

grace notes

September 2017

We're pulling out all the stops for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on September 9 & 10 for a wonderful time of celebrating these fifty years of being a ministry of Grace in the heart of Andover and beyond! On Saturday morning and afternoon, we will send energetic teams into the local neighborhood, offering 'Gifts of Grace' as volunteers do chores and yardwork for our neighbors. As Jesus set the example of washing feet, also we celebrate His grace in our lives by sharing our love and doing similar acts of serving.



The festivities will continue with an abbreviated 5pm Saturday worship service followed by a neighborhood Block Party beginning at 5:30. We've invited the community, we've invited local businesses to join us, and we're inviting our Grace family to celebrate our 50th anniversary TOGETHER! This block party will offer lots of good food (Jet's pizza and homemade sloppy joes), fun activities for all ages (9 square, bouncy houses, photo booth, face painting, and a summer snowball fight), free handouts from local business (Subway cookies, CVS coupons, etc) and dancing to the music of The Vintage Grapes (the band of a Grace member, Mark Hedin). And just like God's grace, this entire evening is free for everyone! Truly, you won't want to miss this celebration of 50 years in God's grace!

On Sunday morning Sept. 10, Bishop Ann Svenningsen will bring an inspiring message as we continue our 50th anniversary celebration at two services, 8:30 and 10 am. Worship will include video greetings from former pastors and staff, a personal greeting from former Senior Pastor Steve McKinley and Mayor Julie Trude. This is also Rally Day, so families begin in worship together and then children will be dismissed to meet their Sunday School classmates and teachers. Festivities will continue after both worship services with special treats, more fun children's activities, and time to register for youth and children's programs that begin this fall.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

10 am – 4 pm (two shifts) ~ Gifts of Grace neighborhood projects

5 pm ~ Worship Service (abbreviated)

5:30 – 8:30 pm ~ Block Party – Free Food, Entertainment & Games

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:30 and 10 am ~ Worship w/ Bishop Ann & Special Presentations

Rally Day - Fall registrations & Fellowship

Thank You

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If you would like to contact any of the Vision Board members, please visit graceandover.org and click on leaders

Dear Friends at Grace ~

Diana and I want to let you know how grateful we are for all the prayers and support we have received from our friends at Grace. Thank you for the calls and visits while I was in the hospital. A special thanks to Pastor Hahn for his comforting message and prayer before my surgery. I feel so blessed to be back at home and recovering.

Larry (& Diana Hirsch)

Thank you to all the various groups of people who volunteered to host summer fellowship times each weekend, and those who worked hard to keep the grounds of Grace looking nice this summer. We are grateful for your gifts of green thumbs and all the services you provide. ~ *Grace Staff*

Buenos Dias Grace Lutheran Church!

I want to say how happy and thankful I am for all of your love and support. I had fun speaking about my mission, and felt my speech was well heard and encouraged.

Thank you to everyone for your support and continued prayers. I left for Chicago on the 15th and then to Mexico on August 23. Your prayers will be with me carrying me through.

Thank you! ~ *Nikki Wahl*



Staff News



MONICA ALLEN

We celebrate with, and are so proud of Monica as she was recently received a full-time offer of employment at JUX Law Firm in Plymouth, MN as a Client Service Assistant. What this means for us at Grace is, she will be stepping away from a majority of the responsibilities she carried as Co-Director of **Children's Ministries**. **The great news is that she will continue as Coordinator of Rockin' Kids Bible Club.**

Monica has been a cherished and valued part of our Grace staff. We are sorry we won't see her day-to-day any longer. However, we're thrilled for her new career and that she will continue be an active part of Grace.

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update

JUSTIN COOK

We welcome Justin Cook as the new accompanist for the Adult Choir. A bit about Justin, in his own words:

I was born and raised in Pennock, MN, which is near Willmar, so I've been in this general area ever since I can remember. I have four siblings, three older and one younger, all of which are currently in the Minnesota area. Music has always been a huge part of my life, and I'm very excited to continue pursuing a music career. I just recently graduated from the University of Northwestern with a degree in General Music and am currently working as a sales associate at Guitar Center in Roseville as I wait to figure out the next steps I want to take.

Having had some opportunities to accompany in the past, I am excited to use my gifts as a way to serve the staff and congregation of Grace Lutheran. Although I enjoy playing many different kinds of music, I value opportunities I'm given to lead others in worship through playing piano. I can't wait to see what the year ahead holds!

