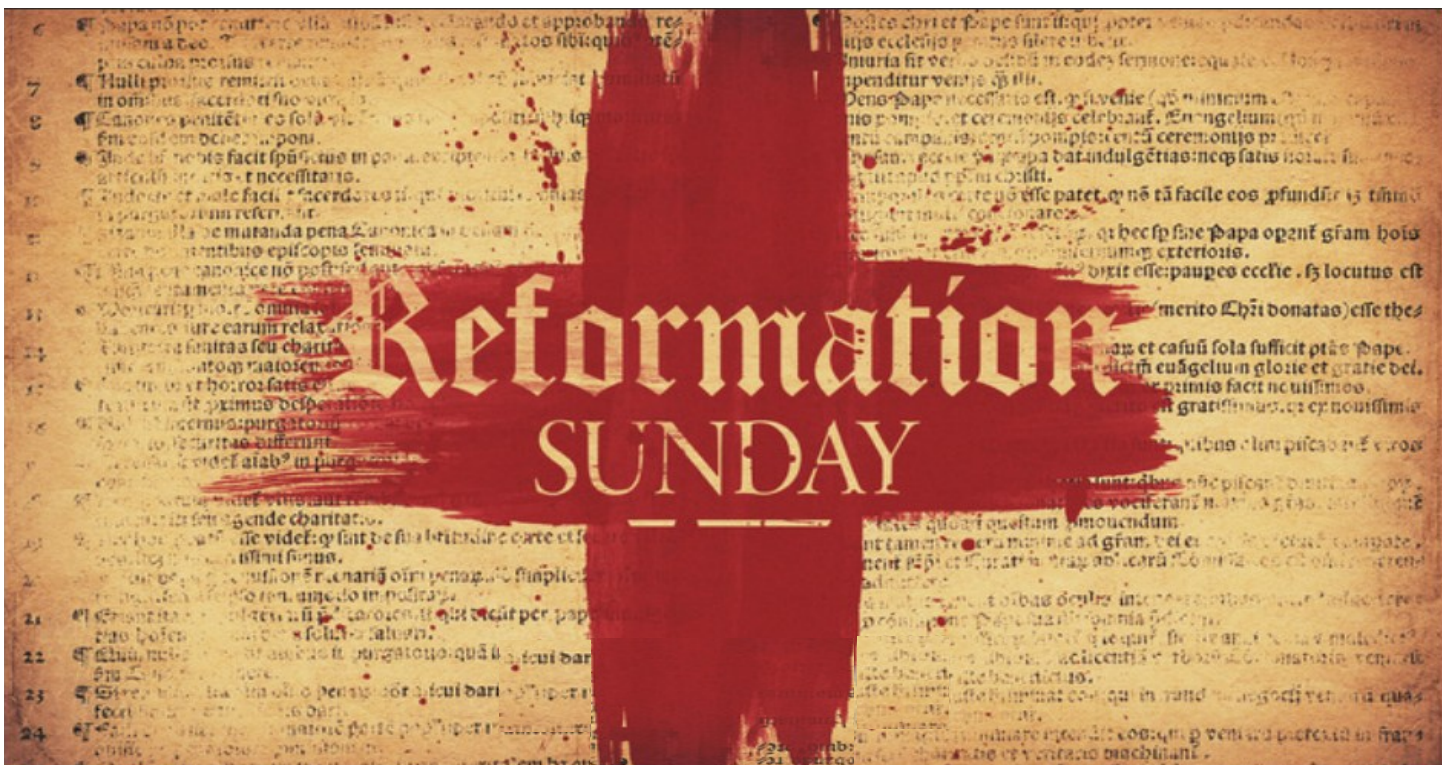


October 2025

Happy Reformation!



Join us for worship October 26 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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"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does."
—Martin Luther

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What a joyful kick-off to the program year on *God's Work. Our Hands* Sunday. Thank you to everyone who made that day possible, from our teams helping with projects for neighbors around the world, praise and worship, and a delicious meal. In this month of October, where we celebrate the Reformation, Luther's words remind us that while we are not saved by our works, service to our neighbor is one way we live out our faith as disciples of Jesus. It is a privilege to serve with you!



