The Friendly Visitor

July 2020



Online worship until further notice See page 3 for how to access

Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. Weekday morning Prayers 9:30 a.m.

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What is Worship

I will openly admit that I have never thought about that question as much as I have in the last couple of months. There was no class in seminary regarding the impact of a pandemic on worship. There were no subsections in worship class regarding the subtle theological differences between worship in-person, virtual, real-time, or prerecorded. There was a working assumption that worship meant a gathering of people for a common purpose. According to Merriam Webster, worship is defined as follows: "worship (noun): the acts or rites that make up a formal expression of reverence for a deity; a religious ceremony or ceremonies."

That definition may sound concise, but it does not provide much of an answer in a pandemic world. Worship now is either read or watched. Even the liturgy, which is translated "work of the people," is something that is observed more than a common work. We are finding that worship is in some ways more comfortable, as one can watch while wearing slippers, or even hit pause or mute if something else comes up. For children, worship has become nearly unbearable. The sights and sounds that inspire young minds are replaced by what is perceived as more screen time.

When we moved to one service, we placed value in community over convenience. When worship is taking place through a variety of means, there is gravity toward making things more convenient. We are making plans to move away from convenience and place the emphasis in the place that is the most authentic for Grace Lutheran Church, a sense of community.

We are planning a transition back to "live" worship on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. The services for June 28th and July 5th will be prerecorded and uploaded to Facebook and <u>www.gracedm.org</u> on the Saturday evening prior. On Sunday, June 28, there will be a live broadcast on Facebook Live of the same video that was uploaded the evening before. This way, if there are any glitches, the full service will be available on the Grace Lutheran Church page. On July 5th, we plan to add the option of a live feed directly from <u>www.gracedm.org</u>. We hope to move back to live worship on Sunday, July 12th, at 9:00 a.m.

Another way we are planning to place an emphasis on community, while maintaining safety, is to offer an FM broadcast of the worship service within a multiblock radius of the church. If all goes according to plan, you would be able to come to the parking lot and listen to the live worship service through your car stereo. To ensure safety of all, we ask that you remain in your cars. **Continued on page 5**

Happy July Birthday

- 1 Carl Feilmann Michael Nizzi Matthew Johnson
- 3 Dale Bordt Marilyn Anderson
- 4 Sawyer Shiffler
- 5 Levi Wilner
- 7 Rosella Dinaman
- 8 Donna Trickel
- 9 Carleigh Ridnour Henry Jordahl
- 11 Kristina Hutton Rebecca Lewis
- 12 Melissa Petty
- 13 Amy Westercamp Joshua Sherer
- 14 Amador Medina-Ruiz **Stacy Walters** Matthew Harbaugh Eric Selander Heather Honnold Bailey Woodruff
- 15 Serena Helton Rebecca Harmon Hannah Jensen
- 16 Melinda Scholten **Tracy Justice** Joviana Reyes
- 17 Lucille Krauss Jayne Mortenson **Christie Rosheim**
- 18 Bradley Nelson Anders Nelson Adam Friesth **Eric Friesth**
- 19 Deanna Snyder
- 20 Krista Nelson Martha Kaleewoun
- 21 Robyn Reha Christian Culp
- 22 Kathryn Schaller 23 - Pat Bordt
- Linda Biegger
- 24 Jacob Gibney Declan Holst
- 25 Justin Anderson
- 26 Morgan Mortenson
- 27 Jeff Robbins
- 29 Genaro Ruiz
- 30 Gary Denton
- 31 Emily Stowell

Happy July Anniversary

- 8 Ashley and Josh Lund

- 21 Loree and Tim Nelson
- 22 Cathy and Dean Watson
- 24 Penny and Michael Hansen





Our sympathies are with:

The family of Theodore (Ted) Tussing

Congregational Council Members

Since we are not meeting in person, we thought it would be a good idea to thank our **Congregational Council Members** for all the work they have been doing these past 4 months - and remind everyone who they are, since we aren't able to meet in



person! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, they would be happy to hear from you. You can find their contact information in the MyChurch Directory App, or call the office!

