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in Jesus through worship, fellowship,
and service to God and our neighbor,
here and around the world.*

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God's work. Our hands.



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Goodbye from Pastor Cheryl

Tack, Merci, Asanta, Danke, Thanks! (Swedish, French, Swahili, German, English)



I would like to take this time in thanking you for the great opportunity I had to be with all of you at Grace and the love and support that you have given to me. It has been a wonderful time of ministry to serve with you my brothers and sisters in Christ. From vacation bible study to worship it has been a fun adventure. As you know interim ministry is one that you come for a reason, but only stay for a season. In this case 18 months.

Grace is entering into a new chapter with Pastor Cole coming on board September 29, 2024. He is a great pastor. God sent him to you like he sent me to you. I know that fabulous ministry will happen because he is coming. Please give him the love and support that you have given me. I continue to see the Holy Spirit moving in Grace and the people of Grace. Be open to what God is doing and participate in working with God to bring God's kingdom into this world.

God has called me to do Interim Ministry in South East Minnesota Synod which I have totally enjoyed doing for the past 11 years. But the hard part of Interim Ministry is leaving people I have grown to love. You all will still be with me in my heart. I leave with great memories of doing ministry. Be doing Interim Ministry I have been able to meet many people. Consequently, one day when I am heaven, I will know many people including you.

While at Grace, I have grown spiritually and as a pastor. It has been a privilege and honor to serve you as one of your pastors. Being part of the Grace family has been very fun and exciting for me. You all have been a blessing to me! May God continue to bless you, your families, your ministry, and Grace Lutheran Church. Until we meet again....

God's Peace and Love,
Pastor Cheryl



Welcome

Pastor Cole McCormick and family!



THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

I am delighted to join the team of God's people here at Grace Lutheran Church. I am a South Dakota kid that grew up in Sioux Falls, where my parents and brothers' family all continue to live. I worked for the parks and recreation department for several years as a playground leader and community center leader. I am a graduate of South Dakota State and have a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in religion. I am an avid Jackrabbits fan. GO JACKS! I have my Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. I have been an ordained pastor for almost thirteen years now and have previous calls in Southwestern Minnesota and Western Iowa. Some of my passions are the great energy that youth bring and coming up with creative ways to be church not just inside of the building, but also outside of the building. I also love sharing the Word and nourishing God's people with the sacraments. I enjoy watching sports, playing fantasy football, and golfing when I am able. My wife, Jeanette is also a full-time ELCA pastor at First Lutheran and Grace Lutheran in Worthington, MN. We live in Jackson. Our son Landon will be 5 in late November and is in preschool. We have two cats named Adi and Beso. We love spending time outside and going to movies as a family. Our nanny, Ashley will likely be the one bringing Landon to Wednesday night BLAST or Sunday morning worship most of the time as they rotate between coming to Fairmont and Worthington. I look forward to getting to know you, hearing your passions for the church and serving as your pastor of youth and outreach.

Pastor Cole R. McCormick

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:30AM Worship
8:30 Traditional Worship
(Begins Sept 15)
10:45 Contemporary Worship
(Begins Sept 15)

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

Wednesdays: 6:30PM Praise in Sylvania Park
6:30 WOW - Worship on Wednesday (Begins Sept 18)

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 this month:

September 9 at Lakeview Methodist Home, 10 AM. Then September 11 at Goldfinch, 10 AM in Memory Care, and 10:30 AM in Assisted Living. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!

Blessing of the Animals:

Bring your furry family member to Sylvania Park on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:30PM for an animal themed worship service. Our praise band will lead us in silly animal songs and all of our scriptures and prayers will focus on God's gift of animals. The service also includes a time of bringing your animal forward to receive a blessing, even if it is from a cell phone picture or in an enclosure. Well-mannered creatures only, please. Small farm critters are welcome too!



