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Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester



2018

Ruth's Pantry

ALWAYS needs cereal



From the Desk of Pastor Connie...

Greetings!

"For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

Luke 22:27

If we were to describe someone as being "truly successful," we do not usually think of someone whose goal is to become a "servant" to everyone! Yet, the surprising thing about Jesus and his ministry is the way he went about selecting those who would become his disciples in the world. If we can understand why he chose the people he did and how he worked with them, it will help us to understand how God can use us in our world today.

Jesus comes looking for those who will see to the completion of his work in the very places where they work and live. If we look closely at the lives of the first disciples of Jesus, we will see them portrayed with all their failures and imperfections. They often shamelessly allowed their personal ambitions to stir up contention and rivalry among Jesus followers. Some betray Jesus and many of them can be found arguing about who is the greatest. They just didn't get it!

However, think about it . . . the world we live in is no less troubled than the world of Peter, James, and John. Churches still struggle to find ways to get people engaged, not only in the mission of the body of Christ, but to reach out to those who are hungry, lonely, hurting, or excluded because they are "different" from us.

There is a serious question to be asked here . . . a question that is critical in understanding Jesus' choice in followers . . . a question that is important to you and me today . . . in our congregation, in our community, in our country. How can Jesus Christ use such imperfect people to build a perfect Kingdom? What could God's plan be?

God made the most radical decision. The divine plan is that the followers of Jesus Christ, with all their weaknesses, will build the Church of Jesus Christ. Jesus did not go to the rich or powerful or famous to gather people for this movement. He chose people like you and me—people who differed from one another in race, politics, and religion. Jesus still chooses people whose differences are a blessing and a strength to build the church and carry God's good news to a fractured world.

Jesus said that the welcoming of a little child was a welcoming of Christ himself. He taught his disciples that to welcome the stranger, whether a

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child or adult, is to welcome the most vulnerable and most insignificant. This was a great reversal of the attitude in his world. Women, children, gentiles, the sick and the dispossessed were the insignificant and even rejected part of society. Can you think of people in our society, who are often seen as insignificant and even rejected???

Jesus turned all of this inside out and upside down. He put a child first and a ruler last! Here is the beauty of God's plan. Whenever the followers of Jesus would think about the fact that Jesus has chosen them—of all people—to carry on his mission, they would automatically be called back to the heart of the good news of God. "If God can love even me, then God's love is truly for everyone!"

Sometimes, like the first disciples, we just don't get it! But, when we come to terms once again with the fact that God loves you, me, and every person on this earth, we are in touch with the power that can change lives and change our world!

Peace,

Pastor Connie

Aviation Missionaries

Jeff Werley will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 22. Jeff and his wife who are both aviation missionaries, who fly into remote area of the world to plant new churches where the people had previously never heard of Jesus. They also support the churches that have been started in those remote areas.

Jeff and his wife are missionaries with Ethnos360 and will be in the area because of the air show in Oshkosh. They have a great interest in meeting with fellow believers to encourage and teach about Jesus' love. A special offering will be taken to support their aviation missionary mission and the organizations with which they work in spreading the word of Jesus to all the world.



OWLS

The OWLS group at Grace Lutheran is made up of anyone who is retired and wants to get together with other parishioners periodically for a good meal and some good fellowship. OWLS meets the second Thursday of each month at noon. All are invited. The main part of the meal is provided and is always delicious! Bring a friend and some food to pass and spend a good time with your friends.



Ecumenical Service

Winneconne's Sovereign State annual Ecumenical church service will be at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 22, in the large shelter at Marble Park. Everyone is welcome. Worshipers may bring lawn chairs or sit at the picnic tables in the shelter.

An Ecumenical choir will sing for the service. Those wishing to participate will rehearse on Wednesday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Presbyterian church.

One person per church may participate in the service by helping with readings and prayers. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Connie.

Money collected in the offering will be returned to the respective churches, with the loose offering going to the Sovereign State organization. Members of Grace who attend the Ecumenical service should CLEARLY mark "Grace Lutheran" on their envelopes, since we don't have typical church envelopes.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who had words of caring and encouragement for us as well as all who sent cards and to all who came to Wyatt's memorial service. A very special thank you to Pastor Connie for the touching message at the memorial service. The Olson family

The family of Shirley Jacob would like to thank the congregation for their support and prayers during this difficult time. A special thank you to Pastor Connie for easing our pain and to Alissa for your help and kindness as we planned Mom's funeral. Also, a very special thank you to those who volunteered their time to serve lunch after the funeral and to those who made food. What a blessing it is to feel the love of our church family. Thank you!!