The month of October has us continuing in Luke's gospel where we will hear many beloved stories. These include faith like a mustard seed, Jesus healing people and one healed man's deep and life-changing gratitude to God as a result, the persistent widow and how our prayer lives should be so earnest, and our freedom found in Jesus. As we walk together through these gospel lessons, we will be moving closer to Reformation and Confirmation Sunday on October 26. Our 10th graders will share their favorite Bible verse, recite the Apostles' Creed, and re-affirm their baptism as the congregation continues to pray for these beloved children of God.

Faith formation is a life-long journey as we grow in our understanding of scripture, shaped by the Holy Spirit. Luther wrote, "A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming." Therefore, we are excited this year to offer faith formation from baptism to late adulthood. Our new Baby Bibles class is for infants through aged 2, with their families, and meets monthly on Sunday mornings. BLAST meets on Wednesday evening for ages 3 through 6th grade. And our new high school class meets on Wednesday nights at 7PM in the Lounge, at the same time as confirmation. Adults meet for topical series on Sunday mornings which include casual conversation and prayer. Our topic this month is the life and ministry of Simon Peter, that faithful disciple of Jesus, who doesn't always get it right, but loves Jesus with his whole heart.

It is wonderful to have Wednesdays hopping again with nearly 200 youth for BLAST and Confirmation as well as the entire church invited for Open Door Meal and our mid-week praise worship from 6:30-7PM. Know that there is a place for you here at Grace, to come as you are, ask your questions of faith, wrestle and grow, and have a faith community to walk with you on this journey. Also, be sure and mark your calendars for our Oktoberfest Dinner to celebrate the Reformation on Wednesday, October 22. There will be brats and hotdogs, potato salad, pretzels, root beer, German chocolate cake, and of course, polka music!

We have many opportunities for worship, service, faith formation, and fellowship because of your generosity. From your time coming to worship, organizing and planning on teams, volunteering your time to teach or be a small group leader, singing in one of the choirs, helping with building and grounds projects around the church, knitting prayer shawls, providing financial support through your offering, and so many other ways, Grace continues to teach the good news of Jesus Christ, reaching out of our doors, and being a good neighbor. And as one of your pastors, I can share what a privilege it is to walk with you in life's joys and challenges as well.

Sometimes, those challenges are addressed by dropping by the church, giving us a call, making an appointment, or asking your pastors to call you. We are so glad when you let us know of hospital stays, illnesses, and hospice. At the same time, we realize that the need for pastoral care may occur after business hours, or on Fridays and Saturdays when your pastors are off. When there is a pastoral emergency, please know you can reach us on our church's on-call phone. We will return that call as soon as we are able. Please be sure to put this number on your fridge or in your phone, and it is in the pastors' voicemails at the church.

Circumstances would include accidents, deaths, and hospital emergencies. This number is not to be used for being unable to read or serve on a Sunday morning, wanting access to the church building, or any other kind of business which can be addressed during office hours. This number does not receive text messages. Emergency On-Call Number: 507-432-8467.

As the colors turn and the temperature gets cooler, I invite you to feel God's warmth and love at Grace this Fall season!

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Allison

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
- Fridays:** 1:00PM Fairmont Cable TV
Channel 12 (pre-recorded)



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



Senior Living Worship Services at Lakeview Methodist Home: *This month, Lakeview Methodist worship has been moved to Monday, October 6 at 10AM!* Worship is on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10AM on the Memory Care side with communion. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday, November 2nd, we will honor & 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 3, 2024. If we have inadvertently missed your loved one's name, please inform the office as soon as possible. office@gracelutheranchurch.org. 507-238-4418.

Gloria Anderson
Vickie Berhow
Harriet Brown
Ken Carlson
Luella Fisher
Karen Hertzke

Jean A. Maakestad
Jean M. Maakestad
Phyllis Niehaus
Ed Rettke
Bernice Sandberg
Ken Scott

Maynard Senf
Eleanor Skaggs
Lyall Widner
Pat Witty

BUSINESS OF GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
September 21, 2025

CORE VALUES: Faith, Christ-Centered Community/Connections, Service Our Mission:
To boldly live out our faith in Jesus through worship, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbor, here and around the world.

2025 Focus Areas: Constitution, Stewardship, Community Relationships

Members present: Pastor Allison, Pastor Cole, Nancy Backer, Corey Klanderud, Ardel Prescott, Chery Brumbaugh, Kris Boerner, Andy Kryzer, Jaime Core

Members Absent: Kirsten Bressler, Troy Nemmers, Mark Morris, Joyce Eisenmenger

Call to Order: Motion to call the meeting to order: Co-Chair Chery Brumbaugh at 11:45 AM

Devotion by Pastor Cole: Seasons changes and excitement at church. Seasons of year remind each of us of revolving new transitions.