Current Council Members are:

Bruce Bergman Aaron Brandsfield Susanne Carney Nancy Crowfoot Valerie Culp Alex Davik Tammy Denton **David Gronert** Sally Preston John Roehrick Dean Watson Carter Woodruff

Online Worship: Are you a participant or a spectator?

So much has changed since we last met in early March, and as Pastor Mike has said, we didn't think we would still be doing this in July. Yet here we are looking farther out, and still working on finding ways to do better.



A comment during one of the Sunday Virtual Coffee hours got us thinking

about how everyone is engaging at home. Some members find it hard to concentrate at home, and have found that listening to worship while walking in nature really helps them focus on the message. We know kids are having a hard time, and most of us really enjoy being able to see who else is watching with us, and are eagerly anticipating our return to live worship in a few weeks (see page 1 & 5 for details).

Between staff discussions, comments from members, and a few articles, we've come up with some tips for helping us become more of a participant engaging in worship than a spectator:

1. Create a sacred space. This could be a separate corner just worship, or the spot you work in or watch TV and movies, set up once a week just for worship. Instead of comfy blankets and popcorn bowls, think about finding a cloth to use as a parament, a special candle to light each week, a special plate and glass for the bread and wine, a place on the side for the ELW Hymnal, or something else that you think of when you think of the sanctuary. Using the same set-up each week can help put you in the frame of mind for worship.

2. Check in with friends – especially if the worship is live, log in early, say hello and good morning for the sense of community and to know you aren't watching alone. Consider texting a friend, or listening over the phone with someone (if it isn't a distraction).

3. Join in and be active. This isn't a movie where someone will shush you – go ahead and read the responses out loud! Sing along – the music is now included in the weekly worship materials on the website, or if you want to use the hymnal, we can help get you a copy of the ELW. If you are physically able, stand up when you would normally stand up, or to sing. Take time to share the peace if you are worshipping with others in your home, or make the sign of the cross if you are alone.

4. Share prayer needs. Grace is still publishing the names of those who have asked for prayers – find them in the weekly announcements on the website. If you have a need – please contact the church office or Pastor Mike to let us know, whether you want us to share with the congregation, or with only the Pastor. If you are a member of the Abiding Grace Facebook group, you can share there as it is a private group.

5. Take notes. Print off the worship materials, or keep a pad of paper and write down things that stand out to you. Then after the worship, take a little time to ask yourself questions about what you heard. Often when we listen to a message we typically ask questions like, "Did I agree with that?" Or, "Did I like that?" Those aren't bad questions, but consider other questions you might ask; such as, "What did I learn about Jesus?" Or, "What changes could I make based on what I heard?"

6. Think about discussing them later over the phone with your friends from church, or chat on the Abiding Grace page.

7. Don't compare between churches and congregations - It's an incredibly challenging time for everyone, and every congregation has different needs, desires, staff and technology. What you might intend as a helpful suggestion could come across like hurtful criticism to someone who is working significantly more hours, and having to learn all new skills, to make worship services available while keeping up with ever-changing data and their usual duties and cares.

8. Express Gratitude. It happens on a Sunday morning when we are present together – thanking the ushers, Pastor for the message, the musicians for their beautiful or moving offerings, the person serving coffee. But since we're not in person, it is too easy to turn off the monitor at the end and move on. Staff and volunteers miss you as much as you miss coming to the building, and hearing that you appreciated a message or an effort can go a long way.

Church Council Highlights At the May, 2020 Church Council Meetings:

The Council met utilizing the Zoom teleconferencing application.

