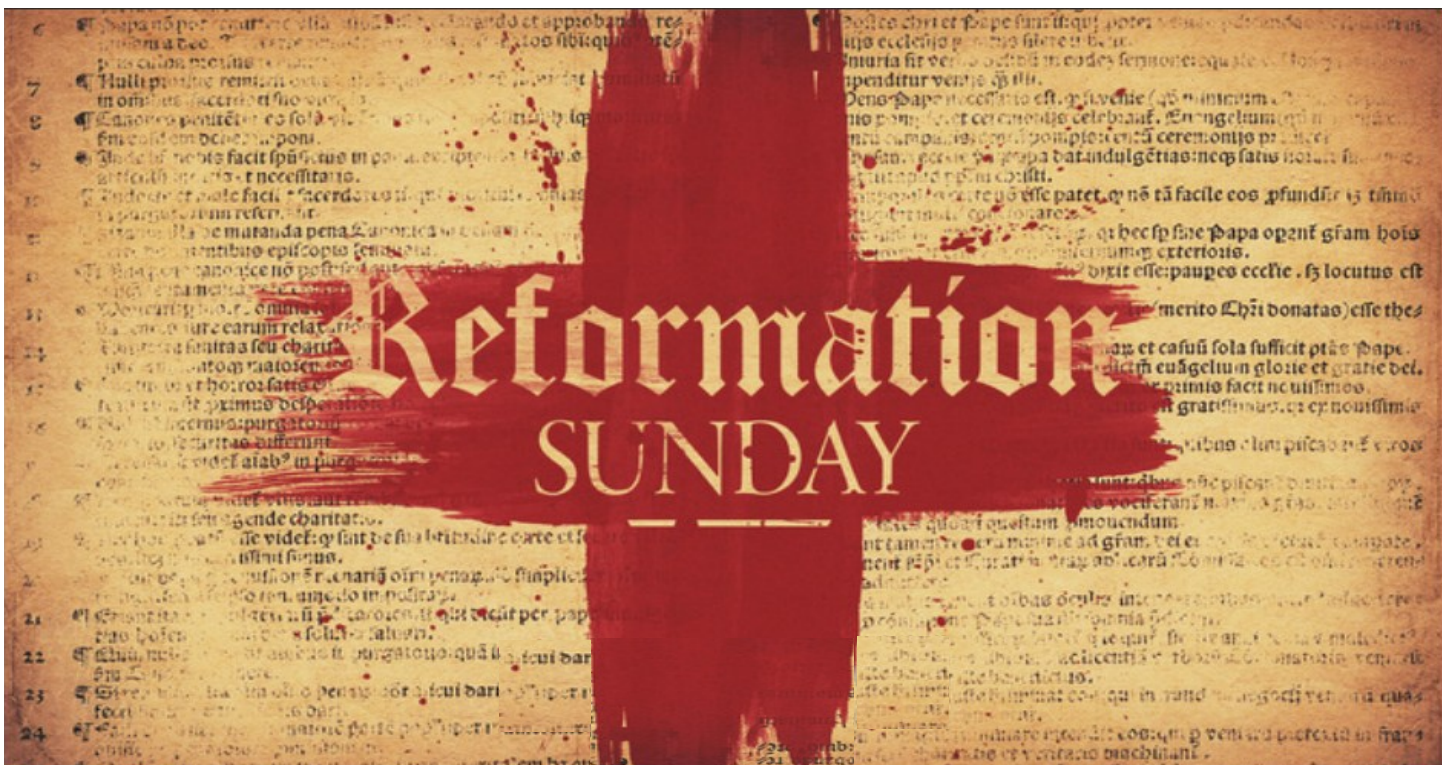


October 2026

Happy Reformation!



Join us for worship October 25 and wear red to celebrate Reformation and Confirmation!
The Holy Spirit continues to lead and guide the church yesterday, today, and always!



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The whole being of any Christian is faith and love. Faith brings the person to God, love brings the person to people.

Martin Luther

The theologian and reformer revealed these profound words to us. He grew up in a demanding home environment. He attended a university and was on track to enter law school. He followed this gift of faith as he said, "Help me, St. Anne!" as a rod of lightning jolted him to the ground. This experience led him into a monastic order where he prayed, studied the holy scriptures and worshipped about seven times a day. His family found this calling to be troubling because they thought he would follow through going to law school. As we know though, sometimes God can have other plans. For Luther, it was critical to love God with all his heart, soul, and mind and to love the neighbor. Martin simply did what he could through God's help and strength to continue to point us in the direction of the good news of Jesus Christ. We give thanks for this gift of faith that is with us each day and being able to share the love of Christ with the people we meet along the way.