We asked Justin a few "get to know me" questions:

Do you have a furry friend? If so how many and what kind? I don't yet, but I'm hoping within the next couple of years to have at least one. It'll probably end up being a Husky.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? I enjoy doing anything music related (listening to, writing, playing, etc.), being outdoors, and drinking coffee.

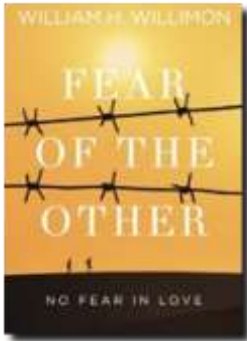
One thing you cannot live without? Probably music. And also coffee. Music and coffee.

What is your favorite place to be? Anchorage, AK

Tell us a fun fact about you? I grew up playing banjo in addition to piano and listening to a fair amount of bluegrass and southern gospel, which has shaped a lot of how I approach doing music today.

Do you enjoy playing a sport or watching them, and if so what? I really enjoy playing a pickup game of volleyball or spikeball. Also, although I don't watch consistently, I love watching a good baseball game.

Adult Spiritual Formation



FEAR OF THE OTHER: NO FEAR IN LOVE

Wednesdays ~ 6:30 - 8 pm at Grace

Beginning October 4

Do you ever struggle to know how to handle someone who makes a racist remark or tells a denigrating joke about Muslims or other religious groups? Need some help teaching your child to “love your neighbor as yourself”, in the midst of increasing racism and prejudice in our world? Are your neighbors uncomfortable with the immigrant family that’s moved into your neighborhood, and you’d like to find ways to assure and encourage them? If any of your answers are “YES” then the Wednesday evening “Fear of the Other” taught by Scott Lien, is something to check out! For a more info:

<http://englewoodreview.org/william-willimon-fear-of-the-other-feature-review/>

THE LUTHERAN COURSE

Sundays 5 pm – 7:30pm at Grace

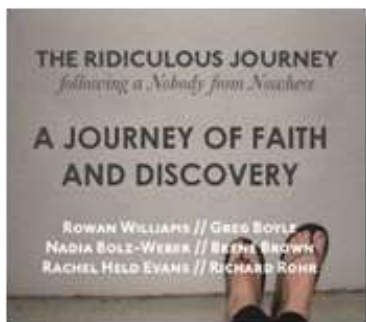
Beginning October 2

You’ve been Lutheran your whole life and yet, when asked: “What do Lutherans believe?” you’re not sure what to say? Or, maybe you’re rather new to the “Lutheran” tribe of faith and you’re wondering what makes us different than Baptists, Methodists, or Catholics?

As we at Grace join Christians across the world in celebrating the 500 Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, what does it all mean? Why does the story of a German monk standing up against the mighty powers of the Church have anything to say to us today? Is there something unique and essential to our Lutheran perspective the world needs to hear now?



Come and join Pastor Mark as he leads this course in rediscovering the heart of our Lutheran heritage and faith.



THE RIDICULOUS JOURNEY

Thursdays ~ 6:30 – 8 pm at **Pappy’s 13827 Round Lake Blvd NW, Andover**

Beginning October 12

Does it sometimes feel like your faith seems out of sync with life today? Do you sometimes wonder if it’s worthwhile following Jesus when so many people are leaving the church and becoming the “nones”? Come and join in a search for purpose and meaning in the events and choices of our lives. Come and discover that it is a costly journey with an unknown destination. Come, and learn from a Middle Eastern homeless man from twenty centuries ago and find out why he still stirs the souls and imagination of so many. Come and experience this exciting video/discussion series with John Anderson at Pappy’s Restaurant in Andover for some good conversation and food. “For the message of the cross is foolishness (ridiculousness) to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18 We will strive, in faith, to learn and discuss, the journey of Jesus, and our journey with Jesus now.

Vision Board Minutes

The Grace Vision Board met on August 1, 2017 at the home of Mark and Jeannie Hellmann. We enjoyed a time of fellowship and a wonderful meal out on the deck! During our dinner time, the Vision Board took a look back in time at Grace's history, reviewing the Vision 2000 document that was created in 1998. We celebrated the **accomplishments we've made over the years** and also discussed some areas that we are continuing to grow at Grace.

We discussed Grace's mid-year financial statements. We gave praise for the very solid year the church is having, showing improvement over the budget compared to last year at this time. Pastor Mark shared that Kristen Lowe, the new **Co-Director of Children's Ministries** started her employment with Grace on August 1.

