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Grace Notes

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

On October 2nd we celebrated **Bob Fraunfelder's funeral**. I say "celebrated" because we remembered and celebrated who God made him to be. It was a funeral – with the sadness over his death and a family that will surely miss him. It was also a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the life He gives to Bob and all those who believe in Him. Bob was a pillar of this congregation for years – and we will miss and remember him also.

The occasion of his death led me to pause and reflect on some of the big picture stuff about this life. Death tends to do that. Perhaps you've noticed as we've read and studied our way through the book of Luke this year how often Jesus tells parables about dying – or mentions that there is more to come after death (whether good or bad) – in order to cause His hearers to reflect on their lives and how they are living. [Recall for instance **Parables about the Rich Man & Lazarus** (16:19-31), **the Great Banquet** (14:15-24), **the Fig Tree** (13:6-9), **the Rich Fool** (12:13-21), and **the Wise and Foolish Builders** (6:46-49).] Jesus is insistent that people should live their lives in view of eternity.

So what does that mean for you and me? We should be ready for our own funerals. Fill out a Prospective Funeral Service Sheet from your pastor so you can help plan a funeral that will be meaningful, personal, and pass on a love-filled message to your loved ones. Make a will or trust to help direct what will happen to your stuff. Make a living will with Advance Directives to guide your family in making medical decisions on your behalf – or talk to Jan Koepp, who can help guide you through the process of making one.

But more importantly than all that... Jesus would invite and call you to get yourself right. All of Luke 13 is about the call to repent or perish. As you re-evaluate your life in view of eternity, what needs to change? What activities or attitudes are just not that important or beneficial – and could be removed? What needs to be forgiven? What things can make an eternal difference in your life or another's? Christ is working in you to know, to see, and to do so.

After all, a life well-lived for Jesus is certainly a life worth celebrating.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

September Official Pastoral Acts:

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

Upcoming Sermon Texts	
Oct. 6	Luke 17:1-10
Oct. 13	Luke 17:11-19
Oct. 20	Luke 18:1-8
Oct. 27	Luke 18:9-17
Nov. 3	Luke 6:17-23

This month Pastor's Sunday morning **Adult Bible Class** continues working through the book "God Space" by Doug Pollock. It's a simple, easy to read book that leads us through a **Relational Evangelism Training Course**, about how everyone can become a light for Jesus in their everyday lives without any super nerve-wracking or difficult conversations. Just preparation, purpose, and the Holy Spirit's guidance. Join us to learn more!

Pastor Josh will be out of town October 21-23 at a **Fall Regional Pastor's Conference** in Dorr, Michigan. If you need to get a hold of him, please call his cell phone.

The Council positions of **President** and **Evangelism Deacon** are up for election at the upcoming Voters' Meeting. If you would like to nominate a member for either position please contact someone on the **2019 Nominating Committee** (Fred Feddeck, Lee Anne Christner, Jen Fehlan-Jones, Jan Koepp, or Pastor Josh).

Looking ahead:

- **Daylight Saving's Time** ends in the wee hours of Sunday morning, November 3rd. Set your clocks accordingly.

- The next quarterly **Voters' Meeting** is on Sunday, November 17th following worship. The packets for the meeting will be distributed the previous Sunday. If you have anything you'd like to add to the packets or put on the Agenda for the meeting, please contact President Kert Limpert.

Worship News:

The last Sunday of September was the **5th Sunday of the month** and we tried something new and different: we worshiped God using the Service of Prayer and Preaching. There was no Holy Communion, but we did learn a couple of new canticles, heard a beautiful solo, and received a more teaching-based sermon. Any comments on the service or ideas for future ones can be directed to Pastor or the Elders.

Evangelism News:

The Mission of the Month for OCTOBER is **missionaries to refugee camps in Kenya**. Check out an article on the hallway bulletin board by LCMS missionary Shara Osiro about how a team from a Lutheran congregation in Iowa joined with her and some local workers to share the Gospel with them through a short-term mission. Many such opportunities exist throughout the world. Imagine what a powerful experience it would be to be a missionary for a few weeks in a place like Africa...!

For those of you reading this online you can check out the article and some GREAT pictures at <https://engage.lcms.org/kenyan-camps-winter-2019/>

The first week of October the LWL distributed welcome boxes to 12 Lutheran or Christian **Oberlin College students** through the cooperation of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. The last day of the Church Rummage Sale one new (to us) OC student volunteered to help us clean up and box up left over items. We warmly welcome the OC students to serve or worship with us.

Education News:

"Jesus loves the little children..." how about you?!? You know the song. You've probably sang it before. But here at Grace we need 1 or 2 more people who love children to teach them Children's Church once a month (or less). Talk to Jen Moldenhauer to volunteer or learn more.

Buildings & Grounds Items:

- The church is STILL in need of a volunteer to **edge** all the sidewalks. This fall someone will be needed to clean out the **gutters**. 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.
- The outside doors to the church have been **rekeyed** for safety and security reasons. Only 2 new keys will be distributed. Everyone else can use the lockbox outside the backdoor (by the church steps). Contact Dale Rider or Tom Hadaway if you need the code to the lockbox.

October Birthdays

D. J. Honney	10/01
Andy Karp	10/02
Wayne Perron	10/04
Jen Fehlan-Jones	10/10
Mike Burt	10/11
Matthew Moldenhauer	10/16
McKenzie Swanzer	10/20
John Thomas	10/24
John Bremke	10/25
Donna Perron	10/28

October Anniversaries

Bob & Lori Izold	10/01
Scott & Bev Dorrance	10/10
Lisa & Larry Lalonde	10/22

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

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 October: 6 ~ Robin Turnbull
 13 & 20 ~ Colleen Karp
 27 & Nov 3 ~ Carolyn Husted

~Thank you for serving~

~ Robin

Lutheran Women's League News

Coffee fellowship in October:

6 Bev Hines
13 Barb Hadaway
20 Sue Walker
27 Lee Anne Christner

Hosting the Free Hot Meal:

Wayne & Donna Perron
on Saturday, Oct. 19th

* Help is needed for Nov. meal!!!

Church Classifieds

The large wooden entertainment center just inside the main church entrance is FREE and looking for a good home. If interested, please take it soon!

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am	14 • Council Meeting 7 pm	15 - OCS Food Box Delivery 2 pm	16 • Women's Breakfast 9:30 am	17 • Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm	18	19 • Free Hot Meal 5 pm
20 • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am	21 Fall District [_____]	22 Pastor's _____	23 Conference _____	24	25	26
27 Reformation Day • Worship 10 am	28	29	30	31		

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Nov. 3: Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov. 17: Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Eve Service