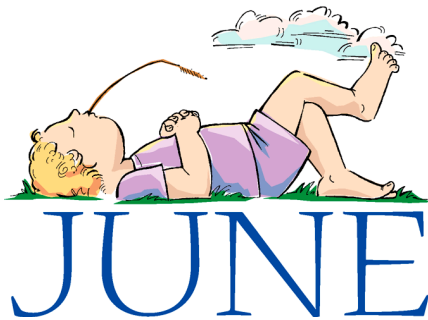


Inspired By Christ, it is our mission
to share God's Word and Love in care
and in service to all.

THE GRACE MESSENGER

June 2007



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REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

9:00 A.M. Christian Education

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker

Editor/Church Secretary – Pam Reents

Sudanese Ministries - John Ivo Mounto

Youth Ministries - Brenda Spahr

Organist - Cody Talarico

Sexton - Ambros Lado/Brian Sutej

Interfaith Health Ministries - Virginia McGill

Faith in Action - Julie Chytil

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	2007 Council Members	
Ron Adrian	Andrew Edwards	Sarah Emery
June Hilmer	David Hufford	Greg Hula
Ernest Olson	Brenda Spahr	
Pastor Laaker	John Ivo Mounto	

Officers Serving the Congregation but not on Council:

Financial Secretary: Janet Hula Treasurer: Margie Sutej



The regular meeting of the Council was held May 8. The Council members shared their prayer concerns: Care for those in need of healing – Darlene Spahr, Bernard Jacobs, Bob Newton, Alice Friedlander, Catherine Riker, Ivo Mouto for strength and safety during his stay in Sudan, to put an end to the genocide, all the people that were in the Sudanese van that overturned on I-80, care for those within the Grace family that they continue to heal and for safety of all of our military personnel. Pastor led devotions from Genesis 50:21 and Romans 14:19; which spoke about how we should practice being kind, forgiving, peaceful even during times of trials, hardships and conflicts.

Visions for Ministry: Council continued sharing in discussion of “One Body One Spirit”, which included the differences of multiracial, multicultural and multiethnic around us.

Reports were received from the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. Please continue to give generously.

Christian Education: Only two more classes remain On Being Lutheran, David is looking through more material for future classes.

Evangelism/Outreach: Kids At Work will begin on June 3rd.

Finance: No new report.

Property: Some water damage reported due to all the recent rainfall. Recycle Bins will be placed around the church to promote recycling. Brian Sutej will be taking over janitorial duties for Jason.

Service/Social Ministry: Our next meeting with the tri-council will be Thursday, May 17th at St. Luke’s at 6:00 p.m.

Support/Stewardship: No new report.

Worship: Concerns regarding the Altar care that the candleholders may need plating. Julia Traynor and Shaban Lado will be confirmed on May 27th.

Unfinished Business: Brenda Spahr will attend the Nebraska Synod Assembly in June.

New Business: None.



Most of you know that I grew up in western Nebraska. One of the things that I remember with great fondness is the wind. The wind was a fascination. It could cool you off on a hot spring day or chill you to the bone on a cold winter's day. It could dry out the land with its relentless blowing or it could bring storm clouds that dropped refreshing rain.

I traveled out to western Nebraska during my sabbatical time. I remember the wind being strong as a child but I was reacquainted with its strength during this visit. As I drove west on I-80, I passed North Platte and the wind's intensity grew. I was being buffeted by a wind that reportedly was 40+ miles per hour. After I arrived at my mother's home, I walked out to our mailbox. This same wind practically knocked me off my feet and literally took my breath away on a couple occasions.

This coming Sunday, May 27, we celebrate the Festival of Pentecost. One of the images that is associated with the story of Pentecost is the wind that filled the room in which the disciples gathered (Acts 2:2). If the wind on that Pentecost day was anything like the wind I experienced in western Nebraska, I can understand the marveling that swept through those disciples.

