



Grace to You

From Grace Lutheran Church – Grand Island

February 2016

Heartland Lutheran High School Red and Blue

This is Now!

1 Peter 2:10

March 16th, 2016

*Tickets are \$60.
After Feb. 10th cost will be \$70.*

ONCE YOU WERE
NOT A PEOPLE,
BUT NOW YOU
ARE THE PEOPLE
OF GOD; ONCE
YOU HAD NOT
RECEIVED MERCY,
BUT NOW YOU
HAVE RECEIVED
MERCY.
1 PETER 2:10

Lenten and Holy Week Services

<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Feb 10</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Lenten Services</i>	<i>Feb 17</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
	<i>Feb 24</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
	<i>March 2</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
	<i>March 9</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
	<i>March 16</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>March 24</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>March 25</i>	<i>12:00, 3:00, 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	<i>March 26</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>March 27</i>	<i>6:30, 9:00 a.m.</i>

*Grace Youth will provide meals preceding the Lenten services from 5:30 - 6:30.
Easter Breakfast will be provided from 7:30 - 8:30 on Easter morning. A
freewill offering will be taken.*

Grace Guild

Our theme for 2016 is "Seek First the Kingdom of God".

Thank you to the Executive Board who served so faithfully in 2015:

President: Cindy Kemp

Vice President: Vicki Bartels

Secretary: Lynnette Gibson

Treasurer: Paula Heck

Christian Growth Chairman: Cindy Bremer

Mary/Sarah Circle Chairman: Gretchen Buss

Elizabeth Circle Chairman: Ruth Strauch

We had our four Quarterly Meetings when all the Circles and guests met together.

December concluded the year with our annual Christmas Party. We had approximately 30 women, children and Pastor Bremer in attendance. Entertainment was provided from the Sunday School children that were in attendance. Thank you!! We also sang Christmas hymns.

Mission projects included regular donations for Hope Harbor, Heartland Lutheran High School and gathering of items for Orphan Grain Train. We will collect Orphan Grain Train School items and Health items throughout 2016. We will have totes in the fellowship hall for anyone wishing to participate.

Orphan Grain Train collects the following items for school needs.

Spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, packages of construction paper, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, blunt scissors, washable markers, and protractors.

Health care related items are:

Bath towels and washcloths-dark colors preferred, bath size bars of soap, adult toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, bandaids.

The Guild presented banners to the confirmands: Brody Sheeks, Elizabeth Huggins and Brian Yager, Jr. We sent care packages to our 2015 high school graduates.

The annual Spring Salad Super was hosted by the planning committee. A good time was had by all.

In August, we served quick breads and muffins for Sunday School Rally Sunday.

Thank you to all who so willingly gave of your time and talents to help make these activities happen! Thank you to the standing committee chairman who served throughout the year. Following are their reports.

BANNERS: Lynnette Gibson, chairman

Three banners were made for the catechumens.

One banner was made for LWML Sunday.

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCES:

Ruth Strauch, chairman

Five baptismal banners were made in 2015.

KITCHEN: Marilyn Fischer, chairman

We wish thank all of our members who have donated items and supplies to the kitchen during the year. We can always use dishtowels, dishcloths, paper napkins and zip-lock bags, as well as replenishing our coffee supply.

COURTESY:

Thank you Marilyn Fischer for serving as our courtesy chairman. Marilyn sends cards to our members who are sick or in need of a pick up during the week.

RESPONIBILITY (WEDDING AND ANNIVERSARY RECEPTIONS)

Gretchen Buss, chairman

RESPONSIBILITY (FUNERAL LUNCHEONS)

Ruth Strauch, chairman

Elizabeth Circle and other volunteers served for the funeral services in 2015. Thank you to all who graciously provided salads and desserts and to the ladies who helped with serving and clean-up.

February 2016 Circle Assignments

Mary/Sarah Circle

February 8

Prospective Members and Hope Harbor

Hostess: Cindy Kemp

Bible Study: Pastor Bremer

Elizabeth Circle

February 10

Remember Shut-ins

Hostess: Ruth Strauch

Bible Study: Pastor Bremer



An early start to spring cleaning

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, *Lent* comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some *spiritual* spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith – and it's never too early for that.





