

*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.*

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God's work. Our hands.



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**“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as stewards of God’s varied grace.” --1 Peter 4:10**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

September is one of my favorite months in the church year, and it is not because there is any liturgical holiday. We are still in ordinary time, marked by the green banners and paraments, which will stay this way until Reformation Sunday in late October. At that point, the colors change to red, then white for All Saints Sunday, back to green for a few short weeks, then blue for Advent. These frequent changes in color seem to mirror the busyness of life as we move from early Fall into the holiday season, with more activities and obligations than fit on our calendars.

Yet before we get too far along, we have the wonderful month of September to gather. We gather as we begin the program year after a summer of adventures. One Sunday service, worship in the park, activities with family and friends, travel, camps and sports, backyard barbecues, and lots of ice cream. Your pastors and staff have been diligently working on plans for the program year while ministry teams and volunteers have been doing wonderful work to keep Grace functional and inviting for years to come.

Just this summer alone, volunteers have painted the sacristy and three lower-level classrooms which will become a daycare. Other volunteers created a new firepit area, added trellis work and a cross, and expanded our community garden. Still others have volunteered their time on our new Faith Legacy and Paraments teams, baking desserts for fellowship and funerals, mowing the lawn, picking up donut holes and communion wine, setting up baptism and funeral banners, assisting in the office, and so much more. You all are such a wonderful congregation of thoughtful stewards of your time, talents, and treasures!

This year, for our Fall stewardship campaign, we will focus on the theme of *Gather. Grow. Give*. This September, we will gather as the body of Christ for worship and service, with a fun morning of both for *God’s Work. Our Hands*. At worship, youth volunteers, and children with backpacks, will be blessed as we begin the program year. Adult education returns, along with our Open Door Community Meal on Wednesday evenings. We hope you can join us for a meal and stay for worship at 6:30pm for a thirty-minute mid-week boost!

This month, we will continue in Matthew’s gospel and hear Jesus explain the importance of building relationships and restoring them when they are broken. Through accountability, community, and forgiveness, we receive and extend God’s grace to one another. My hope is that we will continue to practice those Christ-centered values together as well. Fall is always a great time to invite a friend or neighbor to church so please take a yellow ministries flyer, or blue family ministries flyer, and pass it along. We look forward to welcoming more friends as we live out our lives as disciples of Jesus.

Happy Fall, Y’all,

Pastor Allison

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:30AM Worship
8:30 Traditional Worship
(Begins Sept 20)
10:45 Contemporary Worship
(Begins Sept 20)

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

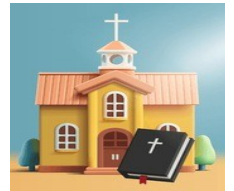
Wednesdays: 6:30PM Praise in Sylvania Park
6:30 WOW - Worship on Wednesday at Grace (Begins Sept 16)

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



Guest Speaker at Grace: Dr. Mark Tranvik will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, Oct. 7th. He will be giving the message in worship and sharing a presentation at 7pm about Martin Luther and the Reformation in the sanctuary.

Senior Living Worship Services: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10AM on the Memory Care side with Communion at Goldfinch, and every 2nd Monday of the month, 10AM, at Lakeview Methodist home in the chapel, with communion. 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 2, 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 BLAST and Confirmation orientation for parents, students, teachers, and small group leaders on Wednesday, September 9 followed by *God's Work. Our Hands* Sunday on September 13. On Sunday, September 20, 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 16. We look forward to seeing everyone again and new faces too as we follow Jesus together.



BUSINESS OF GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting, August 2026

Members present: Corey, Pastor Allison, Stephanie, Nancy, Joyce, Jane, Mark, Cindy, Terry,

Absent: Andy, Katie, Pastor Cole, Brenda

Devotions by Pastor Allison re: Martha and Mary and the importance of prioritizing time with Jesus.

Jane's finance report indicted we are still around 3% short of our planned budget and that reports with numbers will be given to the Congregation in September.

Motion by Mark and seconded by Stephanie to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

The stewardship committee continues with plans for the Fall Gather, Grow and Give campaign.

