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July 2018

# Grace Notes

## Grace Lutheran Church

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### From the Pastor's Desk . . .

*"Pastor, how was the district convention you went to last month?"*

Good question. Well since you asked... There was the regular stuff – like the re-electing of **Rev. Jamison Hardy** as our Bishop/District President. All four regional vice-presidents were re-elected (including Rev. Jeff Miskus, who covers our Lake Erie Region), as well as most of the people from the Board of Directors. Other officers were elected like the District Secretary, various committees, and the slate of Circuit Visitors.

We heard or read reports from the District President on the last three years' worth of accomplishments. There was a report from Synodical President **Rev. Matthew Harrison** on the current state of the LCMS. He talked somewhat frankly about different challenges facing the synod and specific Concordia Universities.

The District Treasurer gave a report. The synod's director of Campus Ministry (Rev. Marcus Zill) gave a report. There were greetings from various Concordia University Presidents, District Presidents, the LCEF President, the Concordia Plan Services CEO, seminary representatives, the LWML, and the Lutheran Hour.

There were reports from English District Evangelization Team (which included a great 1.1.1 evangelism idea that we might try later this year), District Lifeline Team, District Campus Ministry Task Force (which included pictures from our work in Oberlin), the District Missions Council, and others. **Rev. Ted Krey** gave a report on the work he is overseeing as the LCMS International Mission Director for Latin America – headquartered in the Dominican Republic, where they recently completed a Lutheran seminary. Krey is a member of the English District and the district supports the Dominican Republic Mission each year.

There were also various speakers who talked in connection with the Convention theme of “**Love Your Neighbor As Yourself**” (Matthew 22:39). Rev. Larry Vogel talked about biblical love – comparing it to the book and movie “*Eat, Pray, Love*” – and contrasting it with a love that is selfless, religious, objective, and flowing from God to us. The Rev. Dave Petersen implored us pastors to improve our preaching about how to love our neighbor – specifically calling for pastors to preach on Christian ethics and preaching the teachings/truths of the Bible.

We voted on various resolutions – about things like cremation, Creation, and teaching Hebrew to all those training to be pastors. We also held a Circuit Caucus where we selected the pastor (Bob Weldon – Grace, Elyria), layperson (Shirley Scheuermann – Ascension, North Olmsted), and alternates who will serve as our circuit’s representatives/delegates at next summer’s (LCMS) synodical convention.

All that and more was crammed into a little over two days up at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan. So as you can see, that’s sort of a lot to try and squeeze into a quick answer when someone asks, “*How was the convention?*” Yet even though it was a lot of stuff, there was a lot of good stuff going on. God has blessed us with a talented and capable District President and staff who are doing a fine job. He has blessed us with a Synod President who is doing great work with a great attitude. He has blessed us with membership in a district that encourages us towards greater evangelism and growth in God’s Word, while providing us with tools to accomplish these things. (Just check out their website at [www.englishdistrict.org](http://www.englishdistrict.org) to see for yourself.)

That there was so much crammed in to the convention serves as a reminder of much our congregation has been blessed (in terms of our district and synod), and also how many ministry opportunities lay before us.

In Christ,      Pastor Josh

### June Official Pastoral Acts:

- 6 sick/shut-in visits
- 7 private communions
- 1 hospital visit
- 1 leadership meeting
- 1 circuit visitor activity

Adult Bible Class resumes this month as we continue studying **Forgiveness and Reconciliation** – especially in the really hard, difficult cases. If you’d like to come learn more, join us on Sundays after worship in the hallway classroom.

### July Birthdays

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|------------------|------|
| Tom Hadaway      | 7/07 |
| Bob Izold        | 7/11 |
| Roy Folley       | 7/17 |
| Lisa Lalonde     | 7/18 |
| Kyle Huston      | 7/18 |
| Pat Fraunfelder  | 7/22 |
| Kathy Rutherford | 7/22 |
| Alison Williams  | 7/24 |

### July Anniversaries

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| Mike & Debbie Burt | 7/01 |
| Kris & Kathy Koepp | 7/25 |

\* If we accidentally forgot your birthday or anniversary, please tell Pastor and we’ll add it to our list.

## Grace Confirmands

Congratulations to **Kloe Koepf** and **Kaitlyn Kromer** who confirmed their Lutheran faith in worship on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. They have grown so much in that faith! This Fall Kloe will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grader in Elyria while Kaitlyn will be a junior at Lutheran High School West (in Cleveland).

