

*Living with Christ, Growing in Grace!*

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Branching out in Service*

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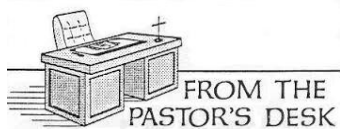
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# *Grace & Trinity Newsbites*

MAY & JUNE 2025



Here's the weekend schedule for while I am on sabbatical. I hope that you will enjoy welcoming and hearing different preachers each week; from all of our denominational affiliations.

If there is a need for emergency pastoral care while I am gone, Pr. Deb Hammer (402)518-0423 is the contact pastor.

Saturday - May 24 the service is at Trinity at 5:30 PM  
(Service of the Word)

Deacon Timothy Siburg, Director for Evangelical Mission,  
Innovation and Stewardship, NE ELCA Synod

Sunday - June 1 the service is at Grace at 9:00 AM (Service of the Word)

Table Grace Ministries & Food Truck!  
Simone G. Weber

Saturday - June 7 the service is at Trinity at 5:30 PM  
Rev. Gaylund Olson, retired UCC pastor

Sunday - June 15 the service is at Grace at 9:00 AM  
Rev. Stephanie Ahischwede, District Superintendent,  
Greatplains UMC, Eastern NE District

Saturday - June 21 the service is at Trinity at 5:30 PM  
Rev. Richard Fitzgerald, Greatplains UMC Circuit Rider

Sunday - June 29 the service is at Grace at 9:00 AM  
Rev. Roberto Ochoa, IA UCC, NE UCC and SD UCC Tri-  
Conferences Ministries of the UCC Conference Minister.

Saturday - July 5 the service is at Trinity at 5:30 PM  
Rev. Heidi Wallace, Assistant to the Bishop, NE ELCA Synod

I am grateful for the gift of sabbatical time; and intend for it to be a true sabbatical. So, as much as I do love you and appreciate being your pastor, I will be unavailable from May 19 to June 30. I plan to be back in the office on July 1 for a couple of days before leaving for the Mission trip to Milwaukee; returning to the ‘pulpit’ the weekend of July 12 & 13.

I will be driving to Alaska via the ‘eastern route’ (east of the Rockies) and returning on the ‘western route’ (Vancouver & British Columbia); then spending 10 days at Holden Village (a Lutheran retreat center in the Cascade mountains in WA) before heading back to Nebraska. I’m going to be car camping, a new adventure for me!

I look forward to time away for rest and renewal and learning. Though I’ve driven from Maine to California and back several times, this will be the longest road trip yet. I appreciate your prayers for a ‘healthy’ car, safe travels and a renewed mind, body and spirit. I trust that as you hear different voices and experience different styles of leading worship; and don’t have ‘pastor ‘handy, that God will be doing a new thing among you. As well, I trust God will be opening my mind and heart to whatever new thing God has for me to learn and grow. We will all be changed by these six weeks apart; and change is a healthy and good gift. After all, without change, there is no growth, and life withers and fades away. Thanks be to God that God is on the journey with us. Christ is risen! Alleluia! What new thing is coming to life in you?

Traveling mercies, Pr. Priscilla

**Reminder – there’s a sign-up to host fellowship at both churches. Please take a turn.**

**We have generally had a couple of people set up Thrivent Action Teams when Table Grace comes to town. One for the worship service and one for the food truck. Are there two families with Thrivent products who would like to do this? Needs to be done within a week or so to be in time for June 1.**

THANKFUL

The Mission Trip group are grateful for everyone's generosity in supporting our fundraising efforts. The pizza sales, the tip night and the steak sandwiches each brought in well over \$1000! Thank you! Please keep us -Teagen Berg, Max Bruning, Mckeyla & Scott Dahlgren, Cara Mandel, Ryder Stigge, Jamie Stigge, Bob Wilson and Pastor in your prayers as we get ready for the trip, and July 5-11 while we are on the road and in Milwaukee.