The service team is extending its volunteers and work hours with Brad's resignation, and volunteers are being asked to help Travis with repairs and building maintenance. A help wanted ad has been put in our ministry minutes and on Facebookno response. The personnel committee is working to expand our search.

A few keys are being made for volunteers to check out from the office if they are going to be working in the church outside of business hours.

The day care rental is 99% completed and Little Lakes Learning Center LLC hopes to be open by the start of school. Volunteers

have been painting and repairing to meet the standards for day care. We welcome them to our community.

Open discussion was held regarding office hours and staff hours. Several questions were addressed regarding less people in Sunday church and children not being in church. Wednesday evening is when many children are in church at BLAST and Confirmation, and confirmands and some families are worshiping on Wednesdays as well. The church can't do things like they were done years ago. Things have changed and we need to embrace the needs and schedules of many.

We have more than 100 households watching on our streaming service weekly which is a major outreach ministry of Grace. We are working to improve sound and trying to get more help to run the IT on Sundays.

We are planning a few blended services throughout the year so our members who attend different services have a chance to meet other folks. Our first blend will be on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday followed by our One Big Sunday of Thanks Thanksgiving Sunday in November.

The Council appreciates the many ways the congregation gives of their time and support to Grace! As ambassadors of the congregation, Council members welcome feedback and conversation about the many ways God is calling us to be the church together.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Wohlhuter

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 death of Robert Strom, John Thomas, and Bob Witty. Rest eternal grant Robert, John, and Bob, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Gracious God,
Surround the families of Robert, John, and Bob with your love, and grant them your 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.

MEMORIALS:

Elayne Hested

Arvin & Joanne Soma	Building
DeAnn Harrison	Undesignated
Megan Kassuelke	Undesignated
Daniel & Mary Kehrberg	Building
Michael & Linda Katzenmeyer	Undesignated
Charlotte Breitbarth	Building
Harlan & Lorainne Gorath	Youth Fund
Curt & Ellen Nelson	Undesignated
Bradley & Carmen Nesseth	Undesignated
Lenny & Carol Tvedten	Undesignated
Gerald & Betty Clark	Undesignated
Judy & Charles Gauger	Undesignated
Barbara Evans-Watkins	Undesignated
Rod & Diane Palmquist	Undesignated
Kathleen Langer	Undesignated
Phil & Sharon Hanson	Undesignated

Wendy Bachman	Undesignated
Larry Maday	Undesignated
Jane Kotewa	Undesignated
Robert & Debra Bonk	Undesignated
J.L. Schneider	Undesignated
Audrey Johnson	Undesignated
Jennelle Cuning	Undesignated
Ross & Cindy Wohlhuter	Banner project
Marian Holland	Building
Janet Nielsen	Building

Lorraine Reiter Memorial

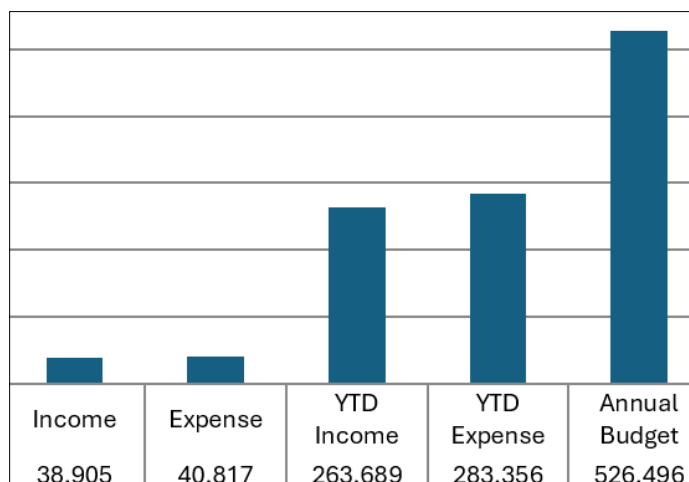
Kevin Krumwiede	Undesignated
Diane Johnson	Undesignated
Audrey Johnson	People Helping People

Ruth Hested Memorial

Harry & Chery Brumbaugh	Youth Fund
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Thank you for your memorial gifts!

