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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship, in-person and Online
10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee
10:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Education

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

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

Spring

A couple of days ago I did something I do not recall ever doing before. I mowed the lawn while wearing an insulated coat. I should have worn insulated gloves instead of work gloves. It was cold, and there were even slight flurries in the sky at one point. The lawn is green. The trees are growing leaves. There are signs of life all around. Yet, it still feels like winter at times.

There is something magical about this time of year in the Midwest. It is as if winter and spring are in a game of tug of war. Spring slowly gains ground as the grass and trees come alive. The browns and grays of dormant trees and lawns change color. Green bursts forth, and flowers start to come to life, bringing a kaleidoscope of colors. There are reminders of Winter, but Spring is winning the day.

With Spring comes maintenance as well. Some plants need to be cut back so that new growth can begin. Others need to be pruned. The soil is cultivated in gardens, preparing the soil for new growth. Without such work, a plant can grow unhealthy. Without pruning, overgrowth can happen. Without cutting back some plants, there is not room for new life. Without cultivating, the soil becomes hard and it is more difficult for sun, air, and water to reach a plants roots. Sometimes, you must even till, digging even deeper, to prepare for something new or adding new soil or compost. Spring is beautiful, but it is also a lot of work.

We are a little over a month away from the big liturgical change to Green. Sunday, June 11th, will be the start of the Season after Pentecost, a time also referred to as the Time of the Church. This is a response to what is sometimes called the Time of Christ, which runs from the start of Advent through the Season of Easter. We hear the story of Christ, then the Church is called to respond to the Good News of Christ Jesus.

Sanctuaries around the world robe in the color Green, reminding us to tend to the work of sharing the Good News with others. Green is used to symbolize growth and life. Browns or other nature colors can also be used. The symbolism remains: growth and life.

Spring is a time to roll up the sleeves and get to work, cutting back, pruning, cultivating, tilling, and so much more. As a community of faith, what does this look like? Are there things we need to cut back to allow for new growth? Is there pruning that needs to be done? Has the soil become hard and in need of cultivating? Do we need to till to prepare for something new? It is a good time for such questions.

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Happy May Birthday

- 2 - Joshua Meadows
- 3 - Helen Ringgenberg
- 4 - John Roehrick
Todd Haugen
- 5 - Dylan Rutter
- 6 - Karla Swanson
Hannah Honsey
- 8 - Regan Nelson
- 10 - Claire Kallestad
- 11 - Jeffrey Rudisill
- 12 - Charlotte Nielsen
- 13 - Sally Preston
- 15 - Dmitri Woodruff
Ellen Wonderlin Wilke
Laurie Helton
- 16 - Laura Wonderlin Jones
- 17 - Meghan Sherer
Carol Krause
- 18 - Tim Nehmer
Inga Hoifeldt
Lori Fry
Kimberly Fenimore
- 19 - Megan Jensen
Chuck Denton
Bruce Bergman
- 21 - Barb Zimany
Kaylee Ringgenberg
Jacob Nordeen
Brenda Mann
Kenneth Carlson
- 23 - Jonay Trentmann
- 25 - Hal Turner
- 26 - John Schwemler
Devin Ashton
- 27 - Kate Sherer-Eichner
Courtney Brandsfield
Sue Anderson
- 28 - Linda Vernia
Rick Fry
- 29 - Kira Nehmer
Ralf Hoifeldt
Cal Wilner
- 30 - Loree Nelson
Torry Henderson
Jonathan Fry
- 31 - Lindsey Nelson
Barbara Bergman
Brianna Adams



Prayers and Sympathies

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

The Family of Lorna Johns
The Family of Carl Feilmann
Carol Krause on the loss of her brother



Happy May Anniversary

- 7 – Jon and Cherie Rissman
Justin and Carolyn Andersen
- 11 – Carter and Carol Woodruff
- 14 – Steve and Mary McCann
- 15 - Ro and Barb Zimany
- 21 - Mike and Tina Meadows
- 22 – Wayne and Debbie Curry
Mike and Susanne Carney
- 23 – Richard and Michelle Voelker
- 25 – Harlan and Jayne Mortenson
- 26 – Mike and Carla Peterman
- 27 – Todd and Angela Ringgenberg
- 30 - James and Kimberly Fenimore
- 31 – Duane and Linda Ulrick



Synod Revival Treats request

The Synod is looking for “homemade” cookies and treats for the Synod Revival on May 20 at Grand View University.



They are hoping to provide treats during the morning of the revival. Because of food service contracts with Grand View, they prefer for these to be “homemade”. The treats can be delivered to Grand View on the Saturday morning of the Revival. This could be by any individual or one person coordinating a delivery.

Would you be able/willing to coordinate pick-up from Grace and delivery to Grand View?

Would you be willing to donate a dozen or three cookies? Please contact the office (Michelle, Denise, or Bunny) if you can help! Thank you!

Dear Friends of Grace,

This is weird. I'm sitting here staring at the computer monitor knowing that this is the last newsletter I'll write as Vicar Bunny. It feels too early to say goodbye. I haven't done enough yet. One of my goals was to watch *The Vicar of Dibley* while I was a vicar. The mission was not accomplished. (It's not currently streaming on the platforms I use.) I'll even miss the title of Vicar. It's fun. No one knows what it is, making it a great conversation starter.



It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye, yet I am also excited as I think about the new opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, including graduation and my first call. I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for welcoming me into this community and for the love and support you have shown me during my time here. Your kindness and faith remain a source of inspiration and encouragement. Thank you for your spirit of generosity as I stumbled when learning how to lead worship, from mucking up the gospel acclamations (when there was a liturgist to respond) and even this past Sunday when I tried to join the ranks during the reception of new members. You have made this a safe place to learn, grow, and make mistakes.

I am grateful for the many ministries in which God has worked through this church to impact the lives of so many people. All the ways in which this community has come together to support one another and share the love of Christ with those in need are astounding! It has been an honor to be a part of this ministry and to serve alongside such a wonderful group of people.

As I prepare to embark on my final year at Wartburg Theological Seminary, I ask for your continued prayers and support. Please know that you will always hold a special place in my heart. I will carry the lessons, love, and experiences y'all have gifted me here at Grace and take them with me everywhere I serve.

My parting wisdom – Grace Lutheran looks different compared to 10 years ago. It will never be the same. I pray you can see the beauty of where Grace is now. Ministry is thriving. The Holy Spirit is moving in and through us as a community of faith, which moves us to act outside of these walls. Dream together. Grow together. Pray together. Love deeply. Seek God, always.

Peace, joy, and blessings to you, today and always,

Vicar Bunny

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Spring is winning the game of tug of war. There are signs of life all around. There are signs of life within the community of faith as well. It has been a long winter. In some ways it feels like three years of winter. Yet, there are so many signs of life bursting forth. Spring is coming. The Spirit is flowing. Let's work together on preparing the garden.

In Christ,
Pastor Mike

First Communion

Kylan Appenzeller, Jack Chenoweth, Declan Holst, Caden Mendez, and Daniel Robbins will celebrate their first communion on Sunday, May 7.



BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE
CALL OF ST. ANDREW'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

JONATHAN FRY

WILL BE ORDAINED INTO THE
MINISTRY OF WORD AND
SACRAMENT

Sunday, 4th June - 3:00pm
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
2000 S. Lemay Ave. Fort Collins, CO

Bishop Jim Gonia, Presiding

Rev. A.J. Houseman, Preaching

Rostered leaders are invited to vest.

All are invited to wear red

Livestream available at our-saviours.org

Reception to follow

Please welcome our newest members!

Pam Hellman, Carli Stee, Steve and Shirley Chicoine

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, August Sunday, date to be determined.

If you are interested, call the office to R.S.V.P, or find Pastor Mike after worship on the dates noted!
Or contact Pastor Mike Mike@gracedm.org or 515/276-6873.



Notes from Rich

One question asked about the pipe organ at Grace (or any other pipe organ) involves the control of the sound from the organ. It is easily understood that depressing a key or a pedal at the organ console causes sound to come from somewhere else in the sanctuary. But how does that work? What processes are involved that transfer the motion of a key or pedal at the console into air passing through a pipe resulting in a musical sound? Answering this question is the subject of this issue of Notes.