Fall Programming Returns:

The kick-off to fall programming begins with God's Work. Our Hands Sunday on September 8 followed by BLAST and Confirmation orientation for parents, students, teachers, and small group leaders on Wednesday, September 11. On Sunday, September 15, we return to 8:30AM Traditional Worship, 9:35AM Adult Education and Fellowship Hour, and 10:45AM Contemporary Worship. Open Door Meal, BLAST, WOW Worship on Wednesday, and Confirmation resume on Wednesday, September 18. We look forward to seeing everyone again and new faces too as we follow Jesus together.



WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, September 1 - Pentecost 15

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday, September 8 - Pentecost 16

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, September 15 - Pentecost 17

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, September 18 - Pentecost 18

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, September 29 - Pentecost 19

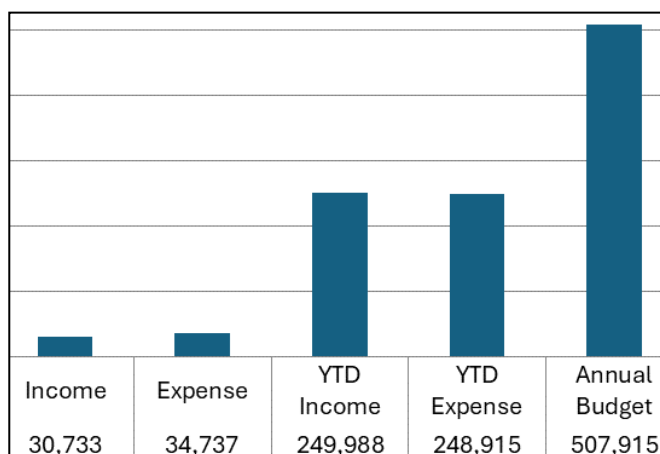
Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Second Reading: James 5:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR JULY



BUSINESS OF GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church Congregational Special Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2024

Call to Order:

The special congregational meeting was called to order at 10:48 a.m. by council co-president, Carolyn Bird.

Quorum:

94 members were present and signed in. A quorum was met.

Presentation of the Candidate:

Cindy Wohlhuter, a call committee member, presented the pastoral candidate, Pastor Cole McCormick. Cindy gave an explanation of the call process and a brief biography of Pastor McCormick. Each call committee member and Pastor Allison then gave strengths of Pastor McCormick. The strengths were the following: communication skills, outreach abilities, youth ministry experience, and his love of Jesus and wanting to share it with all people. Cindy Wohlhuter asked the congregation to vote yes to accept Pastor Cole McCormick as an Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach. The floor was then opened to questions and comments.

A ballot vote of the members present was then taken. The results of the vote were 93 yes and 1 absentia.

Additional Comments

Pastor Allison gave an explanation of the next steps in the process, relating that we can expect Pastor McCormick to begin his call on September 29, 2024. She also stated Pastor Cheryl Indehar will complete her interim position on September 15, 2024, with a farewell appreciation celebration for her service at Grace. A big thank you was given to the call committee for their hard work, time, and due diligence in finding an associate pastor.

The special congregational meeting was adjourned at 11:16.

Respectfully submitted,
Joice Forster, secretary

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 18, 2024

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.

2024 Focus Areas: Constitution,
Stewardship, Community Relationships

Members Present: Carolyn Bird, Joice Forster, Kris Boerner, Mark Morris, Ardel Prescott, Jaime Core, Troy Nemmers, Brandon DeClercq, Joice Eisenmenger, Jane Reiman, and Pastor Cheryl Indehar.

Absent: Josh Ensrud, Pastor Allison Cobb

Call to Order:

Co-President Carolyn Bird called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Devotional: Mark led the devotional based on change. We need to be willing to make change to grow in the Lord.

Gathering Prayer: Council members shared prayer requests, with Pastor Cheryl concluding with a prayer to address these requests.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The July minutes were approved on July 15, 2024 via email. Motion by Kris. Seconded by Carolyn. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Jane Reiman, finance director, gave the council an update on the finances of the church. Giving was 10% higher than last year's giving at this same time. The council was hoping for it to be 30% higher. The stewardship drive will begin in September. A motion was made by Ardel to approve the financial report. Seconded by Kris. Motion carried.

