

November 2024 

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday November 24th



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An Attitude of Service

Thank you for all the kind hospitality these first few weeks and if I have not been able to meet you yet, I look forward to doing so.

Jesus said, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45



This was part of our Gospel story in worship a few weeks ago. I love this word serve because it continues to mean ways that we can explore outside of ourselves. Often, we might be looking to be part of endeavors that we enjoy and are passionate about. Don't get me wrong, enjoying something and being passionate about something are all significant parts of life, but what does it also mean to continue to be of service to our neighbors. It might mean putting passion and enjoying something on the back burners because something in the larger picture is potentially where Christ might be leading us. Ways that we can continue to support our neighbors and assist our neighbors in directions that will help them to flourish. Neighbors locally, neighbors close by, or neighbors that live in another country. I think about the following words as we continue to journey through this daily invitation:

S – SURPRISE – Do something meaningful for someone that is totally unexpected and unplanned? Do the dishes at home if you don't normally do them, pay for the car behind you as you go through a local drive-thru or call somebody that you always text.

E – EXPLORE – Be open to trying something new and the gentle nudging of the Spirit to do something outside of your normal comfort zone. Maybe it is introducing yourself to somebody that you don't know if you are not much of a people person or trying that activity that you have been curious about.

R – REFLECT – What are some ways that you have already assisted your fellow neighbors in the body of Christ this calendar year? Have you been a listening ear for someone, did you share some words of comfort, or did you drive them to an appointment.

V- VIGILANT – Be alert to the current needs of the community and around the world. What is happening around food insecurity, housing, transportation, mental health, medical care, etc.

E- EXEMPLIFY – Be a Christ like example for someone else. Martin Luther, the theologian and reformer of the Lutheran church has talked about being a "little Christ to one another."

Because service comes to mind as Thanksgiving approaches, as this church year continues to be on the home stretch and as a new church year will soon begin. We are people that have an attitude of serving, we are called to be people of service and what amazing opportunity's Christ continues to reveal to all of us.

Christ's love and Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Cole R. McCormick



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.**

Senior Living Worship Services this month: November 11 at Lakeview Methodist Home, 10 AM. Then November 13 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!

Thanksgiving Worship: Let's Give Thanks to God Together! On Sunday, November 24, come to worship and praise God at our annual worship services of thanks. We will be blessing the food that you have donated in our fill the altar food drive and consecrating our pledge cards that you have faithfully filled out during our 2024 Stewardship Campaign, *Enough: Experiencing Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to both feeding our neighbors and prayerfully considering your financial support of Grace in the coming year. Both worship services will share this Thanksgiving theme with a special fellowship hour in the Gathering Space between the services where pumpkin bars and cider will be served. Invite your friends for a festive celebration of thanks to God!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



All Saints' Day

On All Saints Sunday, November 3rd, 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.

Richard Bolster
Carole Bursell
Wanda Freitag
Brad Gerhardt
Delores Holz
Bruce Johnson
Germaine(Jo) Kropp
Evon Lyle

Bob Miles
David Panka
Shirley Poirier
Ken Reiman
Velma Roalson
Daniel Rolling
Doug Underdahl
Kay Wrucke

Margo Zanke
Sharon Ziemer

We also remember our former pastors:

Rev. Niel Christopherson
Rev. John Thorstensen

BUSINESS OF GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
September 15, 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, Brandon DeClercq, Joyce Eisenmenger, Jane Reiman, and Pastor Allison Cobb

Absent: Josh Ensrud, Troy Nemmers, and Pastor Cole McCormick

Call to Order: Co-President Carolyn Bird called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Devotional: Kris led the devotional on attitude and gratitude.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The September minutes were approved on September 18, 2024 via email.

Financial Report

Jane Reiman, finance director, gave the council an update on the finances of the church. Giving was up 5.6% over last year at this same time. The giving patterns of the congregation was discussed. The stewardship drive is in full swing. Jane also reminded that all team budgets for 2025 are due to her by November 1st. A motion was made by Mark 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. A concern about when the screens would be working again for the contemporary service was addressed. They should be up and running soon. A concern about the location of the Wednesday night service was discussed. It was decided to keep it in the chapel for the time being.





Old Business

The council discussed signage for doors after the decision was made to have only 2 doors open, the front and back entrances, for security and safety reasons. Pastor Allison will look into getting welcoming signs made with directives to use the front and back entrance doors .

The council continued the work of updating the Grace Lutheran Church Constitution since it hasn't been done since 2012. The council was able to get through Chapter 14. 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.

