



GRACE NOTES

**NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

GRACE LUTHERAN'S MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples in Christ, we support our faith community, encourage spiritual growth in everyone, and serve all creation with Christ-like love.

We accomplish this by:

- spreading God's Word,*
- building relationships,*
- serving the community*
- reaching out to those in need*



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PASTOR'S PAGE....

The academic and Sunday School year have once more run their course, so our kids are free and have nothing but time on their hands! While that may be true for some, for others this is a transition from one busy season into another altogether. Grace transitions as well, offering opportunities for faith formation:

Faith Formation Journeys

Anna and Dani will spend a June Monday-through-Friday with Kim Gietl and Pastor Krieger and about fifty of their newest ELCA friends at **Crossways Confirmation Camp**.

Julian will spend a June Monday-through-Saturday at the completely revamped **Leadership Lab** with mostly Sr. High youth from Illinois and beyond (as far away as Las Vegas).

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center near Oregon, Illinois offers six Sunday-through-Friday camps for all ages. Go to the website (lomc.org), click on SUMMER CAMP, and scroll to the bottom of the page to see dates and camps.

Membership at Grace Lutheran Church will also be a part of our focus as summer begins. For a half an hour after worship on the first three Sundays of June, we will talk about:

What membership does (June 5)

What Grace does (June 12)

What Lutherans do (June 19)

There is no obligation to become a member, just an invitation, through these Grace Samplers.

This June is a month of preparation (no, not Preparation H[®], but Preparation for Grace, though I guess I shouldn't presume...), as our ministries and committees make ready for some sabbath time in July, when the congregation will worship and fellowship (and the food pantry will feed), but business will be laid aside for some much deserved and needed sabbath rest. Sabbath rest is something that too often escapes our busy lives, so if you do not make Grace's July sabbatical part of your rest, please schedule your own – for your sake, that of your neighbors, and God.

with Grace, Pastor Krieger

Worship Participants

June 5 Pentecost

Greeter: Pat Casper
Ushers: Frank Beckman &
Paul Derlitzki
Reader: Phil Galloway
Communion Asst.: Sara Oehlert
Altar Guild: Toni Klit

June 12

Greeters: Gara Hurst &
Arlene Honeycutt
Ushers: Kim & Pam Schlicht
Reader: Mary Plymire
Communion Asst.: Randy Heidorn
Altar Guild: Debbie Rigg

June 19

Greeter: Laurie Farrell
Ushers: Chris & Mary Schofield
Reader: Wanda K. Williams
Communion Asst.: Diana
Weyhenmeyer
Altar Guild: Kim Gietl

June 26

Greeter: Cindy Anderson
Ushers: Galloway family
Reader: Leona Garrison
Communion Asst.: Ed Wollet
Altar Guild: Deb Smith



Join us for worship online: FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE, OR BY EMAIL

You can go to either our website at www.gracelutheran-springfield.org on Facebook to *Historic Grace Lutheran Church* or to our YouTube Channel: Grace Lutheran Church Springfield IL and you will be taken to a link that will allow you to view the video of the services for the weekend.

Fellowship is back for the summer!



All are welcome!

Join us each Sunday after worship. Each committee/group has chosen a weekend. If you are involved with committees please check the whiteboard for your committee/group and join in the yummy fun. If you are not a part of those groups, you are encouraged to sign up and bring things for the weekend. Check the whiteboard and include your name for a week or two.

SING
SONGS
OF **PRAISE** From the Cantor J.B. George...
James 6:18

"Ask the Complicated Questions" #1005 *All Creation Sings*

This new text by David Bjorlin (b. 1984), is another fresh perspective offered in our new hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*.

Ask the complicated questions. Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes strong our weakness, forging faith in fires of doubt.

Seek the disconcerting answers, follow where the Spirit blows; test competing truths for wisdom, for in tension new life grows.

