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Sunday Schedule - summer

9:00 a.m. Worship, in-person and Online
10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee

Morning Prayer Tues & Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
[@Gracelutherandm](https://www.facebook.com/Gracelutherandm)

Office & Open Building Hours
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Pentecost

How do you describe the Holy Spirit? That is a question that perplexes even the wisest of Lutherans. We do not spend much time talking about the Holy Spirit, which only perpetuates the sense of mystery and the unknown. This coming Sunday (May 28) is Pentecost Sunday. In many Lutheran congregations, this is THE Sunday when the Holy Spirit is discussed. We dress in red. Sometimes we read in other languages. We gather at the marvel of the work of the Holy Spirit that is told in the second chapter of Acts.

That story is magnificent. There is the sound of a great wind that sweeps through, and suddenly tongues of fire appear over the disciples and each of them begins to speak in other languages. It is an unimaginable scene as the Holy Spirit arrives. It, honestly, is a little frightening. I am not sure many of us would very it as a comfortable experience if the same thing happened in Grace Hall during a luncheon, suddenly seeing a flickering flame hovering over people while they burst forth speaking other languages. To be honest, I would be a bit freaked out and I do not think I am alone in that.

It is no wonder we Lutherans, or even most mainline denominations, do not discuss the Holy Spirit very much. When our speaking of the Holy Spirit involves settings like the second chapter of Acts, it is also unnerving. It is difficult to imagine what such a scene would look like today. On Pentecost, we robe the Sanctuary in Red and open our eyes and ears to the Holy Spirit. We open our hearts to God doing something unimaginable through the Holy Spirit, while also recognizing we do not fully know for what we should be looking. Red and fire are often used to show the mystery of the Holy Spirit. Both, in the secular arena, symbolize danger. It is no wonder we have problems leaning into the work of the Holy Spirit.

I find myself thinking about the Orthodox Church's approach to the Holy Spirit. The key text at Pentecost is not the
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Happy June Birthday

- 1 - Danielle Russell
- 2 - Dean Watson
- 4 - Leslie Denton
Virgil Olson
- 5 - Molly Riordan
Natasha Voelker
- 6 - Debbie Curry
- 7 - Livia Ocken
- 8 - Elijah Lund
Matt Radermacher
Samuel Ruiz
- 10 - Brian Riordan
- 11 - Jacob McCann
- 13 - Stacy Speck
Michele Turner
- 14 - Joshua Habick
Joel Holst
MeLissa Lawson
- 15 - Zoe Volius
- 16 - Joseph Honsey
- 17 - Curt Johansen
Matthew Jordahl
Eugene Krauss
Rita Stackhouse
- 18 - Arbor Calahan
Marilyn Nizzi
Cecelia Stammer
- 21 - Paul Kallenbach
Jay Lounsberry
Zayden Appenzeller
- 22 - Martha Mitchell
- 23 - Sharena Appenzeller
Megan Riordan
Delmar Vernia
- 27 - Donald Schouten
- 28 - Dana Roby
- 29 - Elizabeth Gronert
- 30 - Steve McCann



Prayers and Sympathies

We hold the families and loved ones of the following people in our hearts and prayers:

The Family of Joan Pierce
The Family of Elaine Westvold
The family of Joann Pierce
The Family of Brad Niemuth – son of Lynn Niemuth



Happy June Anniversary

- 6 - Rick and Lori Fry
- 8 - Bruce and Barbara Bergman
- 9 - Matthew and Kara Jordahl
- 10 - Kevin and Jeanne Drury
Jon and Jeanine Rutter
- 13 - Greg and Jill Boeschen
- 14 - Robert and Rita Stackhouse
Rick and Emma Stammer
- 19 - Nick and Kristin Medhurst
- 24 - Leonard and Helen Ringgenberg
Rev. Gregory and Rita Davis
- 25 - Eugene and Lucille Krauss
- 27 - Jeff and Nancy Robbins



Thank you !

Thank you to everyone who contributed a gift card, as well as the microwave and dining room table/chairs to help get Vicar Adam off to a good start!

Thank you to everyone who helped Vicar Bunny pack up her trailer to move back to Wartburg.

Help moving residences!

Thank you to everyone who is helping to move all of the Grace Intern items from Vicar Bunny's residence to Vicar Adams.

If you can join Carter Woodruff, Pastor Mike, and Carter's friend, meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Carter will have a trailer, and the move between residences is only a few blocks apart in the Beavertdale neighborhood.