Team Reports

All team reports were sent via email for the

council to read as time was needed for working on the Grace Lutheran Constitution update. There were no questions concerning the reports. The council thanks all the teams for their hard work and dedication.

Old Business

None

New Business

The council began the work of updating the Grace Lutheran Church Constitution since it hasn't been done since 2012. Co-President Troy Nemmers led the work session. It is the hopes of the council to have the updated version ready for congregation approval by the January 2026 annual meeting, as there are many steps that must be taken and timelines to follow before a congregational vote.

Pastor Report

Pastor Allison and Pastor Cheryl sent written reports on the work they have accomplished the past month. The council is appreciative of the work they are doing for Grace Lutheran Church.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, September 9th at 5:30 p.m. CYF Team Meeting
Tuesday, September 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Outreach/Fellowship Team meeting
Tuesday, September 10th at 5:30 p.m. Service Team Meeting
Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
Sunday, September 15th at 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting in the Laurel Lounge

Josh will lead devotions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Joice Forster, Secretary

Approval of Secretary's Report

The August 16, 2024 minutes were approved on August 20, 2024. Motion by Troy.
Second by Brandon. Motion carried.

MEMORIALS:

Marcia Cherland memorial

Renee Tillotson Youth Fund
Velma Vickerman Missions

Velma Roalson memorial

Mark & Ilene Reiter Undesignated

Jack Thorsensen memorial

Maynard & Audrey Johnson Missions
Velma Vickerman Missions

David Panka Memorial

Marian Johnson People Helping People

Delores Holtz Memorial

Janet Nielsen Building

Delores Holz Memorial

Patricia Jones Undesignated

**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 Kay Wrucke, Carole Bursell. Rest eternal grant Kay and Carole, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Gracious God,

Surround the families of Kay and Carole 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 victory through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

TIME TOGETHER

God's Work. Our Hands!

Mark your calendars for a morning of worship, service, and fellowship on Sunday September 8. We will be worshipping at 9:30AM with our bishop, Bishop Regina Hassanally of our Southeastern Minnesota Synod, preaching in worship and joining us for this day of service and fellowship. At 10:30, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to assemble health kits for Lutheran World Relief as well as a few local projects. A picnic lunch will be served at noon. Come for a special time of loving God and our neighbors here in Fairmont and around the world!



Lutheran World Relief Health Kit Donations Needed!

For God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, we will be assembling kits and need the following items. Please drop off new items, still in original packaging, in the Gathering Space. Our goal is to assemble 100 kits to be shipped to people in need around the world. Last year, the kits made by churches in Minnesota were given to people in Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Haiti, Peru, and Sierra Leone. If you have a Thrivent Grant that you would like to donate for this project, please see Pastor Allison.

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging

ONE sturdy wide-tooth comb

ONE metal nail clippers

NOTE: Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name OR any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.





Projects for God's Work. Our Hands!

- Grace Work: work with Brad in the sanctuary to remove the pew pads, wipe down the pews with pledge wipes, and vacuum up the donut hole crumbs.
- Shut-in, Veteran, and First Responder Cards: write a card sharing God's love.

• Local: assemble new mom bags for Options Pregnancy Center that contain household and baby supplies.

• National: assemble Lutheran Social Services birthday kits for children in foster care to have a birthday party. Kids will be coloring birthday cards to include in the kits.

International: assemble health kits for Lutheran World Relief that will be sent around the world to those in need.

The Annual Grace Lutheran Missions' Apple Pie Bake will be held on Saturday, September 28. This is a fun, multigenerational event held to raise funds for Mission projects. We will be making approximately 200 pies and need both workers and eaters (pie purchasers). With many workers, we have been able to complete this task in about half a day.



Workers are needed for peeling apples, rolling crust, pie assembly, as well as several other miscellaneous tasks. Most shifts are around four hours. If you are unable to work that long or need to be seated, we will find something that you can do. Just add a note to your sign-up sheet noting when you can work and if you need to be seated. Sign-up sheets for workers will be available on the table by the Mission Bulletin Board in the Gathering Area. All workers will get a slice of pie at the end of their shift.

