



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

As many of us know, one's perspective is often dependent upon one's attitude. Whether the circumstances in life be grim or favorable, one's attitude plays a great role in how one perceives and handles the situation.

On January 13, 1997, Steve Fossett climbed into his hot-air balloon and set off from St. Louis, MO in an attempt to circle the globe. After crossing the Atlantic, the wind carried him toward Libya. However, he ran into a problem when Libya refused him permission to fly into their air space. Fossett had to change course. A hot-air balloon is not like driving a car where you simply turn the steering wheel. The ability to change course in a hot-air balloon is controlled by altitude. At a lower or higher altitude the balloonist is able to find a crosswind that will blow him in a different direction. Fossett was able to avoid flying over Libya by changing his altitude and catching a crosswind.

Bertrand Piccard, another balloonist, sees many similarities between a balloon flight and daily life. Piccard states: "In the balloon you are prisoners of the wind, and you go only in the direction of the wind. In life people think they are prisoners of circumstance. But in the balloon, as in life, you can change altitude, and when you change altitude, you change direction. You are not a prisoner anymore."

Indeed, there is a similarity to life isn't

there? There are times when we feel like we are prisoners of circumstance. But a change in attitude can go a long way in changing direction and seeing things from a different perspective. Especially for Christians we have One that we can look to, to help us change our perspective and see things in a different light. We have Jesus Christ who is our sure foundation, an immovable rock during all trials and tribulations.

When we read His word we are reminded of His promises and His presence with us. When we pray, we are reminded that He is in control and can handle all things. Add thanksgiving to this and our mindset turns from negativity to one that remembers how much God has done for us in the past, present, and can do for us in the future. No wonder St. Paul tells us: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1Thess 5:16-18)

In turning to Jesus we turn from being fixated on the negative and see things differently. Obstacles may not seem as overwhelming as before. So the next time you have a sour attitude or have the wrong perspective, change your altitude with Christ to change your attitude.

In His service,

—Pastor Jason



# God Bless America

## WORSHIP

### 9AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

We are once again permitted to worship inside with restrictions. **ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE RESERVED A SEAT MAY ATTEND WORSHIP.**

**Current Restrictions** still in place for the safety of all are: **Masks** are required and maintain **social distancing**. You must not be symptomatic or been around someone who is symptomatic.

The Service is being recorded and will be online at [glcbanning.org](http://glcbanning.org) later in the morning. You may also read Pastor's sermon and the order of service sent by email.

## GRACE'S 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MAY 23, 1920 - 2020



*Some history of the church for you:*

On May 23, 1920, a document called "Statement of Faith and Purpose" was signed by Theo. Backus, H.H. Sting, M. Wolf, G.A. Vonderlage, N.W Rorden, John Rudnick, Daniel Dapper, John Heeszel, and Rev. E.J. Rudnick. This group constitutes the charter membership of the church council.

On the same date Mr. Backus was authorized to purchase the lot on the northwest corner of Hays and Second Streets for \$500. The church built there in 1931 is still being used today.

The hour of worship was at first held in the homes of the members. After the organization the Banning Opera House was secured. Services were continued there until the summer of 1922.

*Just one of the ways God worked in the life of His Church!*

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Grace Lutheran Endowment Fund

(managed by The LCMS Foundation): \$10,947

#### Mortgage Balance

(owed to Thrivent Financial): \$75,960

#### General Fund finances as of September 13

Year to Date Giving - \$162,168 Need -\$175,047



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Roy Fisher 10/8  
Julian Martinez 10/8  
Jerry Beck 10/10  
Lavinia Brass 10/16  
Joseph Rakow 10/17  
Wayne Mohr 10/21  
Bob Holman 10/22  
Andie Arthurholtz 10/29  
Teresa Barnett 10/29  
Carol Munnelly 10/30



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Carol Munnelly 10/3  
Jack & Jo Sturm 10/17  
Roy & Jan Fisher 10/19  
Ben & Ann Benninghoff 10/25

Apologies to **Guil & Dottie Ruedlinger** whose anniversary was omitted last month. They celebrated their anniversary on September 7. God's blessings Guil & Dottie!