Sharing Joys and Concerns: Church Council members shared joys and concerns. Pastor Allison gave our opening prayer.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8/17/25:
Motion by: Ardel Prescott Seconded by: Nancy Backer Motion Carried : pass

Approval of Financial Report from 8/17/25:
Motion by: Jaime Core Seconded by Corey Klanderud Motion Carried: pass

Team Reports: no questions or discussion.
Thank you to the teams for their dedicated work.

Old Business: We are awaiting Synod review of our updated constitution. Once received we will review/incorporate these updates in our draft. An update on the process will be included in the November *Ways of Grace*.

New Business:

The Stewardship Campaign kicked off this week at our Wednesday and Sunday worship services. The theme of *Rivers of Living Water* ties into our call to be stewards of God's blessings at our baptism. The campaign will follow a similar approach to last year with bulletin announcements, letters, a pledge card and stewardship resources, and a dedication at our Thanksgiving worship services.

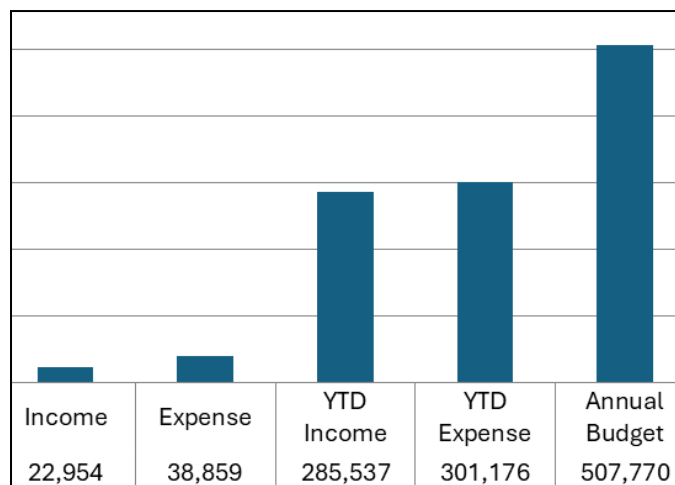
Council members brought forward names of those to be asked to serve on Council that worship regularly, are involved in the ministries of Grace, and work well with others. The names will be prioritized to have a balanced Council of men and women, new and long-term members, and people representing all three worship services as well as a variety of ministries.

Pastor Cole's Report: Pastor Cole noted his completion of one year of service to Grace Lutheran Church. He reported that the senior high group is active and expressed his intention to continue growing the program. Details regarding confirmation were shared, and BLAST forms were reviewed. Confirmation students in grades 7 through 9 will have the opportunity to attend Good Earth Village's Confirmation Camp for half a week next summer. The church received a \$500 Hunger Grant from the Southeastern MN Synod. Additionally, the Pastors are planning a session for families called "Pizza with Pastors" to welcome those new to Grace, interested in learning more, or ready to join the church.

Pastor Allison's Report: Noted member list distribution has gone well. Playground signs made by Rick DeBoer are being installed to encourage safe play. Adult education has 15 attendees. A small group is organized for a monthly grief support group called *Cup of Hope*, which is open to the community. Pastor is also working with the Stewardship Team on small, medium- and long-term goals for the congregation which includes renting space in our building to generate income to support our ministries. She has also been working with Blake Pothoff and the Service Team on technology updates. The congregation has shared excellent feedback on video projection using the flat screen TV and the hearing assistance devices. The Service Team is moving forward purchasing and installing two sanctuary TV's and getting six hearing assist devices. We thank the congregation for the generous donations received to off-set these costs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chery Brumbaugh

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR AUGUST



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 deaths of Harriet Brown, Gloria Anderson, and Ed Rettke. Rest eternal grant Harriet, Gloria, and Ed, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Gracious God,

Surround the families of Harriet, Gloria, and Ed, with your love, and grant them you 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 victorious through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MEMORIALS:

Jean Maakestad Memorial

Marian Holland Missions

Roger & Carol Voss Missions

Ken Scott Memorial

John & Muriel Mikkelsen Undesignated

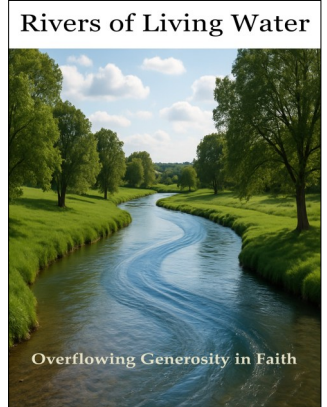
***Thank you
for your memorial gifts!***

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Rivers of Living Water: Overflowing Generosity in Faith

One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seed along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "the cares of the world and the lure of wealth" (Matthew 13:22).

