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Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester



2017

Ruth's Pantry

ALWAYS needs
canned fruit
and canned meat



Weather permitting,
OUTDOOR worship is
scheduled for August 13
and 27 at 10:30 a.m.

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From the Desk of Pastor Connie...



You Might Be a Lutheran If...

- ... You're watching Star Wars and when they say, "May the force be with you," You reply, "and also with you."
- ... You sing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" while sitting down.
- ... It takes you ten minutes to say good-bye.
- ... Your church library has three Jell-O cookbooks.
- ... You have an uncontrollable urge to sit in the back of any room.
- ... You feel guilty about not feeling guilty.
- ... The church is on fire, and you rush in to save the coffee pot!

Many of these "You might be a Lutheran if" sayings were most certainly true in my Grandma's day and her mother's day, and will continue to be true for generations of Lutherans to come. And you certainly must agree that we Lutherans, for generations, have been unapologetically "Lutheran" in our often humorous traditions and rituals as shown above. However, we are very serious when it comes to Jello-O salads at pot-lucks and the value of a good coffee pot!

So maybe change does not come so easily to us Lutherans. Is change easy for anyone? I don't think it is. Sometimes we want to change things to quickly, without considering how it affects others. At other times, we are so slow to change that people become frustrated, or worse, they become disinterested in serving in the church altogether. How could each of us be better at handling change? Are we working to change our hearts to be more like God's?

In Matthew 18:3, Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Jesus Christ was the greatest change agent of all time. Even today, we struggle with the changes that would be required of ourselves and the church if we truly followed Jesus' teachings. Like serving others, rather than being served. Or, Loving and welcoming ALL people as Jesus did. Jesus came to change our hearts to be more like God's. Our loving God can make each of us at Grace an agent of change to move people's hearts to be more like God's, and, yes, we can still be unapologetically "Lutheran."

Peace,

Pastor Connie

Acolyte & Crucifix Training

All youth entering the fifth grade or higher interested in serving as an acolyte are invited to remain after worship on Sunday, August 6. Also high schoolers wishing to _____ are invited. Plan to meet in the sanctuary with Pastor Connie immediately following worship.

Fundraisers

Piggly Wiggly Brat Stand August 4, 5, and 6

We have enough workers.
Thank you! Come and eat!



August 11, 12, and 13

We need many more helpers these three days, or we will have to cancel the commitment to have the brat stand open. Please look at the sign up sheets in the Gathering Space and sign up for a slot - or two!

If you have never worked the brat stand, you will find it is a lot of fun. You also get to visit with a large number people . . . some you know and others you don't.

Bake Sale September 9

We need people to sign up to help with the bake sale. You don't need to give up your entire Saturday—only a couple of hours to organize, sell, and make change.

We also need MANY MORE BAKERS. There are so many wonderful cooks at Grace, and there are so many things that can be baked. People who come to bake sales always find something they like! Please sign up in the Gathering Space.



OWLS

OWLS 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.



Sunday School

Sunday School begins on September 10 at 9:30 a.m. A single service will be held that morning at 10:30 with installation of Pastor Connie by a member of the bishop's office in Appleton. After worship, the L.Y.F team will host an ice cream social and games **for all ages**. Make plans now to attend this event. Watch for more information in the September newsletter.

FVLH

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Annual Pie, Ice Cream, & Silent Auction: Mark your calendars now for October 1! The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help:

- Bakers - your delicious pies
- Crafters – your craft projects
- Woodworkers – your wooden projects
- Artists – paintings, sculpture
- Artisans – your work
- Business people - something you could donate to our Silent Auction, i.e., overnight at a motel, round of golf, gift certificate for a restaurant, gift certificate for a beauty salon, etc.

This event raises a large portion of the funds for the extra projects we do in the fall. Contact Jan Olson at 836-3385 to get more information on delivering these to FVLH or call Becky at 734-7225.



Did You Know . . .

. . . that for the dedication of the very first church building on May 14, 1874, the youth of the congregation gave a 600-pound bell to the church for the newly erected steeple?

and

. . . that in 1879 the youth presented the congregation with a new bell as the original bell had cracked? Both bells came from a foundry out of Troy, New York. It is believed this is the bell we continue to use today.



August Birthdays

- 10 Marie Eckstein
5555 Grandview Road
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- 28 David Uvaas
7887 Mud Creek Road
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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!

