



# The Friendly Visitor

## Grace Lutheran Church

October 12, 2016

### Worship Services

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Office Hours 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday through Friday

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### Thank YOU!

This last Sunday, as we talked about the story where Jesus healed 10 lepers, we talked about not getting tunnel vision. The nine that continued to the priest had tunnel vision. The messiah told them to go and show themselves to the priest and nothing was going to get in their way. Off they went with one thing in mind, and they succeeded in that task.

The problem with tunnel vision is that you don't take a breath and look at what else is happening. The one who turned back to offer praise and thanks did that very thing: took a breath and looked at what else was happening. This doesn't make it any better or worse. It doesn't make the other nine who were distracted bad people. They were still made well. And likely returned to offer thanks later. Instead of some being right and others wrong, the story simply serves as a reminder to not get tunnel vision.

The challenge to the congregation is to take a step back and look at those people in your life. Then to think about those to whom you maybe have not expressed gratitude or thanks because of routine, distraction, or tunnel vision. This happens to all of us at some point.

One of the truths in ministry is that this time of year it is very easy to get tunnel vision. As a number of programs are getting started, classes resuming, rehearsals resuming, and the reality that with changes in weather come increased hospitalizations and illness, it is easy to get distracted and caught up in all of the things going on. That coupled with the work of the Grace 2020 Team, the approaching congregational 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Marvin Malmin Fund Task Force, and other additional meetings, I have not had much time to breathe, let alone step back and look at those in my life. I, perhaps, needed that sermon as much as anyone else.

As I step back, I cannot help but be overwhelmed by gratitude for all of you. I so appreciate and am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside you. It is hard to believe that it has been over five and a half years since I was installed here as pastor. I have been thankful for this, even on the toughest of days. You embodied Grace as you called me as pastor. I was coming off of a very rough first call and some interim work. I was very fearful about getting back into the pulpit, and even more frightened at the thought of going to council meetings. Together we have learned a lot about each other. Our faults. Our ticks. Our strengths. And those areas where we are found wanting. Yet, it was all done with Grace.

So today, I want to say "Thank You!" This is not only for taking me, and calling me as your pastor, but also for walking with me. I said early on that I view myself as the "Lead Sherpa", someone who is two parts trail guide and two parts pack mule. For this to work it takes all of us...walking and working together. It has been a very special journey thus far and I am truly excited about what will come next.

I hope that you all realize just how special Grace is. I am so thankful as I witness the strong relationships that form here in the name of Christ. I am so thankful as I witness the care that we have for one another, truly embodying a culture of care in this place. I am so thankful as I take part in worship with you. I am so thankful as I witness the ways that this congregation embraces the modern and messy world around us. I am so thankful as I witness the welcome that Dana and Kurt receive when they are here for worship. In short, I am so thankful for YOU.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mike



## Happy October Birthday

- 1 - Katharine Radermacher
- 2 - Robert Campbell  
Ardis Schmelzer  
Margaret York  
Steve Johnson  
Christine Hines  
Andy Roat  
Eric Barks  
Ivy Lawson
- 3 - Howard Welty
- 4 - Ava Lund
- 5 - Paul Nelson
- 6 - Amanda Jensen
- 7 - Ernestina Rodriguez  
Adam Bergman
- 8 - Nelda Sampel  
Harlan Mortenson
- 9 - Joanne Johnson  
Riley Mortenson
- 11 - Christopher Kallenbach  
Emily Harmon  
Daniel Harmon  
Jeramie Mitchell  
Alexander Gutmann
- 12 - Benjamin Wonderlin  
Lucas Radermacher
- 13 - Deanna Hummel  
Sheryl Sauerma  
Lt. Col. David Peterson  
Jessica Warren  
Victoria Janson
- 14 - Jane Ridnour  
James Fenimore
- 15 - Chris Lawson  
Eryn Lenhart  
Kyra Lenhart  
Maya Lenhart
- 16 - Joan Johnson  
Rev. Stephen Sherer  
Kara Jordahl  
Lukus Loehrke
- 17 - Gary Nelson  
Roberto Ruiz
- 18 - Bruce Nelson
- 19 - Isaac Justice
- 20 - Linda Ross  
Sean Stickrod  
Stuart Turner  
James Oakley
- 21 - Sarah Schroeder  
Sage Speck  
Owen Chenoweth
- 22 - Jane Allen
- 23 - Ronald Vernia  
Trinity Newman
- 24 - Melissa Kallenbach
- 25 - Joyce Lewis  
Tina Meadows
- 26 - Seth Kallestad
- 27 - Douglas Dinnauer  
Sarah Voelker
- 28 - Max Sauerman