I remember learning in college that the words for spirit, wind, and breath are the same in the biblical languages. The Bible points to an invisible life force from God, in God, through God, use whatever preposition you wish, that animates us. That God gives us spirit, wind, breath is a given. As Carl Jung, the eminent psychoanalyst said, "Bidden, or not bidden, God is present." However we can cooperate with the presence of God in our lives, or we can struggle against it.

In my devotional reading Marty G. Bell writes, "Thinking of the Hebrew word *ruach* and the Greek word *pneuma* as wind offers some interesting possibilities. Assuming that God is like a constant wind that blows and that our lives are like wings, I would like make a few observations. I'm indebted to Huston Smith, the famous scholar of world religions, for the basic idea that follows. The tilt of our wings makes all the difference in the world. If our wings are tilted at the right angle, we can soar. When we cooperate with the wind of God's presence, we discover our true identity as children of God. If our wings are not tilted at the correct angle, we set ourselves up for a crash. Then we struggle against God and allow fear to rule our lives.

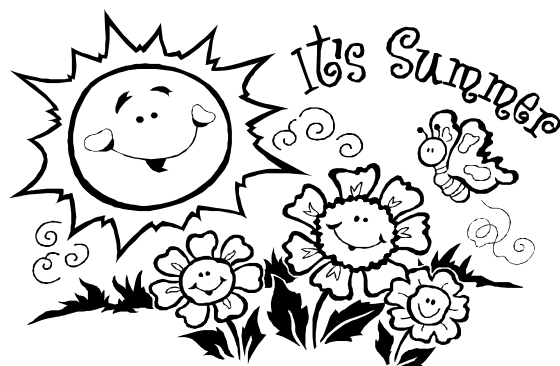
"The disposition of our lives is like the tilt of wings into the wind. Cooperating with the invisible presence of God, we not only find God to be trustworthy, but we come to experience God in intimate relationship – what Paul calls the "spirit of adoption." Struggling against the invisible presence of God, we conclude that we can only trust ourselves. We consider ourselves the pawns of fate, and we despair at the meaninglessness of life – what Paul calls the "spirit of slavery."

I wonder how you see the tilt of your wings? Are you tilted in such a way that you are discovering your true identity as a child of God or are you tilted in such a way that you are driven by fear? I invite you to lean into the wind of God's Spirit and come to know the full power of God's adoption of you as a child of God. Let us celebrate Pentecost!

Pastor Laaker

What's Happening at Grace Lutheran Church this Summer?

- Kids At Work Kick Off on Sunday June 3rd. The Program completes on August 2nd, 2007
- Vacation Bible School in July. More details to follow.
- 3rd Annual Grace Lutheran Summer Reading Club begins in June.
- Outdoor Worship Service every second Sunday during the months of June, July and August.
- All Church Potluck Picnic on August 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
- Opportunity to work on the Neighbors South Habitat for Humanity House. Details to be announced later.



*These Programs
Will Resume in the Fall.*

Have a great Summer!

- Lutheran Men in Mission
- Women of the ELCA Board and Circle Meetings
- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
- Afterschool Program for Neighborhood youth



2nd Wednesday Night of Each month

Next Prayer Service

June 13, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Candle light Prayer Service for Confession,
Meditation, and Healing
at Grace Lutheran Church.

Project Embrace Summer Program for Youth

Project Embrace is a one month program for youth ages 5-12.

The program runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am-3pm, June 5th-June 28th. The cost of the program for the

whole month is \$15.00 and includes lunch and admission to all the various afternoon field trips like swimming, bowling, hiking, the zoo, art classes, devotional time and other activities.

Registration is open through Wednesday May 30th and is limited to 40 youth ages. If you would like registration forms, please contact Jacque' Serflaten at 536-3523 or jserflaten@lfsneb.org, as soon as possible.

The program director is also looking for volunteers to help with this great group of youth. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jacque' Serflaten. High school students needing volunteer hours are welcome as well as those young at heart. First Lutheran welcomes \$15.00 donations to help with scholarships to the program for youth whose family can not afford to send them.

