

Grace's Mountain View

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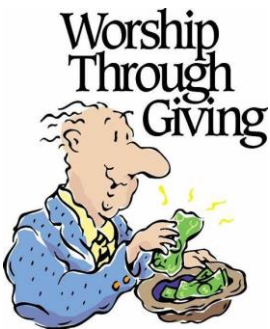
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KEEP SENDING OR BRINGING IN YOUR OFFERINGS!



As treasurer of Grace Lutheran Church, I have been most grateful to the many members who are mailing or bringing in their contributions. These offerings have helped the church during these trying times. Keep them coming! I am in the office Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to noon. A special offering envelope is included in this mailing if you see fit to make a "Thank you offering" for God keeping you safe through this pandemic. Thank you very much for supporting Grace Lutheran!

Glennis Olson

Church Treasurer

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will be meeting this Sunday, May 31st, at 10:15 A.M. A decision will be made concerning when to resume in-person worship services again. We are looking into holding a drive-in worship service on June 7, 2020. Watch for more details in your emails.

If you are not receiving the newsletter or bulletins through your email, it may be because we do not have your current email address. Please call the office with your email address so that we can reach you with the items that are emailed out to church members. *This also saves on postage costs!*



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What do we do when our rights and our responsibilities align differently? Both St. Paul and Martin Luther have something to say to us that is worth considering. In the case of Martin Luther, he too lived through a time of pandemic. The Black Death ultimately killed one third of the people in Europe some 500 years ago. This is what Luther wrote:

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God." (Luther's Works Volume 43 p. 132 the letter, "Whether one may flee from a Deadly Plague." written to Rev. John Hess.)

In the case of St. Paul, the issue may seem trivial on the surface, but because it would cause distress to a new convert whether they would witness a person of faith eating meat, he made the choice to set aside his own rights.

The issue was this, much of the meat sold in the marketplace would have come from animals sacrificed in the pagan temples. Some of the new converts were careful not to eat meat for this reason, whereas others knowing that idols do not exist and therefore it doesn't matter whether one eats meat or not looked down upon those people as being foolish. Paul warned that one's "liberty" may become a stumbling block to another. He determined that if it would bother someone else, he would forego his "right" to eat meat for their sake.

We all tired of this pandemic. We all want to get back to worshipping together. I for one want a haircut! The church council will be meeting on Sunday to discuss the time line and circumstances for safely gather and will keep you apprised as decisions are made. We take into account our "rights" to gather and we take into account our "responsibilities" to those are more vulnerable. In all we do, we pray for God's guidance and continued love and care.

God's peace be with you!

Pastor Ann

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
June 7, 2020	Psalm 8	Genesis 1:1-2:4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 14, 2020	Psalm 100	Exodus 19:2-8a Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8-23
June 21, 2020	Psalm 69:7-18	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
June 28, 2020	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42

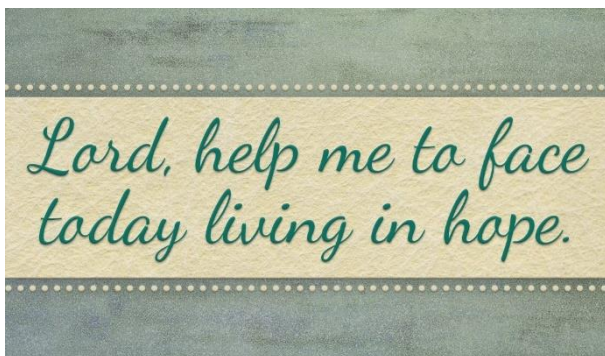


THANK YOU to Jerry & Kathy Schwoboda for mowing the church lawn. They also cut branches and hauled them away.

THANK YOU to Blace Schmidt and Gerry Nybo who have been faithfully checking our geothermal fluid levels to avoid problems.

THANK YOU to Jim Brogren Jr., Mabelle Krenzel, Becky Esser, Michelle Peterson, and Pastor Ann for holding virtual worship service the last 3 weeks on Grace Lutheran's Face Book page and our webbook page www.gracelutherandl.org

A bulletin has been emailed to those who we have their email addresses. If you would like a bulletin, please call the office with your email address. You may also stop in the office and pick one up, or call Glennis and she will mail one out to you.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



June 1
Michelle Peterson

June 4
Judy Stowman

June 5
Anita Hill

June 8
Traci Mace

June 10
Katie Sandberg

June 18
Elaine Forsell

June 22
Blace Schmidt

June 23
Dina Endersbe
Ruby Nelson

June 27
Dan Kregel

June 30
Kevin Erickson
Maggie Schmit

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

God Bless You
On your
Anniversary

June 24
Matt & Kelly Carrier

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.

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