We were updated on the work of the Spiritual Formation Team, as well as the Grace Construction Team. Alden Riley is part of the Construction Team and he shared an update from the first meeting. One of their priorities will be to address the use of the portables, and to develop a plan for future space needs.

We are looking with anticipation to Grace's 50th Anniversary Celebration in September.

We ended the meeting with a time of prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Lynn Noren, Vision Board Secretary



Outdoor Baptism Service



SPECIAL OUTDOOR BAPTISM SERVICE

Plans are underway to host a unique Baptism Service at Lake George for those (youth and adults) who have not been baptized. Jackie Glockner has graciously opened up her home for a picnic/ baptism service this September.

Why an outdoor baptism service? There are several reasons: having an outdoor baptism affords a person a special opportunity to experience a full-**immersion baptism, much like Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River** and the early Christians who had no **baptismal fonts in their churches**. What's more, having the opportunity to be fully - immersed in water often connects a person in a real way to our **Lutheran perspective of "drowning the old Adam and rising to new life in Jesus Christ."** This is not always fully realized at a baptism where water is only poured upon the head of a person. No matter **which method is used, baptism is God's work of welcoming us into his family in a unique and wonderful way.**

Grace members and friends who are not baptized are invited to consider this opportunity. In addition, everyone is invited to attend! The exact date and time of the baptism service has not been set, as Pastor Mark is contacting those who might be interested in this special service. If you would like to learn more about this baptism service, please contact Pastor Mark at: markh@graceandover.org or call the church office at (763) 421-6520.

Children's Ministries



BIBLE SUNDAY

On Saturday, September 30 at the 5pm Service, and Sunday October 1, (at the 9 & 10:30am Services), we will be presenting Bibles to our 3 year olds and 2nd Grade Children. At Baptism, we make the promise to give our children a Bible. Come celebrate your **child's faith journey as we give you a Bible to place in the hands of your child.** 3 Year Olds will receive the Spark Story Bible and grades 2 and 3 will receive a Spark Bible. **Let's celebrate the Word and share God's story with your child!**

This is Family Worship Sunday so ALL children will begin in worship with their families. Children will be dismissed to SONday School after the Bible presentation.

BAPTISM WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 16 at 9 am

Baptism is an important step in the life of a family. During the workshop, we learn how God is at work in baptism. Baptism is welcoming your child into the family of faith. We will also share insights to help you raise your child to know and love God by creating habits, traditions, and making God a part of your every day life.

Upcoming Baptism Sundays are Sunday, September 17, October 22. Families can schedule baptisms at either the 9 am or 10:30 Worship Services. Baptisms can also be scheduled for most Saturday Night Worship as well. The next baptism class will be November 4 at 9 am. Please register on Gracelink. Contact Kristin Lowe at kristinl@graceandover.org or the church office for more information.



KINDERGARTEN PINS &

K- 12 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Rally Sunday, September 10th, we will celebrate children going off to school during the 8:30 & 10am services.

Kindergarteners will be presented with a little angel pin to remind them that God will be with them as they go to school. K-12 students should bring their backpacks with them to Worship for a special blessing. We, as a congregation want to support and encourage our children as they start a new school year.



ROCKIN' KIDS BIBLE CLUB

Wednesdays

beginning September 13

6:30 – 8 p.m.

For Kids Age 4 – Grade 5

This year, our RKBC kids will be explorers as we begin our Bible Quest. As we journey through the year, we will learn about choices that Bible Heroes and Heroine's made, and that we can make good choices, too.

Would you like to be a part of the RKBC team?

To make this a great year for kids we need:

⇒ Small Group Leaders who come each week to be with the kids.

⇒ Games Leader who comes once a month to lead games.

⇒ Bible Discovery Leader who comes to help kids learn about the Bible.

⇒ Pianist who comes each week at 7:10-7:50 to accompany our choir time and will also accompany us when we sing in church.

You may register on-line through Grace Link or by going to the **Rockin' Kids Bible Club page on the web** site, we will also have forms at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Allen at 763-421-650 ex. 116



Youth Ministries

SONDAY SCHOOL –
Begins on Rally Day, September 10th



What do I do on Rally Day?

- ⇒ Register your child for SONday School. This can be done on-line through Gracelink or by going to **the Children's Ministry Page and clicking the SONday School link.**
- ⇒ Registration forms are also at the Welcome Center and will be available Rally Day Weekend.
- ⇒ All children will begin in worship and will be **dismissed after the Children's Message. We will gather the children in the Fellowship Hall, introduce them to their teachers, and send them to their classes.**
- ⇒ You will pick your children up in their classroom after SONday School. We will have signs posted with each class location.