## October Birthdays Continued!

- 29 - Jeanette Ziesman  
Col. Franklin Peterson  
Jessica Russell
- 30 - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg  
Travis Brown  
Pedro Espericueta  
Maycia Welty
- 31 - Fay Cline  
Monte Wilner  
Ashley Artzer  
Kellen Johnson  
Tanner Peeler



## Happy October Anniversary

- 1 - John and Carrie Schall
- 5 - Donald and Margaret York
- 6 - John and Tracy LaZella
- 7 - Jeryl and Chris Janson
- 12 - Burke and Shirley Shiffler  
Louie and Sue Anderson
- 16 - Ricky and Jennifer Huisman
- 17 - Bill and Anna Shea
- 21 - Delmar and Linda Vernia
- 22 - Joel and Stacie Holst
- 24 - David and Susan Halblom
- 25 - Brian and Sherry Brindley  
Michael and Diane Heid
- 26 - Scot and Rebecca Sonius
- 27 - Hal and Michele Turner
- 28 - Michael and Marilyn Nizzi
- 31 - Lee and Delores Johnson



## Our Sympathies are with:

Joy Averill for the loss of her sister,  
Joan Hansen

The family of Karin Swanson

The family of Bob Beeler

The family of Chris Lehfeld



*With Deepest Sympathy*

## Thank You

To The Women of Grace Lutheran Church  
I received your birthday card. Thank you for being so thoughtful. I do think of the friends at Grace and I do miss you. I'm attending St. Mark because we have a friend who takes us. I had a wonderful birthday because of many people who sent greetings. Gods blessing to you all.  
LaRue Buihner

To Our Friends at Grace Lutheran Church –  
Thank you so much for the "goodie bags" given to Moore Elementary Staff. It was such a welcome and appreciated surprise. We appreciate your generosity and are so thankful that we are neighbors!  
Sincerely, Moore Elementary Staff

## The LWR Quilters

Grace Lutheran Church produces and donates between 60-100 quilts to Lutheran World Relief each year. Consider that the group meets once a week – every Thursday morning – for about 2 hours, that's quite a feat.

The Lutheran World Relief Quilters have been working together at Grace for decades. The current credits Debra Circle (no longer in existence), Sarah Hoffman and Louise Bergman as instrumental in getting and keeping the women's circles involved, and getting quilts made. In fact, Louise was described as “the sparkplug that kept everyone involved.”

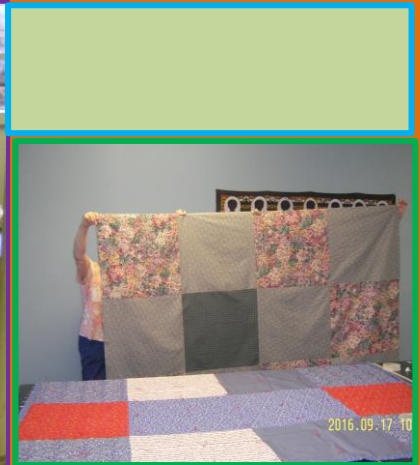
Current active and occasional members of the group are Marilyn Allie, Lois Slye, Carol Krause, Kathy Piltingsrud Nelson, Mary Helt, Gail Peterson, Bev Anderson, Helen Ringgenberg, Gladys Peterson, and Jan Grannes, a Windsor Heights member. Marilyn Allie apparently has the job of making everyone laugh, so if you need a pick-me-up, this is the place to be on a Thursday morning! On occasion, others will stop by, as did Linda Gronert on a summer Thursday she found herself available. You are welcome to stop by at any time, and they want you to know there are plenty of ways to help with the production even if you don't know how to sew! You can press, cut (and presumably measure), sew, or tie knots as shown in some of the photos below from the LWR Family Quilting day in September.

