

The Grace Greeter!

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

WORSHIP RESTRICTIONS

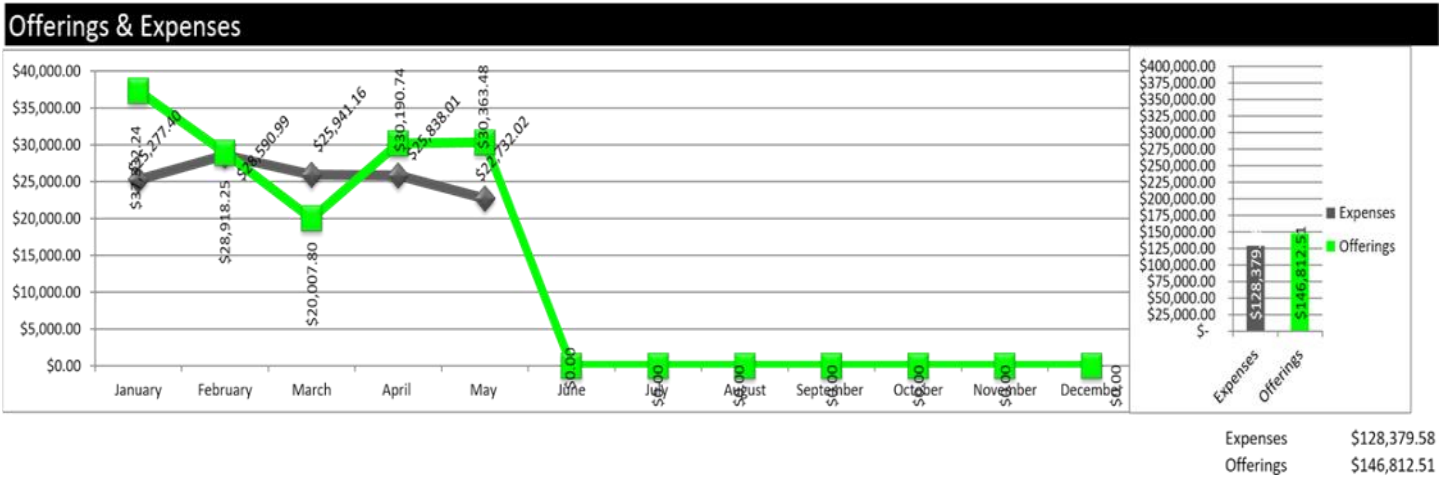
The following *temporary* changes will occur for the foreseeable future:

- As always, if you are ill or at risk, **please stay at home** and watch the service online.
- **Masks are optional** for those who are fully vaccinated. **Masks are required** for those who are NOT fully vaccinated. Physical distancing restrictions have been lifted as well.
- **Please respect others** choice to wear a mask. There are those among us who have not been or cannot be fully vaccinated. There are also those among us who choose to continue wearing a mask.
- We will enter the building through the **North doors**. The doors will be locked at 9:10. All other doors will be locked.
- There will **hand sanitizers** in the narthex. If you wish you can sanitize your hands prior to entering the worship space.
- There will be **no offering**. There will be an offering basket located at the entrance door to the sanctuary.
- There will be **no sharing** of the peace.
- The presiding minister will **greet** you in the narthex after the postlude.
- There will be **no** reader, or acolyte
- There will be **no nursery** available.
- **Singing restriction** has been lifted.
- **Communion** distribution will be “flow-through”.



- ◆ **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 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.
- ◆ The deadline for the next Greeter will be July 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.



Mark Your Calendar!

July 3

Saturday night worship resumes at 5:30 in the chapel. This will be a shorter version of our Sunday morning worship service.



July 4

The first description of how Independence Day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He described "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations" throughout the United States.

July 25

On Confirmation Sunday we will affirm the baptisms of:

- Austin McKillip
- Kennedy Abbott
- Shaune Forget

Join us for this special celebration.



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held at Friedens Lutheran Church on the following days and times this summer:

- July 28 (Wed.) from 6:00-8:00 pm
- July 29 (Thursday) from 6:00-8:00 pm
- July 30 (Friday) from 6:00-8:00 pm
- July 31 (Sat.) from 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Children Preschool through 5th grade can attend. We encourage pre-school children to be accompanied by an adult if possible.

