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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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WORDS FROM PASTOR

“Hands of Sacrifice”



Perhaps you've seen the painting known as “The Praying Hands.” As part of a devotional reading written by Rev. Barry Keurulainen, I was blessed to find out how this painting came to be. Rev. Keurulainen tells the story:

“Albrecht Durer, a renowned artist in the 1500's, had a friend by the name of Franz Knigstein. Albrecht and Franz as friends went to art school together while trying to work to pay their way. Rather than having both of them fail at their art studies, they decided one should work while the other attended school. Franz agreed to work as a laborer, while Albrecht gratefully pursued his art career – promising to return the favor once he became a successful artist.

Much time passed as Albrecht developed his potential genius. Finally, he returned to keep his promise to Franz, who was overjoyed at Albrecht's success. Soon Albrecht realized that the years of labor had been hard on Franz. His fingers had become too bent and twisted to manipulate a paintbrush. He could never become the artist he hoped to be, nor could Albrecht ever fulfill his promise of repayment.

One night, as Franz knelt in prayer, Albrecht sorrowfully sketched the crippled hands of the friend who had made his success possible. His painting is what we today know as ‘The Praying Hands.’ Albrecht Durer's beautiful artwork is a tribute to the spirit of love and sacrifice to which Franz Knightstein's life was testimony.”

When I first read this devotional three people came to mind. Two were my parents. They labored and sacrificed much for me to be where I am today. Words cannot express how grateful I am for all that they've done.

Who comes to your mind? Perhaps your spouse, sibling or friend? Who labored and sacrificed to support you so that you could achieve your goals?

The third Person that came to mind was Jesus Christ. Though my parents sacrificed much, no one sacrificed more for me than Jesus. When I think of hands, I think of the nail-pierced hands of Jesus Christ. He was crucified on a wooden cross. He gave His life to rescue and deliver me from sin, death and the devil. He didn't have to die, He didn't have to sacrifice Himself, but He did. Why? Out of love for me!

Jesus sacrificed Himself at that cross for you also. He is the ultimate example of love and sacrifice. He stretched out His hands on that cross to be nailed and pierced to deliver you – so that by believing in Him you have eternal life.

Yet there are so many who do not know this truth, this life-saving message of Jesus!

Won't you take the time to pray for your neighbors, friends, family members - that their eyes and ears may be opened, that their hearts might be receptive to the Gospel? And consider using any opportunity the Lord provides to share that good news with them. You can be the hands of service, the feet that bring good news, the mouthpiece that shares the Gospel.

In His service,

—Pastor Jason

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Service 9 am

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Study at 10:15 am

Holy Communion
July 8 & 22

NEW AUGUST BIBLE STUDY COMING:

Jesus' "I Am" Words



A new Friday Bible study will begin on the "I Am" words of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. If you'd like to join, please sign up in the entryway. The study will begin August 3 at the Moddelmog home at 10:30am. Speak to Pastor Jason if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS NEEDED

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS. WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE MANY CHILDREN AT CHURCH, WE ALWAYS WANT TO BE PREPARED IN CASE WE HAVE CHILDREN WHO WISH TO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL. A BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED FOR ALL WHO DEAL WITH CHILDREN/YOUTH (FORM PROVIDED BY PASTOR JASON). IF YOU FEEL CALLED TO THIS MINISTRY, PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE ENTRYWAY AND PASTOR JASON WILL CONTACT YOU.

LUTHERANISM 101: TO LEARN, REVIEW, OR FOR MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member or are interested in learning the basics of the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please speak to Pastor Jason or sign up in the entryway ASAP. If you've already been confirmed in the Lutheran Church you will not need to take the class to become a member. This class is also for current members as well. It never hurts to review what you may have learned a long time ago (and may possibly have forgotten!). The beginning date and time will be determined based on participation.

CHURCH & PICNIC AT THE PARK

This annual church service and picnic in the park was a great success. Everyone was prepared for the cold and the games and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The Sunday School provided bratwursts, hotdogs and hamburgers grilled by the team of Jerry and Sandy Beck and Doug and Liz Rakow. We enjoyed a great array of salads and desserts provided by the attendees. Thank you to everyone!

See you next year!!

FACTS ABOUT The Fourth of July



Father of the country and architect of independence **George Washington** held his first public office at the tender age of 17. He continued in public service until his death in 1799.

The first two versions of the **Liberty Bell** were defective and had to be melted down and recast. The third version rang every Fourth of July from 1778 to 1835.