New Business

The council discussed possible members to serve on church council starting in January 2025. There are four positions that need to be filled. The pastors and co-presidents will be contacting members.

Pastor Allison suggested we secure Pastor Emily from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ECLA to lead the 2025 church council retreat in February. Our main focus would be stewardship. The council agreed.

Pastor Report

Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole sent written reports on the work they have accomplished the past month. The council continues to be thankful for our ministers and all the work they are doing.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, November 4th at 5:30 p.m. CYF Team Meeting
Monday, November 4th at 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30 p.m. Outreach and Fellowship Team Meeting
Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30 p.m. Service Team Meeting
Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
Sunday, November 17th at 11:55 a.m. Church Council Meeting in the Laurel Lounge
Joyce will lead devotions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Joice Forster, Secretary

Approval of Secretary's Report

The October 20, 2024 minutes were approved on October 21, 2024. Motion by Joyce.
Seconded by Kris. Motion carried.



MEMORIALS:

Kay Wrucke Memorial

Dwight & Barbara Hilburn	Undesignated
Tom & Bonita Johanneck	Undesignated
Rod & Diane Palmquist	Building
Patricia Jones	Building
Marc Aronson/Judy Dudjak	Undesignated
Roger & Carol Voss	Missions

Carole Bursell Memorial

Patricia Jones	Building
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Pastor Neil Christopherson Memorial

Patricia Jones	God's Grace is Amazing
Harry & Chery Brumbaugh	People Helping People
Marian Johnson	People Helping People

Margo Zemke Memorial

Janice Lemon	Undesignated
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Lynette Johnson Memorial

Arvin & Joanne Soma	Trees
Sara Circle	Trees
Renee Tillotson	Children's Choir
Daniel & Mary Kehrberg	Trees
Robert & Debra Bonk	Trees
Enos & Charlotte Breitbarth	Missions

Richard Johnson Memorial

Michael & Nancy Droegemueller	People Helping People
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Bob Cone Memorial

Michael & Nancy Droegemueller	People Helping People
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Donna Junkermeier Memorial

Michael & Nancy Droegemueller	People Helping People
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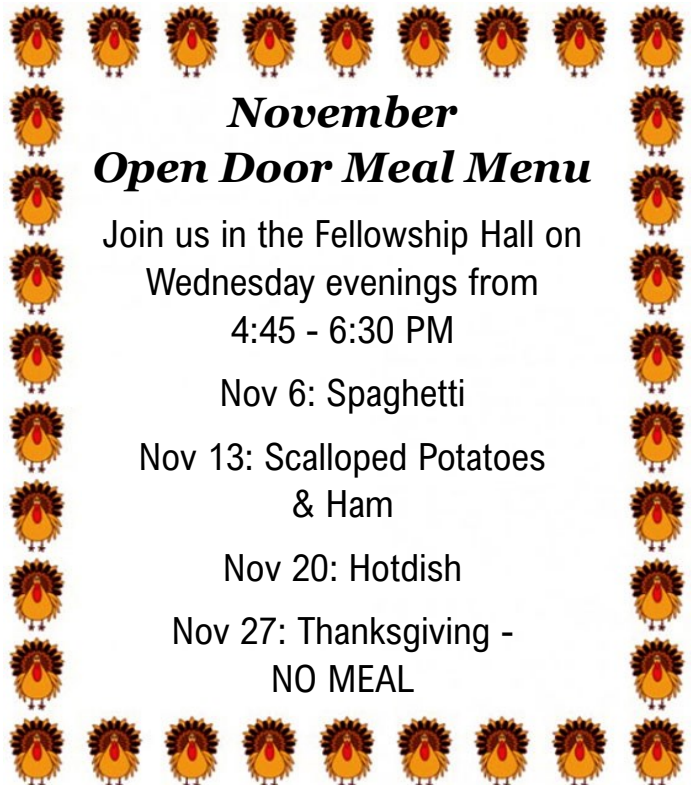
Evon Lyle Memorial

Enos & Charlotte Breitbarth	Missions
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David Panka Memorial

Pat Jones	Missions
Roger & Carol Voss	Missions
Chris & Carol Nasby	Missions

**The church office
will be closed
November 28 for
Thanksgiving.**



November
Open Door Meal Menu

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

Nov 6: Spaghetti

Nov 13: Scalloped Potatoes
& Ham

Nov 20: Hotdish

Nov 27: Thanksgiving -
NO MEAL

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.