Knock on doors of new ideas, test assumptions long grown stale, for Christ calls from shores of wonder, daring us to try and fail.

For in struggle we discover truth both simple and profound; in the knocking, asking, seeking, we are opened, answered, found.

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The following study appears in *Sundays and Seasons*:

This hymn confronts the assumption that the church is a place for facile faith with a text that invites questions, ideas, and exploration. For hymn writer David Bjorlin, complicated questions and disconcerting answers create room for the Holy Spirit to lead God's people into wisdom and a richer faith. The first three stanzas begin with the words "ask," "seek," and "knock," a reference to Matthew 7:7-8. The text is set to the shape-note tune RESTORATION, which sets a tone of resolve and commitment and inspires singers to find the courage to wonder. —From sundaysandseasons.com.

The tune assigned this hymn is "RESTORATION," a sturdy American folk hymn tune by W. Walker, appearing in *Southern Harmony* of 1835. You may recognize it as the tune of "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" and "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy."

Look for **SUMMER HYMN SING FORMS** at the back of the church.



Diana Weyhenmeyer

I have been asked to discuss advanced directives, power of attorney, and living wills. I thought I would do this in two parts. First part is this month with defining terms and next issue will be completing the forms and how to do it.

What is a Health Care Directive?

A directive allows you to plan your medical treatment in advance should there ever come a time when you are unable to express your personal health care wishes.

A Health Care Directive is also known as:

- Advance Directive
- Living Will Form
- Advance Health Care Directive
- Advance Medical Directive
- Living Will
- Advance Decision Form

What is a Medical Power of Attorney?

A Medical Power of Attorney is a document used to appoint someone to make medical decisions on your behalf.

A Medical Power of Attorney is also known as:

- Health Care Power of Attorney
- Health Care Proxy
- Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
- Power of Attorney Medical

What is a Living Will?

A Living Will is a document that you use to indicate your medical wishes in the event you are incapacitated or cannot consent to your health care treatment.

Is a Living Will the same as a Health Care Directive?

Some states use the terms Living Will and Health Care Directive interchangeably, and some states use one term but not the other. Generally, a Living Will and a Health Care Directive both dictate your health care preferences in the event of a medical emergency.

A Health Care Directive may also be used to refer to a document that contains a Living Will and a Medical Power of Attorney. In addition, different states have varying requirements in what constitutes a Living Will or Health Care Directive.



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It's important to check your state's laws regarding these documents to determine exactly which documents you need to express your wishes.

What is the difference between a Living Will and a Last Will and Testament?

If you are unable to express your health care wishes in the future, hospitals and family can reference your Living Will as a statement of your medical wishes.

Alternatively, a Last Will and Testament is a document used to indicate **how you would like your assets divided or children cared for after your death**. You cannot specify medical treatment preferences with a Last Will.

Why should I create a Health Care Directive?

Without a Health Care Directive, the burden of making your medical decisions falls on your family members. Creating a personal directive not only gives you control of your medical wishes but it saves your family from making tough treatment choices on your behalf.

Additionally, implementing a Medical Power of Attorney allows you to discuss your treatment wishes with someone you trust prior to any unforeseen medical circumstance so they can make health care decisions in your best interest.

What medical decisions can I make with a Living Will?

Every state has its own limits as to what you are legally permitted to include in your directive. While you may specify instructions for a variety of medical situations and describe your feelings towards quality of life, keep in mind that health care providers can only carry out certain procedures according to your state laws.

With LawDepot's Living Will template, you can make decisions regarding the following medical situations:

Terminal Illness or Injury

If you are terminally ill or injured, you can document which, if any, treatment options you would like to pursue.

Terminally ill or injured means that medical professionals have concluded that you have a condition that cannot be cured and that is expected to result in limited life expectancy.



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Life Support

You can specify whether you would like to receive any form of life support in the event of a medical emergency.

Life support means any life-sustaining procedures done to a patient to restore function to an organ through medical intervention.