Faith and God's love for people will both continue to be poured out through these upcoming activities:

- Dr. Mark Tranvik from Luther Seminary in St. Paul will be our guest preacher at 6:30pm and presenter after worship on Wednesday Oct. 7th as he shares more about Luther and the Reformation. Treats served afterwards.
- Our annual Oktoberfest on the 21st starts at 4:30pm with brats, hot dogs, and more.
- We will be celebrating with confirmands on Sunday, October 25th at 10:45am worship as they affirm the promises that have been made to them at holy baptism and continue to live in the covenant of these very same promises. It is also a wonderful reminder for all of us as we continue in this covenant.

We hope you can join us!

Let us pray,

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Christ's reforming love,

Pastor Cole

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 Contemporary Worship

Tuesdays: 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV
Channel 12 (pre-recorded)

Wednesdays: 6:30 WOW - Worship on Wednesday

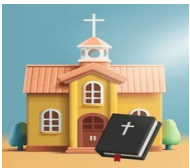


***Sunday services will be streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and our webpage.**



Guest Speaker at Grace: Dr. Mark Tranvik from Luther Seminary will be our guest preacher and presenter on Wednesday, October 7th. 6:30pm worship with the presentation on Martin Luther and the Reformation following in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited and welcome. Treats served afterwards.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday: October is Pastor Appreciation Month! This month we will take time to honor and thank Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole for their faithful leadership, compassion, and dedication to our church family on Sunday, October 11, during both worship services. We are deeply grateful for the countless ways they serve, teach, and walk alongside us in faith. Your love for God and your heart for people make a lasting difference every day. *Thank you for all you do!*



Senior Living Worship Services: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10AM on the Memory Care side with Communion at Goldfinch, and every 2nd Monday of the month, 10AM, at Lakeview Methodist home in the chapel, with communion. Please note that October's Lakeview Worship service will be on Monday, October 5th. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday, November 1st, we will honor and remember all those saints from our congregation who have passed from this life to their eternal home. During this service, a candle will be lit in their honor and in remembrance of them. As their name is read, a bell will be rung and family and friends will be invited to stand. Below is our list of saints who have passed away since November 2, 2025. If we have inadvertently missed your loved one's name, please inform the office as soon as possible. office@gracelutheranchurch.org. 507-238-4418.

Mavis Anderson
Helen Bellin
Susie Davis
Diane Evans
Elayne Hested
Maynard Johnson
Reily Junkermeier

Lois Kessler
Patricia Knewton
Joyce McKee
Lorraine Reiter
Ted Schaefer
Tom Sime
Betty Snyder

Bette Stevens
Bob Strom
John Thomas
Velma Vickerman
Marcia Willard
Bob Witty



All Saints' Day

BUSINESS OF GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Minutes, September 20, 2026

Members present: Pastor Allison, Pastor Cole, Corey, Jane, Andy, Cindy, Mark, Terry, Joyce, Brenda, Stephanie, Nancy
Members absent: Katie

Secretary's Report: approved via email and published in August newsletter.

- Financial Report: we are still behind in terms of giving-to-date in order to meet our budget for the year despite a good August (due to two large checks).
 - Jane asked that we remind our teams that dumpster lids must be closed, or we are charged an extra \$400. Also, reminders to recycle whatever we can.Motion by Brenda to approve financial report.
Second by Stephanie

Committee Reports: all reports received via email with Council liaisons available for questions and concerns. We thank the committees for their dedicated work.

- Old Business:
 - Daycare - a few small details remain, but we are very close to launching it. Little Lakes Learning Center will have an open house and hopes to be open mid-October.
 - We are still looking for a small business to rent the other side of the lower level. A senior meal site for the fellowship hall is another idea for generating income. Please contemplate other ideas. Custodial - the Personnel Team continues their search for the maintenance manager position and is meeting this week on next steps.
- New Business:
 - Jane provided worksheets to begin work on budgets for 2027 with our teams.
 - Reminder to continue work with our Council Retreat focus groups and report back next month on progress.
 - 100th Anniversary (May 2028) fundraiser mugs and shirts will be available to order soon.

Final work on the logo is being completed. To be added to next month's agenda is Council's role in deciding if a new cornerstone and/or time capsule should be provided for the 100th celebration.

- Pastors' Reports: reports provided in advance which detail current ministry realities and focus areas, with highlights lifted up for the group. The Council is thanked for their work as ambassadors for the congregation with their role in sharing the work of the pastors and welcoming feedback from the congregation.

Next council meeting is October 18th after second service.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Backer

Want to Fund a Buildings & Grounds Project???

(Project estimates are
subject to change)



Lower-level entry paint project	\$100
Wall Repair	\$1000
LED Lights for Fellowship Hall	\$1,200
New Toilets	\$2,000
Unisex handicap accessible Fellowship Hall restroom	\$10,000

For more project information, please contact the office. Please specify in the memo line where you would like your donation designated. Thank you!