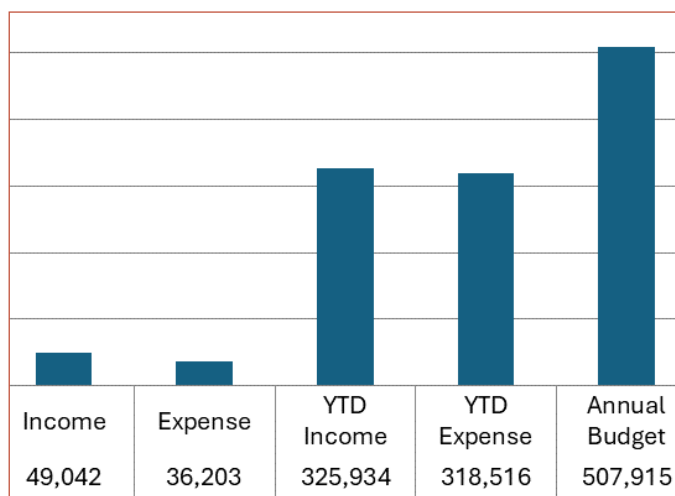
✦ **Care Bags:**

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.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR SEPTEMBER



October Baptisms

We celebrate the baptism of:

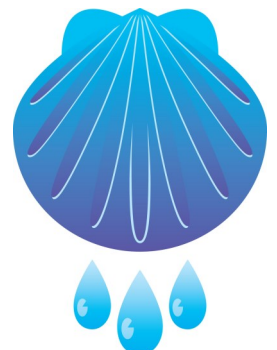
Allie Marie Cervantes

Kaden Robert Bell

Chloe Jean Darnell

Ethan Wayne Darnell

Kayden Lee Williams

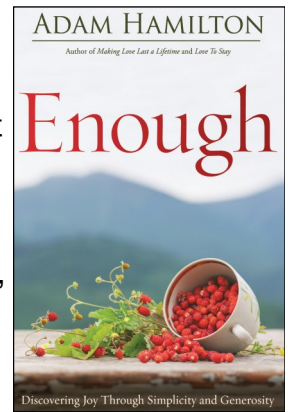


STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity!

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, our stewardship emphasis is called ***Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity***. 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.

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

Schedule of Events:

- ✦ November 3, 10, & 24 - Dedication Sunday 1, 2, & 3: Bring Your Pledge Card To Worship
- ✦ November 24, 2024- Thanksgiving Worship and Celebration Sunday: Thanking God for Our Blessings

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pizza with the Pastors Postponed until January 2025. Stay tuned!

Men's Breakfast: 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 November 4 at 6:30AM

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



Come Join the GLOWS PARADE! Again, confirmation youth will be walking behind the Grace Lutheran Church float. On Friday, November 22nd, we will be handing out bags with candy and information about our Christmas Eve worship opportunities. More details will be emailed out later this month about where to meet and be picked up. The lineup is at 5:15pm, parade kicks off at 6pm. It begins at Downtown Plaza and goes to Lincoln Park. Come for a fun night and a great way to begin the holiday season.

Christmas Star Tree: Each year Grace has a Star Tree where our members can take a star to purchase gifts for those less fortunate in our community. Each Star lists the gender, age, and gift request and whether your package should be wrapped or unwrapped. The Star Tree will be ready on Sunday, November 12 and gifts should be returned on or before December 10. Please be sure to sign out your Star with your name and phone number. If you know of someone that you would like added to our giving list or if you have any questions or if you would like to pick a star but shopping is inconvenient for you, please contact Cindy Wohlhuter 507-236-4403. Thank you!



Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 24 @ NOON: You are invited to deck the halls of the church as we prepare for Advent. On Sunday, November 24, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, we will meet in the church Gathering Space to decorate. Many hands are needed to get the trees up in the sanctuary and Gathering Space, the manger by the altar, change the flags and paraments to blue, and put out the Advent wreath. With your help, we hope to have this accomplished in an hour or two. Come for as long as you are able as we prepare God's house in anticipation of Jesus coming at Christmas.

Fill the Altar Food Drive! It is that time of year when we thank God for the bounty of the harvest and give to those who are hungry. This month, please bring non-perishable essentials to church and place them at the base of the altar for the Grace Food Pantry. We will tithe 10% of donations to Heaven's Table. Most needed items include: microwave meals, canned pasta, canned or pouch meat, protein bars, cereal, toilet paper, canned soup and chili, small sized laundry detergent and dish soap, hand wipes, deodorant, pads and tampons, small hand sanitizer. Thank you for your generosity and care of our neighbors!



