



**GRACE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

## **Worship with Holy Communion**

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Hour and coffee at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Education at 10:15 a.m.

Ascension of Our Lord Worship, Thursday May 10 1:00 p.m.

Office Hours 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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### **Take time to be Thankful**

You may not know it, but May is full of reasons to celebrate. The month starts off with May Day, which is also home to National Bubba Day with National Roberts Rules of Order Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We celebrate Star Wars and our relationship with Mexico on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We “Give Sharks a Voice” on the 11<sup>th</sup> and “Hug Your Cat” on the 12<sup>th</sup>, a day when you can also take up belly dancing. We can bike to work on the 18<sup>th</sup> and try to ride a unicycle on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Brothers Day is on the 24<sup>th</sup> (I have a lot to celebrate that day), and Nerd Pride Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> (I have a lot to celebrate that day too.)

One day that I do not want to see lost in the shuffle is **Teacher Appreciation Day**. Not only am I married to a teacher, but I work alongside more than a dozen teachers through the work of Grace Kids' Care. If you have never stopped to think about the impact that teachers have made in your life, stop right now and think about it. Soak it in. Teachers teach us the basics of education, but they also teach us so much more. I think back at the way that I learned listening, patience, confidence, awareness of others through the work of teachers growing up. I was reminded which shoe went on which foot almost every day the first two months of kindergarten, all done in a caring and supportive way that shaped how I felt about my mistakes and the mistakes of others.

Whether it is our teachers, or those who are teaching our children or grandchildren, we have so much for which to be thankful. These people give of themselves every day, asking little in return. Teachers simply ask that we show up with enough of a spark that it can be fanned into a flame. It truly is amazing work.

There are two groups of teachers that I would like to especially raise up this May. The first are the Sunday School teachers. This group of volunteers has been guided by the work of Deanna Weber and Karri Brandsfield. There is work that goes into planning each Sunday to make sure that the children in Sunday School learn and have a good time. Please take time to reach out to Deanna, Karri, and all of the Sunday School teachers. The other group is the staff of Grace Kids' Care. I have learned so much more about this program this year through the eyes of Samantha. The teachers at Grace Kids' Care are devoted to these children and truly go above and beyond. Each classroom brings different gifts and opportunities for these children to learn valuable life skills while learning the alphabet, numbers, and even potty training. For example, Savannah Bennet, the Lead Teacher in the Explorer Room, is one of the most compassionate people I have ever met, and I am so thankful for all that Samantha is learning in her classroom.

As we continue down the mission of “guiding people to live differently through Christ,” take time to celebrate those who are involved in education and the gifts they bring to the world around them. Thanks be to God for the gifts they offer us all.

In Christ, Pastor Mike

### Happy May Birthday

- 1 - Melinda Stickrod
- 2 - Joshua Meadows
- 3 - Helen Ringgenberg
- 4 - John Roehrick  
Todd Haugen
- 5 - Jacqueline Wangerin  
Dylan Rutter
- 6 - Karla Swanson  
Hannah Honsey  
Daniel Dinnauer
- 8 - Regan Nelson
- 9 - Donna Kennebeck
- 10 - Claire Kallestad
- 11 - Jeffrey Rudisill
- 12 - Charlotte Nielsen
- 13 - Sally Preston
- 14 - Frances Best
- 15 - Dmitri Woodruff  
Ellen Wonderlin  
John Kennebeck  
Laurie Helton  
Katherine Bickel
- 16 - Laura Wonderlin
- 17 - Meghan Sherer  
Carol Krause
- 18 - Tim Nehmer  
Inga Hoifelt  
Lori Fry  
Kimberly Fenimore
- 19 - Megan Jensen  
Chuck Denton  
Bruce Bergman
- 21 - Barb Zimany  
Kaylee Ringgenberg  
Jacob Nordeen  
Brenda Mann  
Christopher Janson  
Kenneth Carlson
- 23 - Jonay Trentmann  
Scott Neal
- 24 - Melissa Newman  
Angela Chapman
- 25 - Hal Turner
- 26 - John Schwemler  
Shirley Davenport  
Devin Ashton
- 27 - Kate Sherer-Eichner  
Courthney Brandsfield  
Sue Anderson  
Alexander Oberhart  
Andrew Oberhart
- 28 - Linda Vernia  
Rick Fry