Memorials

Bob Witty Memorial

Carolyn & Mark Brown	Undesignated
Arvin & Joanne Soma	Undesignated
Curt & Elem Nelson	Undesignated
Rod & Diane Palmquist	Undesignated

Elayne Hested Memorial

John Meyer	Undesignated
Michael & Jan Nawrocki	Undesignated
Allison Gowing	Undesignated
Michael David Hested	Undesignated
Craig & Joice Forster	Building
Troy & Wendy Nemmers	Undesignated
Bruce & Connie Donnelly	Undesignated

Maynard Johnson Memorial

Roger & Carol Voss	Missions
Jolene Rosol	Missions

Lorraine Reiter Memorial

Jennelle Cunning	Missions
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***Thank you
for your memorial gifts!***

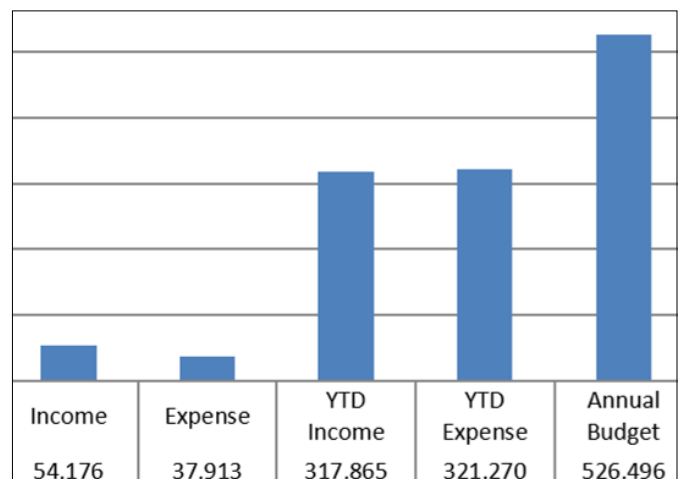
**Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.
John 11:25**



In profound grief and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we announce the death of Ted Schaefer, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Gracious God,
Surround Ted’s family with your love, and grant them your peace, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. Thanks be to you, O God, for you give us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR AUGUST



CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Open Door Meal: 4:30PM - 6:00PM - All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a meal.

BLAST, PreK - 6th Grade: 5:30PM - 6:25PM - This includes Cherub & Alleluia Choir, learning lessons, and fun!

WOW: Worship on Wednesday: 6:30PM - 7:00PM in the Sanctuary

Confirmation, 7th - 10th Grade: 6:30PM - 7:45PM

Senior High Class: 7:00PM - 7:45PM



Confirmation Reminders: 7th through 10th graders, please refer to the materials for when you have been scheduled to lead the Apostles' Creed or read the 2nd lesson for a Sunday worship service. Please switch with someone if you are unable to come on a day when you have been assigned and arrive 15 minutes before the start of the service. The next worship note for 7th through 9th is Sunday, October 25th. 10th graders, please complete your faith statement and select your confirmation verse this month.

September 27th- 2nd Grade Bible Workshop at 9:30AM in Fellowship Hall & 2nd Grade Bible

Presentation at 8:30am and 10:45am Worship Services.

October 14th- MEA break - No meal, worship, or classes.

October 25th- Reformation Sunday with Confirmation milestone at 10:45am Worship

October 28th- BLAST choirs sing at the Wednesday 6:30pm service.

- Please plan to attend the Oktoberfest dinner on Wednesday, October 21 if you are available! Tenth graders will worship, rehearse, and take Confirmation pictures that evening as well.



Contact Pastor Cole if you are in need of BLAST information, Confirmation information, or have any questions. Phone: 507-238-4418 Email: McCormick@gracelutheranchurch.org



Baby Bible Class: Baby Bible class for newborn through age 2 will meet on Oct. 7th 5:30pm to 6:15pm in room 306 on the upper level. We will have the Bible story will be Noah's Ark in Genesis. Parents are all welcome!

Senior High Bible Study: Senior high class meets weekly on Wednesday nights in the lounge from 7pm to 7:45pm. 10th grade can transition to this class after confirmation. The current topic of study is "Enough" by Pastor Adam Hamilton and explores stewardship.



National Youth Gathering June 28th through July 2nd in Minneapolis

“Imagine More” is the theme and all youth in 8th through 12th grade are eligible to attend.

Ephesians 3:20 says, “To God – whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.”

The gathering will provide:

- Worship
- Engage – a dynamic new program experience designed to transform the Gathering from a moment into a meaningful movement of faith, discovery, and connection. Through immersive and intentional experiences, young people will have opportunities to deepen their Christian identity, explore new possibilities, and engage with the world around them in powerful ways. Participants will connect with organizations and leaders from across the ELCA and beyond who are making a difference in communities around the world. Every ENGAGE experience is intentionally designed to offer something new, unexpected, and meaningful. Whether stepping into a high-energy environment, a hands-on experience, or a quiet space for reflection, participants will discover opportunities to learn, grow, and be inspired.
- Mass gatherings at US Bank Stadium with music and speakers each evening

The cost is \$500 per youth and please fill out the form below and submit your \$175 non- refundable deposit if you would like to commit by Oct. 19th. We will be staying in a hotel and transportation will be provided. We will be able to take 11 youth and 2 adult chaperones (expenses will be covered.) Pastor Cole will be attending.

