



Grace to You

From Grace Lutheran Church – Grand Island

February 2019



Red & Blue 2019
Masquerade

March 23rd, 2019

4pm at Riverside Country Club

Heartland Lutheran High School's Red & Blue dinner and auction tickets are now on sale. The semi-formal event will take place at Riverside Country Club on March 23rd with doors opening at 4pm. Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction will be from 4-6pm, Dinner will be at 6pm, and the Live Auction will be at 7pm. This year's meal will be winter salad, beef tenderloin with an onion demi glaze, grilled chicken breast with hollandaise sauce, Italian mashed potatoes, grilled vegetable medley, rolls and dessert. You can purchase tickets directly through the Red & White website: <http://heartlandlutheran.maestroweb.com> along with other merchandise such as Heads & Tails Breads, Donation Drawing Tickets, Sponsorships, a Teacher Ticket, and new this year a Personal Runner (a student to check on and bid on your silent auction items for you. You can also purchase tickets through the school office at 308-385-3900 or office@heartlandlutheran.org

HLHS is also now accepting donations for the Red & Blue Auction. Donations may be brought to the school office Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm or by appointment.



Treasurer's Recap for 2018

First of all, THANK YOU for your financial support of God's ministry here at Grace Lutheran Church during 2018. There were many special gifts provided throughout the year for general operating, tuition, building fund, stained-glass windows, piano and the planned parking lot project. Grace was truly blessed....again!

The total gifts for general operating purposes were right at \$225,000, just below our budget of \$226,200. Our general expenses were slightly above budget at \$230,000 so we ended with a small shortfall, which was covered with extra gifts received during the 2017 budget year.

In early 2018, the final stained-glass windows were installed and paid in full with gifts received in 2017 and a "finish-up" gift. These windows certainly enhance the sanctuary with biblical beauty and additional sunlight. Soon thereafter, a new piano was purchased in memory of Gretchen Buss and paid in full with gifts from the Buss Family and memorials.

Please know your gifts for birthdays & anniversaries remain valuable as those gifts are being combined with our monthly budgeted "building fund" for unexpected repairs or other replacement projects. A wonderful \$200,000 bequest received from Ralph Laskowski's trust in December has been earmarked for most of the concrete costs of the parking lot this spring; \$50,000 of the gift will be used to start the Ralph & Lorraine Laskowski Scholarship Fund. Some additional lighting will also be installed on south side of the lot.

Our operating budget for 2019 is up slightly at \$229,300 or \$4,410/wk, as we account for very modest increase in wages and other operating expenses. We remain fortunate to not have any bank debt.

Thank you again 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



Guild Recap 2018



Ladies of Grace Guild met monthly to study God's Word and join together in fellowship. Officers for 2019 are President Cindy Kemp, Vice President Vicki Bartels, Treasurer Paula Heck, Secretary Lynnette Gibson, Christian Life Chair Cindy Bremer, Mary/Sarah Circle Chair Kriss Plond, and Elizabeth Circle Chair Rosalie Roscoe. 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, sent regular offerings to District Mites and Heartland Lutheran High School, and celebrated the following special events:

March

- Quarterly meeting. Speakers Sarah Koch from Heartland CASA and Valerie Roth from Heartland United Way told us about their work there and informed us about volunteer opportunities within their organizations. Mary/Sarah Circle were hostesses.

April

- Zone Spring workshop was held in Loup City. Pastor Kothe led a Bible study on "The Ends of Suffering" based on Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord."
- Planning Committee hosted the annual Friendship Supper on April 16. All women of the congregation were invited. It was a lovely evening.
- Lynnette made confirmation banners for the confirmands.
- Along with the youth group, we provided and served lunch for the Gudgel's auction on April 28. \$500 of the proceeds were donated to Orphan Grain Train. Another \$500 went to the youth group.

June

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

August

- We hosted congregational potluck on August 26th for Rally Sunday

September.

- Quarterly Meeting. We enjoyed a tour of Orphan Grain Train's facilities led by Dick Troester.