Common forms of life support include CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), defibrillators, assisted breathing, dialysis, and artificially administered food and water.

DNR stands for "Do Not Resuscitate", which means you do not wish to receive life support or resuscitation if an organ fails.

Permanent Unconsciousness

You can address which, if any, treatments you would like to receive in the event of permanent unconsciousness, such as a coma or persistent vegetative state.

Permanent unconsciousness is when there is a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the patient can no longer think, feel, knowingly move, or be aware that they are alive, and there is no hope for improvement.

When does my Health Care Directive come into effect?

The terms of your directive are binding once you sign the document. It comes into use when you have been found to be incapable of making your own medical decisions. Typically, this may be when you are incapacitated, in a coma, or in a vegetative state.

Can I make changes to my Health Care Directive?

You can make changes to your personal directive if you destroy your current one, notify your health care representative or hospital of your changes, and create and distribute a new directive. It's important to let everyone in your family know where you keep your advance directive so they can easily find it during an emergency.

This information was taken from this web site:

https://www.lawdepot.com/us/estate/living-will-medical-power-of-attorney/?pid=googleppc-19862064065-595911445169_sl-ggkey_advance%20directive%20form%20illinois&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI452B4Lza9wIV4MLCBB2upgETEAAAYASAAEgK97_D_BwE

You can go on the web site and create your own living will and power of attorney for health care in a few steps.

In Christ's love, Diana

Weekly attendance

Weekend	Date	YouTube	Facebook
Easter 2	4/24/2022	71 In-person	
Easter 2	4/24/2022	39	52
Easter 3	5/1/2022	82 In-person	
Easter 3	5/1/2022	14	53
Easter 4	5/8/2022	84 In-person	
Easter 4	5/8/2022	26	62
Easter 5	5/15/2022	87 In-person	
Easter 5	5/15/2022	22	52
Easter 6	5/22/2022	82 In-person	
Easter 6	5/22/2022	20	54

Sabbatical: a month of Sundays

July 2022 will be a month of sabbath rest @ Grace.

Worship and fellowship, period. No meetings.

2022 Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly



2nd June 2022 @ 01:00 pm to 4th June 2022 @ 02:00 pm
I Hotel & Conference Center, Champaign, IL

The 2022 Synod Assembly was held **Saturday, March 26, 9:00-10:30 A.M. on Zoom**, and then will recon-

vene **Thursday, June 2, meeting through Saturday, June 4 in person** at the I Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign.

Stephen Ministry

Who are these Stephen Ministers again?...

From the Stephen Ministry website:

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour.

Care receivers are individuals in the congregation or community who are going through a crisis or life difficulty. Potential care receivers first meet with a pastor or Stephen Leader, who assesses their needs for care and matches them with a Stephen Minister. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need persists.

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.

- Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
- Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
- Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others. People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church.

We are here for you; through pastor, through the church office, and confidentially through our contact information on the wall near the stairs in the fellowship hall. Those that have been trained are Cindy Anderson, Charlotte Blumle, Lindsey Clemons, Janet Conrady, Jim Hobbs, Susan LeMasters and Sara Oehlert. Fill out the form, seal in an envelope and give to the office or hand to a Stephen Minister.



The Grace Trust Board would like any potential contributors know that Required Minimum Distributions from Traditional IRA's and 401(k)'s made directly to charitable organizations (such as Grace trust) are tax-deductible even if a person does not itemize tax deductions. The Grace Trust is administered to solely benefit the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Springfield, Illinois. Any gifts it receives are invested according to a structured investment plan into various no load index funds. Each year it distributes 5% of the previous year's ending balance to the church for its needs. This works to stabilize and maximize the gifts which fund it. If you have any questions, please ask one of the following Grace Trust Board members: Chris Schofield; Leona Garrison; Denise Behl; John Rigg; or Gene Blade.