You don't even need to bring anything. The quilting closet is well stocked with pins, scissors and cutters, thread, batting, and backings. Materials for the quilts are donated, often when families move and clean out craft cabinets and fabrics purchased but never used. Some of the members say there is enough to fill a quilt store! They do accept and use different fabrics, but when sewing for LWR are required to use cottons. Items not accepted are those with religious symbols, messages, or the name of a congregation, patriotic or flag patterns, or camouflage and military symbolism, since the quilts are sent all over the world.

The quilters are very thankful to the endowment committee for their recent grant, which allowed the purchase of two new sewing machines that work. (Emphasis was placed on the words “that work”.) The machines are easy to use, and simple with no fancy electronics. They group clearly enjoys being able to sew continuously without having stop and troubleshoot.

LWR Quilts are shipped all over the world, some right here in the US. Quilt dimensions are 60" x 80". Full size quilts might seem large for small children, but will serve them well as they grow. They are also used as floor coverings, tents, for carrying goods to and from markets, as a wrap to carry children snuggled up on their mother's backs, a place to display goods, and so much more. You can find out more at <http://lwr.org/faqs> including where the quilts are sent at <http://lwr.org/get-involved/quilts/tracker>.

SPOT-  
LIGHT  
ON...





## Sunday Quarters Add Up!

Each Sunday, the quarters placed in the offering plate are dedicated to a specific cause, with quarters from the second and fifth Sundays for general offering, and the occasional special request, such as the recent Malaria campaign. As of August 31, your quarters have amounted to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Quarters for Hunger \$111.41
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Quarters for the Food Pantry \$142.22
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Quarters for Msindo \$94.72

## Grace Church Council Meeting – August 23, 2016

Present: Brad Lint, Barb Zimany, Dave Gronert, Jay Wangerin, Cathy Barks, Mary Jo McCleary, Lori Fry, Don Peterson, Eric Weber, Pastor Mike Schmidt, John Roehrick, Matt Jordahl.

The meeting was called to order by Brad Lint at 6:00 PM. The agenda was adopted with one additional item. Prayers were led by Pastor Mike.

Discussion was held about concepts the Grace 20/20 team is considering for Grace:

- Functioning as a spiritual fitness center.
- Articulating the outcomes God wants to achieve through us, then making the plan with intention toward those outcomes. Being intentional.
- Working together, being a tribe, being mindful of God's goals for us as a community of faith, being on the same page, having a common purpose to guide us.
- Congregational sabbatical: Setting aside time as a whole church from the end of the January congregational meeting through Easter Sunday to pause from other activities to study together toward that end.

The consent agenda was adopted, including approval of July council meeting minutes.

### Old Business:

- The Malmin Task force is creating a list of categories for the uses of Malmin funds and is prioritizing these (i.e., Youth, property, mission, etc.)
- Mission Statement work group meeting is pending on August 31st.
- 90th Anniversary planning: It was MSP to approve hiring Paul Oman to do an art piece with us for that event and to permit use of memorial funds to help pay for that. A budget line will be needed in 2017 for the Anniversary celebration. We anticipate that Bishop Burke and former pastors will attend.
- Council moved into a closed session.