SONday School needs many helping hands, please consider....

- ⇒ We need Teachers. Our curriculum is designed to make it easy for you. All the materials you need to teach your lesson are provided.
- ⇒ **Do you like teaching, but don't want to make a big commitment?** Please consider being a Substitute Teacher. Substitute Teachers are great blessing to our teaching staff and we would like a big list for our teachers!
- ⇒ Youth Helpers are a blessing to the teachers of our younger children. If you had fun helping at VBS, please consider being a Youth Helper.
- ⇒ Fun Food Team – This team helps make our wacky snacks for SONday School. We only do snacks once a month.
- ⇒ Youth Drama Team – youth who will help with tech and leading our SONday School worship in Drama. With our new curriculum, youth who volunteer will have to spend time preparing for their lessons and commit to some additional training times.



CATECHISM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

For 6th grade Students & Parents
September 6 @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM

You'll get an overview of the program, meet the staff, ask questions, and connect to other families. (7th and 8th grade students new to Catechism are also asked to attend.) Contact [Kristi Larson](#) with any questions.

OWN YOUR FAITH

Blessing/Infomational Meeting
September 24th @ 10:30 AM

A blessing for all Freshman exploring adulthood in faith in preparation for Confirmation next May. Details regarding the Own Your Faith Retreat at Luther Crest in Alexandria on October 19th/20th will be coming your way soon. Contact [Kristi Larson](#) with any questions.

Catechism Small Group Leaders Wanted!

We need caring, grace-filled adults to walk along side our Catechism students. Catechism meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm. Leaders are given teaching material, so prep time is minimal. Contact [Kristi Larson](#) with questions on how you can support our youth at Grace!

Register Now

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY MEETING

For 9th-12th grade Students and Parents
Tuesday, September 19th

Join [Kristi Larson](#) and [Tom Baker](#) for a meeting about all things High School this year at Grace! We are rolling out a NEW High School Ministry and we are excited for you to hear all about it! We also will be talking about the summer 2018 trip to Houston for the ECLA Youth Gathering! Come for more information! We are excited to see you!

Outreach Ministries

FAMILY PROMISE Sharing God's Grace in our Community

Grace will host Family Promise guests at our church the week of Oct. 1 – 8, providing warm hospitality and safe shelter for families in Anoka County who are experiencing homelessness.

Will you please join us in this hands-on ministry of **sharing God's grace in our local community?** YOU will make a difference! YOU will strengthen lives and build community in very tangible ways - through cooking a meal, driving the van, sleeping overnight for security, or chatting with guests!

Here's a list of various volunteer opportunities:

EVENING HOST – dine & chat with guests, play games with children, etc. (5 – 9 pm one evening)

OVERNIGHT HOST - Provide night security at church (8:30pm–7am one night) You get to sleep!

CHEF - Prepare an evening meal for 16 people, one evening

SERVER - Serve dinner and clean up the kitchen (5 - 7:30 pm one evening)

DRIVER - Drive the van to transport guests (at 6:30 am or at 4:30 pm)

PREP WORK - Set up and take down beds on Sunday mornings

DONATE - purchase and donate food supplies or gas cards for our Host Week

Family Promise in Anoka County (FPAC) is a network of area congregations who provide temporary housing to families without homes. Guests are housed at each host congregation for one week, on a rotating basis, moving to a new location in the network each week until they are able to become self-sufficient and independent once again.

THANK YOU for considering ways you may serve God and His people in this Family Promise ministry! For more information, please contact Alden Riley, the Family Promise Ministry Team Leader aldenandjudy@comcast.net 763 412-9489



TURN HUNGER into HOPE . . . with your own TWO HANDS

We invite you to use your own two hands to TURN HUNGER INTO HOPE as you pack meals with other Grace volunteers on Sat. Sept. 30 from 9 – 11 am. Feed My Starving Children has a compelling story of volunteers of all ages making a life-changing impact . . . and YOU will truly make a difference in this world, especially in the life of a starving child!

Please join Jeannie at FMSC on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 – 11 at FMSC. You can find me easily since I'll be wearing a hairnet.

