

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1st

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“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: Don Ager Mike Allenbaugh Ramona Allenbaugh
Cindy Edgmond Jim Edgmond JoAnne Fisher
Connor Lawhead John Simmons Shirlee Staley

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kim Thompson

OPENING PRAYER by Don Ager

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:

They are about 60 to 70% done with the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). After completion, it will be presented to the Executive Committee first for their review and then Council. Committee Chair explained the process and steps the committee is undergoing at the present time, i.e., writing summaries, pastor expectations, church characteristics and what the

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.

congregation will do for the pastor to accomplish those expectations, development of compensation packages, description of how the Call Committee obtained their information, and obtaining outside references and one inside reference. The Chair felt the process has been going rather smoothly and stayed on tasks.

Don Ager will be creating the job description for the next called pastor and will present to Council in October.

PROPERTY BOARD:

The Property Board was asked to obtain quotes for resurfacing the parking lot with concrete or asphalt.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

For the first time in three years, the General Fund is in the black. Repayment of \$8,800 to the Gifts and Memorial (G&M) Fund should be done in October or November. Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) has enough money to pay off the A/C and still have around \$20,000 left. Grace received \$7,616 from the insurance company for the damage done to the interior doors during the burglary earlier in the year. This money was deposited into the CIF. The Gifts and Memorial fund is in the \$31,000 range. The Council discussed the possibility of “resurrecting” the Finance Committee (SR 2.03) to invest some of the G&M money. If anyone is interested in being on the Finance Committee, contact Don Ager.

ROSTERED (ORDAINED) MINISTRY CANDIDATES:

The Council approved Alexandra Jo Houseman’s request to be considered as a candidate for the rostered ministry and will provide \$750 toward her education. Council also approved to continue the \$750.00 EPIC Scholarship for Paris White.

GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS:

Grace, New Era, Shepherd of the Cross, and Zion participated in a community day of service on Sunday, September 13th by collecting over 3,000 lbs of food for the Muscatine Food Pantry in six hours. This was the largest one-day donation that food pantry had ever received!

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:30 p.m. (One hour)

GLC Literacy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR 2015 FUND-RAISERS:

Hy-Vee Shop-N-Share Fund-raiser is October 5, 6 & 7. By shopping at Hy-Vee on these days, with one of the fund-raiser slips, Hy-Vee will donate a portion of your grocery and/or gas purchases! (Slips will be available in October Grace Notes, please see last page of newsletter, and at Grace in late September). In addition to purchasing your usual weekly groceries or gas, gift card purchases on these dates will also benefit our fund-raiser.

Boonie's Fund-raiser night is Monday, October 12 from 5 p.m. to close. Enjoy food and drinks at Boonie's Restaurant, 214 Iowa Avenue and 20% of your bill will be donated to our program! Buy a gift certificate to use later and it is also considered a purchase/donation. Invite your family and friends to join us!

The GLC Literacy Program can always use more volunteers and snacks for the kids, so if you have time to volunteer for the program or would like to make contributions of snacks for the participants, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support of the program.

Loaves & Fishes



Grace will be serving the Loaves and Fishes meal on October 17th at the MCSA Building, 312 Iowa Avenue (lower level). We are in need of monetary donations to buy the supplies for our meatloaf dinner. We also need homemade cookies or bars and volunteers to help with the following:

9:00 a.m. meal preparation

11:30-1:00 serving

1:00 - clean up

Please contact Vicki & Carlin Lawhead if you would like to help or donate. Call 263-8012 or email clawhead@machlink.com

Thank You

I want to thank members of my Church family for the memorials, cards, food received when my dad passed away. A special thank you to the women who served the luncheon after the funeral.

Thank you again, Lynn Kelly and the family of Ralph Zorn.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

DATE: September 17, 2015

FROM: Co-Coordinator Ramona Allenbaugh and JoAnne Fisher

SUBJECT: Final Results - God's Work Our Hands – September 13, 2015

- Total of 45 volunteers: 16 were from Grace; others from Zion, Shepherd and New Era
- Items Collected from Shoppers @ Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, and Dollar General
- Approximately 3,000 pounds of food and \$900 was collected and delivered to the Food Pantry
- Food Pantry stated this 3,000 pound donation should last them through November and was the largest one-day donation ever received.