### Happy May Anniversary

- 6 - Mark and Annette Taylor
- 7 - Jon and Cherie Rissman  
Justin and Carolyn Anderson
- 9 - Adam and Jessica Christensen
- 11 - Carter and Carol Woodruff
- 14 - Steve and Mary McCann
- 15 - Matt and Amy Ziska
- 18 - Matt and Tammy Hagerty
- 20 - Steve and Melissa Young
- 21 - Mike and Tina Meadows
- 22 - Wayne and Debbie Curry  
Mike and Susanne Carney
- 23 - Richard and Michelle Voelker
- 25 - Harlan and Jayne Mortenson  
Robert and Prudence Campbell
- 26 - Mike and Carla Peterman
- 27 - Todd and Angela Ringgenberg  
Bill and Linda Biegger
- 30 - James and Kimberly Fenimore
- 31 - Duane and Linda Ulrick



### Our Sympathies are with:

The family of Nancy Hook  
Mother of Susanne Carney

The family of Janet Kjellberg



### Skillet Drive Final Donations = \$658!

\$558 from members plus \$100 from Lydia Circle  
That equals 27 skillets plus the two gently used skillets!  
Go Grace!

### May Birthdays Continued!

- 29 - Annette Taylor  
Kira Nehmer  
Ralf Hoifelt  
Cal Wilner
- 30 - Loree Nelson  
Alexandra Marberry  
Kiernan Hutton  
Torry Henderson  
Jonathan Fry
- 31 - Lindsey Nelson  
Nathan Brown  
Barbara Bergman  
Brianna Adams



## 2018 New Council Members!



### **Aaron Brandsfield**

Aaron has been a member of Grace for more than 13 years. He has been married to Karri for 18 years. They have two daughters. Courtney is 17 and will be attending Grand View University in the fall; Kiley is 13 and attends Woodward-Granger Middle School. He owns two businesses. He has been a financial advisor for over 10 years and he is also an accountant/tax preparer. At Grace he, along with Carter Woodruff and Eric Weber, started the Saturday Men's group, he has served on the audit committee, been an usher and a communion assistant. Also, for the past few years, he has been helping in the high school room.

### **Tammy Denton**

Chuck and I have been members of Grace for 29 years, married for 30 years, and have a son, Gary (24) and daughter, Leslie (20). I serve on the Malmin Task Force and co-lead the Middle School Hangout on Sunday mornings. I have been involved in several committees, assisted with various events at church, taught Sunday School, and accompanied our teens at the National Youth Gathering in 2009. I am an Analytics and Compliance Officer for U.S. Bank and enjoy cooking, baking, cycling, and spending time with family and friends.

### **Carter Woodruff**

I was born and raised in Wellington Alabama. I attended Luther College in Decorah Iowa from 1980-1984, where I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and African American Studies. I met my wife, Carol at Luther in 1980. Carol and I were married at Grace Lutheran Church on May 15, 1985. I became a member shortly after our marriage. We have been members for 32 years. We have three children, Dmitri, Emily and Bailey who were all baptized as members of Grace.

I have served on many committees throughout the years; Council, stewardship, re-visioning and have served as a high school Sunday school teacher. Last year I served as an OWL (our whole lives) facilitator with Ellen Rothweiler. Currently, I serve as a counter, usher and am involved in mens group. I have been employed at Des Moines Water Works for 26 years and have serve as the Supervisor of Operators for the past 5 of those years. I hold a Grade IV Water Treatment Operator License from the State of Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

I received a certificate in labor and work life from the Kennedy Law School trade union program at Harvard University in 2005.

Additionally, I served as Secretary/Treasurer for AFSCME council 61 from 2001-2005. I am proud to serve the members of Grace Lutheran Church.

