



# Grace Notes

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The January 2018 issue of *The Lutheran Witness*, published for laypeople by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is dedicated to the theme of "Digital Technology and the Church." If you don't read *The Lutheran Witness*, you should. It is theologically orthodox, written for laypeople, and has interesting content on the Lutheran faith, our synod, and contemporary issues. You can order it at:

<https://www.lcms.org/news/publications/lutheran-witness> or E-mail: [lwssubscriptions@cph.org](mailto:lwssubscriptions@cph.org), or call 1.800.325.3040 to speak with a customer service representative, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST. It is also available in Braille, large print, or cassette tape free of charge.

Articles in the January 2018 issue include: "From Chat Room to Church," with suggestions how churches can use new technology for outreach; "The Digital Revolution," which reviews the last two decades of the Internet and its present state; "Lost in Oz," for those who are confused by new technology; "Loving Your (Internet) Neighbor," about good behavior online; and "Podcasting: The Next Frontier?", about podcasts, online audio, and their possible use by congregations.

When I received the call to serve Grace congregation in March of 2017, one of the first things I did, besides praying for wisdom, was to check out your web-site. Web-sites are quick and easy ways for people to find out key information about a congregation, and ours does that well. If you haven't seen it recently, go to: [www.gracelutheransanmateo.org](http://www.gracelutheransanmateo.org)

I was pleased to see that our congregation offers podcasts of the lessons and sermons in our worship services. To check out those podcasts, go here: <http://www.gracelutheransanmateo.org/church/sermons.html> If you see our elder Marty Udisches, thank him for the work he does every week on those podcasts. If you see our member Donald Schaefer, thank him for the work he does every week to record the entire worship service and burn audio CDs, which are available for borrowing in our church library.

Media technology is only as good as the content you put into it. That is why the January 2018 issue of *The Lutheran Witness* also recommends podcasts

from around the country whose producers and hosts have the same theology and outlook that we have. On page 20, the issue recommends: 1) the ever-popular "Issues, etc.", with host Pastor Todd Wilken, at: [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org); 2) "The Thinking Fellows," with three professors from Concordia-Irvine-California, at: [www.thinkingfellows.com](http://www.thinkingfellows.com); 3) "Table Talk Radio," with hosts Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller and Pastor Evan Goeglein, at: [www.tabletalkradio.org](http://www.tabletalkradio.org); 4) "As Lutheran As It Gets," with hosts Pastor Donovan Riley and Pastor Christopher Gillespie at: <https://media.higherthings.org/podcasts/as-lutheran-as-it-gets>; 5) "Cross Defense," with host Pastor Jonathan Fisk, at <https://kfuo.org/category/cross-defense>; and 6) "Thy Strong Word," a chapter-by-chapter Bible Study with host Pastor William Weedon, at: <https://kfuo.org/category/thy-strong-word> Anything at KFUEO Radio, which has "tons" of podcasts, should be fine theologically, so point your browser to <https://kfuo.org> and browse away!

Ever since my family and I moved to Saint Louis in 2002, I have had the opportunity to speak on various programs offered by KFUEO, including "Issues, etc." If you want to listen to some of my "stuff" on "Issues, etc." go to their old archives at: <http://issuesetcarchive.org>, for programs from January 14, 2003 to March 12, 2008; or go to their new archives at: <http://issuesetc.org/archive>, for programs from June 2008 to the present. For KFUEO, go to: <https://kfuo.org>, then click on the left side of the menu under "Archive," and chose either "Current Programs" or "Retired Programs." For any of these podcast archives, you will need to enter my name under the "Search" function to find programs where I was a guest. You can also search for your favorite living Lutheran professor or pastor, and might be surprised to find he has been on podcast radio too!

Enjoy your use of the Internet, and be safe out there!