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 a.m. Weigh-In Group 10:00 a.m. Little Explorers 1:00 p.m. Rachel Circle at Carol's	2 6:30 p.m. Worship	3 1:00 p.m. Quest	4 5 August 4, 5, and 6 Come to the Winneconne Piggly Wiggly for lunch!	
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27 10:30 a.m. OUT-DOOR Worship; Blessing of the Animals	28 9:00-11:30 a.m. Ruth's Pantry 4:30-6:30 p.m. Ruth's Pantry	29 8:00 a.m. Weigh-In Group	30 6:30 p.m. Worship	31		

Council Highlights



Council Notes, July 13, 2017

Ruth's Pantry—An upstairs bathroom water leak damaged the building and some food items. A meeting with the insurance adjuster was held to discuss the path forward.

Readers are needed for summer services. Look for acolyte and worship assistant programs for fall.

Outdoor worship services are planned for August 13 and 27. Help is needed for setup.

New Member Sunday with a reception will be on October 1.

Pastor Amy from the Bishop's office will officiate for Pastor Connie's installation on Sunday, September 10, at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. (ONE service that day)

When our supply of yellow communion cards runs out, we may switch to another method, for example, a visitor card.

The Council is looking for ways to revitalize the Sunday School Program.

A Family Night and bonfire will be held in August.

Help is needed in restoring order to the work

room and the secretary's office following painting and the installation of new carpeting.

A discussion was held on whether to return to two services in September or go to one service. No decisions were made.

The Council is exploring options and sourcing for Organist/Pianist/Choir Director.

—Richard Terio, Secretary



A Story . . .

Scripture: Ephesians 4:12

"Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ" NLT (Bible Paraphrase)

We had an important job at church to do Saturday at 10:00 a.m. for the upcoming Sunday School Event. EVERYBODY was asked to do it. EVERYBODY was sure SOMEBODY would show up on Saturday and get it done.

The job was a Sunday School Blessing to the entire congregation but so very simple that ANYBODY could have done it.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. at the church came and went and NOBODY did it.

Sunday morning after the service SOMEBODY got angry because the job was not done because it was EVERYBODY'S responsibility for the Sunday School Event. EVERYBODY in the church thought ANYBODY should do it.

But NOBODY in the church realized that EVERYBODY was busy and wouldn't do it. It ended up that EVERYBODY in church blamed SOMEBODY for the Sunday School blunder.

Actually NOBODY in the congregation asked ANYBODY to help for the Sunday School

Prayer: Father thank you for using ANYBODY, SOMEBODY and EVERYBODY to complete your assignments. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

August Worship Assistants—9:00 Lay Reader, Sandra Terio
August 6 — Usher Team 1 Greeters — Marian Rieckmann, Linda Kromm Communion Assistants — Team 2
August 13 — Usher Team 2 Greeters — Mary Schmidt Communion Assistants — Team 3
August 20 — Usher Team 3 Greeters — Paula Nyback, Ray & June Breaker Communion Assistants — Team 4
August 27 — Usher Team 4 Greeters — Germaine Anderson, Jane Moderson Communion Assistants — Team 5

Summer L.Y.F.



This summer we are taking our Quest and Little Explorer Programs to a whole new creative level by continuing our Maker Fun Factory VBS theme all summer. Kids will be involved in fun activities and projects that get them thinking outside the box. With lots of team skill building challenges and “How does it work?” discussion, this summer is sure to be lots of fun. The emphasis on our Maker Fun Factory Summer will be to get kids engaged in learning and having fun all while making friends, messes, and memories.

Quest

Ages 7-13

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 3, 10, and 24

Note: We do NOT meet on August 17

Little Explorers

Ages 3-6

10:00 a.m. to Noon

August 1, 8, and 22

Note: We do NOT meet on August 15

Lemonade Workshop

Saturday, August 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline is August 1

“When life gives you lemons, God makes things NEW.” “UPCYCLING” brings home the point that God can make all things new. The evening ends with food, games, and a bonfire.



NOTE: All youth in this summer’s L.Y.F. activities are required to have a consent, medical information, and liability waiver form signed by the youth’s parent or guardian. These forms are available in the church office.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who helped me during my illness and those who helped fix my car. I am so grateful to you all for your help.

I’m also grateful for all the cards I have received during my illness. It was very good to hear from you all. I send my love to you and thank God for having you as friends. God bless each of you.

—Love, Clara Ingles

Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, and calls when my daughter, Pauline, passed away from a battle with cancer. Also, I want to thank everyone for all the very nice birthday cards I received. It is so nice to be remembered.

—June Thompson

Workers Needed

Since the pines were harvested from the woods a couple of years ago, the Property Team has been concerned about the “mess” in the woods. Branches and brush clog the paths and the rows between the trees. It is the consensus of the members of the Property Team that the best way to clean up the mess would be to rent a chipper and reduce the limbs and branches to chips.

Doing this would require lots of person power. It is not a job that should be undertaken by the members of the Property Team as they are kept very busy just maintaining the church property. Volunteers would be needed.

