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From our Pastor

Remembering People

Rev. Michael Mueller

There's a story about a city fellow who was visiting relatives on a farm and the farmer gave a whistle and his dog herded the cattle into the corral. "Wow, that's some dog. What's her name?" The forgetful farmer thought a minute, then asked, "What do you call that red flower that smells good and has thorns on the stem?" "A rose?" "That's it!" The farmer turned to his wife. "Hey Rose, what do we call this dog?"

There are times when we humans can be quite forgetful. What is your worst happening of forgetfulness? Did you ever get in your car, reach for your keys and didn't have them? Or you couldn't remember your own phone number? If we were put in the right situation at the right time, we all can be quite forgetful.

But, the worst forgetfulness of all is to forget people! One of the biggest lessons that we need to learn is that God didn't put us here for us! God put us here for others!

Philippians 2:3-4: Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others;

II Corinthians 1:3-4: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Do you hear God speaking to you? God comforts us so that we can comfort others. God ministers to us so that we can minister to others! God loves us so we can love others! GOD PUT US HERE FOR OTHERS!

We live in a very self-centered society. It's every man, woman and child

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Remembering People

for themselves. But in humility we are to consider others better than ourselves. We should be interested in others for their good, not for our gossip. Most people are only interested in others because they want to spread the bad news.

We are to love all people, but there are times when we love some more intensely. Or they are needing more love from us than others. It's all right to do that, to show that at times. When someone is hurting, don't you love them even more? If not, why not? You should (Romans 12:15: *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep*). We may not get a second chance at loving some people. We'd better love them while we can, even if they seem unlovable at the time.

A preacher was in his study, preparing his sermon, when his little boy toddled into the room, and holding up his pinched finger, said, with an expression of suffering, "Look, Daddy, it hurts bad!" That preacher glanced at him and with a tone of impatience, said, "I can't help it, honey." The little boy's eyes grew bigger, and as he turned to go out, he said in a low voice, "Yes, you could have helped it. You could have said, 'Oh, I'm sorry!'"



"My mind belongs to Jesus. He redeemed it with His blood. When evil thoughts torment me, I choose to think on good."



Summer Worship

Not able to be with us on Sunday? Come join us for a short devotion service on each Wednesday at 7 p.m. through August 26. The service will follow the pattern from the Sunday morning worship service with readings, two hymns, creed, The Lord's Prayer, a message from Pastor and communion, if offered the prior Sunday.

Offering

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| May 24 | 4,467 |
| May 31 | 7,377 |
| June 7 | 10,562 |
| June 14 | 3,459 |

Building Fund (BTBC)

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|-----------------|---------|
| Collected | 852,756 |
| Available funds | 286,932 |

Attendance

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|--------|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|
| May 23 | Sat | 9 | June 13 | Sat | 10 |
| May 24 | Sun | 101 | June 14 | Sun | 114 |
| May 30 | Sat | 21 | June 17 | Wed | 3 |
| May 31 | Sun | 132 | | | |
| June 6 | Sat | 14 | | | |
| June 7 | Sun | 138 | | | |

Average Attendance May

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| 2014 | 193 |
| 2015 | 153 |

REGULAR VOTERS MEETING
Sunday ~ July 19
Following Worship Service

Agenda to include:

1. Election of vice president & secretary.
Candidates are needed for both offices. Talk to a member of the board of directors to nominate someone (get permission first) or place your name in nomination.
2. Revised budget for July to December 2015.
3. Opportunity to become a voting member.

Mark your calendar and plan to be a part of the decisions made for the mission of
 Grace Lutheran Church and School.

Put this at the top of your prayer list asking God to bless this meeting and our mission.



Take a new photo and update your Information at 11:30 am Sundays through July 29 or 8:00 pm Wednesdays or 7:00 pm Saturdays. There will be a review of the printed samples at 11:30 am Sundays from Aug 9 to Aug 30 or 8:00 pm Wednesdays or 7:00 pm Saturdays. The finished Directories will be available starting Sunday, September 13. Updated information forms are necessary before your photo will be taken. All pictures will be taken immediately following the worship services.



sweetFrog Fundraiser for the 7th and 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. in the Spring of 2016. Come by on Tuesday, July 7. 25% of the profit goes to the students if you mention the fundraiser at the register! It's located at 44758 Valley Central Way, Lancaster near Black Angus. Great frozen yogurt in many flavors and multiple toppings!!



Faith Family Nights with the Jethawks! Baseball Tickets are \$4 for Friday, Saturday, July 25. The game starts at 6:30 p.m. See Teri in the church office for tickets!

Blood Drive



Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 21 from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm at the AVOIC- Antelope Valley Outpatient Imaging Center (J-5 and 15th Street West, Room 305)

Thank you to all who have participated.

College Graduates



Kevin Lotzgesell- He graduated from California State University Long Beach with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering.

Ryan Lalonde- He graduated from Antelope Valley College Magna Cum Laude with an Associate's Degree and plans to attend Arizona State University in the fall.

July Abundance Sunday Collection for Grace Resource Center is shampoo, hand lotion, lip balm, sunscreen and deodorant.

Vacation Bible School

Many thanks goes out to each and everyone that helped with our VBS this year. It was a true success!! We had an average of 55 children each day and 27 volunteers.





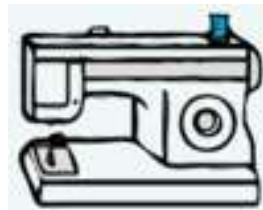
PRAYERS AND SQUARES NEWS

Prayers and Squares continue to meet all summer. Join the ladies any **MONDAY** from 9 to noon in the modular. There's a job for everyone as we work on prayer quilts, Lutheran World Relief quilts, pillowcases dresses and shorts.

Prayer quilts are available at any time for you to give to a family member or friend experiencing life difficulties and serious illness. Complete a form from the Parish Hall bulletin board and give it to Teri in the church office or call Marge (946-6806) and a quilt will be provided

SEW IN SATURDAY

Wow! What work can be accomplished when a group of ladies gets together on a Saturday with their sewing machines and donated fabric and supplies. Since last October when we sent off all the quilts, dresses and shorts we had, the ladies are beginning to see the fruit of their labors. As of last count they have 85 World Relief quilts, 127 pair of shorts and 124 dresses. Can we make 100 LWR quilts, 175 dresses, and 175 pair of shorts? Come join the ladies work to reach this goal, or you can get some dresses to take home and complete at home. Just talk to Marge, Eunice or Jean.



Next **SEW IN SATURDAY** is **July 18**. In addition to our usual projects, we'll be working on some items for our LWML Sunday Boutique. Can't tell you what they are – just come, join us and see what great ideas are brewing for fall and Christmas. We'll meet in the modular any time after 9 am and continue into the afternoon for as long as you can stay.

Bring a sack lunch. Beverages and goodies will be provided.

Additional **SEW IN SATURDAYS** are scheduled for **August 15** and **September 19**.



BRING YOUR MITE BOX ANY SUNDAY
2015 GOAL \$1,600
COLLECTED TO DATE \$1,115

LWML Weekend at Grace will be October 3 & 4. Sage and Sand Zone Fall Celebration will be at Grace on Saturday. Sunday service will observe LWML Sunday with a special order of service, dedication of the quilts, dresses and shorts, and our Mini Boutique.



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