July Birthdays

- 18 Betty Bucholtz
5080 County Road II
Larsen, WI 54947
- 28 Gloria Manteufel
9258 State Road 76
Neenah, WI 54956
- 30 Raymond Breaker
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Power Point Master — Patti Nelson

Love flows from Grace

May you have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ!

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Can Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Outdoors if weather permits)	2 Ruth's Pantry closed	3 8:00 a.m. Weigh-In Group	4 No Worship Church office closed for holiday	5	6	7
8 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	9 9:00-11:30 a.m. Ruth's Pantry 11:30 a.m. Ruth Pantry Board Meeting in the Lounge 4:30-6:30 p.m. Ruth's Pantry	10 8:00 a.m. Weigh-In Group 1:00 p.m. Leah Circle	11 5:00 p.m. Cackles and Cards 6:30 p.m. Worship	12 Noon— OWLS 6:30 p.m. Council	13	14 5:30 p.m. Choir Camp Concert
Choir Camp — 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CONCERT on July 14 at 5:30 p.m.						
15 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	16 9:00-11:30 a.m. Ruth's Pantry 4:30-6:30 p.m. Ruth's Pantry 6:30 p.m. Property Team	17 8:00 a.m. Weigh-In Group	18 6:30 p.m. Worship	19 6:00 p.m. Meals Ministry 1:00-4:00 p.m. QUEST	20	21 8:00 a.m. Meals Ministry
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Council Highlights



Congregation Council, June 19, 2018

- The net income for May is a negative \$22,783. Our negative trend continues, as we are more \$36,000 behind for the year. We are seriously below our budget needs. At the current rate, the cushion in our checkbook will be gone in a little over four months. We need consistency in our weekly offerings and marked improvement in giving from our members.
- The procedure for a new directory will begin in the fall. Pictures will be retaken and information collected for this new directory.
- The inspector for the insurance company cited five faults. We are working to rectify them.
- A monitor for the front of the balcony will cost approximately \$1500, paid for with

designated funds. The fund is currently at \$500.

Richard Terio, Council Secretary



Choir Camp

Choir Camp is a one-week music camp for 3rd to 12th graders. Participants learn how to put on a full-scale concert—learn the music and choreography, design the stage setting and costumes, and more—all in one week!

The theme this year is “A Night at the Movies,” and the concert will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Pick up a flyer at Grace for more information. The registration deadline is looming!



July Worship Assistants—9:30

Altar Assistant — Paula Nyback
Lay Reader — Kate Christianson

July 1 — Usher Team 4
Greeters — Dave & Jan Olson, Linda Breaker
Communion Assistants — Team 4

July 8 — Usher Team 1
Greeters — Linda Kromm
Communion Assistants — Team 5

July 15 — Usher Team 2
Greeter — Mary Schmidt, David & Gayle Wisnepske
Communion Assistants — Team 1

July 22 — Usher Team 3
Greeter — Paula Nyback, Ray & June Breaker
Communion Assistants — Team 2

July 29 — Usher Team 4
Greeter — Germaine Anderson, Jane Moderson
Communion Assistants — Team 3

Quest **Ages 7 to 15**

Thursday Afternoons — 1:00 to 4:00

No Quest the Weeks of July 2 or 9

July 19 — Water Week

July 26 — Scavenger Hunt Week

August 2—Minute-to-Win-It Olympics Week

August 9 — The Great Escape Week

August 16 — End of Summer Party!

Sorry is as Sorry Does

Sorry has been described as one of the most powerful words in the English language when used in an apologetic sense: "regretfully acknowledging or excusing an offense or failure."

Following are fourteen ways to avoid the need to say you're sorry.*

- by thinking before acting.
- by hearing before judging.
- by forgiving your enemies.
- by helping a fallen brother or sister.
- by harboring pure thoughts.
- by thinking before speaking.
- by closing your ears to gossip.
- by standing by your principles.
- by being honest and open in love.
- by being honest in the first place.
- by being courteous and kind to all.
- by controlling a slanderous tongue.
- by loving Jesus with all your heart.
- by sympathizing with the afflicted.

Prayer: Father thank you for instilling a sensitivity that reflects the love of Jesus in all I do. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

*Christian Cross Ministries,



Library Corner

June 2018 Book Review

From Sandra Terio. The keynote speaker for the spring Fox Valley Church Librarians was Kathy J. Jacobson, author of the "Noted!" Series. Kathy has been blessed with many life and work experiences throughout the years! She worked for 10 years in the juvenile justice system, was an at-home Mom, and over the last 20 years has worked in various forms of ministry. She currently serves as pastor of Peace Bethlehem Lutheran Parish. She also volunteers as hospice chaplain of Upland Hills Hospice. Her true passion is writing.