Youth and chaperones are required to attend month gatherings starting in November to prepare for the gathering and help with fundraisers.

Please contact Pastor Cole with any questions at McCormick@gracelutheranchurch.org



I am committed to attending the national youth gathering in Minneapolis, attending monthly meetings to prepare for the gathering, and helping with fundraisers.

Youth Printed First and Last Name:_____

Parent/Guardian Printed First and Last Name:_____

____ I have turned in my non-refundable deposit of \$175 (Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran and please note National Youth Gathering in the memo line.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Oktoberfest Dinner on Wednesday October 21: Come celebrate our German Lutheran roots with a fun time of food and fellowship from 4:30-6:00pm. Brats, hot dogs, pretzels, potato salad, German chocolate cake, and root beer will be served. This is a great time to meet our confirmation students who will be getting their pictures taken that evening and rehearsing for Sunday's confirmation service. Invite your friends and we hope to see you there!

Monthly Men's Breakfast: Men of all ages are invited to a monthly breakfast at The Ranch restaurant on the first Monday of the month. Come for a devotion, fellowship, and good breakfast food.

When: Monday October 5 at 7:00AM

Where: The Ranch Restaurant

Why: Because Jesus says that when a few are gathered in his name, he's there too!



Cup of Hope Welcomes You on October 6th! Anyone experiencing grief, whether new or old, is welcome to Grace's monthly *Cup of Hope* grief coffee. This gathering will include a brief devotion on grief and time for coffee and conversation. As the Apostle Paul tells the early church, through Jesus, we have hope in the promise of new life to come where we will be reunited with those we love. Feel free to bring a lunch as we share in this walk together and hear encouraging words of God's love and comfort along the way. For more information, please see Pastor Allison.

Interested in Serving At Grace? Whether you are new to Grace or have been a part of this worshipping community for years, it can be difficult to join a new ministry and start serving as a volunteer. The pastors and staff at Grace want to make this process simple by encouraging you to sign-up on the bulletin board above the Care Table in the Gathering Space. Nicole will contact you and connect you to the ministry team leader for more information. Additionally, the yellow Grace Welcome brochures have each ministry's contact information, and you may email that team member directly. We hope to bring awareness of all the wonderful ways to share our gifts of time and talents for God's ministry here at Grace. If you have any questions, please visit with one of the pastors.



Needed Food Pantry Items: As you shop for your groceries, please consider adding the following for the Grace Food Pantry: Canned Stew, Cereal, Granola Bars, Microwave Mac and Cheese, Chili, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant.

Youth Pizza Ranch Fundraiser: Take a night off cooking at home! Youth will once again be having a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis at the Fairmont Pizza Ranch on Tuesday, October 20th. Dine in or carry out. We will receive 10% of the proceeds and a tip jar will also be available. Youth and adults can help with one or both shifts. 4:30pm to 6:15pm or 6:15pm to 8pm. Please contact Pastor Cole at McCormick@gracelutheranchurch.org to sign up.



Got Receipts? Did you know that by turning in your Fareway grocery and Hy-Vee grocery, gas, and pharmacy receipts, Grace is awarded approximately \$3000 every year?!?!?! Online order receipts work too. Receipts can be placed in the offering plate, outside drop box, or given to the office. We appreciate your generosity! Council has approved these monies to be used to fund our 100th Anniversary celebration in 2028. Receipt counters meet every week to count. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the counting team, please contact the office. Thank you!



Wrapping You Up in Prayer: Do you knit or crochet? As we get into the cooler weather months, we welcome you to take a prayer shawl packet on the shelves across from the main office. Patterns and yarn are included to knit or crochet, and finished shawls can be returned to the shelf in the same bag. If you know of someone going through a challenging time, please bring them a prayer shawl or a prayer square found at our Care Table. Thanks to all who give their time to this important ministry of care!

Bars for Open Door! Calling all bakers....we invite you to take a 9x13 disposable pan and make bars for our Wednesday night Open Door Meal. Bars can be covered with foil, left in the pan, labeled Open Door, and put in the Fellowship Hall deep freeze located in the pantry. Desserts purchased from the grocery are expensive, and your bars will help keep costs down while being even more delicious! And if you like to be part of a meal serving team which serves 3 times a year, please contact the office. Thank you!!



Pizza with the Pastors: For everyone who is new to Grace, who have recently joined the church and those who may want to join in the future, come for a fun lunch with the pastors! Join us for a time of getting to know one another, learning about the ways to plug into Grace, and answering any questions you might have. We will meet at Noon in the Lounge on Sunday, October 4th. Please let the office know if you plan to attend so we can order the right amount of pizza. Hope to see you there!

