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Grace Lutheran Church

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"Reflecting and Sharing Jesus Christ"

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He called out the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. Mark 6:7

Sent out to Heal

What do you think about when you hear the word healing? Do you picture a televangelist who strikes people on foreheads, people laying on the floor or throwing away their crutches? Perhaps you picture an old Catholic Priest anointing a dying person, giving them the last rites? Healing takes on many forms. It is not just physical. It is not just an exorcism. It is so much more. And it is a gift that God gives to the common person. It is a ministry that Jesus gives to the disciples.

During the first four weeks of July, we will be looking at healing. On July 1st, we see a messy healing. When Jesus goes to heal Jairus daughter, a woman initiates her healing by touching the hem of Jesus robe. Jesus stops and talks to the woman while Jairus daughter goes from being terribly sick to being dead. But Jesus raises Jairus daughter from the dead.

On July 8th, Jesus could not do much healing because of the unbelief of the people in his own hometown. So Jesus sent out the twelve and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The disciples, then, proclaimed repentance, casted out demons, anointed people with oil and healed them

On July 15th, we hear what happened to John the Baptist when he stood up against the king. The king took his brother's wife. John was arrested. He was killed. Sometimes standing up on the side of healing can put you at odds with others.

On July 22nd, Jesus and the disciples are overwhelmed by the crowd that follows them. Jesus

has compassion on them for they were like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus and the disciples heal many.

You have a part in that healing. God can use you in what you say, how you act and the compassion that you have for others around you.

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ON GOING BIBLE STUDIES



Ladies Morning Out

Ladies Morning Out meets Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The group meet at Grace Lutheran in the Adult Ed Room. From June to September this group will meet at the church for Drop-In coffee hour. Contact person is Kathy Marshall (352-0908).

(All of the Bible Studies below will resume in the Fall.)

Young at Heart Bible Study; Adult Education
Men's Evening Out; Afternoon Bible Study at Good Shepherd



Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Ruth Rinas** who passed away on May 28th in Wetaskiwin. Ruth's Memorial Service was held at Grace Lutheran Church on Monday, June 25th.

To God be the glory.

Who's Older? Who's Celebrating Anniversaries?

Do you need an excuse to tell a friend that you are thinking of them? If so, let these birthday and anniversary people know that they are on your minds and in your prayers.

Thank God for another year of grace!

Did we leave you out? If so, let us know.
We aim to please!!



July Birthdays

Carolyn Wait	Dean Zurbrigg
Clara Meyer	Tristan Zielke
Rita Kneller	Dakota Zielke
Trevor Marshall	Bernice Scholze
Darryl Kaiser	Haley Irwin
Kyla Maygard	Kathy Marshall
Cassidy Maplethorpe	Alexa Jordens
Josh Zablocki	Muriel Hay
Bertha Bailer	Bert Lerohl
Tyson Zielke	Janet Forth
Deanna Grohn	Taylor Zablocki
Andrew Lerohl	Arlen Forth
Dale Zielke	Gordon Shantz
Debbie Zablocki	Ashli Wright
Jordie Miller	Terry Johnson



July Anniversaries

Harley & Tara Scorah
 Darryl & Geraldine Kaiser
 Justin & Nolana Wieclaw
 Albert & Jane Wedman
 Richard & Shandyn Turgeon
 Dan & Kelly Orchard
 Leon & Colleen McGinnis/Strembitsky
 Ben & Deanna Grohn
 Lionel & Chrissy Williams
 Nels & Roxann Buskas
 Norman & Bonnie Hay
 Oscar & Betty Thiel
 Ed & Rita Kneller
 Harold & Irene Minchau



June Council Highlights



May was a month where income "just about" met expenses! We are encouraging members to not

only contribute to the day to day expenses, but also to designate funds to yard care, both at Grace & St. Johns to cover those costs. We are still in the red and utilizing funds borrowed from St. Johns sale to replace accessing our overdraft at ATB. The Finance Ministry Team continues to work with Samantha to implement a new simplified financial record keeping system. Synod has developed a booklet for Treasurers and Samantha has a copy of this for reference.

- We approved Vinyl Fix to repair the choir pews - they are local and do excellent work, and also came in with the lowest bid of \$2142, including GST.
- Van Usage - Sandy provided a verbal report, based on consultation with the other volunteer van drivers - there are very few seniors requesting a ride and the preference continues with usage of private vehicles for ease of getting in and out, instead of the van. The decision was made to leave the insurance and registration on the van for the current year, in the event that it is needed. We will continue to offer seniors who desire a ride to worship service a ride arranged in volunteer driver's private vehicles. Sandy is going to develop a skit to present to the congregation highlighting arranging rides to church.
- We approved the Property Team's recommendation to accept Cold Guard Roofing and Insulation Systems to apply roofing to the remainder of Grace's flat roof as per their provided estimate.
- St. Johns property team - Work is needed on the church - deck side ramp boards are rotting so we have considered roping off these areas to deter usage. Discussion re: possible removal of this structure, the west side of the church needs painting because of the hail storm last summer, and replacing downspouts. This property team will meet soon to discuss these issues and report back to council. A huge THANK YOU to those who came to help with yard and cemetery cleanup! Much appreciated!!
- Synod Constitution - template. Articles to be pared down and the rest placed into By-laws for ease of changing things more quickly. It will take some time to reconfigure our document. Letter of Call should be one of the initial documents to be updated so that this is in line with today's expectations.

