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# Grace Notes

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*“Grace Lutheran Church is a family united by faith in Christ,  
which seeks to grow in that faith and to share it with others.”*

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## From the Pastor’s Desk . . .

*What makes God happy?* It’s a strange sort of question, I suppose – but what kinds of things does God delight in? Re-reading Jesus’ **Parable of the Prodigal Son** recently, I was reminded that God loves reunions – specifically when people are brought closer to Him. God is happy when those who have lived without Him as part of their lives, come to faith – and now live in a growing relationship with Him. That, in fact, was the whole reason Jesus came to earth on His mission of salvation in the first place... as *“the Way”* for us to be connected to God.

*OK, but what does this have to do with anything??* The first Sunday of this month we will be having a few **adult confirmations** and even an **adult baptism**. These are no small things! God has been working in the lives of these people in a variety of ways over a variety of years to draw them into the Lutheran Church and (more importantly) closer to Him. They each have amazing stories about this – if you’ll take the time to talk with them. They each have a faith that has learned the basics of Christianity and are interested in learning more. They each have a trust in God that is real – but in need of the support of others. They will need God’s family to be a true family to them.

*So what can you and I do?* First and foremost, join with Jesus in **rejoicing** in them. We can celebrate the work of God to bring faith into peoples’ lives – such strong faith that they are bold enough to stand up publicly and confirm it. That’s no small thing! Then secondly, we can **be the family of God to them** – brothers and sisters of faith who share that title not just in name only, but in spirit and in truth.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

PS This month our nation has set aside a day for the public thanksgiving of God – and indeed it is good, right, and salutary for us so to do. Therefore join us on **Thanksgiving Eve** at 7 pm for a service where we can bring our voices, hearts, offerings, and even canned goods for the less fortunate – and thank our great God for all He has granted us this past year.

**October Official Pastoral Acts:**

- 2 pastoral care visits
- 1 private communion
- 1 family visitation
- 1 circuit visitor activity
- 1 leadership meeting

<b>Upcoming Sermon Texts</b>	
November 6	Luke 6:27-36
November 13	Luke 12:54-59
November 20	Luke 21:54-59
November 27	Romans 13:8-14

## Worship Information

- **Private Communion** is offered at church the first Wednesday of the month from 2:30-4:00 pm OR by private appointment. Contact Pastor if you'd prefer a home visit with private communion.
- Copies of the **Sunday sermons** are emailed out to everyone and a hard copy mailed out to several people without computer access. If you'd like to start receiving hard copies by mail OR if you'd no longer like to be receiving the weekly emails, please contact Pastor.
- **Coffee Hour** has resumed after worship. It has been scaled down in size and scope – which means less pressure and time needed for hosting. The **Ladies Aid** has posted a sign-up sheet for people willing to host in the upcoming weeks. Non-perishable refreshments have also been purchased to be used as needed. Talk to Lee Anne Christner for further details.

## GRACE 2022 Service Schedule

\*\*\*PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A REPLACEMENT SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO SERVE\*\*\*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>
<b>Nov. 6th, 13th</b>	Dale Rider	Carter Jones	Bonnie A.	Bonnie, Dale, & Dave M.	Robin Turnbull	Jon Storr	Paul Castle
<b>Nov. 20th, 27th</b>	Andy Karp	David Jones	Andy Karp	Fred F. & Glen F.	Kathy Knipper	Fred Feddeck	Greg Christner
<b>Dec. 4th, 11th</b>	Tom Monroe	Reilly Jones	Sue W.	Jan Koepp & Lisa L.	Karen Huston	David Jones	Bob Izold

## Adult Bible Class

Pastor's Sunday morning Adult Bible Class meets at 11:20 am the first Sunday of this month in the large hallway classroom to study the **Parables of Jesus**. Everyone is welcome.

# Changing Lives Around the World with the Gospel

## *Nicaragua*

**Maria** is a kindergarten teacher and volunteers during her spare time to help educate children in her community. Several years ago, Maria connected with LHM-Nicaragua and has since been using their programs and resources to help encourage children with the Gospel. LHM-Nicaragua staff are thankful for Maria's partnership, and they look forward to continuing to make a difference in the lives of children in their community.

*This is from the Lutheran Hour Ministries publication, "The Lutheran Layman", Spring 2022.*

## 2022 Nominating Committee Update

The **2022 Nominating Committee** consists of the following people: Pastor Josh, Tom Monroe, Greg Christner, Fred Feddeck, and Bonnie Abicht. In November 2022 there are FOUR Council positions up for election (Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Buildings & Grounds Deacon).

The committee would like to report the following as of 10/22/22:

- **Myles Bremke** and **Fred Feddeck** have been nominated to serve as Vice President.
- **Lee Anne Christner** (who is eligible for another term) has been nominated as **Recording Secretary**.
- **Paul Castle** has been nominated as **Treasurer**.
- **Dale Rider** (who is eligible for another term) has been nominated as **Buildings & Grounds Deacon**.

Further nominations can be made through the Nominating Committee until Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, in order to allow time for the final, official slate of candidates to be placed into the **November Voters' Meeting Packet**. For a detailed list of the duties of each position, please see Grace's Bylaws. If you need a copy of the church Constitution and Bylaws, please contact Lee Anne Christner or Pastor.

<b><u>November Birthdays</u></b>	
James Feddeck	11/10
Cole Sklarek	11/13
Daniel Bremke	11/20
Sydney Wright	11/20
Harriett Thomas	11/21
Fred Feddeck	11/22

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

## Upcoming Church Events & Dates

- **Adult Confirmations:** Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> during worship.
- **Adult Bible Class:** Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:20 am.
- **Coffee Hour:** Every Sunday at 11:00 am.
- **Private Communion Service:** Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00-2:30 pm.
- **Foundations of Faith Class:** Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am & make-up class on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 pm.
- **Elder's Meeting:** Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- **Council Meeting:** Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- **Bremke Baptism & Reception:** Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>
- **November Voters' Meeting Packets Distributed:** Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **November Quarterly Voters' Meeting:** Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:20 am.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- **Advent Begins:** Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **December Newsletter Articles Due:** Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Midweek Advent Service:** Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.