



FOSTER CARE

You have been the helper of the fatherless.

—Psalm 10:14

King Solomon writes, “Children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3), which is to say that children are always a precious gift from God. A husband and a wife do not bring children into this world; only God does. He alone creates life at conception (Psalm 139:13), and he alone takes children from their mother’s womb (Psalm 71:6). Therefore, having children is not a right or a guarantee but always and only a gift from above (James 1:17).

It is with this understanding that my wife and I have prayed for such a gift for almost four years. Like any gift from our Father, we do not demand this from him but are always waiting with open arms to receive what he desires to give. And as of right now, it has not been his desire to give us children.

And so, while we continue to ask, as we know he continues to hear, we have come to the decision to begin the process of fostering children. We want to be clear that such an undertaking is not meant to “fill the void” of not having children of our own. This is not our way of “fixing the problem.” But rather, since the Lord has not opened Hannah’s womb (Genesis 30:22) and thus has also not filled my quiver (Psalm 127:5), he has therefore left us with the resources and the time to serve his children in a different way.

In the foster care system today, there are over 400,000 children nationwide and 10,000 statewide. These are kids whose parents, for various reasons, cannot currently care for them. It is always the goal of foster care to reunite these children with their biological parents, in which is the best case scenario for any child to be raised. Therefore, Hannah and I are not going into this with the hopes of adopting children, although we are certainly open to the possibility. It will be difficult for us to keep this perspective in mind, as we will no doubt grow to love the children placed in our care who are not ours. Hopefully, such care for these children will only be temporary, so that they can return to the people God has ordained to be their father and mother. It will be a challenge to remember that these children we foster aren’t our own, but because they aren’t our own, it will be even more difficult to care for them as many will come from broken homes, with parents who may have abused or neglected them.

As we venture into this, we ask that you help us keep this proper perspective in mind. Hannah and I don’t want to do this for ourselves. We want to do this to love our neighbor, to love parents in need of some help and to love children who are in need of a home. Please pray for us, as we know you have been. We are excited to provide this service, and it’s our prayer that, through us, the Lord would bless the fatherless in such a way that they might know of their true Father who art in heaven and his dear Son Jesus Christ, who desires to prepare a place for them in his Father’s house (John 14:2).

In Christ,

Pastor Haller

*Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God he will remain.
He helps his children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia! (LSB 797:2)*

WHY?

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LITURGY

Why do we celebrate feasts?

The word “feast” or “festival” is used to describe a particular day in the Christian Church Year when we celebrate certain people or events. There are the Major Feasts which will always be observed no matter what, such as Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Easter, or Pentecost. But there are also other Minor Feasts that are scattered throughout the year, which may or may not be observed. Here at Grace, if one of those Minor Feasts falls on a Sunday, we will celebrate it at the regularly scheduled Divine Service, or sometimes we will transfer it to the closest Sunday, such as when we celebrate Reformation Day (October 31st) and All Saints’ Day (November 1st).

Our Lutheran fathers taught us the importance of celebrating these feast days, especially those that commemorated a saint (meaning “holy person”). We don’t do this to venerate or praise the saints, but rather all glory is given to God who has worked through these servants throughout history. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession (Article 21) gives three reasons for such honor:

First, we thank God for giving faithful servants to His Church. Second, through such remembrance our faith is strengthened as we see the mercy that God extended to His saints of old. Third, these saints are examples by which we may imitate both their faith and their holy living according to our calling in life (*Lutheran Service Book*, page xii).

We celebrate the saints for the sake of Christ, whose blood has cleansed them of their sin and thus made them saints. These people did not live flawless lives, but, by God’s grace, they are counted righteous for Christ’s sake, and their lives were used by God for the good of the Church. Their lives continue to bear witness to us to strengthen our faith in order to emulate them, as the book of Hebrews instructs us: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1).

In June and July, we will be celebrating four feasts on different Sunday mornings. On June 4th, we celebrate the Holy Trinity, as we do every year after Pentecost. On June 11th, we remember and give thanks to God for St. Barnabas, who worked tirelessly with St. Paul in their mission work to the world. June 25th remembers the presentation of the Augsburg Confession before Emperor Charles V in 1530. And then on July 2nd, we celebrate Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth, in which St. John the Baptist leapt in his mother’s womb at the sound of the Virgin’s greeting. We have much to celebrate these coming months!