Pie order forms will also be available on the table by Mission Bulletin Board. If you aren't able to fill out an order form at church, you may call or text and leave a message for Louise Hendricks at 507-235-3090. Please say and spell your name, provide your phone number, and list the quantity and crust preference of pies you wish to order. A return call will be made to confirm your order.

Apple pies may be picked up on Sat. Sept. 28th from 12:00-2:30 p.m. or on Sunday, Sept. 29th (8 am – Noon). Pies available for a donation of \$15.00 for one or \$40.00 for three.

Name _____

Phone _____

(Unbaked pick-up on Saturday only)

Quantity

Quantity

Baked pies Regular crust _____ crumb crust _____

Unbaked pies Regular crust _____ crumb crust _____



Summer Lunch at the Lake on Tuesday, September 24:

Come join your pastors for Lunch at the Lake! Let's take advantage of the wonderful warm weather and our beautiful lakes. On the last Tuesday of the month, from April to September, 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 fellowship 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.

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 amazing 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. We will look to find a date and time this Fall for this special learning event.



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.

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 September 9 at 7:00AM

Where: The Ranch Restaurant

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





Open Door Meal Returns!

Beginning on Wednesday, September 18, Wednesday night programming returns. A wonderful part of our mid-week faith night is our Open Door Community Meal! We welcome Amber Hanson as our newly hired coordinator for this meal and the dedicated volunteer serving teams that will work with her to put on this time of food and fellowship.

Dinner runs from 4:45pm to 6:30pm. Our goal is to have enough food to feed all guests while not having too many leftovers as some cannot be frozen. We do our best to estimate but numbers can fluctuate. If you would like to be part of a serving team that serves three times a year, please contact Nicole at office@gracelutheranchurch.org. We look forward to seeing you in the Fellowship Hall soon!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

✦ **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 Callers:**

Volunteers who reach out via phone or card monthly to connect with members at home.

✦ **Visitation Team:**

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.

✦ **Care Bags:**

This team assembles bags with essential items provided for visitors in need.

✦ **People Helping People:**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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, God's Work. Our Hands health kits, automatic light switches for the bathrooms, lawn supplies, care bags, new trees for the front lawn, confirmation supplies, 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: Cereal, microwavable meals, ramen, canned meat or chili, mac & cheese



Please welcome Pastor Cole McCormick! On August 4, Grace held a Congregational Meeting where the vote passed to call Pastor Cole as our Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach! Installation of Pastor Cole McCormick:

On Sunday, September 29, we welcome Pastor Cole McCormick as our Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach. Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Barb Streed, will install Pastor Cole at both services. Between the services, a reception will be held to meet our new pastor. And during worship, Pastor Cole will get a chance to meet lots of our kids as our 2nd graders receive their Bibles and all children are invited to bring their school bags for Blessing of the Backpacks. Hope you can be here for this special day of celebration at Grace!

Thank You to Pastor Cheryl Indehar! Come and say "thank you" to Pastor Cheryl between the services on her last Sunday, September 15. In the fellowship hall, we will be having her favorites- cake and ice cream! We cannot thank her enough for her kindness, care, and grace she has show the staff and congregation during her time here as interim associate pastor. Just like Mary Poppins, we pray for our very own "Pastor Poppins" as the Holy Spirit guides her to where she will be needed next.



Ash Trees at Grace: Thank you to Montana Trees for the wonderful job they did removing our ash trees and thank you to and Lawn Solutions for donating 200+ ft of hose to help water the lawn. We will be planting a mixed variety of new trees along Tilden as soon as possible. If you would like to support the fund for new trees, please make a note on your check. Thank you! (Pictures following, on page 13)



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Dear Grace Members,

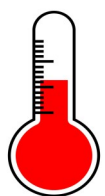
We would like to thank each of you for all the various ways in which you give to Grace Lutheran Church. In addition to our financial gifts, we appreciate the time and talents you share with worshipers at Grace. Those gifts include teaching our BLAST classes and VBS, confirmation, prayer shawls, media, singing in choirs and other musical gifts, communion and meal preparations, grounds keeping, office assistance, church attendance, ushering, collection of food and clothing just to name a few.