The Sock Tree Returns: *How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news, proclaim peace, who bring good tidings!* (Isaiah 52:7) You are invited to bring new socks for all ages to keep the feet of God's beloved warm and toasty. Good quality new socks are needed which will be given locally to our schools for children needing socks, Options Pregnancy Center for women and children, the Salvation Army, and Grace Care Bags for our guests this winter. Decorate the bare trees in the Gathering Space with your socks as Grace Lutheran prepares for Christ's coming at Christmas.



Let Us Walk to the Manger Together! The season of Advent will soon be upon us, and there is a place for you here at Grace! Each Wednesday in Advent, we will be offering Holden Evening Prayer at Noon and Joyous Light at 6:30PM. Come for supper from 4:45-6:30pm and then enjoy a time of peaceful worship in the sanctuary. **Confirmation students are asked to invite their mentor to join them for worship with a half an hour time of discussion to follow.** This replaces our regular weekly class. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their students at the parking lot entrance and pick them up at 7:15PM. The Staff at Grace wish you and yours a blessed Advent season!

Budget & Building: Do you enjoy discussing finances and managing the wonderful blessing of our church property? If so, please consider joining the Service Team. We would love to have your perspective as we move forward with managing our budgets and assets for the ministries the Holy Spirit is leading Grace to in the future. This team meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm. For more information, please contact Pastor Allison.



**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, candy for the Glows Parade outreach event, Care Bags, feminine supplies for the Grace pantry, automatic light switches for the bathrooms, lawn supplies, and so much more. Please speak to one of the pastors and they can help you in requesting a grant. Thank you!



Another Way to Serve @ Grace: Altar Guild! Grace Lutheran is looking to bring back the tradition of an Altar Guild. The purpose of this team, led by Del Prescott, is to prepare for worship. Right now, Del coordinates the communion preparers and servers and orders the communion elements. Brad changes the paraments, flags, and baptism/funeral banners. Members of the new Altar Guild would dust the front and back altar, polish the Christ candle and altar candles, and keep the sacristy tidy. The team would also set out the poinsettias at Christmas, Easter Lilies after Good Friday worship, assist with the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday and the Re-dressing of the Altar on Easter morning, and help prepare the sanctuary for Advent and Lent by helping decorate with our trees, special cross, etc. Del works closely with the Worship Team to stay in the loop about upcoming services and would keep the Altar Guild informed through emails and two meetings a year, before Advent and Lent. If you love worship and spending time in the beautiful Grace sanctuary, this could be a wonderful place to serve! For more information, please contact Del at del_prescott@netzero.com or see one of the pastors. Thank you!

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. 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 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.

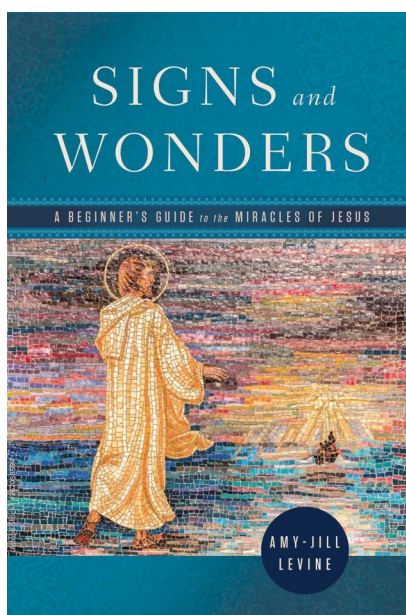
Homes for Homeless Snowmen Sale

On November 17 & 24 we will have our snowmen adoption sale in the gathering area. Adopt one of these snowy figures with a donation and give it a place in your home or office this winter to remind you of the help you provided for area homeless and others in need! Donations will go to programs which serve the homeless. Thank you!



The Miracles of Jesus!

Come join the discussion on Sunday mornings about the miracles of Jesus. We continue this month in Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's study called *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus* by focusing on the feeding of the 5,000, healing of a woman and girl, and the raising of Lazarus. Then, on November 24, between our Thanksgiving worship services, bring your pumpkin bar and cider to the Lounge as we begin our five-week Advent study. This year, we will be talking about *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break* by Rev. Jacob Armstrong and Rev. James Moore. These gifts are hope, love, joy, peace, and Christ. Invite a friend and come for a time of faith formation together. Hope to see you there!