Project Embrace
First Lutheran Church
542 S 31 Street
Omaha, NE 68105



Prayer Concerns from Family and Friends



- ◆ Andrew Edwards - Doing dialysis a couple times a week until a kidney can be found. (member)
- ◆ Rex Olson - for healing as he deals with cancer. (Don and Norma Olson)
- ◆ Rose Hamilton - Healing for her cancer. (Aunt of members, Andrew and Christi Edwards)
- ◆ Frances Campsey - Health concerns. (member)
- ◆ Linda Whitney - Struggling with on-going cancer. (Friend of LaVonne Moss)
- ◆ Ernie Olson - On-going therapy after his stroke. Pray for help as he is trying to find another job that will enable him to continue gaining strength (member)
- ◆ Alice Friedlander - To gain strength after an injury to her back. (member)
- ◆ Darlene Spahr - COPD, Darlene has been re-hospitalized due to her difficulty breathing. (member, Brenda Spahr's mother-in-law.)
- ◆ Harlan Morter - To gain strength after being hospitalized. (member)
- ◆ Betty Coniglio - Continued recovery from heart issues. (member)
- ◆ Mae Lane - Recovering at daughter's after being hospitalized. (member)
- ◆ Ana Lopez - Teen with long term medical needs. (Family involved in ESL food basket project)
- ◆ Ambros Lado - Pray for Ambros and his rehab team as they practice skills to enable him to go live at home with his family. **Praise item:** Ambros came to church on May 13th without his wheel chair and walked up to get communion.
- ◆ Seth Goodman -Pray for courage and strength to overcome his addiction in rehab.
(Nephew of Pam Reents.)
- ◆ Charles and Maxine Moyer - Maxine passed away in May. Pray for the family as they begin the process of mourning. Charlie will be moving into an assisted living facility where the staff will be able to care for him as he battles Parkinson's. (Parents of members, Loren and Marsha Moyer)

Pray for strength and spiritual wisdom for the leaders in the local church and the Nebraska Synod:

Pastor Laaker

Bishop David deFreese, Nebraska Synod

Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA Bishop, United States

Pray for wisdom for your Church Council here at Grace Church.

Sudanese Church Requests

- ◆ Pray for the Sudanese community in general. Pray that the elders in the church community will have wisdom in their counsel.
- ◆ Pray for the organization of a women's organization forming to help meet the needs of our immigrant Sudanese women. The organization, SOTRU, will be working to help these women find funding for home based business opportunities. Praise Item: The Sudanese ladies and the members of African-American churches have met together at an introduction gathering. Great friendships were formed.
- ◆ Pray for Titus Duli, Ivo's temporary replacement as church leader here at Grace. Titus and Tereeza's newborn baby has a dislocated shoulder as a result of her difficult birth. Titus and Tereeza are trying to get help for the child but as of yet, cannot get an accurate diagnosis and treatment underway. They have another appointment soon. Pray that the Doctor would be able to find the correct course of action to relieve this child's pain.



Outdoor Worship

Every Second Sunday
June, July and August

June 10th
10:30 a.m.

Come as you are
Bring a blanket, lawn chair
or sit in on of our chairs.

Worship out on the front lawn under the shade of our gorgeous old tree.

Invite Your Friends and Neighbors.

Kids At Work 2007



Kids At Work
June 5 - August 2, 2007

Can You Help?

The Kids At Work Program, a program that links elementary and middle school aged youth to faithful worship, learning responsibility and saving their earnings, needs people to volunteer to be team leaders on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon during June and July.

The Kids At Work Kick-Off is on Sunday, June 3rd with the first workday being Tuesday, June 5th. Even if you can only work once or twice during the summer or weekly, your help would be welcomed. If you have a project idea that you think the Kids At Work could do for the church or for someone in the area, give me a call at church, 341-7730 or at home, 551-4347.

HEY, KAW KIDS!

Time is just flying by! The summer program will be starting soon .