To begin, the subject of control can be divided into two categories: mechanical control and electrical control. Prior to the twentieth century, all pipe organs used a system called tracker action that connected the movements of keys and pedals to valves that opened and closed. This system is still used in some contemporary organs. When a key is depressed, a valve opens, and air flows into a pipe or pipes. When a key is released, a valve closes, and the air flow stops. A thin slat of wood, called a tracker, connects keys to valves located inside the wind chests sitting above the console (see vertical blue line in Figure 1). The keys move like levers with the fulcrum either in the middle of the key (as on a piano) or at the far end of the key. If the fulcrum is at the far end of the key as is B in Figure 1, then the middle of the key will drop when the key is depressed at A, and the tracker attached at this middle point will pull down on the valve to which it is attached admitting air to the pipe(s). If the

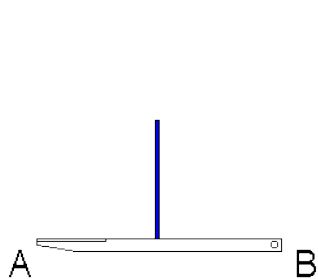


Figure 1

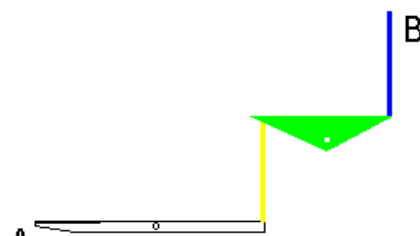


Figure 2

fulcrum is in the middle of the key as in Figure 2, then the far end of the key will move up when the key is depressed at A causing the yellow tracker to move up. This upward movement will cause the green triangle to rock clockwise and pull down on the blue tracker B opening the valve above it. The tracker system required that the organ console was close to the pipes and wind chests in order for the physical connections to be made.

Electrical control of the valves can also be divided into two options: analog and digital. In the instance of analog control, an electric wire for each valve in the organ runs from the console to a solenoid under the valve. When a key or pedal is depressed, a switch closes at the console causing current to flow to the solenoid attached to the valve below the pipe, and the magnetic field generated by the solenoid opens the valve admitting air. When the key is released, the switch opens, the current stops, and a spring reverses the movement of the solenoid causing the valve to close. Large cables with dozens and dozens of wires run through conduits between the organ console and the wind chests that hold the pipes. In order to control which ranks of pipes are controlled by the current flow, the wiring in the console first routes the current through the stops that are pulled and then on to the solenoids attached to the valves under the pipes. This is the system that was used in the Grace organ until the update completed in the early 2020's when the analog system was replaced with a digital control system.

With digital control of the pipes, the multitude of wires was replaced by a single multiplex cable. A computer system continuously scans all the key, pedal, and stop contacts (switches) to determine which ones are closed and then sends that information in a digital stream from the console to the pipe chambers. In the pipe chambers, a similar computer deconstructs the digital stream into individual

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...currents to the appropriate valves resulting in opening valves and making sound. The digital technology allows for movement of the console because there is a single wire connecting the console to the wind chests instead of multiple wires in heavy cables. The technology also allows automatic transposition of music to higher or lower pitches, and it allows the pattern of switch opening and closings to be stored digitally and replayed when desired. This allows the organist to walk away from the console and still have music coming from the pipes.

The pipe organ has existed long before the advent of electricity and the invention of modern materials. The control of the air flow through the instrument has changed also from direct mechanical connections between keys and pedals to both analog and digital electrical connections.

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and empower all the strong, loving women in your life. At LSI, we provide mothers, and soon-to-be mothers, with the education and resources they need to build the brightest future for their children.



LSI's Foster Care and Adoption Services work to bring families together and to help them throughout the process of becoming licensed for foster care and approved for adoption. Our Family Centered Services uses a strengths-based approach to keep Iowa families together by equipping parents with skills they need to be successful, independent and healthy.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember that your support helps empower Iowa moms. If you are looking for a way to help these moms, or to honor a mother in your life this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. 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.