## OCTOBER CALENDAR



### SUNDAYS - 9am Worship

**Mondays** - Pastor's day off

**7th & 14th** - Ephesians Bible Study on Zoom - 10am

**3rd** - LWML Ladies Meet - 10am

**15th** - Board of Elders at 4pm

**20th** - Board of Directors at 10am

**25th** - **Reformation Sunday**  
**Holy Communion**

Drive thru from 9:45 - 10:30am.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Summary for September

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Grace Lutheran Church Board of Directors was held on September 15, 2020.

Elder John reported, according to Keith Modellmog, Head Trustee, that the new fence construction is to start on September 23, 2020.

A meeting of the Budget Committee on September 1, 2020, discussed formulating the 2021 Church budget. The committee believed with all the uncertainty involving the COVID-19 Pandemic that at this time, it would be best to freeze the 2021 Budget at the 2020 Budget amounts. Elder Wright did check with all Department Heads to be sure they concurred with the decision. Should anything unforeseen arise, the budget will be revisited.

The November Voter's Assembly is scheduled for November 22, 2020. Pastor Hong will place an article in the October Church Newsletter to encourage member's attendance to assure that we will fulfill the quorum requirement.

The Board reviewed/amended the previous year's agenda as a potential 2020 Assembly Agenda. The agenda will be finalized at the October Board of Directors meeting, noting the need to post the 2021 Budget and the minutes of the November 2019 Voters' Assembly, two weeks in advance.

Pastor Jason asked the BOD to consider applying for the government PPP funding should one be offered again. Elder John Wright made a motion to apply for the Government subsidy. Darryl Craft seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
—Linda Taylor, Secretary



### A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO WORSHIP

It couldn't have been a more perfect morning!! What a joy it is to see our Christian friends - even with our masks. As you can see, there is plenty of shade for all. Hope you will join us. Thank you Lord for blessing us with this opportunity to gather to worship You.

*(Taken 9/20/2020)*

### PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



October has traditionally been set aside as Pastor Appreciation Month. Let's all let Pastor Jason know how much he is appreciated at Grace Lutheran Church and what a blessing he is to us. Remember to lift him, Lois and Janice up in your daily prayers.

It is also very important to provide prayer support for our Deacon, Gerry Mattijetz, and to thank him for his dedication and service.

How blessed we are to have Pastor and Gerry serve with us at Grace Lutheran Church.

### VOTERS ASSEMBLY

God willing, a Voters Assembly will be held after Sunday service on **November 22**. A quorum (20% of voting membership) is required to hold our meeting. We hope you will be able to join us. The main agenda items will be the 2021 Budget and the approval of 2020 Board/Committee Appointments.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Impromptu Trustees' Meeting, August 27, 2020

Present: Linda Anderson, George Konrad, Keith Modellmog, Robert Taylor.

Meeting opened at 09 hrs.

Old Business:

- Keith explained the working of the new gates.
- Building permit turned out to be higher than previously told; total \$468.00.
  - Trustees voted to purchase 19 Master professional grade padlocks, keyed alike to allow all padlocked areas to have a single common key, rather than the random key and lock collection that we have at present.

New Business

- Discussed finding a "handyman" who would not only be available for minor repairs, but would possibly also be on call to answer alarm occurrences if damage to the property occurred.

A notice to be put into the church newsletter asking if anyone in the congregation knows of the availability of such a person.

Meeting closed at 11:27 hrs.

Respectfully submitted, George Konrad, Secretary.

### SAVE RECYCLABLES

Bob Taylor is once again taking in recyclables for the Altar Guild. Please remember to save your rinsed recyclable plastic bottles and aluminum cans. It would be very helpful if you take of the lids. Please deposit the bottles and cans into the purple container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

### MITES FOR MISSIONS

We're still collecting Mites! Everyone is invited to participate in the LWML Mite collection. Mite boxes are available on the mail box cabinet. Put your spare change in it and bring it on the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you don't have a box a baggie will do, just put a note in it marked "MITES".