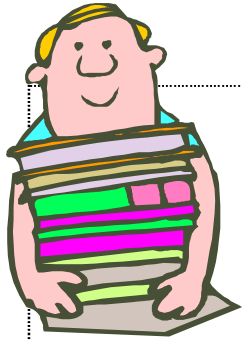
Please remember to open your bank accounts and return your contracts!

If you have lost the new bank form, just give me a call.

This is a great chance to have fun, earn \$\$\$ and learn some work skills.

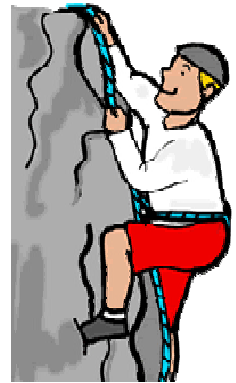
DON'T MISS OUT!!

Brenda Spahr, KIDS AT WORK Director



Happening in the Grace Lutheran Library!

Announcing the
3rd Annual Grace Lutheran Library
Summer Reading Club
June 3 - September 2, 2007



"Climb to New Heights"
is the Theme for this Summer's Reading Adventure!

Each page you read from a book in the church library
will move you up the mountain!
Check out the Library for a list of the required pages in order to qualify to be part of our
Summer "Climbing Team!"



They're Here... and they're COOL!

Our Shipment of Grace Lutheran
T shirts, Sweatshirts and Polo's have arrived!
Thank you to all who ordered a Shirt
with the Grace Lutheran Logo on it.
Your order helps fund some of our Library Projects.

If you ordered an item, please see Marsha Moyer to pick it up.

Yummy Banana Crumb Muffins

from www.allrecipes.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 bananas, mashed
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease 10 muffin cups, or line with muffin papers.

In a large bowl, mix together 1 1/2 cups flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. In another bowl, beat together bananas, sugar, egg and melted butter. Stir the banana mixture into the flour mixture just until moistened. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups.

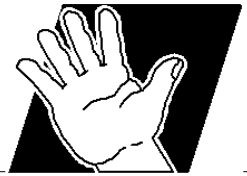
In a small bowl, mix together brown sugar, 2 tablespoons flour and cinnamon. Cut in 1 tablespoon butter until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Sprinkle topping over muffins.

Bake in preheated oven for 18 to 20 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of a muffin comes out clean.



"Helping Hands"

Hope for the hungry and hopeless.



We "Can" Do It!!
Project Hope
The Theme for June is
Canned Fruit or Applesauce.



Please bring your donations to the church and leave them in the upper fellowship hall.

Project Hope always needs boxes of zip lock bags in quart or gallon size, soup, peanut butter, macaroni , rice, diapers, bathroom tissue and feminine, hygiene items.

A portion of the letter received from Project Hope:

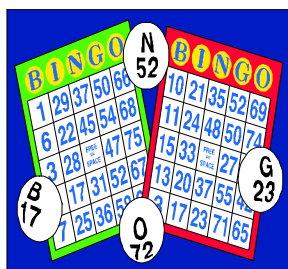
Dear Grace Lutheran Congregation,

We are thankful for your donation of food items in March and April for Project Hope. We have totaled up all the food items given through April 30th and will report our total of 28,235 items of food to the Feinstein Foundation in Rhode Island. The Allan Shaw Feinstein Foundation has donated one million dollars of his money to food pantries nationwide in matching funds. We received a total of \$50,221.61 in food and money from the metro. This is really awesome!

God continues to bless us through people like you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Johnson, Executive Director



The Lutheran Home is looking for Bingo Prizes:

Jewelry, stuffed animals, nail polish, lipsticks, chap stick, lotion, after shave, wall/door hangings, note cards/stationary, nice pens or fun pencils and note pads, or anything someone at an assisted living or nursing home might like.

If you have something to donate, please bring it to the church office .



Each July and August, Project Hope and First Lutheran Church help needy children get a good start on the school year by providing backpacks and school supplies.

As you shop this summer, consider purchasing some school supplies to help with the enormous demand. Place your donations on the pantry shelf in the Upper Hall.
Thanks for your help!



Community News

**Neighborhood Association
Membership dues
\$5.00 a year per household!**

Send your money to
CPNA care of Grace Lutheran Church
1326 S 26 Street
Omaha, NE 68105
Call 341-7730 for more information.

Columbus Park



Next Meeting: June 21, 7:00 p.m.
at Grace Lutheran Church



Need Some Help with Your Life?

**Free Counseling is available
through the Community Counseling Program**

Allyson Campbell, CMSW, LMHP is available to offer confidential counseling to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Her office is at St Luke's Lutheran Church, 2315 I Street. Her hours at St. Luke are Tuesdays and Thursdays for 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call 733-0172 to set up an appointment.



Immanuel Rehabilitation Center
6901 North 72nd Street
Omaha, NE 68122
June 2, 2007

Registration/Check-in at 8:30 a.m.
3 mile course start time at 9:30 a.m.
1 mile course start time at 10:00 a.m.
Vendor Fair from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Check the Bulletin Board
for more information

Call to Action!!!

Do you like to cook? Or when you cook, do your recipes make too much and you would like to share instead of eating the same leftovers all week? The *Faith in Action* program has several care receivers who are in need of delicious home cooked meals. For instance, one woman has returned home after having spent two months in the nursing home recovering from breaking a hip. She has no family to assist her and is unable to cook for herself right now. If this is a service you would be interested in providing, please let me know. This can be something done once a week, once a month or even just once! The process will be simple.



**FAITH
IN ACTION**

God Bless!

Julie Chytil, Program Coordinator
faithinaction2005@hotmail.com (English)

Olga Jaimes, Outreach Worker
faithinactionofih@hotmail.com (Spanish)

Call 660-2652 www.fiavolunteers.org

News from the Families of Grace Lutheran Church



Congratulations to

- Julia Traynor , daughter of David and Grace Traynor and granddaughter of Don and Norma Olson.
 - Shaban Lado, son of Ambros and Elizabeth Yowke Lado
- on their Confirmations on May 27, 2007 at Grace Lutheran Church.

May God bless Julia and Shaban as they grow in their personal relationships with the Lord.



Congratulations to

Jessica Moyer upon the completion of her Bachelor of Science and Arts Degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. (May 4, 2007)

Jessica's degree in Public Relations and Advertising has enabled her to get a position at the National Leukemia Society doing Event Planning and Marketing.

Jessica is the daughter of Loren and Marsha Moyer and the granddaughter of the late Ernest and Emily Mommsen.

Dear LCW ladies and Church family,

I am presently recovering at my daughter, Karen's, house in Kansas City. Jim is here, too. We are enjoying my granddaughter's soccer games and concerts.

Thank you for keeping me in your prayers.

Thelma

Thelma Harrahill's address is
702 E 97 St
Kansas City, MO 64131
(Also Jim Harrahill's address for now)

Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran Church

Ardis and I send our deep thanks for the warm hospitality shown to us during the weeks of ministry I was privileged to share with you since April. We look forward to being among you again, and pray for God's many blessings upon your ministry.

Pastor and Mrs. Neal Von Seggern

Grace Lutheran Church Free Daily Devotion by email



Want to receive a free daily devotion by email?

- Go to www.edevotionals.org
- Click on the tab, "Join a group"
- Enter your email address
- Enter Grace Lutheran Church's code, 65mv".
- Click the button, "subscribe"

Why should you subscribe?

1. You will receive a new devotion every day via email.
2. Each devotional has a verse and short lesson to meditate on for the day. It only takes about 3-5 minutes to read.
3. To stay informed about church activities. Grace Lutheran Church has space to add announcements about activities and events. To receive prayer requests from each other and from friends of Grace Lutheran Church. This is a good opportunity to bear one another up in prayer.

May you be blessed as you spend time with God each day.



Virginia McGill
Director, (402) 660-6689
Gema Wolde
Gabriela Ortiz
Douglas County Health Department
Se habla español .

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS FOR LATINAS IN ACTION

This month, the Latinas in Action groups celebrated Mother's Day with two different potlucks (morning and evening), dances and fiestas at Grace Lutheran Church with over 100 families attending the festivities. I also joined both the morning and evening celebrations as our morning women insisted I bring Jack and Nicolas along so that they could make sure the boys are growing appropriately and getting hair cuts regularly. (I do have to wonder, being the parent of Jack and Nick, whether people even notice if I am around when my children are in the room...Understandably, my boys get lots of attention. But when did I go from being Virginia to being the person who can transport Jack and Nick to a party?)

We had lovely tributes for all the mothers present. Sara, our Childcare Coordinator, helped the children sing a few songs and also helped them make craft projects over the past 2 months in the child-care areas at St. Luke's, Grace United Methodist and Wheeler. The projects were proudly given by the children to their mothers in exchange for hugs and smiles.

Each one of our families also brought a special dish to share. Because I know Pastor Laaker will most likely tell folk that I simply brought soda as my contribution, please let the record show that I actually made brownies for the occasion, and forgot them in my house!!!!

Gabriela asked two of her friends to host a Salsa dancing performance for the morning group. To thunderous applause, the couple danced and moved in ways that were fun to watch and required tremendous grace and stamina. Gema and I worked up a simple yet bonding experience for our evening group. Gema purchased a variety of nail polishes and invited participants to give themselves a manicure or pedicure prior to exercise class. Gema and I agreed that our favorite part of the evening was seeing our women talk and laugh while picking out nail colors for themselves or their daughters.

I continue to be inspired by all the women who take part in our Interfaith Health Service groups so regularly. It is wonderful for them to have a place to share exercise, fellowship and even future plans and hopes. One of my favorite parts of catching up with our morning group participants was hearing snippets of conversations including discussing what school is best for pre-school children, talking about where the best Chinese food is, discovering who can offer a carpool ride to someone, advising each other on the best store to buy avocados at the best price, and encouraging each other in taking different computer, English and accounting classes. Just seeing our women look and feel "at home" in talking with one another and knowing their children are being taken care of in the childcare rooms is heartening.

I look forward to sharing the next celebration with our women and hope that it arrives very soon! My brownies may be a bit stale by the time it rolls around.

Virginia McGill
Interfaith

A Time For Everything



A right time for birth and another for death,
A right time to plant and another to reap,
A right time to kill and another to heal,
A right time to destroy and another to construct,
A right time to cry and another to laugh,
A right time to lament and another to cheer,
A right time to make love and another to abstain,
A right time to embrace and another to part,
A right time to search and another to count your losses,
A right time to hold on and another to let go,
A right time to rip out and another to mend,
A right time to shut up and another to speak up,
A right time to love and another to hate,
A right time to wage war and another to make peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (The Message)

In this past two weeks, I have experienced a wide range of emotions. I have been happy about the birth of my neighbors, Stephen and Jane's baby girl. I have been joyful at the completion of the long journey Paul and Virginia have taken to adopt another precious little boy. I have been saddened by the death of a long time acquaintance and neighbor, Kenny. I have prayed for Marsha and Loren as their mother, Maxine, was preparing to go be with God after a quick but intense illness and saddened at her death and sorry for their father, Charlie, who suffers from Parkinson's and should not be left alone. I have been angry at people who promised help but did not follow through and at thoughtless people who have been so absorbed in "taking" and deceit that the people trying to help are taken advantage of. I have been frustrated at some of the personal issues related to daily living, health and family. In addition, I have discovered that I still have mourning to do after the passing of my own dear father. I have been frightened by the world's morals and troubles, the cost of living, food and gas and how we will all make ends meet in the future, the natural disasters that have devastated so many lives...In short, I feel as though I have been riding an emotional roller coaster.

I attended the funeral of my friend, Kenny, yesterday. Pastor Laaker conducted the service. As I sat there thinking about Kenny's untimely death, Pastor read the passage above. I was impressed by this passage in a way I had never been before. For each positive, there was a negative or a loss. I was struck by the balance of the words. For every good thing, there is a loss or a time for action, even war and hate!

