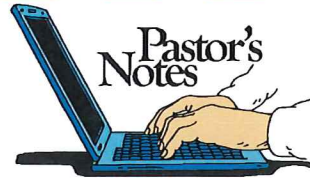




LOG Newsletter

AUGUST 2019



When I first started at Lord of Grace, in 2010, I would tell people about the church, and when they would drive by they would always say that it was "really pretty" and that the location was the same. I get similarly positive responses from people when I show people the sanctuary, and they see the rock wall, the cross, the high ceilings. It's an attractive facility in a great location that we have been blessed with. It speaks of both function (the big fellowship hall), education, and encountering God. Psalm 29:2 tells us to "worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." (King James Version). Then it was a temple, now it's our building.

Of course, THE CHURCH is not the building, but the people of God. The building is a tool, a means to an end, serving the purposes of ministry. It is not why we're here, but it is where "here" often is for us. And we have been lucky, in many ways, to have a place like this. The land was sold in 1981 because the old dude ranch behind us realized they could not use the land beyond the wash and at the corner of the roads. So the old Lutheran Church in America (a predecessor church to the ELCA) bought the property in the hopes of a future sight. And so we have, for \$46,000, four acres of land that today would go for over a million. A previous generation made an investment so we could have this place to proclaim God's holiness amidst the beauty of his creation. For that we are thankful.

And then another generation came and built the building with sweat, tears, and a lot of money. A good portion of that has still to be paid off (over \$200k is left), and will be done in 2026, at our current rate. So they left us with the facility that has seen thousands of people go through it, thousands of kids, thousands of worshipers, thousands of community people here for meetings and ministries and events.

And over the years, like every building, it has taken some beatings, some wear, and things have simply broken down with time and the elements. This is natural. In our case, having been put up at the height of the building boom in 2002, we think some corners might have been cut by the contractors - not always putting in the highest grade materials and stretching things here and there. What it all means is that we are now at a time to have make some big repairs to keep this facility in good shape for the ministries of this and the next generation.

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9:00am to 1:00pm

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8:30 - Traditional
10:30 - Contemporary
9:45 Bible Study

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For this we began this year with our property chair, Mike Stein, going through the building and taking an inventory of necessary upgrades and repairs. As a church we have done a good job of not deferring maintenance, but trying to fix things as they come up. We replaced bathroom floors and counters and sinks. We've replaced lots of air conditioning units, and then our lights and so on. But a few things still came up that are above and beyond regular maintenance. These include, for starters, the roof and the exterior. Our expansive tile roof sits on a layer of felt "underlayment" that acts as a water barrier for what moisture the tiles don't catch, such as in a monsoon with horizontal winds. Ours was not put down of the highest grade, and in the last couple years we have had several \$1000+ repairs to various places. But the underlayment is at the end of its expected lifespan, and will need to be replaced - or we can keep patching over and over and over, with attendant water damage every time.

The exterior paint is fading and, in many places coming off completely. In several places the original stucco is peeling, exposing the inside to water damage. We also are not convinced the most expensive, and non-watered-down, paint was used in 2002, so we are due for a full-building repaint.

On the inside, the drywall in the ceilings of the sanctuary and fellowship hall are showing cracks from the roof settling - a natural process for wood frame buildings, but still one that leaves cracks. The floor of the fellowship hall is also showing bubbling up of the tile along the lines of where the concrete slab was poured. We don't know exactly what's causing this, and we won't know for certain until we pull up the tile, and which time we will have to replace either a little or a lot of floor.

Put all this together with a few other repairs and we have far more to fix and replace than can be covered in our annual budget - by a lot. Initial estimates for roof and paint alone are coming in around \$120,000 - that is with getting the highest quality materials and workmanship. Other things push the bill above \$250,000.

So we talked this through as a council, and came to the conclusion that we needed to do these repairs soon, and do a special campaign to raise the funds for them. Fixes only get more expensive if they are deferred, and damage increases the costs of repairs the longer you wait. Nothing ever gets cheaper in building repair. Ever. On the other hand, with some effort, prayer, and donations, we could get these big items done, and done well, so we are positioned for ministry now and for the next several years, and we don't leave a huge deferred maintenance bill to the next generation. I have seen more than one church/seminary/camp fall so far behind on repairs that they had to simply sell the property and move. While I believe there is no crime in meeting in a school gym or storefront, I don't believe any of us want to go back to that, given the beautiful property that we have.

On the other hand, an investment in the building now will save us tons down the road.

Details and information will start coming your way soon - everything from informational meetings, to congregational meetings, to schedules and so on. At this point we are still exploring some of the nuts and bolts of what a project like this would entail, how it would work and what would be expected. We're at a very initial phase. But I thought it would be good for all of us to start thinking and praying about it. It's a big project, with big goals, but I believe it is truly possible, and necessary. We have been given much, and God has tasked us with being good stewards of what we have for the goals of his ministry.

