
June 2018

Grace Notes

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

This month we will be having **Confirmation Sunday** here at Grace, as two youth confirm their faith in Jesus Christ after two years of catechism study (and one year of Bible review/study). Maybe you can remember your Confirmation...

For the two young ladies, it's an exciting time to have completed something and achieved the goal. For their families it is a time to be proud of their growth and maturation. For us as a congregation it is a time to rejoice as well – for as part of the same community of faith we share in their faith and encourage them in it.

For me personally, Confirmation Sunday is an exciting and fulfilling time. For the past 3 years I've had a chance to see these two girls grow in their knowledge, faith, and understanding of God. They've learned numerous Bible stories. They've memorized the 10 Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. They've learned to pray – out loud, in front of people! They learned to listen to a sermon and apply it to their own lives. They've learned about what it means to be a Christian with faith in Jesus Christ. I've had a front-row seat to all that. What's so fulfilling and encouraging about all that is watching them grow and flourish in their faith over that time – as the Holy Spirit works in their hearts and lives. That growth is real – and it fills me with lots of optimism about them for the future – and for how God will be at work through them in the years to come.

Confirmation Sunday is a wonderful, exciting day. But it's only one day of the year. The excitement and optimism can quickly fade. But should it???

Grace Lutheran Church is “**WHERE CHRIST IS GROWING IN US AND THROUGH US.**” That means that growing in knowledge, faith, and understanding is not only something for “*those kids in catechism class*” – it’s something that all of us should be doing. We need to. We have to. Seeing a glimpse of the goal of all that education – the growth in faith and the increased connection to God’s Spirit – should provide us all with a worthy encouragement to continue growing in our faith in Christ Jesus. We too confess our faith in Him. We too are learning what Discipleship is all about – not just through a textbook or catechism, but through the fruit of the Spirit flourishing and growing in our everyday lives.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

May Official Pastoral Acts:

- 7 sick/shut-in visits
- 5 private communions
- 2 pastoral care visits
- 1 hospital visit
- 1 leadership meeting
- 1 circuit visitor activity
- 1 Baptism (*Madison Rozman*)

Prayer Chain

Prayer is a wonderful gift and opportunity we have – to lift up to our Lord requests, thanksgivings, and intercessions. Here at Grace we make use of that gift by forming a Prayer Chain – so that a single request for someone in need can be quickly passed along to many people so that we can all be “praying in the Spirit” with “powerful and effective” (James 5:16) results.

This month we will be updating our Prayer Chain. Why not take this chance to join in??? If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain by **phone**, please contact Jan Mertz at 284-0080. If you’d like to be added to the Prayer Chain by **email**, please contact Jan Koepf at ob1jan@aol.com.

June Birthdays

Norma Stechow	6/02	Giovanna Bremke	6/16
Colleen Karp	6/03	Dave Jones	6/20
Carl Koch	6/06	Bill Swanzer	6/21
Elizabeth Thomas	6/07	Alice Amenhauer	6/22
Glenn Waltz	6/10	Carolyn Husted	6/25
Marlene Calco	6/10	Dave Metzger	6/26
Jen Moldenhauer	6/10	William Folley	6/26
Karen Fridenstine	6/12	Chris Koch	6/27
Chance Coultrip	6/15	Miranda Scholl	6/27
Mark Huston	6/16	Coralie Swanzer	6/28

June Anniversaries

Bill & Coralie Swanzer	6/02
Robin & Glenn Turnbull	6/15
John & Kathy Knipper	6/15
Pastor & Jen Moldenhauer	6/30

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

From the President

My wife and I recently had a powerful and personal demonstration of God's grace and protection. We were recently jolted when Jan received a phone call telling her our son Colin, who lives in California, had been in a bicycle accident and was taken on a life flight to Stanford University Hospital's trauma center. There were multiple injuries from fractured vertebra to a wound possibly impacting the trachea or vocal chords.

We took the first flight out to see him and learn what impact this accident would have on him. Over the next few days, as he underwent examinations and tests, each of the major concerns were checked off the list. He went from life altering injuries and possibly fatal circumstances to needing 6 to 8 weeks for broken and fractured bones to heal.