### Lutheran Women in Mission

The Lutheran Women's Ministry League meeting was held on September 5, after a six-month break because of Covid-19. The meeting/get together turned out to be very enjoyable. We talked about what we did during the lockdown. Most of all, it was just fun being together again.

Due to the heat, we met inside the Fellowship Hall. We wore masks and kept with the social distancing. Our next meeting will be held October 3. Hopefully it will cool down a bit and we can hold it outside. We will discuss future plans of LWML

We had a request for a representative from our LWML to attend LWML Zone Meetings and Mary Bass was kind enough to volunteer. Thank you Mary.

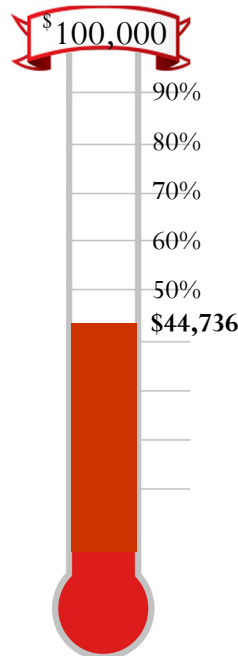
Please remember, it is mandatory that we wear a face mask at our meetings.



God Bless everyone and keep us healthy.

Remember to save your Mites and to remember your Secret Sister in prayer, and with cards or notes.

*Celebrating  
100 Years of  
God's Grace*



*Mark you calendars for our celebration on May 23, 2021 and please continue to raise the thermometer to reach our \$100,000 goal.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise Him all creatures here below,  
praise Him above, Ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen*

## REFORMATION DAY

This October 31<sup>st</sup> marks the 503rd anniversary of the Reformation. Here are some facts about Martin Luther and some of his major points in the 95 theses.

Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483, in Eisleben, a little town in Saxony, northern Germany. His parents were ordinary middle class people, but very religious. His Father (Hans) worked in the copper mines (his mother's name was, Margarethe).

Martin attended grade school in Mansfield, and went to high school in Magdeburg and Eisenach. At the age of 17 he entered the University of Erfurt, and graduated with his Master's Degree four years later, in 1505.

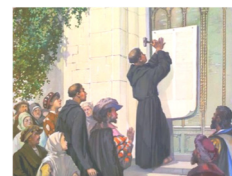
Martin's father wanted him to study law, but the course of his life changed during a thunderstorm in the summer of 1505, when a lightning bolt struck near him as he was returning to school. Terrified, he cried out, "Help! Saint Anna, I'll become a monk!" His life spared, he left law school, and entered the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt on July 17, 1505.

He was ordained as a priest in 1507 and on October 19, 1512, he was awarded his Doctor of Theology. On October 21, 1512, Martin was received into the senate of the theological faculty of the University of Wittenberg, having been called to the position of *Doctor in Bible*. He spent the rest of his career in this position at the University of Wittenberg.

Problems arose between Luther and the Church when the Dominican friar, Johann Tetzel, was enlisted to travel throughout Archbishop Albert of Mainz's episcopal territories promoting and selling indulgences for the renovation of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Tetzel was very successful at it. Luther saw this traffic in indulgences as an abuse and preached three sermons against indulgences in 1516 and 1517. He then proceeded to post his 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg for a disputation on indulgences. This was posted on October 31, 1517, which we now celebrate as Reformation Day because it marks the beginning of the great Reformation Era of the Church.

### Some major points from Luther's 95 Theses

- 32. Those who believe that they can be certain of their salvation because they have indulgence letters will be eternally damned, together with their teachers.
- 36. Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters.
- 37. Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters.
- 62. The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.



May our remembrance of the Reformation on Sunday October 25th be a time of our refocusing on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the truths of Holy Scripture.