PRAYERS OF GRACE MINISTRY WITH EVANGELISM

Pray in the spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

Prayers If you are in need of prayer or if you would like to join the Prayer Chain please call the church office (522-3965) or email Kim Gietl k.gietl15@yahoo.com or Sara Oehlert soehlert@aol.com

The primary purpose of the Evangelism Committee is to help Grace members follow Christ's command (Matthew 28:19) "Go and make disciples in all the world." Grace members support projects that help people all over the world but there are many opportunities each of us has to tell those we encounter in our everyday lives about God. Grace Lutheran has resources to help us do that. One of them is our prayer chain. Anytime someone shares a joy or a sorrow, you can ask them if they would like our prayer chain to offer prayers for help or prayers of thanksgiving, whichever is appropriate. They should give you permission to use either their name and/or the name of the person for whom we would pray. You do not need to know if either person is a Christian or if they belong to a church. However, if they bring it up, it is an opportunity to invite them to learn more about Grace. Sara Oehlert, the coordinator of our prayer chain, will accept all prayer requests at soehlert@aol.com. When you receive her email with the prayer, forward it or print it out and mail it to the person who requested it. This gesture is always appreciated and is one way we can follow Christ's command.

MANY FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES...

The Fellowship Committee is planning an evening outing to see the production "Ragtime the Musical" at the Springfield Muni Opera on **Friday, June 17 at 8:30 pm**. The musical is an epic that captures the American experience of three diverse families and follows them as their lives intertwine at the turn of the 20th century. Tickets are \$20 for reserved seating. Payment for tickets needs to be given to Mary Schofield by Sunday, June 5. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall.



Fellowship at Robin Roberts Stadium

The Fellowship Committee is planning a family baseball night to see the Springfield Lucky Horseshoes! **July 1 at 6:30 pm**. Ticket prices are \$10 each which can be purchased at the gate. This is a special giveaway night with children receiving a Knights Action Park Pass Giveaway with paid admission to the game.



Also... JB George will be in the production of "Company" at Theatre in the Park in New Salem. This production will be the weekends of July 1-3 and July 8-10. Fellowship Committee is planning an outing to for the production on **Friday, July 8 at 8:00 pm**. Group discount ticket price is \$10 per person. Deadline for sign up with payment is June 20. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

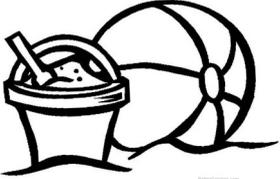


JESUS, HELP ME OVERCOME THE TEMPTATION TO THINK ONLY OF MYSELF. HELP ME SEE WHAT OTHERS NEED. AMEN

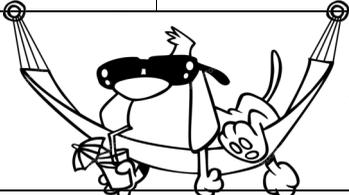
Servant Opportunities

- Help in the Food Pantry
- Reach out to a member you haven't seen in a while
- Pray for others and our country
- Bring food for fellowship time
- Deliver flowers to a homebound member

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue
		
<p>5</p>  <p>WEAR RED IF YOU ARE ABLE</p> <p>9:15 am Worship Fellowship to follow 10:30 am New members</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</p> <p>Pastor Krieger and Kim at Confirmation Camp</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry 6:30 pm Twisted Stitches</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:15 am Worship Fellowship to follow 10:30 am New members</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</p> <p>SAS with Council</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Property 11:00-1:30 Food Pantry 12:00 noon Admin & Finance 1:30 pm Pastor at Concord 6:00 pm Evangelism</p>
<p>19</p>  <p>9:15 am Worship BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING Fellowship to follow 10:30 am New members</p>	<p>20 Juneteenth</p> <p>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</p> <p>6:00 pm WELCA Picnic at Rochester Park</p> <p>LEADERSHIP LAB JUNE Augustana College Rock</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Staff Meeting with Mutual Ministry 11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:15 am Worship Fellowship to follow</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry 6:30 pm Growing Young</p> <p>Diana W. on vacation</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry 6:30 pm Council</p>

