
September 2019

Grace Notes

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Last month I shared with you about a new **Relational Evangelism Training Course** we're going to begin offering here at Grace. From the surveys returned in the Narthex in August it became clear that the best day and time for people to meet was after worship, during the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class time. So starting on September 15th the Adult Bible Class is going to be the first group of people at Grace to read through "*God Space: Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally*" by Doug Pollock. We will study the book, what the Bible says about the items it raises, but most importantly – we'll wrestle with how to implement what we read into our everyday lives. That's where God's Spirit can make a powerful difference in us and through us.

And speaking of making a difference... this same month we have two more opportunities for you to do so. The first is our annual **Rummage Sale**. It's a chance for people to give, serve, and donate for the sake of mission projects (like supporting foreign missionary Charles Ferry and his family or the Redeemer Crises Center in Cleveland). It's also a time for us to host strangers from our community and let them know what our church is like – both the building and the people! (*And I would venture to say most people would be more interested in coming back based on the people, not the building...!*)

A second opportunity to help make a difference with others is the **Free Hot Meal** on Saturday, the 21st. You can join Tom and Barb Hadaway in helping to serve those in need. (*If you can't make it on that date, you can always talk to me and sign up to help another month.*) When you come you can take part in a simple act of service – feeding those who are hungry (just like Jesus knew His disciples would naturally do in Matthew 25:31-46). But if you take the time to talk to these people – despite how they might look and smell – you'll probably find that what they are

looking for more than food are people that care about them and what's going on in their lives. They are simply human beings who need to feel the love of Jesus.

This month we all have 3 opportunities to grow at delivering that to others.

In Christ, Pastor Josh

August Official Pastoral Acts:

5 sick/shut-in visits
3 private communions
5 circuit visitor activities
5 leadership meetings
1 family visitation
2 pastoral care visits
1 hospital visit

Upcoming Sermon Texts	
Sept. 1	Luke 14:1-14
Sept. 8	Luke 14:25-35
Sept. 15	Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 22	Luke 16:1-15
Sept. 29	Luke 16:19-31

Pastor's Sunday morning **Adult Bible Class** will resume on September 8th following worship as they investigate what the Scriptures say about whether modern war is just or moral. In the Sundays to follow the Adult Bible Class will begin the 8 sessions of the **Relational Evangelism Training Course**, since that is what the majority of those surveyed preferred. Everyone is encouraged to join us and learn more as we learn and grow in our life of faith and faithfulness to the LORD.

Pictures for the **2020 Church Directory** will be taken September 29th following worship. If you don't have a good photo in our current directory, please stop by the Nursery as the illustrious Jen Fehlan-Jones snaps the camera. If you haven't already done so, please double-check that your contact information (on the wide sheets of paper) is correct.

September Birthdays

Dylan Fridenstine 9/02
Bob Fraunfelder 9/06
Lori Izold 9/13
Karen Huston 9/14
Kloe Koepp 9/17
Glen Fridenstine III 9/20
Gary Coultrip 9/21
Dawn Coultrip 9/23
Abel Coultrip 9/29

September Anniversaries

Bonnie and Gary Abicht 9/02
Bob and Pat Fraunfelder 9/05
George and Eva Horning 9/05
Scott and Heidi Scholl 9/18
Glenn and Rita Waltz 9/26
Glen and Karen Fridenstine 9/26

* If we accidentally forgot your birthday or anniversary, please tell Pastor and we'll add it to our list.

Secretary's Report:

- The Quarterly Voters' Meeting was held on August 25, 2019 after service. Twenty-two attended, twenty-two eligible to vote.
- Pastor Josh invited anyone interested to join in the Personal Evangelism Training Course.
- We'll be studying the book "God Space". The Course will start up in about two weeks. When you sign up also let him know what times would be preferred.
- Pastor Josh announced that Glen Fridenstine will be the Elder's new Chairman.
- Pastor Josh commended Sue Walker for the wonderful job she did with the Outreach Program for the Oberlin Fun Fair.
- Long discussion was had regarding in what way we are going to replace the riding lawnmower. It was voted to repair a used mower that's being donated to the Church instead of purchasing a new one.
- A motion was passed to pay down our mortgage by \$30,000.
- Tom Hadaway gave a talk on some of the steps we are going to need to make for better Church Security. A Security Team will be put in place and further information will be coming soon. Our goal is to know what to do in the event of any kind of problem or emergency.
- The appointment of Fred Feddeck, Lee Anne Christner, Jan Koepp, Jen Jones, Ron Mertz, and Pastor Josh were announced for the 2019 Nominating Committee.
- The voters approved the revisions for Bylaws that the 2019 Bylaw Committee has been working on and posting for the members' approval.