### New Business:

- Finding a replacement for Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg: Pastor Mike and Emma are working to hire a new organist, potentially combining the organist position with an accompanist position for choir. Rich Snyder is filling in.
- September 4th fundraiser- a proposal for a bake sale was approved for this date, led by Allison Olson Schmidt. She intends to raise funds for a prostate cancer walk in September.
- Parking lot repairs: Property committee presented 2 bids for the parking lot. It was MSP to hire the Lawson company to do the repairs. Will need to add striping later.
- Council considered a request to create a nonsmoking campus, but did not approve it out of consideration for the needs of AA meeting attendees at Grace.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Barks, Secretary

## Finance Report – August Results

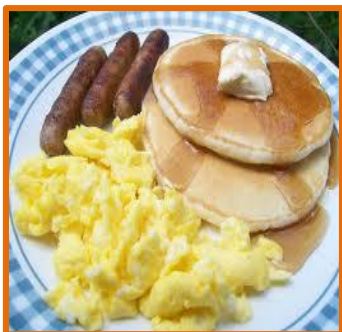
Financial results for August YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$277,379, Budget \$276,100
- Other Income – Actual \$10,745, Budget \$12,133
- Expenses – Actual \$301,475, Budget \$300,052
- Net activity – Actual (\$13,351), Budget (\$11,819)

Actual net activity is comparable to budget.



**2016 Pledge Updates:** If you are wondering where you stand on your 2016 contributions, please contact Denise at the office 515/276-6873 or [Denise@gracedm.org](mailto:Denise@gracedm.org). She will mail you a hard copy of your contribution statement.



## Lions Club Pancake Breakfast!

### Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

### 7 AM-11 AM in Grace Hall

### Proceeds support our Sight and Hearing Foundation!

The Club Foundation provides for variety of things. We provide financial support for the KidSight vision screening program for pre-school children. Several Club members are involved in the actual screening process. In addition, we provide financial assistance for people who need glasses, hearing aids, and exams but can't afford to pay for them. Our Foundation also provides money to sponsor camperships to Camp Hertko Hollow, a summer camp for kids with diabetes. There are other projects and charities we support, but we are primarily focused on those listed above.

## Grace Music News!

**Parents take note! Sunday School children K – 5 will sing** in worship at the 10:45 service on November 13. A word sheet will go home with your child and it will also be sent to your email inbox. We so enjoy our music time each week and want to share it with everyone!



**Won't you join us?** Our numbers are growing, and the more the merrier! Wednesdays, 6:45 – 7:30 p.m., lower level. Contact [Emma@gracedm.org](mailto:Emma@gracedm.org) or 515-276-6873

**Are you a Brass Player?** The Grace Brass group has fun rehearsing too, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. most Wednesday eves, and/or Sunday mornings between 9:30-10:30 a.m. Contact Paul Kallenbach at [paulkallenbach@gmail.com](mailto:paulkallenbach@gmail.com)



**Chancel Choir:** We're growing too! You won't be the only new person, jump in and give it a try! Wednesday evening rehearsals are from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Schedule currently full?** Join us when you have time – we're always learning something new so you'll fit right in, and are welcome to join us for even one Sunday.

## Welcome to our "new" Organist, Rich Snyder

Rich Snyder, longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church, has been hired to the position of organist. Rich, who has been serving in the position of interim organist, has graced us many times over the years by sharing his time and musical talents. Please join us in welcoming him as the "newest" official member of Grace Staff. Rich has been kind enough to share the following biography with us:

I was born at an early age in San Diego, California. Between then and high school graduation, I lived in San Diego, Spokane, Chicago, and Elmhurst, Illinois. I graduated from York High School and pursued a college education at Northern Illinois University and Iowa State University graduating with a degree in chemistry from each institution. Since then, I was employed at the University of California, Davis; Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines; and Kemin Industries, Des Moines, finally retiring last December 31.

My music training began in the third grade with piano lessons that continuing through high school. During that time I accompanied instrumental soloists and played for Sunday school music time. I took a few organ lessons one summer while home from college. In graduate school, I built a Zucherman harpsichord from a kit and dabbled in organ playing, but at 38 years of age I decided that it was time to become intentional about learning to play the organ. I studied organ performance with an emphasis on liturgical and hymn music with a local teacher who was working on her doctorate at the University of Iowa. (We did not discuss football or other sports.) I continued my organ studies for about seven years until an opening occurred at Grace and I was hired as half-time organist. I served for about 14 years, then stopped when an organist/music director was hired. Since then, I've substituted at Grace and several other churches in the Des Moines area.