2022

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12:30 pm Faith/ Grace Circle	2 <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i> ELCA CSIS Assembly	3 ELCA CSIS Assembly	4 ELCA CSIS Assembly
	8	9 <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>	10	11
Augustana College Rock Island IL June 6–10				
	J.B. George on vacation			
nce dia	15 5:00 pm Food Pantry Board	16 <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>	17 8:30 pm Ragtime at the MUNI	18
	→			
h	22 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Seminar online	23 <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>	24 Grace Notes	25
Island IL June 20–25				
	29	30 <i>11:00-1:30 Food Pantry</i>		
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FOOD PANTRY REPORT

As Christ fed the multitudes, the mission of the Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry is to feed the hungry.

April continued our trend of seeing client numbers that we have not seen since the onset of the COVID pandemic in early 2020. For the month, we served 555 households, double the 273 households we served in April of 2021. Year-to-date we now have served 2,022 households and 5,218 individuals, increases of 70 percent compared to the same period a year ago. It seems likely we are seeing the impact of both inflationary pressures on household budgets and the expiration of special benefits that were provided to families at the height of the pandemic. Thanks to our volunteers for keeping pace with this surge in clients.

Our thanks to Grace member Georgia Luckey, research assistant professor in the Family and Community Medicine Department at the SIU School of Medicine, for inviting the Pantry to participate in a recent panel discussion on poverty in Sangamon County for resident physicians at SIU. We always appreciate opportunities to get the word out about our services in the broader community.

A new service we have begun providing at the Pantry is distributing flyers which give clients information on how they can get free and confidential testing for HIV and Hepatitis C at the Phoenix Center.

As we head into summer we look forward to working again with the Springfield Farmers' Market, which will be donating produce to us each week after they close on Saturdays.

We ended April with an account balance of \$71,626. Expenses for the month exceeded donations by about \$1,200. For the year, expenses have exceeded donations by \$16,765, due partly to the one-time purchase of our new cooler for additional storage.

Doug McFarlan, Director



DRIVE OUT HUNGER GOLF OUTING
At Piper Glen Golf Course, Springfield
Sunday, September 18, 2022 beginning at 12 noon
to benefit Grace Food Pantry.

**Think about a foursome for golfing or if you are part of
a business that may want to be a sponsor.**

After-School Meal Programs:

- Boys and Girls Club, 300 S. 15th St., Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Brandon Court, #9 Brandon Dr., Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
- St. Patrick's School, 1800 S. Grand Ave., Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Summer Food Service Programs:

- Boys and Girls Club, 300 S. 15th, Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 8am-9:30am and 12pm-1pm.
- Brandon Court, #9 Brandon Dr., Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 9am-10:30am and 12pm-1pm.
- Springfield Junior Police Academy, 3501 Color Plant Rd., Springfield, IL 62702. Meal served M-F 7:30am-8:30am and 11:30am-12:30pm.
- Springfield Park District, Nelson Center, 1601 N. 5th St., Springfield, IL 62702. Meal served M-F 11:30am-12:30pm.
- Springfield Park District, Erin's Pavilion, 4965 S. 2nd St., Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 10:30am-11:30am.
- Springfield YMCA Downtown, 701 S. 4th St., Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 7am-8:30am and 11:30am-12:30pm.
- Springfield YMCA Camp Wa-Kon-Tah, 6602 Iron Bridge Rd., Chatham, IL 62629. Meal served M-F 7am-8:30am and 11:15am-12:30pm.
- Springfield YMCA Kerasotes (Matthew Project) - 4550 W. Iles, Springfield, IL 62711. Meal served M-F 11:45am-12:45pm.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Stewardship Stories...