Yours in Christ,



*St. Olaf Choir,*  
*a premier a cappella choir*  
*in the Lutheran tradition,*  
*based on Northfield, Minnesota,*  
*will give a concert at*  
*Stanford Memorial Church*  
*at Stanford University*  
*on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.*  
*For tickets, go online to: [stolaf.edu/tickets](http://stolaf.edu/tickets).*



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# Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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## Grace LWML Mission Statement

“Our mission is to encourage the women Word and Sacraments that they may serve our Triune God with their time, talents and treasures.”



“Serve the Lord with Gladness”



## Mission Project Work Day

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 - 1:00-3:00 pm  
Dolores Keim's House

Upcoming dates:

Feb. 17, 2018 – LWML Zone 8 Day of Prayer,  
St. Paul, Mountain View  
(see next page)



2016-2018

### Mission Grants

12. Childcare Scholarships  
For High School Parent

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Fallon, NV

\$6,600

Save your mites



## *Morning of Prayer*



*Who am I? What is my identity?*

*When: Saturday, February 17, 2018*

*Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
1075 El Monte Ave., Mountain View  
Rev. Aaron Smith— Prayer Leader*

*Time: 9:30 am Coffee and Pastries  
10:00 am Prayer Service*

*Contact Person: Shelly Alba  
650-574-0485 or [Shelly@cnh-lcms.org](mailto:Shelly@cnh-lcms.org)*

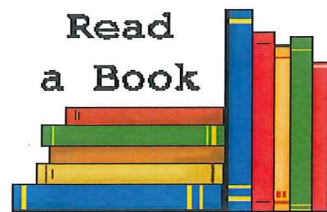
*Many factors come to mind when we think of who we are — our identity. In his first letter, Peter continually reminds his readers of their identity. Rather than focus on inane worldly details, he zeroes in on what's most important: our standing in the eyes of God or our place in His kingdom.*

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, . . ."*

*1 Peter 9-12*



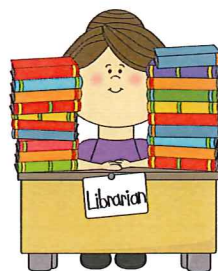
LWML CNH Zone 8



*In the November Grace Notes, the Library Corner article was started. It lists 3 books associated with religion and 3 books from other categories such as autobiographies, historical events, poetry, etc. All books listed are non-fiction. There's a wide variety from which to choose.*

*Just fill out the card found in the book pocket and put it in the grey box by the double glass doors of the library.*

*Happy reading!*



LIBRARY CORNER #3

220.8 Duckat, Walter -- BEGGAR TO KING

All the occupations of Biblical Times. The skills, techniques and historical significance of every Biblical trade is presented. What kind of work is done by apothecary, fuller, herald, muleteer, potsherd, procurator, refiner or stevedore? You will find the answer in this book which lists over 200 vocations.

230 Lewis, C.S. -- BEYOND PERSONALITY

Theology means "the science of God." The author describes what the Christian belief is. "Look for yourself and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin and decay. But look for Christ and you will find HIM and with HIM everything else thrown in."

240 Price, Eugenia -- THE UNIQUE WORLD OF WOMEN

The author draws unforgettable, intimate portraits of Biblical women, developing their personalities with sharp realism and ties their dilemmas to the dilemmas of women today.

718 Svanevik, Michael -- CITY OF SOULS - COLMA

Finding gold in northern California during the 1850's brought many people to the area. Over time, San Franciscans agonized over how to solve the ongoing problem of body disposal. This book explains how Colma gradually developed. There are 16 cemeteries for humans and one for animals in 2.2 square miles. "The dead definitely out number the living."

920 Hawkins, Cora Fread -- BUGGIES, BLIZZARDS AND BABIES

Edwin Frear, as a country doctor, had many struggles and challenges living in the wide-open prairie of Iowa during the 1880's. Every incident described is based on actual experiences of the doctor or his family.

933 Time-Life Books -- THE ISRAELITES

This is a history of the Israelites from the beginning until they're marched into exile to Babylonia in 587BC. "Out of the daily lives of the Israelites developed the ideas that became mankind's vision of a world at peace and its hope of eternal redemption."