### **Connie Heuton**

I have been a Grace member for about 25 years. I retired as a technology manager from Wells Fargo 6 years ago and haven't been bored one minute since! I live in a townhome in Johnston. My "immediate family" (sisters & brothers plus all kids and grandkids) totals over 100 people. I have one son, Curt Chenoweth, who is married to Sarah and they have 2 boys, Jack & Owen, ages 5 & 2. The committees I am on at Grace are First Circle Friends, Member Care, Choir, and Altar Guild. I'm an avid Iowa State Cyclones and Chicago Cubs fan and enjoy walking, traveling to warm locations, golfing, watching my grandkids, and socializing with friends.

## **Celebration Sunday and Brunch! Sunday, May 20**

**Wear Red for Pentecost and join us for Worship with the Bell Choir at 9:00 a.m.**

At 10:00 a.m. we'll celebrate with a Catered Brunch (with coffee!) in Grace Hall  
Please join us!

## Church Council Highlights From the March 27th, 2018 Council Meeting

At the March 27th, 2018 Church Council Meeting:

- **Property Committee Report:**
  - **The Little Free Library** has been built and is ready to be installed. The pantry portion is still under study.
  - Chesnut Signs is assisting to obtain the variance need for the **digital sign**. The Zoning Commission hearing is scheduled for April.
  - Interior designer Mindy Dickinson has provided a list of suggestions and costs for the **improvements to the Gathering Hall, Kitchen, and Sanctuary**. Watch for drawings/sketches of what the changes will look like!
- **Action Item: Appoint a Staff Support Committee.** It was **moved, seconded, and passed** to appoint a Staff Support Committee. **This committee is required by the church bylaws.** The purpose of the committee is to provide a mechanism through which the staff can present any concerns, problems, changes, or grievances that might crop up.
- **Action Item: Establish a Mutual Ministry Committee.** It was **moved, seconded, and passed** to establish a Mutual Ministry Committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide a “sounding board” for Pastor Mike, to consider new ideas, air problems, and to provide an advocate should the need arise.
- **Action Item:** It was **moved, seconded and passed** to present **Brooke Howsare** with a contract for employment with GraceKids Daycare.

Respectfully,  
Dave Gronert, Council Secretary

### Finance Report – March Results

Financial results for March YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$97,391, Budget \$97,362
- Other Income – Actual \$6,902, Budget \$7,125
- Expenses – Actual \$113,316, Budget \$112,262
- Net activity – Actual (\$9,023), Budget (\$7,775)



Actual net activity was close to budget. Additionally, Daycare has been operating with positive results and ahead of budget all year.

### Easter Breakfast Thank you!

A big thank you is sent out to everyone who attended the Easter Breakfast—we were able to raise \$705 for the prayer quilts that our made for our members as they are needed. This is a great event made possible by the following volunteers....

Dean Watson  
Mike Peterman  
Len Ringgenberg  
Tanner Peeler  
Jon Fry  
Kyler Medhurst  
Marilyn Nizzi  
Helen Ringgenberg

Dave Gronert  
Kevin Krauss  
Ross Peeler  
Rick Fry  
Ed Ridnour  
Tom McCleary  
Mike Nizzi

### Endowment Fund Report

The purpose of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is to promote faithful Christian stewardship by providing a congregational plan to receive grants, gifts or bequest of money to be used to enhance the total program and mission of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church beyond that supported through regular giving and apart from the general operation of the congregation. The Endowment Fund Committee acts as custodian of the Fund.