Our family was truly blessed that the long list of injuries and the accident itself resulted in nothing more than a number of weeks to completely heal.

This is but one of many times, known and unknown, that God has showered us with his love, protection and grace. We are forever thankful to Him.

Evangelism Report

Check out the Outreach Bulletin Board in the hallway to see the June Mission of the Month: **Guiding Future Leaders of the Church and World**. Outreach includes and looks for ways to include the youth, to challenge and encourage them to be leaders in the Church and in their own school and lives. There's an engaging article posted on the bulletin board for everyone to read. (For those of you receiving this by email, simply click on <https://blogs.lcms.org/2014/guiding-future-leaders-of-church-and-world/>) Once again, hopefully this gets us thinking about this topic in a new way and leads to a few ideas for us here at Grace...

SUMMER FUN! **Family Promise of Lorain County** is hosting a FUNdraiser with the **Crusher's** on Wednesday, June 20th! This is such a great family event. Tickets are only \$9. Go to their Website, familypromiselorainco.org, click on Events, click on the Crushers ad, Click on Buy Tickets! You will pick out your seats and purchase and print your tickets! It's that easy. Can't join them but want to help? Either send a donation to Family Promise of Lorain County, 440 West Lorain St., Oberlin, OH 44074 and designate it for Crusher's tickets, or purchase the tickets, print and mail to us. We will use these tickets to take our families currently in the program and those that have graduated. The more tickets sold the more families that can go! Thank you!!!!

Worship Report

This summer we're trying out a new Service Schedule at Grace. Ushers have been placed into pairs (or "teams") and will be scheduled to usher once every 7 weeks. Acolytes will be scheduled once every 7 weeks as well. Hopefully this will make things a little easier (to schedule and remember), without placing too much workload on any individuals for too long.

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

Lutheran Women's Mission League News

June 16 is our next Free Community Hot Meal and will be hosted by Janet Mertz and Bonnie Abicht. Donna and Wayne Perron served 18 at the May Hot Meal.

LWML spring meeting is scheduled for Monday June 4 at 7:00 pm. Plans for discussion: possible Father/Son Banquet, Love, INC., other projects to be determined.

Hosting coffee hour in June will be:

June 3	Kathy Sklarek
June 10	Donna Jones Perron
June 17	Jen Fehlan-Jones
June 24	Susan Walker

LWML will once again participate in Love, INC (Love in the Name of Christ) annual Clothe-A-Kid for School Program. Last year we purchased clothes for 10 kids. Please let Carolyn Husted know by June 10 if you would be interested in this worthy event. Love, INC suggests each order to cost on average \$70-\$90. Each bag must contain a minimum of 2 pairs of pants or jeans, 2 shirts or blouses, 3 pairs of underwear and 3 pairs of socks. Additional items can be added if you wish. We will get names and sizes of each child sometime between July 6-20 to be returned by July 29.

Reminder: LWML's annual fall rummage sale will be August 30 and September 1. Tentative meeting scheduled for late July or early August to make rummage arrangements.

Next women's breakfast will be held Thursday, June 28 at 9:30 at the Oberlin Diner on South Main Street.

Carolyn Husted

Altar Guild News

Have you ever thought about serving on Altar Guild? If you are interested, let me know! I would be happy to share with you what we do.

Serving in June: Karen Huston

~ Robin

Grace Graduates

Aaron Turnbull graduated May 25, 2018 from Firelands High School. Aaron is a member of Firelands FFA. Throughout his high school career, Aaron participated in raising and showing poultry, receiving multiple awards for poultry production both at Lorain County Fair and through FFA events. Aaron plans to attend Lorain County Community College in the fall.



Daily Bible Readings

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 • Worship 10 am	4 • LWNML Meeting 7 pm	5 • Confirmation 7 pm	6 • Elder's Meeting 4 pm	7 • Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm	8	9 • Free Hot Meal 5 pm
10 • Worship 10 am • Memorial Com- munity Meeting 11:40 am	11	12	13	14 • Confirmation 7 pm	15	16
17 • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am	18	19	20	21 • Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm	22	23
24 Confirmation Sunday • Worship 10 am	25	26	27	28 • Women's Break- fast at Oberlin Kirchen Diner @ 9:30 am	29	30

Upcoming Important Dates:

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