful, and your gifts make a bigger impact than you know! THANK YOU!!

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants for our Game Nights and Oktoberfest!

Keep in Touch

Find and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube or Twitter - like and share our posts so others can learn about FLHS. Also, visit our website at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com!



Board of Education
Sunday School
Midweek News

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

REMEMBER!!!! The FIRST Sunday of every month is Sunday School Mission Sunday. Our Sunday School Mission for this quarter will be UT Campus Ministry. Please remember to give generously the first Sunday of every month to help support this great cause.

We have received new Sunday School material and are excited to try this new curriculum. We will be starting at the first of the bible and work our way through. There will not be weekly send home hand outs like we have always had material will be sent home about every 13 weeks which will be at the end of each set of material. If you have any questions regarding the new material please feel free to ask a Board Member or Sunday School Teacher and we will do our best to answer your questions.

CHALLENGE!!!!

We would like to Thank everyone who continues to participate in the weekly challenge and encourage each of you to continue to participate weekly by answering the question in the back of the bulletin. We as a board feel it is important to educate each other on what Christ did for us and continues to do for us. If there is anything you would like to see done differently, we are always open to suggestion.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,

Barb Johannessen

2019-20 Midweek Dates

The following Wednesdays are the dates for our midweek classes this year. Our regular midweek schedule consists of 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 before services.

Sharon Reinberg will once again be coordinating and cooking midweek meals. Contributions are needed to assist with the cost; please designate your offering toward midweek meals and bring it to the office during the week or place it in the plate on Sunday morning. 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.



September 4, 2019	October 2, 2019	October 30, 2019	*December 4, 2019
September 11, 2019	October 9, 2019	November 6, 2019	*December 11, 2019
September 18, 2019	October 16, 2019	November 13, 2019	*December 18, 2019
September 25, 2019	October 23, 2019	November 20, 2019	

January 8, 2020	February 5, 2020	*March 4, 2020	April 15, 2020
January 15, 2020	February 12, 2020	*March 11, 2020	April 22, 2020
January 22, 2020	February 19, 2020	*March 25, 2020	April 29, 2020
January 29, 2020	*February 26, 2020	*April 1, 2020	

Read Through the Bible in 2019

Grace Lutheran Church, Smithville, TX

"God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever!" Continue your daily Bible reading during 2019. God's blessings for you in His Word abound! (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 September

September 1	Proverbs 17	Psalms 107
September 2	OFF	
September 3	1 Corinthians 14	Ezra 1-2
September 4	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	Ezra 3-6
September 5	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	Ezra 7-8
September 6	1 Corinthians 16	Ezra 9-10
September 7	2 Corinthians 1:1-2:11	Nehemiah 1-5
September 8	Proverbs 18	Psalms 108
September 9	OFF	
September 10	2 Corinthians 2:12-3:18	Nehemiah 6-7
September 11	2 Corinthians 4:1-6:2	Nehemiah 8
September 12	2 Corinthians 6:3-7:16	Nehemiah 9-11
September 13	2 Corinthians 8-9	Nehemiah 12-13
September 14	2 Corinthians 10	Job 1-3
September 15	Proverbs 19	Psalms 109
September 16	OFF	
September 17	2 Corinthians 11	Job 4-5
September 18	2 Corinthians 12-13	Job 6-8
September 19	Philippians 1	Job 9-11
September 20	Philippians 2	Job 12-15
September 21	Philippians 3-4	Job 16-18
September 22	Proverbs 20	Psalms 110-113
September 23	OFF	
September 24	Colossians 1:1-14	Job 19-21
September 25	Colossians 1:15-2:23	Job 22-24
September 26	Colossians 3-4	Job 25-28
September 27	1 Thessalonians 1	Job 29-31
September 28	1 Thessalonians 2-3	Job 32-33
September 29	Proverbs 21:1-22	Psalms 114-116
September 30	OFF	

The Askins in Asia



Highlights of Home Service

— by Eliza Askins

We are home . . . or were we just home?

We have safely survived our first home service without any major mishaps, medical needs, or meltdowns. And now we are back in our home—our house in Taiwan.

We are grateful for the homes we stayed in while traveling, but the biggest highlight of home service ending was returning to our own beds and belongings.

We enjoyed many highlights of home service. We enjoyed traveling in the GREAT WHITE SHARK (as we called our massive van), our temporary “home away from home.”

We saw all of our grandparents and many cousins, aunts and uncles. We saw many, many friends. We connected with numerous supporters.

We drove past two state capital buildings. A few days at the family ranch without internet allowed us to enjoy God’s wondrous creation. In West Texas, we

tried to count the cars and engines of the trains that were a mile or more long.

The mountains of Colorado took our breath away. We all walked along the mighty Mississippi. The children attended a Brewer baseball game.

They played catch, rode bicycles, putted and chipped golf balls after searching the course for the lost ones, and splashed in pools and splash pads for hours. There were many roasted marshmallows for S’mores, and they devoured many their favorite foods.

