

Stewardship Article for August 2023

John 10:10

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

In John 10:10, Jesus contrasts Himself with the thief, symbolizing Satan, stating, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." This verse signifies the opposing intentions of these two forces at work in the world. While Satan seeks to bring harm and destruction to humanity, Jesus offers abundant life as He came to bring salvation, purpose, and an intimate relationship with God. It serves as a reminder to be wary of the enemy's destructive tactics, but also as an invitation to embrace the transformative power of Jesus, who grants us a life overflowing with blessings, spiritual fulfillment, and the promise of eternal salvation...MORE than enough!

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A Letter From The Pastor

BY TOM BRODBECK

In a few days Michelle Kouse, Sandy Thompson and I will attend the national meeting of the North American Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City. This meeting now happens every two years and brings together representatives of the nearly 500 churches in our denomination. These churches are located across the United States and Canada.

The gathering will also feature missionaries and leaders of other denominations with whom we are in "ecumenical fellowship" (a fancy way of saying "we work together on church stuff".

These gatherings are always inspirational and informative, but this year's convocation will be especially important because we will be electing a bishop to serve us for another term. Our current Bishop, Dan Selbo, is on the ballot again. He has led us well. He is solidly committed to discipleship as the essential mission of the church, so he will have my vote.

Bishop Selbo is the primary voice behind the 20/20 vision that our denomination is working through. You heard about that in a recent Sunday School class as we introduced a current capital campaign our denomination has going on. The "Today, Tomorrow, Forever" campaign aims to provide essential funding to support the ministries of our church well into the future. You will hear more about that in the coming months.

My purpose here though is to request your prayers for the NALC event in Oklahoma City, and for all of us across the world who will be there to participate in it. Pray for wisdom and unity and a fresh touch of the Holy Spirit that enlivens our hearts for mission and ministry. Thanks!

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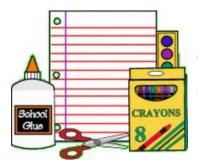
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August Outreach Corner



Snowhill School Supply Drive: During the month of August we will be collecting school supplies for the teacher at Snowhill school. Tissues, black dry erase markers, glue stick, and one subject notebooks are a few of the needed items, but please see the list available in the narthex. Return items by August 27th. See Sandy Thompson for more information.



St John's Food Pantry:

August is one of our months to serve at St John's food pantry. Their current needs are: fruit, Mac & Cheese, crackers, ramen noodles, canned soup, and cereal. Please have donations turned in as soon as possible but no later than Aug 27th. Please place in the shopping cart in Community Center. See Judy Fredrich for more information about sevring or helping.



****Please Register Online**** **For Fall Session**

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Grace Lutheran Church

Springfield, Ohio

Mini Classes (2-3 year olds)

Classic Classes (3-5 year olds)

Premier Class (5-8 year olds)

Season Details

-Starts 8/26 or 8/30

- 10 Week season -\$110/season



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Free Fun Day

Grace Lutheran Church

Saturday August 19th 9am-11am

Come try out a FREE class!!! **AGES 2-8** 30 minute session!



Tuesday, August 1

8:00 am Men's Bible Study 11:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 2 10:00 am Embroiderers

Thursday, August 3

11:00 am Adult Bible Study 1:00 pm Service Quilt 1:30 pm Brass Rehearsal

Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 5

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, August 6

2:00 pm Springfield Manor Worship

Monday, August 7 10:30 am Essence of Grace

Tuesday, August 8

8:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Mission Inc. 11:30 am Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Joy Guild 6:00 pm Exec Comm

Wednesday, August 9

10:00 am Hope Guild 1:30 pm Charity Guild

Thursday, August 10

11:00 am Adult Bible Study 1:00 pm Service Quilt

Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, August 13

Monday, August 14

Tuesday, August 15

8:00 am Men's Bible Study 11:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Council

Wednesday, August 16

5:00 pm Grace Notes 7:00 pm Sanc. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 17 11:00 am Adult Bible Study

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19 8:00 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, August 20

Monday, August 21

Tuesday, August 22 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 11:30 am Staff Meeting Lorem ips

Wednesday, August 23

Thursday, August 24

8:00 am Ohio Agbus. 11:00 am Adult Bible Study

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, August 27

4:00-7:00 pm SummerFest

Monday, August 28

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 am Men's Bible Study 11:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 30 6:30 pm Grief Shane

Thursday, August 31 11:00 am Adult Bible Study

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German Roots and Lutheran Branches by Tanya Walker, Member and Collaborative Pianist July 12, 2023

What do Michael Weisse (1488-1534), our NALC congregations, Joachim Neander (1650-1680), and 26 Tanzanian church districts inAfrica share in common? Each is a BRANCH of the German reformer roots of Martin Luther.

Pictured is the Columbus membership community of the Tanzanian Evangelical Lutheran church.

Our NALC is the American denomination to which the Tanzanian Evangelical Lutheran Church has chosen to develop relationship. In the words of Pastor Gwakisa, of this Columbus congregation, our churches are "hospitals", and Jesus is the doctor.

Grace Lutheran welcomed seminary graduate Pastor Silas at our June 3 worship and Sunday School.

This photo is his Tanzanian Lutheran home going celebration event.

I served this community with concert piano leadership and music scores from the era of classical baroque pre-dating John Sebastian Bach.

Hymnists and German composers Joachim Neander and Michael Weisse are writers of standard worship preludes or hymns.

Pictured are pretty in pink piano girls that hug my waist, watch my hands, then wiggle their fingers.

Our alliance with the Tanzanian Evangelical Lutheran districts share the Lutheran roots and branches of John 15:5. As we abide and cling to the great vine of Jesus. We are growing fruits as evidence of our values and beliefs systems.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5



ShopRaise Online Shopping Program

Since Amazon Smile is no longer an option, there is a new option and an easy way to help support Grace with online shopping you are already doing! Download the ShopRaise mobile or desktop app and make a purchase at a participating retailer, and a



% goes to Grace. By completing your online purchases you are already making through the ShopRaise App, you will earn money to support Grace Lutheran Church as well. Download and start supporting us with every purchase: https://shopraise.com/support/gracenalc. Watch for emails from Grace about this opportunity and/or see Sandy Thompson with any questions.



SAVE THE DATE

December 2, 2023 9:00 a.m. - Noon



Featuring:handmade items from members of Grace's congregation.

Our benefactor this year is Seeds of Grace

https://www.seedsofgraceministries.org/

T- Shirt Fundraiser For Laurel Mission Trip

Help support the adult mission trip to Laurel Mission in October by purchasing a Grace T-shirt or Polo shirt. See the Narthex display during the month of August for more information and to place an order.





Summerfest is Back! August 27 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Invite your friends and family to join this afternoon of fun.

Train rides, games for all ages, great food and fellowship.

Watch for opportunities to volunteer and donate to the success of this activity in the Narthex.