In a culture where having "enough" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredibly relevant. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways that lead to stress, anxiety, and fear—thorns that can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose that God intended for us. All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore.



This is why, over the next several weeks, we will be having a stewardship emphasis called *Rivers of Living Water: Overflowing Generosity in Faith*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through a series of bulletin inserts, newsletter articles, and resources on our Stewardship Table in the Gathering Space. In John's gospel, Jesus proclaims, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" (John 7:37-38)

In our baptisms, we were freed from our sin, and raised to new life, through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We were given a life-long call to follow Jesus and let our life overflow with love for God and one another. As those baptismal waters were placed on our heads, we were given this commandment to bless others as we have been blessed. Giving generously of our gifts, skills, time, attendance, hospitality, and financial support ensures that the life-giving ministries of the church continue.

This month, we will be remembering our baptism in worship and our call to give generously. We invite you to come and hear the promises of God for you and for your neighbor. In November, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in worship and celebrate the blessings God provides at our Thanksgiving Worship. We hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

Stepping Up In Faith: Grace is growing and we need to care for and nurture our growth. This Stepping Up in Faith chart shows how just 1-2% increase of your weekly giving will impact our financial future. For less than the cost of a "pumpkin spice latte" you can make a difference for our church and our congregation.

For more information, please speak with one of our Stewardship Team members: Mark Morris (Chair), Kirsten Bressler, Becky Johnson, Pat Jones, Jane Reiman, and Becky Whitmore, Cindy Wohlhuter.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this option.
The Stewardship Team

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
\$ 140,000	\$ 2,692	\$ 26.92	\$ 53.85	\$ 80.77	\$ 107.69	\$ 134.62	\$ 161.54	\$ 188.46	\$ 215.38	\$ 242.31	\$ 269.23
\$ 150,000	\$ 2,885	\$ 28.85	\$ 57.69	\$ 86.54	\$ 115.38	\$ 144.23	\$ 173.08	\$ 201.92	\$ 230.77	\$ 259.62	\$ 288.46

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

✝ **Cup of Hope Grief Coffee:**

Those experiencing grief gather for support, coffee, and conversation the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

✝ **Prayer Shawls & Squares:**

Shawls and Squares knitted and prayed over as items of comfort. These are available for you to gift to someone in their time of need.

✝ **Prayer Group:**

Meets every Tuesday to lift up in prayer, friends, families, & loved ones on our Prayer List.

✝ **Care Ministers:**

Visit homebound members monthly, who would like communion and some conversation.

✝ **Open Door Meals:**

Volunteers help cook and serve meals every Wednesday evening during the school year.

