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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month, I bring you excerpts from the "Table of Duties" in the Small Catechism. Martin Luther writes:

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers:

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (1 Tim. 3:2-4.) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. (1 Tim. 3:6.) He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (Titus 1:9.)

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors:

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. (1 Cor. 9:14.) Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Gal. 6:6-7.) The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the scripture says: "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." (1 Tim. 5:17-18.) We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. (1 Thess. 5:12-13.) Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Heb. 13:17.)

To Parents:

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Eph. 6:4.)

To Children:

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and your mother" – which is the first commandment with a promise – "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." (Eph. 6:1-3.)

May God grant that we hear and obey His word, living in harmony with one another; and may He accomplish in us that which we are unable to do ourselves.

See you at worship!

Pastor Bahr

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL GOOD NEWS !!!

We started our 2018-2019 Sunday School year on Sept. 9th. Our teachers/leaders this year are:

- Lacey Bahr
- Tracy Gilmore
- Virginia Markel
- Michele Stenzel
- Wendy Coleman
- Jennifer Maines
- Sherry Reed Cassatt
- Amy Folmsbee
- Kathy Majka
- Jane Schulz

Our format has changed – we have our **Toddlin to Jesus** class led by Lacey Bahr, and then our **PK4** thru **HS** all together for Bible lesson, craft, games, snack, and music.



Our group lessons this year during Sept. & Oct. have been:

Lesson	Bible Point	Taught By
Jesus Speaks with the Religious Leaders	Jesus is Wise	<i>Jane Schulz</i>
John Baptizes Jesus	Jesus is God's Son	<i>Virginia Markel</i>
Satan Tempts Jesus	Jesus Shows us the right way	<i>Kathy Majka</i>
Jesus Calls Disciples	Jesus can change our lives	<i>Wendy Coleman</i>
Jesus Performs His First Miracle	Jesus has God's power	<i>Jennifer Maines</i>
Nicodemus Visits Jesus at Night	Jesus gives eternal life	<i>Jane Schulz</i>
Jesus is Rejected	Jesus loves everyone	<i>Wendy Coleman</i>
Jesus Heals People	Jesus heals us	<i>Kathy Majka</i>



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENINGS & MUSIC:

As in past years, our Sunday School students meet in the church for a whole group opening on the first Sunday of each month, led by Pastor Bahr, where we also celebrate our Baptism Birthdays for the month. Every other Sunday we have music with Amy Folmsbee & Maye Smith. Please plan on staying for church – always, if possible – on the 2nd Sunday of the month when the Sunday School students sing in worship.



SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

We do take an offering each week to help with the costs of materials, supplies, and snacks. You may still use your envelopes from last year. If you are a new student or need new envelopes, ask one of the staff.



NOTES COMING HOME:

We send a paper home each week that tells a little about that week's lesson. Also, Amy Folmsbee puts together a sheet with important upcoming dates and information to share with all Sunday School families. Please watch for these notes.

FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE: The following students have faithful attendance (3 Sundays) for the month of **September**:

Michael Bahr, Daniel Bahr, John Bahr, Julia Dixon, Audrey Markel, Abram Smith, Stewert Smith, Delaney Zimmerman, Louis Zimmerman, and Abigail Zimmerman.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS AS OF OCT. 14: Here is a list of names of those who have joined us in Sunday School so far this year. If you know of someone who has not joined in yet, please invite them.



Toddlin to Jesus: Michael Bahr, Oliver Fees, Zander Hoffman, Tyler Markel, and Clara Taromino.

PK4 thru High School (and helpers): Vance Adamson, Annabella Agnello, Daniel Bahr, John Bahr, Dillon Deskovic, Alyvia Dixon, Julia Dixon, Em Fees, Zakary Fees, N'evaeha Haley, Abi Krull, Alexis Majka, Mariah Majka, Marissa Majka, Rebecca Manning, Abigail Markel, Audrey Markel, Emily Markel, Ava May, Owen May, Sofia May, Dominique Mena, Autumn Norton, Abram Smith, Stewert Smith, Rejanae Smith, Tori Smith, Abigail Zimmerman, Delaney Zimmerman, and Louis Zimmerman.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Don't Forget to Turn Clocks Back! 		Head Ushers: Ross Folmsbee Jonathan Folmsbee	Altar: Alice Moll	1	2	3 9:00A ED Legal Issues Conference
4 All Saints' Day 9:00A SS & ABS 10:30A Worship (HC) Holy Ghost's Cherub Choir to sing	5 6:00P Baked Goods Drop-Off 6:30P Survivors Group	6 6:00A – 9:00P General Election (Chapel) 9:00A Baked Goods Sale	7 10:00A ABS 6:00P ELF 7:00P Choir Practice	8 10:30A Piano Tuning 6:00P Elders Meeting 7:00P Diabetes Education Class	9	10 4:00P Carr Renewal of Vows
11 Veterans Day 9:00A SS & ABS 10:30A Worship 11:30A Social Ministries	12 OFFICE CLOSED Veterans Day Observed 6:30P Survivors Group 	13	14 10:00A ABS 7:00P Choir Practice	15 December Gleanings Deadline!	16	17
18 9:00A SS & ABS 10:30A Worship (HC)	19 6:30P Survivors Group	20	21 10:00A ABS 6:30P Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7:30P Choir Practice	22 OFFICE CLOSED 	23	24
25 9:00A SS & ABS 10:30A Worship	26 6:30P Survivors Group	27 7:00P Grace Ladies Wine & Cheese Party	28 10:00A ABS 7:00P Choir Practice	29 6:00P Pew Sisters Meeting	29	