Peace,

Pastor Lars

Youth Group

Junior and Senior High

**Lunch and
Planning Meeting
for Parents**

August 11, 12noon

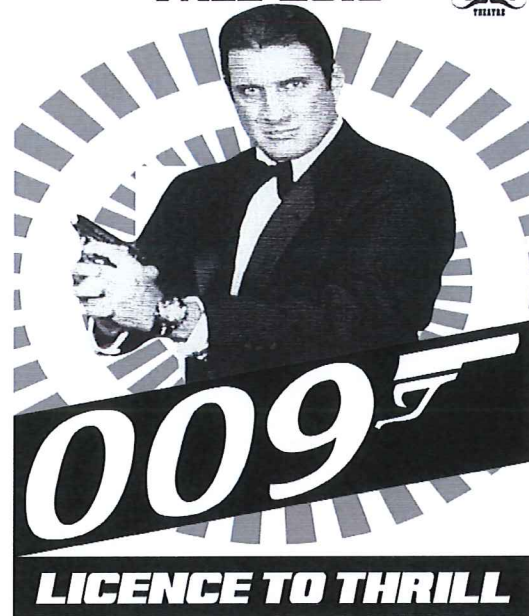


For all parents of kids in 7th-12th grades. Join us to eat, share some fellowship, and help us plan out our youth group for the 2019-2020 school year. Bring your calendars; we'll be setting dates. RSVP by August 5th, if you can, to Pastor Lars (hammarlars@yahoo.com) so we can have a count for food (the youth team will be cooking a special lunch; no ordered pizza).

A Night at the Gaslight Theater

With

FALL 2019



Friday November 8, 2019 8:30pm Show

sponsored by



Call Tim Murphy at 520-797-4954 LoG Parish Rep for Tickets

Remember Lord of Grace in your will and planned giving.

You're invited to Rally Day - the start of the fall school year and program year for Lord of Grace.



Country Gospel Music - Featuring Stuart Oliver, the Lord of Grace Praise Band, and Arizona Banjo Champion Rudy Cortese

*Pot Luck Brunch after service - bring an egg dish to share
Face Painting and Balloons for kids*

Ministry Fair - check out different ways to serve and grow at the tables put up by our various ministry groups



Rejuvenate!!



Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27
As Paul's first letter to the Corinthians reminds us, "**We are the church**, the people, and we have been called to do God's work."

In a few short months our building will be 17 years old. The church has been home for our community. We have worshipped and enjoyed fellowship together. It has been our home base for the ministry that we have been called to do!

Our building is in need of important repairs and refurbishing in order to continue our ministry. The most immediate needs include the following three areas:

1. Painting

- a. Exterior painting and stucco repair, possible mural on the South Fellowship wall that would be painted by Open Space.
- b. Interior painting of Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall painting walls and ceilings
- c. Crack repair-Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
- d. Power washing and re-staining of wood trim in walk-way

2. Roof

Over the past few years leaks have developed and been fixed as they appeared. The entire underlayment is deteriorating and needs to be replaced

3. Fellowship/Kitchen Flooring

 Replacement of floor and possible foundation work

A small group of our congregation including Candy Borstad, Lars Hammar, Mason Kus, Mike Stein, Vicky Shearer, Tom Pitello and Phyllis Teager have convened to explore possible ways to move forward with these building needs so that we may continue the important ministry that God calls us to do at Lord of Grace. This includes exploring working with a capital campaign consultant. Everyone can look for opportunities to become personally involved in restoring and renovating our church home. Please pray for this important work and discern God's intention for us at Lord of Grace.



Victoria Raymond/Valenzuela
Edlynn Wilson Aug 2
Hannah List Aug 3
Jackson Baylor Aug 3
Kylee Carlson Aug 3
Raquelle Gonzales Aug 6
Marc Maisto Aug 6
Jakob Yngve Aug 8
Irene Harvey Aug 9
Quinella Dawn Baylor Aug 9
Katie Bellisario Aug 12
April McDaniel Aug 12
Jillian Maisto Aug 13
Esther Ayala Aug 17
Carey Miller Aug 19
LaVonne Ritzen Aug 19
Caitlyn O'Brien Aug 19
Nicole Snyder Aug 19
Carol Meedel Aug 20
Earl Leibforth Aug 24
Branson White Aug 25
Amy Gonzales Aug 28
Barbara Westrom Aug 31



August

8/2 Casey & Dianna Andrews
8/3 Tom & Karen Lundstrom
8/5 Terrance & Vicki Shearer
8/7 Brian & Patty Clymer
8/9 Len & Karne Mowinski]
8/22 David & Lynn Nanni
8/23 Dave & Colleen Trapp
8/28 Norman & LaVonne Ritzen



The Lord of Grace scholarship committee is pleased to announce this year's winner of the \$500 scholarship awarded to a student pursuing a degree at a community college or university.

Applicants were required to submit an application and essay for consideration. This year we had two very strong candidates who both shared fantastic essays. After careful review, the scholarship committee selected Maliyah Pye as the winner.

