



Grace Notes

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Grace Lutheran Congregational Mission Statement:

Called together by the Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church is a loving family of believers, growing in Christ through God's Word and Sacraments, and reflecting God's love by ministering to others and sharing His Word with the community and the nations.



Membership notes:

Transfer Out:

Rachael Nitschke, Odin Gallagher, Maddux Gallagher to First Lutheran, Cleveland, TN



Cassandra Renee Calvert
Ryan Michael O'Halloran
September 25, 2010



If you move or change your phone number, please call the office (232-1516) with your new information so our records can stay up-to-date! Thanks!



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Office hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday - Friday.

Deadlines: Sunday bulletin - Wednesday at noon

Newsletter - 20th of the month at noon

Treasurer's Report

Year-To-Date as of:	7/31/10	8/31/10
Receipts	\$152,726	\$184,353
Expenditures	\$169,112	\$188,198
Difference	-\$16,386	-\$3,845

A CONFIRMAND PROFILE AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

This past school year we had 5 junior confirmands. Each of these young men and women were required to write an essay about their understanding of a faith relationship with Jesus. These essays were read the Wednesday evening before Confirmation Sunday. This month's newsletter highlights confirmand Jordan Winter and his essay.

This past year Jordan attend Carl Ben Eielsen Middle School. He is the son of Rick & Chris Winter. Next year Jordan will be attending Fargo South High School.

Jordan's interests and hobbies include: Skate Boarding; BMX bike racing; snowmobiling; and dirt biking. At this point in his life Jordan has aspirations to be an engineer.

Jordan's Essay:

It is important for me, Jordan Winter, to be confirmed because baptism and The Lord's Supper are known as God's sacraments. Confirmation is a public rite of the church which is preceded by a period of instruction designed to help me as a baptized Christian identify with the life and the mission of the Christian community.

The Bible teaches me that the Lord's Supper holds a great significance for me. The benefits offered in the sacrament are the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins there is also life and salvation.

So you may ask, how can forgiveness, life and salvation be obtained through bodily eating and drinking? The answer is not only eating and drinking but the words of Christ together with his body and blood under the bread and wine are the way in which these blessings are given. You may wonder if everyone who eats and drinks the sacrament also receives forgiveness, life and salvation. Forgiveness, life and salvation are truly offered to all who eat the Lord's body and blood in the sacrament, but only through faith can we receive the blessings offered there.

It is important for me, Jordan, to believe in Jesus because through His death and resurrection my sins can be forgiven and I can be resurrected with God and have everlasting life.

Dear LYF and Grace Members,

I thank the Lord for all of the youth and Sunday School children! I am always so happy to see their smiles and the joy that they show as they rejoice in the Lord.

In the Gospels, Jesus talks about believing like a little child – “I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” (Matthew 18, Mark 10, Luke 18) Jesus called the children to Him and commanded those around Him not to hinder their coming “for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Often we make faith too hard to grasp, too difficult to understand. God sent us Jesus. We now live in faith through Him. We have been given God’s grace. We are all His children and live under His grace and love. We need to become like children and simply believe, not examine.

In Christ and His love,
Jane Ü

THINGS COMING UP

Oct 21 - Oct 23: District Youth Gathering which will be held in Fargo at the Doublewood Inn. The theme this year is UNPAVED JOURNEY. This event begins Thursday at 7 pm and ends Saturday at noon. Guest Bible study leader: Travis Hartjen, DCE, Frisco, Texas who will lead four Bible studies around the theme - Music by Tangled Blue - Guest emcee is Pastor Jason Neel (aka Doogie) Ham Lake, MN back by youth request - plus devotions - interest sessions - worship - free time. Recreation will include large group “Games Your Mom Won’t Let You Play in the Living Room,” swimming and inflated games by Games Galore. Registration deadline is October 8 - Cost is \$130. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend. Registration forms are available in the church office or online at ndyouthonfire.org.

SR LYF: A Reformation Day Party is in the works...stay tuned for more details!



LWML News

“Serve the Lord with Gladness!”

I usually like to have passage from the Bible to start off my newsletter notes, but because we are celebrating LWML Sunday October 3, I decided to use our motto instead. Being president, I really see how the ladies at Grace do “serve the Lord with gladness” in so many ways! This is an easy group to lead, as all the ladies are so willing to help with all our projects. The commitment I see from our women to the LWML is inspiring! I feel there are two main goals in our LWML.

The first is to support and encourage all the women at Grace to grow in their faith. We do this through the monthly Bible studies that we do at our circle meetings. Not only do we grow by studying the Word, but also through the Christian support we give to and receive from each other. I don't know about you, but I find the world in which I live—my workplace, my neighborhood and my community—to be a challenging environment for my faith. My sisters in the LWML give me great ideas and inspiration to help me live as a woman of faith in today's “post-Christian” world.

As we grow in our faith in Christ, we naturally look for ways to express our love and commitment to Him. This is the second opportunity the LWML offers, that to serve the Lord (with gladness!). Our Mites contributions fund missionaries and mission projects world-wide, helping others to come to faith. And, our LWML here at Grace does so much to serve our congregation (ever wonder who buys and puts flowers on the altar? Or, who makes banners? Or, who washes the communion ware, who cleans the church, who takes care of the altar paraments? Or, who supplies all the kitchen needs?)

So, Ladies, if you are not already part of LWML, but would like to learn more about us or join us, feel free to talk to any of our Ladies, or call/e-mail me at: 237-4710 or jabrelje@msn.com. I would love to tell you more!

In Christ,
Jan Brelje, President

Upcoming events...

Sun., Oct. 3: LWML Sunday - Bring Your Mite Boxes!

