

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2012

WORSHIP SERVICE. . . . . 9:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** We come to You, O Lord, hungry for Your Word and thirsty for Your grace. Bless us with understanding as we read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Your Holy Scriptures. And shower us with Your forgiveness, which You won for us on the cross, so that we might grow closer to our Father in heaven.

*Christ of blessing and abundance, may we live to serve You.*

**WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU** in the name of our Saviour, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. If you do not have a church that you call home, we invite you to make Grace your spiritual home. Amid the trials and tribulations of life it's good that we can come to our Lord for strength through His Word. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, and fill in the "Worship attendance registration" at the end of the pew.

### OUR WORSHIP TODAY

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** See printed Order of Service

**HYMNS:** 684; 655; 803

**FIRST LESSON:** 1 Kings 19:1-8 (pg.301)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Ephesians 4:17-5:2 (pg.978)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 6:35-51 (pg.892)

**SERMON:** "New Clothing for the New You" - Ephesians 4:17-5:2

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutheran Bible Translators

**IT'S A GO!!!!!!** A mission team has been formed to go to Nicaragua to hold VBS, construction and other activities. Please keep this the members of this team in your prayers and contribute with your offerings. Write on your envelope beside "other" - *Mission Trip to Nicaragua.*

**GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION:** As the first Christians devoted themselves to the Lord's Supper, they also devoted themselves to the Apostle's Doctrine (Acts 2:42). The two went hand in hand. As we devote ourselves to the Lord's Supper today, we also want to be faithful to the Apostle's Doctrine. For this reason the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada promise to practice closed communion, and guests desiring to commune are therefore kindly asked to speak with the pastor before doing so.

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**



**Special Needs:** John Crowther, Melvin and Geraldine Dale, Else Jacobsen, Frank Kleiber, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Alan and Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Doris and Niels Jensen, Susan Gajdos, Sarah Holden, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voege, Konrad and Rosemarie Gmehlin, Nancy Curtis, Keith Keller, Lois Juritsch, Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Torgerson, Sophie Wilson, Anna Wissing, David Holden, Jeremy Bancroft

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Jean Mountenay, Melvin and Geraldine Dale

**Family Focus:** Jeff, Jane and James Skelding; Harry and Sylvia Stantsos; Sandra Stockman; David and Imogen Strike

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 25**

**OFFERINGS:** Current \$286.00; Missions \$10.00; Building Fund \$35.00; Misc \$5.00; Loose \$5.00 **Praise the Lord!**



**OUR CHURCH PICNIC** is being held today at Faith at 12:30 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a salad and a dessert that can be pooled together for a picnic lunch. Also, please bring your own beverages. You'll also want to bring ball gloves, sports equipment and lawn chairs. Join us for this fun afternoon of fellowship!

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to bring God our regular offerings and tithes as well for the ongoing work of His Church. Gods calls us here to be in His glorious presence, that He may bless us. Let us commit ourselves to Him who is our forgiveness, life and salvation.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDY AND MATT LAVERS** and their families



as they celebrate God's gift of a son, Jackson Louis Lavers. We rejoice with them and give God praise for His precious gift of life.

**OUR MIDWEEK SUMMER SERVICES** are held at Faith on Wednesdays at



7:15 p.m. These services have been a blessing to many of our members, especially as weekend travel time increases in the summer. They are also a great opportunity for worship for those who work on weekends. We need God's Word for our lives, and the blessings He provides as He serves us through our gathering with Him in His house. Don't miss the opportunity for worship!



**AS THE WEATHER BECOMES WARM AND SUNNY**, there are many activities that tempt us to miss church on Sunday. While we need the time of recreation and relaxation - in fact, that is one of the reasons why God gave us the Sabbath, we still need to remember that God's Word is the "one thing needful". Do not let

the devil get you out of the habit of worship; don't think of it as an option each week. Faithfully set aside time to be in the Lord's house; to meet with our God, and to be fed, nourished and forgiven by Him; to be strengthened for the life we still live in this sinful world.