Check out pictures from Confirmation Sunday at our church website ([www.gracechurchoberlin.wordpress.com](http://www.gracechurchoberlin.wordpress.com))

## Evangelism Report

Check out the Outreach Bulletin Board in the church hallway to see the July Mission of the Month: **LCMS Missionaries to Philadelphia**. We often think of missionaries as going to far off, exotic locations. Sometimes they do. But sometimes they seek to save the lost in cities near us. Check out the article posted on the bulletin board to learn more about one example: Rev. Adam De Groot. (For those of you receiving this by email, simply click on <https://blogs.lcms.org/2016/an-out-of-the-box-missionary/>).

**Rev. Rob Kieselowski** (an English District pastor) is another example of someone doing similar kind of ministry in the same city – along with campus ministry! You can read more about that specific ministry at <http://www.englishdistrict.org/ministries/missions/campus-missionministry-philadelphia-lutheran-ministries>.

## Worship Report

This summer we're trying out a new Service Schedule at Grace. Ushers and acolytes are scheduled once every 7 weeks. Our apologies if we weren't able to ask all of you before putting you on the new schedule.

If you have any other feedback on the new schedule – or would like to volunteer! – please talk to Pastor or Dale Rider.

## Buildings and Grounds Report

Weather-permitting there will an outside "work day" at Grace on Wednesday, **July 11th from 9 to noon**. It will be a chance to tackle some weeding, trimming, cleaning out gutters, etc. Everyone's invited to come and help for a couple of hours. Talk to George Horning or Pastor Josh for further details.

## Altar Guild News

We are still looking to add a few new members to our team. If you are interested in serving on Altar Guild please contact Robin Turnbull.

Serving in July: Carolyn Husted

~ Robin

# Lutheran Women's Mission League News

Coffee fellowship in July:

- 1 Carolyn Husted
- 8 Susan Walker
- 15 Bonnie Abicht
- 22 Diane Senyak
- 29 Judy Gornek

Bob and Lori Izold will be serving the Community Hot Meal on July 21.

The next women's breakfast will be held on July 26 at Oberlin Diner at 9:30 a.m.

Another reminder: LWL's annual fall rummage sale will be August 30 and September 1. Save those special things you were going to discard as you were doing your spring cleaning/ fall cleaning/ Christmas decorations/ etc. We will be glad to take them off your hands. Lots of help needed!

Carolyn Husted

The city of Oberlin will be adding **sidewalks** to North Prospect Street the end of June and into July. Be mindful of construction traffic near the church during the week and possible parking obstructions on the weekends.

**Credo Music** is hosting its 20th annual summer program this July, an intensive 3 weeks of musical training and Christian mentorship for young musicians from around the world. One of Credo's unique features is its emphasis on service- an entire day every week is dedicated to serving the community through music and other work projects. **Credo Music Festival**, an Oberlin-based, Christ-centered music program for high school and college students, is sending its gifted young musicians throughout Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties to do community service. They will be giving concerts in venues including assisted living facilities and hospitals, and will be working in settings ranging from Habitat for Humanity to local food banks. *Volunteer drivers are still needed to take the students to community service projects on July 12 and July 19. Contact Emily at 440-774-3658 or [summer@credomusic.org](mailto:summer@credomusic.org) if you would like to help.*

Credo also appreciates your support in other ways – as a prayer partner or in our audiences! Credo concert information is available by visiting [www.credomusic.org/concerts](http://www.credomusic.org/concerts) More information about Credo's ministries can be found at [www.credomusic.org](http://www.credomusic.org) or on the Credo Music Facebook page.

ENGLISH DISTRICT of  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The English District (the District), a religious not-for-profit organization, is one of 35 districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (the Synod), encompassing 160 congregations in 20 states (Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin) and in the province of Ontario, Canada. The Synod established its district offices to more effectively achieve its objectives and assist its congregations and their members in conserving and promoting the unity of the faith and in carrying out their mission and ministry.

The District relies on donations from its member congregations for a significant portion of its support. As shown in the Statement of Activities, support from District congregations totaled \$911,830 and \$903,572 for the years ended January 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. These donations are subject to fluctuations in the economic status of the areas in which the congregations are located. No provisions have been made for changes in the economic environment. Any significant reduction in the level of this support, however, could have an effect on the District's program and supporting activities.

The costs of providing various program and other supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities as follows:

- *World and National Missions* – World missions includes the District's personalized world ministry support remitted to the Synod. National missions includes but is not limited to North American new mission work, campus ministries, deaf ministries, ethnic ministries, urban ministries, congregational subsidy, evangelism efforts, human care ministries, and related conferences and events.
- *Preparing Church Workers* – Includes financial aid provided to students normally attending one of the nine colleges/universities or two seminaries of the Synod.
- *Congregational Services* – Supports District congregational service efforts and includes but is not limited to activities such as Sunday School, confirmation, family life, day care, adult education, outdoor ministry, singles ministry, elementary and secondary education, youth services, worship, stewardship education, and related conferences and events.
- *Synodical Budget* – Includes remittances to the Synod for synodical budget support.
- *Mission and Ministry Support Services* – Includes the District's communication efforts, financial and general service activities, the operation/maintenance of District office facilities, District/Synodical convention expenses, and the District's support of the national Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) efforts as discussed in Note 15.
- *Ecclesiastical and Program Administration* – Includes activities of the president's office, vice-presidents, circuit visitors, reconcilers, and related conferences and events, as well as support of the District Board of Directors and its related committees.
- *Canadian Church Extension Operations* – Includes operating expenses of the District's Canadian Church Extension Fund which was not transferred to the LCEF national program but remain a part of District operations.

