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Order of Service - Divine Service: Setting 1 - LSB 151

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Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

Supporting the Ministry of Grace is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as on our Facebook and website (see above) allowing you to give online.

As We Gather:

When we were young and we messed up we might get a “do-over.” Golfers enjoy getting a mulligan—a free shot or do-over. As we look back on our lives, we sometimes see times that we wish we could go back to and have a “do-over.” We would like to be able to go back and make a different decision or fix a mistake we made. We cannot turn back time. God gives us something better. He gives us a new life—a fresh start that we get to celebrate every day as we remember our Baptism and the riches God gives us. Therefore, He calls us to focus on “... *things that are above, where Christ is...*” What better way than hearing His Word and receiving His “Real Presence” in His body and blood as things above come to us and give us the perfect “do-over” that gives eternal life!

“Survive & Thrive” Bible Study: We are taking a break for the summer, but plan to return again next fall. If you have a topic you would like to explore next year, please contact Pastor this summer.

Mission Of The Month.... Lutheran education is a trademark of our synod's understanding of what makes the Church strong. We are blessed to have CLS nearby and our mission jar in the narthex gives us the chance to support students from Grace that attend Central. With the state now providing Educational Savings Accounts in addition to the funds Grace provides, finances should not be a factor now in making a decision to send your child to CLS. Contact the school office at 223-5271 for more information.

Greeting Cards for every occasion are on the table in the NE corner of the entry with an assortment for you to purchase for \$.50 each. Proceeds will be used for mission purposes. Check them out!

LCMS Missionary to Taiwan: Rev. Mike Paul and his wife Irene invite you to come spend an evening with them on **Sunday, August 3rd at 7 PM** in the Parrish Hall at St. Andrew, Van Horne. They will talk about the work to spread the Gospel and training pastors that is being done in Taiwan (Republic of China/ROC). Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you then!

It's That Time Again!: The annual Blainstown Sauerkraut Days is a time that we at Grace take the opportunity to witness to the community via a float in the parade. If you have any great ideas for a float this year talk to Pastor. Planning will be happening in the upcoming weeks. Stay tuned!

You're Invited... to the Installation of the new pastor, Rev. Thomas C. Van Hemert at St. John Lutheran in Marengo on August 17th at 3:00 p.m. A dinner will follow the Installation Service.

Start Planning! The days are counting down to the start of another school year. That means, following Labor Day, we will once again hold Midweek Confirmation Classes every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:00. Children going into grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to study God's Word, learn the contents of the Small Catechism and be provided with opportunities to grow in their faith. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor.

Ice Cream Social: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Luzerne, is having an ice cream social on Sunday, August 10th from 4:30-6:30 pm. Homemade ice cream, sandwiches and desserts will be served. A free will offering will be taken.