

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1st

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Don't Forget...

“Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1. Remember to set your clocks back one hour, ‘Spring forward – Fall Back!’”.

So, enjoy that extra hour of sleep.

Grace Lutheran Church Council
Actions and Highlights
September 17, 2015

MISSION: God's purpose for Grace Lutheran Church is for us to be servant leaders in mission by loving and inspiring all people to experience the transforming grace of a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pr. Aanonson Don Ager
 Ramona Allenbaugh Jim Edgmond
 Cindy Edgmond JoAnne Fisher
 John Simmons Shirlee Staley

MEMBERS EXECUSED: Mike Allenbaugh Kim Thompson
 Connor Lawhead

OPENING PRAYER by Don Ager

ATTENTION:

Please remember to provide the office with any name, address, email changes, or other pertinent information, so that we have correct information in our Shepherds Staff Member file system and email system. Call the office at 263-5680 or email us at glc@machlink.com with changes. Thank you.

PROPERTY BOARD:

- The Property Board presented three options for resurfacing the parking lot:
Remove existing concrete and apply 5-6” of new concrete: \$250,000
HMA with 3” overlay and 2” milling of the high spots: \$110,000
Chip Seal (Spray with oil, apply and roll-in “chips”) \$ 15,000
- Council approved the Boy Scouts request for them to do some decorative plantings in the front in memory of Duane Johnson, a former boy Scout leader. Those plans include grinding out the tree stump, planting of 12-foot Evergreens and other plants. Council also approved their request to create an enclosure for the trash container in the back parking lot. There will be no expense for GLC as all funds for these projects will be provided by the family of Duane Johnson.

Further information is posted on the hallway bulletin board or contact Jim Edgmond, Property Board Chair.

CALL COMMITTEE:

- Council approved the Ministry Site Profile as developed by the Call Committee and congratulated the Committee for doing a great job. A Congregational summary of the Ministry Site Profile will be published on October 2th.

POLICE CALL:

- On October 5th, Pr. MacManus was called by the police informing him the front door was wide open. There was no visible damage or missing items. It is unknown who left the door unlocked as there were a couple of groups using the building the night of October 4th. A letter will e sent to all GLC key holders informing them of the incident and to be extra diligent about locking and checking all doors prior to leaving the building. Also, on October 15th, the police and fire department were informed by the Parish Administrator that Don Ager and Mike Allenbaugh are the new contacts and to remove Pr. MacManus.

PASTOR JOB DESCRIPTION:

- The Council approved the Job Description for the next called Pastor as written by Don Ager. This is a verbatim job description from the Synod Constitution except the amendment on page two, which was specifically written for GLC. The job description is posted on the hallway bulletin board. If any questions, contact Don Ager.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:45 P.M. (One hour fifteen minutes)



November 2015, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, and LSI is a proud partner of Iowa KidsNet, the statewide collaboration of agencies that helps Iowans become foster or adoptive parents for children in Iowa's foster care system.

Nationally, there are over 101,000 youth waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. We know there are no unwanted children, only unfound families! To learn how you or someone you know can make a difference, visit www.IowaKidsNet.com.

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Keeping Up With Brookie

Brookie loves to talk, and she makes friends everywhere she goes. It's quite likely she would be delighted to be your friend, too. But you'll have to keep up with her first.

Brookie has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair. She lives at Harmony Place, a Muscatine house specially designed for "medically fragile" individuals. The home, built in 2008 by the Muscatine Welfare Association through public and private funding, has 24-7 staffing provided by LSI.

The house is innovative, with a track system that makes it easy for its five residents to move from one room to another. And all five of their wheelchairs easily fit together in the Harmony Place bus. It gives Brookie a home base from which she can go anywhere. And she is always on the go.

"I try to do as much as I can," she said. "I work at Wal-Mart, I do sled hockey, I play softball in Davenport. I go to concerts."

There's also bowling league, swimming, singing group, regular trips to see friends and family and fun times at Camp Courageous in Monticello. Plus, she spends a few days in Ames every year chasing down the competition in the Special Olympics wheelchair races. (She won gold in the 100m this year!)

"Since I've been here, I've come a long way," said Brookie. "I'm more independent now. I'm able to do a lot more. I see a friend whenever it fits in the schedule. I see my family whenever I want. LSI makes really good accommodations."

Some group homes have limits on how many vehicle miles a resident can use each month. Harmony Place does not. Instead, it places special importance on community integration and spending time with loved ones. LSI also helps support her in her goals, such as cooking, exercise and community involvement.

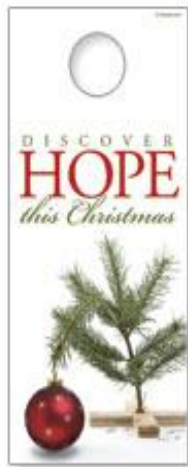
“Many parents cannot provide caregiving,” said Lisa, an LSI staff. “Sometimes their home is not equipped or they are older. Harmony Place helps improve quality of life for people.”

And for Brookie, that life is lived to the very fullest. Catch her if you can.

“Thankful for You”

The Hospitality Board will host our annual “Thankful for You” coffee on Sunday, November 15th, after the first service. We are thankful for all our members at Grace and hope you will join us for dessert, coffee, and fellowship.