Registration is provided in this newsletter and in the narthex. Please mail to the church office or drop-off at the basket in the narthex. You can also email the office and request a registration form.



Fill out registration card and return it to Friedens church or Email: office@friedens.org

2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION CARD



For the safety of all– masks are required for those not fully vaccinated except while outside.

(one student per card please)

Student's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Last Grade Completed: _____

We encourage Preschool children to be accompanied by an adult they know, while at VBS.

Known Allergies/Medical concerns _____

Does the Student Attend Sunday School? If So, Where? _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone _____

Health Care Phone _____

Permission to photograph for use in Friedens Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Church Publications and online: Yes No

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an Injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

School kits are back! Bags are available outside the office. Please fill the bag with the list of items mentioned on the next page. Please also remove all plastic from any of the items.

All donations are welcome including money gifts. Make sure money donations are designated for LWR School Kits.

It is good to be back in-person again so we can volunteer to do God's Work through Our Hands!

Thank you for participating in this important ministry.

Sincerely,
Bev Hillman
WELCA Sewing



Lutheran World Relief School Kit Instructions

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.
- Place ruler between notebooks. Place all items neatly into the bag and draw the draw-string together (if available).

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INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper

ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons

ONE 2 ½" eraser

ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps
(bags will be provided by the church)

**May Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021**



Present via Zoom: Neil Larson, Doug Krueger, Pastor Eric Leshner, Jan Branting, Glatha Rathjen, Roger Potts, Cindy Eberspacher, Amy Knobbe, Carla Ingersoll Absent: Connie Thorson

Neil Larson called the Council meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Opening Devotions: Pastor Eric

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve April 2021 Council minutes and April 2021 congregational meeting minutes made by Roger Potts. Seconded by Doug Krueger. Motion passed.

President's update/Correspondence: Nothing to report

Pastor Eric's report: written report. Points in report to be discussed further in business section.

Director of Music Report: written report

Treasurer's Report: All discrepancies corrected by Jim, Matt and Sage.

Financial Secretary Reports:

Motion to approve made by Cindy and seconded by Jan. Motion passed,

Committee Reports:

Finance/Stewardship-see treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports

Worship & Music-Corresponded via email. No submitted report.

Anne is selecting music.

Parish Ed- written report. Working with Frieden's for VBS

Congregational Life- written report: Participated with boy scouts at craft sale

Property-written report-Yard clean up May 15. Continues to work with insurance on insurance claim.

Social Ministry-did not meet. Met with Campbell's Nursery to discuss planting of tree (s) for Bob Anderson's memorial.

Motion to approve committee reports made by Doug. Seconded by Roger. Motion passed.

Business:

Organ Coupler Project: Jan made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of an organ coupler using the following funding: \$2,605.00 from the Foundation and \$1,703,00 from the Organ Maintenance Fund. Glatha seconded. Motion Passed.

Lincoln Literacy Return to Grace: Estimated 40-60 people expected to start classes. Temperatures to be taken and Vaccination Cards will be required to enter. These are Lincoln Literacy requirements.

Safety Protocol Review:

- Should we continue with masks and physically distance and sanitize pews? **Yes**
- Should we allow congregants to sing with their masks on (see above)? **Yes**
- Should we add more hymns to the worship? **Yes**
- Should we continue with our current communion distribution? Flow through with 3 stations with pastor handing out wafers and 2 assistants with wine? One station with Pastor distributing by
- intinction? **Wait for level green to make change.**
- Should we return to Worship Assistants and readers? **No**
- Should we return to a Saturday night service later in June? Half hour service 5:30-6:00?
- **Decide later—possibly 1st Sunday in September after Labor Day**
- Should we offer a short coffee in the Atrium after worship? **Possibly outdoor coffee in June**
- Should we start meeting in-person for committees and council? **Next council meeting via Zoom.**
- **Leave up to each committee when to start meeting in person.**
- Pastor will start coming out to meet congregation in a mask after service, when he has completed the
- online service set up.