Marguerite Dixon is the oldest member of our congregation. She will be 99 this month! Happy Birthday Marguerite!! She thinks of Grace as home and has joined two times. The first time she joined was after a friend had invited her to visit Grace. As a member, Marguerite became very active. She was involved in the women's circle, served on church council, and helped in driving with youth activities. Later Marguerite would marry and move to Rockford with her husband, Jack.

After about 5 years in Rockford Marguerite and Jack were able to move back to Springfield and rejoin Grace. Marguerite then connected to many friends at Grace. One friend, Marion Kretzschmar (Bonnie Schattschneider's mother and Kim Gietl's grandmother) was known as the driving force behind the original Food Pantry. She encouraged Marguerite and Jack to help which, of course, they did. Jack, Marguerite, Marshall Handshy, John Burris, Velma Lawson and Jim Henry (sorry if any were missed) were instrumental in the upkeep and continuation of the Food Pantry. Thanks to their efforts the Grace Food Pantry has grown from occupying just one room to three rooms and most of the basement. Providing milk, eggs, fresh produce and canned/dry goods to hundreds each year.

Now a days Marguerite still continues to come to Faith/Grace Circle and attends some services at church. She is also active in the community. She is involved in Homemakers Extension meetings where she helps them in their various charity projects.

We hope that this article, albeit small, highlights the importance of this wonderful lady.

Come and celebrate this amazing woman on June 12 following worship as WELCA will host fellowship.

MEMBERS HOMEBOUND OR LIMITED MOBILITY

DIXIE ALVIES
DOROTHY BAHRE
GLENDA BOWLES
GEORGIANN BREDEHOFT
RICHARD "RC" CURRY

GLORIA GAGNON
MARGE HANNER
ELEANOR SAKRIS
ANN SCHLICHT
CRYSTAL SHADID

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Council met April 24, 2022.

Reports were given by Treasurer, Pastor and committees.

- **MOTION** that our Worship and music committee join in with First Presbyterian to plan a joint worship service. - **Approved**
- To replace the CSIS focus phrase of "To what is God's Holy Spirit calling us? To a new focus of "How might the youth be a part of this?"
- April financial strong with some IRA's given.
- Detailed report of insurance to Admin & Finance by Jim Turner
- Christian Ed thanks teachers and families
- Combined meal to be provided to warming shelter in the fall.
- Business cards, decal and directory in the works by Evangelism
- Stewardship for All Seasons cohort on May 17th.
- Stewardship for All Seasons with Council June 13th
- **MOTION** Move to approve \$300 for Annie Ellis to register as a participant in the Stewardship Kaleidoscope - Real Tools for Real Ministry Conference to be held at Savannah, Georgia. Funds for this expenditure will come from the Stewardship Committee budget. - **Approved**
- **MOTION** to continue with the worship at 9:15 am and education 10:30 am schedule. - **Approved**
- Growing Young team met and will meet again June 27th.
- Fellowship following worship to begin with Council hosting June 5th.
- A communion discussion was had.

APRIL 2022

\$58,938 Income
\$31,276* Expense
\$27,662 Surplus

YTD 2022

\$148,383 Income
\$128,935 Expense
Surplus \$19,448

APRIL 2021

\$30,832 Income
\$29,562 Expense
Surplus \$1270

YTD 2021

\$112,523 Income
\$126,815 Expense
Deficit (\$14,292)