HOPES Christmas Party



Does it seem early to have a Christmas tree up in the church? Well we are getting ready for a very special party. Grace is helping to host the annual Christmas party for Lutheran Services in Iowa and their HOPES program. We will be working with Zion Lutheran to provide a meal and a toy to the participants in the program. The party is on December 8th. You can help. The HOPES tree will be out on Sunday November 15, 22nd and 29th. Take a name tag from the Christmas tree and buy an age appropriate, developmental toy in the \$10 -15 dollar range. Right now is a good time to buy as all of the stores have a good selection. **Return the unwrapped present with the name tag attached to**

the Church by December 2nd. The presents need to be to Lutheran Social Services by December 3rd. A cash donation can also be made. Put the money in the envelope provided and put it the basket on Sunday or in the church office during business hours. We appreciate all the help you can give us in this most rewarding outreach. Any questions contact Karen Hessel.

Grace Women News By Mary Hovick & Karen Hessel

An Invitation – All women of Grace are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 9th – 9:30 a.m. at Grace Church. This month we continue with the theme for this year’s Bible study. Time is always a factor; we wait for the right time for us and God. As we look at the psalms it helps to give us a voice to our longing, our need for God to act. The parables we will look at in the next session help inspire us to act when the time is ripe. In all our days, we are cared for and called by a God who loves us now and forever.

Women of the Lutheran Church have been gathering in November for Thankoffering services since the early 1900’s. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community. We meet together as faithful women to joyfully give thanks and praise for what God has given to us. Please join us in November when we celebrate our faith journey and support our ELCA ministries. It is through the work of stewardship and service that we have seen what Women of the ELCA can do. This is one way to show our gratitude for all our blessings.

Box Tops for Education – Please save Box Top Coupons and/or UPC Codes found throughout your local grocery store. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for a current list of participating products. Clipped coupons can be placed in the “Box Tops for Education” folder on the bulletin board across the hall from Pastor’s office. The money earned by this project will be sent to Bethphage School in Axtell, Nebraska for children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

NO BOARD MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Open House Invitation from Paul & Joanna Wilts



Paul & Joanna Wilts invite the members of Grace to an Open House on November 27th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall to meet their great granddaughter, Charlotte, and her family. Refreshments will be served.

Grace Nite Out by Shirlee Staley

The next Grace Nite Out will be at the Pizza Ranch on Thursday, November 8th at 5:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located in the church foyer. **Everyone is welcome, so please join us.**

Ministry of Literacy by Deb Holliday

What awesome responses we have had to our 2 fund raisers this month!! Thank you all so much for the overwhelming participation and your generosity! Your support is greatly appreciated. This program has had an impact on both the little ones and the volunteers.



Congregational Life News by Cindy Edgmond

Our fall stewardship program, Giving of our First Fruits, will be taking place the first half of November. You will be receiving your pledge card in the mail. We will also have extras available at the church. Please return your card in the offering plate or to the church office.

Also please consider giving via the new link on the web site for electronic giving. Setting up a payment that happens automatically based on what you want to give is the easiest way to give of your first fruits. Thank you.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Please save the next page to use for your prayer list. Pray for each person on their birthday and anniversary. By the end of the year, you would have prayed for everyone in the congregation. **If we have missed a birthday or anniversary or if corrections need to be made, please call the church office at 263-5680. Thank you.**

November Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary

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| Richard & Cynthia Alexander | 11/01 | Derek & Randyl Meyer-LeMaack | 11/27 |
| Kurt & Debra Sanger | 11/01 | Don & Lynn Kelly III | 11/28 |
| Matt & Lisa Rene McClure | 11/04 | Randy & Cindy Hermann | 11/30 |
| Wade & Varinia Bruns | 11/20 | | |

November Birthdays

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| Zacharie Eagle | 11/01 | Chris Busch | 11/10 | Stephanie Munday | 11/18 |
| Matthew Schaapveld | 11/02 | Erin Lange-Vandello | 11/10 | Angela Gabriel | 11/20 |
| Angela Staley | 11/04 | Paris White | 11/10 | Daniel Stein | 11/20 |
| Ann Clemens | 11/05 | Mark Krieger | 11/11 | Scott Hage | 11/21 |
| Grace Zorich | 11/05 | Susan McConnaha | 11/11 | Jerry Schmelzer | 11/21 |
| John Ager | 11/06 | Taia Willhoite | 11/11 | Melissa Elder | 11/22 |
| Kara Paul | 11/06 | Diane Allen | 11/12 | Diane Luft | 11/22 |
| Stephanie Cromer | 11/07 | Sally Naber | 11/12 | Margaret Stych | 11/22 |



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| Joanna Green | 11/07 | Emmery Drake | 11/13 | Anna Gaunt | 11/24 |
| Roger Lande | 11/07 | Sandrine Gabriel | 11/13 | Clayton Goddard | 11/24 |
| Dennis Lange | 11/07 | Casey Bell | 11/14 | David Metcalf | 11/24 |
| Cindy Manriquez | 11/07 | Jodi Maxson | 11/14 | Bryce Johnson | 11/25 |
| Kelly McConnaha | 11/07 | Judy Schaapveld | 11/14 | Charlotte Smith | 11/25 |
| Spencer Olson | 11/07 | Mallory Pence | 11/15 | Eric Olswold | 11/27 |
| Christie Bean | 11/08 | Jakob Sulzberger | 11/15 | Carol Steinmetz | 11/27 |
| Robbie Plett | 11/08 | Christina Carter | 11/16 | Ashley Hogenson | 11/29 |
| Lorrie Fry | 11/08 | Andrew McGlothlen | 11/16 | Julia Buster | 11/30 |
| Darci Sanger | 11/09 | Jennifer Figg | 11/17 | Emily Wilts | 11/30 |
| Gage Thompson | 11/09 | | | | |

If you have not already done so, please check out the new look of the Church website at gracemuscatine.com.

Updates for the Church Calendar can be found at gracemuscatine.com. Thank you.