The books of the "Noted" inspirational fiction series follow the adventures of Jillian Johnson, a life-long Lutheran and long-time nurse in Wisconsin. She is a very faithful woman. Through thick and thin, her faith in God helps her maneuver all types of situations.

I would call the books women's romance stories with an inspirational message. "telling the story in a new way." They are quick reads, but one comes away feeling refreshed and ready to take on new challenges. Each book is a story in itself, but the characters appear in progression. I would prefer to read them in order. All four will be available in our library.

Noted *A New Note,*
On Another Note *Scratch Pad*

From Sandra Terio: In case you have not noticed, we no longer have any children's books in our library. When I noticed them gone, I assumed someone must have moved them to Sunday School rooms for more use. I have never found them.

Librarians were told about the Thrivent Action Pack program for its members. Their \$250 grant may be used to purchase books for the children's library. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to apply for a grant for children's books for Grace, please talk to me about it. We could have children's books again. It may have been the part of the library used most often. I have three pages listing small children's books that one of the churches purchased with their grant. Most of the books were priced under \$5.

Ruth's Pantry

Can Sunday is July 1. Can we meet our goal of 70 donated items this month?



In 2009 it was decided that continuing Ruth's Pantry out of the basement of Grace Lutheran Church had become too much of a challenge for the church. Every Monday Pantry food and clothing needed to be taken out of storage, displayed and then put back into storage at the end of the day. Storage space within the church was becoming a major issue. The storage of Pantry food and clothing was a major factor in limited storage space. A team was formed to explore the future of Ruth's Pantry. It was at this time the decision was made to convert the old parsonage building from the "youth house" to the new Pantry building.

Between 2009 and 2010 a lot of changes took place. The remodel of the parsonage building took months to complete. Wow, what a huge improvement. Our guests loved the change. The existing structure of Ruth's Pantry Board was established and job descriptions were created for board members serving a 3-year term. New operating procedures for the Pantry were created along with a new procedural manual. The Board decided to open weekly on Mondays (instead of bi-weekly) to include both morning and evening operating hours. A decision was made to call our families served as our 'guests.' Our guests continue to be treated with respect and in the same manner we would treat guests in our own home.

At the time of our move to the new Pantry building we were delighted to have so much space available to us for storage. With expanded donations to Ruth's Closet, diaper and paper products, expanded produce and meat offerings, and more efficient ordering from Feeding America, space once again has become an issue that we deal with on an ongoing basis.

An average of 35 families is served weekly between 2009 and the current date. At one point we were serving up to 65 families per week.

Most Needed Items: Canned corn, cereal

Women's Event

**Take Up Your Cross
and Walk God's Justice**



September 21-22, 2018 — Imago Dei Village

As reported in the June newsletter, all women of Grace are invited to an overnight getaway at the FALL RETREAT of the Women of the ELCA/East Central Synod of Wisconsin. The study will be on Micah 6.

Check out the materials on the counter across from the offices at Grace. Registration forms and scholarship applications are available there.

Ushers

Our supply of ushers is diminishing. For some services, congregation members need to be tapped to help with the offering and other ushering duties.

We currently have four teams of ushers, so each team works approximately once a month. If no one new wishes to become an usher, the usher lists will be restructured to form three teams, hopefully with little change in the makeup of each team.



If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Alissa in the church office, and she will get the information to the appropriate people.

GREETERS. In the same way, more Greeters are needed for both services when we go back to the two-service schedule in September. If you have any interest in the important role of saying "Good Morning" to worshipers as they enter the church, please let Alissa know.

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Upcoming Opportunities

July 9 to 13 — Choir Camp

July 22 — 9:00 a.m. Ecumenical Service at Marble Park in Winneconne

July 22 — Jeff Werley, speaker from Aviation Missionaries (ETHNOS360) at worship

July and August — Quest (see page 5 for specific dates)

The softball season wraps up at the end of July. We will be looking forward to seeing you before July 26. Come between about 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The food is great. The kids' games are a hoot!



Library Volunteers

“Young and Able” volunteers needed! I will be removing all books from the library shelves that have not been checked out since 1970. I need a couple of volunteers on any day mutually available to all of us to climb up and remove and replace books on the top two shelves and the bottom two shelves of the library. At the same time we will check to make sure our spreadsheet books matches with our shelf books.

Removed books will be placed on a table for members to help themselves.

If I can get enough volunteers to help with this project, I believe I can get Thrivent action team funds to replace current book needs. Thanks.

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