Fall Tech Training! On Sunday, October 4, at 9:40AM, Blake will offer worship tech training. This is for all interested in learning more about running our sound, slides, and video streaming as well as a refresh for current volunteers. Blake will provide a new simpler method for running sound as well as answer any questions you may have. For those who choose to join the tech volunteer team, you will be paired up with an experienced person a few times to make sure you are comfortable. Streaming our worship services is our biggest outreach ministry as hundreds worship from home each week. Thank you for considering being a part of this important ministry and many thanks to Blake for his continued leadership of our worship technology!



Adult Faith Formation at Grace! Did you know that Grace offers Sunday School for adults during the school year? We meet in the Lounge between Sunday morning worship services for coffee and conversation. Each class has a video segment and discussion, and there is no homework! Pastor Allison chooses a variety of speakers and topics throughout the year, some from the Old Testament, some from the New Testament, others on certain Bible characters or topics like faith and doubt. Below are this program year's topics. Please invite a friend and we hope to see you there!

- Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today* by Rev. Adam Hamilton
- Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine
- Questions Jesus Asked: A Six-Week Study in the Gospels* by Rev. Magrey DeVega
- Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross* by Rev. Susan Robb
- Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit* by Dr. Matthew L. Skinner

Do You Like to Sing??? The choirs at Grace need your voices and passion for praising God! The Chancel Choir sings at the 8:30AM Traditional service and practices on Wednesdays from 5:15pm-6:15pm. The Celebration Choir sings at the 10:45AM Contemporary service and practices at 9:40AM on Sunday mornings. We welcome you to join in the fun, make some new friends, and be a part of worship!





Office Volunteers Needed: We are looking to “staff” the office with volunteers from 9:00am to Noon and Noon to 3:00pm. During that time, volunteers would greet guests and answer phones. This will allow our office administrator, Nicole Kolbe, to have uninterrupted time for working on the church newsletter, two weekly bulletins, and the ministry minutes. Volunteers can knit, read, or spend their time in an activity of their choosing while covering the phones. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer. 507-238-4418 | office@gracelutheranchurch.org

Gift Wrapping At Grace: Looking for someone to take care of your Christmas gift wrapping! Bring your gifts to church on Sunday, December 6th in the morning and youth and adults will be happy to wrap them for you. Free will donation for National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Our first meeting for youth and adults attending the National Youth Gathering will be Wednesday, November 4th 7:45pm to 8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



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Thrivent grant ideas:

Please sign up on the calendar by the Care Table in the Gathering Area!

Building & Misc.

Lawn Care Supplies
Office Postage
Cleaning Supplies

Congregational Care

Prayer Shawl Yarn
Grief Packets
Homebound Christmas Gifts

Fellowship

Council Retreat
Palm Sunday Brunch
Meal for God's Grace is Amazing Day
Octoberfest Dinner
Cocoa and Carols
Christmas Eve

Outreach & Missions

Mission Phantom Tea
Open Door Meal
Grace Pantry
Care Bags
God's Grace is Amazing Day
God's Work. Our Hands
Apple Pie Bake
Glow's Parade Candy
Mission Christmas Tree Lot
Community Carols
Singalong
Sock Tree
Star Tree
Fill the Altar Food Drive

Worship

Communion Elements
Paper for Bulletins
Baptism Bags
Altar Guild Supplies
Thanksgiving Sunday
Treats

Youth

End of Year Party
Camp Fees
Bible Camp Scholarships
Supplies for Faith Formation

Words of Life

Jesus and the
Promise of the Ten
Commandments
Today

Adam Hamilton

Bestselling author of *Making Sense of the Bible*

Adult Education This Month!

Grab your coffee and donut holes and head to the Lounge for casual conversation and faith formation. We continue with a series entitled *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*.

Hope you will come and invite a friend!

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Open Door
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Food
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Baby Bible
Class!