SS: Sunday School

ABS: Adult Bible Study

HC: Holy Communion

ELF: Exploring the Lutheran Faith

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Church Office Hours: Sunday 8:30 AM-12:30 PM; W-TH 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Special Worship Schedule

** Thanksgiving / Advent / Christmas **

- 11/21 6:30P Thanksgiving Eve Service
 - 12/5 5:30P Simple Supper 6:30P Advent Service
 - 12/12 5:30P Simple Supper 6:30P Advent Service
 - 12/16 10:30A Children's Christmas Pageant
 - 12/19 5:30P Simple Supper 6:30P Advent Service
 - 12/24 5:00P Service of Lessons & Carols
 - 12/24 11:00P Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 - 12/25 10:30A Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
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SUNDAY SCHOOL



Saturday, December 15th

Pageant rehearsal 10 am – 12 pm
including a pizza lunch

Sunday, December 16th

Pageant rehearsal 9 am
followed by pageant at 10:30 am



Please make every effort to have your children in Sunday School weekly since rehearsing, learning music, and preparations for the pageant have already begun.

- **NOVEMBER SPECIAL MISSION ENVELOPES** are designated to support LCMS Disaster Response teams. Over the past several months, they have had boots on the ground to provide physical and spiritual care at a multitude of natural disaster sites. They have been there for those affected by the volcanic eruptions in Hawaii, the ongoing fires on the West Coast, flooding in Wisconsin, long-term re-building efforts in Texas after Hurricane Harvey as well as the recent Texas flooding, and most recently the damage done by Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas and Virginia, and Hurricane Michael in Florida. Hurricane Michael resulted in the destruction of at least one Lutheran church, and extensive damage to several others in the Florida panhandle. If you wish to join in supporting our Lutheran church's response to the thousands affected by these disasters, please place your special mission envelope in the offering plate during the month of November.

PLEASE NOTE: All donations placed in the convenience envelopes provided in the pews are used for Grace's general budget fund unless you clearly mark them as being designated for our monthly special mission project or another purpose.

- **HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION:** Thank you for your generous response to the Niagara Falls Community Missions emergency request for food to help with urgent situations there. We were able to give them about 6 containers filled with food. We have also made a commitment to help St. Vincent de Paul food pantry on Military Road meet the needs of the many local families they serve over the upcoming Christmas season. Since we no longer keep an emergency pantry at Grace, Pastor Bahr makes referrals when needed to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. They have been very welcoming to Pastor Bahr and Grace when a need for help arises. Please feel free to talk with Pastor if you or someone you know could be assisted by St. Vincent's.

We will continue to accept non-perishable food donations until our Thanksgiving Eve service. All donations are appreciated. Especially needed are canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, sauce, and tuna. (Note—health laws prevent the distribution of expired food, so please check dates on your donations.) Thank you for your generosity with this project.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR NEXT MEETING!

The Social Ministries Committee will meet after worship on November 11th. A lunch is provided during the meeting. *New members are always welcome!*

- **HAMS & FROZEN TURKEYS:** Please note—we are collecting hams and frozen turkeys for Community Mission as part of our Harvest Food Collection. They can be stored in our downstairs kitchen freezer. Please let an usher know if you need assistance carrying a turkey or ham.
- **ADVENT GIVING TREE:** Many agencies in our community are in need of our help following the holiday season when donations typically are at their lowest. We will provide Giving Trees in the chapel and narthex beginning November 25th and continuing through Christmas. All donations will be delivered in the beginning of January to help the agencies we work with restock after the holidays. If you wish to participate in this project, please take a tag from the trees and bring the requested item (unwrapped) back to the table as soon as you are able.
- **HOLY GHOST'S CHERUB CHOIR** will be participating in our service on November 4th as their way of saying “thank you” for our support of Lutheran education with our September & October special mission envelopes. Please feel free to talk to these families if you have questions about the benefits of Lutheran school education.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Used eyeglasses and hearing aids can be deposited in the box on the glass case. These are refurbished and distributed by the Lion's Club to people who cannot afford to purchase them.

Sample sized toiletries that you may receive in the mail or at hotels are used by the Magdalene Project as they reach out to homeless women in our city with the good news of God's gospel. There is a box on the glass case to accept your donations.

Grace Benevolence Fund - donations to this fund can be made throughout the year by placing a marked envelope in the offering plate or mailing it to the office. Our Benevolence Fund provides resources for Pastor to use to help those with urgent, often unexpected, needs that may arise among our members or neighbors.

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Upcoming Events

WORSHIP SERVICES

Divine Service:
Sundays @ 10:30A

EDUCATION

Sunday School:
Sundays @ 9:00A

Adult Bible Study:
Sundays @ 9:00A
Wednesdays @ 10:00A

GRACE LADIES

Next Meeting:
November 27 @ 6:00P
Wine & Cheese Party
*Show & Tell a Memory
Item
December 11 @ 6:00P
Christmas Party

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Next Meeting:
November 11 @ 11:30A
*New members are always
welcome. We meet five
times each year for about an
hour, and a light lunch is
included.

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