Tues., Oct. 5: 7:30 pm Circle @ B. Drager's

Thurs., Oct. 7: 1:30 pm Circle (D. Sundblad/J. Beightol)

Frid., Oct. 8: 6:00 pm Fall Festival craft night

Sat., Oct. 9: 9:30 am Zone Fall Rally, Cooperstown (carpool from church at 7:30 am)

Tues., Oct. 12: 6:30 pm "Saturday Circle" (please note date change)

Fri., Oct. 15: 6:00 pm Set up for Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 16: 8:30 am-2:00 pm Fall Festival

Monthly mission projects:

Paul & Ali Federwitz, LBT

Rev. Carl Kaye, LCMS World Mission



Fall Festival

sponsored by Grace Lutheran LWML
in support of mission projects

Saturday, October 16, 2010

8:30 am to 2:00 pm



**Continental Breakfast served 8:30-10:30 am
(Cinnamon Roll/Coffee/Juice - \$2)**



Luncheon served 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Choose 3 of the following:

**Prize winning chili hot turkey on a bun
homemade chicken noodle soup
cinnamon roll piece of pie
served with coffee/lemonade for \$5**



Bake-Craft sale



**Grace Lutheran Church basement
821 5th Avenue South, Fargo ND**

TALENT AND TIME; REASON AND RHYME

Sung to "Jesus Loves Me"

What's your talent? When's your time?

That's the reason for this rhyme.

What's the reason? "Why?" you ask.

Be about our Savior's task!

Refrain

Count your talents. Use them when?

At any time dear friend.

Take a survey. Let us know

How to let your talents show.

Refrain

Short-term service; this we ask.

Help us with some little task.

Just for present—not much time.

Serving makes our church bells chime.

Refrain

Ring those bells; you'll find a way.

Serve your Lord on every day.

Giving, Sharing, Speak His Word.

Practicing all that you heard.

Refrain

REFRAIN:

Yes, I will serve Him

Yes, I will serve Him

Yes, I will serve Him

The Spirit Guides me so.

St. Paul tells us we are called into one body, and each of us is uniquely gifted to share our faith within the life of the church and our daily lives. It is our role as God's people to encourage each other to identify and offer our gifts within the faith community and the world. As children of God we are gifted to give and blessed to be a blessing. In doing this, we

Echo God's Love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

What a joy it has been to see all of our Sunday School students back in class! We look forward to reinforcing your daily teaching as we spend time with the wonderful youth that you share with us each Sunday morning. Here in Sunday School, they have an opportunity to connect with their peers in a faith community as they grow in their understanding of what Jesus has done for us. You, along with the Holy Spirit's guidance, are your children's most important spiritual teacher. God has given us all a huge, yet wonderful, responsibility for teaching these young hearts and minds. Recently, I asked my youngest if he knew why we kneel during Communion. He replied, "So our shoes aren't on it, and it stays clean for the next person?". It made me smile because it does make sense, but here we were shown an opportunity to begin to help him to better understand the ideas of reverence, humility, and love for our Lord. What opportunities for those little "beginning" seeds of understanding might you have to share with your children this week?

Thank you for helping to make our Family Opening time special. If you haven't had a chance yet to join us for Opening, we invite you to celebrate the love of Jesus with us. A little "Every Move I Make" praise music can make us all "Happy and You Know It" in the morning!

October 3rd: Please bring your Mite boxes to Sunday School for a special presentation during Worship Service

October 31st: Sunday School students sing during Worship

In Christ,
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Grace School Notes:

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS—In mid-August , Thrivent Financial for Lutherans launched the second part of its new Thrivent Choice program. This is replacing the supplemental funds program that has benefited Grace Lutheran School for many years. We have received a total of over \$50,000 from this fraternal program - Thank You Thrivent Financial! If you are eligible to participate in the Thrivent Choice dollars program, you will receive a letter telling you the amount of Thrivent Choice dollars that you have to designate and the directions to gift your funds. Individuals will receive different amounts of Thrivent Choice dollars based on their depth of business with Thrivent Financial. Please consider designating some of your Choice dollars to Grace Lutheran School. If you have any questions, please call Jim Krupski at 701-232-7747 or Steve Asche at 701-293-9358.

NOW AVAILABLE!!! FARGO/MOORHEAD BLUE COUPON BOOKS: Great Deals! Huge Variety! Support Your School \$20 each (school receives \$8) Available in the school office (701/232-7747) for you to purchase or sell on consignment or you can get them from your school board member.

THE FALL CARNIVAL IS COMING! Saturday, October 30 from 3 to 6 pm – Everyone is invited! Dress in costume, play games, eat dinner! Have fun fellowship with fellow Christians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on what is happening at school, see “The Scoop” insert inside the colored calendar sheet of the newsletter!



St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1005 1st St E, West Fargo will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on October 20, 2010. Worship service at 1:00 pm with present and former pastors speaking. A program and dinner will follow worship in the Fellowship Hall. Historical displays charting the 50 years of ministry at St. Andrew will be available for viewing. All are welcome to attend the celebration.

There will be a CPR/AED training class on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 pm. The class is for anyone who is interested in learning how to use the Automated External Defibrillator that we have at the church. There will be a \$5 fee for the American Heart Association card that you will receive that evening. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex closer to the date. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Cusher at 235-7151.



SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, October 26

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Gourmet Soup Kitchen to benefit Churches United for the Homeless, at the Scheel's Center at Oak Grove Lutheran School. Local celebrity chefs will showcase their cooking skills as guests taste and enjoy a variety of soups. Soup served from 5:30 - 6:30 . . . Auction at 7:00 pm. Tickets: \$20 or sponsor a table of 8 for \$350. Your support is greatly appreciated! Watch for more information.