**LOOKING BACK...**December and January seem so long ago! Did we really celebrate Advent, Christmas, the turn of the New Year and Epiphany? Now we are into the second half of the academic year! Can you imagine? It's true! In February, the Grace students will learn of Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season of the church. They look forward to such activities as Valentine's Day with the annual Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart. Be sure you join in the fun! Your participation and support are of great assistance to our teachers and staff, and these are great opportunities for you to fulfill the required volunteer hours. The best part of all? You and your child(ren) will make memories to last a lifetime. Keep your eye on the Parent Information Note for specifics of the various activities!

### FEBRUARY 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

#### February

- 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45-8:00p)
- 2 Noon Dismissal  
Parent/Teacher Conferences (Noon-3:30p)  
Extended Care Noon-6:00 p.m.
- 11 Partners in Worship – GLS Choir sings  
(meet in Parish Hall at 8:40a.).
- 14 Jump Rope & Hoops for Heart (12:45p-3:00p)  
(School-wide activity day)
- 19 Presidents' Day – Holiday  
No School/No Extended Care
- 23 Mid-Quarter 3
- 24 PTL Crab Feed! All are welcome! (4:30p-7:30p)

**WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US** for our Mid-Week Lenten Services beginning on Ash Wednesday-February 14, and continuing every Wednesday through March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Join our chapel services normally held each Wednesday at 8:35 a.m. in the Sanctuary. On the last Wednesday of each month, the chapel service is called 'Kids of the Kingdom' and is held in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend school chapel at either location!

**JUMP ROPE AND HOOPS FOR HEART**, an activity sponsored by the American Heart Association, is a

fun-filled annual event, held on 'St. Valentine's Day' for the community of Grace Lutheran School. This event serves a purpose to remind us the need to learn about 'heart health'. While it is a fun activity for the Grace Lutheran children, teachers and parents, we can look to 'The First Article' of 'The Creed' in 'The Small Catechism' and be reminded that we are instructed in the First Article to care for our body, our reason and our senses. Why have a 'heart health' activity day? Our Lord tells us to care for our bodies. This is most certainly true!

**WHY DO WE HAVE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES?** Grace Lutheran believes that by God's plan we are brought together as teachers and parents to provide a Christian education which nurtures students. We must be in one accord, identifying their needs. The Parent/Teacher conferences allow us to meet, communicate and identify common objectives in rearing the children who have been entrusted to us by God. We, as parents and teachers, endeavor to form the children spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, physically, socially and educationally. In short, we are growing future leaders of this community. This is no simple task! Each child and their family are unique in their talents and ideas.

As teachers and parents meet to discuss the academic and social lives of the Grace students we benefit by opening the lines of communication, actively listening to one-another to consider the contributions we make to each individual child. The **teacher** provides consistency of the values of the home. Likewise, the **parents** support the daily authority and educational objectives which are set out by the teacher. In these ways, we support one-another for the benefit and development of the **children**.

So when the opportunity for a Parent/Teacher Conference presents itself, we meet knowing we are partners with God and each other, raising the children who have been entrusted to us.

**Thank you to all who support Grace Lutheran School. Thank you for entrusting your children in our care!**

**Do you know of anyone who is looking for a school for their children? Invite them to look at Grace Lutheran School!**



Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song!  
 Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our  
 salvation.

Psalm 95:1

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Lisa Mulls	5 Hannelore Siarkowski	6	7 Michelle Semmler	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Marilyn Baille	16	17 Glenn-Allison Mc Enroe
18	19	20	21	22 Anjanette Gomez	23	24
25	26	27	28			



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Noon-GLS Dismissal	9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study	9:00a-Adult Bible Study	9:00a-Adult Bible Study	8:35a-Chapel 2:00p-GLS library	8:35a-Chapel 12:45-Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart 2:00p-GLS library 3:00p-organ practice 6:30p-Senior Choir 7:00p-Ash Wednesday Divine Service <b>Ash Wednesday</b>		9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
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## February 2018 Prayer Page