My family consists of two grown children, Philip and Kristen, who live locally, and my wife of almost three years, Deanna. Previously, I was married to Jane for 35 years until she died in the fall of 2007. My hobbies are bicycle riding, music, and light gardening.



# Youth Ministry and Sunday Mornings

## Frolic

A new group for young children and families this Fall! Frolic is new a group at Grace for children birth to age 3 and their parents to come together, get to know one another and grow in faith. This group will be meet in the nursery twice a month during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30). Frolic is the name of the group because we will be using [Frolic](#), a developmentally appropriate curriculum that leads children and parents through ten key Bible stories. It also provides an age appropriate e-newsletter that will be sent to families monthly and resources for the nursery. We are excited about offering this opportunity to families! To get involved contact Kara Jordahl ([kara.jordahl@gmail.com](mailto:kara.jordahl@gmail.com)) or Tracy Justice ([tlazella@aol.com](mailto:tlazella@aol.com)).

## Calling all kids age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade!



**Date:** First Day of Sunday School is September 18th!

**Time:** 9:30 to 10:35AM

**Where:** Downstairs starting in Room 101 for Opening with Carol Woodruff

**What:** Join us for Music and Bible Story Rotations. The first two weeks kids will be learning about the Creation story through a Bible Skills and Games Rotation and a Cooking Rotation.

Mark your calendars and join us on September 18th! We are looking forward to another fun-filled year! If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Deanna Weber or Karri Brandsfield at [gracesundayschool3010@gmail.com](mailto:gracesundayschool3010@gmail.com)

## Middle and High School

These groups continue to meet in rooms 301 and 302 on Sunday mornings. Snacks, hot chocolate (or coffee), and discussion! Come participate, or just listen.

For the high school, some mornings will be a relaxing hangout – a time to socialize and enjoy some down time. Others will involve a speaker, and some, as on October 16, will involve joining the adults (feel free to head upstairs and grab a hot chocolate before heading down to find a place at the tables), and offering your opinions on a video series you will watch together.

## Confirmation

Over the weekend of October 1 & 2 over 75 Confirmation students and adults from Grace Lutheran and St. Peter Lutheran in Grimes gathered for a retreat at Boone Y-Camp. The theme for this retreat was "Sabbath Rest" and participants learned skills to bring rest into their lives each day, each week, each month and each year. Find photos of the event on Page 9.

Stay tuned for upcoming service learning events!

## Background Checks:

As a congregation we will be doing a push to background check all the volunteers who work with at-risk populations at Grace. This includes children and youth so if you do decide to help in one of the areas above, please know that you will receive a form to turn in and a background check will be done. This is to protect youth AND adults in our ministry and also we hope it will build up a group of committed and invested volunteers.

**Contact Ellen if you want to help with any of these things!**



**Moore Elementary** has reached out in need of some clothing items for their extra clothing supply. There are in need of:

- ✓ underwear (size 5-11)
- ✓ socks
- ✓ sweatpants

For the next two Sundays (10/16 and 10/23) we will be collecting these items in a box in the gathering hall. On Wednesday, 10/26 Confirmation students will sort and deliver any items collected to Moore Elementary. Please help us with this effort!

## Adult Education

### Tuesday Adult Bible Study

8:45 a.m., Tuesdays in Grace Hall. Led by Pastor Mike.

### Centering Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 10:30 in the Upper Room, led by Julie Honsey.

### Sunday Education Hour Presentations

**Sundays, 9:30, Grace Hall**

**October 16**

Why Christian? 2015 Conference speaker- Rachel Held Evans

**October 23**

Conversation with Council: An informational briefing of recent council discussions, followed by an informal conversation and question and answer session.

**October 30**

9:30 – 10:15 a.m. "Everything You Wanted To Know About Being Lutheran But Were Afraid To Ask".