Staying Connected to your Roots

LSI Foster Care and Adoption is proud to be part of the Native Families for Native Children (NF4NC) project, which is a collaborative effort between the four native tribes of Nebraska, human services agencies and private agency partners in Nebraska and Iowa. As part of the project's efforts, we recruit, train, license and support Native American families in accord with the traditions, needs and resources of their communities.

Rebecca and Kirby expanded their family when they adopted their son in January. The couple had the opportunity to work with the Omaha Tribe and were able to participate in the second Customary Adoption in the State of Iowa.

Through their Customary Adoption, the family completed a culture plan with the tribe and will be able to keep their newly adopted son connected to his cultural roots with the Omaha Tribe. The new family also was able to keep their son connected to his biological siblings, so he can continue to be involved with them.

LSI is proud to help connect families, like Rebecca and Kirby, with the resources they need to continue to grow their families and build the brightest future for Iowa children.

Lydia Martha Circle

Lydia/Martha Circle met Thursday, April 27th at 9:30 a.m. for a brief business meeting, refreshments, and preparation of May baskets to be delivered to our neighbors at Calvin Community. Women of Grace are welcome to join us for the next meeting on Thursday, May 25th at 9:30.

Annual Easter Breakfast Update

THANK YOU to everyone who stepped in to bring this tradition back to life! We had a great turnout, and the staff really enjoyed smelling pancakes in the building for the next several days!

And Thank you to iHop, HyLand Dairy, and Osceola Foods for the donations that helped make this possible!

As noted in a previous enews, the goodwill offering took in over \$450, and after expenses, \$202 remained, which has been deposited in the Member Care Account.



Fill Vicar Adam's pantry

We will once again be stocking the Vicars pantry and fridge/freezer with basic food staples so our intern can eat before his first paycheck arrives!

Watch for a list of requested foods in late May/early June.

We will also be asking for gift cards* to local grocery stores or restaurants so that Adam can do some of the shopping himself and get to know the area!

****This gift card request is legit and NOT a scam!!***



Moving help, May 29! People, and a trailer!

We will need to move the intern apartment furniture out of Vicar Bunny's apartment to the residence for Vicar Adam on Monday, May 29th. If you have a trailer or can physically help us move, or set things up in the new location, please let us know!

We'd also appreciate some last minute cleaning after all the furniture has been moved out of Bunny's apartment. She has already been packing and sorting and cleaning, so it should go super fast.

We are also looking for donations of a small, two-person sized dining/kitchen table with chairs.

Contact the office if you can help!
Thank you!



Celebration Sunday May 21!

Together, in worship and after, we'll celebrate the various ministries here at Grace and all the people who contribute. We will honor our graduating high school seniors and bless Vicar Bunny as she moves forward to her last phase of pastoral education.

Congregation potluck after worship!

Your help is needed for the potluck!

There is a paper signup in the hallway across from the office for you to let us know what dishes you plan to bring. Dessert will be provided, so we are asking for main dishes and side dishes.

Vicar Bunny is looking forward to experiencing a real Midwest potluck so bring your best!

We also need people to help set up, serve drinks, and clean up – thank you to those who have already contacted us.

See the hallway signup or email michelle@gracedm.org to help!



Congratulations! Let us celebrate you!

Are you graduating this year? Let us know, send a photo and a bio no later than Wednesday, May 17. Tell us about what you've been doing, your achievements, what your current continuing education or career plans are.

We'll celebrate you during worship on May 21 and we'll share your information with the congregation!

Finance Report – March Results

Financial results for March YTD are as follows:

- Income – Actual \$84,367, Budget \$106,363
- Expenses – Actual \$121,800, Budget \$113,025
- Net activity – Actual (\$37,432), Budget (\$6,662)
- Prior Net activity – March 2022 YTD – (\$9,451)



After a strong finish in 2022, activity for the first quarter is significantly below budget by \$31K. Offerings were below budget \$22K and expenses were over budget by \$9K due to needed work on the furnace.



