

# *The Grace Greeter!*

**Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Lincoln, NE 68502  
August 2021**

Summer greetings to you from the Haider family up North!

What a joyous and busy few months it has been. At the beginning of June we celebrated Aislynn's last day of Kindergarten and Dustin's graduation from Luther Seminary over the course of a weekend. It was a jubilant time of momentous endings and the start of new journeys! We are forever thankful for your support and prayers over the past two years since we left Nebraska; there is no way we would have survived without the support from our friends in Nebraska.

On June 18th we welcomed Malcolm Herman into our family, he came into the world quickly and captured our hearts just as fast. In the past month, he has grown some adorable baby rolls and is starting to get his personality and smile. He has been a gem of a baby, sleeping through the chaos of older siblings. Speaking of older siblings, they absolutely adore their brother and are always willing to help out as long as the task isn't diaper duty; we cherish how much they are willing to do for their brother and the family.

Rachel will continue her role as the high school librarian at Hastings High School in Minnesota next school year. She is looking forward to a hopefully normal year (except being gone the first month on maternity leave), however plans are always up in the air these days it seems. She truly loves her job and enjoys the new challenges teaching in today's world brings.

Aislynn will be in 1st grade next year, in person for the first time (she did online school last year). She is excited for the new experience and to ride the bus. Everett will do preschool 3 days a week with daycare friends. He is also excited to ride a bus and will enjoy daycare the rest of the week.

Dustin is in a holding pattern for the time being, since Rachel is enjoying her job so much (and couldn't look for a new one without knowing where to look) we will stick around here for at least another year. Calls for first time pastors are in short supply with a large pool of candidates up here in Lutheran country, so his wait time might be a bit to get a church here. In the meantime, he is looking at several hospital or long-term care chaplaincy jobs where he can use his skills and training.

Thank you again for your love and support these past two years. We hope to see you soon.

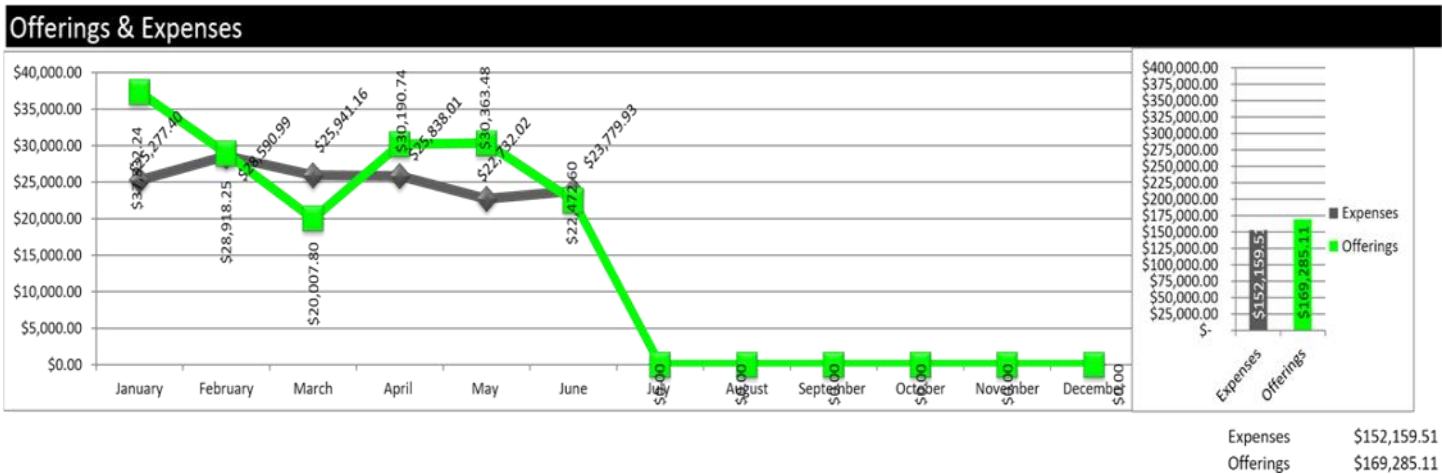
Dustin, Rachel, Aislynn, Everett and Malcom Haider





- ◆ **PLEASE CONTACT US!** HIPPA laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church if there is a member in the hospital. The patient or a family member must contact the church office to let us know that about the hospitalization. **During office hours, call 402-474-1505 or email [office@egrace.org](mailto:office@egrace.org) to let us know. Thank you!**
- ◆ To contact Pastor Eric after office hours, you can call or text him at 308-708-1146 or email [pr.eric@egrace.org](mailto:pr.eric@egrace.org).
- ◆ The deadline for the next Greeter will be August 20th.
- To help us stay connected during our time apart please send an email or letter with any personal update you want to share about yourself or prayer concern for someone else. We will post these under news and prayers in our weekly digital newsletter and/or our monthly newsletter.