Register: On line at www.fmsc.org. On blue opportunity page in worship, or call the church office

FMSC warehouse is located at 401 S. 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids. Please arrive 10 minutes before your shift begins and please wear close-toed shoes. For more information, contact Jeannie Hellmann jeannieh@graceandover.org



All are invited to
HOTDISH FOR HOMELESSNESS
featuring Garrison Keillor, a fundraiser to support Family Promise in Anoka County. Join the festivities on Thursday evening, September 21 at Lord of Life Church in Ramsey. A dinner at 6pm will include many traditional Minnesota potluck favorites, such as beef goulash and wild rice hotdish. A nationally-known writer and humorist with roots in our community, Mr. Keillor has graciously offered to join us (and entertain us) for this event to help support families experiencing homelessness in Anoka county. \$50 per person. Tickets available online at familypromiseanoka.org or at Zion Lutheran in Anoka and Lord of Life in Ramsey.

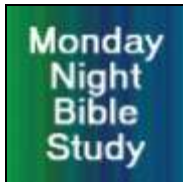
Women's Ministries



MUGS, MUFFINS & MORE
Saturday, Oct. 7
9:30 – 11:30 am
in Fellowship Hall. Please
bring a favorite MUG, we'll
bake the MUFFINS, and

together we'll enjoy MORE fun!

The guest speaker will be Pati Kachel, who will share a "A Patchwork Quilt of Heartwarming Stories." She creatively sews together a comforting quilt of short stories about people whose inspiring lives have added color and craziness to her own life.



MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP
meets 7 – 8:30 pm each Monday in Room 101 at Grace, beginning 9/11.
This weekly gathering offers a safe place to discover God's truth and then live out these lessons in real life.

RUTH CIRCLE

a meaningful monthly Bible study
12:30 – 2 pm at Grace
on 2nd Wednesday of each
month, beginning 9/13. Come
and discover God's word to be
inspiring and encouraging for all
seasons of life. All women are
welcome to join.



W.O.W. (Women on Wednesday)



9:30 - 11:15am beginning 9/13,
w/childcare available for a
small fee.

A gathering of ordinary women
striving to learn more about our
'extra-ordinary' God. We share life and laughter
around a variety of bible studies, as we grow in faith
and friendships together.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Recharge and refresh your spirit! Reserve the dates
January 26 -28, 2018 for this two-night retreat at
Luther Point Bible Camp in Grantsburg, Wisconsin.
Enjoy the conversations and connections with other
women and also with our gracious God!

For more information about women's opportunities
at Grace, please contact Jeannie Hellmann,
jeannieh@graceandover.org 763-421-6520, ext. 109

Liturgical Arts

Welcome to a behind-the-scenes look at Liturgical Arts! We strive to enhance worship at Grace by using visually appealing decorations that hopefully make us all pause and take in the beauty of each liturgical season. If you are unaware of why we change colors, it all coincides with the Liturgical Calendar. We all have our favorites and wish some of the colors could stay in place longer, but being on Liturgical Arts, we know we must change the colors, as we all must change ourselves during the seasons of the church year. We constantly strive to add more **texture and beauty during the seasons.** This "green season" has certainly brought about new artistic expressions with the addition of the beautiful quilted hangings made by Jan Margotto and the tree made by Kathie Karsnia, both new to Liturgical Arts this year.

Little known fact: During a Lenten season a few years back, we used nearly 1,000 tea lights! Yes, **that's right.** All candles are bought at IKEA, known for their reasonable prices and long lasting burn.



When Pastor Mark began having breathing issues, we were diligent about not using scented candles or flowering plants anymore. If you wondered why we **don't have Easter Lilies anymore, that is why!** When some might have thought we were missing out on that particular plant, we have switched to only using green plants and feel fortunate we are still using those same plants today. That is part of the reason we refer to ourselves as a "design on a dime" team.

Thank you Jan Margotto, Kathie Karsnia, Tami Hedlund, Judi Wold, Sue Melody and our wonderful "ladder" people: Jonathan Orwig, Wayne Margotto, Mike Adrian and everyone else who has helped with that high-rise job!

Who and What is a Parish Nurse?

Hello, everyone! My name is Lily Tunby, and together with Lori Ackerson, we are the Parish Nurses at Grace Lutheran Church.

