

GRACE LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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October 2023						
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Boldness and Confidence

The introduction of the Lord's Prayer, with meaning in the *Small Catechism* is this:

Our Father, Who art in heaven. *What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father.

The Grace Lutheran School 7th and 8th graders recently mulled over this part of the catechism. I asked about characters in the Bible who prayed with "boldness and confidence" and struggled with God in their prayers. I received a variety of answers. Like many teachers, I ask questions with an answer in mind but am often surprised by what I hear. One student suggested Judas, an answer that caught me by surprise. I assume this student was thinking about Judas' guilt following Jesus' betrayal, though it wasn't genuine repentance; there's no evidence he turned to God seeking forgiveness. Plus, Jesus's words explain his fate in "none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled" (John 17:12). Another example was David. Clearly his passionate Psalms show a man often in deep struggle and angst; a man wrestling with his sin, burdened by guilt, and crying to God: "I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel" (Ps. 119:12). Abraham eventually entered our discussion. Most of us know his intercessions to God when seeking righteous people in Sodom to avoid its destruction. His pleading with God multiple times is a classical biblical example of bold intercessory prayer of a man confident in God's promise to hear. It sounds almost childish, his repeated attempts of prayer seeking a lower threshold before Sodom's

destruction (see Genesis 18: 22-33). However, God listened to his child and granted Abraham's requests.

But the character hanging in my mind was Jonah. He wasn't afraid to flee when instructed a preaching assignment in Nineveh. God wasn't fooled by his man. Three days and nights in a fish's belly had the intended affect. The rebellious prophet prayed, was regurgitated onto land, and continued his course. He preached and then expected fireworks that didn't come. Jonah wasn't afraid to express his displeasure over a city spared. He should've rejoiced but instead took a gracious God for granted. What he didn't take for granted was the shady plant. When it was destroyed, Jonah's anger erupted. He had pity on a plant, not people, as God shows in the end. But we see a lot more of Jonah's faith than we might think. Why did he run? Why did he complain after a city's repentance? He wasn't shy to express his anger over a dead plant (Jonah 3:9b). In many ways, Jonah is like the teenage child pushing boundaries on parents he still loves. His bold actions were precisely because he knew who he was: a child of a gracious God Who loves even His wayward children.

Each of these characters is a story unto themselves. God's people in Scripture are far from perfect, as their sins are recorded for all posterity to see and hopefully learn from. I think our students appreciated a discussion highlighting our struggles and bouts with God as we learn to pray while dealing with sin. "Boldness and confidence" should describe our prayers. Christ has died to open heaven to all believers and give us access by His blood. His death, then, doesn't mean timidity before God, but a courage borne out of faith in He Who still calls us to believe and ask "as dear children as their dear father."

--Pastor Ogrodowicz

Worship Opportunities – October, 2023

Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Classes – 10:30 a.m.

Date: October 1

LWML and Loyalty Sunday Pentecost 18 – Proper 21

Texts: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18; Matthew 21:23-27

Theme: “God Is Speaking”

Hymns: 760-512-531

(628, 631)

Preacher/Text: Ogrodowicz – Matthew 21:23-27

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Date: October 8

Pentecost 19– Proper 22

Texts: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Theme: “Let Us Kill Him and Have His Inheritance.”

Hymns: 645 – 544 - 568

(630, 645)

Preacher/Text: Schuller – Matthew 21:33-46

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Date: October 15

Pentecost 20 – Mission Festival

Texts: Isaiah 25:6-9; Philippians 4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14

Theme: “Behold! This Is Our God”

Hymns: 837-830-826

(832, 835)

Preacher/Text: Ogrodowicz – Isaiah 25:6-9

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Date: October 22

Pentecost 21 – Proper 24

Texts: Isaiah 45:1-7; I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Theme: “Examples to All”

Hymns: 819-811-850

(627, 851)

Preacher/Text: Ogrodowicz – Isaiah 45:1-7

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Date: October 29

Reformation Sunday

Texts: Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; Matthew 11:12-19

Theme: “To What Shall I Liken This Generation?”

Hymns: 656-941-660

(662, 655)

Preacher/Text: Ogrodowicz - I Thessalonians 1:1-10

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BLOOD DRIVE

is Sunday OCTOBER 8th

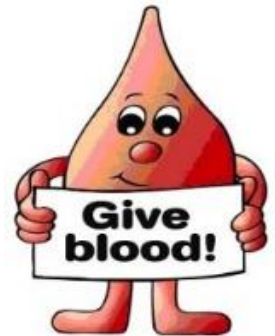
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

in the Family Activity Center

Contact Michael Parks for more information

979-421-3070

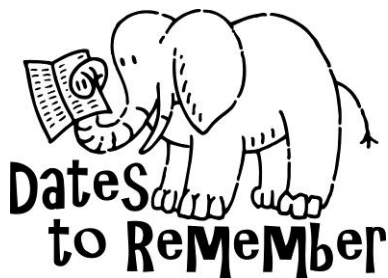
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PROMOTION: Space City T-Shirt!