UPCOMING FEASTS AND FESTIVALS



June 4th	The Feast of the Holy Trinity
June 11th	The Feast of St. Barnabas
June 25th	The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession
July 2nd	The Visitation

June Divine Services
(services with Holy Communion)

Sunday, June 4, 2023
The Festival of the Holy Trinity
John 3:1-17

Sunday, June 11, 2023
The Feast of St. Barnabas
Mark 6:7-13

Sunday, June 18, 2023
The Second Sunday after Trinity
Luke 14:15-24

Sunday, June 25, 2023
The Presentation
of the Augsburg Confession
Matthew 10:16-33

July Divine Services
(services with Holy Communion)

Sunday, July 2, 2023
The Visitation
Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, July 9, 2023
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, July 16, 2023
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Matthew 5:17-26

Sunday, July 23, 2023
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Mark 8:1-9

Sunday, July 30, 2023
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Matthew 7:15-23

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Madison Hodgkinson
7 Buddy Campbell
13 Irene Stange
Shelby Bean
14 Gary Hecht
22 Lisa Hodgkinson
24 Bryan Hadeway
25 Sandra Goodrich
29 Holly Winter

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

11 Louis & Cheryl Trisch
23 Jason & Sarah Hall
29 Buddy & Linda Campbell

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Tristan Pierce
3 Lenora Steinley
4 Dave Hills
6 Linda Campbell
9 Renee Hecht
10 Susan Pfund
12 Cheryl Trisch
Hazel Hall
Theodore Worden
22 Elizabeth LaPouttre
26 Sue Voss
27 Andrew Seeley
31 Magdalenda Worden

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3 Larry & Pamela Ill
11 Tom & Sarah Reid
20 Brian & Lenora Steinley
22 Dan & Tracey Reinbold
23 Michael & Laura Starkey
26 Pastor & Hannah Haller
29 Joseph & Ashley Bublitz



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SHUT-IN ADDRESSES

Continue to pray for those who can't be with us on Sunday mornings.

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6004 Gilford Rd.
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Brookdale Bay City
734 North Pine Rd.
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NEXT VOTERS MEETING:

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 @ 11 AM

PRIVATE CONFESSION

Private Confession and Absolution is available by appointment. You can call Pastor Haller at the church office or on his cell phone: (248) 794-3703.



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STEWARDSHIP

June Coffee Money
Higher Things Youth Trip

July Coffee Money
Positive Alternatives

Baby Bottle Boomerang
Positive Alternatives



**LUTHER
CLASSICAL COLLEGE**

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$100! Building a conservative, classical college for our children that is unapologetically Lutheran has long been the prayer of many faithful congregations like yours, and we thank God that He has blessed our work through you. We will keep you updated on all our progress in the coming months as we continue working to make this college a reality.

Thank you again for your financial support and also for your prayers for Luther Classical College.

Yours in Christ,
Mr. Samuel H. Preus
Head of Development

Ladies Aid News

- New flower vases were donated by a member family in our congregation.
- Continuing to encourage sign up for altar flowers. Contact Hannah Haller for getting your flowers to the altar for that week.
- Discussing possible project for the 75th anniversary of our congregation.
- Continuing altar duties throughout the summer months.
- Next meeting is Thursday, September 7th.



Altar Flowers

In an effort to enhance the Divine Service, Ladies Aid has posted a flower chart for families or church boards wishing to participate. Please consider signing up to beautify the altar sometime this year...

1. Sign up for a Sunday on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
2. Inform the Ladies Aid members for that month (see newsletter) to schedule the dropping off of flowers.
3. Have flowers at the church by Saturday morning for your week.

Evangelism News

- Anyone interested in helping set up and take down for the Free Clothing Giveaway, contact Leslie Reinbold.
- We already have many donations (including school supplies), so we are only in need of children's clothing donations.

Positive Alternatives



BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Pick up your empty baby bottle at the back table of the narthex, fill it with loose change, cash, or a check, and then return it by Father's Day (June 18th).

All proceeds go to Positive Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Caro.

FREE

Clothing Giveaway

open to ALL surrounding communities

Kids clothes

preK to 12th grade

A variety of basic school supplies

Grace Evangelical
Lutheran Church
1809 S Main St
Fairgrove, MI
989-693-6322

FRIDAY, JULY 21ST 4PM - 7PM

SATURDAY, JULY 22ND 9AM - 4PM

Donations needed:

- clothing (only children's)
- new underwear & socks

All donations can be placed underneath the coatrack in the fellowship hall.

THE DAILY READINGS

“God’s Word is the treasure that makes everything holy. By it all the saints have themselves been made holy. At whatever time God’s Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or pondered, there the person, the day, and the work is hallowed, not on account of the external work but on account of the Word that makes us all saints.”