Assembly Delegate: Need volunteer to register by May 15. Assembly will take place June 5, 9-3PM. Online meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Roger. Seconded by Jan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Neil closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Ingersoll, Vice President

THE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY

CURRENT NEEDS LIST:

- Canned fruits - pears, peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail
- Condensed soups - chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom
- Peas
- Mixed vegetables
- Saltine crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Canned meals
- Fruit juice - large bottles or boxes/packets
- Cereal
- Breakfast bars - Pop Tarts, granola bars
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Personal care items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)

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



JULY

Elizabeth	Johnson	Jul 2
Robert	Johnson	Jul 2
Lindsey	Howard	Jul 3
Adam	Branting	Jul 4
Bob	Viox	Jul 4
Audrey	Coatney	Jul 6
Cynthia	Morales	Jul 7
Judith	Schroeder	Jul 7
Abby	Filbert	Jul 9
Jo	Miller	Jul 9
Lee	Schumacher	Jul 9
Kevin	Bard	Jul 10
Sarah	Krueger	Jul 10
MacIntyre	Madison	Jul 10
Sydney	Robinson	Jul 10
Colton	Anderson	Jul 11
Darlene	Motycka	Jul 12
Lois	Schuerman	Jul 12
Tamya	Zimmerman	Jul 12
Raymond	Delka	Jul 13
Drue	Genthe	Jul 13
Emersyn	Haumont	Jul 14
Skylar	Hoxie	Jul 14
Cheryl	Petersen	Jul 14
Matt	Peppmuller	Jul 15
Donald	Riemann	Jul 17
Christine	Disney	Jul 20

Craig	Potts	Jul 22
LilyAnn	Newman	Jul 23
Lorraine	James	Jul 24
Savannah	Smith	Jul 24
John	Lunde	Jul 25
Kathryn	Vader	Jul 25
Braden	Riemann	Jul 26
Sue	Clymer	Jul 28
Kimberly	Fritchie	Jul 28
Judy	Grabow	Jul 29
Wendy	Apple	Jul 31



Wedding Anniversaries

Sondra and Richard Block on July 15
 Pastor Eric and Julene Leshar on July 15
 Beth and Dean Dumler on July 16
 Matt and Amy Knobbe on July 18
 Lynette and Michael Lewis on July 28



July 1:	Quilting Lessons Lessons	9:00 am 1:30 pm 4:30 pm	July 15:	Quilting Lessons Lessons	9:00 am 1:30 pm 4:30 pm
July 3:	Worship	5:30 pm	July 17:	Worship	5:30 pm
July 4:	Worship	9:00 am	July 18:	Worship	9:00 am
July 5:	Office Closed Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	July 19:	Lincoln Literacy Lessons Gathering Place Boy Scouts	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm
July 6:	Al-Anon Committees	9:30 am 7:00 pm	July 20:	Al-Anon Lessons WELCA Group 6	9:30 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm
July 7:	Lincoln Literacy	9:15 am	July 21:	Lincoln Literacy WELCA Group 3	9:15 am 1:00 pm
July 8:	Quilting	9:00 am	July 22:	Quilting Lessons Lessons	9:00 am 1:30 pm 4:30 pm
July 9:	Respite Care	5:45 pm	July 23:	Respite Care	5:45 pm
July 10:	Danish Sisterhood Worship	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	July 24:	Worship	5:30 pm
July 11:	Worship	9:00 am	July 25:	Worship	9:00 am
July 12:	Lincoln Literacy Lessons Boy Scouts	9:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	July 26:	Lincoln Literacy Lessons Boy Scouts	9:15 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm
July 13:	Al-Anon Lessons Wildlife Rescue Council	9:30 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	July 27:	Al-Anon Meeting Lessons	9:30 am 4:00 pm
July 14:	Lincoln Literacy	9:15 am	July 28:	Lincoln Literacy	9:15 am
			July 29:	Quilting Lessons Lessons	9:00 am 1:30 pm 4:30 pm
			July 31:	Worship	5:30 pm

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2021 Church Council

Neil Larson	President
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Jim Krueger	Treasurer
Glatha Rathjen	Congregational Life
Jan Branting	Social Ministry
Amy Knobbe	Parish Education
Doug Krueger	Memorials
Roger Potts	Property
Cindy Eberspacher	Stewardship/Finance

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

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



Malcolm Herman Haider was born Friday, June 18th. His parents are Dustin and Rachel. His siblings are Aislynn and Everett.

Dustin has completed his Master of Divinity studies at Luther Seminary and is waiting his first call.

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