✝ **Meal Ministry Team:**

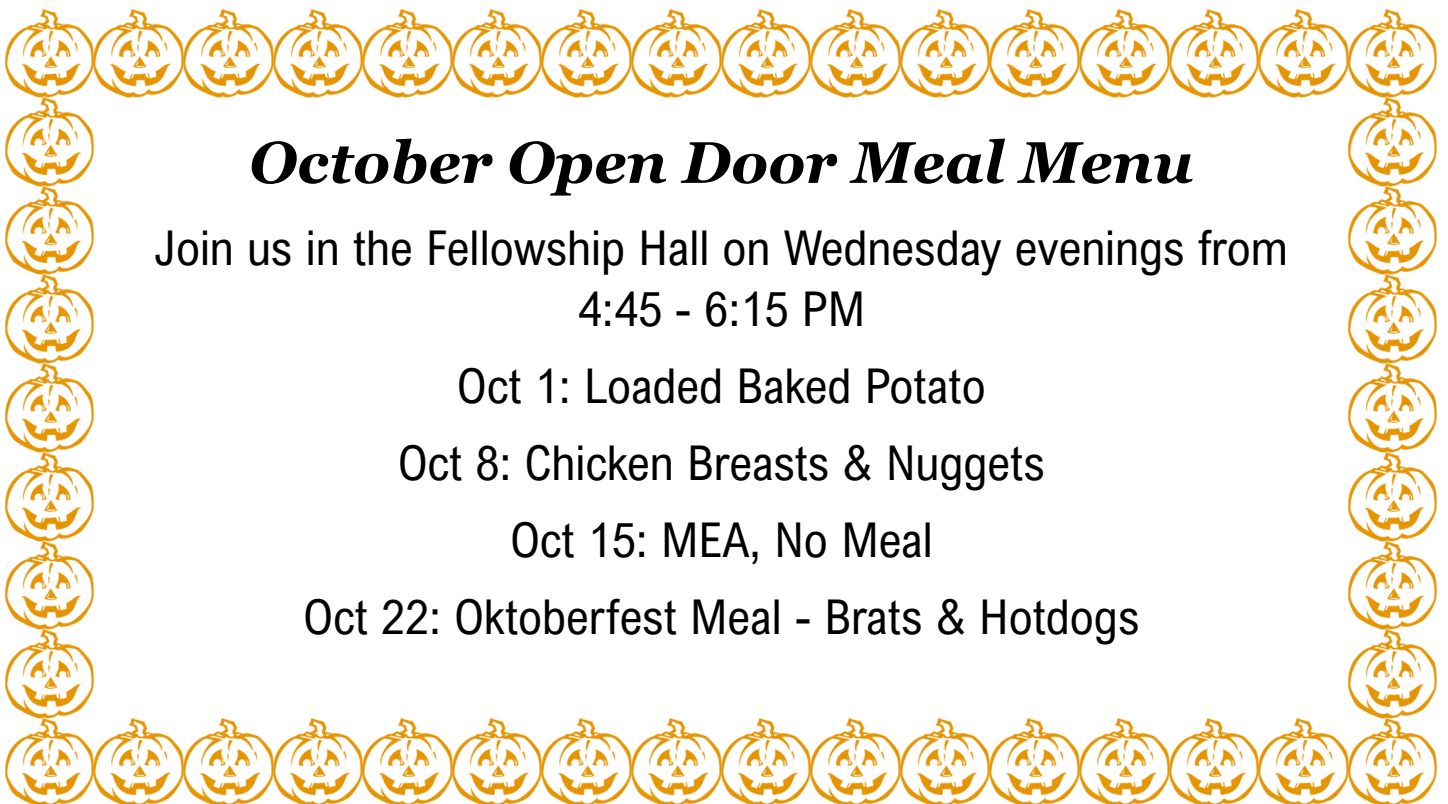
Deliver meals to those who are struggling, injured, recovering from surgery or treatment, or added a new family member!

✝ **Funeral Meal Servers:**

Help to provide hospitality while serving meals during Funerals at Grace.

✝ **People Helping People:**

A team who responds to requests submitted from people in need of financial assistance or resources, food assistance, and resources.



October Open Door Meal Menu

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings from
4:45 - 6:15 PM

Oct 1: Loaded Baked Potato

Oct 8: Chicken Breasts & Nuggets

Oct 15: MEA, No Meal

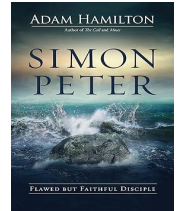
Oct 22: Oktoberfest Meal - Brats & Hotdogs

TIME TOGETHER



Oktoberfest Dinner on Wednesday October 22: Come celebrate our German Lutheran roots with a fun time of food and fellowship from 4:45-6:15pm. 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!

Adult Education Returns Next Month: Grab your coffee and donut holes and head to the Lounge for casual conversation and faith formation. On September 21, we started a series entitled *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*. Each week, we watch a short video and discuss together the topic of the day. There is no homework, and you can jump in at any time. Hope you will come and invite a friend!



Want to Learn to Knit or Crochet? Have you ever wanted something to keep your hands busy and serve a wonderful purpose at the same time? If so, learning how to knit or crochet might be a fun project for you! Our dedicated Prayer Shawl Team would like to teach a new group of folks their wonderful talent this Fall. The Prayer Shawl Team makes prayer squares, baby baptism prayer shawls, and regular prayer shawls as part of our care ministries of Grace. Women and men, adults, and children are welcome to learn. If you are interested, please email Pastor Allison, cobb@gracelutheranchurch.org, and she will add your name to the list.