- The Council received and discussed the financial report. Church income remains solid, with a net income for April of \$6,400. Daycare finances were understandably poor for April with the Daycare closed and no income. The PPP loan should help the Daycare considerably.
- The Daycare reopened May 26th, with most of the staff returning for work. The portable sinks are in and operational. There are special precautions and guidelines in place for <u>anyone</u> entering the building.
- Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) Loan: The Council was furnished with the details of the PPP loan awarded in the amount of \$113,817. The loan term is 24 months with a maturity date of 5/19/2022. First monthly payment is due 12/19/2020 in the amount of \$6,405.21.
- It was moved, seconded, and passed to proceed with the Mediacom proposal for high speed internet access. The new equipment will provide the speed necessary for live streaming of worship services as well as enough bandwidth for simultaneous use in the building. The annual increase in cost for the new access is \$1,740.
- The Council discussed returning to in-person worship. There is a task force in place to study the issue. It was generally felt that we are still some months away from in-person worship.
- The Council was informed that the contract for the new air conditioning unit to replace the one at the north end of Grace Hall has been signed and the down payment has been made. The Capital Campaign Committee will be designing a drive and mailing out pledge cards to complete the financing of this purchase. (Note: there was a special vote taken by e-mail on May 14th to seek Council approval of this purchase. The vote to approve was unanimous.)
- General discussion:
 - Aaron Brandsfield suggested that the men's group look into proceeding with the installation of the pergola.
 - Nancy Crowfoot informed the Council that the Beaverdale Farmers' Market will no longer allow a tent to be erected, nor will they allow any of the hands-on craft projects that have been provided in the past. Sadly, this appears to be another casualty of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Respectfully submitted, David F. Gronert Council Secretary

Finance Report – May Results

Financial results for May YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings Actual \$173,391, Budget \$175,942
- Other Income Actual \$9,590, Budget \$11,875
- Expenses Actual \$177,150, Budget \$190,296
- Net activity Actual \$5,831, Budget (\$2,479)



Actual net activity was favorable to budget primarily due offerings above budget. Continued giving during these uncertain times is appreciated. Maintenance and utility activity was also under budget due to lack of occupancy. During the month, Grace received \$44,150 and daycare received \$69,307 under the CARES act – Payroll Protection Plan. These loans will be forgiven if utilized in accordance with program guidelines.

What is Worship, Pastor Mikes Front Page, continued from page 1

Even while inside the vehicle, you would be able to see others. We may even have you honk at different parts of the service so those at home know that you are there.

Truth be told, worship will look different for a lot of people for quite a while. We will continue to struggle for a simple answer to the question of "what is worship?" However, even while on this journey together, we can place our value in building a sense of community together. Whatever shape worship takes on a given week; the emphasis is on the community of faith. You are not alone. We are in this together.

As always, if you have ideas regarding worship or how to make it more meaningful, please reach out to me at <u>mike@gracedm.org</u>.

Peace, Pastor Mike

Accessing Online Worship

Updates and live links, can be found online at our website in the news section at <u>https://gracedm.org</u> Written materials and Announcements can be found in the Resources section of the website. Click on the word Resources at the top right of any page of the website and go from there!

For those who are not using social media, computers, or smart phones, please call the office and we will happily mail you a copy of the worship materials to use at home.

Facebook

For those gathering through Facebook, the Grace Lutheran Church page will go live on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and weekday mornings at 9:30 a.m. If you are unable to gather at that time, the service will be uploaded into the video section shortly after the service concludes. If not on Facebook, you can still access the videos at this link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/626637384050683/</u> The worship video will start when Pastor Mike starts.

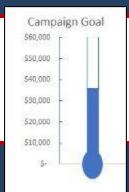
July 5 & 12 worship

The service will be a Service of the Word and pre-recorded. This worship service will be posted on the Grace Lutheran Church website (<u>www.gracedm.org</u>) and the congregational Facebook page. This video will post on Saturday evening. The video will also post to Facebook live on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. There have been too many glitches with the Zoom platform to consistently rely on it as an avenue for "virtual worship."

Worship July 19, 26

We hope to move back to live worship on Sunday, July 19th, at 9:00 a.m.. We plan to add the option of a live feed directly from <u>www.gracedm.org</u> pending website programming.

Sunday Morning Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour begins at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings (July 12, 19, and 26. We will not share coffee-time on July 5th because of the holiday). Links can be found in the Thursday afternoon enews (due to staff vacations the July 12 information will be sent a day late on FRIDAY, July 10) and in the file section of the Abiding Grace Facebook group.