Sunday School
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Music



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Service Days



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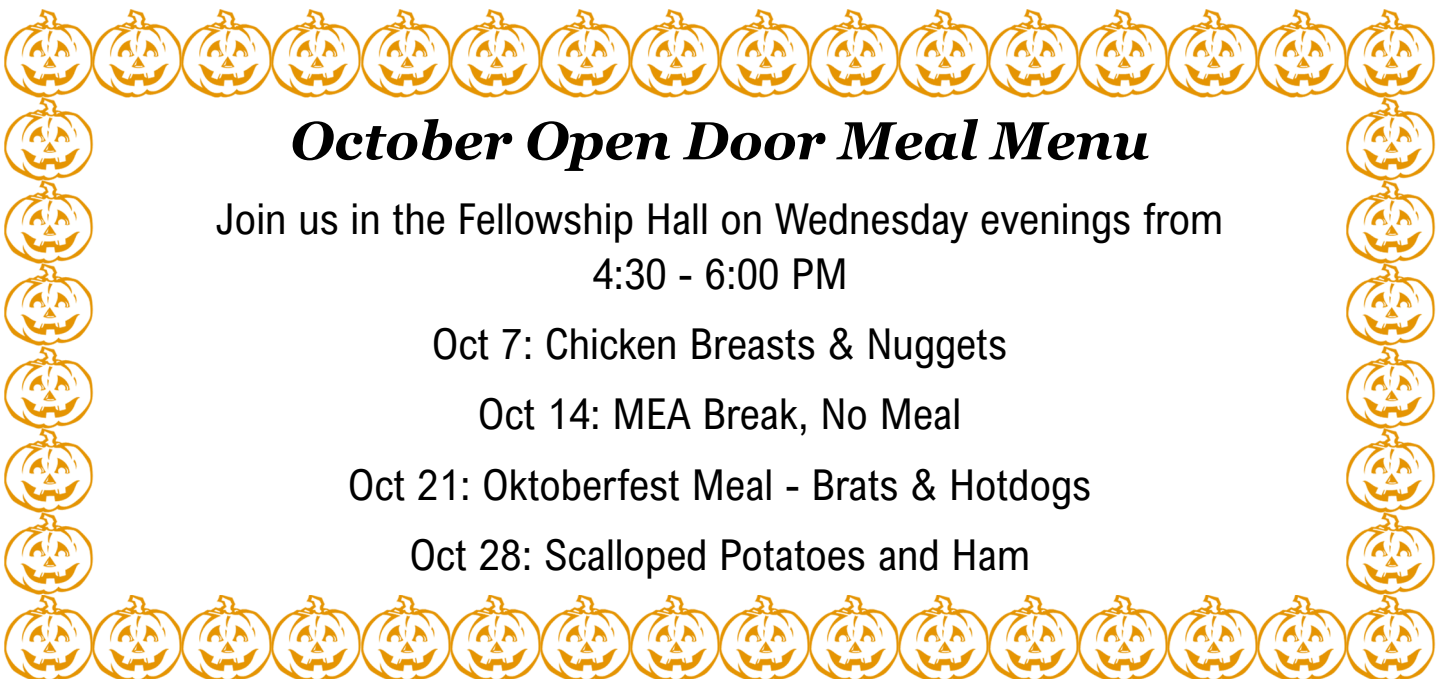


CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

Living Out Our Faith Together



- ✚ **Celebration Choir:** Practice Sundays at 9:30AM, Sing at 10:45AM worship services, during program year.
- ✚ **Chancel Choir:** Practice Wednesdays at 5:15PM, Sing at 8:30AM worship services, during program year.
- ✚ **Care Ministers:** Call, visit, and possibly share communion with a homebound member! Contact Pastor Allison for more information.
- ✚ **Service Team:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 5:30PM monthly to discuss budgets, building, and more!
- ✚ **Stewardship Team:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM monthly to oversee year round stewardship of time, talents, and treasures.
- ✚ **Fellowship/Outreach Team:** Meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm to discuss Grace Pantry, fellowship hour, and special events such as Oktoberfest, Fill the Altar Food Drive, and service days.
- ✚ **CYF Team:** Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30PM to connect about youth ministry and events.
- ✚ **Worship Team:** Meets the 1st Monday of the Month at 6:30pm to plan inclusive and welcoming worship for all ages.
- ✚ **Meal Ministry Team:** Deliver a meal to someone struggling or in need! Contact Nancy Backer at nurse_nancyb@hotmail.com to join this group.
- ✚ **Prayer Team:** Meets every Tuesday at 1pm to pray over the congregation's prayer list.



October Open Door Meal Menu

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings from
4:30 - 6:00 PM

Oct 7: Chicken Breasts & Nuggets

Oct 14: MEA Break, No Meal

Oct 21: Oktoberfest Meal - Brats & Hotdogs

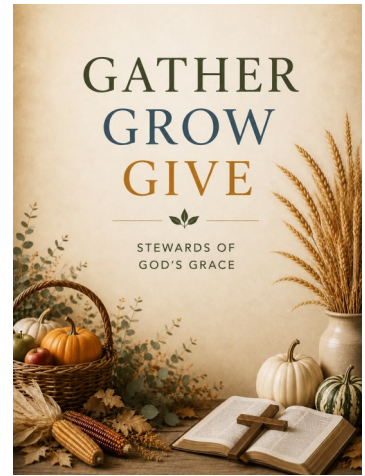
Oct 28: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

GATHER.GROW.GIVE: STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

What defines your life? Is it wealth? belongings? faith? Many of us live with a scarcity mentality, worried that we must gather and hoard as much as possible, saving for some imagined "rainy day." Others go to the opposite extreme, focusing on self-gratification. But the Bible promises both God's blessings and joy for those who choose to live another way.

