

The Grace Greeter!

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

Greetings from Minnesota -

It is hard to believe that it has only been 2 years since we learned that we would be packing up and moving to Minnesota, but here we are, and what a time it has been. We hope you are all doing well and appreciate so much the support and prayers you have offered the past 2 years as we have been on this journey.

Dustin is in the last term of his program, set to graduate June 6th (if you want to tune in to the virtual program to hear his name read and maybe see a picture you will be able to find the link at <https://www.luthersem.edu/commencement/> the day of graduation). His program has been nothing like he imagined, but a true baptism by fire in what it means to lead a church and minister to God's people wherever they are.

Rachel is wrapping up year 2 as a high school librarian. It has not been the most conventional librarian work, but she has worked to support students and teachers in all their literary and technology needs, stepping up as a building leader in a variety of ways. She continues to push for quality access to diverse and representative materials and assignments for all.

Aislynn has been a rockstar at online learning this year, not a surprise to anyone. We cherish the moments she wants to read us a book now. Her favorite subject in school is math (but you can't get her to turn off the audiobooks that read to her!). The other day she asked how many zooms she would have in 1st grade and we told her hopefully none because she would be in a school building - she was slightly confused at first, but then excited to ride the bus next year.

Everett is growing taller every day and his imagination never ceases to amaze us. He can tell a story with the best of them, jokes are still a work in progress, and has learned to spell and write his name in the past couple of months. He too is excited about the prospect of riding a (different) bus next year to preschool with his buddy from daycare 3 days a week to experience something different.

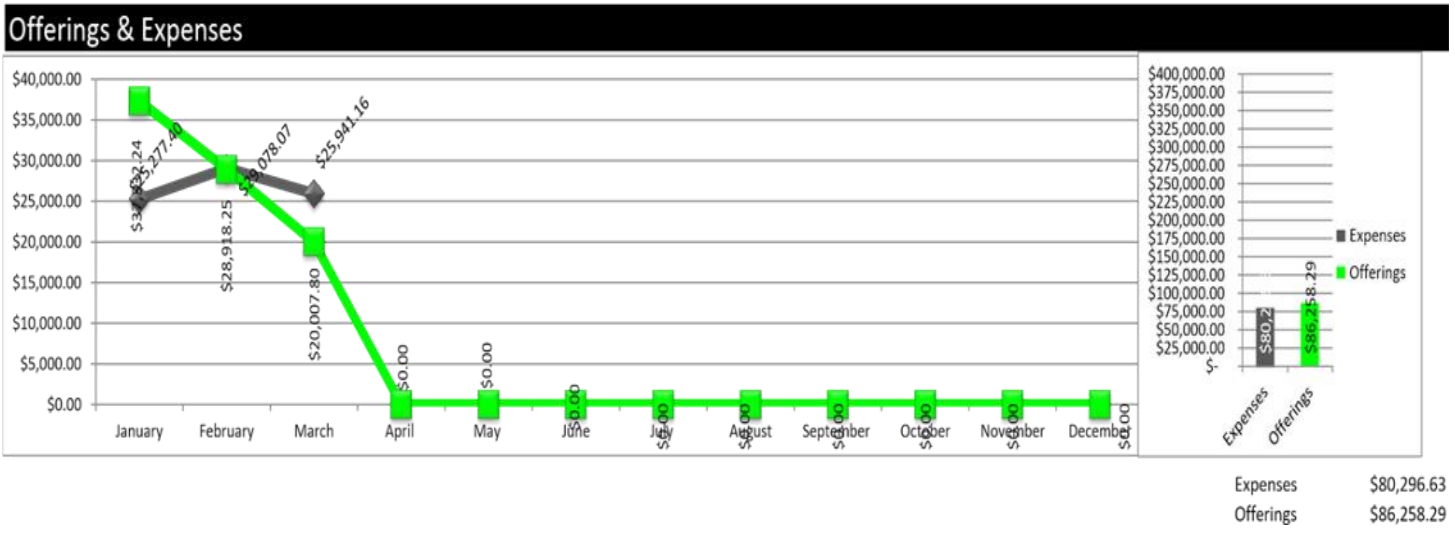
We anxiously await the day we can travel back to Nebraska to see all of you. We are not sure when that might happen due to baby Haider's arrival shortly following graduation. Summer plans are on hold as we see how a call, baby, possible move, and much more shake out. Our plan right now is to stay in the Minnesota area since I do have a job for next year and we wait for God's plan to unfold for the future.

We love you all and appreciate your continued thoughts and prayers.
Dustin, Rachel, Aislynn, and Everett Haider



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- ◆ 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 May 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!**

Ascension Sunday

In-person and online on May 16 at 9:00 am
in the nave.



Pentecost Sunday

In-person and online on May 23 at 9:00 am in
the nave.



Trinity Sunday

In-person and online on May 30 at 9:00 am in
the nave.