Grace Lutheran Church Mission Action Fund Application

The goal of the Mission Action Fund is to be able to respond quickly to needs in the immediate neighborhood and beyond (statewide, nationally, and internationally), and not to be used for the congregational budget. The fund is ideally meant to be used in one of two ways:

1. Instances where a Grace Member is involved in direct or indirect service to others by being engaged in a community or service activity.
2. Instances where a need exists outside of the Grace community. An example may be any time the Lutheran Disaster Response is mobilized for an emergency (statewide or nationally).

To find out more, and how to apply, please visit the Resources section of our website at gracedm.org or direct to the Mission Action Fund page <https://gracedm.org/resources/mission-action-fund/>

Grace Lutheran Church Congregational Council Minutes

April 18 6:00 P.M. in Grace Hall

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M. following a delicious dinner provided by Mike.
2. Devotions – Pastor Mike – What do you wish to see for the church? Isaiah 55:10-11
3. Adoption of Agenda – Jenny moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of Facility Use and AC Update, Greg seconded, motion approved.
4. Approval of Minutes from 3/31/2023 – Greg moved, Tom seconded, motion approved.
5. “Ideas that will get you fired”:
 - a. Should council meetings be held 3rd or 4th week of the month? Council decided to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month to allow more time for preparation between Executive and Council. This will start on May 23.
 - b. The facility looks “tired”. What would the neighbors say if we painted it white? ☺ What could we do to make the campus look more welcoming and “current”? How about a mural?
6. Staff Reports
 - a. Photo wall and online directory help needed. Greg volunteered to help work on this project with Michelle.
7. Finance Report – Kevin will request the finance committee meet in person in May. He will also be the liaison between Finance and Council. Need to manage the budget issues with feedback from Finance, especially given the expenses incurred recently with the roof and other major maintenance items.
8. New Business
 - a. Facility Use – Motion made to allow the use of Grace Hall on Thursday evenings for AA. Greg moved, Linda seconded, motion approved.
 - b. AC update – AC units are in need of replacement. Property is soliciting updated bids and will share with Council when available.
 - c. Housing for new Intern – Recommendation to rent the house at 2416 40th St. for the new intern starting on June 1 for \$950. Jenny moved to approve this rental, Greg seconded, motion approved.
 - d. Roof Repairs – Additional estimates received for repairs. Dean moved to accept Wood’s estimate for roof repairs, Greg seconded, motion approved.
 - e. Staff/Council Retreat – Looking at early June for a one day session.
 - i. Constitution and Bylaws
 - ii. Endowment, Mini capital campaign
 - iii. The 5 Questions
 - iv. Reconciling in Christ
9. Old Business
 - a. What is the spending limit for urgent repairs for the Staff between meetings that does not require council approval? Will continue to email the information the council and if immediate action is needed, the request will go to the Executive Council.
10. Questions/General Discussion - None
11. Adjournment – Carter adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M.
12. Next meeting – MAY 23, 2023 6:00 P.M.

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

Synod Revival: Imagine Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Grand View University Des Moines

This event is free of charge and intended to be a joyful fun gathering for all ages full of inspiration, worship, and prayer. This is a one day event presented by the Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA, designed to nourish and connect people to each other and to reimagine our relationships in and with the church. This event is free of charge and is intended to be a joyful fun gathering for all ages full of inspiration, worship, and prayer. Learn more here www.synodrevival.org

Opportunities to get involved at the Synod Revival

- **Volunteers:** Sign up to volunteer during the revival: [Sign up now](#)
- **Varied Ministries Displays:** Do you have an exciting ministry you'd like to share? We are currently accepting applications to highlight your congregational ministry in the Varied Ministries Building from 10:00 AM-1:30 PM during the revival. For more information email revival@seiasynod.org

ELCA Launches Truth and Healing Movement

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has announced the launch of the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement. The focus of the initiative is to increase the church's understanding of the impacts of colonization on Indigenous people in past generations and in the present.

