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Grace Notes

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

September was a memorable month here at Grace. First and foremost it included the **Baptism** and **Adult Confirmation** of **LeeAnne Christner**. We've had baptisms and confirmations before at our church – but it's rather uncommon to have both on the same day with the same person. And more important than it being a rare event is the significance of it. God's Spirit has been working on LeeAnne for years. She took the Foundations of Faith class here at Grace earlier in the year but still needed more time for the Holy Spirit to work inside her. And He did. And on Sunday the 30th the congregation got to witness some of the fruit of His labor.

Secondly, on the 16th the congregation celebrated my **10th anniversary** as a pastor and the pastor here at Grace. There was a catered brunch, I had some family in town, and it was a special time to reflect for just a few moments on what the past 10 years has meant to me and all that our Lord has accomplished in them. It reminded me of a quote I came across recently from Rev. C.F.W. Walter, the first President of the LCMS and Concordia Seminary:

"It cannot be expressed how important it is for the listeners to be certain of the divine call of their preacher. If the listeners are convinced of it, they will be satisfied at heart to have even a preacher with lesser gifts if only he is faithful. They will not leave their church and run after someone more highly gifted. They will rather in simplicity hold to this: Our preacher is the one whom God has given us, through whom God wants to lead us to heaven. Under his shepherding God will not let us lack anything that is necessary for our salvation."

Those are powerful words for both pastor and parishioners!

Having reflected a bit on my 10 years here at Grace, it led me to the basic question: **"WHAT'S NEXT?!?"** What's the next project for me to tackle here at Grace? What does God want to accomplish next? Part of that answer came through a recent pastoral evaluation when the Elders suggested and encouraged me to try and visit all the members of Grace in the next 12

months. What a fantastic recommendation! An opportunity for me to go and visit each of you members of Grace in your homes – to connect with you and see what’s going on in your life and where God has been at work on you. I look forward to this task in the months to come... as we grow to know each other deeper (shepherd and sheep) as we begin the next 10 years together.

In Christ, Pastor Josh

September Official Pastoral Acts:

- 4 sick/shut-in visits
- 3 private communions
- 3 pastoral care visits
- 2 leadership meetings
- 2 family visitations
- 4 circuit visitor activities
- 1 hospital visit
- 1 Baptism (*LeeAnne Christner*)

This month the Sunday morning Adult Bible Class continues studying **Forgiveness and Reconciliation** – especially within personal relationships. Everyone’s invited to join us on Sundays after worship in the hallway classroom.

The **2018 Nominating Committee** consists of Fred Feddeck, Karen Fridenstine, Colleen Karp, Ron Mertz, and Pastor Josh. The Council positions open for nomination and election this year are Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Buildings & Grounds Deacon. If you’d like to nominate someone for one of these positions please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

An updated **Prayer Chain** was completed last month. It includes both a phone and email list. If you’d like to be added to either – or if you have ever a prayer request - please contact Jan Koepp at 440-935-4287.

October Birthdays

D. J. Honney	10/01
Andy Karp	10/02
Wayne Perron	10/04
Jen Fehlan-Jones	10/10
Mike Burt	10/11
Matthew Moldenhauer	10/16
McKenzie Swanzer	10/20
John Thomas	10/24
John Bremke	10/25
Donna Perron	10/28

October Anniversaries

Bob & Lori Izold	10/01
Scott and Bev Dorrance	10/10
Lisa & Larry Lalonde	10/22

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

We are looking for a volunteer to periodically change the church sign out front. If you might be willing please contact Pastor Josh. Thank you.

From the President

Next month is the November Voter's meeting and there are important chairs to fill on Council. I urge all members to consider what they can do to help fill this need. There are vacancies up for election as well as vacancies that need to be filled by appointment.

Any questions you might have or if you want to volunteer, please contact someone from the Nominating committee.

The Nominating committee is comprised of:

Pastor Josh
Ron Mertz
Karen Fridenstine
Fred Feddeck
Colleen Karp

Evangelism Report

The Mission of the Month for September was **A Dollar for Missions**, an outreach project of the English District sometimes simply called **1+1+1**. (One dollar, per member, per week = 1+1+1!) At the September Voters' Meeting the congregation agree to support and begin this project here at Grace. We plan to begin this project on the first Sunday in November – which is All Saints Day.

The Mission of the Month for October is going to be **Rev. Charles Ferry** and his young (and growing) family: Cheryl (wife), Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, Cassandra, Chloe, and Charlotte. They are the missionary family that visited our church in March of 2014. They were called by God to Indonesia – and since then they've been called by God to Taiwan as the Asia Regional Director. Chuck has wide-ranging duties of a wide-ranging territory. Any special offerings this month will be sent directly to him and his family. Check out the Outreach Bulletin Board in the church hallway to see more information. For those of you receiving this by email, just click on <https://www.lcms.org/ferry> 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 October: Karen Huston

Thank you to Mary Zudell for the purchase of the oil-filled candle lighter to assist the acolytes.