We invite you to share our core values of being of service in our Christ-centered community and to express your faith to those around you. May we all make a commitment to serve God through our personal and financial gifts. We encourage you to praise and thank God as we bless your gifts and pledges at our Thanksgiving worship on Sunday, November 24.

In Christ,

The Grace Stewardship Team

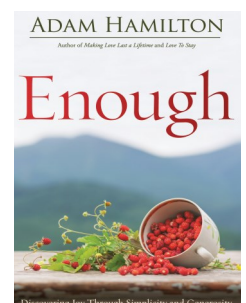


Our \$5 Challenge wrapped up last month and brought in a total of \$5,446!

Thank you, members of Grace, for your donations to the \$5 Challenge! All of you demonstrated what a small pledge in a short period of time will help with the expenditures at Grace. The smallest of deeds pleases God and helps build His ministry!

Enough. Stewardship Drive:

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity! You are invited to the kick-off presentation for our 2024 Stewardship campaign on Sunday, September 22, between the services. Troy Nemmers and Mark Morris will provide an overview of our financial picture at Grace as well as the Stewardship Campaign for the Fall. Grab your coffee and donut holes and join the Stewardship Team in the chapel for this presentation and discussion.



CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

September 11: 5:00PM - 7:00PM Back to Fall Orientation Night for BLAST and Confirmation Families!

September 18: BLAST & Confirmation begin!

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-9th Grade: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Open Door Meal: 4:45PM - 6:30PM - Beginning Sept.25, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a meal.



Confirmation Program Updates!

Thank you for the feedback we received from our confirmands and small group leaders! Based on your feedback, we have made a few tweaks to this year's programming. Confirmation will begin at 6:30pm with students worshipping with their small group in the chapel. We will then move downstairs to our tables in the fellowship hall for our lesson from 7-7:45pm. And this year, instead of writing sermon notes each week, students will be asked to attend seven specific worship services on important days of the church year and do sermon notes only on those days. We will continue to worship with mentors during Advent and Lent and have reduced the discussion time so confirmation will run from 6:30pm-7:15pm during those weeks. Students will also take turns as an acolyte and reader in worship. There will be lots of fun, service, and fellowship too! For more details, please plan to attend Orientation Night at 6:30pm for parents and students on September 11. We look forward to a fun confirmation year!

Youth Mission Trip

We are excited to share that prayers have been answered! A Youth Mission trip to the Appalachian region is coming! Students entering 7th grade through 12th are able to attend **July 18 - July 26, 2025**. Planning has just begun - watch for more detailed information to come!



September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Summer Worship Service	2 Labor Day - Office Closed	3 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 5:30pm Outreach/ Fellowship Team Meetings	4 10:00am Women's CBS Training Setup 6:30pm Blessing of the Animals Praise in the Park - Sylvania	5 8:00am - 2:00pm Women's CBS Training 9:00am - 10:00am Sarah's Circle 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	6 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	7
8 9:30am - 10:30am God's Work. Our Hands. 10:30am—GWOH Service Projects 12:00pm - Picnic Lunch	9 6:30am Shalom Circle 8:00am - 2:00pm Women's CBS Training 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Lakeview Senior Worship 5:30pm CYF Team Meeting 5:30pm Worship Team Meeting	10 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 5:30pm Service Team Meeting 6:30pm Stewardship Team Meeting	11 Women's CBS 10:00am Goldfinch Memory Care Worship 10:30am Goldfinch Assisted Living Worship 5:00pm - 8:00pm CYF Back to Fall Night	12 12:00pm - 1:00pm Staff Lunch 4:00pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre 6:00pm - 8:00pm Boy Scouts	13 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	14
15 Ways of Grace Submission Deadline 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service 11:45am Church Council Meeting	16 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting	17 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	18 Women's CBS 5:30pm BLAST 6:30pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm 10th Graders - Lounge 7:00pm Confirmation	19 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	20 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	21
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