—Martin Luther, The Large Catechism, 91-92

Thursday, June 1st	Psalms 97:4-12	Ecclesiastes 9:1-17	John 9:24-41
Friday, June 2nd	Psalms 9:3-6, 13-14	Ecclesiastes 10:1-20	John 10:1-21
Saturday, June 3rd	Psalms 77:5-11, 14-15	Ecclesiastes 11:1-10	John 10:22-42
Sunday, June 4th	Psalms 61	Ecclesiastes 12:1-14	John 11:1-16
Monday, June 5th	Psalms 72:12-19	Proverbs 1:8-33	John 11:17-37
Tuesday, June 6th	Psalms 119:169-176	Proverbs 3:5-24	John 11:38-57
Wednesday, June 7th	Psalms 119:9-16	Proverbs 4:1-27	John 12:1-19
Thursday, June 8th	Psalms 36:7-12	Proverbs 5:1-23	John 12:20-36a
Friday, June 9th	Psalms 77:10-15	Proverbs 8:1-21	John 12:36b-50
Saturday, June 10th	Psalms 116:12-19	Proverbs 8:22-36	John 13:1-20
Sunday, June 11th	Psalms 34:12-22	Proverbs 9:1-18	John 13:21-38
Monday, June 12th	Psalms 37:1-7	Proverbs 10:1-23	John 14:1-17
Tuesday, June 13th	Psalms 68:32-35	Proverbs 13:1-25	John 14:18-31
Wednesday, June 14th	Psalms 66:1-8	Proverbs 14:1-27	John 15:1-11
Thursday, June 15th	Psalms 51:1-12	Proverbs 15:1-29	John 15:12-27
Friday, June 16th	Psalms 147:1-11	Proverbs 16:1-24	John 16:1-16
Saturday, June 17th	Psalms 107:1-9	Proverbs 17:1-28	John 16:17-33
Sunday, June 18th	Psalms 86:9-17	Proverbs 20:5-25	John 17:1-26
Monday, June 19th	Psalms 31:9-10, 14-19	Proverbs 22:1-21	John 18:1-14
Tuesday, June 20th	Psalms 45:6-12	Proverbs 22:22-23:12	John 18:15-40
Wednesday, June 21st	Psalms 22:22-27	Proverbs 24:1-22	John 19:1-22
Thursday, June 22nd	Psalms 22:12-21	Proverbs 25:1-22	John 19:23-42
Friday, June 23rd	Psalms 139:14-18, 23-24	Proverbs 27:1-24	John 20:1-18
Saturday, June 24th	Psalms 85:7-13	Proverbs 30:1-9, 18-33	John 20:19-31
Sunday, June 25th	Psalms 119:41-48	Proverbs 31:10-31	John 21:1-25
Monday, June 26th	Psalms 31:19-24	Joshua 1:1-18	Acts 8:1-25
Tuesday, June 27th	Psalms 51:1-9	Joshua 2:1-24	Acts 8:26-40
Wednesday, June 28th	Psalms 89:24-29	Joshua 3:1-17	Acts 9:1-22
Thursday, June 29th	Psalms 103:1-12	Joshua 4:1-24	Acts 9:23-43
Friday, June 30th	Psalms 114	Joshua 5:1-6:5	Acts 10:1-17

Friday, July 1st	Psalms 47:1-7	Joshua 6:6-27	Acts 10:18-33
Saturday, July 2nd	Psalms 51:1-9	Joshua 7:1-26	Acts 10:34-48
Sunday, July 3rd	Psalms 84:5-8	Joshua 8:1-28	Acts 11:1-18
Monday, July 4th	Psalms 50:1-6	Joshua 10:1-25	Acts 11:19-30
Tuesday, July 5th	Psalms 68:1-6	Joshua 23:1-16	Acts 12:1-25
Wednesday, July 6th	Psalms 100	Joshua 24:1-31	Acts 13:1-12
Thursday, July 7th	Psalms 2:1-8	Judges 2:6-23	Acts 13:13-41
Friday, July 8th	Psalms 16:5-11	Judges 3:7-31	Acts 13:42-52
Saturday, July 9th	Psalms 138:1-6	Judges 4:1-24	Acts 14:1-18
Sunday, July 10th	Psalms 125	Judges 6:1-24	Acts 14:19-15:5
Monday, July 11th	Psalms 5:1-8	Judges 6:25-40	Acts 15:6-21
Tuesday, July 12th	Psalms 118:10-18	Judges 7:1-23	Galatians 1:1-24
Wednesday, July 13th	Psalms 7:1-8	Judges 13:1-25	Galatians 2:1-21
Thursday, July 14th	Psalms 119:1-8	Judges 14:1-20	Galatians 3:1-22
Friday, July 15th	Psalms 33:13-22	Judges 15:1-16:3	Galatians 3:23-4:11
Saturday, July 16th	Psalms 21:1-7	Judges 16:4-30	Galatians 4:12-31
Sunday, July 17th	Psalms 92:8-15	1 Sam. 1:1-20	Galatians 5:1-26
Monday, July 18th	Psalms 20	1 Sam. 1:21-2:17	Galatians 6:1-18
Tuesday, July 19th	Psalms 82	1 Sam. 2:18-36	Acts 15:22-41
Wednesday, July 20th	Psalms 119:57-64	1 Sam. 3:1-21	Acts 16:1-22
Thursday, July 21st	Psalms 106:1-5	1 Sam. 4:1-22	Acts 16:23-40
Friday, July 22nd	Psalms 137:1-7	1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16	Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
Saturday, July 23rd	Psalms 119:113-120	1 Sam. 6:19-7:17	Acts 19:1-22
Sunday, July 24th	Psalms 24:7-10	1 Sam. 8:1-22	Acts 21:15-36
Monday, July 25th	Psalms 63:1-8	1 Sam. 9:1-27	Acts 21:37-22:16
Tuesday, July 26th	Psalms 69:30-35	1 Sam. 10:1-27	Acts 22:17-29
Wednesday, July 27th	Psalms 119:17-24	1 Sam. 12:1-25	Acts 22:30-23:11
Thursday, July 28th	Psalms 59:1-5	1 Sam. 13:1-18	Acts 23:12-35
Friday, July 29th	Psalms 119:41-48	1 Sam. 14:47-15:9	Acts 24:1-23
Saturday, July 30th	Psalms 50:1-6	1 Sam. 15:10-35	Acts 24:24-25:12
Sunday, July 31st	Psalms 80:14-19	1 Sam. 16:1-23	Acts 25:13-27