2021 ONLINE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

In order to help keep people safe and healthy amid the continued global pandemic, the 2021 Nebraska Synod Assembly will be held exclusively online on Saturday, June 5. The event will be a one day remote gathering to do the business of the church, worship, and engage in learning and fellowship together. More information and registration materials will be coming soon. If you would like to participate then let Pr. Eric know. We are allowed one male and one female representative from our congregation.



THANKS FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS!

- Matt and Amy Knobbe in honor of Nadine Mussman, Dave and Kathy Miller, Tom and Marlene Knobbe.
- Roger and Ginny Potts in memory of their parents and brothers.
- Chris and Wendy Apple in honor of their parents, Alex and Susan Kufeldt, Gale Apple, and the late Daniel Apple and in honor of the music ministry at Grace and to the glory of God.
- Robert Stimbert and family in memory of Raymond & Maxine Stimbert, Adel and Margaret Stimbert.
- Jon and Connie Thorson in memory of Ted and Grace Weigandt.
- Rev. Eric and Julene Leshner in memory of Lyle Jepsen, Rev. Dr. James Leshner and Amy Leshner McCleary.
- Lorraine James in memory of all those who have died from the Covid-19 virus.
- Cindy and Kurt Eberspacher in memory of Nancy Lee and Bruce Beach.
- Dean and Beth Dumler in memory of loved ones.
- Phyllis Krueger in honor of her family.
- Carla Ingersoll in memory of her parents Reuben and Marian Thurnau.
- Lori Drake in loving Memory of Marlan "Andy" Anderson and Shannon Drake from Joan Anderson, Scott and Lori Drake, and Michael, Katherine, and Adley Drake.
- Florall arrangements in honor of Pr. Eric, the staff and the Grace music ministry.

ANNUAL SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP!

Save the date of Saturday, May 15th at 8:30am, to do the annual yard clean-up. If there should be inclement weather for that chosen date we'll do the clean-up on the following Saturday, the 22nd at 8:30am. Please bring your yard tools for raking up leaves and other debris and a garbage container. Everyone is invited to help out and enjoy the outdoors. The Property Committee Members will be involved and we appreciate all volunteers for this worthy project.



Roger Potts,
Property Committee Chairman

Over 40 vendors & food trucks

Pack 30 Outdoor Spring Craft & Vendor Show



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event page



Come out and support our wonderful vendors!

Follow us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/439795287322279>

Where: Grace Lutheran Church
2225 Washington St.
South Parking Lot

When: May 8th, 2021

Time: 9am – 4pm



March Council Meeting
Thursday, March 11, 2021



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

Absent: none

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

Opening Devotion: Pastor Eric

Approval of Council Minutes:

Roger motioned to add a motion to last month's minutes that Grace congregation will hold a special meeting on April 25 to vote to adopt the 2019 model constitution as approved by the Synod. Glatha seconded. Roger then moved to approve the February 9th church council meeting minutes as submitted. Jan seconded. Motion passed.

President's Update/Correspondence: Discussed resuming a Council Corner in the Greeter. Each committee leader would submit a short summary of their committee's monthly meeting or correspondence. The hope is to create a closer connection by communicating information to all members, especially during the pandemic since many do not attend in-person worship. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend virtual church council or committee meetings at any time, and to join a committee. These announcements will be printed in the next Greeter.

Staff Reports:

Pastor Eric's Report: submitted

Director of Music Report: submitted

Financial Secretary's Report: submitted

Treasurer's Report: submitted

Doug made a motion to accept the reports as submitted. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Stewardship – Cindy will be serving on this committee

Worship & Music – email correspondence; we will offer lilies and spring bulb plants, printed in the bulletins. Decided simplicity in midst of so much suffering was appropriate again this year.

Parish Ed – email correspondence; report submitted. Early planning on VBS for this summer with Friedens; Discussed advertising options including ad in Kid's Magazine.

Congregational Life – email correspondence; report submitted. Patty Plambeck continues to send out cards to our shut-in members for care and concern, get well, sympathy and all holidays.

Property – email correspondence; written report submitted

Social Ministry – did not meet

Memorials – did not meet

Carla made a motion to accept the committee reports as printed. Doug seconded. Motion passed.

Business:

Scout Fundraising – The scouts would like to use our parking lot for a fundraiser; council discussed logistics of holding an event; more information forthcoming on dates, times, etc. Agreed to allow scouts to have a garage sale outside offering them the use of the larger garage if they need it. Allowed to serve food inside at pack meetings when scouting safety protocols are followed.

Monthly Review of our Safety Protocol – Agreed to continue with all safety protocols.

Neil read the closing prayer.

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Thorson, Secretary

Council Corner

Congregational Life

Committee will be available at the Scout's garage sale on May 8th to hand out information about Grace. Patty continues to mail cards to members. If you want to help then contact Carla Ingersoll.

Social Ministry

Grace partnered with Cornhusker Bank to provide a receptacle to collect shoes (new and gently used) and monetary donations during their "One Day Without Shoes" drive. Proceeds from this drive are to go to The Peoples City Mission.

Worship and Music Committee

Anne continues to coordinate the music selections for worship. Julene ordered the beautiful tulips and lilies that decorated the altar for Easter Services. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the flowers.