Warming Hearts with God’s Love and a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, there are children who arrive at LSI’s Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with almost nothing in their possession. And for children or youth who have been in the foster care system, it’s not uncommon for them to arrive with everything they own in a single garbage bag.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations because you faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demand for hats, coats, gloves and mittens for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. And if you’ve ever been a child, had a child or known a child, then you also know it doesn’t hurt to have a few extra pairs around!

Your church has likely received or will soon be receiving a letter inviting you to participate in LSI’s coats and mittens appeal. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org.

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.

A Fresh Start for Sophia

Sophia is funny, creative, brave and smart. But in junior high, she heard none of those words from her peers. Instead, when she was 12, a classmate said to her, “Why are you still alive? I wish you were dead.”

That’s when she started cutting herself.

“Other kids at school threatened me on a daily basis, and the teachers didn’t do anything to stop it,” said Sophia, now 18. “I didn’t want to walk home by myself after awhile.”

Things fell apart for Sophia during seventh grade. Her grades slipped and she started acting out. A rocky home life didn’t help matters. Sophia spent the next five years in and out of treatment centers, shelter care and foster care, and eventually she was placed at LSI’s Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly.

“I didn’t have a lot of family support, so Bremwood became my family,” she said. “They built up my self-esteem as much as they could when I didn’t have any.”

“Before Bremwood, I didn’t care about wanting to be successful or happy or stable,” she added. “I would self-harm multiple times a day with anything I could find. I’m doing better with it, but it’s still a struggle sometimes.”

Sophia completed treatment at Bremwood, and she is now attending community college with plans to eventually study social work and business. LSI staff are so proud of Sophia – she was named “Student of the Year” at her GED graduation ceremony this past spring!

Congregational Life News By Cindy Edgmond

Oktoberfest Potluck – Sunday, October 18th, following 2nd service. Brats and hot dogs will be served, bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.



Hospitality Board

Grace Nite Out will meet at The Lighthouse Sunday night, October 11th, at 5:00 p.m. The theme is western so try to wear a cowboy hat. This is open to everyone in the Church who likes to eat out and enjoy a social evening. We had 29 last month. Let's top that this month.

Remember Ministry of Literacy Fundraiser is the next night at Boonies so we can have two nights of social fun.

Grace Women's News By Mary Hovick & Karen Hessel

An Invitation – All women of Grace are invited to join us on Tuesday October 13th. We will meet at Church in the lounge to continue our new Bible study series. This session will look at the rich testimony found in the psalms to explore the limits of "slow faith". Countless prayers arise with some version of the question, "How Long?" How long will we suffer? How long will you be silent? The goal is for the women gathered to gain a sense of biblical time and how the gifts of God's grace unfold. **Please join us in this time of fellowship and sharing. People share as they are comfortable in doing so. You are invited to just come and listen or join in the discussion. All are welcome!**

Grace Women are the host of our regional Cluster meeting on October 17th from 8:30-11:30. This is a time to gather with other women of faith. We are excited by our program this year as Jim and Gail Wester present information about their mission trips to Haiti. In addition, Sharon Phillips from the Jesus Mission will lead our Bible study. Our love gift will go to her church. There is a \$5 fee which goes in part to our church and as a donation to ELCA missions. For more information or to register please contact Mary Chalupa, 563-263-0805 or maryjchalupa@gmail.com. Please invite others to our program we would love to share with them. Registrations need to be made by October 13th.

"Race with Grace"



On September 19, the Race with Grace team competed in the Get Your Rear in Gear 5K to raise money/awareness for colon cancer. Team members completed the "Run for God - The 5K Challenge" Bible study and training program to prepare both physically and spiritually for the race. Pictured are (back row L-R) Cindy Edgmond, Mark Lofgren, Paula Lofgren (with granddaughter in stroller), Ben Houseman, Pam Houseman, Jim Edgmond, Brenda Erber, Tibe VanderLinden, Katie Green, (front row L-R) Kristy Cox, Carley Johnston, A.J. Houseman, Lisa Paul, and Michelle Hampton.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. -Hebrews 12:1

Muscatine Crop Walk

The Muscatine Crop Walk is Sunday, October 4th, at the Muscatine Riverfront. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the walk beginning at 2:00 p.m. Please join us by helping to end hunger one step at a time.