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR JULY



Grace Lutheran Church will be **CLOSED** Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

Living Out Our Faith Together

✝ **Celebration Choir:** Practice Sundays at 9:30AM, Sing at 10:45AM worship services, during program year.

✝ **Chancel Choir:** Practice Wednesdays at 5:15PM, Sing at 8:30AM worship services, during program year.

✝ **Care Ministers:** Call, visit, and possibly share communion with a homebound member! Contact Pastor Allison for more information.

✝ **Service Team:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 5:30PM monthly to discuss budgets, building, and more!

✝ **Stewardship Team:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM monthly to oversee year round stewardship of time, talents, and treasures.

✝ **Fellowship/Outreach Team:** Meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm to discuss Grace Pantry, fellowship hour, and special events such as Oktoberfest, Fill the Altar Food Drive, and service days.

✝ **CYF Team:** Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30PM to connect about youth ministry and events.

✝ **Worship Team:** Meets the 1st Monday of the Month at 6:30pm to plan inclusive and welcoming worship for all ages.

✝ **Meal Ministry Team:** Deliver a meal to someone struggling or in need! Contact Nancy Backer at nurse_nancyb@hotmail.com to join this group.

✝ **Prayer Team:** Meets every Tuesday at 1pm to pray over the congregation's prayer list.



Now Hiring:

Maintenance Manager Position

After six years of service, Brad has decided to resign from his position at Grace. We thank him for his work and care that he took to keep Grace looking great! The Maintenance

Manager position is now posted on Grace's website and Facebook page. Please forward this posting onto those who might be interested. And, if you are interested in volunteering to assist with buildings and grounds work, please contact the office. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

GRACE IN ACTION

GATHER

A great word to describe what happens at Grace in the Fall. We catch up with church mates, kids see familiar faces, new classes and teachers are introduced and a new, exciting and colorful time of the year begins.

GROW

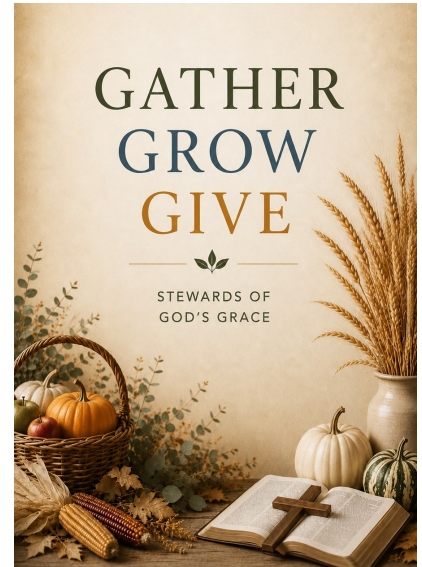
Take the time to look at the plants and fields and all the things that have grown since last spring. Together we grow in our faith and with our church. Take the time see how we have grown as Christians and members of our church family. Look around to see how our building is growing and being refreshed.

GIVE

Each one of us decides on how we give back and the Stewardship Team would like to talk about several options. Financial support of course is our first option. We need to pay the bills and keep the lights on in order to support the ministries of Grace and share the gospel. God speaks to us all in different ways and we each have to decide how we give back to God.

Let's all join together in grateful giving to support our ministries, strengthen our community, and grow in our faith as we serve God and our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted by
Becky J, Nancy B, Cindy W, Becky W, Jane R, Pastor Allison.



Grace Needs You!



Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA)
300 S. Grant Street
Fairmont, MN 56031

Did you know that your
generosity funds all the
ministries of Grace?

\$5 or \$10 a week helps!

Please consider easy giving
with our QR Code.
Quick! Easy! Generous!

Thank you for sharing the
love of Jesus through Grace!

—Grace Stewardship Team!

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE



Open Door
Meal!



Worship!



Food
Pantry



Baby Bible
Class!



Sunday School
for All Ages



Music



Building &
Grounds



Service Days



Technology



Care Bags



Bible School



CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Open Door Meal: 4:30PM - 6:00PM - All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a meal. Beginning Sept. 16

BLAST, PreK - 6th Grade: 5:30PM - 6:25PM - This includes Cherub & Alleluia Choir, learning lessons, and fun!

