

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Teach the Truth of the
Word for the Glory of God*

A Letter From

The Pastor

BY DIRK JENSEN

On Monday, I was asked to speak at Northern Lights Christian Academy's chapel service. What a privilege it is to watch so many young people being introduced to Jesus! I decided to preach on the story of the mustard seed, which describes how God can multiply even the smallest of seeds to accomplish great things. The kingdom of God, Jesus says in the parable, is like a mustard seed—the tiniest of seeds that can become the largest of garden plants. It gets so huge that birds can even build their nests inside of it. The significance of our children to the future of the church was brought home to me

anew when I delivered the sermon. They, too, may start out as tiny seeds, but with proper care and nurturing, they can blossom into mighty oaks—young men and women called to serve the Lord and spread the gospel. My generation, especially, seems to be lacking in the church.

We, as a generation, have mostly abandoned the church. Even now, as an adult, I find myself wondering why, but then I remember that most of the information we were fed as kids was untrue. The first was that if you put in enough time, effort, and dedication, you can achieve your goals. Many of us

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did; we experimented with a wide variety of activities in an effort to define our place in the world, only to learn that the more effort we put in, the further we fell behind. We were told that having kids would doom us to a life of poverty and limit our opportunities as we aged. Karen and I decided to ignore and disprove this major falsehood. We started our family early on with four kids, and when it came to each one of them, everyone claimed we were crazy, and they said we lost our potential by having them.

Each of our children has matured into a God-fearing, responsible adult, and they are, without a doubt, our greatest blessing. What the outside world claimed would be a hindrance turned out to be a blessing instead, and we continued to follow our aspirations nonetheless.

We feel like we saw and did more than people from our generation who never had kids. When the doctors stated our youngest son, Kaleb, might not survive it, we watched God provide for us in ways we couldn't explain. Having children was the most enriching experience that life could have offered us. To the next generations coming up, I urge you to heed God's original commandment for his people to "go forth, be fruitful, and multiply," rather than the advice of the world. This was the first of God's Ten Commandments, given long before the Fall. The next generation of believers and the assurance that God will continue to spread the gospel rest in the hands of God's children.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3 JOHN 1:4

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday's
with Gary Nathan
7:00 - 8:00 AM

Wednesday's
with Danielle Wheeler
8:30 - 10:00 AM

Thursday's
Disciple's Bible Study
9:30 - 10:30 AM

Mission Outreach

Our March giving disbursements were paid out in April to the following:

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| 1. New Life Resource Center | \$250 |
| 2. Northwoods Community Food Shelf | \$200 |
| 3. Northwest Connection Family Resources | \$500 |
| 4. St. Paul Lutheran Seminary | \$200 |
| 5. Meals On Wheels | \$250 |
| 6. HFEE--Golf Hole Sponsor | \$150 |

Mission Outreach meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Volunteer Schedule

MAY 2023

GREETERS:

7TH: CHAR MAKI & KATHY
BERGUM

14TH: SHERM & MARILYN
GOEHRING

21ST: NEEDED
28TH: NEEDED

USHERS:

2ND: PATTY TARRAS & 1 NEEDED
14TH: 2 NEEDED
21ST: 2 NEEDED
28TH: 2 NEEDED

READER:

7TH: TERRY TARRAS
14TH: SARAH HAMILTON
21ST: DIANE CASSADAY
28TH: NEEDED

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

7TH: TERRY TARRAS, CHAR MAKI &
GINNY DENMAN

14TH: SHARON TURNBULL, JACKIE
STRAND & NEEDED

21ST: 3 NEEDED

28TH: JACKIE STRAND, SHARON
TURNBULL & NEEDED

ALTAR GUILD

7TH: IRMA GESCHE

14TH: PATSY BATESON

21ST: DIANE CASSADAY

28TH: DONNA YACKEL

FELLOWSHIP & TREATS:

7TH: DON ADERMAN & CHERYL
LARSEN

14TH: IRMA GESCHE & GINNY
DENMAN

21ST: DARLENE DENNIS &
LORRAINE LICHTTENEGGER

28TH: RON & CAROL HAGE
(GRADUATION RECOGNITION)

The Annual Meeting will be taking place on May 21st, following the worship service. There will be 4 council positions open. The people running are Sue McKenzie, Dana Carothers, Tatum Noreen, Phyllis Hennen and Riley Niebuhr.



2023 VBS will be taking place July 31-August 3. If you are interested in signing up your child/children, please go to our website, under the VBS page and click on the link.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

G.L.O.W.
(Grace Lutheran On
Wednesdays)

All children 4 years-5th grade are invited to learn about God's love. They meet weekly, during the school year, from 3:40-5:00pm.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday afternoons for kids in 6th-8th grades.

Vacation Bible School

The first week of August, all GLOW age children are invited to participate in a week long adventure, learning about God. Please check our website for details on upcoming dates & times. **Online sign-up now available!**

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Health Concerns:

Rebecca, Pete Heisler, Cindy Thoreson, George, Bill Schleusner, Lois Lund, Skinny Roehl, Jim Thoreson, Cheryl (Turnbull) Hills, Rosie Anderson, Sharron Probyn, Jodi Waggoner, Bev Overmyer, Mary Ann Sebek, Ryan Sebek, Don Milne, Dee Dee Goodnow, Norma Enerson, Herb Kieffer

If you would like to be taken off of the prayer list, please let the office know.

Calendar

May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 9:15 am Broad Strokes	2 7:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study	3 8:30 am Bible Study with Danielle Wheeler 4:30 pm Confirmation	4 6:30am National Day of Prayer 9:30 am The Disciples Bible Study	5	6 Pet Vaccine Clinic 9-noon
7 9:00 am Worship Service	8 9:15 am Broad Strokes	9 7:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:30 am Mission Outreach 6:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting	10 8:30 am Bible Study with Danielle Wheeler 4:30 pm Confirmation	11 9:30 am The Disciples Bible Study	12	13
14 9:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am Mother's Day Brunch	15 9:15 am Broad Strokes	16 7:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study	17 8:30 am Bible Study with Danielle Wheeler 4:30 pm Confirmation	18 9:30 am The Disciples Bible Study	19	20
21 9:00 am Worship Service Annual Meeting	22 9:15 am Broad Strokes	23 7:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 5:30 pm GLC Council Meeting	24 8:30 am Bible Study with Danielle Wheeler 4:30 pm Confirmation	25 9:30 am The Disciples Bible Study	26	27
28 9:00 am Worship Service Graduation Recognition	29 9:15 am Broad Strokes	30 7:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study	31 4:30 pm Confirmation	1	2	3



Dear Friends, here are our figures from the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Based on our giving history and budget:

Budgeted amount \$183,151
Total rec'd since July 1 \$198,184
Total Expenses to date \$192,663

In May:

- We are hosting the National Day of Prayer gathering at 6:30am on the 4th
- Pet Vaccine Clinic on the 6th, from 9-noon
- There will be a pot-luck brunch following the service on Mother's Day
- The Annual Meeting will be held on the 21st
- We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 28th

If you would like to add something to the monthly newsletter, please see Pastor Dirk or Amy.
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