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## **In Her Eyes**

Pentecost explodes in a rush of wind and flame. But sometimes the Spirit speaks without saying a word.

Take Fran, for example. Every Sunday she trundles up the center aisle of the worship space with Nancy or Eric or Horst or someone else holding her left arm, shuffling beside her, lest she fall on the way to receiving holy communion. Fran's ninety-two years weigh heavily on her frail body, but the playful sparkle in her eyes and her reverence for this holy moment are undimmed by the decades. She shines, full of life and hope, an inspiration to the rest of us.

She knows there will always be someone there to help her—and that the Spirit, the Helper, will renew her heart each day by reminding her of the great truth of her life—and ours. We are never abandoned, never desolate, never alone. This is Jesus' promise. The Spirit of truth will always be with us, in us, and for us. The Spirit will hold us up, telling us again and again of an everlasting love, an eternal promise, a hope that will never disappoint.

It's a promise kept. You can see it in the faces of those who hold Fran as she comes forward to receive. You hear it in the word of thanks she speaks to God as bread is broken and placed in her trembling hand. You taste it in the bread and wine that is the food of inexhaustible grace for pilgrims on their way. The Spirit shines so brightly in the sparkle in those old eyes. The Spirit of Jesus' resurrected life and love comes. It comes to us. It comes that we may be as alive as Fran.

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### **BEFORE WORSHIP**

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

## Day of Pentecost

June 9, 2019

*Pentecost Sunday is the commemoration of the Holy Spirit's arrival after Jesus' ascension. The Holy Spirit is represented by the symbols of fire, wind and dove. The color is red signifying fire.*

***Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.***

*On this **fiftieth day of Easter**, the church gathers to celebrate the ongoing life of the Holy Spirit who is its breath, vitality, and inspiration. Through the Holy Spirit, the good news unravels age-old divisions among peoples and nations. In the waters of baptism, the Spirit gives us birth as brothers and sisters of Christ and unites people of different races, tribes, and ethnic groups. In the bread and cup of the holy supper, the Spirit nourishes our unity in worship and witness. Far from celebrating its "birthday" on this day, the church offers thanksgiving to God for the very one who continues to sustain its life in each new generation and makes its prayer possible.*

### Welcome/Worship Instructions

*Arise in body or spirit*

### Easter Proclamation and Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

**P** The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

### Gathering Music

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

**ELW 400** (red book)

### Responsive Litany of Easter Praise

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**A** This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C** we will rejoice and be glad in it!

**P** The Lord is my strength and my song.

**C** The Lord has become my salvation.

**A** Open to me the gates of righteousness;

**C** I will go through them and praise the Lord.

**P** I shall not die, but live,

**C** and declare the works of the Lord.

**A** This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C** we will rejoice and be glad in it!

**Prayer of the Day**

- A** Let us Pray... God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth.
- G** **By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Sit*

**First Reading****Acts 2:1-21**

*Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.*

**L** A reading from **Acts:**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

<sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**



### Psalm 104:

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season. ☩**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. ☩**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah ☩**

### Second Reading

### Romans 8:14-17

*Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.*

☐ A reading from **Romans**:

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**We Eat the Bread of Teaching**

**ELW 518**

*Refrain*

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are  
giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er  
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are  
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.  
1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our  
hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-  
ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-ya-tion. *Refrain*

## Gospel Reading

**John 14:8-17**

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*

▮ The Holy Gospel, according to **John**.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”]

▮ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## Children's Time

*All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.*

## Message

*Silence for reflection*

*Arise in body or spirit*

**Song of the Day**

*O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

**ELW 399**

*Kneel or sit as able.*

## **Prayer**

**A** Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Come, Holy Spirit. Enliven the church to speak your words of forgiveness and salvation in every language and tongue. Pour out your Spirit on witnesses of every age, gender, and nationality. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death, and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches **Calvary Lutheran Church of Elk Rapids and First Baptist Church of Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.*** Hear us, O God,

**G and give us new life.**

**A** Come, Holy Spirit. Send cooling breezes where people and creatures are suffering oppressive heat. Save the land from drought and wildfires. Bless the work of those who make it possible to harness the power of the sun and the wind. Hear us, O God,

**G and give us new life.**

**A** Come, Holy Spirit. Dispel human arrogance and establish leaders who are humble of heart. Speak peace into all the world. Overcome prejudice and fear. Move us to support international aid organizations and those who provide aid to immigrants and refugees. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Zack Green (Mikolajczyks), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).*

**A** Hear us, O God,

**G and give us new life.**

**A** Come, Holy Spirit. You hear us when we cry to you. Bring clarity and hope to those living with dementia, anxiety, depression, or addiction. Accompany those who feel weak and worn, including *Jenny Anderson, Irene Corr, Bonnie Ehredt, Opal Gillons, Wes Gillons, Karl Golnek, Dustin H., Delmer Hansen, family of Mary Jane Hayner, Joan Leewold, Pat Lewis, family of Douglas Matthews, Elsie Merrow, and George Ulrich Jr., Pat Wagner, Cameron, Lillianna, Lindsey, and Vicky.* Hear us, O God,

**G and give us new life.**

**A** Come, Holy Spirit. Reveal your love through families of all shapes and sizes. Bring joy to co-parents, single parents, and those without children. Bless extended families, foster families, adoptive families, and families of friends. Bring closure and healing to broken relationships. Hear us, O God,

**G and give us new life.**

**A** Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Come, Holy Spirit. You make us children of God and joint heirs with Christ. We praise you for all the saints who called on your name and who now know the fullness of your salvation.