While at times, we may feel rocked by the raging ocean of living, we also can remember that it is part of God's plan that our lives will rise and ebb. One thing is certain. God NEVER changes. He is always the same, no matter what the circumstance. The Psalmist calls Him "The Rock," steady, firm and unchanging. He is just, loving, jealous of things in our lives that take our focus off of Him, angry at the sin we do that keeps us from a close relationship with Him and forever faithful in every circumstance, both in good times or times that call for action.

Because I want to be open to God's bidding, I have decided that it is time for a personal inventory of the things God wants me to do with the next 50 years of my life. I will be out of the church office for the month of June spending time with God, spending time on vacation with my family and renewing my relationships with friends. I want more than anything to strengthen my relationship with God, to learn to hear His voice even better and to submit my life in a new way to the work He has for me.

Pam Reents, Editor



*Hunger Awareness Day
is June 5th!*
Activities you can be a part of.

The Omaha Food Bank is coordinating different events in the community
in observance of Hunger Awareness Day.

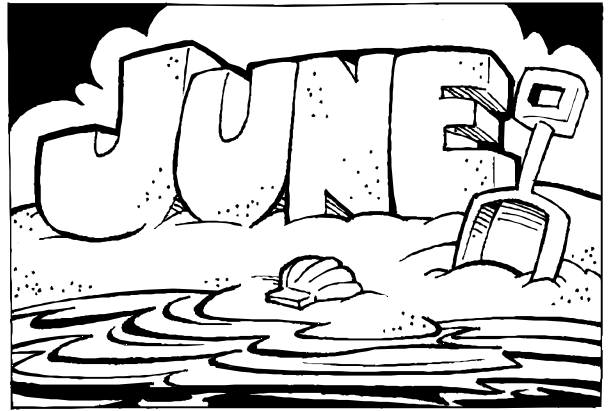
- Kids 'n' Cans Carnival: Carnival games, food and fun for kids of all ages
at Elmwood Park.
1:p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Bring a can or a buck for The Food Bank.
- Strike Out Hunger: The Downtown Series
A downtown food collection drive which will run for two weeks and culminate on June 19th,
the first day of the College World Series.
- 20% Day: California Pizza Kitchen will donate 20% of the day's sales
to The Food Bank.
Pizza Kitchen is located at
One Pacific Place
10317 Pacific
Omaha, NE 68114
Open 11:00 a.m.
- “One Big Table” – A community potluck at 5:30 p.m.
Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
26th and Farnam
Everyone is welcome – Bring a dish to share.
- A Tribute Concert at 7:00 p.m. at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.
A concert recognizing and celebrating the volunteers and workers who tirelessly labor to provide
food for the area's hungry men, women and children. Musicians include Hal France and Friends and
the BlueBarn Festival Performers. A truly inspirational gathering!

Check with your company about joining in the initiative for Hunger Awareness Day.
Over 30 companies in the metro are participating in this event.

*More information on the event is posted on the bulletin board.
Go to www.hungerday.org*

June is

- Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month
- American Rivers Month
- Cancer In The Sun Month
- Dairy Month
- Turkey Lover's Month
- National Accordion Awareness Month
- National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month
- Nation Ice Tea Month
- National Papaya Month
- National Pest Control Month
- National Rose Month
- Fight The Filthy Fly Month
- Zoo and Aquarium Month



Special Days in June at Grace Lutheran Church

Be sure to greet our Kids At Work Kids and their families who will be worshipping with us every Sunday through July 29th

Every Tuesday and Wednesday- 10:00 - Noon
Kids at Work Program.

3 - "Climb to New Heights"
Church Library Summer Reading Contest begins.

5 - Hunger Awareness Day.

9 - Trejo Quinceanera.

10 - Outdoor Worship.

12- Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

13 - Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

Look in next month's Newsletter for information on Vacation Bible School here at Grace Lutheran Church during July!

