



Grace to You

From Grace Lutheran Church – Grand Island

February 2018



Red & Blue 2018

March 17th 2018

Riverside Golf Club in Grand Island, NE

This year we are celebrating our Emerald Anniversary (20th), and we are adding elegance for this milestone. You can buy tickets, choose prime rib or chicken cordon bleu for your meal, and more for this semi-formal celebration and fundraiser at our new Red & Blue Website:

<http://heartlandlutheran.maestroweb.com>

or call the school office at 308-385-3900



Annual Report



Treasurer's Recap for 2017

Our financial highlights for 2017 was topped by general purpose offerings exceeding our budget while expenses were also kept below our budgeted amount and special gifts of \$34,000 were received for the stained glass windows project. As a result of these blessings of our Lord, Grace Lutheran finished the year in its most favorable financial position in years.

Even so, it was quite challenging during most of the year, especially during the summer months when we borrowed as much as \$12,000 from our building fund savings to keep up with all bills, payroll and some repairs. Our operating budget was \$222,300, but our actual net operating expenses totaled right at \$220,000. With general purpose offerings of \$226,000, we not only operated in the black but were also able to accumulate some reserve funds for cash flow shortfalls of future months.

In 2017, we also had members contribute almost \$3,500 in celebrating anniversaries and birthdays, and we received a rebate of \$1,500 from our property insurance. Please keep your special gifts coming for birthdays & anniversaries as those gifts are being combined with our monthly budgeted "building fund" to be used for larger repairs or projects like parsonage re-shingling and possibly repairing parking lot in 2018.

Our operating budget for 2018 remains at \$222,300 or \$4,275/wk, but we already see an uptick in expenses on the horizon for the year with utilities and additional snow removal costs. We remain fortunate to not have any bank debt.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and may you prayerfully determine your monetary and non-monetary gifts to our Lord's service at Grace Lutheran throughout each month ahead.

Kurt Haecker, Treasurer



We will be taking directory pictures of new members who didn't have a picture taken for the last directory on either **Saturday, February 24th BEFORE Saturday evening church or BEFORE or AFTER church on Sunday, February 25th**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulleting board to reserve a time. Current members who have a change since the last directory and want a new picture, are also welcome to sign up. There is no cost and it is not a company that is taking the pictures. These are strictly for our own directory.





2017 Guild News

Ladies of Grace Guild met monthly to study God's Word and join together in fellowship. Mary/Sarah Circle met at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month. Elizabeth Circle met at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday. Pastor led both circles in monthly Bible studies. We remembered our shut-ins monthly, sent regular offerings to District Mites and Heartland Lutheran High School, and celebrated the following special events:

March

- Quarterly meeting. Speaker Billie Herron, a volunteer at Victory Place Veteran's Housing, told us about her work there and the challenges they are facing. Mary/Sarah Circle were hostesses.
- Spring workshop was held at Peace

April

- Lynnette made confirmation banners for the confirmands.

May

- We hosted the annual Friendship Supper on May 1. All women of the congregation were invited. It was a lovely evening.

June

- Quarterly meeting. We hosted a potluck and BINGO night. It was well-attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

September

- We served quick breads for Rally Sunday on September 10.
- Quarterly Meeting. We celebrated the 75th year of LWML with a birthday party, complete with cake and trivia games. Officers elected for the new year were President Cindy Kemp, Vice President Vicki Bartels, Secretary Lynnette Gibson, Treasurer Paula Heck, Christian Life Chair Cindy Bremer, Mary/Sarah Circle Chair Gretchen Buss, and Elizabeth Circle Chair Ruth Strauch.

October

- We celebrated LWML Sunday on October 1. Vicki made a beautiful banner, we passed out treats and invitations to ladies of the congregation, and served quick breads during fellowship time.
- We sent care packages of popcorn, candy, and gift cards to this spring's graduates, Abigail Huggins and Shayla Bockman.

November

- Fall Rally was held at Trinity

December

- We enjoyed our annual Christmas party at our quarterly meeting on December 4. Whitefoot Catering provided the meal. The choir from Heartland Luther High School provide entertainment.
- We divided our funds at the end of the year by giving \$60 to mites in honor of church workers: Pastor Bremer, Amy Harvey, Shawn Pfanstiel, and Barb Sheeks; \$50 each to Ft. Wayne Seminary, Concordia Food Bank, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, and Orphan Gran Train; \$240 to Heartland Lutheran High School.
- Kriss Plond agreed to fill the position of Mary/Sarah Circle Chair, vacated when we lost our dear friend Gretchen Buss.

Ruth Strauch has made several baptism banners this year.

All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us whenever you are able.