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. ~Galatians 6:10

Egon Adam	Robert Doody	Robert Innes	Howard Menche	Dave Smoot
Bella Archer	Natalie Dubbel	Shirley Innes	Donna Menche	Barb Smoot
Marilyn Baillie	Bob Egan	Michael Innes	Daniel Menche	Paul Soals
Rev. Frank Balgeman	Maria Eggert	Donald Iocco	Lisa Mull	Stacey Soals
Valerie Balgeman	Robert Emery	Heather Iocco	Molly Munson	Jacquelin Soals
Chandler Balgeman	Doris Emery	John Iocco	Caroline Nagy	Dimitry Spencer
Mike Bannister	Bill Eng	Judy Iocco	Pamela Nelson	Peter Spittler
Tami Bannister	Sara Eppler	Ko Ishikawa	Rev. Martin Noland	Tamaray Starling
Nathanael Bannister	Carly Eppler	Mariko Ishikawa	Karla Noland	Darryl Sterner
Mike Beebe	Larry Franquez	Yuzo Ishikawa	Renee Noland	Sandra Sterner
Jolene Beebe	Shelly Franquez	Lance Johnson	Heidi Noland	Michelle Sterner
Kay Bell, III	Nick Franquez	Doreen Johnson	Floyd Oatman	Brett Toensing
Kay Bell, Jr.	Chad Franquez	Katarina Johnson	Doug O'Donnell	Anne-Marie Toensing
Nathanael Bell	Pam Frisella	Bob Keim	Patty O'Donnell	Brooke Toensing
Adele Bergstrom	William Gangelhoff	Dolores Keim	Elizabeth O'Donnell	Ryan Toensing
William Bethke	Shirley Gangelhoff	John Kilcullen	Gil Ramirez	Hans Tuft
Susan Bethke	Rev. Glenndon Genthner	Stefanie Kilcullen	Kathleen Ramirez	Gina Tuft
Alice Boerschinger	Brooke Genthner	Katie Kilcullen	Fred Robinson	Mark Tuft
John Bordy	Alex Gomez	James Kilcullen	Roberta Robinson	Sue Tuft
Ellen Bordy	Herlin Gomez	Michael Kilcullen	Akram Saber	Martin Udisches
Judy Boyd	Anjanette Gomez	Barbara Kilpatrick	Ghada Saber	Leann Udisches
Fred Brauer	Angelique Gomez	Bill Koester	Daniel Saber	Christine Ullrich
Karla Brauer	James Graziano	Faye Koester	Michael Saber	Zachary Ullrich
Jordyn Brauer	Roger Guse	Ryan Koester	Charles Schaefer	Octavian Vasilescu
Justin Brauer	Dan Hahn	Amanda Koester	Donald Schaefer	Diana Vasilescu
Klayton Brauer	Lori Hahn	Gesine Kruse	Maria Schaefer	Flora Lisa Vasilescu
Paul Brownlee	Abby Hahn	Glenn McEnroe	Martin Semmler	Joan Weckerle
Lois Brownlee	Arthur Hayame	Alison McEnroe	Michelle Semmler	Randy Wimmer
Marcus Brownlee	Barbara Hayame	Alexis McEnroe	Scott Semmler	Caden Young
Scott Brownlee	Tim Hayame	Fred McKenna	Daniel Semmler	Rebecca Young
Katherine Brownlee	Darren Hayame	Marilyn McKenna	Julia Semmler	Chandler Young
Robert Crews	Joy Hayame	Steve McLaughlin	Sandy Shanks	Logan Young
Veronica Crews	Hannah Hayame	Heather McLaughlin	Jessica Shanks	Rowan Young
Clara Crews	Miriam Hitzeman	Sandra Means	Detlef Siarkowski	Eugene Zahnow
Celeste Crews	Richard Hoffmeister	George Melke	Hannelore Siarkowski	Judy Zahnow
Charlotte Custino	Theresa Mui		Ethan Smith	Mamie Zimbelman