~ Robin

Lutheran Women's Mission League News

Hosting coffee hour in October will be:

- 7 Bev Hines
- 14 Anita Saathoff
- 21 Jan Limpert
- 28 Carolyn Husted

Tom and Barb Hadaway and Harriett Thomas served the September Hot Meal. Donna and Wayne Perron will host the Hot Meal on October 20.

The women's monthly breakfast will be held at the Main Street Diner on Thursday, October 25 at 9:30. We will not meet in November or December due to the holidays.

The LWL annual rummage sale was held on October 30 and September 1, 2018. Most of the profit of \$1000.00 will be given away as donations at our November LWL meeting. Goodwill came and picked up clothes, kitchen items, miscellaneous items not sold. Thanks to Jon Storr for taking care of the large items.

A big thank you to the five dedicated women and two honorary male members who worked tirelessly all week long to make the sale a success. Thanks also to the two men and one woman who came in on Saturday afternoon to help pack up all the items. And thanks to those who helped make the cabbage and noodle sale a success. Many from the community look forward to the food every year.

Daily Bible Readings

Oct. 1	- Prov. 27:22-28:28	Nov. 1	- Obadiah
Oct. 2	- Proverbs 29	Nov. 2	- Psalm 112-113
Oct. 3	- Prov. 30:1-16	Nov. 3	- Psalm 114-115
Oct. 4	- Prov. 30:17-33	Nov. 4	- Psalm 116
Oct. 5	- Proverbs 31	Nov. 5	- Psalm 117-118
Oct. 6	- Hosea 1:1-2:13	Nov. 6	- Psalm 119:1-24
Oct. 7	- Hosea 2:14-3:5	Nov. 7	- Psalm 119:25-48
Oct. 8	- Hosea 4-5	Nov. 8	- Psalm 119:49-72
Oct. 9	- Hosea 6-7	Nov. 9	- Psalm 119:73-88
Oct. 10	- Hosea 8-9	Nov. 10	- Ps. 119:89-104
Oct. 11	- Hosea 10-11	Nov. 11	- Ps. 119:105-120
Oct. 12	- Hosea 12-14	Nov. 12	- Ps. 119:121-152
Oct. 13	- Malachi 1-2	Nov. 13	- Ps. 119:153-176
Oct. 14	- Malachi 3	Nov. 14	- Psalm 120-121
Oct. 15	- Malachi 4	Nov. 15	- Psalm 122-124
Oct. 16	- Daniel 1	Nov. 16	- Psalm 125-126
Oct. 17	- Daniel 2	Nov. 17	- Psalm 127-129
Oct. 18	- Daniel 3	Nov. 18	- Psalm 130-131
Oct. 19	- Daniel 4	Nov. 19	- Psalm 132-133
Oct. 20	- Daniel 5	Nov. 20	- Psalm 134-135
Oct. 21	- Daniel 6	Nov. 21	- Psalm 136
Oct. 22	- Daniel 7	Nov. 22	- Psalm 137-138
Oct. 23	- Daniel 8	Nov. 23	- Psalm 139-140
Oct. 24	- Daniel 9	Nov. 24	- Psalm 141-142
Oct. 25	- Daniel 10	Nov. 25	- Psalm 143
Oct. 26	- Daniel 11-12	Nov. 26	- Psalm 144
Oct. 27	- Habakkuk 1	Nov. 27	- Psalm 145
Oct. 28	- Habakkuk 2	Nov. 28	- Psalm 146
Oct. 29	- Habakkuk 3	Nov. 29	- Psalm 147
Oct. 30	- Haggai 1	Nov. 30	- Psalm 148
Oct. 31	- Haggai 2	Dec. 1	- Psalm 149-150

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship 10 am Nominating Committee Meeting 11:40 am 	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council's Meeting 7 pm 	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm 	12	13
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship 10 am Adult Bible Class 11:40 am 	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OCS Food Box Delivery 2 pm 	17 Fall Pastor's Conference	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm 	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Hot Meal 5 pm
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship 10 am Adult Bible Class 11:40 am 	22	23	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Break-fast at Oberlin Kitchen @ 9:30 am 	26	27
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship 10 am Adult Bible Class 11:40 am 	29	30	31			

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Nov: LWL Meeting
- Nov. 18: Voter's Meeting
- Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 pm