The Endowment Committee approved the following distributions of 2017 income:

Awards to Grace Lutheran Church:

- \$850 to support Moore Elementary's project with Opera Iowa
- \$1,520 for music storage cabinets at Grace
- \$217 for baptismal bibles
- \$663 for a cabinet to support the Frolic ministry for youth
- \$1,100 for a new library computer
- \$1,299 for an "Innovative Lab" to assist church staff and committees do creative planning and strategizing
- \$1,530 for a sanctuary hearing-assistance system
- \$2,200 for new windows on the third floor of Grace
- \$1,500 for school uniforms for Msindo and Mararo

Other Awards:

- \$400 for Grace Kids Care - fun without wheels program. This provides assistance to purchase appropriate toys to be used in Grace's gym to protect and maintain the new flooring
- \$200 for Girl Scout Troop 296 - food pantry to help serve those in need
- \$300 to Kaden's Closet – provides "first night bags" of clothing and other necessities for a child's first night in foster care
- \$600 to Kiwanis Club – ISU extension cooking class to help teach healthy cooking using an electric skillet when no other kitchen is available
- \$500 to From the Hearts Quilts - provides weighted blankets to help autistic children

A total of \$12,879 was awarded. Requests for grants totaled \$21,516.

### Casting Call!

**Who:** Grace Players, a drama group for adults and youth grades 8+

**What:** Summer 2018 production

**How:** to express interest or for more information

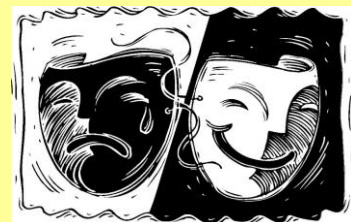
Contact Ellen, [ellen@gracedm.org](mailto:ellen@gracedm.org)

or

Emma, [emma@gracedm.org](mailto:emma@gracedm.org)

or

the church office, 276-6873



**When:** Notify us by Monday, May 7 if you want to be a part of the play! Script, rehearsal schedule, and performance date info to follow.



**Summer Youth Ministry**  
Contact [ellen@gracedm.org](mailto:ellen@gracedm.org)

**Sunday School 0-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

We continue to meet through May 13

**Frolic – age 0-3** with their parents in room 104.  
No need to sign-up, come join us when you are here.

**Ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade** begin in room 101 for rotations in music, library, and the classroom.

**VBS: Save the date!**

The medical form required for ALL participants and volunteers can be found on the website Resources page <https://gracedm.org/resources/>.

**VBS Preschool June 4-8**

**The link to register is on the Grace website: Children and Youth, Preschool headings**

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 29

PLEASE NOTE: All children registering for this program MUST be potty trained with no bathroom assistance needed.

**VBS Elementary: June 18-22**

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 4, 2018 or earlier if spaces fill (sorry, late registrations, payments and walk-ins cannot be accommodated).

- A \$50 registration fee is required for those registering for the all-day program (8:30-4:00).
- There is no fee for those attending the morning only (8:30-12:00).
- Aftercare (4:00-5:30) is provided for \$10/child for the entire week

Confirmation Prayer & Service- “The Water and the Witness”

As we continue to explore a life of prayer with new and different ways of praying, we are now poised to move into living out those prayers in service to others. The Confirmation students will be carrying the torch for the synod “The Water and the Witness” effort. On Sundays May 6 and May 13, students will be collecting funds to support water projects across the country and the world with a goal of raising \$500. This money combined with funds raised at other SEIA Synod congregations will “change lives”.

So, to answer one of the questions posed in our weekly discussion, prayer can indeed change things.

Summer activity dates:

- June 4-8  
Preschool VBS – email Ellen to volunteer
- June 18-22 –  
Elementary VBS – email Ellen to volunteer
- June 26 – August 1 – ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston

Pictures and stories to come!

Peace,  
Ellen Rothweiler

**The Annual Youth Garage and Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

We’re bringing back the cinnamon rolls too!