Pastor Panel: Rev. Bill Kallestad, The Rev. Dr. Ro Zimany, additional participants to be announced. A box and notecards will be available in the Gathering Hall 10/16-10/23 for you to write your questions about Lutheran doctrine, Luther, and the Reformation.

10:15 a.m. Cookie reception in the Gathering Hall for all to celebrate the confirmands.

### Religious Study Group

**Wednesdays, led by The Rev. Ro Zimany**

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the conference room.

**October 12**

Genesis 32:22-31; Luke 18:1-8; II Timothy 3:14-4:5 (led by Bill Kallestad)

**October 19**

St. Augustine's Influence

**October 26**

The Church in the Middle Ages

### New Member Class and Reception.

The next New Member Class will be Sunday October 23. Meet with Pastor Mike in the Gathering Hall at 1 p.m. Or, call the office for more information. 515-276-6873.

The next opportunity for the Reception of New Members will be on Sunday, November 20 at either service.

## Save the Date!

**Men in Mission** will be having our joint meeting with Immanuel Methodist Church on October 13th starting at 6 PM. Our guest speaker will be our city council representative Bill Gray. Plan on attending and network with the Men from Immanuel.

Immanuel Methodist Church is located not far from Grace, at: 2900 49th St, **Des Moines**, IA 50310. Men in Mission meets 4-5 times each year. For more information, contact: Len Ringgenberg [lhriegg@msn.com](mailto:lhriegg@msn.com)

**Altar Guild:** Saturday, October 15, 9:30 a.m. Meet at Chef's Kitchen!

**Lions Club Pancake Breakfast**, Saturday, October 15, 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. Grace Hall. See page 5.

**Ladies Night Out: Lunch and Apple Orchard!**

**Join us for one or both on Sunday, October 16**

Noon: Meet at Ruby Tuesdays for lunch. RSVP to Donna by noon, Oct 14 at 515 – 778-7251 After lunch we'll reconvene at Iowa Orchard on Meredith.

**Our Whole Lives High School Group:** Sunday, October 16 & 23 noon – 2:00 p.m., High School Room.

**Lydia Circle:** Tuesday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. Grace Hall I

**Men's Work Group:** Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Breakfast, bible study, fellowship, and projects. Join us!

**New Member Class:** October 23, 1 p.m. See column at left.

**Affirmation of Baptism:** Sunday, October 30, both services

**Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 11** during worship – second service.

**Bells and Brass Concert**

Sunday, December 18, 9:30 a.m. between services

**First Communion**

Sunday, April 30, 2017

**Grace Lutheran Church 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Sunday, June 11, 2017

## Local Concerts

*See Music Bulletin board for details.*



**Greater Des Moines Community Band Autumn Festival Concert**

***Our concert dedicated to the memory of Robert E. (Bob) Barks, who played tuba with the Greater Des Moines Community Band.***

Sunday, October 23, 2 p.m.

First Christian Church 2500 University Avenue

**Grand View University Student Center**

Merling Trio, Friday, October 21 7:00 p.m.

**Heart of Iowa Classical Guitar Society Concert Series**

Held at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church, 511 Des Moines Street

✓ Saturday, October 22, 2016 7:30 p.m. Duo Sudeste



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September 20-2016  
Dear Companion Church Committee.  
Grace Luth. Church IOWA

First and foremost, we have to thank the word for our excellent relationship. The nice and friendly letters you are writing to us, we are translating to the congregation. They are very impressive and maintain our brotherhood and sisterhood. Above all, the financial supports towards the most Vulnerable Children Programs, Dairy units office and water projects are highly appreciated and may our almighty God bless you abundantly.

**DAIRY REPORT:** This project started 2007 with 20 heifers and 4 bulls for a total of 24 cows. We now have 45 cows. The first born heifers are distributed to the other Vulnerable people. We have had seminar recently conducted by Stephen Kihoko, from the beginning of the project. (There is additional information regarding discussion of cow deaths and distributions).