"After Christmas and Epiphany, our confirmation class for middle-school children talked one day about Jesus being in the temple' about my Father's business.' We talked about how worried Mary and Joseph must have been when they noticed him missing after three days.

The teacher asked the students what they thought Mary might have said to Jesus after they found him.

One of the kids answered:
"Get your butt into the car!"



From the Joyful Noise Newsletter

"It doesn't pay to worry.
If you went through last year's files marked
"IMPORTANT,"
chances are the only things you would keep
are the paper clips"
-James R. Swanson

You are a child of God...Call Home!

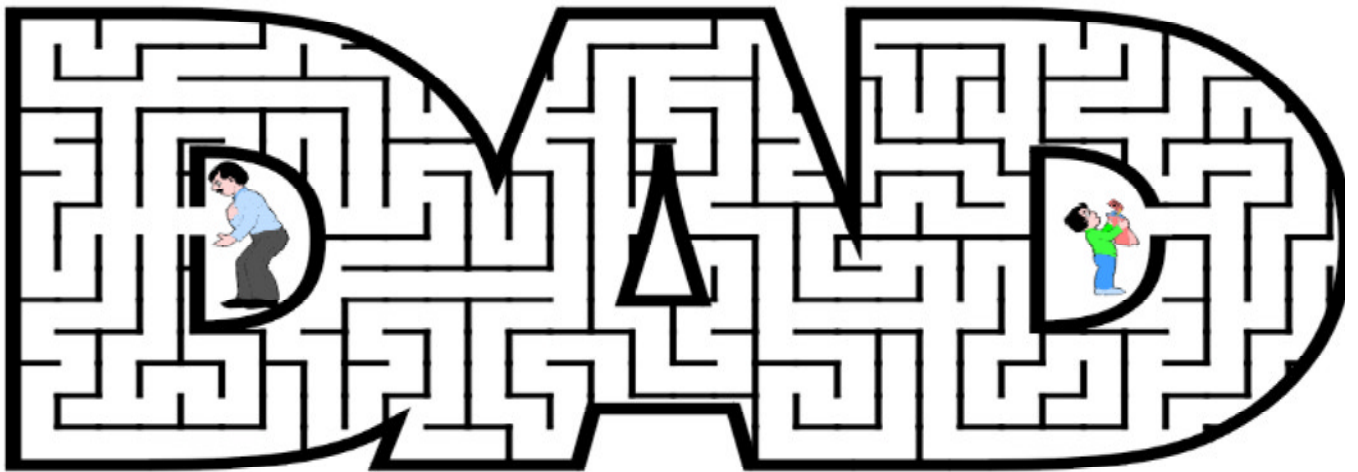
From the Joyful Noise Newsletter

A retired Methodist minister in his eighties is still winning foot races in the senior Olympics. After he easily won the 100-meter dash, a colleague congratulated him on his win. The senior Olympian replied, "It really wasn't that hard.

I was the only one who heard the gun."



Help the father find his way through the DAD shaped maze to find his gift giving son.



A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible: Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Rickey was very nervous.

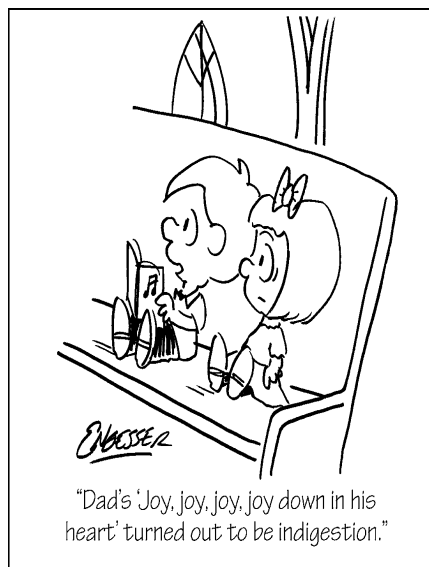
When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly,

"The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

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- Pope John XXIII