

Grace's Mountain View

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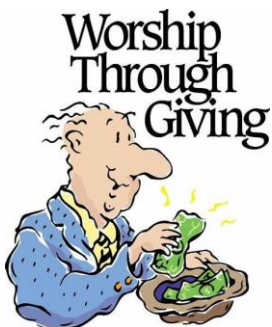
PASTOR ANN'S DAILY/WEEKLY VIDEO CHATS

Thanks to Kathy Coyle and Pastor Ann for the video chats they have been posting in the Grace Lutheran Facebook page. Pastor Ann has been very creative in the video chats with stories from the Bible, personal stories, and even traveling around Detroit Lakes incorporating the Bible with various landmarks and places around the area.

Hopefully you have been following the video chats which are found on the Grace Lutheran Facebook page. Tune in and listen to Pastor Ann as she helps her "flock" through this uncertain time.

Another interesting event has been the showing of early childhood photographs of some of our members and challenging people to guess who is in the picture! So far we have seen Sonia Anderson and Pastor Ann. The latest one that was posted has not been revealed yet. Check it out and see if you know who the child is!

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



May 2020

Dear people of Grace.... How have your lives been changed in the last month? Is that even a question we would want to consider? Is it the kind of question that

comes to us at 3 a.m. when we wish we were asleep, but instead we are staring at the ceiling?

Since nothing like this pandemic has happened to us in our lifetime, all of this is new to us and we are learning as we go through it. We do have records of the experiences of other people in other lifetimes experiencing the Spanish Flu, the Bubonic Plague, wars and famines. We can see what has been helpful, what has caused harm and how people have coped.

I have learned that we can take nothing for granted. I think I knew that before, but it was easy to go about my daily life without worrying about an invisible threat to my life and the life of those around me. I felt free to come and go as I wanted without needing to keep my distance from people. I am grateful for the telephone, for the ability to reach out to others and for them to call me. I am amazed at the creativity of people who make the best of a difficult situation with humor and a sense of joy, as well as those who provide thought-provoking pieces of poetry, music or art.

Dr. David Lose wrote a letter to his congregation last week which in very simple terms can be summed up with the expression "You've got this!" He was commenting on the 10th chapter of John which shows up every year during the 4th Sunday of Easter which we call GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY. Jesus refers to himself as the good shepherd, the gate by which the sheep go in and out to pasture and return to safety and also talks about false shepherds who do not have the interest of the sheep at heart. One of the things he focused on is that the sheep recognize the shepherd's voice and listen to him and follow him....

That is what prompted the response of "You've got this!" "You've got this" is possible because what precedes that message is "I've got you!" Jesus the good shepherd knows what we need, gives us new life, goes before us leading the way and provides for us abundantly. Psalm 23 is also one of the lessons used on Good Shepherd Sunday and is a psalm of trust.... The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want....

Likewise, Romans 8:31-39 reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.... not even the uncertainty of living through a time of pandemic.

You've got this! Thank you for your faithfulness and care for one another.... thank you to Kathy who has been filming our daily Facebook messages, thank you to Gerry for ringing the bell, Glennis for keeping the office running and to all of you for being good stewards of God's gifts. You've got this because God's got your backs!

Blessings, *Pastor Ann*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
May 3, 2020	Psalm 23	Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 10, 2020	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 17, 2020	Psalm 66:8-20	Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 24, 2020	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 31, 2020	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23



THANK YOU to Gerry & Lillian Nybo who have been cleaning the church yard by picking up branches and cleaning out the flower beds. They have also been ringing the bell at noon during the Pandemic “Stay At Home.”

THANK YOU to Lloyd & Ruby Kiihn who found a Confirmation Picture Display. Lloyd went to Montevideo to pick it up from a church that was closing. This display was bought with memorials from the Lloyd & Ruby Kiihn family, Bev Berg (Gene), and Violet Stull (Clyde Jr.) in memory of their parents, Joseph & Ida Gaard. Also, in memory of: Clyde & Lilly Stull Sr., Kenneth & Sara Kiihn, and Alfred & Mamie Berg.

THANKS to Blace Schmidt and Glennis Olson who filled out the papers which helped to obtain the money from the Payroll Act. We received \$11,300.00 to help with payroll and utilities. As long as we use the money for payroll and utilities, we will not have to pay back the loan. Glennis will be back in the office 5 days a week from 9:00 A.M. to noon. Lynn Ohman will be completing a deep cleaning of the church.

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

THANK YOU to those who brought in food for the Food Pantry. These items were brought to the Food Pantry along with a monetary donation of \$855.00 which were the proceeds from the Polar Fest Hotdish Challenge.



CONGRATULATIONS to Ethan Ladwig who will be graduating from Detroit Lakes on May 17, 2020.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



May 4
Ruby Kiihn

May 11
Kennedy Nduka
Ava Esser
Elvie Zitzow
Tom Lormis

May 16
Linda Leitheiser

May 22
Bev Berg
Mary Ann Brogren

May 23
Annette Korth
Lake Olson

May 24
Clarice Zick

May 26
Bill Hill

May
Mason Carrier
Noah Olds
Sue Rasmussen

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 25---Terry & Laurie Bowers



IT'S A GRACE THING!

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.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

Don't forget our members in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities.

Emmanuel Nursing Home-1415 Madison Ave.
Red Sloane, Phyliss McLeod

Oak Crossing Nursing Homes-1040 Lincoln Ave.
Darlene Nordlund,

Frazee Assisted Living

Wilma Leitheiser (219 West Maple Ave. #20, Frazee, MN 56544)