**OFFICE CONSTRUCTION:** We have done up to now about 70%. We are still having to do the rest which is installation of electricity, putting window glasses, and tiles in the lower floor, upper floor, we have put tiles as Pastor, Evangelists office were too dusty.

**WATER PROJECT:** We intend to complete by December this year. (Additional information was provided of where and how money was spent.)

Lastly; you are all warmly welcome to Msindo, so as to strengthen our relationship and companionship.

Yours in God's love  
Rev . Rossan Mbwambo  
Ev . Azza Mmbaga

For Congregation Relationship Committee –Msindo

*If you would like to hear additional details, contact Mary Helt or Jane Ridnour*



## Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, there are children who arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with almost nothing in their possession. And for children or youth who have been in the foster care system, it's not uncommon for them to arrive with everything they own in a single garbage bag.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations because you faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demand for hats, gloves and mittens for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. With your generous donation, each child can have the chance to shop for their own winter clothing.

Your church has likely received or will soon be receiving a letter inviting you to participate in LSI's hats and mittens appeal. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### Seeds of Hope

The kids at the Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames have been hard at work this year in the Beloit Learning Garden. The space gives kids the chance to learn new skills each week, like gardening and growing healthy foods. "I love seeing how excited the kids get about the vegetables and picking them. Any time the kids are around healthy food, it's really great," says garden volunteer Rachel.

Kyanni has learned plenty of new lessons about farming. When she's in the garden, she's hard at work finding her favorite vegetable—broccoli—or helping the younger kids find good foods to pick and send back to Beloit's dining room.

Kids like Paul have found a passion for farming and a love of vegetables thanks to the garden and its volunteers. Paul has been working in the garden throughout the year, and he loves learning about nature and making new food every week. His favorite vegetable is zucchini, which he now gets to grow in the garden. When he grows up, Paul wants to be a farmer and plant "a whole bunch of stuff" for his family.

Thanks to the generous gifts of our donors, kids like Paul are growing up with access to healthy foods and a love of the outdoors.





Denny Rehder and Rich Snyder



Cal checking in while Maya and Mira play ring around the pole.

**2016  
Confirmation Retreat  
Boone YMCA Camp**



Ropes Course at the Confirmation Retreat, Boone YMCA Camp



A peaceful morning view of the river



Amphitheater and quiet space



Mira, waiting for the group



A time to slow down and reflect

# The Friendly Visitor

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It is with great joy that **Kristen Snyder and Tony Bockenstedt** announce their recent marriage on the third of September at The Rollins Mansion in Des Moines, IA. A private reception was held at The Rollins Mansion immediately following the ceremony.



## Church Directory!

Printed copies will be available in the office later this fall. Watch for information in the announcements and e-news.

In the meantime, we would love to be able to add photos for those of you who haven't yet submitted them! Send a photo to Denise – we can even scan a photo for you.

You also have access to the online directory yourself. Here's how:

- Go to [members.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com)
- Enter your email address and create a password for your own, personal access.
3. Step 2 not working? This just means we don't have your email address. Call Denise at 276-6873, ext. 200 and we'll get you added.
4. Login, review your information to make sure it is correct and as complete as you prefer. Let Denise know if you need something updated.
5. Refer to the directory as needed!

## Keep in Touch with Grace!

**Watch the bulletin boards!** These will be updated soon – current and upcoming community and church events, Sunday school, Thank yous, and office news are posted here.

**Grace e-news**, published Tuesdays, right to your inbox. Find detailed information on upcoming events as well as a weekly calendar, adult learning topics, and occasional community news. Sign up to receive the e-news and/or the monthly newsletter by email: just call the office or email [michelle@gracedm.org](mailto:michelle@gracedm.org)

**Weekly announcements in the bulletin** – there may be last minute announcements not covered elsewhere – don't miss out!

**Grace Lutheran Church website** [www.gracedm.org](http://www.gracedm.org)  
In addition to a news section, the current friendly visitor, announcements and weekly bulletins can all be found here.

**Facebook:** Search for Grace Lutheran Church and like us to see reminders, share event photos, and more!