Looking ahead: The annual Progressive Supper is scheduled for Sunday, July 13. 5:30 - Grace for appetizers. 6:00 - St. Mary's for salads. 6:30 - St. Paul's for main dish. 7:00 - Trinity for dessert. Talk to Todd Kuxhausen to help at Grace and Bev Meyer & Suzy Anderson to help at Trinity.







**In Our Prayers this Month:**

To see an updated list please contact the office.

New Addresses for: Please contact the office for their new addresses  Paula French  Dolores Starr
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**Trinity News**

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## **Spring Cleaning at Grace May 19 and 20, 3-7pm**

It is time for a good Spring Cleaning and we are asking for everyone's help! To accommodate the busyness of May, we will have the Church open May 19th and 20th from 3p-7p to pop in and out as you are able. Bring your family, get a group together, come on your own, whatever works for you! We will have small chores and larger chores, so all help is greatly appreciated. Do you like to organize, purge, vacuum, or dust? We have a job for you! Do you like to spend time outdoors? We have a job for you!

Refreshments and gratitude will be provided!

## **Church maintenance volunteers needed**

To help with ongoing general maintenance needs of the Church and parsonage, we are looking for families/groups to be responsible for tasks throughout the year. Families/groups who sign up will be responsible for the task from June 1-December 31. Most tasks require little time commitment throughout the year. The following tasks are available:

- Check and replace light bulbs (suggestion to walk through church monthly and replace as needed)
- Check and replace filters in the parsonage (suggestion for replacing every 3 months)
- Check and refill water softener (suggestion to check every 1-2 months and refill as needed)
- Clean counters and sinks in kitchen (suggestion for cleaning every 2 months)
- Weed around church
- Clean parsonage gutters

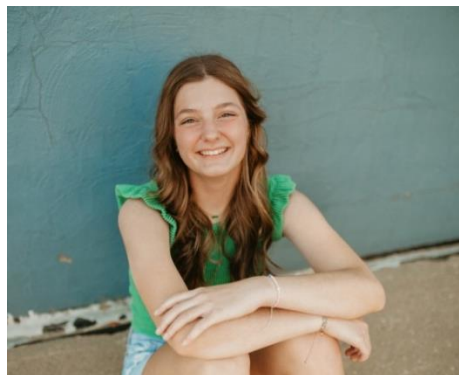
If you would be willing to take responsibility for one of the above areas, please contact the office. Thank you for your participation!



The Grace Quilters have done it again. This is their 100<sup>th</sup> quilt!



## Grace Lutheran & Trinity High School Graduates



Mackenzie Schmid

Daughter of Luke and Renee Schmid

Graduating from Guardian Angels Central Catholic

Her plan is to attend Kansas State University and major in Pre-Law/Criminology

Collin Stigge

Son of Chris and Jamie Stigge

Graduating from West Point-Beemer High School

His plans are to attend University of Lincoln and major in Political Science and then pursue a Law Degree.







Avery Yarger

Daughter of Jim and Brenda Yarger

Graduating from West Point-Beemer High School

Her plan is to attend Northeast Community College and become a Physical Therapy Technician



May 18 - we will be celebrating Confirmation with Max Bruning, Mckeyla Dahlgren and Graidy Tusha as they Affirm their Baptisms.

The Grace Quilters would greatly appreciate any donations of blankets, sheets and fabric.

Reminder, Vicki Furchert is still collecting Best Choice UPC codes. Our American Legion Auxiliary gets 3 cents per code. The funds are used for Veteran's projects. There is a collection bucket in Parish Hall at Grace.

Mosaic (a community with people who have intellectual disabilities) in Beatrice is collecting used candles for a fundraising project. The plan is to collect as many as possible and Pam & Jeff will take them to Synod Assembly at the end of May. There will be a tote in the fellowship hall.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for movie night – last Tuesday of the month.

