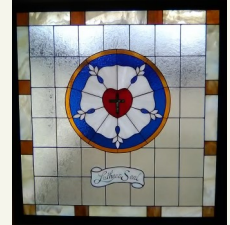


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Birthdays

5/03: Joe Lynn
 5/04: Diane Heisner
 5/09: Jane Goodman
 5/29: Ken Lampe

Anniversaries

5/07: Stan & Sharon
 Crandall
 5/09: Doug & Jane
 Goodman
 5/24: Jim & Alice
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Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

If you have not already heard, Josiah Schultz was not assigned to Grace on Call Day at the seminary. He will be serving a congregation in Keystone, Iowa, which had also placed an exclusive call for him. We trust that this is the Lord's will for Him and for Grace. Knowing this, Grace will now move forward with the process of calling from the field. (This means we will call someone who is already an ordained pastor and who is serving in another congregation or some other position.) The Call Committee met after church on April 21 and decided to give members until May 15 to submit the name of any pastor they think would be a good fit for Grace. The District has provided us with a form to use for submitting names. If you want to submit a name and need a form, please contact me or Bill Michel, the chairman of the Call Committee.

Any names which are submitted will be sent to President Hagen, our Missouri District president, who will get information on each of them for us. Once he has the information, he will send it to us along with other names he has added. These names will form our Call List and the Call Committee will prayerfully consider the information. The Call Committee will probably narrow down the list to 2 or 3 people who they think will be good candidates and whom they want to interview either by phone or in person. Ultimately the Call Committee will share their findings with the congregation and the Voters will decide who Grace will call to be our next pastor.

I know that this is a slow process and can be frustrating at times. Please remember that we believe in the divinity of the call and that at the right time God will send us the person who is to be our next pastor. In the meantime, I ask you to pray for God's blessings and guidance as we move forward with the calling process. Feel free at any time to talk with me or any member of the Call Committee about any questions or concerns you may have. The members of the Call Committee are Bill Michel, chairman, Stan Crandall, Amy Garoutte, David Lampe, Cheryl Lile, Rob Springer, Bernie Thomas, and Don Wolf.

There are two important festivals in the church year coming up this month. The first is Christ's Ascension on May 9. There will be a Circuit Ascension Service at Immanuel, Lockwood, at 7:00 pm that evening which all of us are invited to attend. The second is the Festival of Pentecost on May 19. These festivals do not get the attention that Christmas and Easter receive, but they are important festivals in the church year. They can help us remember how these events continue to impact our faith and life nearly 2000 years later.

June 1 is the date for Aurora's City Wide Yard Sale. If you or someone you know would like a space on our lot to sell their items, please contact me or Pam Bowling to reserve a spot. Grace will again be participating. So, if you have items you want to donate, you can bring them to the church any time during May. And please have a suggested price on the items.

On June 2 Grace will have its Graduate Recognition Sunday for our high school and college graduates. If you have a family member who is graduating from High School or College this spring, please give their names to Charlie Chambers or me. We want to list them in the bulletin and will include all of them in our prayers on June 2.

I pray that God will bless each of you each day and that He guide our congregation as we remain Founded on Christ and Focused on Community.

In Christ, Pastor Ken Lampe



HAPPENINGS AT GRACE



Members helping at **Camp Barnabas** on April 20th were: Rick & Bernie Thomas, Ken & Darlene Lampe, Bill & Joanne Michel, Jo Hadley, Kathy Holle, David Lampe, Harold Lampe, Amy Garoutte and Charlie & Edith Chambers. After working in the morning everyone enjoyed a good lunch that was cooked by Bernie.



The **Easter breakfast** was held on Sunday, March 31st, beginning at 8:30 a.m. As always there was a lot of good food. Everyone enjoyed an opportunity to visit before services began at 10:00 a.m.