**To all:** You may begin dropping off your items on Tuesday, May 1 in the afternoon.

**To Elementary, Middle and High School Families: 6:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday**

If you find you have an hour in the late afternoon or early evening, go ahead and stop by! We can always use your help unpacking and organizing. Also, the more the merrier on Saturday morning as we unload the plant truck and organize orders at 6:45 a.m. Saturday morning. Come early and we’ll feed you cinnamon rolls! Stay to help throughout the sale, there will be pizza at lunch. Cleaning up at 1 p.m. goes fast. The truck to pick up what doesn’t sell comes at 2, and you’ll be surprised how fast cleanup goes! It’s fun, it helps others, we work together, and it’s the only youth fundraiser we do. Join us! Sign up for shifts (this link works online too)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054aaeac2eaafe3-grace>

This fundraiser pays for a huge chunk of Gathering Travel costs in one swoop. THIS sale will help fund future trips (not just Gathering) for those in middle and elementary school if we can keep it alive. Please help us pay it forward so you don’t have to pay out of your own pocket.

### **Spring Bells Rehearsals**

**Wednesday, May 2:** 7:00 p.m. rehearsal, then practice with the choir when they arrive

**Sunday, May 6:** 8:15 -8:45 a.m. rehearsal + play in worship with the choir

**Sunday, May 20:** 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. rehearsal + play in worship

### **Grace Fellowship Meeting**

All are welcome to this casual evening!

May 6 @ 5:00 PM

Light Luncheon & Program by Mollie and Kevin Cooney.

### **Ascension of our Lord Worship Service**

May 10, 1:00 p.m.

After the worship will be a time of fellowship with treats and beverages. Please join us.

Your hosts, Lydia Circle and Grace Lutheran Church

### **Every Week (not listed in calendar at right)**

#### **Sundays**

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship in the Gathering Hall

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School – see page 6

10:15 a.m. Adult Education in Grace Hall – bring your coffee and donuts.

- 05/06 Pastor Panel
- 05/13 No AFET – Mother's Day
- 05/20 No AFET – Celebration Sunday
- Join us for a catered brunch at 10 a.m. in Grace Hall!

#### **Tuesdays**

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Bible Study, Grace Hall

Led by Pastor Mike

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Upper room, Led by Julie Honsey

11:30 a.m. Staff meeting, library

#### **Wednesdays**

9:00 a.m. Willing Workers

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Middle School Room

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, middle school room

6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Grace Bells, Music Room (May 2 only)

7:30 -8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room

#### **Thursdays**

9:00 a.m. Quilters, Msindo Hall

### **May Calendar**

#### **May 1 -5 – Garage Sale Set-up in Grace Hall after Bible Study! Grace Hall will be occupied all week.**

May

1 – 4:00 p.m. VBS meeting

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Des Moines Knitters Guild, Gathering Hall

2 - 6:30 p.m. GKC Parent Board – Offsite

3 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends – Café

4 – Grace Office Closed

5 - 6:45 – 8:00 a.m. Plant Sale order sorting

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Grace Youth Garage and Plant Sale

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Garage Sale Cleanup

6 – 10:15 a.m. New Member Inquiry Class – Gathering Hall

11:00 a.m. Curriculum Task Force, Conf. room

5:00 p.m. Grace Fellowship – Grace Hall

8 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Local American Guild of Organists – GH I

9 – 3:30 p.m. CKC Staff Meeting – Grace Hall

10 – Ascension of Our Lord. Worship at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments following the service.

11 - Noon – 2:00 p.m. GKC Teacher Appreciation Lunch, Cafe

12 – 8:30 a.m. – noon Men's Work Group – Breakfast, Fellowship, and Church Projects

15 – 6:00 p.m. Lydia Circle – GH I & Kitchen  
7:00 p.m. Hunger Team, conf. room

17– 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends, GHI & II

18 – 19 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly (offsite)

20– 10:00 a.m. Congregation Catered Brunch in Grace Hall following worship

Noon – Mulch party for GKC. Bring a shovel and lend a hand!

22 – 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

23– 5:30 p.m. Gathering Getting Ready meeting  
High School room

All Music picnic! See Emma for details.

24 - 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Martha Circle, GH

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Grace Stitching group

26 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Private Event, Gathering Hall

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Private Event, Grace Hall II

28 – Memorial Day, Office Closed



### Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI's Mental Health or Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see young first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2016, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to 552 first-time parents. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider giving a gift in her name at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org). Thank you for standing alongside our Iowa families.