## Update



### 2021 Giving Envelopes

You can pick-up your box of 2021 giving envelopes in the atrium after worship on Sunday morning or during the week Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

## Free OLLI at UNL Showcase Aug. 12

Come and see what OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) has to offer at a free showcase event on Thursday, Aug. 12, from 12:30 and 4 p.m. at Nebraska Innovation Campus, 2021 Transformation Drive.



You'll be able to sample courses taught by OLLI instructors, explore a variety of subjects and learn about travel opportunities and membership. Each of the sample courses will be offered twice, once at 1 p.m. and again at 2:15 p.m. Mini-courses will include:

- Women Novelists of Note.
- A History of Women's Suffrage in Nebraska.
- American Religious Liberties.
- The Power of Flowers.
- Top Ten Mistakes Made in Estate Planning.
- Slavery and Freedom in American History.
- A Political Odyssey.
- Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature.

The afternoon will end with a social hour where you can meet other people interested in continuing to learn.

OLLI at UNL offers non-credit courses on a wide range of topics for people 55 and older. It's all the fun of school without any papers or tests. Attend in person or online via Zoom by registering online at [olli.unl.edu](http://olli.unl.edu) or calling the OLLI office: 402-472-6265.



**September 12 will be a "Reunion Sunday"** for this year's God's Work. Our Hands Sunday.

Right after worship there will be a brunch featuring breakfast casseroles, baked goods and fruit salad. Signup for casseroles and baked goods will be available starting August 8 in the narthex.

After brunch we will create emergency kits for the homeless and pick up litter in the neighborhood (this project is still being considered).

Come join us as we reconnect for a new year together!

## Nebraska Synod Sunday

On August 29th we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of our synod. There will be a special message that day and a video that will be shown during the coffee hour. Stay tuned!





### **The Gathering Place**

Caution continues to be the operative approach at The Gathering Place. Only two volunteers per day are allowed inside the house in order to help to serve food, which is distributed in containers on the porch. There are no seconds.

Without regard to vaccination status, volunteers and staff must be masked, and temperatures are taken upon entering the building. Regina and Steve Paschold represented Grace by assisting on June 21 and July 19.

Menus are influenced by what can be purchased from the Food Bank, or economically from retailers. On July 19 the menu included the curious mix of a cheeseburger, boiled potatoes with asparagus spears, and canned fruit. “Dessert” was a pre-packaged breakfast bar. The recent daily count of meals served has been in the range of 80-90.

### **THE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY**

#### **CURRENT NEEDS LIST:**

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, SPAM)
- Canned meals (spaghetti & meatballs, ravioli, stew, etc.)
- Pork and beans
- Saltine crackers
- Canned fruits
- Condensed soups (tomato, chicken noodle, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom, etc.)
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Fruit juice (large bottles and juice boxes)
- Jelly
- Snack items (crackers & cheese, crackers & peanut butter, nuts, etc.)
- Personal care items (bath soap, shampoo, etc.)

We know the Lutheran Food Pantry is a blessing to families in our community and we appreciate your help and prayers in making it successful!

Tom and Lynn Ochsner  
Coordinators, The Lutheran Food Pantry

#### **PANTRY HOURS:**

Please bring your donations to St. Andrew’s Lutheran at 1015 Lancaster Ln between the hours of 8-3 Tuesday through Friday.



**Wedding Anniversaries**

Stephen and Tricia Rosno on August 1  
 Jeanne and Willis Weisbrook on August 3  
 Steven and Amber Leshner on August 4  
 Kevin and Kimberly Fritchie on August 9  
 Michael and Laura Lawrence on August 9  
 Dean and Kay Ossian on August 12  
 Ken and Lisa Holmstrom on August 18  
 Gene and Lianne Garza on August 19  
 Larry and Penny Group on August 20  
 Henry and Judith Lambert on August 24  
 John and Debbie Winterfeld on August 24  
 Donald and Helen Carnes on August 30  
 Steven and Regina Pashcold on August 30



Prescott Elementary needs boxes of tissues and hand sanitizer for the start of the new school year. Please leave donations in the pew outside the church office.

