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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.


October 2023 

God's Work. Our Hands!



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 AND KEEP YOU
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 AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU
 THE LORD TURN HIS
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PEACE
 NUMBERS 6:24-26



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The Apostle Paul wrote to the early church, "Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I write this month's article, I am amazed at how fast one year here at Grace has gone. During this short time, I have had the great honor of partnering with you to do the work of Jesus in this community and beyond. Together, we have worshipped, walked with one another in good and challenging times, served God and our neighbor, and brought back many of the beloved activities of Grace Lutheran. This includes singing Holden Evening Prayer during Advent and Lent, adult education on Sunday mornings, bringing ministries of care to fruition such as our Care Bags for Guests, meal ministry for those who are sick, People Helping People team to give monetary assistance to those in need, Grace Food Pantry to feed hungry guests, establishing an Altar Guild, gathering for worship and service with both God's Grace is Amazing Day and God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, and we now have established and published Grace's core values and our new mission and vision statements. Your love of God and our neighbor is clearly evident in your heart for service!

It has taken many volunteers to accomplish this. People who have done everything from planning and service on teams, giving of their time to decorate the church and paint the fellowship hall, plan and implement our youth education programs, and musicians and worship team to provide a variety of worship experiences throughout the year. I am incredibly grateful to you all and ask that we not only continue to share our gifts but take the next step in inviting others to participate too.

Jesus gave us his example of inviting others to join him by saying "Come and see." Just this weekend, I met a couple visiting our congregation and they were there because one of our members met them during the week and invited them to come to Grace. A simple yet profound act of welcome and hospitality goes such a long way as these guests are new to Fairmont and just beginning to search for their church home. For many who have been at Grace for decades, and even those who Grace has been home for just a few years, it is easy to forget how intimidating it can be to walk into an unfamiliar building and sit down among 100 or more strangers. That personal invitation makes all the difference.

This month, we have wonderful opportunities to practice inviting new people to Grace as well as those who haven't been here in a while. Beginning on October 1, a monthly Men's Breakfast is scheduled for 6:30AM at The Ranch where a devotion will be shared, and conversation had over your favorite breakfast order. This is a great way for guys of all life stages to get together for fun and fellowship. So, invite a buddy and come on down to The Ranch the first Monday of the month.

We also learned in our survey of BLAST families that many parents would like an opportunity for their own faith formation and fellowship time with other adults. Therefore, on October 4, the first Wednesday of the month, Pastor Cheryl and I will be offering an Adult BLAST class in the Lounge at 5:30PM on a variety of topics. All adults are welcome, and we hope to see you there! Last, but not least, on Wednesday, October 25th, we will celebrate our German Lutheran Heritage with an

October 2023

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1 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am - 10:35am Adult Bible Study 10:45am Contemporary Worship	2 9:00am-3:00pm American Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Mary Circle 5:30pm Worship Team Meeting 6:30pm Celebration Choir Practice 7:00pm CBS Bible Study	3 9:00am- 3:00pm Common Threads Sewing Bee - Community 1:00pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 2:30pm Weekly Prayer Meeting	4 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's Community Bible Study 4:45pm - 6:30pm Open Door Meal 5:30pm - 6:30pm BLAST 5:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm Confirmation	5 9:00am Sarah's Circle	6 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	7
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Bibles were presented to 2nd and 3rd graders on Sunday, September 17th!



Kris Tillotson, director of the Cherub and Alleluia Choirs, would like to invite all Grace Lutheran Church children to sing in the children’s choirs at Grace! Cherub Choir (3 yrs. to 1st Grade) meets in the Chapel from 6:00- 6:25PM on Wednesday evenings, and the Alleluia Choir (2nd - 6th Grade) meets in the Chapel from 5:30- 6:00PM on Wednesday evenings. Both choirs will follow the Open Door schedule. When there is no Open Door or if school is called off on a Wednesday, there will be no Cherub and Alleluia Choirs. Come and join Miss Kris and our wonderful accompanist, Carol Madsen, to sing and Praise The Lord!!

Confirmation Service Project: Glows Parade!

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 17th. All confirmation students and families are invited to walk with the Grace Float. We will hand out glow sticks, candy, and bags with Christmas Eve worship times to welcome our community to Grace. More details to come!

Octoberfest dinner! Brats and sauerkraut, hot dogs, potato salad, pretzels, German chocolate cake, and of course Beer—Root Beer, that is! This evening is also our confirmation rehearsal and picture night with confirmation being held on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Our 8:30am traditional service will have Luther’s *Mighty Fortress is Our God* and other classic hymns while the 10:45am contemporary service will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism milestone with our 10th graders. What a joyous time to celebrate our faith in Jesus and the traditions and saints who raised us in the faith.

There is great joy here at Grace as we continue to build an intergenerational community, bring back beloved traditions, and welcome in new ministries. If you have a ministry idea that you are passionate about, please share that with Pastor Cheryl and me. We would love to help you get connected here at Grace using the gifts God has given you. And if you see gifts in someone else, please share that with them because we often are unable to see those gifts in ourselves. Again, thank you for all the ways you participate here at Grace through your prayers, worship, service, and financial stewardship.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Allison

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Sundays:** 8:30AM Traditional
10:45AM Contemporary
- Tuesdays:** 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12 (pre-recorded)
- Wednesdays:** 6:30PM WOW, Worship on Wednesday!
- Fridays:** 1:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12 (pre-recorded)



*Communion is offered each Sunday and Wednesday.

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

At Goldfinch Senior Living Worship Services are the 2nd Wednesday of the month. 10AM at Assisted Living and 10:45AM, both with Communion, at Memory Care. Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 10AM, at Lakeview Methodist home, with communion. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!

Associate Pastor Search Continues: We thank the Call Committee for their constant prayers and work as we continue to follow where the Holy Spirit leads Grace. At the same time, we are blessed to have Pastor Cheryl here through Easter as we diligently work to on our stewardship initiatives to make Grace more financially stable to afford the staff needed for our ministries. If you would like to be a part of the Stewardship Team, please contact the office. Thank you!

Sunday, October 1, - TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

First Reading: 18:1-4, 25-32
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, October 8, - TIME AFTER PENTECOST

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 15, - TIME AFTER PENTECOST

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 22, - TIME AFTER PENTECOST

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 29, - TIME AFTER PENTECOST

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



October
Open Door Meal Menu

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on
Wednesday evenings from
4:45 - 6:30 PM

October 4: Chicken Fried Steak

October 11: Chicken Breast/
Nuggets

October 18: **MEA - No Meal**

October 25: Spaghetti

Fall Greetings!

We are so excited that our youth programming is off to a great start! On Wednesday evenings, you will notice our classrooms and hallways are filled with smiling faces, busy feet and joyful singing! Second and third graders received a Bible Blessing on Sunday Sept 17, 2023. We pray that they use this gift to learn, explore and live by God's word as they grow on their faith journey. In the coming weeks, you will start to see our confirmation students learning new roles involved within our worship services. They will serve as a Greeter, Acolyte or Reader. Please make them feel welcome! On Sunday October 29, 2023 our 10th graders will celebrate their Confirmation during the 10:45am service. Congratulations and God's blessings to them all! Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to prepare for BLAST and Confirmation each week. We could not do this without you. You are greatly appreciated!

In Christ,

Your Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Open Door Meal: 4:45PM - 6:30PM - All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a meal.

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

Wednesday Worship: 6:30PM - 7:00PM

Confirmation, 7th-10th Grade: 7:00PM - 8:00PM



Mark Your Calendars for First Communion Instruction!

At Grace, youth are invited to commune at any age and can then participate in a First Communion Class when parents feel they are ready. We offer this class once per year, geared toward kindergarten to sixth graders, with a special faith milestone in worship. Many parents have begun asking when this class will meet during our new program year. Therefore, our next class will be held from Noon-3PM on Sunday, February 4. The following Sunday, February 11, will include this faith milestone in both services.



REMINDER: Confirmation Sunday is October 29th at 10:45!

Youth Trip Coordinator Volunteer Needed!

CYF is looking for a lead volunteer to plan future youth trips for students! Some duties would include coordinating details of location and lodging, finding volunteer chaperones, assist with fundraising events for donations, and work with the CYF Team and Pastors on trip details and itinerary. Please contact the office if interested!



Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 20, 2023

Present: Pete Odgren, Joice Foster, Ilene Reiter, Patti Mathews, Joshua Ensrud, Carolyn Bird, Ardell Prescott, Jane Reiman, Pastor Allison Cobb, Kris Boerner, Pastor Cheryl Indehar

Not Present: Troy Nemmers

Call to Order: Pete Odgren called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.

The Devotional was given today by Patti Mathews. *September devotion will be given by Kris Boerner. **October devotion will be given by Carolyn Bird.

Financial Report: Jane Reiman gave the August 2023 Financial Report. She reported Aug. giving was down 11% down from last May 2022. The Church council agrees this is an improvement, but that we still need to continue to focus on budgeting funding smartly. A motion to approve the Aug 20th, 2023 Financial Report was made by Joice Forster. Caroline Bird seconded the motion. The Financial Report was approved by the rest of the council members.

Team Reports

CYF: VBS was scheduled for June 17th-20th for the summer of 2024. The CYF team is still in need of BLAST teachers. Registration has already begun for BLAST and Confirmation. Orientation for the two classes is scheduled for Sept. 6th, 2023, starting at 5:30 p.m. The blessing of the bags and Bibles for 2nd graders and those older who did not receive one will be Sept. 17th, 2023.

Worship: Next '24 summer, the worship in the park schedule will extended - beginning in May and ending in early Sept. The Worship team discussed the following: implementing different ways to engage the kids during worship such as; using musical instruments, merging the Welcome and Peace actions to the beginning of worship, creating the Christmas schedule, and extending next year's Worship in the Park from May to Sept.

Outreach: Grand Dee's will be next Wed. worship in the park. Oktoberfest is planned for Wednesday, October 25th, 2023 from 4:45 - 8:30 p.m.

Service: FY '24 budget will be completed in October 2023.

Fellowship: No new business was discussed.

Stewardship: No new business was discussed.

Personnel: The Tech position remains open. The position will now be posted in the local newspaper only.

Old Business

Associate Pastor Update: The associate pastor that the Church chose declined the church's calling. This position remains open.

Tech. Person Position Update: The Tech position remains open. The position will now be posted in the local newspaper only.

Stained Glass Window Repair Update: The Stained Glass Window Project will begin this September.

Fundraising Project for People Helping People Update: The council discussed that the People Helping People fund is separate from the CYF offering that will be collected this Fall. The team decided to use the funds raised at Oktoberfest this fall for the People Helping People fund.

New Business

Financial Outlook: To continue to ask for congregational members increased stewardship/being fiscally decisive in how we utilize our budget..

Fall Programming: The Church council agreed that the BLAST/Confirmation programs are well in hand. The Christmas schedule has been made by the Worship team as well.

Pastor Reports

Pastor Cheryl: Pastor Cheryl stated she has continued her focus on Pastoral Care and assisting in streamlining the Church website.

Pastor Allison: Pastor Allison discussed how happy she was with how members of the congregation have been stepping up in supporting church ministries. She is proud of how the church is moving forward in a positive direction.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, August 28th at 5:30 p.m. Council Financial Planning Seminar

Tuesday, September 5th at 5:30 p.m. Worship Team Mtg.

Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. CYF, Outreach, & Fellowship Team Mtg.

Tuesday, September 12th at 5:30 p.m. Service Team Mtg.

Sunday, September 17th at 11:45 a.m. Church Council Mtg. in the Laurel Lounge

Adjournment

The Council team adjourned with the Lord's prayer at 12:25 p.m.

Approval of Secretary's Report

Approval of the June Secretary's report was made on: July 7, 2023.

Adult BLAST Schedule 2023-2024

1st Wednesday of the Month | 5:30-6:30PM | The Lounge

Animate: Faith Series

Date	Lesson	Teacher
10/4/2023	God: Faith is a Quest	Pastor Allison
11/1/2023	Religion: Spirituality is not Enough	Pastor Cheryl
12/6/2023	Jesus: The Revolution of Love	Pastor Allison
1/3/2024	Salvation: Abundant New Life	Pastor Cheryl
2/7/2024	Cross: Where God Is	Pastor Allison
3/6/2024	Bible: A Book Like No Other	Pastor Cheryl
4/3/2024	Church: An Imperfect Family	Pastor Allison

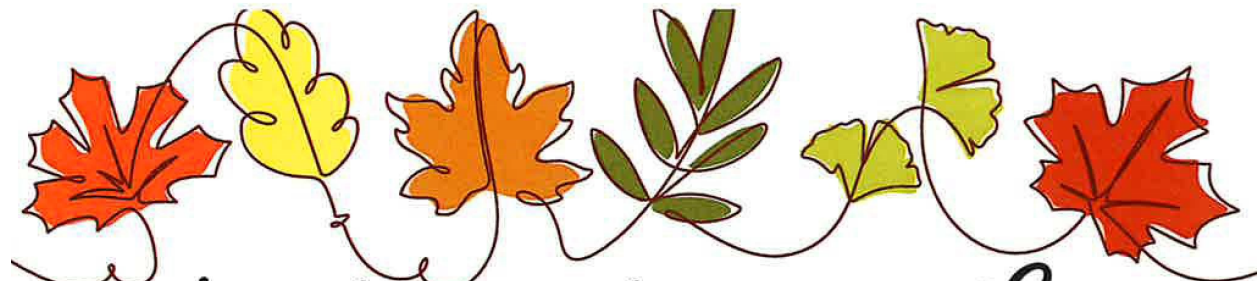
Belong | Learn | Apply | Serve | Tell

Adult BLAST Starts in October! You are invited to something new!!! As the kids learn in BLAST, we hope you will join us as we Belong | Learn | Apply | Serve | Tell. We have heard from you that the hour of BLAST time can be a great time to run errands or grocery shop. At the same time, many have shared a deep desire to get to know more adults here at Grace.

We welcome adults of all ages for a once-a-month time of faith formation and community building. We will have a different topic each month from the *Animate: Faith* series. Come and eat, enjoy study and fellowship from 5:30pm-6:30pm while kids are in their BLAST classes, and then stay for worship from 6:30pm-7pm. We will meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Lounge beginning October 4. The pastors will rotate facilitating this class and we hope to see you there!



Care Callers Team Needs You! Did you know that Grace Lutheran has over 100 households with people 80 years old and older??? Many come to church and others stay connected through our at home worship and newsletters. Yet we would love to keep the connection with their faith community personal. We would like to form a team of twelve volunteers who will call 10-12 households a month. They will visit, take down any prayer requests to pass along to the pastors, and make sure they know they continue to be a valued part of the body of Christ here at Grace. We hope you will prayerfully consider being part of this important team! To get involved, please contact the office.



Vendor and Craft Show

Saturday Oct 14th 2023 | 9:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.
St. John's UCC - 301 N. Main St. Fairmont, MN

All Proceeds will go to Nicki Kueker who was recently diagnosed at the Rochester Mayo Clinic with frontotemporal dementia at the age of 49. Mother to 22 year old quadruplets, an 18, and 13 year old at FHS and 8 year old at SJV, Nicki has been active in the Fairmont community for 22 years. She has been a familiar face as a mom and volunteer with soccer, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Budd Elementary School & St John Vianney. For 15 years her love of working with children was fulfilled while employed at Grace Lutheran Church. Sadly, the symptoms of her illness now keep her from the life of service she enjoys. She is no longer able to work. Nicki's loving family, friends and deep faith in God are keeping her strong and hopeful.

Free-will donation breakfast and lunch will be available!!

Memorials:

Randy Cress Memorial

- Amber Thorn Stained Glass Windows
- Patricia Jones Undesignated
- Richard & Colene Turner Stained Glass Windows
- Harry & Chery Brumbaugh Stained Glass Windows
- Tina Hilgendorf Stained Glass Windows
- Jennelle Cuning Stained Glass Windows
- Arv & Joanne Soma Stained Glass Windows
- Michael, Linda Katzenmeyer Stained Glass Windows
- Enos & Charlotte Breitbarth Stained Glass Windows
- Mark & Carolyn Brown Stained Glass Windows
- Shalom Circle Stained Glass Windows
- Kenneth Wolter Undesignated
- Janice Lemon Undesignated
- Roger & Carol Voss Undesignated
- Sandra Lunn Undesignated
- John & Connie Anthony Undesignated
- Carolyn Bird Stained Glass Windows
- Craig & Joice Forster Stained Glass Windows
- Ross & Cindy Wohlhuter Stained Glass Windows
- Rod & Diane Palmquist Stained Glass Windows
- Jolene & Joe Rosol Stained Glass Windows
- Larry Maday Stained Glass Windows
- Chris & Carol Nasby Stained Glass Windows
- Karen Munsch Stained Glass Windows
- Matt & Jennifer Nielson Stained Glass Windows
- Kristin & Rick Sparks Stained Glass Windows
- Rolf Blom Stained Glass Windows
- Matthew & Juli Spielman Stained Glass Windows
- Carol Cress Stained Glass Windows

Robert Swanson Memorial

- Marian Holland Stained Glass Windows
- Rod & Diane Palmquist Stained Glass Windows