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 6 at 7:00AM

Where: The Ranch Restaurant

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



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 and connect you to the ministry team leader for more information. Additionally, the yellow Grace Welcome brochures have all 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.

Cup of Hope Welcomes You! 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. We will meet in the Lounge on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Noon. 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. Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy." – John 16:20





Lunch at the Lake on Tuesday, October 21st: Come join your pastors for Lunch at the Lake! Let's take advantage of the wonderful warm weather and our beautiful lakes. Bring your lunch and a lawn chair to the beach at Gomsrud Park. If there is rain, we will meet in the shelter house at the picnic table. We will meet at noon for the final time of the season, with a brief devotion and prayer at 12:15pm. Come on your lunch hour and stay for as little or long as you can. This is a fun, casual, and informal way to stay connected as the body of Christ at Grace! For more information, please see one of the pastors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: The Fairmont Opera House loaned Grace listening devices that can pair via Bluetooth to hearing aids last month. Thank you to Blake and the Fairmont Opera House. These have been well received and Grace will be purchasing some of these devices, thanks to generous donations from members of Grace. We are grateful to Brian and Bruce who will make these available on the usher stand each Sunday. Please see Blake for questions.



THRIVENT
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Thrivent Action Team Grants Needed! Are you a Thrivent member? If so, you likely are eligible for two \$250 action team grants a year.

These grants can be used to fund many ministry projects here at Grace. This Fall, we could use grants for the following ministries: the photo directory, Care Bags, lawn supplies, paint for the lower level, Sanctuary TV's and so much more. Please speak to one of the pastors and they can help you in requesting a grant. Thank you!

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.



Southeastern
Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Southeastern Minnesota Synod Hunger Grant Awarded to Grace!

Thanks to Mary Kotewa who submitted a grant proposal for our Grace Pantry on behalf of the Fellowship and Outreach Team. We received \$500 to be used for this hunger ministry, and a write-up and pictures will be in an upcoming weekly synod newsletter. We are grateful for our synod's passion of helping churches to do the ministry of Jesus in their communities.

Want to Fund a Buildings & Grounds Project???

(Project estimates are subject to change)

Lower-level entry paint project	\$100
LED Lights for Fellowship Hall	\$1200
Sanctuary TV's	\$6,000
Unisex handicap accessible Fellowship Hall restroom	\$10,000

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



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On September 3rd we ended our Summer Worship in the Park services by blessing our animals at Sylvania Park.



God's Work. Our Hands!

Thank you very much to all our incredible volunteers that made another God's Work our Hands Sunday a huge success on September 7th, which is one of our big service days.

Here are some highlights:

- Approx 140 health kits for Lutheran World Relief
- Approx 100 care kits for women
- Approx 42 cards with water paints for our homebound
- Approx 100 care bags that are distributed often through Grace
- Cleaning in the sanctuary
- We have received \$120.00 in offering for our global barnyard animals that help with specific needs around the world.

Thank you again to Nancy Backer and her meal team, Cindy Wohlhuter, Andy Kryzer and Brian Roggow for grilling pork, outreach and fellowship team, mission team, all the project leaders and everyone that was able to volunteer time and efforts.



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS!

On September 7th we kicked off the school year with a fun day of worship, fellowship, and projects using our hands for God's work!



CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

BLAST, PreK - 6th Grade: 5:30PM - 6:25PM - Education wings downstairs and Upstairs

Wednesday Worship (Praise Songs, Brief Message and Communion):

6:30PM - 7:00PM

Confirmation: 7th – 10th: 6:30pm – 7pm Worship in the Sanctuary,
7th – 9th: 7pm – 7:45pm in the Fellowship Hall, 10th: 7pm – 7:45pm in the Chapel

NEW 10th - 12th Senior High Group: 7pm – 7:45pm Lounge (10th graders will be able to join this group after Affirmation of Baptism at the end of the month)

Open Door Meal: 4:45pm – 6:15pm Fellowship Hall



Confirmation Reminders: 7th through 10th graders, please refer to the materials for when you have been scheduled to acolyte 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 first worship note for 7th through 9th is Sunday, October 26th. 10th graders, please be working on your faith statement this month.