2018-19 MISSION AND MINISTRY LIST

Pastoral Staff: Pastor Jason Hong, Deacon Gerry Mattijetz

Office Staff: Greg Grose, Daphne Hester

Board of Directors: Jeannette Bailey, Larry James, Doug Rakow, Linda Taylor, John Wright (Elected -Elder)

Board of Elders: Russ Bailey, Roger Ballinger, Carl Hester, Bob Holman, Deacon Gerry Mattijetz, Bill Umland, John Wright

Board of Trustees: Ben Benninghoff, Rick Berghoeffer, George Konrad, Don McCage, Colin Pay, Bob Taylor

Endowment Committee: Dennis Barnett, Greg Grose, Bob Holman, Colin Pay

Note: Pastor is an ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

Treasurers: Bill Hamlin, Robin Pay

Financial Secretary: Daphne Hester

MINISTRY	CONTACT PERSON(S)
Altar Guild:	Linda Anderson, Gail Wright
Cards & Letters:	Yvonne Horn
Church Newsletter:	Carolyn Moddelmog, Pastor Jason
Bible Studies:	Pastor Jason, Deacon Gerry Mattijetz
Evangelism:	Pastor Jason
Fellowship-Hospitality Committee:	Carolyn Moddelmog, Linda Taylor
Gracious Ladies:	Nancy Toeller
Lutheran Braille Workers:	Carl & Daphne Hester
Mite Box & Other Mission Funding:	Carolyn Moddelmog
Multimedia:	Greg Grose, Russ Bailey, Rob Little
Scrip:	Carol Munnely, Nancy Toeller
Sewers & Quilters:	Gail Wright, Robin Pay
Sunday School:	Pastor Jason
Ushers & Greeters:	Milt Reed
Van Ministry:	Bob Holman
Visitor Bag Outreach:	Myrna Eberhardt, Pastor Jason

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Oscar Helmich
- 11 – Milt Reed
- 11 – Dottie Ruedlinger
- 15– Terri Little
- 17– Mary Bass
- 18– Nita Hallmann
- 18 – Colin Pay
- 23 – Robert Perez
- 27 – Myrna Eberhardt
- 27 – Seth Eberhardt
- 28– Arlene Dollarhide



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Ken & Lavinia Brass
- 18 – Dave & Judy Ehlers
- 24 – Oscar & Sandy Helmich
- 25 – Russ & Jeannette Bailey

God Bless America

SAVE RECYCLABLES FOR THE ALTAR GUILD

Please remember to save your recyclable plastic bottles and aluminum cans for the Altar Guild. Please deposit the bottles and cans into the purple container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

MITE BOX OFFERINGS



Have you been wondering what the little boxes are for? Grace submits mite box offerings to our Pacific Southwest District LW`ML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) to be dispersed to various mission projects.

If you would like to help make a difference for some wonderful mission projects in our district, nation and overseas, pick up a Mite Box in the entryway, save your change, and drop it off in the brass Mite tub on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The tub is on a stand at the back of the church on the left side as you walk into the sanctuary.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees meeting — June 13, 2018

Present were Ben Benninghoff, George Konrad, Bob Taylor.

The need for a head trustee was discussed.

New hoe cart assembled. All hoses when not in use, etc. are, in the future, to be under lock and key in a storage shed.

The next meeting will be July 11 at 8am.

George Konrad

MEET RUSS & JEANETTE BAILEY — SERVANTS OF CHRIST

Our featured Servant of Christ this month is Russ Bailey. Russ and his wife Jeanette have been members of Grace for eight years. This beautiful Christian couple is actively serving the Lord here at Grace. Russ is one of the church van drivers picking up those who need transportation to church. He has been an Elder, on the Board of Trustees, helps with the sound system, and has been a greeter when not driving the van. Jeanette, not to be left out, has served as a Sunday school teacher, greeter, usher, and is also currently on the Board of Directors.

Russell George Bailey June 23, 1941. He was a sickly baptized in a Lutheran Church at 2 up in the country where his mother family with fresh vegetables and grew up on the mid-western bread and dessert for meals. died at a young age (in his 50's) and birthday that he just celebrated.



started life in St. Charles, Illinois on child with whooping cough and was years of age. He and his sister grew had a large garden that provided the fruit and the excess was canned. They tradition of meat, potatoes, vegetables, Everything was homemade. His father Russ didn't expect to enjoy his 77th

In 1956, when he was 15 years old, they moved to Temple City, California. Russ attended Arcadia High School and graduated from Arroyo High School. He enjoyed playing basketball, softball, and participating in track events. After high school he attended Citrus Community College for 2 years but decided it wasn't for him.

He went into the work force at Standard Brand Paint as a salesman. He also worked for Devoe Paint as a customer service sales rep. Later years he worked in the Plumbing after market and the Automotive after market industry. Russ retired in 2002.

Russ was active in church growing up and it was at a Luther League youth meeting at church where he met his beautiful wife to be in 1959. Jeanette was his sister's friend, but they didn't start dating until 1963. They married in 1964 and are coming up on 54 years of marriage July 25th. They have 2 sons, Michael and Craig, and grandchildren Justin and Janelle (children of Michael). Michael lives in Beaumont and Craig in Pomona.