Our stewardship focus this year is being good stewards of God's grace. To do this, God gathers us together as the body of Christ, helps us to grow in our faith through worship, study, and service, and then calls us to give back to the ministries which help others know Jesus.



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as stewards of God's varied grace." --1 Peter 4:10

As you prayerfully consider your giving in 2027, a great question to ponder is, "Where do you *gather, grow, and give through the ministries of Grace Lutheran Church?*" As we look at the ministries of Grace, your financial giving supports six main areas: Administration, Worship, Youth and Families, Fellowship and Outreach, and Facilities and Maintenance. Volunteering your time and sharing your skills also enables the ministries of Grace to not only continue but to grow.

The Holy Spirit is constantly encouraging and leading us as we invite others to hear God's Word at Grace, experience table fellowship, and serve together. God speaks to each of us in various and different ways, and every gift of financial support, time, and hospitality is welcomed and needed to do God's work through Grace. Where is the Holy Spirit nudging you to share your blessings to bless others?

Later this month, you will be receiving an Estimate of Giving Commitment Card in the mail. The commitment card is an opportunity for you to spend time in prayer and reflection, considering what offering you will make to God through our church in the coming year. For those experiencing financial hardships, we understand and hope you will consider giving of your time and talents, especially through attending worship. This is where we hear God's love for us, receive words of forgiveness and assurance, and are fed at God's table for the week ahead.

Please fill out the card and bring it with you to worship or the office in November. If you prefer to email in your pledge card, please take a picture with your phone, or scan the card, and email it to office@gracelutheranchurch.org. This pledge card is confidential and only seen by our financial staff. Thank you for your generosity and gifts!

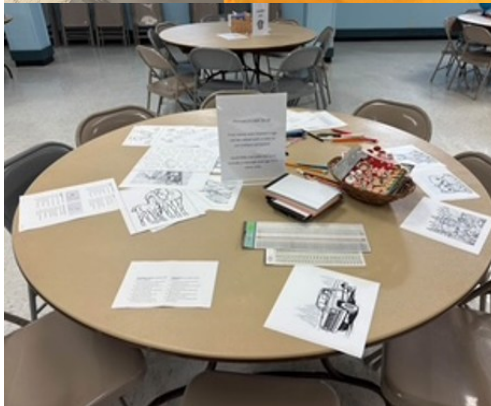
The Stewardship Team at Grace Lutheran Church

Stepping Up In Faith: Weekly Giving by Percentage of Income											
Thank you for prayerfully considering your weekly financial support of Grace Lutheran and stepping up 1% if possible. For those beginning to give, starting at 1% is wonderful!											
Annual Income	Weekly Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$ 10,000	\$ 192	\$ 1.92	\$ 3.85	\$ 5.77	\$ 7.69	\$ 9.62	\$ 11.54	\$ 13.46	\$ 15.38	\$ 17.31	\$ 19.23
\$ 20,000	\$ 385	\$ 3.85	\$ 7.69	\$ 11.54	\$ 15.38	\$ 19.23	\$ 23.08	\$ 26.92	\$ 30.77	\$ 34.62	\$ 38.46
\$ 30,000	\$ 577	\$ 5.77	\$ 11.54	\$ 17.31	\$ 23.08	\$ 28.85	\$ 34.62	\$ 40.38	\$ 46.15	\$ 51.92	\$ 57.69
\$ 40,000	\$ 769	\$ 7.69	\$ 15.38	\$ 23.08	\$ 30.77	\$ 38.46	\$ 46.15	\$ 53.85	\$ 61.54	\$ 69.23	\$ 76.92
\$ 50,000	\$ 962	\$ 9.62	\$ 19.23	\$ 28.85	\$ 38.46	\$ 48.08	\$ 57.69	\$ 67.31	\$ 76.92	\$ 86.54	\$ 96.15
\$ 60,000	\$ 1,154	\$ 11.54	\$ 23.08	\$ 34.62	\$ 46.15	\$ 57.69	\$ 69.23	\$ 80.77	\$ 92.31	\$ 103.85	\$ 115.38
\$ 70,000	\$ 1,346	\$ 13.46	\$ 26.92	\$ 40.38	\$ 53.85	\$ 67.31	\$ 80.77	\$ 94.23	\$ 107.69	\$ 121.15	\$ 134.62
\$ 80,000	\$ 1,538	\$ 15.38	\$ 30.77	\$ 46.15	\$ 61.54	\$ 76.92	\$ 92.31	\$ 107.69	\$ 123.08	\$ 138.46	\$ 153.85
\$ 90,000	\$ 1,731	\$ 17.31	\$ 34.62	\$ 51.92	\$ 69.23	\$ 86.54	\$ 103.85	\$ 121.15	\$ 138.46	\$ 155.77	\$ 173.08
\$ 100,000	\$ 1,923	\$ 19.23	\$ 38.46	\$ 57.69	\$ 76.92	\$ 96.15	\$ 115.38	\$ 134.62	\$ 153.85	\$ 173.08	\$ 192.31
\$ 110,000	\$ 2,115	\$ 21.15	\$ 42.31	\$ 63.46	\$ 84.62	\$ 105.77	\$ 126.92	\$ 148.08	\$ 169.23	\$ 190.38	\$ 211.54
\$ 120,000	\$ 2,308	\$ 23.08	\$ 46.15	\$ 69.23	\$ 92.31	\$ 115.38	\$ 138.46	\$ 161.54	\$ 184.62	\$ 207.69	\$ 230.77
\$ 130,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 250.00
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\$ 150,000	\$ 2,885	\$ 28.85	\$ 57.69	\$ 86.54	\$ 115.38	\$ 144.23	\$ 173.08	\$ 201.92	\$ 230.77	\$ 259.62	\$ 288.46