It was a good break, and it did not break us. We learned to appreciate what we have. Home service reminded us of who we are blessed to know. It was also a chance to receive

Christ’s gifts in our own language with many voices sounding the same.

We were fed and strengthened for what lies ahead back on the field. We thank the Lord for His perfect timing and the gift of home service.

Home Service Stats

Miles travelled: 12,890

Hours in the van: 290

Children lost: 0

Congregations Visited: 48

States Visited: 15

Working Together in Christ

— by Roy S. Askins

Our home service this year lasted longer than normal. This happened — in part — because of an opportunity for me to attend this year's LCMS Convention. I also had the privilege of writing [stories about the convention](#) for the Communications department.

It seems that many delegates struggle to find the joy in attending the convention. The back-and-forth of convention debate wears delegates out; it can be quite frustrating. I understand that.

At the same time, attending the convention was for me a highlight of our Home Service. Of course, I really enjoyed meeting old friends and family members during the convention.

But I especially enjoyed watching our Synod work together for the sake of the Gospel. Delegates refined the resolutions through debate and discussion. They elected officers to serve the church. They encouraged each other and at times frustrated one another.

Some of the frustrations were painful; others were just annoying. And yet, through these sinful and sometimes annoyed delegates, Christ continued to guide the LCMS. He continued to care for His people.

Even though this convention was my first, it seemed congenial. Most of the resolutions were adopted with significant majorities. On the whole, I'm thankful for the opportunity to learn more about how our church body operates.

Now, it's back to work in Asia, and I'm eager to dig back into it. Over the next few months, I will focus primarily on creating and posting content about work in Asia on [the international website](#). I've already posted [one of the videos I created](#), and Pr. Ferry shared during our presentation at convention. I'm also traveling to India this month to gather some updates on the work at Concordia Theological Seminary, Nagercoil.

Stay tuned [to the website for more stories](#) and information about the work of the LCMS in Asia.

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

To support the LCMS through the work of Rev. Roy S. Askins, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or LCMS. Include "Askins-Hong Kong" in the memo line. Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/givenow/askins. To give a gift over the phone, please call 1-888-930-4438.

Contact us at roy.askins@lcmsintl.org.

For Your Prayers

In your prayers, please keep these things in mind:

- In thanksgiving for the 2019 LCMS Synodical Convention and the work of its delegates for the church
- For the whole family as we readjust to life in Taiwan
- For Pr. Askins as he begins traveling in Asia again, particularly to India
- In thanksgiving for the many families and congregations that hosted and provided for us along the way
- In thanksgiving for all the prayer and financial support we have received

Thank You

To all of you who are supporting us in so many and various ways, thank you.

For your prayers, thank you. For your financial support, thank you. For your notes and thoughts, thank you.

—The Askins

A Page of Pictures

Enjoy these pictures from the last month. For more, visit our website: askinsinasia.com.



Above left: We made a stop at Dad's favorite stationary store.



Above Middle: Sleeping in the car became an art for us.



Above Right: The children learned to golf with Uncle Rod.



Above left: A gargantuan chocolate bar for S'mores.



Above Right: Some of the many family friends who helped us along this journey



Left: Our family and one last picture with the GREAT WHITE SHARK



September 15, 2019

The goal for 2019 is to raise \$25,000. This money will go to the support of our church, Faith Lutheran High School, Smithville Volunteer Fire Department and other local outreach efforts.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex. Please find something that you would LOVE to help with and sign up so we know that task is covered.

Raffle Tickets

- All prizes have been donated so all sales will be 100% PROFIT! We will sell them on Saturday, August 31 from 9am-2pm at Brookshire Brothers. Please sign up for a 1 hour shift.

Country Store – Is this something we will continue to do???. Do we have someone willing to “run” it???

Auction Items

- Sign-up sheet is posted for 10 SPECIAL CAKES/DESSERTS for the auction. These would be home-made and extra special.
- BIG SHOES to fill on the Auction trailer this year!! Kathy & Mackey Wayne Kasper and Natalie and Bubba Bennight will not be able to work this year (and we THANK THEM for their many years of doing this job) so we need folks willing to help with this!

Meal Tickets Prices for the plates this year will be \$11.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Great suggestion for the amount and quality of food served.

Games & Entertainment

Donna Zimmerhanzel will do a make-over of the games and needs someone to help her with this major task.

BBQ Cookers are needed for this all night task!!! If you ever wanted to see how it is done please sign up to help! These guys work all night and then all day.

Desserts – Cakes/cupcakes/brownies/ desserts of all kinds are needed for the meal AND the cake wheel. Please plan to bring 2 or 3 desserts!!

All Members (new or long time)

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.

Thank you all for helping make our Bazaar a successful event!! We truly appreciate it.

2019 Bazaar Committee

Chrissy Becker, Marilyn Burns, Mary Lou Oliver, Courtney Pietsch, Rose Pietsch & Wendy Rohde

Lets make this year the best one yet!