Russ and Jeanette lived in the Temple City area until moving to Redlands. There Jeanette worked as an administrative assistant to the Dean of Business at Redlands University. She retired from that job after 22 years. Previously she worked at Prudential Savings and Loan, Stewart Pharmaceutical, Bethlehem Lutheran Church secretary in Temple City, State Farm, Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), and secretary at First Lutheran in Redlands. Now we know why she is such an organized lady.

They moved to Solera in Beaumont on October 31, 2004. Jeanette continued to work for a couple of years but now they are both enjoying their retirement. Russ likes to golf and enjoys water color painting, a gift both he and his sister inherited from their mother. Jeanette enjoys gardening (she has a beautiful yard), crafting and card making, yoga class and other activities. They both enjoy cards, dominos and road trips. Since retirement they have traveled up north to Eureka, Colorado, Yellowstone, Kansas, and a cruise.

After moving to Beaumont they continued attending their old church for a couple of years, then decided to look at new churches in the Beaumont area and didn't feel comfortable until coming to Grace. They were greeted warmly by Deacons Gary and Gerry, and church members. Pastor's sermon and Bible study were the deciding factor and they have been at Grace ever since. They also saw a familiar face in Bob Holman who had attended a couple of the same churches they had. Russ and Jeanette are spreading the word to others about Grace Lutheran Church and the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please greet Russ and Jeanette and thank them for serving the Lord here at Grace.

(One of) Steve McQueen's Greatest Regrets

(Excerpts from an article in May, 2018 "Inland Empire Magazine")

Steve McQueen, the so called "king of cool" was one of America's most famous movie stars of his day. After his death from cancer in 1980, a story began to circulate about McQueen becoming a follower of Jesus.

After becoming the #1 movie star in the world ("Wanted Dead or Alive", T.V. star - and movies, "The Great Escape", "Bullitt", "The Magnificent Seven", "The Sand Pebbles", "Tom Horn", "The Towering Inferno", "The Cincinnati Kid", etc. etc.), he did the unexpected. He walked away from Hollywood!

He wanted to live a quieter life, so he moved to Santa Paula, CA, and bought a massive hanger to store his extensive collection of motorcycles and cars. It was there that Steve McQueen, the "man's man", "the king of cool", came to put his faith in Jesus Christ and became a regular Bible-reading, church-going man.

Steve was taking flying lessons from a former stunt pilot in Santa Paula, Sammy Mason. Sammy was very strong in his faith, but did not push it on Steve. Sammy was like Steve - a "man's man". McQueen saw something in Sammy that intrigued him, and one day Steve asked Sammy about his sense of "inner peace", that McQueen had observed. Sammy told Steve it was a result of his relationship with Jesus Christ.

Steve asked Sammy if he could attend a church service with him. Sammy agreed, and soon the famed actor was bringing his family and friends to church every Sunday, sitting in the balcony so as not to be a distraction to the other worshippers.

One day Steve asked the pastor to go to lunch together and talk. It was there that Steve revealed to the pastor that he believed Jesus to be His Savior and Lord. The pastor helped Steve learn the Bible, and grow his relationship with Jesus.

Everyone deep down inside is searching. Steve literally "had it all" - global fame, huge amount of wealth, an incredible car collection, and every other pleasure our culture has to offer. But he also drank heavily and used drugs, which only added fuel to his downward spiral. A colossal vacuum lived in his heart, a lack of purpose. He didn't find the answers he was looking for in Hollywood. He found it in the balcony of a church in Santa Paula. McQueen's life shows that no one is beyond the reach of God.

One of Steve McQueen's greatest regrets in the final days of his life was that he couldn't tell the world all that Christ had done for him. Please don't let that be one of your greatest regrets in your final days!

Submitted by Head Elder - Bob Holman

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

We hope you have been enjoying our coffee fellowship time after church. Our Kitchen Committee now consists of: 1st Sundays - Carlos and Mercy Perez; 2nd Sundays - Gladys Solvey and Carolyn Moddelmog; 3rd Sundays - Bob and Linda Taylor; 4th Sundays - Rob and Terri Little; 5th Sundays - Don and Pat McCage.

We have noticed that the kitchen is in need of kitchen towels and kitchen dish cloths. If you would like to help restock the kitchen with some new fresh ones, place them in the basket on the island counter in the kitchen. Many thanks!

We are trying to keep the refrigerator from getting full of out dated items. If you have a function with leftover food, please dispose of it or give it away. Many times it stays in the freezer or refrigerator until it is unusable. Each week we will be throwing out items from the previous week unless you mark it with your name.

Thank you for your monetary donations on Sundays that provide for the cake, donuts and supplies needed each month.

We would like to give a round of applause and a BIG THANKS to **Carol Munnely** and **Nancy Toeller** for beautifully decorating the Fellowship Room for each season. They have donated a lot of time and money to make our fellowship time more enjoyable and hospitable. Thank you both for a great job!

Linda Taylor and Carolyn Moddelmog are co-chairs of the Kitchen Committee. If you have any questions, they may be directed to either of them.

We ask the Lord to bless our time together.