- Privacy Policy –
 - 1) Plan to implement Privacy & Security Policy - Confidentiality Oath - start with staff and council members signing document for church records.
 - 2) If people have not provided verbal/written consent, names may be removed from prayer list.
 - 3) Committees to decide which members need to sign Confidentiality Oath.
 - 4) Verify church member contact information.

In this regard - we need a Privacy Officer to implement some of the privacy policy requirements. We are asking for volunteer/volunteers to take on this task. Please speak to Brent or Bert if you are interested. Trusting that this will be of interest to one of our church members.

- June 24th - Service in the Son - Vivian Holtby and Sandy Green have volunteered to take the lead. Looking for other volunteers to come forward to assist with this service and BBQ event!

Next Council meeting August 14th at 7:00 pm.

Janet Forth



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT OF BUDGETED FUNDS

Carry over from April	-17,830.52
May Income	16,799.64
Transferred In	20,000.00
May Expenses	-16,895.61
May difference 2018	19,904.03
Total	\$2,073.51



Spring is finally here, and our lawn is loving it!

If you are able, we're accepting funds to cover the cost of our lawn maintenance.

Can you help us out with a mowing or two? If you can, please label your additional offering "Lawn" and put it in the offering plate. Hopefully there will be enough to cover our lawn care costs for the season. Any additional funds will be designated to Snow Removal and we hope we don't have to tap into that for a long, long time.

Thank you for helping keep our properties looking good.



Vacation Bible School will be held at Grace this year on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, July 10, 11 and 12 -9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Help is needed in the areas of:

- Snack Leaders and Snack Helpers;
- Guides;
- Bible Story Drama Characters (5 needed);
- Recreation Helper;
- Craft Leader and Craft helpers.

See the sign up board in the Narthex. If you are able to help, write your name in the area that you are able to help with on the Bulletin Divider in the Narthex. For further information talk to Betty.



Congratulations Graduate

Graduating from Wetaskiwin Composite High School:

- Kjel Gusdal**
- Eric Hannay**
- Cassidy Maplethorpe**
- Noah Orchard**
- Mareza Seale-Funk**
- Brett Stashko**

Congratulations to all our graduates. May God's blessings go with you as you continue your journey wherever God will lead you.



From Bishop Larry:

July-August 2018 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

I am writing on Tuesday morning, June 12, just days before the Synod Convention begins in Camrose under the theme based on I Cor. 13:13, **"Faith, Hope, Love: and the greatest of these is love."**

As we gather on Thursday afternoon we will take time for a few minutes of conversation around expectations of our time together: what are you looking forward to at this convention?

What do you anticipate taking home with you from convention? What am I looking forward to? What are my hopes as we gather? In no particular order:

- Worship that is deeply meaningful
- Welcoming and learning from our Colombian guests
- Signing, together with Bishop Atahualpa, the "Covenant" between our Synod and The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia
- Daily Eucharist
- Singing that blows the roof off of the Convention Hall
- Nourishment through the three presentations – Faith, Hope, Love – from Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen
- Enriching debate, decision-making and elections
- Conversations
- Learning through "Lunch and Learn" opportunities and guests to the Convention: for example, CLWR, Pastor Brian Rude, Lutheran Theological Seminary, and so on
- Ordination Anniversaries and presentation of the first Synod of Alberta and the Territories Stephen D. Wildfang Leadership Award
- Chillin' with the Chaplains gelato event
- Mission Priority videos – hearing the stories
- Prayerfully walking through the Art Display with items from across the Synod
- And the list could go on...

As we gather from across our Synod please remember all who gather in your prayers that together we will be open to the Spirit's work among us...shaping...transforming...reworking...guiding...and that we will know the reality of the words of Paul to the church in Rome (15:13): *"The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

In Christ Jesus – Shalom, +Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



Contemplative Prayer

Contemplative prayer immerses us into the silence of God. We need this in our modern noisy busy lifestyle. Our bodies are hurting. Our dominating minds often get in the way. We love to talk to God but we do not have time to listen. I have started practicing Contemplative Prayer under a Lutheran Spiritual Director (Rev. Ron Flamand). My hope is to become more aware and open to what God might be saying to me through the Holy Spirit. I also hope to center myself not in my fallible mind but in my heart. One empties oneself of our anxieties and be open to fill ourselves with the gifts of God. One can also take piece of scripture as a way of focussing on the things of God.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in joining in the fall, please let me know. If you know of someone who would be interested or would greatly benefit from this old spiritual practice, let them know. Let me know what days and times work best for you.



Future Goals

1) Missional Formation: We have been in a process of Mission Formation over the last 18 months led by Assistant to the Bishop Julianne Barlow. We have finished working under her mentorship. Our focus now turns to the congregation. Our group is meeting every month except July and August. We have been conducting experiments of missional discernment. We will be sharing these experiments with the congregation in the fall. We will be encouraging the congregation to join us in these experiments.

1) Upcoming Plans:

- a) Dementia Workshop in the Fall: The United Church held a Sold Out Dementia Workshop last year. We want to run another Dementia workshop in the Fall. Tentatively October 19th.
- b) Mental Health Month: January 2019
- c) Mental Health First Aid Course: March 2019