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 [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://Facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

### "LSI has been a Lifesaver"

No parent should feel alone or hopeless when it comes to caring for their children's health. But those emotions were common for Judy four years ago.

It started when her son began seeing a litany of different doctors and specialists. Judy needed to coordinate his many appointments and medications, but it was difficult to keep track while still caring for her three other children as a single parent.

Judy found LSI's Pediatric Integrated Health services, which were a shoulder for her to lean on.

Judy's LSI worker, Wyndolyn, coordinated medical appointments and counseling sessions. When Judy's daughter required an Individualized Education Program (IEP) at school, Wyndolyn was there to keep in contact with the school and attend IEP meetings with Judy. When Judy's child began attending school at LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center, Wyndolyn checked on him and provided updates to Judy. Wyndolyn also helped Judy to set up respite care through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. Now, Judy can get a much-needed break while her children receive quality care from an LSI respite provider.

"We're one team now, we're on the same page," Judy says. "LSI has been a backbone for me when I wanted to give up. Wyndolyn talks to me when I'm stressed and ready to call it quits. She's really an advocate for my family. LSI has been a lifesaver."



Fruit Cocktail  
canned in 100% juice or light syrup



Canned Jackfruit  
canned in water or brine

**DMARC Food Pantry Network** May Requested Donation of the Month: Fruit Cocktail (in 100% juice or light syrup) and Culturally Appropriate canned fruit, such as jackfruit.





## **Congratulations to all our Seniors and Graduates!**

### **Devin Ashton**

Devin is graduating from Hoover High School and will be attending Iowa State University in the fall pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering

### **Courtney Brandsfield**

My plan after high school is to attend Grand View University starting in the fall. The major that I have chosen is Nursing. I am not for sure which department I will be going into but right now I am thinking about being a Pediatrics Nurse. I am very excited to start this next chapter of my life and I cannot wait to see what is in store!

### **Haley Dostalík**

Haley will graduate from Johnston High School, where she was active in several musical activities, including playing clarinet in marching band, Wind Symphony and the pit orchestra for school musicals; playing tenor sax and clarinet in Jazz Syndicate; and singing in the Cantus Chamber Choir. Haley was honored to be selected twice to participate in the Iowa All-State Concert Band, was awarded "Best of Center" for her clarinet solo at Johnston's 2018 Solo & Ensemble Festival and was named a James Jordan Leadership Institute Scholar. She also enjoyed participating in Math Club, Science Olympiad and the Silver Cord program. Next fall, Haley plans to attend Iowa State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Genetics.

### **Nadine Garcia**

### **Payton Lawson**

Payton will be graduating from Roosevelt High School on Saturday, May 26, 2018. He has been accepted to Dakota State University where he intends to play football and major in Computer Science.

### **Emma Joy Mattes**

Baptized and confirmed here at Grace Lutheran, Emma will be graduating from North High School. She has been a dedicated swimmer for both NHS and the Northside Otters for 10 years as well as an avid violin player. Most recently Emma enjoys working with small children at Grace Kids Care. Emma will be attending Grand View University starting Fall of 2018.

### **Isaac McCleary**

Isaac is the son of Tom and Mary Jo McCleary. He will graduate from Bondurant-Farrar HS where he has participated in Band (Marching, Concert and Jazz), Choir (Concert, Select and Jazz), Cross Country (State competitor as an individual and with the team 2017), Track, National Honor Society and Silver Cord. In the fall he will attend Iowa State University to pursue a degree in Environment (Civil) or Mechanical Engineering. Thank you to all the wonderful members of Grace who have mentored me directly or by example over the last 18 years!

### **Maryena Gwen Petty-Lee**

### **Danielle Faith Russell**

Parents - Beverly Russell and the late Tom Russell

Danielle is a Senior at Roosevelt High School. She has participated in Cheerleading, Drama, Show Choir, Swimming, Golf, and a manager of Football and Wrestling. Danielle is currently working at local restaurant, and is planning to attend La James International College Massage Therapy Program in the Fall.