February Birthdays

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
Kim Krecklow	9
Tim Bartels, Vicky Zabka	11
Rick Ressel	12
Jennifer Fosket	13
Jackie Pollock	14
Monica Lange, Caleb Pobanz	16
Sandy Yager	16
Chelsey Liess	18
Vernon Brandt	19
Jon Paulman	20
Kyle Sheeks	24
Gretchen Buss	25
Shannon Avila	26
Roger Roscoe	27
Pastor Bremer	28
Maleigh Avila	29

Our 2016 Council Members

PRESIDENT:	Randy Kemp
VICE PRESIDENT:	David Plond
SECRETARY:	Bruce Bluhm
TREASURER:	Kurt Haecker
FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	Tim Bartels
ELDERS:	Dean Bierhaus Stu Endorf Mike Krecklow Mark Liess Karl Heck Keith Pobanz

BOARD OF EDUCATION:
Mike Bockmann, Mark Thuer, Mike Endorf

TRUSTEES: Duane Fowler, Dave Gibson, Josh Gibson, Steve Heider, James Huggins, and Kevin Liess

Monthly Assignments

Acolyte and Crossbearer	
7/14	Caleb Pobanz/Preston Nicholls
21/28	Miranda Hoos/Isabelle Hoos
10	Ash Wednesday Cecily McGuan
17	Lenten Service Preston Nicholls
24	Lenten Service Elizabeth Huggins

Greeters

7	Karl and Paula Heck
14	Bruce Bluhm/Alice Bartlett
21	Jon and Vickie Paulman
28	Ron Bliss/Dean Bierhaus

Ushers

7	Mark Liess/Tony Budnick
14	Roger and Rosalie Roscoe
21	Jeremiah Ivers/Kurt Haecker
28	Mike and Kim Krecklow

Altar Guild

Carla Warneke

Counters

Roger and Rosalie Roscoe
Bruce Bluhm
Dave Gibson
Joshua Gibson
Aaron Liess

Elders

Stuart Endorf
Dean Bierhaus

Radio Sponsors

February 7	Doniphan
February 14	Carla Warneke
February 21	Doniphan
February 28	The Bremer Family

2015 Statistics

Baptisms

Caroline Krecklow
 Carson Liess
 Zylar Carr
 Emma Pfanstiel
 Kayd Stark

Deaths

Sharlotte Van Cleve
 Ken Muhlbach
 Arlene Jung
 Ron White
 Delores Person
 Mike Neiting

Members Received

Baptism	5
Confirmed	3
<i>Brody Sheeks</i>	
<i>Elizabeth Huggins</i>	
<i>Brian Yager, Jr</i>	
By Transfer/Adult Confirmation	
<i>Blake Saltzgaber</i>	
<i>Phil Hammon</i>	
<i>Vernon Brandt</i>	

Members Removed

By death	6
By transfer	5
<i>Jerry and Jan Taylor</i>	
<i>John and Sara Frederick</i>	
<i>Evan Schmitz and family</i>	

December 31, 2014 Membership

Baptized Members	274
Communicant Members	241

Financial Report 2015

<u>Total Receipts</u>	2014	2015
	\$224,995	\$234,198
<u>Receipts by Quarter</u>		
First Quarter	\$54,146	\$55,808
Second Quarter	51,506	56,167
Third Quarter	50,733	63,306
Fourth Quarter	65,344	58,917
Home Purposes	\$187,324	\$191,951
Mission Fund	420	452
Building Fund	3606	6,514
Education (TLS, HLHS)	6,662	3,601
Radio	2,205	2,250
Miscellaneous (Memorials, Flowers)	10,860	24,586**

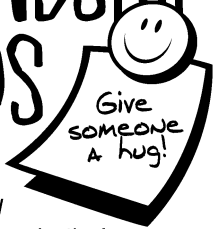
The contributions were received from 130 envelopes.

**Includes basement window offerings.

Alan Strauch, Financial Secretary

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FRIENDSHIP CARDS



This month, don't just *send* valentines; *be* a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.

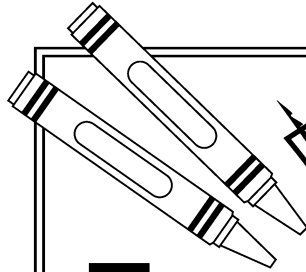


What you need:

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!



PUZZLE

True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

WORD BANK:

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27:9, NIV

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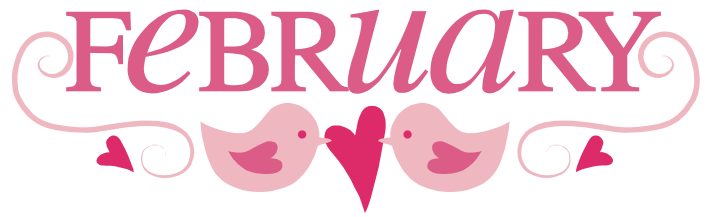
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27:9, NIV

Answer: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

Every Sunday Schedule

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



Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
			6:15 Junior Choir 7:00 Senior Choir 7:00 Catechism			7:00 Worship Service w/Communion
7 Congregational Blood Pressure Screening 8:15 – 8:45	8 7:00 Mary/Sarah Circle	9	10 9:30 Elizabeth Circle 5:30 – 6:30 Lenten Meal 6:00 Senior Choir 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	11	12	13 7:00 Worship Service w/Communion
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28 3 rd – 5 th Grade students from Trinity Lutheran School will be singing	29					

UPCOMING DATES

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