To claim scan the QR code on the posters located throughout the church

Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



Mission Festival Observance & Potluck Lunch!!

On Sunday, October 15, Grace Lutheran will celebrate Annual Mission Festival with a special worship service and a Potluck Lunch after Sunday School. Rev. Harrison Goodman from Higher Things will be our guest Pastor. We will also be celebrating the 76th Anniversary of Grace Lutheran School and the 176th Anniversary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Each family is requested to bring a meat dish and a vegetable dish or a meat dish and a dessert for the meal. Please plan to attend!

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions Members wishing to receive the Lutheran Witness magazine in 2024 are asked to turn in their subscription payment no later than October 15 to the church office. The subscription amount for 2024 is \$22.50. Please use the "Lutheran Witness" envelope that is in your box of Contribution envelopes.

Open House for Pastor and Pat Jacobs "Many of our friends have communicated to us that they would like to visit our ranch and see where we live. We would love for that to happen and in order to better facilitate that we are holding a come and go open house on *Sunday afternoon October 8th from 1-5pm*. If you would like to come and look around, we'd love to see you. We will leave copies of directions in the church office or just put the address into your GPS: 1929 County Road 218 Weimar, Texas 78962. Pastor and Pat Jacobs"

Contact information for Pastor Jacobs: Phone: 979/451-0328
pastorjacobs@glcsbren.org matt.antlertrailranch@gmail.com

TURKEY SUPPER UPDATE

Thursday, November 2, 2023, is the date for the 37th Annual Grace Lutheran's Afternoon and Evening LWML Societies Turkey Supper. The menu and Country Store will remain the same and we look forward to seeing you in November.

We desire to make Grace Lutheran members a priority for ticket sales. Therefore, on October 1st and 8th we will be selling tickets following both church services for only the immediate families of Grace Members. By limiting sales to immediate family members it is hoped that all church members will be able to purchase their family's tickets for the event.

On October 15th, 22nd, and 29th (if still available), ticket sales following church services will be available for purchase by Grace Lutheran members for extended family members and friends with a limit of 10 tickets per member. Tickets will also be available for purchase from members of the Afternoon and Evening Societies as well.

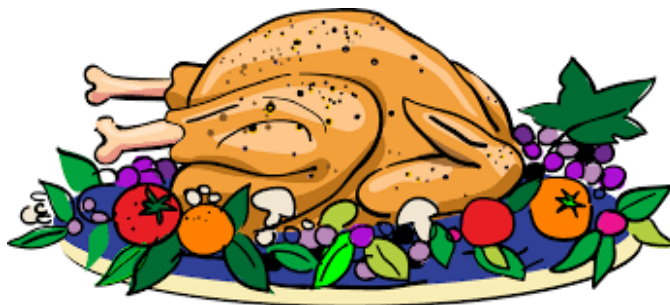
Ticket prices are as follows:

- Adults \$15 in advance only;
- Children tickets for dine-in only are available at the door;
- Children (5-10 years) \$6 and children under 5 years eat free.

Drive-thru/Take Out Adult plates will be available from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Pick up plates at the back school drop-off/pick-up area. Enter the West driveway and follow the signs.

Dine-in plates are available from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Anyone desiring to support our fundraiser by donating pies (bring your favorite pie in a disposable pan – some of the favorites are cream, ice box, and meringue pies), country store items or helping to prepare and serve food may contact Karen Hart 421-9061, Dorothy Holle 277-4711, Nancy Joiner 836-4622, Rose Marie Prenzler 836-7019, or Linda Reid 830-5852.



Meetings This Month



Afternoon LWML will meet on Thursday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Hostesses are Brit Colanter, Sarita Mutscher, and Dorothy Holle.

Ladies Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Karen Schultz and Dixie Voskamp will serve as hostesses.

Men's Bible Breakfast meets every Tuesday at 6:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Men of the congregation who would be interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend.

Men's Club meets on Tuesday October 24 at 6:30 p.m. Watch Bulletin for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 1 – Richard & Sandra Liere
October 8 –
October 15 – Don & Karen Voelter
October 22 – Lueckemeyer & Moses
October 29 -



RADIO MINISTRY

(30-minute program aired on KWHI 1280 AM each Sunday at 12:30 p.m.)

(Cost is \$85 per week.)