- BLAST Reminders: Cherub and Alleluia choirs will sing @ 6:30pm worship on 10/8/25
- 10/15/25 MEA – No Wednesday evening events
- Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 26th at 1045am Contemporary Service. Come and celebrate with our 10th Graders.
- Pastor Matt Larson from our Southeastern Minnesota Synod leadership team will be joining us for worship and 10th grade confirmation on Wednesday, October 1st.
- Please plan to attend the Oktoberfest dinner on Wednesday, October 22 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: A newborn through age 2 Bible class will meet next on Sunday, October 5th 9:40am in the primary two classroom downstairs. We will have a Bible story, song, craft, and snacks. Older siblings, parents, grandparents etc. are all welcome. We hope you can join us!

Senior High Bible Study: A new offering for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders will meet weekly on Wednesday nights from 7pm to 7:45pm throughout the school year. Connecting with one another, Bible Study, occasional fellowship outings, and more. For more information contact Pastor Cole.



OCTOBER MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

Ministry Assistants for October- 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, Oct. 5	Sunday, Oct. 12	Sunday, Oct. 19	Sunday, Oct. 26
Communion Preparer	Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore	Kris Head Peggy Jones
Communion Server	Ben Jordan Kris Head	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Mary Kotewa Ben Jordan	Kris Head Marian Holland
Greeters				
Lector	Scott Drever	Amber DeClercq	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck
Sound Tech	Jolene Rosol	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener	Mark Vogelsang
Ushers	Sherwood Sagedahl, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Sherwood Sagedahl, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Sherwood Sagedahl, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Sherwood Sagedahl, Arv Soma, Allen Struck

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. 5	Sunday, Oct. 12	Sunday, Oct. 19	Sunday, Oct. 26
Communion Preparer	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Abby Ehlert Elayne Baumgart	Connie & Bruce Donnelly
Communion Server	Carolyn Bird Rochelle Bremer	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson	Connie & Bruce Donnelly
Greeters				
Lector	Carolyn Bird	Deb Roggow	Brian Roggow	Amber Hansen
Sound Tech	Pam Krill	Amber Hansen	Louise Hendricks	Enos Brietbarth
Slide Tech	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ushers	Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey

If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a replacement and ask them to let the head usher, Bruce Ehlert, know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement email Bruce at blehlert@midco.net. Thank you!

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, October 5 - Pentecost 17

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 12 - Pentecost 18

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 19 - Pentecost 19

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 26 - Pentecost 20

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, November 2 - All Saints Day

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31



October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am 2nd Grade Bible Workshop 9:35am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship - Baptism 12:00pm Pizza with the Pastors	29 9:00am - 2:00pm American Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS	30 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	1 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's Community Bible Study 4:45pm - 6:15pm Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:45am Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm High School Class	2 9:00am Sarah's Circle (Location Varies) 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	3	4
5 8:30am Traditional Worship - Baptism 9:35am Adult Ed. 9:40am - 10:20am Baby Bible Class 10:45am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm - 5:00pm Girl Scouts Recruiting Event	6 7:00am Men's Breakfast - The Ranch 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Lakeview Senior Worship 1:00pm Mary Circle 5:30pm CYF Team Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting	7 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 6:30pm Girl Scouts	8 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's Community Bible Study 10:00am Goldfinch Memory Care Worship 4:45pm - 6:15pm Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:45am Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm High School Class	9 6:00pm - 8:00pm Boy Scouts	10	11
12 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship	13 Columbus Day 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Shalom Circle	14 9:00am - 11:00am 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 5:30pm Outreach/Fellowship Team Meetings 5:30pm Service Team Meeting	15 MEA Week Ways of Grace Submission Deadline 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's Community Bible Study 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice	16 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	17	18
19 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am Adult Ed. 11:45am Church Council Meeting 10:45am Contemporary Worship	20 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS	21 12:00am Lunch at the Lake 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	22 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's Community Bible Study 4:45pm - 6:15pm Open Door Community Meal - Oktoberfest! 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:45am Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm High School Class	23 1:00pm Ways of Grace Assembly Team 4:30pm - 7:30pm Aktion Club Theatre	24	25
26 Confirmation Reformation Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship	27 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS	28 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	29 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's Community Bible Study 4:45pm - 6:15pm Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:45am Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm High School Class	30	31	1 All Saints Day



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NUMBERS 6:24-26**



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