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EVERYONE HIS WITNESS

Our Board of Evangelism is considering, as one tool for outreach, a new training course produced by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod titled "Every One His Witness." We have already received the basic package, which includes a video and manuals. If you are interested in the program, check out the online resources at: www.lcms.org/witness-outreach

"What?" you might think, "Lutherans don't do evangelism." I have run into this thinking in some congregations that I have served. I once even had two lay officers threaten to remove me from the pastoral ministry, because I encouraged the congregation in my preaching (at the most two or three times a year) to be involved in personal evangelism.

I don't know where the idea ever came that "Lutherans don't do evangelism." It didn't come from Luther, who wrote: "It is certain that a Christian not only has the right and power to teach God's word but has the duty to do so on pain of losing his soul and of God's disfavor" (*Luther's Works* 39:309). Luther also wrote: "Even though not everybody has the public office and calling [of the pastor], every Christian has the right and duty to teach, instruct, admonish, comfort, and rebuke his neighbor with Word of God at every opportunity and whenever necessary" (*Luther's Works* 13:333).

The program manual for *Every One His Witness* has a helpful summary on this issue:

God doesn't limit the sharing of the Means of Grace to the Divine Service nor to the Office of the Public Ministry. While the public preaching of God's Word and the administration of His Sacraments is work given by God specifically to the Office of the Public Ministry, the Lord has also provided for the Means of Grace to reach people through the priesthood

of all believers (i.e., lay people). Every Christian has been called by God to share the chief means of Grace, the Word of God, with other people. Martin Luther saw this as more than a privilege of every believer, he understood it as our duty. (Mark A. Wood, *Every One His Witness: Lutheran Evangelism Core Module* [Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2017], 200).

Whether or not our congregation formally adopts the training program *Every One His Witness* for its members, or does something else, I hope and pray that everyone in Grace congregation regularly thinks about opportunities for witness and how he or she might "teach, instruct, admonish, comfort, and rebuke his neighbor with Word of God."

Yours in Christ,

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



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, September 25, 2018 - 1:00pm
Dolores Keim's House



Upcoming dates:

Sept. 29, 2018 LWML Zone 8 Fall Gathering
Redeemer, Redwood City, CA

Speaker: Nancy Nielsen,
Lutheran Social Services of Northern California

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Mission Grants

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Resource Kit
Zion Lutheran Church
Tarra Bella, CA
\$6,100



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LIBRARY CORNER #9

220.92 Gouker, Loice -- BIBLE PEOPLE

Highlights From Their Lives. There are nearly 300 Bible people arranged in alphabetical order for easy reference.

222.7-8-9 Brug, John EZRA, NEHEMIAH, ESTHER The People's Bible

God's people returned from captivity in Babylon to the land of Israel. Religious reform was the main work of Ezra the priest. Esther tells how a Jewish woman became queen of Persia and saved the people of Israel from a destructive plot. Nehemiah records the rebuilding of the city walls in Jerusalem and spiritual reform. Worship and prayer at the temple were restored.

225.92 Briscoe, Jill -- BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

How God Shaped a Fisherman into a Shepherd. God transformed Simon's life into a man called Peter. Our everyday struggles and prejudices are compared with Peter's transformation. End of each chapter is a worksheet.

917.29 Morrison, H. Robert -- AMERICA'S ATLANTIC ISLES

Did you know, from northern Maine, all along the eastern coast and down to the Keys off Florida, there's over 3,000 islands? The photographs are amazing! Some islands have become a National Wildlife Refuge and some have been passed down from one generation to another.

920 Waters, Ethel -- HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

In 1900, a 12 year old black girl gave birth to a daughter, who was illegitimate and of mixed heritage. The mother, a child herself, didn't want the baby. Being raised in the slums of Pennsylvania under deplorable conditions, this child learned how to survive. Her faith in God was strong. Later, she became a successful blues singer and actress, both on Broadway and the movies. This is an autobiography of Ethel Waters.

