

NEWSLETTER

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Grace Lutheran Church

Birthdays

8/02: Hannah
Heitshusen
8/03: Robert Miller-
Morgan
8/04: Marlo Springer
8/07: Doug Goodman
8/10: Linda Myers
8/12: Abbey Davis
8/14: Matt Miller
8/16: Nancy Hoaglan
8/16: Simon
Granderson
8/17: Gladys Bauer
8/18: Glenda Enlow
8/21: Brandon Black
8/26: Alan Heisner

Anniversaries

8/04: James & Betty
Gordon
8/10: David & Nancy
Hoaglan
8/29: Ken & Darlene
Lampe



One Year Later



As I sit down to write this month's newsletter article, I am struck by the reality that I have had the joy and privilege of being your pastor for a full year come July 26.

I can't help but think about my first Sunday here. I still clearly remember Sunday morning Bible class that day. I chose to use it as an opportunity to introduce myself and ask each of you to introduce yourselves, too. I asked you what you loved about Grace. And each and every one of you said the same thing: The people. Over the course of this year, I have discovered this to be true for me, too. Grace Lutheran Church is filled with such wonderful people. Each of you exhibit genuine Christ-like care for your neighbor. Each of you clearly have such a deep joy to be here on a Sunday morning; a deep joy to be around one another. And more than that, there is a sense of gladness among you to be together in the worship service.

Building off of this, it is quite wonderful to me how quickly you have integrated myself and my family into Grace. We feel right at home here, and there is no questioning that even our children feel this way. For this, I offer my sincere gratitude. Rachel and I find great joy in the fact that our girls are growing up part of Grace Lutheran Church.

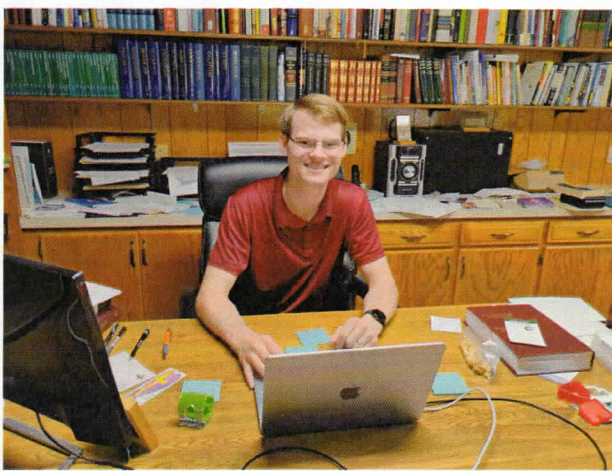
There's a whole lot more I could say as I reflect on this past year. But I'll summarize it this way: It has been and continues to be a great joy and privilege to me to serve as your pastor. I look forward to more years to come as I have the chance to get to know each of you better and as we see what the Lord has in store for us.

As we look forward to the next year, I want to take a moment to consider a few of the things that we have going on in the next couple of months. Our Sunday morning Bible class is about to take up the topic of Walking through the Worship Service. If you've ever wondered why we do what we do on Sunday, and how it relates to Scripture, this is a great study to attend. As is indicated on the back of this Newsletter, the Council and Trustees are discussing the possibility of additional parking. We currently have a committee meeting to discuss how best to use our special needs fund (currently used to help those who have specific financial needs). And more!

Most importantly, as we move into my second year as your pastor, one thing will remain the same: We will continue to gather around Jesus Christ and His Word. And that same Jesus will continue to strengthen our faith, forgive our sins, equip us to love our neighbor, rescue us from Satan, and free us from death. Hallelujah!

In Christ's Service, Pastor Heitshusen

HAPPENINGS AT GRACE



On July 26, 2025, Pastor Heitshusen was installed here at Grace Lutheran Church. We have been blessed to have him for an entire year now. Hopefully, we will have him as our pastor for many more years to come. **Thank you Pastor for all that you have done and will continue to do for us here at Grace.**

PLAY AREA

The play area has been moved. It is now located on the East side of the church off the East parking lot. It is farther from the street and there is a lot more shade.



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3: Circuit Mission Council Meeting in Carthage.

August 6: Project Rise meal will be served at 5:30 p.m.

August 16: Confirmation Sunday (service held here at Grace)

August 20: Council Meeting at 11 a.m. - anyone can attend.

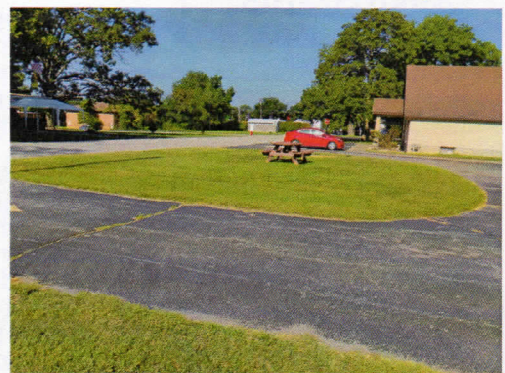
August 23: Outreach Ministry Team meeting after services - open to anyone that would like to come.

Sept. 3: Project Rise meal will be served.

Sept. 26: Neighborhood Picnic

New members will be welcomed soon.

This is a picture of where the play area was located before it was moved. There has been some discussion about making this into a place for additional parking. Trustees are checking on the cost of doing this. What a great problem to have!



GAME NIGHTS were held on Saturday, June 20th, and July 18th. The pizza was good and everyone enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship.