

Welcome to Grace, Pastor Allison!



"Jesus said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

-Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor Allison's installation and welcome reception were held on Sunday, September 25th. Please continue to introduce yourselves and help Pastor Allison feel at home here at Grace and in Fairmont!



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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SERVICE TEAM

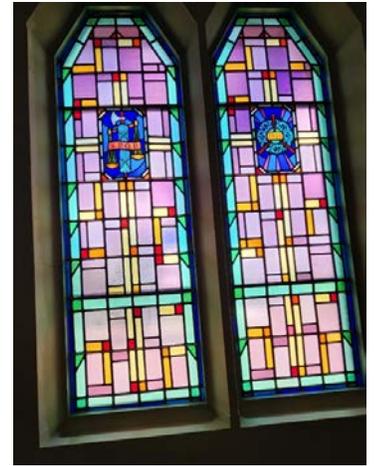
Congregation Members and Friends,

Grace's stained glass windows in the Sanctuary need some tender loving care. The Service Team recently sought out and received two bids from stained glass restoration companies in Winona, Minnesota, who have done stained glass work all around the world. The Service Team and your Congregational Council unanimously chose Associated Crafts / Willet Hauser's bid. Please see proposal details below that outline repairs needed and estimated costs.

If you are interested in being on a fund raising team for this project, please contact Jolene Rosol at jolenerosol@gracelutheranchurch.org. This project is scheduled to begin in the late summer of 2023.

Thank you,

Jolene Rosol - President, Grace Lutheran Church Council



PROPOSAL FOR THE REPAIRS OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

There were four or five storms this year with driving rains coming at the west side of the building. This caused 3-6 windows to leak. Most of the time the water stayed in the window well area, but one storm was so severe that the carpeting was wet.

Two different stained glass companies came to look at the windows and give the Council an appraisal of the windows and what repairs the stained-glass windows needed. The stained glass windows have been appraised at \$346,700. This includes the window over the alter, 4 in the choir loft, 11 sets of 2 windows by the pews, 6 small windows in the balcony and 3 in the gathering space.

GOOD NEWS: The lead in the windows is still in good condition and has not oxidized. If the lead had oxidized, then the windows would have to be disassembled and remade with new lead at a much higher cost.

BAD NEWS: Some of the windows have glass pieces bowing in or out and do not lay flat anymore. The reason this has happened over time is that the windows are cemented into concrete and cannot move with the weather temperature changes.

PROPOSAL: For every stained glass window:

- A water test will be performed in the inside and outside of the windows to check for leaks.
- The existing protective covering will be removed. (Like a storm window.)
- The stained glass window will be removed. Then the stained glass will be repaired and stabilized as necessary per window. Broken glass will be replaced.
- Re-cement the stained glass window on the interior and exterior surface. (This product is like soft scrub. It will clean the stained glass pieces and enhance the lead.)
- Any windows that can be opened will be permanently sealed shut.
- Reinstall the stained glass window. (Instead of using cement a flexible product will be used.)
- Scrap loose paint and apply both a primer coat and a finish coat of rust inhibiting paint.
- A new acrylic protective covering will be installed outside the stained glass window. This has been developed especially for stained glass windows to whisk away moisture between the stained glass window and the protective covering, and has a ventilating system for extreme heat and cold temperatures.
- A water test will be performed on the inside and outside of the windows to check for leaks.

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THANK YOU AND FAREWELL, PASTOR JOE!



A Thank You & Farewell Reception was held Sunday, Sept. 11th, for Interim Pastor Joe BW Smith to thank him for his faithful guidance over the past year. We are grateful for his time and lessons shared at Grace!



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PROJECT COST: Grace has received a bid from Willett Hauser/Associated Crafts to do the above listed work for \$203,922. This bid is valid for 45 days and when a deposit is paid, Grace will be placed on the list to get the work completed. Right now, the soonest available time that the Company could come is the fall of 2023. Grace has enough money in trust account to make the down payment of 25% at the time the contract is signed. An additional 25% is due when the project is 50% completed. Another 25% is due when the project is 75%, with the balance due when the project is completed.

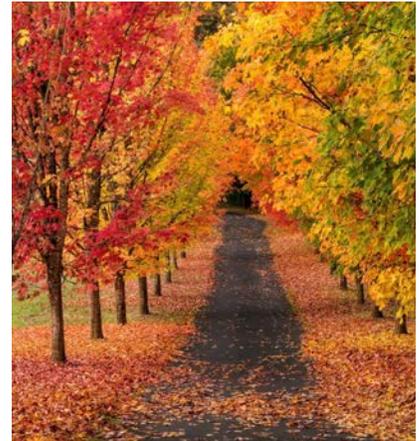
WORSHIP & MUSIC

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8:30AM and 10:15AM
Tuesdays at 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12 (pre-recorded)
Wednesdays at 6:30PM Grace Sanctuary
Fridays at 1:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12 (pre-recorded)

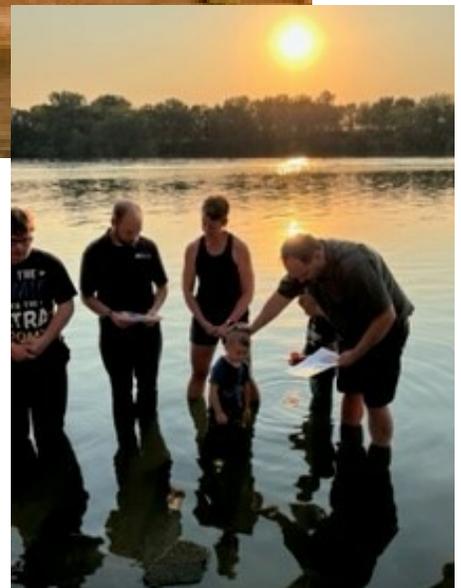
***Communion** is offered each Sunday.

***All services will be live streamed on Facebook, and our webpage.**



6:30PM WEDNESDAYS

On September 7th, the last outdoor Wednesday Worship of the summer, we celebrated a very unique baptism for Ezra Kahler, son of Jen and Logan Kahler. Pastor Joe baptized Ezra on the shore of Lake Sisseton! It was a beautiful service, attended by many Grace 10th graders and their families. It was a meaningful reminder of the students' own baptisms as they prepare to affirm their faith later this month and are confirmed. Blessings to you and your family, Ezra!



WORSHIP & MUSIC

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

October 2, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

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

October 9, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

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

October 16, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

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

October 23, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

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

October 30, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

"God loves us all, both big and small," a child's verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus "salvation has come to this house"—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:10-18

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

October

Open Door Meal Menu

Join us in Fellowship Hall
on Wednesday evenings
from 4:45PM to 6:15PM!

October's Menu:

Oct. 5th - Meatballs

Oct. 12th - Baked Potato

Oct. 19th - No Meal/MEA

Oct. 26 - Chicken Breast/Nuggets

BUSINESS OF GRACE

Jolene Rosol, Council President
Council@gracelutheranchurch.org

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Members Present: Jolene Rosol, Ben Jordan, Pete Odgren, Carolyn Bird, Jane Reiman, Joice Forster, Wayne Olson, and Josh Ensrud

Members Absent: Ilene Reiter, Patti Mathews, and Eric Tonder

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:15AM by Council President Jolene Rosol.

Devotional: Pete shared a devotional about the importance of accepting and working through change with the help of God.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Council minutes from August 21, 2022 were reviewed and approved via email on August 22, 2022. Pete moved to accept, seconded by Patti. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Jane Reiman reviewed the financial reports. Everything is still on track for the current church year. Jane explained the budgeting process for the 2023 year. A representative of each team was given a budget worksheet which he/she will bring back to his/her team to budget items for 2023. These need to be completed by the October 16, 2022 Church Council meeting.

Team Reports

Worship Team

Wayne reported that the Worship Team will begin planning for the Advent and Christmas season.

CYF Team

Ben reported that BLAST and Confirmation started on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. BLAST is short a couple of teachers. Nikki is seeking people to fill these positions. Cherub Choir is meeting from 5:30-6:00 while the Alleluia Choir is meeting from 6:00-6:30. These choirs are being led by Kris Tillotson. Confirmation classes has leaders in place and is set to go. Confirmation for 10th graders will be on Sunday, October 30, 2022. All people working with our youth will need to go through a background check.

Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2023 will be led by Okoboji Bible Camp. Nicki will try to schedule them for the third week in June.

Ways to communicate with BLAST families and teachers were discussed. Emailing does not seem to be working well. Nicki will look into the texting option available through REALM and will follow up with telephone calls.

Outreach Team

Carolyn reported that Open Door started on Wednesday, September 14th. It was advertised in both the Photo Press and Sentinel. The farewell for Pastor Joe was a success. The team is finalizing plans for a Welcome Reception for Pastor Allison Cobb on Sunday, September 25th. The Mission Committee Apple Pie Bake is September 24th.

Service Team

The Service Team is looking to replace the current lawn mower and snow blower next spring. It was decided to continue to use the giving envelopes. Jolene received quotes for restoring the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. The 2023 budget will need to be finalized by the November 2022 council meeting.

Old Business

Updating the Grace Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws has been tabled until 2023.

New Business

The Call Committee has interviewed two candidates for the Associate Pastor position. One candidate has been scheduled for a second interview.

The stained glass windows in the sanctuary need to be repaired and restored. The Service Team received two bids. The team recommended we go with Willett Hauser Associated Crafts from Winona, MN. The cost for this project will be \$203,922. The earliest they can start is the fall of 2023. The sanctuary will be available for church services, weddings, funerals, etc. Fundraising for this will need to take place. It was moved by Wayne and seconded by Josh to go forward with this project. Motion carried.

Pastor Report

There was no pastor report as Pastor Allison begins her call on Monday, September 19, 2022.

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, September 25th at 8:30AM and 10:15AM - Pastor Allison Cobb's Installation. Welcome reception after both services.

Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30PM - Outreach, CYF, and Worship Team meetings in the Laurel Lounge and Gathering Area.

Thursday, October 13th at 5:15PM - Service Team Meeting

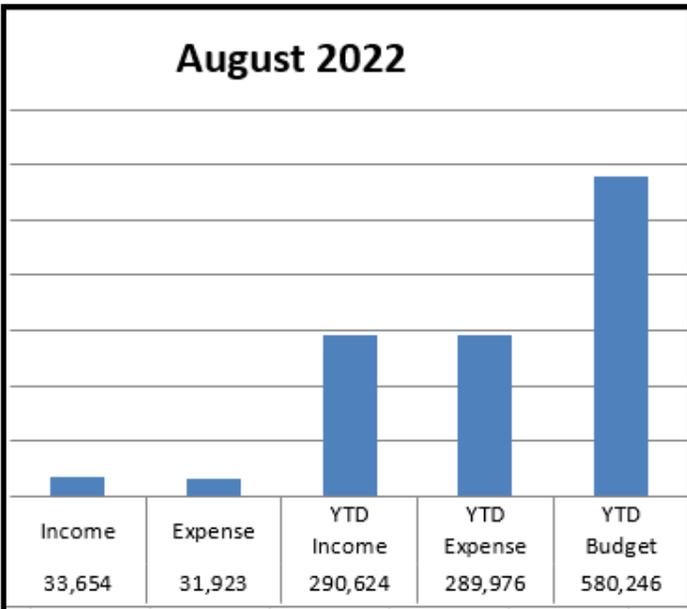
Sunday, October 16th at 11:15AM Church Council Meeting

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BUSINESS OF GRACE

Jolene Rosol, Council President
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FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR AUGUST



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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Joice Forster.

Approval of Secretary's Report

The September 18, 2022 Church Council minutes were reviewed and approved via email on September 23, 2022. Motion by Pete Seconded by Carolyn to approve. Motion carried.

MEMORIALS

Dixie Arends Memorial

Chris & Carol Nasby Missions
John & Connie Anthony Missions
Louise & Brian Hendrickson Missions

Phyllis Betts Memorial

Harriet Danielson Building

Dick Gould Memorial

Linda Shaw Undesignated

Luella Kautz Memorial

Harriet Danielson Building

Norma Quiring Memorial

Roger & Carol Voss Missions
Pat Jones Missions



Grace's
October Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Happy Fall!