Maliyah graduated from Mountain View High School this year and will be attending Northern Arizona University this fall to pursue a degree in exercise sports science. She wants to pursue her goal of becoming a physical therapist.

In addition to attending NAU, Maliyah plans to work on campus, perform some volunteer work and continue her faith through church and faith groups. Maliyah also wrote about the different challenges and opportunities that college may bring and the importance of her faith and trusting in God's plan.

Please join us in congratulating Maliyah on this fine accomplishment and wishing her all the best with her studies!

Property



The Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, and Narthex thermostats have been converted to WiFi control. Regularly scheduled events are now programmed into the thermostats and locked. All non-scheduled events requiring the use of heating or air conditioning will now be done remotely via WiFi. Notices have been posted. Please contact

these individuals in the order listed below to do this. Thank you for your support!

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Kim Maisto (Event Coordinator) 520.270.3939

April McDaniel (Preschool Dir.) 520.975.4509

Worship Assistants -- AUGUST 2019

DATE	TIME	USHERS/GREETERS	COM ASST.	LECTOR
AUGUST 4 1st Serv	8:30AM	Esther Ayala & Len Mowinski	Harry & Jackie Slingland	Edlynn Wilson
	10:30AM	Janette Corollo/Denise Willcoxson	Ray & Nancy Hall	Brian Clymer
AUGUST 11 1st Serv	8:30AM	Dave & Colleen Trapp	Barb Olson & Esther Ayala	Carolyn Bernheim
	10:30AM	Mike O'Brien/Mike Stein	Brian & Emily Clymer	Ray Hall
AUGUST 18 1st Serv	8:30AM	Hal & Edlynn Wilson	Harry & Jackie Slingland	Carol Buuck
	10:30AM	Carlene Hugues/Carol Meedel	Sandy Jacobson & Lynda Oliver	
AUGUST 25 1st Serv	8:30AM	Esther Ayala & Edlynn Wilson	Carolyn & Erin Bernheim	Paulette Claver
	10:30AM	Tom Pitello/Carol Buuck	Cory & Lisa Wulff-Plumb	Kris Collen
DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	PRAYERS	KIDS CHAT
AUGUST 4 1st Serv	8:30AM	Karl Hammar	*****	*****
	10:30AM	Riley Baylor	Emily Clymer	Candy Borstad, Danielle George & Lindsay Tavares
AUGUST 11 1st Serv	8:30AM	Karl Hammar	*****	*****
	10:30AM	James Willcoxson	Patty Clymer	Candy Borstad, Danielle George & Lindsay Tavares
AUGUST 18 1st Serv	8:30AM	Caitlyn O'Brien	*****	*****
	10:30AM	Caitlyn O'Brien	Tim Murphy	Candy Borstad, Danielle George & Lindsay Tavares
AUGUST 25 1st Serv	8:30AM	Karl Hammar	*****	*****
	10:30AM	Riley Baylor	Candy Borstad	Candy Borstad, Danielle George & Lindsay Tavares
COUNTERS				ALTAR GUILD
AUGUST	Mon 5	Kim Maisto	Len Mowinski	Vicki Shearer/Candy Borstad
	Mon 12	Dave Trapp	Harry Slingland	Colleen Trapp/Carol Parker
	Mon 19	Esther Ayala	Kay Jensen	Carolyn Bernheim
	Mon 26	Pat Teager	Len Mowinski	Vicki Shearer/Carol Meedel
Note: Please call the office ahead of time if unavailable for your selected date or time				

Note: Please call the office if your not available for the selected date

Lord of Grace Lutheran Church, Contacts, Lord of Grace Fundraisers, Aug 2019 (Mountain Standard Time - Phoenix)
 Holidays in United States

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8:30am - Traditional 10:30am - Contempo	29 11am - CPR Class	30 9am - Yoga	31 3pm - Alanon 5pm - Preschool 7pm - Praise Team	1 9am - Yoga 4pm - AA	2	3 7am - Men's Group 6pm - AA
4 8:30am - Traditional 10:30am - Contempo 12pm - Family	5	6 9am - Yoga 6pm - Worship Mtg.	7 3pm - Alanon 7pm - Praise Team	8 9am - Yoga 4pm - AA	9	10 7am - Men's Group 6pm - AA
11 8:30am - Traditional 10:30am - Contempo 12pm - Youth Group	12	13 9am - Yoga	14 3pm - Alanon 7pm - Praise Team	15 9am - Yoga 4pm - AA	16	17 7am - Men's Group 6pm - AA
18 RALLY DAY 9am - Combined	19	20 9am - Yoga 7pm - Council Mtg	21 8:30am - LifeLine 3pm - Alanon 7pm - Praise Team	22 9am - Yoga 4pm - AA	23	24 7am - Men's Group 7:30am - VDC Mtg. 6pm - AA
25 8:30am - Traditional 10:30am - Contempo 12pm - Acolyte	26 9am - Yoga	27	28 3pm - Alanon 7pm - Praise Team	29 9am - Yoga 4pm - AA	30	31 7am - Men's Group 6pm - AA