Robert Nicoson Memorial

- Louise & Brian Hendricks Stained Glass Windows

Bob Zemke Memorial

- Arvin & Joanne Soma Stained Glass Windows

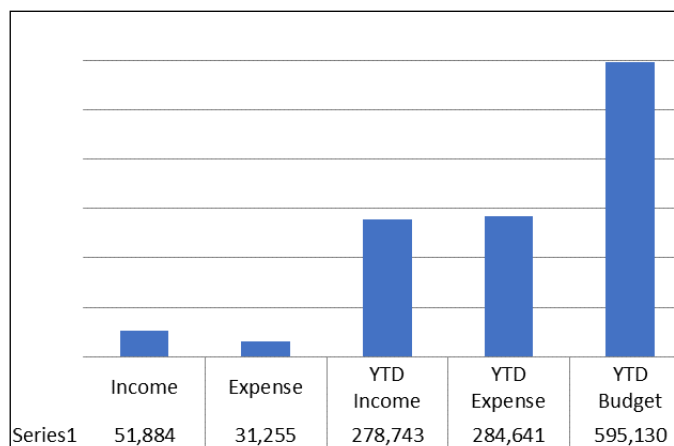
Ken Craig Memorial

- Janet Nielsen Stained Glass Windows

Jana Nawrocki Memorial

- Janet Nielsen Stained Glass Windows

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR AUGUST



Want to Fund a Grounds and Landscaping Project at Grace???

(Project estimates are subject to change)

- Wi-Fi Upgrade in offices and classrooms \$1,800
- Bathroom light switches with auto turnoff/shut off: \$1,050
- Lawn and sidewalk supplies: \$1,200
- Misc. areas paint and supplies: \$1,500
- River rock for landscaping / pea rock for playground: \$1,500



For more project information, please contact the office or see our maintenance worker,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A huge thanks to Brian Roggow and Andy Kryzer along with Martin County Pork Producers for providing the awesome pork chops on a stick for the God's Work Our Hands meal. And to Steve Stone for grilling them to perfection with Andy! Your generous donation made that day extra special!



Communion Prep and Server Training October 1! Setting Christ's table and serving this holy meal of forgiveness and love is a wonderful way to serve at Grace. Del Prescott, chair of the Grace Altar Guild, will provide a brief training on Sunday October 1 at 9:45AM in the sacristy. She will walk through what is required to prepare the table as well as how communion is to be served. Even if you have done communion prep or serving in the past, please stop by so that everyone is on the same page. Also, if you would like to sign up to prepare and/or serve communion, please plan to attend as well.

Worship Slides Training October 1: Blake Pothoff will be in the balcony for a brief training session at 9:45AM on Sunday, October 1. He will be training volunteers on how to run the Powerpoint slides for the 10:45AM worship service. Please be sure to attend so we can bring back this important part of our contemporary service. Thank you!



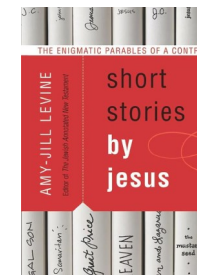
Men's Breakfast Starts This Month! Men of all ages are invited to a monthly breakfast at The Ranch restaurant on the first Monday of the month at 6:30AM. Come for a devotion, fellowship, and good breakfast food. *When: Monday October 2 at 6:30AM Where: The Ranch Restaurant Why: Because Jesus says that when a few are gathered in his name, he's there too!*

Chancel Choir Begins Wednesday October 4!!! Please be sure to welcome Joyce Jorgenson as our new Chancel Choir Director! Joyce comes to Grace with amazing experience and a passion for church music. She also directs the choirs at St. John Vianney Catholic Church and First United Church of Christ. We are blessed to have her. The chancel choir always welcomes new voices from confirmation age on that love to read music and sing! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 and sing at the 8:30am traditional service. We hope to add more voices this year as we praise God in song!



Oktoberfest Dinner on Wednesday October 25!! Come celebrate our German Lutheran roots with a fun time of food and fellowship from 4:45-6:30. Brats, hot dogs, pretzels, potato salad, German chocolate cake, and root beer will be served. This is a great time to get 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 Bible Study: Invite a friend, grab your coffee and donut holes, and come to adult Sunday school between the worship services. We will meet in the Lounge at 9:35AM for a variety of topics throughout the program year. Each week will include a brief video lesson from a Bible scholar or preacher and discussion with one another. Our first series, entitled Short Stories by Jesus by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, will be learning about the parables of Jesus. Dr. Levine is a Jewish scholar who hears the stories Jesus told from his Jewish perspective and helps us as Christians today to see their deeper meaning. For more information, please see Pastor Allison.



Website Update: Thank you to Nicole and Pastor Cheryl for their time and dedication to updating the Grace website. Our website has up to date information on the many ministries of Grace including our mission and vision statement and several helpful documents: Funeral Guide, Wedding Guide, Building Use Policy, Grace Constitution, Annual Report, and so much more. Be sure to check it out!