**Life Quotes:** "Rocks beg to be thrown. And the Gospel begs to be shared. And just as a rock thrown into a calm lake causes ripples that keep going and going, when the Gospel is shared, it causes ripples, which spread from person to person, generation to generation." *Rev. Peter Meier, assistant to the president: missions, Minnesota South District (LCMS) - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life - www.lutheransforlife.org* *erry Moan, New Testament professor, Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, Plymouth, Minnesota - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life*

**POT BLESSING** at Faith on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> to be held after morning worship. This special occasion is to recognize Pastor Scholz' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the ministry. There is a sign-up sheet posted at Faith on the hall bulletin board for what food you would like to bring. Please sign up for any two(2) categories. The choices are main course, salad, and dessert. If you would like to attend, please email or phone the church office with your choice of food to bring.

**DEDICATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held at Grace Church on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Those who form this committee are invited to attend.

**CLOTHES FOR KIDS?** Jack & I had an amazing trip to Kathmandu, Nepal the last two weeks of June, and in that time we were privileged to get to know one young man, Sanjay Kumar, aged 22. Sanjay became our unofficial city tour guide, and during our time with him we learned that he, along with about 400 other people, are Indian refugees living in the "tent city" (slums) of Kathmandu. Sanjay generously invited Jack & I into his home several times both to meet his family and to share a specially prepared meal handmade from the very little resources that they have. We met Sanjay's father, his younger siblings, his cousin & her husband & their children.

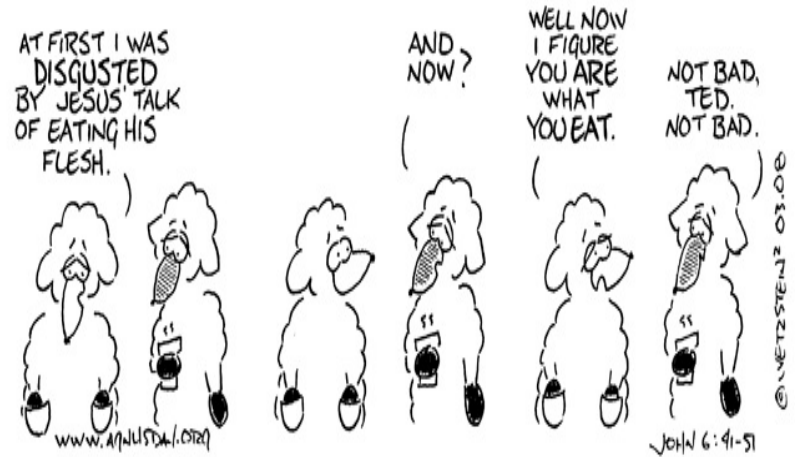
On talking further with Sanjay, we asked what their greatest need was living as they do in tents which are merely bamboo poles lashed together, with plastic tarps to keep the elements out. We were told that at this time of the year, the monsoon rains do get through, soaking their belongings and bedclothes. At this time, many children become sick from contaminated water, etc. And in the winter months, the outdoor temperatures often falls to 2 to 5 degrees Celsius. Many of the children living in the tent city do not have any warm clothes to wear and to try to keep warm, they must wrap themselves up in their blankets.

Jack & I are hoping that anyone who has any used children's clothing to give away would consider donating these to us and once we have a good shipment gathered together we have an address in Kathmandu to which we could send everything.

When we asked Sanjay what we was hoping to achieve for his own future, he replied that he wants to find some extra work shining shoes so that he can help his family make ends meet. Specifically, he wants to be able to earn enough to send his little sister, aged 7 years, to school so that she does not end up begging on the streets. We were very touched by the closeness of this family, and their determination to try to make a better life for themselves.

If you have any items to donate, you can phone us at home (or leave a voice message) at 519-461-1702, and we will discuss individual arrangements for collecting the clothes (whether we pick them up, pick them up at church on Sunday, etc.)

*Diane Geurkink*



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***THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE***

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
- Tues.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers/Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Dedication Planning Committee Meeting at Grace
- Wed.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith  
7:15 p.m. Mid-week Service at Faith
- Thurs.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
- Fri.** 7:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal
- Sat.** 2:00 p.m. Woolner/Lacroix Wedding
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m. Faith Morning Worship