Christmas Poinsettia Order Form:

I would like to buy a Poinsettia:



IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

FROM:

____ 4" Red \$6.00 ____ 6" Red \$12.00 ____ 8" Red \$25.00

One the line beside each size, please write in the amount you would like to purchase. Please drop off this order form and payment in church office.

Deadline for orders is November 6th.

Grace Mission Team Christmas Tree Sales

We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up of the lot and for unloading the trees. About 6-8 people are needed for each date. If you are able to assist, please contact Paul Seibert. Sign up Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA9AA28A6F94-52467495-2024>

Lot Set-up: Early November. Look for updates in our Ministry Minutes or on Facebook.

Tree Unloading/Unwrapping/Tagging: November 23 from 10 am – 2 pm

Tree sales start: Wednesday, November 27

We have ordered 220 trees and expect that we will need to staff the lot for 2-3 weeks. A Sign-Up Genius link will be sent out by November 1 for volunteers to sign up to work at the tree lot. This is our largest fundraiser, and we appreciate all the help from the volunteers.



Want to Fund a Building and Grounds 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:	\$1,250
Miscellaneous areas paint and supplies	\$500
Winter Supplies	\$500

For more project information, please contact the office or see our maintenance worker, Brad. Thank you!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

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: 6:30PM - 7:45PM



Congratulations to our 2024 Confirmands!
May God bless you and may you always remain strong in your faith!



Kaden Bell
Curtis Bressler
Allie Cervantes
Ethan Darnell
Luke Haefner
Norah Heille

Jessah Herman
Reed Johnson
Emelia Klanderud
Max Nielsen
Emma Pockrus
Vincent Schultz

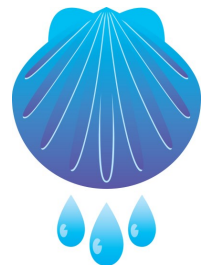
Benjamin Sunken
Owen Terfehr
Landon Traetow
Kayden Williams



Confirmation Service Project: Glows Parade!

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Confirmation and Baptism: At Grace, we welcome all ages to the font, from infants to adults, to celebrate the sacrament of holy baptism. Confirmation is the re-affirmation of our baptism where our 10th graders make the promises for themselves, that an adult made on their behalf, when they were baptized. If your child is currently in confirmation and has not been baptized, please see one of the pastors so we can celebrate this important milestone in their faith journey before they are confirmed. We welcome baptisms at our Wednesday evening and Sunday morning worship services.



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!

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, November 3 - ALL SAINTS DAY

Jesus states the core of God's law: love God with all you are and have, and love your neighbor as yourself. The scribe agrees that Jesus has rightly identified the most important commandments, much more important than sacrifices. It's easy for us to say with the writer of the letter to the Hebrews that sacrifices aren't needed anymore, but harder to acknowledge that all our worship, all our community service, all our social action, all our family caregiving is worthless if it is done without love.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Sunday, November 10 - Pentecost 25

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 17 - Pentecost 26

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no

way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 24 - Pentecost 27

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.


First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37



November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Reformation Confirmation Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:40am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service 11:00am - 2:00pm Norah Heille Confirmation Celebration	28 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS	29 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	30 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's CBS 4:45pm - 6:30am Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm BLAST 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday	31 1:00pm Ways of Grace Assembly Team	1 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	2
3 All Saints Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:40am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service	4 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Mary Circle 5:30pm CYF Team Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting	5 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	6 POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's CBS 4:45pm - 6:30am Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm BLAST 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday	7	8 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	9
10 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:40am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service - Baptism	11 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Lakeview Senior Worship 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Shalom Circle	12 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 5:30pm Outreach / Fellowship Team Meetings 5:30pm Service Team Meeting 6:30pm Stewardship Team Meeting	13 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's CBS 10:00am Goldfinch Memory Care Worship 10:30am Goldfinch Assisted Living Worship 4:45pm - 6:30am Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm BLAST 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday	14 4:00pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre 6:00pm - 8:00pm Boy Scouts	15 Ways of Grace Submission Deadline 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	16
17 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:40am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service 11:45am Church Council Meeting	18 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:00pm Silver Lake 4-H	19 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	20 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's CBS 4:45pm - 6:30am Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm BLAST 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday	21	22 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	23
24 8:30am Traditional Thanksgiving Worship Service 9:40am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Thanksgiving Worship Service 12:00pm Hanging of the Greens	25 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS	26 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 12:00pm Ways of Grace Assembly Team 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	27 Thanksgiving Break NO Open Door Community Meal NO Women's CBS	28 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed 	29 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	30



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NUMBERS 6:24-26**



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