979.4 Johnson, Paul -- PICTORIAL HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA

Wonderful old pictures and drawings to go along with the history of California. The states development includes; the Indian and Spanish colonial days, founding of the missions, events leading to statehood, gold rush, southern California land boom, and much more.

School News

LOOKING BACK...LOOKING FORWARD

Educators never cease to be amazed at how the summer break allows children to grow and change. The old adage 'you are either growing or you are eating' is never more apparent than when the new school year begins. Each student returns to their school with a new attitude for a fresh academic year, looking rested, taller and more alert than ever before. In short, "raring to go"! Whether or not they realize it, they are using the talents which God has given them, along with the knowledge they have gained from all of their experiences.

Grace Lutheran School has an exciting year planned for its students and families. The 2018-2019 school year includes academic and emotional growth for each student. As stated in our Parent Handbook, "...The purpose of Grace Lutheran School is to provide a Christian education that nurtures the children of Grace Lutheran Church and those of the community. The faculty of Grace Lutheran School is moved by God's Gospel to care for the families of each child in attendance...With parents and teachers working together...the students will, by the grace of God, grow in the truth of Jesus Christ as the only Savior and aim to gain the best education possible...Through...God's Scripture along with scholastic studies, the children will be formed spiritually, intellectually, aesthetically, emotionally, physically and socially..."

As we enter this new academic year, it is our prayer for you, your student and your family to use this time to grow in the joy of the Lord and in the education needed to serve Him by developing the individual talents He has given to each of us.

If there is anything the Grace Lutheran family of teachers, staff or congregation can do to make this new academic year one of better excellence, please let us know. It is our joy to serve one another in the Lord and we pray this will be our opportunity to reflect God through our service as we remember: *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.* Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

Invite you friends to be a part of Grace Lutheran School and thank you for all you do in support of Grace Lutheran School programs.

SEPTEMBER 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3 Labor Day – No School & No Extended Care
- 9 Partners in Worship – School Choir Sings
(Please arrive to the Parish Hall at 8:40a for warm up)
Back-to-School BBQ & Open House (11:30a)
- 18 PTL Meeting (6:30a)
- 19 Grace Lutheran School Picture Day
- 28 GLS Mid-Quarter
PTL Movie Night (6:30p)

Watch for the Parent Information Note which is sent electronically each Tuesday!

INTRODUCING TO OUR NEWEST TEACHER!

The members of the School Board, along with Principal Brauer, spent many months searching to fill the position of First and Second Grade Teacher at G.L.S. As most of us will attest, it can be quite the challenge to find someone who loves the Lord, is devoted to the education and development of children, and wishes to live in the economy of the Bay Area.

The interview team, along with the members of Grace Lutheran Church, prayed for a person who would meet these qualifications, trusting that our heavenly Father would provide the candidate of His choice. And He did! To God the glory!

Grace Lutheran School is excited to introduce Julia Collins as our new First and Second Grade teacher for the 2018-19 School Year!

A native of Southern California, Mrs. Collins was born on a fine summer day at Queen of Angels Hospital in North Hollywood. While she moved with her family every few years, Mrs. Collins says no matter where she lived, she knew that San Mateo was her 'heart's home'. In 1981 she relocated to the Bay Area and pursued her natural interests of skin care as a licensed Aesthetician. She enjoys English, History and Social Studies and is a life-long student. Along with her positive attitude, she has enthusiasm for working with children and is excited to work in a Christian setting.

Take a moment to share a smile, extend a warm handshake, and introduce yourself to Mrs. Collins, letting her know how blessed we all feel to have her in our Grace family!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



Grace Lutheran Church & School

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 Kati Kilcullen	4	5	6	7	8 Alex-Herlin Gomez
9	10	11 Jason Brauer	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Michael Kilcullen	19	20	21	22 Betty Schwartz Marilyn McKenna
23	24	25	26 Renee Noland	27	28	29
30 Wallace-Sandra Means						

Prayer Page

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

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
2 9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study	3 No School No Extended Care Office closed Labor Day	4 9:00a-Adult Bible Class	5 8:35a-Chapel 2:00p-GLS library	6	7	8 9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
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