Hear us, O God,

**G** and give us new life.

**P** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

### **Offering of Gifts and Music**

*Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.*

*Arise in body or spirit*

### **Offertory**

*Take My Life That I May Be*

**ELW 583**

### **Offering Prayer**

**A** Let us pray . . . Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal.

**G** Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen

### **Sharing the Peace of God**

**P** The peace of risen Christ be with you.

**G** And also with you.

*(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

### **Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## You Are Holy



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



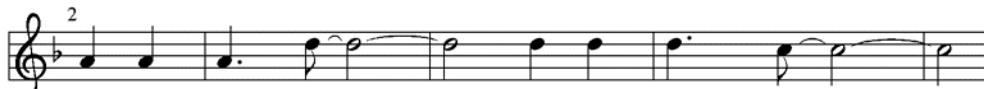
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than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## Table Prayer

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

☑ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

☑ **Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.**

☐ Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

☑ **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

☐ With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

### *Congregation:*



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

☐ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.

☑ **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**

☐ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Amen, Come Lord Jesus; Amen, Come Lord Jesus.



A - men, Come\_ Lord Je - sus; A -



men, Come\_ Lord Je - sus. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:*

A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever.

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ in the

u-ni-ty\_ of the Spir - it\_ all glo - ry and hon- or is

yours, O God, now and for - ev - er, \_\_\_\_\_

A - - - men. \_\_\_\_\_

### Lord's Prayer

☐ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

☐ Holy things for holy people.

☑ **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**

☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

### *Communion at Grace*

*All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.*

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

### Now Behold the Lamb



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

*Like the Murmur of a Dove's Heart*

ELW 403

*Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW 396

*Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading*

ELW 401

### Sending of Communion

▲ Gracious God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, you give new life through bread and wine: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☛ **Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

- A** Let us pray . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
- G** **Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **Mission Minutes**

*Arise in body or spirit.*

### **Blessing**

- P** The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.
- G** **Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

*O Day Full of Grace*

**ELW 627**

### **Dismissal**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.  
Alleluia!
- G** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, June 9</b>	Services at 8:00 am & 10:45 am
<b>Monday, June 10</b>	Congregational Picnic and Prayer Walk after 2 <sup>nd</sup> service Outreach Mtg at 12 noon Flute Choir 7 pm
<b>Tuesday, June 11</b>	Women of Faith at 1:30 pm / Mallard Pond
<b>Saturday, June 15</b>	Neighborhood Canvassing 10 am to 12 noon

### Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Randy Teegardin	Mark Anton
<b>Cantor</b>	Mark Anton	Kate Watson
<b>Lector</b>	Carol Vos	Victoria Steadman
<b>Communion Server</b>	Brenda Teegardin	Diane Neeb
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Mark Anton	Lexie Watson
<b>Usher</b>	John Burdick & Kay Marsh	Doug & Diane Neeb
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr.</b>	Jack & Carol Vos	Graduates are Greeters
<b>Children's Church</b>		Eve Wright
<b>Table Guild –</b>	Jeanette Ulrich and Mary Kleinbrink	
<b>Bread Maker –</b>	Gwen Hansen	

### Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, June 16, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Emma Peck	Vickey Argo
<b>Cantor</b>	Mark Anton	Vickey Argo
<b>Lector</b>	John Burdick	Carol Morgan
<b>Communion Server</b>	Jana Bishop	Phyllis Lietz
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Volunteer	Mark Anton
<b>Usher</b>	Mark & Jana Bishop	Ed & Luke Domke
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr.</b>	Mark & Jana Bishop	John & Mary Kleinbrink
<b>Table Guild –</b>	Jeanette Ulrich and Mary Kleinbrink	
<b>Bread Maker –</b>	Gwen Hansen	

## Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 79 **Weekly Giving: \$6,568.00** Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

**Noisy Offering** will be collected in both services today. Proceeds benefit Barry County Cares.

**Adult Forum** meets today at 9:30 in the conference room with our focus on Evangelism. Come and find out that it is not that hard!

**3rd Annual Grace family picnic and prayer walk is TODAY** after 2nd service at the Poholski home. 6810 Highlandview Dr., Middleville. Bring your favorite lawn chair. Food and drink will be provided. If you desire an adult beverage, please bring your own. The prayer walk through the woods and lawn games are optional.

**Women of Faith** will meet at Mallard on Tuesday at 1:30 pm.

**Come join us** on Friday night June 28, 2019 as we go see the **Whitecaps play the Dayton Dragons** at Fifth Third Ballpark. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. Cost is \$21.50 per person which will include reserved seats behind Homeplate, hotdog and soft drink. Make checks payable to BOG and may be given to either Joe Longcor or Jack Vos.

**Vacation Bible School** is seeking a decorating team. We thank Anna Scheck for stepping forward to lead this team, if you are interested in helping her please contact her. We are also looking for a game leader, crew leaders, a teacher and helpers with registration and the kitchen, if interested please contact Pastor Ken. Thanks for your consideration in helping Grace minister to young people in our church and community.

**Food For The Poor**, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, is the largest international relief organization in the United States. Since its founding in 1982, Food For The Poor has provided more than \$14 billion in aid and has built more than 124,000 housing units for destitute people in need of adequate shelter. More than 95% of all donations go directly to programs that help the poor. **Sunday, June 23, 2019**, Pr. Darrell D. Golnitz, Lutheran (ELCA) Pastor, will share with us the story of this ministry through a Message entitled: "***The Strength Of That Food***". You will be invited to participate in this ministry through a special offering.

**Food Drive:** Our "Fill A Bag for Summer" program is underway! Choose 10 or more items from the list in your GraceGram or the tags on the display table in the gathering area (food, cleaning items – home or body). Please return to the Fellowship Area **on or before June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Donations will help the Hastings Area Food Bank and Barry County Cares.

**Mutual Ministry:** If there is a ministry concern, please contact Brenda Teegardin. Brenda is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 616.560.5910.