Mini" Capital Campaign Project Update

Thank you to everyone who has pledged funds for the AC unit. We are currently at 60% of our goal. Keep those pledges coming! If you have any questions about the campaign, please contact Tammy Denton at 515-779-0301 or <u>chastam@mchsi.com</u> or Aaron Brandsfield at 515-681-6239 or <u>aaron@brandsfield.com</u>

Youth Ministry – Active Grace Contact ellen@gracedm.org

Garage Sale News!

Yes, the Garage Sale was postponed.

No, we aren't rescheduling just yet and we're rather sad about it. Early in the pandemic, we had discussed the possibility of a Fall sale. However with the uncertainties of being able to have a larger group cycling in and out of Grace Hall and concerns over the ability to sanitize as needed, it is better to be safe. We do know we will continue to have the plant sale each spring, and hope we might be able to have a garage sale of some sort in 2021.

The Annual Garage and Plant Sale is an amazing event that:

- helps us share the things we no longer need, resulting in a cleaner, less cluttered living space.
- helps others find treasures, games, needed clothes, at a cost that fits their budget. The
 parents who originally dreamed this up decided on a freewill offering. This not only allows us
 to save volunteer time by avoiding pricing and haggling over items, but makes it easy for
 those on limited budgets to purchase what they need for what they can offer.
- supports our youth with the income generated. With this once a year event, the youth account grows by \$2000-\$4000 yearly without the need to sell magazines, popcorn, cookies, candybars, etc.

How is the garage sale money used?

- Every three years a group of students from Grace, along with a few adult leaders, attend the ELCA Youth Gathering. Each family contributes a small amount and pays for group teeshirts and meals, but for the most part Gathering, travel, and hotel fees are covered. The next Gathering is in Minnesota in 2021, and as of right now the Gathering is still on. We will be in touch with families later this year as more information regarding preparation becomes available.
- Grace students have also gone on other service learning trips, such as the 2017 trip with Ellen
 Rooted: a partner synod journey between the Southeastern Iowa and Grand Canyon Synods.

What can you do to help?

- Grace has a scholarship fund available for those who need assistance with their portion and other expenses related to the Gathering and other service learning trips. If you would like to contribute, send a check to the office with "Youth Trip Scholarship" in the memo line.
- Grace members have been generous in the past, donating funds in lieu of purchasing more "stuff" from the garage sale. If this is something you like to contribute to, contact Denise, or send a donation marked "Youth Trips" to the office.

We are usually in in good financial shape a year or even two before the Gathering, but have always discussed "paying it forward" to help set up the next group of youth to be able to attend. With current realities, this will be extra important to help future high school youth attend future Gatherings.

As always, we thank you for your support!

If you have been spending your extra time at home cleaning out closets as we have, and don't want to hang onto it all for another 8 months, check out page X for a list of places you can contact to donate your items.

More recipes needed for the New Grace Lutheran Cookbook!

We have been collecting and sharing the recipes sent in so far and are nearing the end of the stack – if you haven't yet sent in a recipe or are still deciding, that's ok! We will continue to share them in the enews, weekly announcements (found on our website) and the monthly newsletter when they are available.

We're enjoying tasting all your favorites, and look forward to more! If you would like to share a recipe and the story behind it (if there is one), please either type it up and email it to Emma at <u>emma@gracedm.org</u>, OR write it out and mail to the church at 5201 Urbandale Ave, Des Moines 50310.

What is YOUR tried and true favorite recipe?

Chicken – Sausage Gumbo Recipe makes 20 cups Gumbo

Dave Gronert

Ingredients

2 lbs. Sausage (Like Italian or Polish, but not too spicy. *Not loose sausage.*) cut into ¼ inch thick slices Canola oil as needed to saute

2 lg. Onions, coarsely chopped

2 red bell peppers, seeded and coarsely chopped

2 c. celery, cut into 1/4 inch slices

4 tsp. Cajun seasoning (see below)

2 48 oz. Containers chicken broth (you may need more to adjust thickness of gumbo or stretch recipe!)

