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# Grace Notes – August 5, 2018

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## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

### Summer Adult Forum on Hiatus

There will be no Adult Forum on August 5 or 12 while Pastor Repp is on vacation. Look for a new topic to start in late August.

### Emergency Pastoral Care

While Pastor Repp is on vacation, Pastor Janet Lepp and Pastor Tom Hillertz will be on-call for emergency situations needing pastoral care. Pastor Lepp will cover through August 5. Pastor Hillertz will cover August 6-14. Please call the church office for contact information.

### Summer Worship Schedule Through September 9

After a resolution from the Christian Ed and Social Ministry committees, the Council decided to extend the one worship service through September 9 so to have everyone together in worship for our “Bubbling Over” Sunday. This will be the guitar service for September. We will begin two services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on September 16.

### Youth Leadership Program Training

Have you wanted to help out with the youth programs at Grace, but you weren't sure you were prepared or how you could help? Come to the Youth Leadership Program Training on August 26 after the service to get questions answered and to find out how you can get involved with the youth Sunday School program, VBS, and even youth trips.

### Pub Theology on August 16

Pub Theology is on tap for Thursday, August 16, at 7:30 p.m. Location is TBA.

### Food Pantry Update

The GLC Food Pantry is humming along quite well this summer. We are serving an average of 40-45 families each Thursday, representing 150-175 individuals.



Thank you for continuing to supply plastic bags. This resource is important in helping us get our clients' food to their vehicles. Occasionally, our clients are on foot or come by bus, so “double bagging” can be very essential in transporting their food safely.

We would also like to request empty egg cartons. We seldom know when eggs become available, but sometimes there is breakage, and at other times the eggs are in cartons of 18 instead of 12. In this case, we would like to repackage them so that as many families as possible can take home one dozen. If we have a supply of egg cartons, this will help us with this product. Please put the empty egg cartons in the bin at the main entrance of the church or leave them on the island in the kitchen.

We truly appreciate the ongoing financial contributions to support the pantry. Clearly it is essential, as we operate outside the budget of the church. If you would like to make a food donation, please consider *regular canned tuna packed in water*, especially if you see it on sale at your grocery store. Despite the high sodium content, canned tuna is one of those staples that can be stretched by using it in rice or pasta dishes.

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping us serve those in need in our community.

*Your Pantry Board,*

*Kathy Bowersox, Jim Fleming, Karen Krusa, Carol Shupp, & Royce Wilken* ☩

## LWR School Kits for Bubbling Over with Love and Service Day

Our project to collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits has begun. We do this in July and August each year to take advantage of the wonderful sales available before the school year begins. Our plan is to gather the supplies in July and August and then put 60 kits together on *Bubbling Over with Love and Service Day* on September 9. (The Social Ministry Committee will provide the cloth bags, purchased from fair trade makers.) Each week we will provide an update for the exact amount of each item still needed.

We still need as of July 29<sup>th</sup>:

- **185** spiral bound notebooks (70 page)
- **34** rulers (30 cm)
- **53** pencil sharpeners
- **35** scissors (blunt tip)
- **266** pencils (unsharpened with eraser)
- **270** ball-point pens (black or blue)
- **50** boxes of crayons (16 or 24)
- **37** erasers (2½")

Please bring all supplies to the narthex by Sunday, September 2, 2018 and place them in the large gray plastic tub labelled "**LWR School Supplies**". Thank you!

Questions? Please check with Grace Schoedel.



## Not Sure What All This Talk of "Bubbles" Is About

On Sunday, September 9, immediately following the worship service, Social Ministry and Christian Education are hosting an all-congregational event. This event will include four different Social Ministry projects, games and contests, and of course food. (Thank you Hospitality!)

## LWR Personal Care Kits

We also hope to gather supplies for 30 personal care kits for LWR, so please check the list below and bring those supplies as well. The social ministry committee will provide the bath towels and we ask that congregation members provide the supplies for the kits. (If you would like to put together an entire kit, please pick up one of the bath towels in the narthex, take it home and fill it with 2 bars of soap, 1 adult-sized toothbrush in its original packaging, 1 sturdy comb, and 1 metal nail clipper. Tie the kit with ribbon or yarn and bring to the narthex by Sunday, September 2, 2018).

We still need as of July 29<sup>th</sup>:

- **0** bath-size bars of soap equaling up to 8-9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping
- **18** adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging
- **27** sturdy combs
- **27** metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

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## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this fund with the current appeal. Because of your generosity we are again able to respond to requests for help each week, vetted by area social workers. Grants made by the Fund are used to help with rent or utilities. These grants can help a family stay in their apartment or keep the electricity on. We receive a number of requests each week, so there is an ongoing need for donations so that we may continue to help those in need. Once the dedicated funds run out, we have to turn down requests as Pastor's Discretionary Fund does not receive any general fund support.