

Ministry Announcements for the week of September 16, 2018

TODAY IN WORSHIP!

- ✝ Altar Flowers this morning are in loving memory of Robert Braun from his family. Robert entered Life Eternal on September 11. The white rose on the altar is also in memory of Robert.
- ✝ Opportunities for flowers in our worship spaces may be found in the Flower Book on the table in the north hallway.
- ✝ As a gift of grace, members of the prayer team are available for you in the prayer chapel (across the hall from the chapel) following the 9:30 worship.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR RETURNS TO BRENNER HALL - TODAY

THANK YOU, KRISTLE!

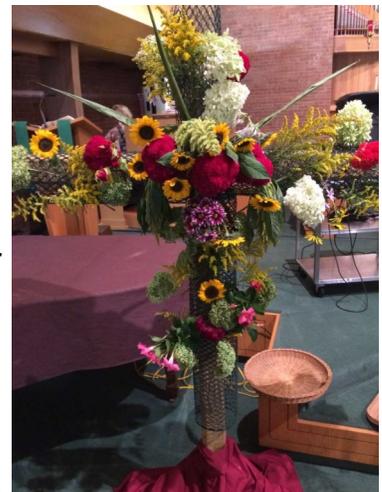
Today we give thanks for the ASL interpretation ministry Kristle has shared among us. The Holy Spirit is calling Kristle to increasing mission activities and leadership roles in the church she attends, and today is her last day with us.

BLESSINGS FLOWED FROM BRENNER HALL

Last Sunday evening's event, **An Evening of Hope & Remembrance**, became so large that it was moved from Fellowship Hall to Brenner Hall. Invited by *Inspired by Grace*, community resource tables ringed BH. Available for anyone were contacts and resources to help individuals and families dealing with drug addiction, recovery from prostitution, rape victim support, family coaching, suicide prevention and survival. During the resource fair, speakers shared stories of survival and the importance speaking light to darkness. At 7:00pm. Tony Lockard and his guitar led a procession through the candle lit halls of Grace to the Chapel, where the GLC Prayer Team and Debby Reeb offered a time of prayer and remembrance.

BUSY HANDS!

Busy were the planning minds and crafting hands of Connie Thomas and Gretchen Hiatt in going the second mile in preparing and providing for Rally Day festivities.



CATECHISM

7TH & 8TH Grade Families are invited to meet with Pastor Al next Sunday (9/23) during Fellowship Hour. This is the Informational Meeting for the year. Catechism classes will occur on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month, between worship services. Participation is mandatory.

LIVIN' OUR PURPOSE: BLESSIN' THE WORLD! COME

ON and join in as **Grace Full Friends** returns this week (6:30pm Tuesday in Fellowship Hall). And/Or, GLC **Worship heads over to Kingston Residence** in Sylvania on Wednesday, September 19 at 1:30pm (Upstairs Community Room)

5 SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER means a combined worship of Healing & Prayer on **September 30. 10:30. 1 worship service** for the day.

IT WAS A WRESTLING MATCH on a hard mat that ended in a pin. Dan, that is, wrestling and pinning a new safe to the office floor (thank you, Dan). This installation is the first step in a systemic change to separate the handling of finances (inflow and outflow) from the recording of them. Additional information will be coming in the months ahead.

WHAT MIGHT A RED-NOSED GOAT & A BARE CHRISTMAS TREE have to do with getting at a deeper meaning of Christmas? Many forces push families to think a good Christmas is having a Christmas tree overflowing upon and underneath. What if the GLC Family Christmas Goal was to celebrate having a bare tree with nothing underneath?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN (that good Lutheran question) to have Sunday morning greeters at the doors? Consider: what does it mean that most church visitors decide whether or not they will return a second time within the first five minutes (or less) of arriving . . . *before* they ever hear a note of music or hear the pastor?

YOU'RE DOING IT! GLC has a long history of investing in water-accessing infrastructure for sisters and brothers in Tanzania. Talk with Ron Hiatt about the latest . . . and stay-tuned for a Saturday evening update event on October 27.

WHY WOULD WE EVER DO SUCH A THING? Such a thing as what? Explore what it means to be an active follower of Jesus Christ and how that is reflected in our personal life and ministry. Interestingly, dying churches seem to think that are far more important things to do. For thriving churches, there is nothing else.

GLC IS MORE THAN SUNDAY!