"We must be in better, right, and healthy relationships with the Indigenous people of Turtle Island," said Eaton. "As we know, the truth and our knowing and embracing it, is the first step toward healing for all of us." [Read full article...](#)

Learn more about this Movement: Class: "Introduction to the Truth and Healing Movement" May 9 and 11, 2023, 7 - 8 p.m. Central time Presented by Vance Blackfox [Learn more](#)

Worship, online access, written materials, and other resources.

We are worshipping in-person and online at 9 a.m. every Sunday on our [website livestream](#) page. This is the place where we go live on Sundays, and Wednesday nights in March, during Lent.

To find the worship player on our website, www.gracedm.org, click on our logo to go to the home page. Scroll down to the "Welcome to Grace" section and click on the red "Online Worship" button to go to our Live Stream page. When you see a video player with our logo, know you are in the right place and worship will begin shortly. Many use this time to prepare for worship by gathering a form of bread and & drink for communion, read the announcements and the bulletin margin notes, and prepare quietly for worship when the prelude begins.

Missed a worship service? Watch at your convenience.

- Worship is uploaded to our Facebook page on Sunday after worship. Please allow our amazing tech team a little time to wrap up worship and upload the video. Find us on Facebook [@GraceLutherandm](#).
- Worship videos are usually posted on the [website Videos Resources page](#) within 24 hours.

Bulletins, Announcements, and other written materials can be found in the Resources section of the website. <https://gracedm.org/resources/>

Sunday Fellowship The Gathering Hall is available for fellowship before and after worship, with coffee, juice and donuts available after worship. This and other spaces in the building are also available at other times during the week for your gathering or meeting.

Weekday Prayers are 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and Friday on Facebook. If you are not on Facebook, you can still access them by typing @GraceLutheranDM into your browser, or through this link <https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Lutheran-Church-626637384050683/>



2023 Grace Car Show Announcement

It's back! What a way to start the summer!

The Grace Car Show will be held on Wednesday, June 21st, the first day of summer with a rain date of Wednesday, the 28th. Mark your calendars with more details to come!

Race to Fill the Pantry – The Winners Are In!

First, thank you so much to everyone who participated! It took many hands to comparison shop, sort goods, organize & drive routes, and fill these pantries! Twenty-one pantries were filled in total! Excitement was palpable, and the addition of this project being featured on KCCI was an added unexpected bonus! Other bonuses were also felt during the event – from teams who had to wait in line to fill pantries, having a conversation with a homeless person who was a beneficiary of our event, and one team even attended a potluck at one of the LFP sites upon their invitation!

Many thanks to the Mission Action Fund team, who quickly responded to our request for funding and made this event possible. Finally – to the trivia results!

1. Chuck's Angels: 62.75
2. Pink Princesses and a Mike: 60.5
3. Angels: 58.5
4. Rich Synder & Associates: 54.50
5. The Shells: 50
6. Team Deany: 47.75
7. Yellow Submarine: 46.75

That's only a 16-point spread! The sheets will be posted on Sunday in the hallway, along with photos of the event. The highest possible score was 100, including points for coming nearest to the prices for groceries and the total amount of food that has gone through the backstock room. (FYI, no one was even close to the total of food that has made its way through the backstock room – we've given over 9,563 items away. All this is made possible through the work of this congregation through financial and physical donations. Keep up the great work!)



Council Member of the month – Carter Woodruff

Carter graduated from Luther College in 1984 with a major in Political Science and a minor in African and African American Studies. Carter met Carol Knudsen at Luther in 1980. Carol and Carter were married in 1985 at Grace Lutheran church where they have been members since.

Carter attended Harvard in the winter/spring of 2005. Carter received a certificate in labor and work life from Harvard. During that time, Carter was serving as Secretary/Treasurer for AFSCME Council 61 where he was the first African American to hold state-wide office for the union.

Work life includes Political activist, Union activist, laboratory technician, water treatment operator and supervisor. The last eight years was as Supervisor of Operators. Carter supervised a staff of 20. Carter was the only African American supervisor in Des Moines Water Works history. Carter retired from DMWW in January 2021. Carter previously served on Church council from 2018 to 2021.

Photos from recent events! Additional photos from the Fill the Pantry event will be posted on the hallway Bulletin Boards!