## Daily Bible Readings

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1-Jul - Jeremiah 33:1-18 | Aug. 1 - Job 41            |
| 2-Jul - Jer. 33:19-34:22 | Aug. 2 - Job 42            |
| 3-Jul - Jeremiah 35-36   | Aug. 3 - Jonah 1           |
| 4-Jul - Jeremiah 37      | Aug. 4 - Jonah 2           |
| 5-Jul - Jeremiah 38      | Aug. 5 - Jonah 3-4         |
| 6-Jul - Jeremiah 39-40   | Aug. 6 - Lamentations 1    |
| 7-Jul - Jeremiah 41      | Aug. 7 - Lamentations 2    |
| 8-Jul - Jeremiah 42      | Aug. 8 - Lam. 3:1-18       |
| 9-Jul - Jeremiah 43-44   | Aug. 9 - Lam. 3:19-45      |
| 10-Jul - Jeremiah 45-47  | Aug. 10 - Lam. 4-5         |
| 11-Jul - Jeremiah 48-49  | Aug. 11 - Eccl. 1-2        |
| 12-Jul - Jeremiah 50     | Aug. 12 - Eccl. 3:1-15     |
| 13-Jul - Jeremiah 51     | Aug. 13 - Eccl. 3:16-4:16  |
| 14-Jul - Jeremiah 52     | Aug. 14 - Ecclesiastes 5-6 |
| 15-Jul - Job 1           | Aug. 15 - Ecclesiastes 7   |
| 16-Jul - Job 2-3         | Aug. 16 - Ecclesiastes 8   |
| 17-Jul - Job 4-7         | Aug. 17 - Ecclesiastes 9   |
| 18-Jul - Job 8-10        | Aug. 18 - Eccl. 10-11:6    |
| 19-Jul - Job 11-13       | Aug. 19 - Eccl. 11:7-12:8  |
| 20-Jul - Job 14-15       | Aug. 20 - Eccl. 12:9-14    |
| 21-Jul - Job 16-18       | Aug. 21 - Micah 1          |
| 22-Jul - Job 19          | Aug. 22 - Micah 2          |
| 23-Jul - Job 20-21       | Aug. 23 - Micah 3          |
| 24-Jul - Job 22-24       | Aug. 24 - Micah 4          |
| 25-Jul - Job 25-28       | Aug. 25 - Micah 5          |
| 26-Jul - Job 29-31       | Aug. 26 - Micah 6:1-8      |
| 27-Jul - Job 32-35       | Aug. 27 - Micah 6:9-7:20   |
| 28-Jul - Job 36-37       | Aug. 28 - Song of S. 1-3   |
| 29-Jul - Job 38:1-30     | Aug. 29 - Song of S. 4-6   |
| 30-Jul - Job 38:31-39:30 | Aug. 30 - Song of S. 7-8   |
| 31-Jul - Job 40          | Aug. 31 - Proverbs 1       |

# July 2018

| Sun   | Mon | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
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| <p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship 10 am</li> <li>• Adult Bible Class 11:40 am</li> </ul>  | 2   | 3  | 4  | <p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm</li> </ul>                      | 6   | 7  |
| <p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship 10 am</li> <li>• Adult Bible Class 11:40 am</li> </ul>  | 9   | 10   | <p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace Work Day 9 am - noon</li> </ul> | 12  | 13  | 14   |
| <p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship 10 am</li> <li>• Adult Bible Class 11:40 am</li> </ul> | 16  | <p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's Meeting 7 pm</li> </ul> | <p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elder's Meeting 4 pm</li> </ul>       | <p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm</li> </ul>                     | 20  | <p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Hot Meal 5 pm</li> </ul> |
| <p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship 10 am</li> <li>• Adult Bible Class 11:40 am</li> </ul> | 23  | 24   | 25   | <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Break-fast at Oberlin Kitchen Diner @ 9:30 am</li> </ul> | 27  | 28   |
| <p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship 10 am</li> <li>• Adult Bible Class 11:40 am</li> </ul> | 30  | 31   |  |   |     |  |

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

- July/Aug.: LWML Meeting
- Aug. 31 - Sept. 1: LWL Rummage Sale