2017 Statistics

Baptisms

Jensen Junior Bartels
Imogen Willow Stark
Kendall Marie Perez
Maverick Lee Minnick
Anthony Matthew Burson
Aspynn Grace Marie Carr

Deaths

Caleb Liess
Alma Richter
Nola Stelk
Wilma Dobesh
Gretchen Buss

Members Received

Baptism 6
Confirmed 5
Isabelle Hoos
MacKenzie Hoos
Miranda Hoos
Sammi Hoos
Emma Huggins

By transfer/adult confirmation

C.L. & Delores Luedtke
Sarilee Harvey
Joyce Christensen
Micah & Baylee Bolin
Prue Luers
Steve & Debbie Spaulding
Nathanael Spaulding

Communicant members 15
Baptized members 16

Members Removed by transfer 6

Ashley, Hailey, Hunter & Hannah Dalland
Willie & Penny Brown

December 31st 2017 Membership

Baptized Members 270
Communicant Members 234

Grace Lutheran 2018 Officers

President: Paul Hoos

Vice President: Jesse Bartels

Treasurer: Kurt Haecker

Secretary: Bruce Bluhm

Financial Secretary: Tim Bartels

Elders:

Stu Endorf
Mark Liess
Keith Pobanz
Randy Kemp
Karl Heck
Andrew Gudgel

Board of Ed:

Mike Endorf
Kevin Liess
Mark Thuer

Trustees:

Dave Gibson
Jake Fosket
Dan Harvey
Mike Bockmann
Steve Heider
Pastor Buskohl

HLHS Delegates:

Barb Sheeks
Cindy Bremer
Dave Plond
Ruth Strauch
Brooke Saddler



If your birthday has accidentally been omitted, or has the wrong date, please don't take offense. Inform the office of any changes that need to be made. Thank You.

Kimber Fowler	
Ann Black	2
Leland Krecklow	5
Bryan Saddler	7
Mitchell Paulman	8
Kimberly Krecklow	9
Tim Bartels, Vicky Zabka	11
Rick Ressel	12
Jennifer Fosket	13
Jackie Pollock	14
Monica Lange, Caleb Pobanz, Sandy Yager	16
Chelsey Liess	18
Vernon Brandt	19
Jonathon Paulman	20
Kyle Sheeks	24
Shannon Avila	26
Roger Roscoe	27
Rev. Daniel Bremer	28
Maleigh Avila	29



**FEBRUARY
BAPTISMS**

Lila Yager	5
Ron McKown	9
Paul Hoos	14
Jordan Liess	17
Zane Harvey	18
James Hoag	20
Tim Bartels	26
Don Bombeck	27

Serving this Month

Elders

Stu Endorf/Randy Kemp

Crucifer

Brody Sheeks

Acolyte

4/11	Carreagan Endorf
18/25	Cecily McGuan
14	(Ash Wed) Xavier Carr
21	(Lent) Isabell Burson
28	(Lent) Xavier Carr

Greeters

4	Mark Liess/Roger Sweley
11	Keith Pobanz/Ron Bliss
18	Lynette Gibson/Josh Gibson
25	Bryan & Brooke Saddler

Ushers

4	Keith Pobanz/Duane Buss
11	Jon & Vickie Paulman
18	Evonne Wageman/Kurt Haecker
25	Bruce Bluhm/Caleb Pobanz

Altar Guild

Ann Black/Marilyn Fischer

Counters

Duane Buss
Vicki Bartels
Steve & Debra Heider

Radio Sponsors

February 4	St Paul's, Doniphan
February 11	Dave & Kriss Plond
February 18	St Paul's, Doniphan
February 25	Carla Warneke

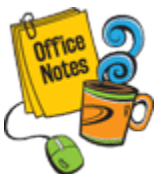
Every Sunday Schedule

8:00 Radio Service (KRGI)
 9:00 Communion Service
 10:00 Coffee Hour
 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Class

February 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 7:00pm Worship Service w/Communion
4 8:15-8:45am Blood Pressure Screening	5	6	7 6:15pm: Jr Choir 7:00pm: Sr Choir 7:00pm Catechism Class	8	9	10 7:00pm Worship Service w/Communion
11	12 7:00pm Mary/Sarah Circle Hostess: Cindy K. Bible Study:Pastor	13	14 9:00am Elizabeth Circle Hostess: Ruth Bible Study:Pastor 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:00pm: Sr Choir 7:00pm Ash Wednesday	15	16	17 7:00pm Worship Service w/Communion
18 Mite Box Sunday	19 7:00pm Guild Executive Board Meeting	20	21 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:00pm: Sr Choir 7:00pm Lenten Service	22	23	24 7:00pm Worship Service w/Communion
25	26	27	28 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:00pm: Sr Choir 7:00pm Lenten Service			



It's been awhile since our Member Directory came out. If anyone has a change of address, phone number or email, please email the change to the church office at graceofc@gracegi.net or leave me a note on my desk and I'll get our records updated and a note out to our members. Thanks!