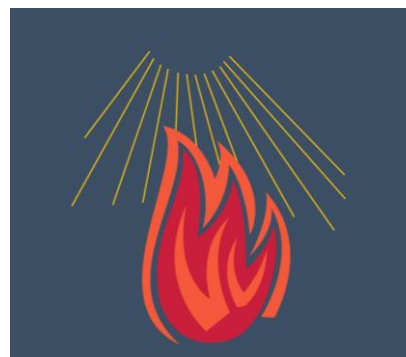
Moving Vicar Adam?

Adam will be moving the week of June 12, we'll share information if he needs help unloading. But the major furniture will already be in place!



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text from Acts, but the 20th chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, where Jesus giving of the Holy Spirit is in the act of breathing, and the words “Receive the Holy Spirit.” In the Orthodox tradition, Red is not the color for the Holy Spirit. Instead, it is Green, symbolizing life. It is not a view of the Holy Spirit that clings to the unimaginable work through dramatic events. It is a view of the Holy Spirit as breath, and that which gives life. Green appearing in nature becomes the symbolism of time you inhale and exhale, you remember the work of the Holy Spirit. The stigma of the dramatic scene in Acts gives way to a view of the Holy Spirit flowing in and out and through our very being, giving life.



Both views are valid, and both are necessary. There will be times in life when the Holy Spirit works in ways that take your breath away, and you are stunned and surprised. There are other times when the Holy Spirit gives breath and sustains. Whether as individuals, community of faith, synod, denomination, of all of humanity, we need both. May we remember this as we approach Pentecost. May we lean into the work of the Holy Spirit. May we find comfort in the various ways the Holy Spirit works in, with, and through us.

Pastor Mike

Finance Report – April Results

Financial results for April YTD are as follows:

- Income – Actual \$129,818, Budget \$146,767, Prior Year \$133,732
- Expenses – Actual \$163,604, Budget \$154,033, Prior Year \$133,107
- Net activity – Actual (\$33,786), Budget (\$7,267), Prior Year \$626



Activity for the year continues to be significantly below budget by \$27K. Offerings were below budget \$17K and expenses were over budget by \$9K due to needed work on the furnace.

New Member Classes with Pastor Mike

If you are interested in becoming a member of Grace, the next new member classes will be held on Sunday, June 11, and on a Sunday in August, date to be determined. **If you are interested**, contact Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org or 515/276-6873

Little Free Pantry Request: Hygiene items

It's the time of year when personal the choice between food, medical bills, and being presentable at a job can become a hard choice. Deodorant, soap, dry shampoo, as well as sunscreen for those who work in the sun.

You can set up recurring monthly donations through our secure [GIVE](#) page. This allows our shoppers to purchase items on sale and in bulk!

2023 Grace Car Show
Don't Miss The Fun – It Could Be Electric!
All Are Invited!

Grace will hold its third annual car show on Wednesday, June 21st (with a rain date of Wednesday, June 28th) in the Grace parking lot from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Any changes in the date will be announced on the Grace page on Facebook. Food (hot dogs and chips) and drink (water) will be available. The main purpose of this event is to raise funds for Grace Member Care but to have fun and socialize while we're at it. There's a good chance we'll have our first electric vehicle at the show this year so come out and see it if you're intrigued!

Entry fee: \$20 per vehicle or \$10 for motorcycles. If you have any kind of vehicle (car, motorcycle, pickup, SUV, hybrid, electric, even kid's cars!) that is special to you, please feel free to bring it. You do not have to own a show car or sports car. Be prepared to talk about it with the folks that are there as almost every vehicle has a story behind it. (This may even give you a good reason to clean up your vehicle if it needs a good cleaning!)

Who Can Enter: Grace Church members, their families, and family friends. Please let us know by Sunday, June 18th if you plan to bring an entry...this helps us plan for food and parking space. However, all are invited to attend even if you do not have an entry in the show and just want to look!

How to Enter: Contact Michelle (michelle@gracedm.org) or Kevin Drury (kdrury@hedlinag.com) or 515.681.2770 to enter your vehicle. We do need to have an idea of how many vehicles to expect so that enough of the parking lot can be roped off for the car show vehicles. Car show entries will be parked on the west side of the Grace parking lot.

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Food will be available during the evening.

Who Do I Talk to with Questions? Feel free to call or text Kevin Drury (515.681.2770) or email kdrury@hedlinag.com with any questions.



Lydia/Martha Circle will meet again on Thursday, June 15 @ 9:30 a.m. in Grace Hall. for a brief business meeting, refreshments. All women of Grace are welcome to join us!