October 1 – LWML Evening & Afternoon Circles
October 8 –
October 15 – Allan & Rebecca Moses
October 22 – Ruth Hemann
October 29 – Ronnie & Joan Hinze



Coffee &
Doughnuts

October 1 – Hartfields & Elliots
October 8 – Carrie Ross & Candace Waters
October 15 - Hendersons
October 22 -
October 29 -

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANTS

Communion Ware: Ruth Schoppe
Paraments: Barbara Maurer & Bev Jaster

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Charles Blake, Donald Becker, Randal Hoppens, Shirley Paetz



PTL Drive Thru Hamburger Meal Fundraiser
is scheduled for October 19, 2023 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
1/3 lb BBQ Hamburger with all toppings, chips, and dessert.
Pick up at Grace Lutheran Church & School
MEAL TICKETS ARE \$12 EACH
**Tickets are available from any Grace Lutheran Student
or the School Office.**
Ticket Sales END on October 13th

RaiseRight News

The RaiseRight fundraising year for our school is off to a great start. Although it's hard to tell, fall is here. Don't forget our gift cards for fall projects, road trips, and outdoor activities. All gift cards can be ordered on your phone using the RaiseRight app, online at www.raiseright.com, by contacting coordinator Sheila Green via phone/text at 713-494-6399, email at sheilawgreen@gmail.com or in person before/after service.

October 1st is LWML Sunday. The Ladies of the afternoon and evening circles will be present in the Narthex and FAC, displaying their mission projects. Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the monthly meetings with Bible Study, fellowship and mission projects.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES As of September Council Meeting

Baptism:

Graham Michael Ehrhardt Hanson

9-3-23

Profession of Faith:

Stacy Aschenbeck

9-17-23

Candace Waters

9-24-23

Souls: 600

Communicants: 515

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LWML and Loyalty Sunday Pentecost 18 Ogrodowicz - LSB 203 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	2 Romans 7:1-25 4:00pm Volleyball Game -Thorndale 5:00pm Football Game - Thorndale	3 Romans 8:1-39 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast	4 Romans 9:1-11-36 8:15am Chapel 4:30pm-6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Elders	5 Romans 12:1-21 8:30am Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Ladies Afternoon Circle 5:30pm Football Game - Grace	6 Romans 13:1-14:23	7 Romans 15:1-16:27
8 Pentecost 19 Schuller - LSB184 8:30am-1:30pm Blood Drive 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	9 I Cor 1:1-2:16	10 I Cor 3:1-4:21 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 3:00pm Volleyball Game - Grace 4:00pm Football Game - Grace 7:00pm Ladies Evening Circle	11 I Cor 5:1-6:20 8:15am Chapel 4:30pm-6:00pm Confirmation	12 I Cor 7:1-40 8:30am Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Ladies Afternoon Circle	13 I Cor 8:1-9:27	14 I Cor 10:1-33
15 Pentecost 20 Mission Festival Harrison Goodman - LSB 151 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC 11:30am Potluck Lunch	16 I Cor 11:1-12:31 Newsletter Deadline NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service Day Daycare OPEN	17 I Cor 13:1-14:40 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast Parent-Teacher Conferences After School Hours	18 I Cor 15:1-58 8:15am Chapel 12:00pm Trustees 4:30pm-6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir 6:00pm EECE Parent-Teacher Conferences After School Hours	19 I Cor 16:1-24 8:30am Ladies Bible Study 9:00am Pastors @ Circuit Conference 10:00am Texas Confessional Lutherans Parent-Teacher Conferences After School Hours	20 II Cor 1:1-2:17 Parent-Teacher Conferences After School Hours	21 II Cor 3:1-4:18
22 Pentecost 21 Ogrodowicz - LSB 184 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	23 II Cor 5:1-21 7:00pm Council	24 II Cor 6:1-7:16 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast 6:30pm Men's Club	25 II Cor 8:1-9:15 8:15am Chapel 4:30pm-6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Choir 7:00pm Voters' Assembly	26 II Cor 10:1-11:33 8:30am Ladies Bible Study	27 II Cor 12:1-13:14	28 Gal 1:1-2:21
29 Reformation Sunday Ogrodowicz - printed 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am SS & BC	30 Gal 3:1-29	31 Gal 4:1-31 6:00am Men's Bible Breakfast	1 Gal 5:1-6:18 8:15am Chapel 4:30pm-6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Elders	2 Eph 1:1-23 Turkey Supper	3 Eph 2:1-22	4 Eph 3:1-21



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- _____ Worship God faithfully and regularly.
- _____ Receive the Lord's Supper frequently.
- _____ Read and study God's Word, the Bible.
- _____ Ask God for increase in my spiritual life.
- _____ Pray for the needs of others in my congregation, community, world.
- _____ Commit to God an offering of:
 - \$_____ Annually
 - \$_____ Monthly
 - \$_____ Weekly

NAME _____ DATE _____

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