2 rotisserie chickens, boned and cubed

2 lg. Cans diced tomatoes, drained

Cornstarch as needed for thickening

Dave's secret ingredient: one package of Vigo red beans and rice

Directions

1) In a large skillet cook sausage slices over medium heat until done (7-10 min.) Drain, blot with a paper towel and set aside.

2) Wipe out skillet and add a bit of oil. Add onions, peppers, and celery and saute over medium heat until softened and onions are translucent. Remove from skillet and set aside.

3) In large pot bring ONE of the broth containers to boil. Add the packaged red beans and rice and simmer until tender.

4) Add remaining carton of broth, sausage, veggie mixture, tomatoes, and 4 tsp. Cajun seasoning. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to low, simmer for 30 min.

5) Add chicken. Taste and adjust seasoning.

6) In a small bowl mix 1 tbsp. Of corn starch with a couple tbsp. Liquid (preferably broth, but water is fine). Add to pot a little bit at a time to thicken gumbo until you like the consistency. Adjust with broth or more cornstarch mixture if needed.

7) Turn off heat and let the pot "coast" until cool enough to place in storage containers. Be sure to stir occasionally to avoid burning or sticking.

8) To serve, simply reheat over medium low heat until hot. Crumbled bacon is a nice topping but not necessary.

Cajun Seasoning

1 tsp. McCormick season salt1 tsp. Smoked paprika½ tsp. Salt½ tsp. Black pepper1 tsp. Oregano1 tsp. Onion powder1 tsp. Garlic powder1 tsp. thyme



LSI's Host Homes Program

Each year, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) empowers hundreds of Iowans with disabilities. And despite the COVID-19 pandemic, this year is no different. There is no greater joy for us than seeing an individual develop greater independence, find their confidence, and thrive. And through our innovative

Host Homes program, LSI has found a new way to lift up our lowa neighbors and keep them safe in times of crisis.

Through the program, adults with disabilities (or "mentees") move from a supported community living setting – like a 24-hour, fully staffed home with roommates – and into a private family home with a Host Homes "mentor." LSI collaborates with the individuals we serve and the contracted mentors to ensure each match is the perfect fit and create a shared living opportunity that is beneficial to mentors and mentees. With the extra safety precautions associated with COVID-19, this program is a safe option where participants are in a home setting, interacting with one trusted mentor instead of several staff members.

LSI is seeking compassionate and dedicated caregivers to join us in the mission. If you have room in your heart and in your home, being a Host Homes mentor might be for you! Visit LSIowa.org/HostHomes to learn more. If you are interested in supporting crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the Iove 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 <u>www.LSIowa.org</u> and <u>www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa</u>.

We are Still Here: LSI's Services for People with Disabilities

Becky, an LSI Direct Support Professional, supports her client every day through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. During the COVID-19 crisis, Becky has spent her shifts adding extra safety measures and precautions so she and her client could safely go to the grocery store for food and supplies when the time came.

But her client regularly experiences PTSD, depression, and anxiety, among other mental health conditions, and the isolation and crisis measures around COVID-19 only heightened her experience of these conditions. Becky knew she needed to do something to keep her client feeling comfortable and safe.

During their sessions together, Becky makes sure they practice good hand washing and wear masks. Her client knows she has someone walking alongside her every step of the way, and the client's young daughter found a way to thank Becky for her work: a picture with the words, "I don't like COVID-19, but I'm happy when you come over."

"I can't imagine not seeing my clients through this," Becky says. "We are all in this together."

DMARC Requested Donations: Cash

DMARC is able to purchase more per dollar in bulk than we can in person, and is both easier and safer for many at this time. Checks may be mailed to the address below, and food donations may be dropped off at the DMARC Food Pantry Network Warehouse, located at 1435 Mulberry Street in downtown Des Moines.

I cleaned out my closets during the pandemic: now what?

Some donation sites are slowly opening up with restrictions, we have listed a few here. Some require you to make an appointment for drop off, some will pick up, and some are only accepting in-season items right now. We encourage you to contact an organization before heading out.