Director of Christian Education, Nicki Kueker
kueker@gracelutheranchurch.org

As I sit and look out the window, it is fun to hear the laughter of children on the church playground! Everyone has settled into their school routine and little ones are not fighting the bedtime routine. I am so excited to enjoy wonderful cups of coffee on the cool mornings. Soccer games have been fun to watch along with a few Cross-Country meets have been fun to fit into my busy schedule. The fall is fun to watch as another season is here and quickly coming to an end. Farmers are busy in the fields, as we pray for a successful harvest for each family!

I hope to start seeing everyone back at church at some point this year!

-Nicki

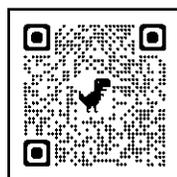
Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, October 30th at the 10:15AM service.

Reminder: No confirmation or BLAST on Wednesday, October 19th, for MEA Break.



Reminder! If you have not yet done so, please register All BLAST and Confirmation students!

Simply follow the link
<https://forms.gle/bQb3ov7wdnBg6nQq5>,
or scan the QR code below.



What is the schedule for Wednesday Nights?

Grace Lutheran
Wednesday Night Schedule:

4:45PM-6:15PM - Open Door Meal - All are invited to Fellowship Hall for an evening meal.

5:30PM-6:30PM - BLAST for PreK-6th Graders, including Cherub & Alleluia Choir, learning lessons and fun!

6:35PM - Wednesday Worship

6:35PM-7:40PM - Confirmation for 7th-9th Graders

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Fall Retreat Opportunities for Grace Youth: At the “All In” recharge, campers will join an eccentric expedition team seeking a treasure worth more than gold. Campers will walk away with practical tools on how to keep God at the center of everything they do. Stewardship is often a word associated with money, but it is so much more than that. Everything you have is from God and is God’s. How can you take care of it and invest it for His Kingdom and His glory? You can use your time, talents, treasure, and so much more. Are you “all in” for God? Grace will help with \$30 to help off-set the cost. Contact Nicki for more information.

Oct. 21-23 4th - 6th Grade
Ingham Lake Bible Camp

Nov. 4-6 6th - 9th Grade
Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

Nov. 11-13 6th - 9th Grade
Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

Nov. 18-20th - 9th-12th Grade
Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp



Join us for an afternoon of fun at Center Creek Orchard on October 23, 2:30-6:00PM!

Please meet at the entrance of Center Creek Orchard. There are games and lots of fun activities! We will gather together as a group at 5:30PM to do a craft, and end the day with a group picture.





Apple Pie Bake - 2022! An amazing team made about 200 pies on Saturday, Sept. 24th! Proceeds support the Mission Team, who gives funds to local, regional, and international groups that help those in need.



Grace Calendar of Events - October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:30am - 11:15am Pastor Allison's Installation 8:30am Traditional Sunday Worship 10:15am Contemporary Worship	26 6:00pm CBS-Evening Group	27 1:00pm - 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	28 9:00am - 12:00pm CBS 4:45pm - 6:15pm Open Door 5:30pm - 6:30pm B.L.A.S.T. 5:30pm Chancel Choir 6:35pm - 7:35pm Confirmation 6:35pm - 7:15pm Wednesday Worship	29 4:30pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre	30 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	1
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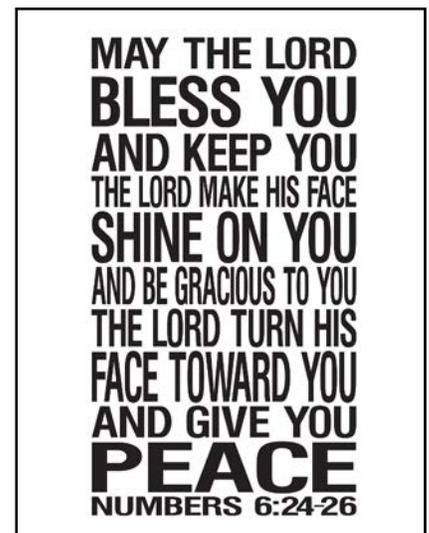
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Our Facebook page (Fairmont Grace Lutheran Church), the church website (www.gracelutheranchurch.org), and our church emails are a few places to go to get updates on the worship schedule. You can also call the church office at 238-4418.

The Ways of Grace is the monthly newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church for members, visitors and friends of Grace. The monthly deadline is the 15th of the month. Please send correspondence regarding the Ways of Grace to the editor at office@gracelutheranchurch.org.