October

- We helped with Phyllis Addink's Open House for her 90th birthday on Oct. 6.
- We celebrated LWML Sunday on October 7. Theme was "Our Rest in a Changing World" based on Psalm 62:1-8. Lynnette made the 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, gift cards, and devotions to this spring's graduates: Rebecca Pobanz, Cody Luhn, Thi Nguyen, Blake Saddler, Jeremiah Ivers, and Sydney Simmons.
- Zone Fall Rally was in Palmer on October 13.
- We hosted a congregational potluck after Shawn's organ concert in memory of Gretchen on October 28.

December

- We enjoyed our annual Christmas party at our quarterly meeting on December 3. Whitefoot Catering provided the meal. The choir from Heartland Luther High School provided 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; \$60 each to Ft. Wayne Seminary and Concordia Food Bank; \$50 to Lutheran Heritage Foundation; and \$300 to Heartland Lutheran High School.

Ruth Strauch has made several baptism banners this year.

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

2018 Statistics

Baptisms

Hannah Lee Pfanstiel
Louis Lee Saltzgaber
Jesse James Utley
Noah Steven Liess

Deaths

Ralph Laskowski
Phil Hammon

Members Received

Baptism 4
Confirmed 4
Carreagan Endorf
Cecily McGuan
Brielle Saddler
Lila Yager

By Transfer/Adult Confirmation

Mark & Jill Lamb
Ernie & Alice Hulinsky

Communicant Members 8

Baptized Members 8

Members Removed by Transfer 3

Mark & Sherri Thuer
Justin Kemp

December 31st 2018 Membership

Baptized Members 279
Communicant Members 242

Grace Lutheran 2018 Officers

President: Jesse Bartels

Vice President: Blake Saltzgaber

Treasurer: Kurt Haecker

Secretary: Bruce Bluhm

Financial Secretary: Tim Bartels

Elders:

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

Board of Ed:

Mike Endorf
Skyler Jenkins
Kevin Liess

Trustees:

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

HLHS Delegates:

Cindy Bremer
Randy Kemp
Dave Plond
Brooke Saddler
Barb Sheeks



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, 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
Caleb Pobanz, Sandy Yager	16
Jill Lamb	17
Chelsey Liess	18
Jonathon Paulman	20
Ann Black	22
Kyle Sheeks	24
Shannon Avila	26
Roger Roscoe	27
Rev. Daniel Bremer	28
Maleigh Avila	29



**FEBRUARY
BAPTISMS**

Karl Bergdolt	2
Lila Yager	5
Ron McKown	9
Paul Hoos	14
Jordan Liess	17
Zane Harvey	18
James Hoag	20
Tim Bartels	26
Don Bombeck	27

****Door monitor names are listed on the monthly calendar****

Serving this Month

Elders

Andy Gudel/Stu Endorf
(Alternate: Keith Pobanz)

Crucifer

Gavin Link

Acolyte/Crucifer

3/10 Carreagan Endorf
17/24 Isabell Burson

Greeters

3 Roger & Rosalie Roscoe
10 Mark Liess/Kurt Haecker
17 Duane Fowler/Roger Sweley
24 Lynette Gibson/Kaleb Ivers

Ushers

3 Jon & Vickie Paulman
10 Mike & Kim Krecklow
17 Bryan & Brooke Saddler
24 Steve & Debra Heider

Altar Guild

Katie Pfanstiel/Jeri Pobanz

Counters

Steve & Debbie Spaulding
Steve & Debra Heider

Radio Sponsors

February 3 St. Paul's, Doniphan
February 10 Carla Warneke
February 17 St. Paul's, Doniphan
February 24 Harold & Judy Rosenkotter

Every Sunday Schedule

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



February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
						7:00pm Worship Service w/Communion
3 8:15-8:45am Blood Pressure Screening *J Bartels	4	5	6 6:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir 7:00pm Catechism Class	7	8	9 7:00pm Worship Service w/Communion
10 *Saltzgaber	11 7:00pm Mary/Sarah Circle Hostess: Marilyn Bible Stud: Pastor	12	13 9:30 Elizabeth Circle Hostess: Agnes Bible Study: Pastor 6:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir 7:00pm Catechism Class	14	15	16 7:00pm Worship Service w/Communion
17 Mite Box Sunday *Haecker	18 7:00pm Guild Executive Board Meeting	19	20 6:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir 7:00pm Catechism Class	21	22	23 7:00pm Worship Service w/Communion
24 *Bluhm	25	26	27 6:15pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Sr. Choir 7:00pm Catechism Class	28		