WOW: Worship on Wednesday: 6:30PM - 7:00PM in the Sanctuary

Confirmation, 7th - 10th Grade: 6:30PM - 7:45PM

Senior High Class: 7:00PM - 7:45PM

Save the Dates

September 9th– Back to Fall Night for BLAST and Confirmation Families 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Sanctuary with worship following.

September 13th– *God's Work. Our Hands* 9:30am Worship with blessings for BLAST Teachers, Confirmation Adult Small Group Leaders, and backpacks. (Kids are invited to bring your school backpack to worship.)

September 16th– BLAST & Confirmation Begin

September 27th– 2nd Grade Bible Workshop at 9:30AM in Fellowship Hall & 2nd Grade Bible Presentation at 8:30am and 10:45am Worship Services.

October 25th– Reformation Confirmation Sunday



BLAST Teachers Still Needed! We're still looking for 2 confirmation or high school students to help in the preschool classroom, 1 confirmation or high school student helper and 1 adult helper in the 1st grade classroom all year, and 1 adult helper in the 6th grade classroom in the spring. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and gifts with the children of Grace. You can sign up in the gathering area at church or use the QR code or link: [Grace Lutheran Church CYF team: BLAST Teacher 2026-2027](#). **Thank you!**



Baby Bible Class: First Baby Bible class of the school year will be Wednesday, September 23, 5:30pm to 6:25pm. Newborn through age 2 and parents are all welcome. We will have the 7 days of creation story in Genesis, song "BIBLE", small craft project, and a snack. Location will be announced.



Senior High Bible Study: Senior High class (10th, 11th and 12th grades) will begin on September 16th 7pm to 7:45pm in the lounge with a series called, "Half Truths" by Pastor Adam Hamilton. This class will meet weekly on Wednesday nights throughout the school year. 10th graders can transition to this class after they have completed confirmation.



B.L.A.S.T., Confirmation, and Baby Bibles Class Fall registration forms are available to fill out! Visit www.gracelutheranchurch.org, Ministries, then Children Youth & Family. Click "2026/2027 BLAST Registration Form" or follow this link: [Children Youth & Family | Grace Lutheran](#)



MISSIONS

The Annual Grace Lutheran Missions' Apple Pie Bake will be held on Saturday, September 19. 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.



Apple donations are needed due to shortages in apples this season. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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. Sign-up Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA9AA28A6F94-65160907-glcmissions#/>

GLC Missions - Apple Pie Order Form

Apple pies may be picked up on Sat. Sept. 19th between 1:30-3:30 p.m. or on Sunday, Sept. 20th (8am - noon). Available for a donation of \$18.00 for one or \$45.00 for three.

Name _____ Phone _____

Baked pies Regular crust _____ crumb crust _____

Unbaked pies Regular crust _____ crumb crust _____ (Unbaked pick-up on Saturday only)

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Keep the bottom part of this for your records.....

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Name _____ Phone _____



God's Work. Our Hands!

Mark your calendars for a morning of worship, service, and fellowship on Sunday September 13. We will be worshipping at 9:30AM with the blessing of BLAST teachers, confirmation adult small group leaders and kids are invited to bring your backpack for a blessing. Then we will assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief, and share in a variety of projects. At noon, we will gather for a pork lunch.

Lutheran World Relief Health Kit Donations Needed!

For God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, we will be assembling kits and have collected almost all supplies needed! We still need the following items. Please drop off new items, still in original packaging, in the Gathering Space. Our goal is to assemble 125 kits to be shipped to people in need around the world. If you have a Thrivent Action Team card that you would like to donate for this project, please see Pastor Cole. Thank you!



- 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 (Try to find 4 oz. bars)

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. All individual donations must be dropped off at church by **the end of the day on Wednesday, September 9!**

Projects for God's Work. Our Hands!

- Assemble health kits for Lutheran World Relief that will be sent around the world.
- ELCA Good Gifts donation goal of \$500 for a cow. Milk provides a calcium packed source of nutrition for growing children.
- Assemble water filtration and solar light Thrivent cause kits.
- Cut and roll bandages for Global Health Ministries.
- Project for churches in Columbia that our Missionary, Pastor Katie Larson serves
- Writing letters to our military members around the world
- Assemble Laundry Kits for Grace Care Bags.



