



# GRACE MESSENGER

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*August 2022*

Keith Voigts - Church Council President  
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. Adults & Youth  
Worship & Communion 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Noon Communion, 7:00 p.m. Worship  
Office Hours: Mon. closed  
Pastor Dave - Tues.-Fri. 9 - Noon  
Staff - Tues. 8:30-4 Wed. Thurs. Fri. 8:30-12:30  
Please call first to make sure someone is in the office.



## Pastor's Column

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” – Hebrews 11:1*

I recently heard someone say that they had found Jesus. My first thought was that I didn't know Jesus was lost. But that thought seems to minimize and even make light of what the person was saying. He was giving his testimony of newly found faith in Christ. He had realized that Christ had found him (in fact Christ always knew where he was), and that he belonged to Christ. And that is a wonderful realization!

Coming to faith is like coming home – a warm loving home where the welcome mat has your name on it.

Coming to faith is like sitting down at a table loaded with all your favorite foods, and there are no carbs or calories in any of them!

Coming to faith is like coming in from a cold winter blizzard and finding a cheery, crackling fireplace greeting you with welcoming warmth and cheerful light.

I'm sure many of you can come up with more and better comparisons than I, but the fact is, there is nothing that can compare to the peace and hope that we have through faith in Jesus. Paul's definition of faith (Heb. 11:1) proclaims the assurance of hope we have in the Lord.

We can be assured that our hope of a home in Heaven is secured by the promises of God, and we can find peace in knowing that God's word is true and unchanging. As the old song says:

*“Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.” (Russell Kelso Carter, 1886)*

In Christ,

Pastor Dave

## ***A Message from the President***

You all know the old expression “The more you put into something, the more you get out of it”. During my last sermon at the church I tried to emphasize how important it is to keep active in church activities, worship, volunteering, etc. I spoke of the athletes who practice, practice, practice to keep an edge. That same theory is important in our church community life. Those of us who “volunteer” sermons, Kevin, Ingrid, Jerry and others, had extreme doubts about our ability to speak these things in front of the congregation. It takes guts to get out of our comfort zone. So go ahead. I would hope that all members would think of something out of their respective comfort zones and GO FOR IT!! I promise, you will be surprised at the perks you receive in return. Things way out of your imagination. Try it!! But first, lets remember the perks we receive for Sunday worship, bible studies and fellowship with our group. Now is the time to put our big boy/girl pants on to step up and step out of our tidy little comfort zones.

*Keith*



## ***Outreach Ministry***

We have already collected some school supplies, but the students and teachers could use more. For \$5.00, you can purchase 4 packages of lined paper at Dollar (and a quarter) Tree. Supply lists are located on the table in the Narthex. We will deliver the supplies to Harper McCaughan on August 11.

On Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, I will have a list for Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan’s Purse is an evangelical Christian humanitarian aid organization that provides physical needs as part of its Christian mission work. It was founded in 1970. Franklin Graham is the current president.

With the number of children in need and the number of shoe boxes available, a child will only get one box in their lifetime. They will remember receiving the box for their entire life, along with the three weeks of biblical lessons they will receive. The items and lesson can be shared with their family.

Any donations for either or both projects will be greatly appreciated.

***Thank you,***

***Pete Raif***



## ***Mutual Ministry ~ Art Speck***

Grace Lutheran, Don’t forget about your Mutual Ministry Committee we are here for YOU! Comments/Suggestions/ Complaints/Compliments, come see or talk to one of us: Pastor Dave, Art Speck, Don West, Dolores Dupont, Danny Sween, Roy Puckett, and Barbara Gaines.



**Thank You for serving in August!**

**Please sign up to assist with our Services**



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*Christians welcoming and serving*

**The marks of discipleship are to:**

- \*Pray daily \*Worship weekly*
- \*Serve your church & community*
- \*Relate to others in a small group*
- \*Read the Bible*
- \*Give a tithe and beyond*

**Birthdays in August**

5 Rachel Lacey  
12 Sandie Guthans  
16 Cheryl Lacey & Jonathon Ruoss  
19 Rebekah Rush  
20 Janie Dropco

24 Christy Authement & Roxanne Cross  
25 Kathy Wilson  
28 Michael Collins  
29 Kathy Lee Peterson

**Assistant Minister schedule**

for August:

August 7th Keith Voigts

August 14th Judy Hierstein

August 21st Ron Schmittling

August 28th Kevin Schultz

**Anniversaries in August**

7 Lynn & Fred Deegen



**Youth Ministry ~ Maria Voigts**

Our Youth Meetings will be held at 6:30 PM on the third Friday of each month.