Is anyone out there willing to be part of a crew to begin the task of cleaning up the woods? If so, please contact Alissa in the church office, text her at gracefinancialclerk@gmail.com or call her at 920-277-7619. She will compile a list of workers who the Property Team can contact when the time comes to do the work.

Thank you in advance for any of you who are willing to help.

Summer Reading

. . . for Science Fiction Readers

From the Origins Trilogy By Keith Robinson

Escaping the Cataclysm – A novel about the Origin of Geologic Formations

Book 3 of the Origins Trilogy

Having Traveled over four thousand years into the past, Rebecca Evans, her husband Jeffrey, and their companions find themselves stranded by a malfunctioning time machine just days before the greatest catastrophe in the history of the earth: the worldwide Flood! Accompanied by a technologically enhanced language specialist, a mysterious wolf-like giant, a hovering utility droid, and several others, Rebecca and Jeffrey fight against the odds to save their relationship, their lives, and their souls. The travelers are caught in a race against time to fix the machine in order to escape the coming destruction. However, help proves difficult to find in this strange world both foreign, yet disturbingly familiar. Desperate Rebecca and her companion seek out the one man who might be able to help them: the ancient Patriarch of all mankind, Noah.



Ruth's Pantry

Summer is now on its way, and this is when children and families need more food because they no longer have the school breakfast and lunch programs. So for another summer, Cindy Krause got her team at Thrivent to pack up children's snack bags—about 600 to be exact. The children really enjoy having their own snack bags with a children's verse from the Bible.

We want to thank the congregation for their support, donations, gift giving at Christmas and

electing our two new board members, Gene Walter and Sheri Smolinski. They will be appreciated as they bring many talents and skills on board.

We have been running very efficiently, but our numbers are down. This is a concern as people have been getting jobs, and we are very happy for them. They thank us for the service that we have provided and let us know that they wouldn't have been able to make ends meet if it weren't for our food, friendship, spirituality, listening ears, and sharing our tears with them. This is what makes working at the Pantry all about. We feel we do make a difference in people's lives.

As board members we ask our guests what they like about Ruth's Pantry, and they reply that they feel welcome, the food has good choices, and they really appreciate the clothing items.

We are presently working on getting new kitchen and bathroom flooring. It has been a safety hazard as we keep nailing the curling flooring down. Also we have hired a person to power wash the building and later we will scrape and paint the former garage. (Editor's note: Because of severe water damage, some of these plans may change. Stay tuned.)

If you know of young people who need volunteer hours for school or church please have them get in touch with us. We have many youth-size tasks. Ruth's Pantry is an amazing mission of Grace Lutheran Church and we are proud to be serving the community.

We always need donations of canned fruit and tuna. Otherwise Feeding America has stepped up its ability to provide us with many choices. With the new building in Grand Chute, we are able to get a load much more easily.

We have to thank John Schroll for his service driving the trailer to pick up donations and make deliveries. By next year we will be looking for another volunteer for this position. We have a new trailer, and it pulls very nicely down the road.

We wish to let you know you are appreciated. Keep praying for continued success in our mission. We welcome our new Pastor to Ruth's Pantry. Please come to visit us anytime, Mondays, 9:00-11:30 a.m. and again from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m.; we would be honored to show you what we have done so far this year.

In God's Grace we serve,
Jan Miller, team leader and board member

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Summer Opportunities

August 4, 5, 6 — Brat Fry at the Piggly Wiggly in Winneconne

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Little Explorers — Tuesdays, August 1, 8, and 22.

Quest — Thursdays, August 3, 10, and 24.

Assemble LWR School Kits with Quest kids — 1 p.m. on August 27. (Adults needed)

Indoor Worship Services — 9:00 a.m. on August 6 and 20

Outdoor Worship Services — 10:30 a.m. on August 13 & 27.

Blessing of the Animals — 10:30 a.m. on August 27.

September 9 — Craft Fair and Bake Sale at the Earl Nelson Park in Winchester.

September 10 — Installation of Pastor Connie at 10:30 service and Ice Cream Social.

World Relief Kits

The sewing circle continues to accept donations of gently used sheets and light blankets for **LWR Quilts**.

School items are now for sale in area stores. For **School Kits**, the items needed most are

- 24-count crayons
- 70-page spiral notebooks
- Stick pens—black or blue
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt-tip scissors

Baby care kits will also be assembled using sizes 6 months to 3T. Most needed are sleepers without feet, socks, and t-shirts.

Finally, we also put together **Personal Care Kits**. These kits include the following items:

- Wide-tooth combs
- Sturdy nail clippers
- Bars of soap (4 to 5 ounces) (in original wrapping)
- Toothbrushes (in original wrapping)
- Bath towels — dark colors, 52" x 27"