Clean Water and Solar Lights! Did you know that Thrivent members can apply for a free kit each year that makes either 3 solar light kits or 3 water filter systems? Solar lights allow children in impoverished areas do homework and read after dark, and safe water benefits the entire house. *Both last ten years!* All Thrivent members are invited to apply for a Thrivent Cause Kit™ and bring it into

the church office. We will be assembling as many as we receive on *God's Work. Our Hands* Sunday, September 13. Again, kits are free and postage is free to send completed kits around the world! To apply, please click here: Thrivent Cause Kit™ and share with the office that you have applied. Thank you! <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-cause-kit>



PERSONAL CARE KITS



x1

One lightweight bath-size towel
(between 20"x40" & 52"x27"),
dark color recommended



x2

Two bath-size bars
(4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any
brand, in original wrapping

What is Lutheran World Relief?

On September 13th, our congregation will gather for a Lutheran World Relief project to pack Health Care Kits for those in need. To prepare for this service, we would like to provide some background on the impact and mission of this vital organization.

For over 50 years, the Grace Lutheran Mission Committee has been dedicated to global service, and for much of that history, Grace has remained a steadfast supporter of Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War 2, LWR continues its legacy today by tackling global poverty and helping vulnerable communities adapt to challenges that threaten their health and livelihoods.

- By participating in this project, you are providing essential aid to survivors of emergencies and natural disasters. Your efforts help families break the cycle of poverty, enabling communities to thrive and achieve self-sufficiency.

The Mission of Lutheran World Relief

Affirming God's love for all people, LWR works with partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 14 at 7:00AM (Postponed for Holiday)

Where: The Ranch Restaurant

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

Lunch at the Lake on Tuesday, September 16: Come join your pastors for Lunch at the Lake! Let's take advantage of the wonderful warm weather and our beautiful lakes. On the third Tuesday of the month, from April to October, 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.



Paraments Team Training: the new Paraments Team will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. Thank you in advance to Travis who will train all those interested on how to change the banners, flags, and paraments with the change in liturgical season. If you would like to be a part of this team, please attend as we work together to prepare God's house for worship. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Allison.

Open Door Meal Returns: Beginning on Wednesday, September 16, Wednesday night programming returns. A wonderful part of our mid-week faith night is our Open Door Community Meal! We thank Amber Hanson and our volunteer teams for serving each meal. Dinner runs from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. 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!



Bars for Open Door! Calling all bakers....we invite you to take a 9x13 disposable pan and make bars for our Wednesday night Open Door Meal. Bars can be covered with foil, left in the pan, labeled Open Door, and put in the Fellowship Hall deep freeze located in the pantry. Desserts purchased from the grocery are expensive, and your bars will help keep costs down while being even more delicious! And if you like to be part of a meal serving team which serves 3 times a year, please contact the office. Thank you!!

Pizza with the Pastors: For everyone who is new to Grace, who have recently joined the church and those who may want to join in the future, come for a fun lunch with the pastors! Join us for a time of getting to know one another, learning about the ways to plug into Grace, and answering any questions you might have. We will meet at Noon in the Lounge on Sunday, October 4th. Please let the office know if you plan to attend so we can order the right amount of pizza. Hope to see you there!



St. Martin's Episcopal Church Update: Our friends at St. Martin's have received good news that they will be able to stay in their church once it is sold! They thank the people of Grace for extending incredible hospitality and allowing them to use our chapel. We wish this faithful congregation the best and look forward to continued ecumenical partnership in the future!

Cup of Hope Welcomes You! Anyone experiencing grief, whether new or old, is welcome to Grace's monthly *Cup of Hope* grief coffee. This gathering will include a brief devotion on grief and time for coffee and conversation. As the Apostle Paul tells the early church, through Jesus, we have hope in the promise of new life to come where we will be reunited with those we love.



Beginning in September, we will meet in the Lounge on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Noon. Feel free to bring a lunch as we share in this walk together and hear encouraging words of God's love and comfort along the way. For more information, please see Pastor Allison. Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy." – John 16:20



Fall Tech Training! On Sunday, October 4, at 9:40AM, Blake will offer worship tech training. This is for all interested in learning more about running our sound, slides, and video streaming as well as a refresh for current volunteers. Blake will provide a new simpler method for running sound as well as answer any questions you may have. For those who choose to join the tech volunteer team, you will be paired up with an experienced person a few times to make sure you are comfortable.