Thank you's and Congratulations

- * Thank you to Pam Schlicht and Grace for the beautiful altar flowers and the visit with Pam. Miss the church and the people but appreciate the regular calls and cards. Dixie Alvies
- * To our Grace Family, Our family (son, Dustin, daughter Crystal, Tim and Jace, brother-in-law Brent) wish to thank everyone for your prayers that were requested for Kim's parents (Louis & Alice Suttory) during their recent battles with dementia and cardio problems. We thank Pastor for his time with us at the funeral home and his continued guidance and calls. Alice (Rochelle) lost her battle March 23rd and Louis (Lou) on April 19th. We also thank everyone who gave to Grace Food Pantry and the Alzheimer's Assoc. in memory; also the many cards and calls of condolences and support. Again, thank you and may God bless you. Kim, Harold & Dustin Janssen, Crystal, Tim and Jace Schmidt and Brent Suttory.
- ! Congratulations....Jerry Orban was recognized for volunteering 2 days a week for over 7 years sorting medical supplies for St. John's medical mission. The supplies are shipped to poor countries. Pat Ekle recently started volunteering there also.
- ! Congratulations...to Addison Downey, 10, and her sister, Savannah, 6. They both finished second in their division of the USTA state competition for southern Illinois. This qualifies them to go on to the national competition in Florida in June for both trampoline and double mini.

Real Fathers make a positive impact on their generation, and so give the next generation the advantage of a better nation to live in.

Happy
Father's
Day! 

Donations for Little Lambs in Uganda

A huge thank you to all who donated and helped to send school supplies to the Little Lambs Christian Learning Center in Uganda! I am so happy that we can continue to help this Christian school that Kristin Schattschneider started with Barbara Sebulime to give the children there an education that would otherwise not be possible for them. Our Sunday School theme this year was "Helping Hearts and Hands for Jesus." We chose to use our offerings to help the Little Lambs Learning Center. The pictures that Barbara shares with us show how the children are learning reading, writing, math, along with Bible stories and memory verses. She also does music and dance with the children.



Barbara sent a wish list of things that the school could use. I applied for a Thrivent Action Plan which provided us with a start of \$250 for the project. I posted a list of things that people could help with in the Fellowship Hall, and we were blessed! These are some of the things Grace was able to provide with the Thrivent money and very generous people: geometry sets, star stickers and Bible stickers for rewards, glue sticks, Sharpie markers, transparent tape, rulers, pens, pencils, and erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored chalk and chalkboard erasers, bulletin board borders, folders, magnifying glasses, Ziplock bags in several sizes, disinfectant wipes, tennis balls for outdoor play, jump ropes, birthday candles, and balloons for fun celebrations, Band-aids, Halls cough drops, lip balm and antiseptic ointment as well as some instruments.

Families shopped for items, people shopped alone or with others, and some items were purchased on Amazon with the credit card from Thrivent. Our church generously provided for the Little Lambs! Thank you to all who helped continue to help fulfill Kristin's dream! On Sunday, May 15th, Pastor Krieger arranged for some real "little lambs" to come visit as we prepared to send our gifts to the Little Lambs Learning Center in Uganda. The Wagahoft Friendly Farm petting zoo was set up in the grassy lot, (thanks to the Lincoln Home site). The seven darling animals, little goats, a pig and a bunny were a real hit! Thank you, Pastor Krieger, for making this day extra special! The junior high and high school students packed the boxes and wrote lists of what was in each box which was needed for mailing them.

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Donations for Little Lambs in Uganda continued...

The younger Sunday School students helped set out the donations, and wrote notes to the Little Lambs, which were included in the boxes. Mark Anderson applied for a Thrivent Action Plan card as well, and this \$250 was all used to help with the mailing costs to send these gifts to Uganda. Kim Gietl, Kristin's sister, has sent many things to the Little Lambs over the years, and she helped with the packing, and with taking the boxes to mail them. Although \$250 seems like a lot of money, it just made a small dent in the shipping costs that were over \$1000. God continues to bless us, and Grace has been a blessing to this school. If you'd still like to help the Little Lambs, consider making a monetary gift to the Little Lambs. See Kim for more details. Barb sent me a note this morning. I told her 7 boxes were on their way. She replied, "These kids are so blessed! I just look at them and thank God! Thank you for making their world a beautiful place to be. You (Grace) have been an answer to prayer! I want more children in our community to get a chance to escape their life of lack and hardship even if it is just for a few hours when they are with us. I am so grateful to God for bringing you into our lives!" Thank you to everyone who helped provide for this special school in any way!!! God is indeed good! Cindy Anderson



HOSTS WITH THE MOSTS!!!!