Preferred Name	Last Name	Birthday
Lynn	Senkbeil	1-Aug
Brady	Garvin	4-Aug
Hazel	Johnson	4-Aug
Edward	Meitzen	4-Aug
Ronald	Holtgrewe	6-Aug
Steven	Leshner	6-Aug
Steven	Pozehl	6-Aug
Jeannette	Allen	7-Aug
Caleb	Knobbe	8-Aug
David	Paschold	11-Aug
Beverly	Hillman	12-Aug
Stephen	Rosno	12-Aug
Jill	Marshall	14-Aug
Kathy	Zimmerman	15-Aug
Joshua	Leshner	16-Aug
Belva	Gleason	17-Aug
Stacey	Parent	18-Aug
Dennis	Madison	21-Aug
Andrew	Meitzen	21-Aug
Kim	Mills	23-Aug
David	Miller	26-Aug
Charlie	Matya	29-Aug
Jillian	Jensen	30-Aug
Kelly	O'Hara	30-Aug



# CALENDAR

◀ August 2021 ▶						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00–10:00 AM: Worship	<b>2</b> 9:15–11:15 AM: Lincoln Literacy  4:00–6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00–8:00 PM: Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 9:30–10:30 AM: Al- Anon meeting  4:00–6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00–8:00 PM: Committee Meetings	<b>4</b> 9:15–10:45 AM: Lincoln Literacy	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM–12:00 PM: Quilting  1:30–2:30 PM: Lessons  4:30–6:30 PM: Lessons	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:30–6:15 PM: Worship
<b>8</b> 9:00–10:00 AM: Worship	<b>9</b> 9:15–11:15 AM: Lincoln Literacy  4:00–6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00–8:00 PM: Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 9:30–10:30 AM: Al- Anon meeting  4:00–6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00–8:00 PM: Wildlife Rescue  7:00–8:30 PM: Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:15–10:45 AM: Lincoln Literacy	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM–12:00 PM: Quilting  1:30–2:30 PM: Lessons  4:30–6:30 PM: Lessons	<b>13</b> 5:45–8:45 PM: YWCA Respite Care	<b>14</b> 1:00–2:00 PM: Danish Sisterhood  5:30–6:15 PM: Worship
<b>15</b> 9:00–10:00 AM: Worship	<b>16</b> 9:15–11:15 AM: Lincoln Literacy  4:00–6:00 PM: Lessons  5:00–6:00 PM: Gathering Place  7:00–8:00 PM: Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 9:30–10:30 AM: Al- Anon meeting  4:00–6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00–8:30 PM: WELCA Group 6	<b>18</b> 9:15–10:45 AM: Lincoln Literacy  1:00–2:30 PM: WELCA Group 3	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM–12:00 PM: Quilting  1:30–2:30 PM: Lessons  4:30–6:30 PM: Lessons	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30–6:15 PM: Worship
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<b>29</b> 9:00–10:00 AM: Worship	<b>30</b> 9:15–11:15 AM: Lincoln Literacy  4:00–6:00 PM: Lessons  7:00–8:00 PM: Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 9:30–10:30 AM: Al- Anon meeting  4:00–6:00 PM: Lessons  6:30–7:30 PM: Cub Scouts				

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Current monthly council minutes and reports are available outside the office.

Contact the church office to get connected to a council member.

We want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and prayers during Wayne's illness.

A special thank you to Pastor Eric for visiting him, and the beautiful service. You described Wayne perfectly. Also thank you Anne for the beautiful music.

I don't know how I would ever make it without our wonderful church Family. You are all so very special.

Kathie Remington, Arnie, Jody, Becky, and families.



**Grace Quilting Group**

We are in need of bed sheets to back our quilts so if you have any gently used sheets that you no longer are using please bring them to the church office. We can also pick them up. Just call Tricia Rosno at 402-540-5020. Thank you!



**ATTENTION**

**WELCA monthly unit meetings**

Grace will no longer have monthly WELCA unit meetings, but instead the Board plans to have quarterly gatherings for fellowship, projects, etc. Notice will be given through the Greeter, bulletins and WELCA groups #3 and #6. These WELCA groups will continue meeting on a monthly schedule. The WELCA Board will not have monthly meetings, but will be scheduled when necessary.

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