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Grace Notes

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

September is “Back to School” month. Kids from kindergarten to college are back in the classroom and hitting the books at night – as the homework piles up. It’s the time of year for them to get back to learning – to increase their knowledge and understanding of how things work. It’s also a time for them to learn about proper behavior and appropriate ways to treat others. “No running in the hallway!” “Wash your hands before you eat.” “Say ‘sorry’ for taking his toy.” – to name just a few examples. Whether they’re thrilled about going back to school or not, September is an important time for children to get back to learning and developing as human beings.

And that’s a good reminder for all of us as the children of God. No matter how old you are, you always need to be learning and developing in faith. So it’s only fitting that for the month of September our daily OT Bible readings come from the book of **Proverbs**. It’s a book of the Bible unlike the rest – FILLED with wisdom, insight, and practical guidance for daily living. It’s one of the most easily and universally understandable books of the Bible. At the same time, the wisdom found in the book is like an endless stream that can lead you to “*find favor and good success in the sight of God and man*” (Prov. 3:4).

September is a month for us here at Grace to “hit the books” – or rather “hit the Good Book,” as we seek the Lord’s understanding for our lives that turns us from “fools” into “the wise”.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

PS Check out the Evangelism News article for an exciting new way to get involved with outreach called **1+1+1**.

August Official Pastoral Acts:

- 3 sick/shut-in visits
- 5 private communions
- 2 pastoral care visits
- 1 leadership meeting
- 2 family visitations
- 1 circuit visitor activity

Adult Bible Class continues studying **Forgiveness and Reconciliation** – especially in the everyday cases and relationship headaches that we so often wind up in. If you'd like to come learn more, join us on Sundays after worship in the hallway classroom.

September Birthdays

Dylan Fridenstine	9/02
Bob Fraunfelder	9/06
Dylan Steindl	9/05
Dakota Steindl	9/06
Lori Izold	9/13
Karen Huston	9/14
Kloe Koepf	9/17
Gail Hite	9/17
Glen Fridenstine III	9/20
Michele Kovach	9/20
Gary Coultrip	9/21
Dawn Coultrip	9/23
Holly Russell	9/25
Abel Coultrip	9/29

September Anniversaries

Bonnie and Gary Abicht	9/02
Bob and Pat Fraunfelder	9/05
George and Eva Horning	9/05
Scott and Heidi Scholl	9/18
Glenn and Rita Waltz	9/26
Glen and Karen Fridenstine	9/26

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

From the President

September is turning into a busy month for Grace. It starts off with the LWL Rummage sale, moves to the luncheon for the Pastor's 10th anniversary, and concludes with the Voter's Meeting.

In August the Pastor reached 10 years of service to Grace Lutheran Church. We will celebrate with a catered luncheon on September 16th. Please join us in acknowledging Pastor's dedication to the congregation of Grace. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway. This will allow us to get an accurate count for the caterer.

All are encouraged to attend the Voter's Meeting on September 23rd where we turn our attention to the business of Grace.

Evangelism Report

The Mission of the Month for September is **A Dollar for Missions**

One dollar, per member, per week = 1+1+1!

The English District has launched a new model for funding missions to which every congregation is invited to participate. It is completely voluntary, but we believe that as God's people see and hear what is being accomplished, specifically and directly in support and development of new missions and enhancing existing missions, more and more of us will want to be involved.

It's simple. Very simple. It is NOT burdensome, nor sacrificial. It involves every baptized member of the Body of Jesus in your congregation, from the newest baby baptized to the oldest member. It demonstrates the power of the beautiful body of Christ working together, prompted by faith. It shows how much can be accomplished by many, giving little.

Here's the plan: \$1/per baptized member/per week. Simple, right? Self-explanatory almost. Not burdensome, nor sacrificial. All can participate.

If every baptized member of our district congregations did ONLY this plan, we could produce \$2.5 million in addition to our district's total budget of \$1.8 million. The numbers are staggering. Just think what else we could do!

Q. Are these extra dollars for missions used in the local congregation?

A. No. The purpose of this funding model is to gather dollars for missions outside of the local congregation or community. The English District will select the missions that will receive these extra dollars. Each congregation, through their regular ministry offerings, is best suited to support and work in their local community. As part of the larger body of Christ, the Church, your participation can make a real and significant impact outside your community.

Q. Our congregation's budget has a line item titled, District Missions. Is A Dollar for Missions different from this budgetary giving?

A. The funds that we give together to A Dollar for Missions are given over and above our regular District gifts, not as a replacement of them.

Q. How is a mission selected to be funded by A Dollar for Missions?

A. There will always be two missions concurrently funded through the A Dollar for Missions funding model. One North American and one international mission. They will be selected by the English District Missions Council with input from our Bishop and Mission Executive. Suggestions are always welcome.