Worship News

Starting in September we will return to using the pre-printed **bulletin inserts** from CPH during worship. It has all the propers (introit, gradual, collect, and Bible readings) for the day printed out for you. The new ESV Bibles will remain in the pews and people are encouraged to use them and gain a familiarity with using the Bible and with the context surrounding the various Scripture readings chosen for the day.

This month we welcome our organist **Oziah Wales** back to Oberlin, as he resumes his studies and his work playing the organ for us.

Evangelism News:

The Mission of the Month for SEPTEMBER is **Church Planting**. Check out an article on the hallway bulletin board about Rev. Timothy Droegemueller (*that's a mouthful!!*) a church planter who is now leading Living Faith Lutheran Church in Cumming, Georgia. While we often think of Christian churches declining and closing, there are mission churches that are being planted and growing all over the country. It's an exciting thing to be a part of. How might we help a congregation like that in the Cleveland area...?

On Saturday, August 24th there was a **Circuit Convocation** at Ascension Lutheran Church in North Olmstead. Many of the Cleveland area English District congregations were there to discuss best practices and ideas for outreach events and activities. Pastor Josh, Sue Walker, and Bob Scherry attended this event and have some new ideas for things here at Grace...

Education News:

This Fall we are looking for a couple of kindhearted and patient people to serve as Children's Church teachers once every 5 or 6 weeks. The lesson plans and needed items are all prepared for you ahead of time, all you need to do is show up! Talk to Jen Moldenhauer for more information.

Buildings and Grounds Items:

- The church is in need of a volunteer to **edge** all the sidewalks. Talk to Dale Rider if you might be interested.

- The old **piano** sitting in the Fellowship Hall is looking for a new home. Be careful not to damage the floor when moving. Talk to Dale Rider if interested.

Altar Guild News

We are still looking to add a few new members to our team. If you are interested in serving on Altar Guild please contact Robin Turnbull.

Serving in September:

1 & 8 ~ Kathy Knipper
15 & 22 ~ Karen Huston
29 & Oct 6 ~ Robin Turnbull

~Thank you for serving~

~ Robin

Lutheran Women's League News

Coffee fellowship in September:

- 1 Karen Huston
- 8 Jan Mertz
- 15 Jan Limpert
- 22 Barb Hadaway
- 29 Jen Fehlan-Jones

Tom and Barb Hadaway will be hosting the Free Community Hot Meal will be served on Saturday, September 21st.



This year's rummage sale will be held on Friday, Sept. 6th from 9:00 am-4:00 pm and Saturday September 7th from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. Baked goods will be available for purchase on both days. A lunch of cabbage and noodles, hot dogs and sloppy joes will be served from 11:00 am - 1:00pm on Saturday only.

Items can be brought to church on:

- Sunday, Sept. 1: After Church
- Tuesday, Sept. 3: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept 4: 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept 5: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

ABSOLUTELY NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12:00 NOON ON THURSDAY. This allows us to set up and price all the items brought in. Thank you for understanding!

If these times are not convenient, please call Bonnie and a time can be arranged for drop off.

Baked goods are needed also. Please bring them in before noon on Thursday. We also need help with the slicing and packaging of baked goods.

Many hands are needed for sorting, setting up, selling -- all week long. Please consider coming in and helping out! It takes everyone from Grace to help make the rummage Sale a success!

Concordia at Sumner is holding its Annual Meeting for area Lutheran congregation who support its mission and ministry. The meeting is on Sunday afternoon, September 22 from 3 to 6 pm. This year it will emphasize mission opportunities: how to identify them, develop a plan of action, and fund them. Rev. Barry Keurulainen from the Board for Missions of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, and also pastor of St. Luke's in Cabot, Pa. will be the main presenter. He will talk about God's Mission, his own mission engagement, encourage us to talk about our own as we inspire one another, and then explain how Concordia Lutheran Ministries can possibly help fund these projects. Since this meeting comes with a wonderful dinner in the dining room, they will need everyone to **RSVP** and give their meal choices by Monday, September 9th.

Several members from Grace are encouraged to attend. For more information talk to Pastor Josh, Chaplain Charlie Lentner (330-592-7958), or see the letter invitation posted on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board.

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10 am • Rummage Sale Drop off after church 	2 Labor Day	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rummage Sale Drop off 10 am - 2 pm 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elder's Meeting 3:30 pm • Rummage Sale Drop off 5 - 7 pm 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rummage Sale Drop off 10 am - 12 pm • Nothing accepted after noon 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rummage Sale 9 am - 4 pm 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rummage Sale 9 am - 2 pm • Rummage Sale Lunch 11 am - 1 pm
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's Meeting 7 pm 	10	11	12	13	14
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am 	16	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCS Food Box Delivery 2 pm 	18	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm 	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Hot Meal 5 pm
22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10 am 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am • Pictures for Directory 	30					

Upcoming Important Dates:
 • Nov. 17.: Voters' Meeting