

TOWER ECHOES

2021



From the Pastor,

I enjoy having my sister living in Cook. She and I are becoming friends and not just siblings. I have to love my sister and not fight with her or I will have my mother yelling at me in my head to behave myself. I chose to be loving to my friends.

My sister has done so many favors for us. Kathy cuts up the watermelon and pineapple and brings the portion that we would not eat and throw out Thursday night over to Char to enjoy. She loves fresh fruit so she is happy to help us out. This way I don't hear Mom in my head telling me not to waste food.

Her moving to Cook was about improving okay relationships. The Time after Pentecost in the church season is about improving our relationship with God. No matter how good we believe our relationship with God is, there is always room for us to improve our side of our relationship with God. Situations can change our view of the closeness we have with God. Age and faith maturity can also affect how we view our relationship with God.

And just as my sister, wife and I keep checking in with each other to know that we are helping my sister feel welcomed and at home, we must allow God to tell us what we need to do to improve or respond to the relationship with God established with us at our Baptism.

Pastor Jim

Church Season: We remain in the Church season of Time after Pentecost.

We take the knowledge of Jesus's life to apply meaning to how we live our lives as children of God.

Church Festival days: **August 18—Mary, Mother of Our Lord**
 August 24 - Bartholomew, Apostle
 August 20 - The Martyrdom of John the Baptist

Confirmation Begins

Confirmation for 6th, 7th & 8th Graders will begin August 25 with a Student/Parent meeting with Pastor at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the basement at Grace Lutheran Church. Classes will begin on September 1st.

August
Altar Committee
Cheryl Grundman

Assisting Minister

August

1—Jody Wellensiek

8— Carl Purcell

15— Jody Bruns

22—Bret Wellensiek

29— Kathy Helgren

School Kit items for Lutheran World

Relief are being collected.

The items needed are:

70 sheet spiral notebooks

(4 each school kit),

Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons,

Ball point Pens,

Blunt 5" scissors,

Unsharpened #2 Pencils.

School Sales are happening!

Donations are welcome to help
purchase the items and Thrivent

Action team funds will help fill
these back packs.

Thank you to all who worked or
donated food for the food
stand. We could not do it without
your participation.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd - Bill Bohling
4th - Betty Knapp
8th - Diane Ekhoﬀ
Ryan Weber
Madison Panko
Violet Wellensiek
9th - Diane Smith
12th - Lucas Cropp
13th - Hayden Wellensiek
14th - Carolyn Cropp
15th - Charlotte Wellensiek
16th - Mackenzie Hoins
17th - Melissa Wellensiek
19th - Glennis Cannon
28th - Bruce Armknecht
Travis Eﬀken
30th - Michael Purcell



August Anniversaries

8/2 - Kirk & Robyn Faris
8/3 - Kate & Russ Dietz
8/5 - Makenzie & Gabe Hoins
8/7—Bret & Melissa Wellensiek
8/22 - Richard & Joyce Roesener
8/26 - Bill & Alta Bohling
8/31 - Kurt & Julie Eﬀken



WANTED:

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING
THE SECRETARY FOR THE
WOMEN'S GROUP OF GRACE.

LET CAROLYN CROPP OR
CHERYL GRUNDMAN KNOW IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED OR
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Noisy Coin Offering will be
collected the last Sunday of
the month. So save your
change and make some
NOISE!

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 am Worship w/ Communion	2	3	4	5 ELCW Saved to Serve Project— Spencer, NE Aug 6—8	6	7
8 8:30 am Worship	9 Bible Study 1:30 pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 8:30 am Worship w/ Communion	16 School Starts @ JCC	17 Piecemakers Blanket Making all day Church Council 7 pm	18	19	20 Johnson County Fair	21
22 8:30 am Worship Johnson County Fair Parade - 6 pm	23 TOWER ECHOES DEADLINE	24	25 Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting @ GLC - 7 pm	26	27	28
29 8:30 am Worship Nebraska Synod Sunday—150 Anniversary	30	31				

ELCA WOMEN'S MEETING – JULY 08, 2021

The ELCA women of Grace held a meeting on July 08, at 7:00 PM. Members present: Carolyn Cropp, Diane Wilken, Kathy Helgren, Diane Ekhoﬀ, Eleta Eisenhower, Pastor Helgren, and Cheryl Grundman

President Carolyn opened the meeting and shared devotion from Psalms 27:8. A motion made by Diane Ekhoﬀ and second by Kathy Helgren to accept the minutes as written from the meetings of March 04, 2021 and June 13, 2021. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$3671.96, Savings \$1815.19 and CD \$1143.61. A motion made by Diane Ekhoﬀ and second by Cheryl Grundman to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter of thank you from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries for the sponsorship of a Summer Ministry Team Member. A thank you note from the family of Marianne Parde is posted on the bulletin board.

Old Business: Eleta Eisenhower gave a report on the Spring Gathering held at Trinity Lutheran in DeWitt, NE. Four members from Grace attended.

New Business: Eleta Eisenhower reported that we will need volunteers for 10 pies, 2 pans of brownies, and 14 workers to assist in the Cook Days food stand. We will share the food stand and profits with the Cook Historical Society/museum. We will also assist in serving watermelon for a free will donation.

We have been encouraged to write letters to Natalie Thies of Syracuse our Summer Ministry Team Member whom we sponsored at NLOM. Cheryl Grundman volunteered to write Natalie letters.

The secretary's position is up for nomination at our next meeting.

Quilt Auction will be held July 31st at Carol Joy Holling.

BiConvention will be October 1-3, at Carol Joy Holling with Jill Miller speaking and singing.

Saved to Serve August 6-8, 2021 at Lynch, NE Registration is due July 16th.

A motion was made by Eleta Eisenhower and second by Cheryl Grundman that we continue with a fundraiser dinner in November. Motion carried. Diane Ekhoﬀ and Kathy Helgren will chair this project.

Grace will host Mission Festival Oct 17th. Table Grace Ministries of Omaha, NE will be our guest. They will bring Table Grace Food truck for our noon meal.

Committee Reports: Secretary of Education, Kathy Helgren

Library books have been purchased in memory of Evelyn Effken and Marianne Parde, STARFISH PIER and DRIFTWOOD BAY by Irene Hannon.

Secretary of Stewardship, Eleta Eisenhower for Joyce Roesener, 364 blankets have been finished to date this year. Supplies were received for 100 personal care kits; we are now collecting for school kits.

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer, next meeting Sept 09, 2021.

Cheryl Grundman, Secretary

Love **BELIEVE**
PRAY *Faith*
Grace **STRENGTH**
Trust *Joy Peace* **+**

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