Property

We are planning on holding the Annual Spring Yard Clean-up in early to mid May. A new stair railing has been installed in the Narthex with the cost paid by a Member. Received additional positive information on replacing the roof over the Nave.



All are invited to join the family of Marlan "Andy" Anderson on May 29th at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery (6800 S 14th Street in Lincoln, NE), Gate #2, before 9am. At 9am, we will proceed to the burial site for a short service. The family will then head to Holmes Lake (Open Shelter #3) to greet guests until about 11:30am. You can just join us after the burial at Holmes Lake, if that works best for you. Due to COVID guidelines, we ask that you wear a mask during the service and after when socially distancing is not possible.

- Lori Drake, Daughter of Andy

THANK YOU!

The members of Scouts BSA Troop 30 (Boys and Girls) would like to sincerely thank the members of Grace Lutheran Church for their generous donations for the troop camping fund. We were able to purchase twelve tents due to your generosity. We greatly appreciate your support.

THE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY

CURRENT NEEDS LIST:

- Soups, all kinds (especially chicken noodle)
- Instant oatmeal (packets)
- Breakfast bars (Pop Tarts, granola bars, etc.)
- Fruit juice (bottles and juice boxes)
- Jelly
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Pork and beans
- Red beans (kidney, chili, black, etc.)
- Ramen noodles
- Saltine crackers
- Tomatoes (diced, whole, etc.)
- Vegetables (peas, mixed, carrots, beets, etc.)
- Personal care items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)

PANTRY HOURS:

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

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Mildred	Needham	May 1
Everett	Odem	May 1
Colton	Billings	May 2
Joanie	Rathjen	May 2
Jordan	Billings	May 3
Shawn	Rathjen	May 3
Everett	Haider	May 4
Amy	Knobbe	May 4
Virginia	Potts	May 4
Grace	Fitzgibbon	May 7
Sadie	Heim	May 9
Kaitlyn	Dumler	May 10
Erin	Odem	May 12
Ken	McKillip	May 14
Johnathon	Olston	May 14
Sandra	Robinson	May 16
Corene	Herbster	May 17
Patricia	Lickei	May 17
Chloe	Robinson	May 18
Aislynn	Haider	May 20
Michael	Lewis	May 20
Ronald	Ossian	May 21
William	Abbott	May 22
Kevin	Melang-Thoren	May 24
Laura	Coatney	May 25
Amber	Leshner	May 25
Andrea	Holtgrewe	May 26
Shawn	McKillip	May 27
Rhys	Hughes	May 28
Robin	Hoffman	May 29
Phyllis	Krueger	May 29
Kevin	Gade	May 30
Anthony	Zimmerman	May 30
Jon	Thorson	May 31



There's a lot this month!



Wedding Anniversaries

Nancy and Edward Hoffman on May 1
 Kevin and Frances Gade on May 6
 Dennis and Beverly Madison on May 7
 Jennifer and Bob Klein on May 14
 Estelle and Donald Riemann on May 14
 Kevin and Cynthe Dumler on May 15
 Ken and Carmen McKillip on May 19
 Chris and Wendy Apple on May 27



May 2:	Bell Rehearsal Worship Bell Quartet A Eagle Scouts	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:45 am 7:00 pm
May 3:	WELCA Board Boy Scouts	9:00 am 7:00 pm
May 4:	Election Al-Anon Cub Scouts Committees	8:00 am 9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
May 6:	Quilting Bell Quartet B	9:00 am 7:00 pm
May 8:	Cub Scout Sale Boy Scout Sale Danish Sisterhood	8:00 am 8:00 am 1:00 pm
May 9:	Bell Rehearsal Worship Bell Quartet A Eagle Scouts	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:45 am 7:00 pm
May 10:	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm
May 11:	Al-Anon Cub Scouts Wildlife Rescue Council	9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
May 13:	Quilting Bell Quartet B	9:00 am 7:00 pm
May 14:	Respite Care	5:45 pm
May 16:	Bell Rehearsal Worship Bell Quartet A Eagle Scouts	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:45 am 7:00 pm

May 17:	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm
May 18:	Al-Anon Cub Scouts WELCA Group 6	9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
May 19:	WELCA Group 3	1:00 pm
May 20:	Quilting Bell Quartet B	9:00 am 7:00 pm
May 21:	BNRR	4:00 pm
May 23:	Bell Rehearsal Worship Eagle Scouts	8:30 am 9:00 am 7:00 pm
May 24:	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm
May 25:	Al-Anon Cub Scouts	9:30 am 6:30 pm
May 27:	Quilting	9:00 am
May 28:	Respite Care	5:45 pm
May 30:	Worship Eagle Scouts	9:00 am 7:00 pm
May 31:	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm

May Holidays

May 1 -	May Day
May 5 -	Cinco de Mayo
May 6 -	National Nurses Day National Day of Prayer
May 9 -	Mother's Day
May 15 -	Peace Officers Memorial Day Armed Forces Day
May 22 -	National Maritime Day
May 31 -	Memorial Day

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2021 Church Council

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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.



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