Thank you so much to the women of Grace Lutheran Church for hosting our Biennial Convention for our Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA. It will be here on September 9 and 10th. We are looking forward to good fellowship, worship, Bible study and of course food! We are encouraging ladies to come Friday at 12 noon for a light lunch and then to go to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum or to visit Lincoln's home. We will start our meeting at 4 pm. We hope volunteers will assist with short tours of our church, food pantry and the meals. We will have Friday evening's meal catered. Deacon Pat Caley will be our chaplain and bring Fair Trade items. Kathryn Harris will be here Friday night to introduce us to Harriet Tubman and Sharon Miner will be with us Saturday to talk about Abe Lincoln and Pastor Springer's connections. Eve Fischberg will instruct us on a short dance/exercise session from the 1800's. Thank you again for your support. Jean Scherer, President Central/Southern Illinois Women of the ELCA

ALL WOMEN of Grace are welcome at the Women's Circle meetings and other WELCA events.

Ruth Circle will not meet in June—instead will be active in the picnic.

Faith/Grace Circle will meet June 1 at 12:30pm at Grace

The Women of the ELCA annual picnic will be **June 20 at 6:00 pm** at Rochester community park. Sign up on the white board for a dish to share and table service to bring. Drinks provided. Contact Judy Wollet for more information.



Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA

Biennial Convention September 9-10, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield, Illinois

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AND IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace by [signing up for a daily email message](#).

TWISTED STITCHERS... is a group of ladies that get together the first Tuesday evening of the month and have an evening of fellowship and stitching crafts (knitting, crochet, cross-stich, quilting or anything else). June 7, Tues is at the home of Josie Anderson.

July 5- Sara Oehlert	Aug 2- Barb Hedden
Sept 6 - Helen Appleton	Oct 4- Judy Wollet



June Birthdays

June 1	Toni Klit	June 17	Lisa Benanti Cathy Loyd
June 3	Linda Kennedy	June 19	Daniel Heidorn Cindy Martin
June 5	Art Carlson	June 22	Chris Schofield
June 9	Susan Thompson	June 25	Katie George
June 10	Marguerite Dixon	June 26	Tristen Lovekamp JB Wood
June 11	Jim Turner	June 27	Ann Schlicht
June 12	Marcia Harrison Bryan Knop	June 29	Pat Ekle
June 13	Joyce Abrams	June 30	Brynn Brockmeyer Kelton Thompson Evan Wilson
June 14	J.B. George		
June 15	Anjanette Lord		
June 16	Amelie Janssen Kim Schlicht		



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY and
GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU!*

Congratulations Graduates!



Page Fullriede Bachelors graduating from ISU

Ashley Fullriede Masters graduating from LCU

Joey Klint graduating from Springfield High School

Aidan Krieger Bachelors graduating from ISU

Brock Jackman graduating from Springfield High School

William (Liam) Monahan graduating from Southeast High School

Andrew Thannen Bachelors graduating from SIU-Carbondale

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE COMMITTEES THEY REPRESENT

Vice President, Randy Heidorn

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Fellowship: Wanda Williams, Mary Schofield

Parish Life: Mary Schofield, Rosie O'Fallon

Property: Mark Anderson

Stewardship: Mary Plymire, Aaron Babel, Annie Ellis

Strategic Planning: Ed Wollet

Worship & Music: Wanda Williams, Randy Heidorn, Rosie O'Fallon

Youth: Julian Janssen

REMINDER: *Committee chairs and/or secretaries please stop at the work room every week so that you can sign off on transactions vouchers.*

Thank you for giving your time.

OUR STAFF

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