We both had the privilege to go to Haiti in the Summer of 2012. I saw firsthand the impact that nursing can have on a community, and I came back with **urge to serve. I'm sure my fellow trip takers, both past and future, have felt the same way. I wasn't sure what I could do to fulfill this urge. I know it seems silly now; she's a nurse so of course she should do that. But at the time, I didn't know what or how nursing would work in our church. I did know about parish nursing as a role, but only a basic understanding. Honestly, I wasn't sure of myself in being able to meet the needs of our church, especially praying with individuals. Now I know that I'm not the only one who may feel this way. I continue to work on these, with God's help, of course.**

Eventually, my urge to serve led me to ask a question to Jeannie Hellmann. **"Does Grace (Lutheran Andover) have a parish nurse?"** I was thinking it was a simple question, and I could meet with the parish nurse if there was one. However, she promptly caught Pastor Mark's attention to inform him of my question and then I was being connected with Lori in an effort to start a parish nurse ministry. **Any-one who's ever asked a question like this to Pastor Mark knows that this result is kind of inevitable. Keep in mind, Pastor Mark never told Lori and I that we must continue along with it, but we did anyway. Looking back though, it was the push I needed to catapult me to where I am today.**

You might be wondering, "What is parish nursing?" Well, I'm glad you asked. Parish nursing is a combination of the physical and emotional health of a congregation, but also most importantly their spiritual health. As nurses, Lori and I learned to care for person as a whole, mind, body, and spirit. All aspects work together to define who they are as a person and maintain a balance that represents health. While our healthcare system focuses on the body's health and some extent the health of the mind. Parish nurses try to pick up where traditional healthcare leaves off, not a replacement.

So what does this mean for you? Lori and I are here to support you and your family, whether it be a health crisis or you need more information on **healthy behaviors. Here's a listing of the services we provide:**

On request:

- Education (diagnosis and medication)
- Provider and agency referrals
- Post hospitalization orders review (discharge instructions, medication review)
- In-home or hospital visits (for education, spiritual care, healing prayer)

Scheduled:

- Blood pressure checks (on Connection weekends or by request)
- Flu shot clinics with Walgreens Pharmacy (first weekend in October)
 - * Most insurance accepted; check with your insurance provider, you may have co-pays for this service.
 - * Medication checks also offered at this event, bring any medications that need disposal (expired) or that you may have questions about.
 - * Blood pressure checks will be offered as well.



These are the standard services that Lori and I have always offered to our congregation. **However, our job is to serve you, not tell you what we're willing to do. This can only come from you. So please let us know what needs are out there. We do have our Flu Shot Clinic coming up on October 7th from 9am to 12pm with Walgreen's Pharmacy. They accept most insurance plans, but you should check with your insurance provider if a co-pay will apply.**

I enjoy being your parish nurse, but I know I could **be better. Let's GROW together in this ministry, after all I couldn't be a parish nurse without you. I hope to CONNECT with the congregation more deeply to SERVE you better with the hope that we can be better EQUIPPED to go out into the world. After all, that's the heart of being LUTHERAN.** Thank you and God bless you.

Finances at a Glance

As of Week 33

OFFERINGS	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Operational	\$433,140.43	\$405,947.48	\$420,768.32	\$400,209.00	\$415,559.46	\$448,071.85
Capital	\$58,796.00	\$55,011.00	\$51,526.00	\$45,775.00	\$52,786.66	\$47,731.75
Other (Holiday)	\$26,633.84	\$18,448.12	\$14,709.29	\$13,218.72	\$16,158.48	\$17,038.88
Free 2B Grace	\$0.00	\$108,300.00	\$126,025.00	\$110,669.50	\$93,230.16	\$86,936.00
Total:	\$518,570.27	\$587,706.60	\$613,028.61	\$569,872.22	\$577,734.76	\$599,778.48

YTD Noisy Offerings collected & dispersed = \$17,619.52

YTD Benevolence dispersed = \$34,677.33

YTD General Operating expenses = \$568,291.59 (as of August 23rd)

YTD Mortgage paid = \$97,768.00



* if you would like a copy of the current month-end report, please contact Kate Morphew or Beth Clarstrom.



Question: What's the plan for the portables?

Answer: This is what we know. We have a permit to keep the portables until December of 2019. Then they have to be removed. We can ask the city of Andover for an extension to continue using the portables, if we have a plan in place for replacing them.

We have formed a team of people called the Construction Team headed by Neil Hawkinson. They are evaluating how the building is being used, the parts of the building being used, and what upcoming improvements will need to be done. (Examples are new flat roofs over the day care portion of the building and replacement of parking lot.) The Daycare will be included in our conversations as well. Golden Rule continues to thrive and would like to grow. They are being limited by the space we provide for them. They have tried to start a preschool but are finding it difficult with them being in the portables.

The construction team will work with the Vision Board and the Finance Team to come up with a plan to finance needed improvements. It is our goal to keep the congregation informed.



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September 16/17	5:00pm, 8:00am, 9:00am & 10:30am w/SONday School at 9:00 & 10:30am
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