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS!

Thank you to everyone that was able to be part of our God's Work. Our Hands Sunday on September 13th. We assembled bandages for global health, put together laundry kits for our care bags, met our goal of \$500.00 for a cow to help people around the world with nutrition and calcium, assembled health kits for Lutheran World Relief, made bracelets and necklaces for Columbia, decorated crosses for kids in Columbia, put together Thrivent cause kits, and concluded the day by having a pork sandwich meal. Thank you again to the fellowship team, mission team, all the project leaders and everyone that was able to volunteer time and efforts!





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On September 2nd we ended our Summer Worship in the Park services by blessing our animals at Sylvania Park. Thank you to our Praise Team for a great Summer worshipping outside!



OCTOBER MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

Ministry Assistants for October- 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, Oct. 4	Sunday, Oct. 11	Sunday, Oct. 18	Sunday, Oct. 25
Communion Pre- parer	Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Kris Head Peggy Jones	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones
Communion Server	Ben Jordan Kris Head	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Mary Kotewa Ben Jordan	Kris Head Marian Holland
Lector	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck	Scott Drever	Connie Donnelly
Sound Tech	Jolene Rosol	Justin Schmidt	Mark Vogelsang	Jolene Rosol
Ushers	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss

If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a replacement and ask them to let the head usher, Brian Huebert, know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com.

Thank you!

Ministry Assistants for October- 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, Oct. 4	Sunday, Oct. 11	Sunday, Oct. 18	Sunday, Oct. 25
Communion Pre- parer	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Abby Ehlert Elayne Baumgart	Destiny & Tricia Brevig
Communion Server	Carolyn Bird Rochelle Bremer	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson	Connie & Bruce Donnelly
Lector	Carolyn Bird	Deb Roggow	Brian Roggow	Amber Hansen
Sound Tech	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hendricks	Blake Potthoff	Amber Hansen
Slide Tech	Louise Hendricks	Louise Hendricks	Enos Breitbarth	Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Josh Ensrud, Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert	Josh Ensrud, Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert	Josh Ensrud, Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert	Josh Ensrud, Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert

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Thank you!

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 4 - Pentecost 19

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11 - Pentecost 20

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18 - Pentecost 21

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 25 - Pentecost 22

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Day

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30am Traditional Worship: 2nd Grade Bible Presentation 9:30am - 10:30am 2nd Grade Bible Workshop 9:40am 2nd Grade Bible Blessing 9:40am Adult Education 10:45am Contemporary Worship: 2nd Grade Bible Presentation	28 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS	29 9:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	30 Women's CBS 4:30pm - 6:00pm Open Door Community Meal 5:30pm - 6:25pm Baby Bible Class 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:45pm Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW: Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm - 7:45pm Senior High Class	1 9:00am Sarah's Circle (Location Varies) 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	2	3
4 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:40am Adult Education 9:40am Tech Training 10:45am Contemporary Worship 12:00pm Pizza with the Pastors	5 7:00am Men's Breakfast - The Ranch 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Lakeview Senior Worship 1:00pm - 2:00pm Mary Circle 5:00pm CYF Team Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting	6 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:00pm Cup of Hope Grief Group 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 4:00pm - 5:00pm Organ Practice	7 Women's CBS 4:30pm - 6:00pm Open Door Community Meal 5:30pm - 6:25pm Baby Bible Class 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:45pm Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW: Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm - 7:45pm Senior High Class 7:00pm Reformation Confirmation Presentation	8 4:30pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre 6:00pm - 8:00pm Daycare Facility Meeting	9	10
11 <i>Pastor Appreciation Sunday Both Services</i> 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:40am Adult Education 10:45am Contemporary Worship	12 Columbus Day 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS	13 9:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 4:00pm Girl Scout Recruitment Event 5:30pm Outreach/Fellowship Team Meetings 5:30pm Service Team Meeting 6:30pm Stewardship Team Meeting	14 Women's CBS 10:00am Goldfinch Memory Care Worship MEA - No Wednesday Activities	15 Ways of Grace Submission Deadline 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	16	17
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