### **Sawyer Shiffler**

Sawyer will be graduating from Roosevelt High School, where he played percussion in the marching band, jazz band and wind symphony all four years. A highlight was during his junior year when the drumline took first place honors in all three of their competitions, including state. He has earned both band and academic letters. Sawyer is planning to major in music at Grand View University.

### **Thank you**

It is with a heavy heart I must say goodbye to Grace! So many of you here have become family to me and have taken me in as one of your own, so this is very hard for me! God has really brought me here and given me a true gift with my Grace family! I feel like God is pulling me in a different direction now and we all know it does no good to argue because we are not in control. I will be here for a couple more weeks, leaving time to find and prep a replacement so my last day will be May 18th. I will never forget how you all have touched my life and will try to come back and visit! Thank you Grace Church for welcoming me into your family and loving me!

Lovingly,  
Cindy Caylor, Kitchen Manager

### **Global Greens CSA**

Eat locally and globally! Global Greens farmers are former refugees who are creating paths to self-sufficiency through sustainable agriculture. By joining the Global Greens CSA, you're eating healthy, chemical-free produce and supporting Global Greens farmers at the same time! For just around \$30.00 a week, you'll receive a weekly box of Iowa favorites and a couple of surprises from the farmer's home countries. Pick up your vegetables in Ankeny, West Des Moines, Des Moines, or get home delivery! Sign up online at [Iowa.org/csa](http://Iowa.org/csa) or reach out to Daniel Bowser and [Daniel.bowser@Iowa.org](mailto:Daniel.bowser@Iowa.org).

### **Note about the copier usage and availability from the office:**

Please be aware that due to demands on the copier from Grace Kids Care (early in the week and sprinkled throughout), and Grace Staff (heavy in the middle and end of the week), the copier may not always be available on the day of an event/activity. Large print runs can take a few hours, and cannot easily be stopped in the middle. We really don't like saying no, but we also know you appreciate having the bulletins and announcements ready to go on Sunday, and sometimes even our planned schedule is thrown off by needed repairs and other church events that take priority. Please plan ahead or feel free to call and ask when the copier will be available – we'll be happy to let you know.

### **Lutheran Lakeside introduces their new Executive Director Brittney Swanson**

Beginning May 2018

You'll be able to read more on the Lutheran Lakeside webpage in the coming weeks. In the meantime, you can also check out all the different summer (and non-summer!) camp and activity offerings!

<https://www.lutheranlakeside.com/>

### **Travel to Dubai and India with Dr. Mark Mattes**

Explore and enjoy two very different and diverse cultural and historical experiences by joining a **Grand View University sponsored professional development and cultural immersion trip to Dubai and India in March 2019.**

Dubai is home to the world's tallest building, a man-made island archipelago, plenty of fine dining, and an ancient culture that has leapt from desert tents to skyscraper condos in less than 50 years. In India, you'll explore the "Golden Triangle," from fascinating and exotic Delhi, to Agra and the Taj Mahal, one of the world's most fascinated monuments, to Jaipur, the "pink city," full of lavish mansions and palaces. There will be plenty of opportunities to explore local culture, religion, traditions and cuisine in both countries, which include a desert safari, elephant, rickshaw and boat rides, theater shows, and visit to spice, textile and gold markets. Group members will be staying at 4 and 5 star hotels, with local English-speaking guides accompanying the group in every location. The estimated cost of this all-inclusive trip is approximately \$4,800.

Tour leaders are GVV professors, Mark Mattes, Dmitry Yarushkin, and Hugh Stone. **Please contact Dr. Mark Mattes, Professor of Philosophy and Theology, at [mmattes@grandview.edu](mailto:mmattes@grandview.edu)** to indicate your interest in attending our first orientation meeting and to reserve your spot on this trip. **The first orientation meeting for this trip is scheduled for Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 1:30 pm at Krumm Auditorium on the Grand View University campus.** *If you know of others who might wish to join this tour, please share this information with them!*