Notes from Rich



How does an organist choose a registration (a group or combination of organ sounds) to accompany a particular hymn? The tonal options available to an organist are much broader than those to other instrumentalists. Piano, guitar, drum, trumpet, or strings have limited tonal variety. A piano sounds like a piano; a violin like a violin. But the pipe organ possesses a multitude of

sounds which can be selected in various combinations to produce unique sounds. These sounds can be used to convey messages beyond setting the tempo, leading the melody, and defining the harmony. The decision processes which lead to registrations are the subject of this issue of Notes from Rich.

The term registration refers to the combination of stops (ranks of pipes) selected together to produce a desired sound from the organ. Deciding on a registration for a given hymn verse (or even portion of a verse) begins with a few basic considerations. First, what volume of singing energy is appropriate? On Christmas Eve when singing “Silent Night” (ELW #281), the registration should be composed of a few ranks of soft sounding flute or string pipes. The resulting combined sound should be loud enough to be heard throughout the sanctuary, but subdued enough to convey a sense of peace, quiet, and wonderment. The addition of a rank one octave above the usual pitch will help the singers hear the music more clearly and sing the correct pitches. Alternately on Christmas Eve, when singing “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (ELW #283), the registration should convey a message of coming together in joy by using bright sounds with adequate volume so that the singers will sing out. Additional ranks one and two octaves above the usual pitch should be used. However, when the refrain comes, the registration should be temporarily reduced in volume and then increased as the words “O comes let us adore him” are repeated suggesting a procession of worshippers coming from a distance toward and into the church. The words in each verse of each hymn can offer clues as to what volume is appropriate for that verse, and the organist selects combinations of ranks that will provide music to match those clues.

After considering the appropriate volume for the musical accompaniment, a registration can be selected that reflects the meaning of the words in a hymn. For instance, the fourth verse of the hymn “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (ELW #597) begins “When he shall come with trumpet sound,” and these words could be emphasized by adding the trumpet stop to the registration for this verse. For the hymn “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” (ELW #400), the third verse contains the words earthquake and thunder. The organist could play two adjacent low pedal notes giving a rumbling sound suggestive of earthquake or thunder. On the opposite end of the volume spectrum, the second verse of “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (ELW #631) begins “Breathe, oh breathe, thy loving spirit,” and these words could be emphasized with a soft registration.

Not every hymn will have words that elicit such clearly defined opportunities for defined registrations as these examples. However, these examples do give insights into the considerations an organist ponders when making registration decisions.

Happy Father's Day!

At LSI, we strive to empower and celebrate fathers and father figures in every stage of their life. This Father's Day, take some time to celebrate and show appreciation to all the male role models in your life.



Through our Early Childhood Services, we provide fathers with the education and resources they need to become the best parents and caregivers they can be. In our Clinical Services Department, we support fathers and father figures by providing individuals with mental health counseling and the tools they need to create bright futures for their families. Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. In our Foster Care and Adoption services, we support male individuals through the process of expanding their families, or becoming a new parent altogether.

We are able to provide these services to fathers of young children with the generous support from people like you! Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 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 LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Providing Support for First-Time Parents

Brandon and Nevaeh first heard about LSI's Early Childhood services at the hospital, following the birth of their first child. As many first-time parents, they were looking for support and guidance through this exciting time in their life.

"I'm really glad that we took the leap and chose to participate in LSI's Early Childhood program. This program has taken a lot of stress off of us by providing us with resources that walk us through the developmental process, and to know where our baby is at through each stage," said Brandon.

Brandon and Nevaeh work with Erica, an LSI Family Support Worker in our Early Childhood department. "The home-visits with Erica have been extremely beneficial," expressed Brandon. "The resources and educational materials she provides us help us to understand the developmental milestones that we should be expecting at every stage of our child's life." "Our baby is 10 months old now, and we are still learning a lot through LSI's Early Childhood program. Having support groups and people that you can reach out to with questions is essential," said Brandon. "To any first-time parents, I'd definitely recommend LSI's Early Childhood program."

Hymn Game

Our ELW is a fantastic anthology of different orders of service, communion settings, and assembly song resources. Taken from its introduction on pg. 7, "*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* is a core rather than a comprehensive resource. The collection of materials is more expansive than its predecessor [the LBW]; it reflects a body of prayer and song that our churches consider worthy to hold in common...The book contains notable representatives of a wide variety of liturgical texts and musical forms that point to larger repertoires outside this volume."

As music minister, I get a lot of comments on how the hymns are categorically arranged and questions about why and when we sing from the different thematic categories. For example, "Why don't we sing all Lenten hymns in worship during the season of Lent?" and "Why is Joy To The World in the Advent section when we've always sung it as a Christmas song?" The general answer to these questions is that the ELW was never intended to mandate or micromanage its use, but rather to inform and guide worshipers through the church year. As written on pg. 8, "...it seeks to make more transparent the principle of fostering unity without imposing uniformity." Having studied the hymn texts as much as I have, I feel that it would be a narrow approach, and indeed a disservice to Lutherans, to sing only hymns in the suggested categories that match the name of the church season.