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.**

Octoberr Anniversaries



<i>Daniel & Jody Newsom</i>	10-01	<i>Clinton & Krista Finley</i>	10-13
<i>Cory & Molly Bachman</i>	10-06	<i>Roger & Barbara Erber</i>	10-16
<i>Don & Janet Duncan</i>	10-07	<i>Chad & Amy Hessel</i>	10-17
<i>Jim & Cindy Edmond</i>	10-10	<i>Raymond & Marcy Curtis</i>	10-19
<i>Charles & Shannon Lewis</i>	10-12	<i>Vinton & Nancy Cromer</i>	10-30
<i>Harry & JoAnn Christofferson</i>	10-13	<i>Wendell & Kim Thompson</i>	10-31

October Birthdays

<i>Cathy Goonetilleke</i>	10-01	<i>Tami Houmiel</i>	10-10	<i>Devin Purdy</i>	10-23
<i>Betty Hoffman</i>	10-01	<i>Kristen Miller</i>	10-11	<i>Catie Clemens</i>	10-24
<i>Amy Holliday</i>	10-01	<i>Hope Pohl</i>	10-11	<i>Christy Johnson</i>	10-24
<i>Rodney Lippelgoes</i>	10-01	<i>Jacob Schlutz</i>	10-11	<i>Ronald Hage</i>	10-25
<i>Kaylie Miller</i>	10-01	<i>Margaret Goddard</i>	10-12	<i>Jacob Hartsock</i>	10-25
<i>Logan Wagner</i>	10-02	<i>Joseph Manriquez</i>	10-13	<i>Holly Rameriz</i>	10-25
<i>Marilyn Weber</i>	10-02	<i>Brooklyn Bermel</i>	10-15	<i>Keri Langan</i>	10-26
<i>Darrell Olderog</i>	10-04	<i>Greyson Jones</i>	10-15	<i>Abby Rusch</i>	10-26
<i>Sharon Ellefson</i>	10-05	<i>Jeffrey Jones</i>	10-15	<i>Tammy Walsh</i>	10-26
<i>Kara Hage</i>	10-05	<i>William Nus</i>	10-16	<i>Connor Christiansen</i>	10-27
<i>Lindsay Moeller</i>	10-05	<i>Sophie Gabriel</i>	10-17	<i>Karen Hessel</i>	10-27



<i>Dorothy Schmoldt</i>	10-05	<i>Anna Masengarb</i>	10-17	<i>Christine Maxwell</i>	10-27
<i>Austin Wagner</i>	10-05	<i>Ian Naber</i>	10-17	<i>Almeda Rich</i>	10-27
<i>Wade Bruns</i>	10-06	<i>Katherine Melson</i>	10-18	<i>Codi Holmes</i>	10-28
<i>Mitch Sturtz</i>	10-06	<i>Morgan Schmidt</i>	10-19	<i>Megan Pohl</i>	10-28
<i>Donald Kelly III</i>	10-07	<i>Anna Sparks</i>	10-19	<i>Carolyn Ford</i>	10-29
<i>Natalie Maxwell-McDonald</i>	10-07	<i>Camern Christiansen</i>	10-20	<i>Makinley Hage</i>	10-29
<i>Curtis Olsword</i>	10-07	<i>Julia Moravec</i>	10-20	<i>Kevin Hughes</i>	10-29
<i>Jack Zorich</i>	10-07	<i>Matthew Morgan</i>	10-20	<i>Tjode Nus</i>	10-30
<i>Willa Drake</i>	10-08	<i>Bryan Schmelzer</i>	10-20	<i>Cliff Scherrer Sr.</i>	10-30
<i>Haven Henningsen</i>	10-08	<i>Jaime Bantz</i>	10-21	<i>Lucas Sears</i>	10-30
<i>Tony Woods</i>	10-08	<i>Chalynn Hampton</i>	10-21	<i>Janet Graham</i>	10-31
<i>Isabel Little</i>	10-09	<i>Brian Green</i>	10-22	<i>Jeff Sorensen</i>	10-31
<i>David Sulzberger</i>	10-09	<i>Achmed Johnson III</i>	10-22		

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.



Group Name: GRACE LUTHERAN

Fundraising Days Designated:

Monday, Oct. 5, 2015

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015

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DATE

Signature of Card Bearer:

Purchase Total

\$ _____

Tax Total

Cashier

\$ _____

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Muscatine, Iowa 52761