Yes, we are! As you consider what and who will receive the blessings of your giving, do remember that much good happens through this place and people. The work through this place and people does need your support. The Church Council learned this week that we are almost \$18,000 in the red . . . a significant figure, especially when we are operating below budget.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Tuesday, Oct. 2		Serve at Salem
Sunday Oct. 7	12:30 pm	Luther League - Gust Brothers Farm
Sunday Nov. 4	12:30 pm	Luther League Meeting/pancake breakfast
Sunday Dec. 2	12:30 pm	Luther League - \$5 gift exchange, put up Christmas tree, shop for Sunshine
Saturday, Dec. 15	3:00 pm	Bake cookies and Lights at the Zoo

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are looking for donations to place in the boxes to be shipped later this year.
September: erasers and crayons

THURSDAY 10 am BIBLE STUDY

You are missing the fun if you miss Thursday 10 Bible Study! Last week's reading Genesis Chapter 14. This is the beautiful love story of Rebekah and Isaac. In prayer, Abraham sends a servant to find the right woman for Isaac to marry. Rebekah is

YOU ARE INVITED!

On November 3rd, Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen will come to St. Paul's for a day to engage your questions about God, faith, religion, and theology, and why, how, and even whether they matter! The entire day will be directed by the questions that this community offers up for reflection and conversation.

Dr. Madsen will then offer some approaches for thinking through the questions you have raised, and welcome reflection and even more questions in conversation with the whole group. Wonder, and then know you are welcome to join us

When: Nov 3, 9am to 3pm

Where: St Paul's Lutheran Church 428 N. Erie St Toledo

Cost: \$15 per person includes lunch and refreshments. Scholarships are available by application.

Questions for Rev Dr. Madsen should be submitted to pastor.pete@stpaulstoledo.org no later than Sept 30.

RSVP for the event no later than Oct 22 to pastor.pete@stpaulstoledo.org

Anna Madsen is a "freelance theologian" in Two Harbors, MN. After graduating from Trinity Lutheran Seminary ('96) in Columbus, Ohio, she served a small South Dakota parish before earning a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology ('04) (with a focus on the Theology of the Cross) in Regensburg, Germany. Immediately prior to the family's return to Sioux Falls, SD, where Anna was to begin a call as an assistant professor of religion, an accident killed her husband and severely injured her young son Karl. Daughter Else was eight months old at the time. The event powerfully shaped her theology and her life, not least of all by being the catalyst for OMG: Center for Theological Conversation, and now the Spent Dandelion Theological Retreat Center. OMG, the Spent Dandelion, and the family are happily anchored on 20 acres of North Shore woods with shocks of Lake Superior through the trees. Karl, 17, Else, 14, and Anna (and now their Danish foreign exchange student Maja!) love to bake, cook, travel, be in nature, go 'walk and rolls,' involve themselves in politics, and play with their beloved huge hounds Gimli and Chutzpaw.

FALL GATHERINGS FEATURING THE BISHOP'S BAKE-OFF

Join us for a night of worship, fellowship, and learning at the annual NW Ohio Synod Fall Gatherings!

The Gathering will start at 6:30 p.m. with worship, followed by the Bake-Off, and a time of learning. Bishop Daniel will kick-off the evening with the introduction of the Year of the Scripture, after which attendees can choose to attend one of two presentations:

- People, Purpose, Parish and Perspective: Resourcing for God's Call with Sherry Krieger
- Removing the Barriers to Generosity in your Congregation: A Systematic Approach, Step 1 with Kent Wilson

The Fall Gathering in the Toledo area is set for October 11 at Glenwood Lutheran Church beginning at 6:30 pm. You may make a reservation by going online or by calling the NW Ohio Synod office at 419-423-3664.

The Bishop's Bake-Off - when you register, indicate that you are interested in bringing a dessert. Find your favorite recipe that matches the flavor of the evening. (The Glenwood Gathering flavor is Lemon). You may share your recipe if you wish by submitting it online or by bringing it to the Gathering.

The NW Ohio Synod website is www.nwos-elca.org



Grace Full Friends This is a ministry at Grace designed to share the love of Christ with individuals with developmental disabilities. It's a time to share a lesson, sing, pray, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. Check the bulletin board across from the church office for updates and samples of crafts made by our Grace Full Friends. Please consider joining us soon. Grace Full Friends meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Additional information: Bob Haaf (475-0374 | rahaaf@aol.com)



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Sunday, September 16

Assisting Minister: David O'Brien

Lector: Dan Holzscheiter

Ushers: Mary Jo Price, Rick Wood, Larry Lohmann, Brian Lohmann

Fellowship Hosts: Nancy Lockard, Gretchen Hiatt

Fellowship Greeter:

You may sign up to assist with worship by going to Sign Up Genius. Find GLC Worship Teams and select the date(s) and job(s) you wish to do.

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

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| September 30 | Healing Service - 10:30 am | One Service Only that day |
| October 28 | Reformation Sunday | |
| November 4 | All Saints Sunday | |
| November 22 | Thanksgiving Eve Service At Memorial Lutheran Church | |
| November 25 | Christ the King Sunday | |
| Year 2020 | Grace Lutheran's 120th Anniversary (Sept. 13, 2020) | |