To demonstrate this, I've put together a little matching game for you to exercise your liturgical knowledge! Listed below are snippets from the text of 6 different hymns in the ELW for you to match with their respective listed thematic categories. Your theme choices are: ADVENT, HOLY WEEK/THREE DAYS, END TIME, COMMITMENT/DISCIPLESHIP, PENTECOST, HOLY BAPTISM. Answers may be found at the end of the newsletter. Good luck!

Emma

- 1) "Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!"
- 2) "The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present."
- 3) "Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to share; go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near."
- 4) "I lay in fetters, groaning; you came to set me free. I stood, my shame bemoaning; you came to honor me."
- 5) "the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame."
- 6) "Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor let us from his pastures stray."

The Beaverdale Garden Walk will be held Saturday, June 19th, 2021 from 9 AM to 3 PM, rain or shine. Tickets will be available starting June 1st for \$8 in advance at several Beaverdale businesses: Back Country Outfitters, Beaverdale Books, Beaverdale Confections, Grounds for Celebration, and O'Donnell Ace Hardware. On Saturday, June 19 there will be a table set up outside of Grounds for Celebration to purchase tickets for \$10 until they are gone. The tickets will include the names and addresses of the gardens, descriptions of the gardens, a map, and our sponsors.

The Beaverdale Garden Walk has its own Facebook page with lots of photos. <https://www.facebook.com/Beaverdalegardenwalk>

For additional info or to volunteer, contact Nancy Dunbar at dunbar.nancy@gmail.com

Grace Lutheran Church Congregational Council Minutes

May 23 6:00 P.M. in Grace Hall

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order at 6:06 P.M. following a delicious dinner provided by Val.
2. Devotions – Pastor Mike – Acts 2, John 20; Pentecost Readings
3. Adoption of Agenda – Jenny moved to adopt the agenda with the two additions below, Aaron seconded, motion approved.
4. Approval of Minutes from 4/18/2023 – Greg moved, Kevin seconded, motion approved.
5. “Ideas that will get you fired” – none this month
6. Staff Reports – No specific issues noted.
7. Finance Report – Reviewed and accepted the financial report from the finance committee for the month.
8. New Business
 - a. Andrea Gorsh from Wood Roofing shared the history of work done at Grace to this point with handouts with photos.
 - b. Andrea will send whole roof replacement estimates to council for budgeting purposes.
 - c. Discussed initiating the inspections again, which will be at no charge for Grace. The previous inspections that were done twice a year stopped during the pandemic and didn’t restart due to staffing issues at Wood Roofing. Jenny moved to start twice a year inspections again at no charge, Greg seconded, motion approved.
 - d. Added to agenda - Juneteenth Celebration – Will recognize the holiday during worship and by using the outdoor sign. Council will review the calendar and update the personnel policy as needed prior to 2024 holiday schedule.
 - e. Added to agenda – Share devotions for each meeting. Carter will do devotions for June.
9. Old Business
 - a. John Trickel shared some information related to quotes received from Dayton and Bell Bros. John will provide a list of questions to council to discuss with the companies.
 - b. Car Show scheduled for Wed. June 21, 6-8pm, rain date June 28. Kevin will manage the registrations. Carter, Aaron, and Tom will assist with food. Invite your friends and neighbors!
 - c. Housing for new Intern – Rental Agreement shared with Council, no issues.
 - d. Council Retreat – Saturday June 24, Start time 8 A.M. End around 3 P.M.
 - i. Constitution and Bylaws – identify small group to review council and committee structure updates in Bylaws. Updates to constitution requires two congregation meetings to pass.
 - ii. Endowment, Mini capital campaign
 - iii. The 5 Questions
 - iv. Reconciling in Christ
10. Adjournment – Carter adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.
11. Next meeting – Held at the beginning of the June 24 Retreat.

2023 Congregational Council Members

Term ends 2024: Aaron Brandsfield, Tom McCleary, Linda Moravec, Dean Watson

Term ends 2025: Carter Woodruff, Mike Hilsabeck, Kevin Drury, Jenny Rehder

Term Ends 2026 Valerie Culp, Greg Boeschen

ANSWERS: 1)Advent #264 2)Holy Week/3 Days #344 3)End Time #436 4)Advent #241
5)Commitment/Discipleship #800 6)Pentecost #404