**Kiwanis Club of Long Beach ~ 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast**



Sat., September 17, 2022 ~ 8:00 AM – 12 NOON

Grace Lutheran Church ~ 19221 Pineville Rd, LB

Tickets: **\$5.00 (under 8, free)** All-U-Can-Eat (Dine-In only)

To Go/Take-Out Available Walk-Ins Welcome

All proceeds fund Kiwanis sponsored school, youth, and community service programs



*“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.”*

**See Ingrid for Tickets!!**

## **Worship Committee ~ ~ Barb Gaines**

Thank you to Kevin Schultz for presiding and preaching and to Pastor Larry Koehn for serving as celebrant on July 17. **Please check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex!** Help is needed in many areas and the more people that sign up the less often each have to serve. Remember what you offered to do on the time and talent sheets we completed. If you are unable to serve when you signed up please notify me, Pastor or Julie as soon as possible by phone or email. Please arrive 15 minutes before service when you serve.

**Thank you to all who serve and fill in for others!**

### **August Service/Liturgy Schedule**

#### **August 7, 2022 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40 ... invest your hearts and live fully into God's reign is Jesus' message to the disciples and to us. Those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-8

Psalm 33:12-22

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

#### **August 14, 2022 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56 ... there are harsh words and division in this message. Remember, the way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection – even from those they love.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:1

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**2:30 pm – Service at Summerfield Senior Living**

#### **August 21, 2022 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 ... Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath and is challenged by a narrow reading of the Sabbath command. So Jesus expands "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage. Thanks be to God!

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

#### **August 28, 2022 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14 ... as Jesus watches guests jockey for positions at the table, he takes the opportunity to teach those listening about humility AND appeals to the hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

### **Mid-week Worship Schedule**

Shared Meal at 6:00 pm

Midweek Worship, with communion ... in person & on Zoom at 7 pm.

Bible study following worship

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

## **Fellowship ~~ Chris Jarrell**

Thank you to all who participated in fellowship during the month of July. We really appreciate those who were hosts and those who brought cookies. Hosting refreshments is a great way to meet other members of the church. If you'll notice, everyone in line is happy. They are joyful after receiving the love and blessings from Jesus, and now they get cake! Or cookies! Or something they never tasted before! Pick a Sunday, make one special something that you love and share it with those happy people in line. If you don't think that one thing is enough, no worries. We have a stash of cookies, chips, and crackers we can put out and add to your special treat.

**Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.**

I welcome suggestions for Fellowship activities.

Future events suggested – Graceful Grazers, Octoberfest, Christmas Party



### Readings for August

Date	Sundays	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
August 7th	9th after Pentecost	Genesis 15:1-8	33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 14th	10th after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:23-29	82	Hebrews 11:29-12:1	Luke 12:49-56
August 21st	11th after Pentecost	Isaiah 58:9b-14	103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
August 28th	12th after Pentecost	Proverbs 25:6-7	112	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

### *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers for....*

Kevin Baker, Gracie Blair, Jennifer Bonstaff, Jim Bryant, John Bull, Don Bridges, Jan Bruner, Lonnie Calvin, Margaret Cannon, Sharon Cates, Charissa, Cynthia Chadwyck, Meredith Clark, Vivian & Mike Collins, Alice Crandall, Cole Crane, Bill Creasy, Susan Cross, Stan Cross, Robert Crowley, Richard Cuevas, Alvin Culberson, Gina Dale, Timothy Davis, Toni Davis, Christie Deshotel, Itty Dodson, Amberly Favre, Azalee Fullmer, Emily Galloway, Madelyn Gordon, Vickey Gordon, Joe & Jonathan Gray, John Guthans, Brandy Haydin, Devon & Emily Head, Steve Hiles, Brenda Hiles, Sherry Holbrook, Pat Holliday, Ann Holliday, Peggy Jefcoat, Mike Johnson, Carmela Jones, Sarah Koehn, Cheryl Lacey, Rachel Lacey, Breanna Ladner, Carrie Ladner, Peggy Ladner, Patti Lastorka, Danny Leggett, Patricia Lindsey, Lois Long, George Lorrick, Jr., Betty Marshall, Gloria Mays, Glen McElwee, Nancy Mills, Cindy Mitchell, Val Mueller, Johnney Odom, Mike & Kathy Pearson, Patience Poupert, Pat Pruitt, Lucy Puckett, Christopher Ryan, Karen & Bud Samuelson, Kim Schultz, Kay Shushan, Corky Sidell, Ryder Simoneaux, Rachel Singleton, Ruth Spera, Mike Spurlock, Larry Strohsack, Boyd & Rita Swenson, John Thompson, Maggie Tirrell, Jeff Turner, Fred Turrentine, Juanita Vann, Brantley West, Janyce Westerman, Dolly Williams, Larry Wilson, Hope Wood

**Prayers of thanksgiving for assistance provided for others:** Richard and Linda Mueller and Pat Holiday to Emily Galloway

**~Deployed & Active Military ~ Victims of Domestic Abuse ~ All who have been furloughed. ~**

**~All Medical Personnel and First Responders.~**