



May 9, 2019

Greetings friends,

In a somewhat ironic twist, I won't see my kids and grandkids this weekend. For the last 8 weeks, while Max & Kristin have been struggling to get their basement back in order after a plumbing malfunction, we've been over there every weekend helping and picking up/dropping off Cora. Now this *Mother's Day* weekend, they're busy and don't have time for me. Hahaha! It's a good thing I'm not one to let my life and happiness be dictated by the calendar and Hallmark

holidays! I'm grateful that we're close by enough to be a part of their lives, if not on a daily basis, certainly a weekly one. We'll be with them next weekend and that will be an utter delight, as usual. As for this Sunday, perhaps some gardening work and a nice afternoon nap...how's that for a quintessential grandma plan? #didn'tseethatcoming #howthemightyhavefallen Or, as my beloved Grandma Myrt used to so succinctly say, Uff-da!

**This Week at Grace** This week at Grace Jonathan's message, "Sisters and Mothers in Israel", is inspired by Acts 9:36-43. Our greeters are Andrea & Savannah Jensen, Louis & Tep Reeder. Val & Cale Gregori and Duane & Sharon Matson will serve as ushers with George Janvrin serving as our liturgist this week. *Our Sunday school kids will share special music this Sunday!* Worship begins at 9:15 with a time of fellowship following. Sunday school begins at 10:30. Please join us!

**Grace Church is responsible for running the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon (report at 9:45), Thank you to Shelley Hart, Patsy Jensen, Gloria Sampson, Val & Owen Hubert and Denise Carlson. Thanks also to Kevin Holm for agreeing to pick up bakery goods at Hy-Vee on Friday morning.**

**Our last day of Sunday school until after Labor Day is May 19<sup>th</sup>.** The Leadership Development Committee is looking for a new Sunday school superintendent to begin June 1 (thank you Gini Michel for your many years of stellar service!). Also needed is a teacher for our middle school kids (grades 5-8) this fall. Can you help our church family in either of these capacities? Please let Jonathan know if you're willing and able to serve.

**We've received a couple graduation party invitations at the office that are intended to include our whole church family.** We're invited to a party celebrating *Eric Dowe's* graduation from Roland-Story and *Connor Blue's* graduation from South Hamilton *this Saturday afternoon (May 11<sup>th</sup>) 4:30 to 7:30 pm. in Fellowship Hall here at the church.* On Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> we have an invitation to *Tori Fournier's* Roland-Story graduation party at her home (1283 Northridge Rd) 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Thank you to Erma Schaeffer, Jody Larson and Amber Hoskins for agreeing to help with Sunday school through the end of our year!**

**The 2019 Lawn mowing sign-up sheet** is also posted on the north narthex hall way table. Please make note of the information at the top of that sheet.

**Reminder** – Claudia Pauk and Cathy Hermanson are on the hunt for Summer Music. One date left in June, but several openings in July and August. Give them a call to volunteer or suggest someone.

**Wanted** - Folks to serve as liturgist on a summer Sunday morning. If you've ever thought "liturgizing" is something you might like to try, here's your chance. Contact Cathy to volunteer!

Articles and reports to be shared in the June newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:**  
Adam Kimball (Barclay nephew); Suzy Hess; Judy Skaare (Jonathan's sister); George Sellers; Rich Peterson (Erma's brother); Pat Skowronski; Raelyn Miller; Helen Caruth; Barbara Wheeler; Emerson Kahl; Emily Meier; Lois Johnson; Garry Gerjets; Jackie Royer; Cooper Leeman; Taylor family

## News You Can Use

### Friday, May 10

4:00-6:00 p.m. Spring All Church Clean up Day – Bring tools for the job you choose!

### Saturday, May 11

9:00 a.m.-noon Spring All Church Clean up Day – tools needed

9:30 a.m.-noon Grace serves at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

### Sunday, May 12

8:00 AM Trustees

9:15 AM Worship

10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Sunday school

### Monday, May 13

5:30 PM SPRC

7:00 PM Worship Committee

### Wednesday, May 15

7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, May 19

8:15 AM Missions

9:15 AM Worship – choir sings

10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Sunday school – last day until after Labor Day

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**Faithfully,  
Cathy**

**Milianna's students' recital at  
Immanuel Lutheran Church >**