JUNE 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>The Festival of the Holy Trinity</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study			9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study		Pastor's Day Off	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<i>The Feast of St. Barnabas</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study	Pastor Haller at Continuing Education Class				Pastor's Day Off	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study		9 am Quilting Bee 7 pm Properties	9:30 am Matins		Pastor's Day Off	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<i>The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study		9 am Quilting Bee			Pastor's Day Off	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <i>The Visitation</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study	3	4 7 pm Elders	5 9:30 am Matins	6	7 Pastor's Day Off	8
9 <i>The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School 11 am Voters Meeting	10	11 9 am Quilting Bee 7 pm Properties	12 9:30 am Matins	13	14 Pastor's Day Off	15
16 <i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study	24	25 9 am Quilting Bee	26	27	28 4 pm to 7 pm Clothing Giveaway	29 9 am to 4 pm Clothing Giveaway
30 <i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study	31					

Serving Our Lord in the Month of June

Elders for June

Daniel Bublitz & Thomas Reid

Ladies Aid for June

Joanne Bigham & Joanne Reinbold

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Refreshments: Pamela Ill, Sarah Pierce, Susan Pfund

Propers Choir: Aaron Reinbold, Amelia Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold

Acolytes: Hunter Reid, Michael Reid, Brandt LaPouttre

Bible Study Babysitter: Gabriella Reinbold

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Refreshments: Sarah Reid, Joanne Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold

Propers Choir: Alberta Reinbold, Daniel Reinbold, Gabriella Reinbold, Winston Reinbold

Acolyte: Tristan Pierce

Bible Study Babysitter: Julia Hargash & Isabella Reinbold

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Refreshments: Tracey Reinbold, Diane Spencer, Laura Starkey

Propers Choir: Hannah Haller, Hunter Reid, Sarah Reid

Acolyte: Erwin Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Chelsea Worden

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Refreshments: Bev Voss, Cindy Voss, Helene Weber

Propers Choir: Joanne Hills, Mary Masker, Susan Pfund, Brandon Worden

Acolyte: Winston Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Susan Pfund

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**If you're not able to serve on a particular Sunday, please call someone to replace you.

Serving Our Lord in the Month of July

Elders for July

Daniel Bublitz & Daniel Reinbold

Ladies Aid for July

Joanne Bigham & Joanne Hills

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Refreshments: Ashley Bublitz, Sandy D'Addezio, Joyce Dickson

Propers Choir: Aaron Reinbold, Amelia Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold

Acolyte: Michael Reid

Bible Study Babysitter: Alberta Reinbold

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Refreshments: Chelsea Worden, Ann Emery, Sarah Hall

Propers Choir: Alberta Reinbold, Daniel Reinbold, Gabriella Reinbold, Winston Reinbold

Acolyte: Brandt LaPouttre

Bible Study Babysitter: Gabriella Reinbold

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Refreshments: Hannah Haller, Renee Hecht, Joanne Hills

Propers Choir: Hannah Haller, Hunter Reid, Sarah Reid

Acolyte: Tristan Pierce

Bible Study Babysitter: Julia Hargash & Isabella Reinbold

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Refreshments: Beth Hoppe, Pamela Ill, Sarah Pierce

Propers Choir: Joanne Hills, Mary Masker, Susan Pfund, Brandon Worden

Acolyte: Erwin Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Susan Pfund

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Refreshments: Susan Pfund, Sarah Reid, Joanne Reinbold

Propers Choir: Aaron Reinbold, Amelia Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold

Acolyte: Winston Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Alberta Reinbold

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