It is our intention to present the current missions being funded in these two geographies and to share the next two missions to be funded after the current ones are fully funded.

Q. How much funding is needed to get our first two mission efforts fully funded?

A. Our current North American Mission is Concordia Lutheran Mission in Lebanon, PA. \$25,000 is needed to fully fund this new mission congregation.

Our current international mission is Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission in Santiago, Dominican Republic. \$30,000 is needed to fully fund this mission of which our English District is a managing partner.

The next missions to be funded are being established and suggestions are welcome and also encouraged.

Check out the Outreach Bulletin Board in the church hallway to see more helpful questions and answers on this topic. For those of you receiving this by email, just click on

<http://www.englishdistrict.org/ministries/missions/dollar-missions/frequently-asked-questions> to learn more.

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 September: Robin Turnbull

~ Robin

Lutheran Women's Mission League News

The LWML annual rummage sale is over for another year! We plan to hold a meeting late September or early December to vote which missions we wish to support this year. Our thanks to all who supported our rummage sale.

Serving coffee hour in September will be:

2 Karen Huston
9 Jan Mertz
16 Jan Limpert
23 Barb Hadaway
30 Jen Fehlan-Jones

The Community Free Hot Meal will be held on Saturday, September 15 hosted by Tom and Barbara Hadaway and Harriett Thomas.

Women's breakfast will be held Thursday, September 27 at the Oberlin Kitchen Diner at 9:30.

- Carolyn Husted

Daily Bible Readings

Sept. 1	-	Proverbs 2	Oct. 1	-	Prov. 27:22-28:28
Sept. 2	-	Prov. 3:1-18	Oct. 2	-	Proverbs 29
Sept. 3	-	Prov. 3:19-35	Oct. 3	-	Prov. 30:1-16
Sept. 4	-	Proverbs 4	Oct. 4	-	Prov. 30:17-33
Sept. 5	-	Proverbs 5	Oct. 5	-	Proverbs 31
Sept. 6	-	Proverbs 6	Oct. 6	-	Hosea 1:1-2:13
Sept. 7	-	Proverbs 7	Oct. 7	-	Hosea 2:14-3:5
Sept. 8	-	Proverbs 8	Oct. 8	-	Hosea 4-5
Sept. 9	-	Proverbs 9	Oct. 9	-	Hosea 6-7
Sept. 10	-	Proverbs 10	Oct. 10	-	Hosea 8-9
Sept. 11	-	Proverbs 11	Oct. 11	-	Hosea 10-11
Sept. 12	-	Proverbs 12	Oct. 12	-	Hosea 12-14
Sept. 13	-	Proverbs 13	Oct. 13	-	Malachi 1-2
Sept. 14	-	Prov. 14:1-16	Oct. 14	-	Malachi 3
Sept. 15	-	Prov. 14:17-35	Oct. 15	-	Malachi 4
Sept. 16	-	Prov. 15:1-18	Oct. 16	-	Daniel 1
Sept. 17	-	Prov. 15:19-33	Oct. 17	-	Daniel 2
Sept. 18	-	Prov. 16:1-17	Oct. 18	-	Daniel 3
Sept. 19	-	Prov. 16:18-33	Oct. 19	-	Daniel 4
Sept. 20	-	Proverbs 17	Oct. 20	-	Daniel 5
Sept. 21	-	Proverbs 18	Oct. 21	-	Daniel 6
Sept. 22	-	Proverbs 19	Oct. 22	-	Daniel 7
Sept. 23	-	Prov. 20	Oct. 23	-	Daniel 8
Sept. 24	-	Proverbs 21	Oct. 24	-	Daniel 9
Sept. 25	-	Proverbs 22	Oct. 25	-	Daniel 10
Sept. 26	-	Proverbs 23	Oct. 26	-	Daniel 11-12
Sept. 27	-	Proverbs 24	Oct. 27	-	Habakkuk 1
Sept. 28	-	Proverbs 25	Oct. 28	-	Habakkuk 2
Sept. 29	-	Proverbs 26	Oct. 29	-	Habakkuk 3
Sept. 30	-	Prov. 27:1-21	Oct. 30	-	Haggai 1
			Oct. 31	-	Haggai 2

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 • Rummage Sale 9 am - 2 pm
2 • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am	3	4	5 • Elder's Meeting 4 pm	6 • Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm	7	8
9 • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am	10 • Council's Meeting 7 pm	11	12	13	14	15 • Free Hot Meal 5 pm
16 • Worship 10 am • Pastor's Celebration Luncheon	17	18	19	20 • Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm	21	22
23 • Worship 10 am • Voter's Meeting 11:40 am	24	25	26	27 • Women's Break-fast at Oberlin Kitchen @ 9:30	28	29
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Upcoming Important Dates:

- TBD: LWNML Meeting