The Central Iowa Shelter & Services Clothing Closet:

The closet has clothes for adult men and women of all sizes as well as warmer clothing and winter accessories during cold weather. The clothing closet is open to anyone in the community in need of clothes.

You can support the clothing closet by donating clothes, hats, gloves, coats, socks, underwear, etc. as well as by volunteering to keep the closet open and serving those in need. Donations of food and paper products as well as fresh produce, are welcome at any time for the food pantry.

They will also accept items such as Can openers, Pots, Pans, Plates, Bowls, Silverware, Travel sized toiletries, shower sandals, Gently used pants, bras, shoes, and socks.

For more information you can contact Melissa Gradischnig at (515) 564-5752 or <u>melissag@centraliowashelter.org</u>.

YMCA Supportive Housing

For links to their In Kind Donation list, and their Amazon wish list, see: <u>https://www.dmymca.org/locations/ymca-supportive-housing-campus/volunteer</u>

We have made a promise to support our residents from the moment they walk in our door. We rely on the generosity of individuals and group partners for the donation of items to fulfill this promise. Donated items fill our food/hygiene/clothing pantry with dignity and support. Donations fill Welcome Home care packages for new residents with hope and care. Be a part of providing needs and wants to those in need of a hand up, not a handout.

Donation hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday & Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Email <u>Sarah Wigen</u> for more information.

Hope Ministries:

Hope Ministries operates two thrift stores in the Des Moines area, offering reasonably priced new and used clothing, shoes, furniture, household goods and more. We also accept donations at both locations.

Reopening Update: Both of our ENCORE Thrift Stores have reopened with adjusted hours and health/safety guidelines in place. Here's what you need to know:

- Current shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- We are accepting donations. Donation hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- We're taking extra safety precautions to make donating and shopping as safe as possible for everyone. Our staff members and volunteers will be wearing face masks.

Little Free Pantry Fourth of July

While we're talking about donating – Food Pantries and Little Free Pantries (LFP) around the metro, including our LFP, are getting some serious use. Every time I'm out in the church garden, two-three people stop by. I am usually absorbed in what I am doing, so often I don't realize someone is there till I hear voices, so I never know who is stocking it and who is taking what they need. But the pantry is being used, and right now (July 30) it is quite bare. In addition to personal hygiene items, snacks, and staples, consider contributing favorite Fourth of July meals: chips, baked beans to go with hot dogs, buns and condiments, cake mix and frosting, jello. No sparklers please, but kid friendly surprises such as freeze-ices (unfrozen, of course!) pinwheels, bubbles, sidewalk chalk can be a nice surprise. Don't forget bandaids, sunscreen, Neosporin, and wipes too: kids get into scrapes and these items are expensive!



Sunday Donuts!

We know we have shared this in other ways, but in case you missed it – Donut Hut is open again! We're excited to be able to help them out. If you're in the mood for a sweet treat – or something to enjoy during our Sunday morning Virtual get-togethers, check them out! On Douglas, catty-corner from Moor eElementary!

Member Online Directory

If you have a computer or smart phone, you can access the online directory from the Resources Section of our webpage <u>https://gracedm.org/resources/member-online-directory-access/</u> There you will find directions for logging in. Since only members are allowed access, you can be certain your contact information is private. This also means that, if we didn't have your email when the directory was created, you won't be able to log in until we add you. Contact <u>Denise@gracedm.org</u>. Once your email has been added you will be able to edit and update your address, phone numbers, emails, add a family photo if you want, and see the addresses of other Grace members.

If you want to download the directory app for your phone, go to the Play Store (Android) or the Apple App Store and search for Instant Church Directory.



Grace Vegetable Garden, watched over by Mr. Scarecrow. Photo by Carla Peterman, June 2020



The beautiful entryway garden maintained by Marilyn Nizzi



Emma baked Carla Peterman's Kuchen recipe.



Michelle made Connie Heutons' Aunts Chocolate Chip recipe.