Streaming our worship services is our biggest outreach ministry as hundreds worship from home each week. Thank you for considering being a part of this important ministry and many thanks to Blake for his continued leadership of our worship technology!

Adult Faith Formation at Grace! Did you know that Grace offers Sunday School for adults during the school year? We meet in the Lounge between Sunday morning worship services for coffee and conversation. Each class has a video segment and discussion, and there is no homework! Pastor Allison chooses a variety of speakers and topics throughout the year, some from the Old Testament, some from the New Testament, others on certain Bible characters or topics like faith and doubt. Below are this program year's topics. Please invite a friend and we hope to see you there!



- *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today* by Rev. Adam Hamilton
- *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine
- *Questions Jesus Asked: A Six-Week Study in the Gospels* by Rev. Magrey DeVega
- *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross* by Rev. Susan Robb
- *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit* by Dr. Matthew L. Skinner



Do You Like to Sing??? The choirs at Grace need your voices and passion for praising God! The Chancel Choir sings at the 8:30AM Traditional service and practices on Wednesdays from 5:15pm-6:15pm. The Celebration Choir sings at the 10:45AM Contemporary service and practices at 9:40AM on Sunday mornings. We welcome you to join in the fun, make some new friends, and be a part of worship!

Worship Helper Reminders: Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time as a reader, communion prep and server, usher, greeter, and tech for worship each week. We publish the schedule of helpers for the month in our newsletter, each week's bulletin, and it can also be found in our online bulletin posted on Thursdays. You should also receive a paper copy of your schedule in the mail and an email. Therefore, our office volunteers will no longer make reminder calls as their time is best spent on more urgent tasks. Again, many thanks to all who volunteer to serve in worship, and if you have any questions on when you serve, please don't hesitate to give the office a call.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...



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.

Office Volunteers Needed: We are looking to "staff" the office with volunteers from 10AM - Noon in the afternoon Tuesday and Wednesday. If those days or times don't work for you but you would still like to volunteer, other times can be arranged. During that time, volunteers would greet guests and answer phones. This will allow our office administrator, Nicole Kolbe, to have two hours of uninterrupted time for working on the church newsletter, two weekly bulletins, and the ministry minutes. Volunteers can knit, read, or spend their time in an activity of their choosing while covering the phones. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer. 507-238-4418 | office@gracelutheranchurch.org



Thrivent grant ideas:

Please sign up on the calendar by the Care Table in the Gathering Area!

Building & Misc.

Lawn Care Supplies
Office Postage
Cleaning Supplies

Congregational Care

Prayer Shawl Yarn
Grief Packets
Homebound Christmas Gifts

Fellowship

Annual Meeting Treats
Council Retreat
Palm Sunday Brunch
Meal for God's Grace is
Amazing Day
Octoberfest Dinner
Cocoa and Carols Christmas Eve

Outreach & Missions

Mission Phantom Tea
Open Door Meal
Grace Pantry
Care Bags
God's Grace is Amazing Day
God's Work. Our Hands
Apple Pie Bake
Glows Parade Candy
Mission Christmas Tree Lot
Community Carols Singalong
Sock Tree
Star Tree
Fill the Altar Food Drive

Worship

Communion Elements
Paper for Bulletins
Baptism Bags
Altar Guild Supplies
Thanksgiving Sunday Treats

Youth

End of Year Party
Camp Fees
Bible Camp Scholarships
Supplies for Faith Formation

Brandon Sahr from Thrivent Financial will be joining us on September 30th from 5:30pm to 6:25pm in the lounge. This presentation will be geared towards parents/young families while kids are attending BLAST. It will be looking at generosity in the Bible and focusing on give/save/spend. Pizza will be served!

Want to Fund a Buildings & Grounds Project???

(Project estimates are subject to change)

Lower-level entry paint project	\$100
Wall Repair	\$1000
LED Lights for Fellowship Hall	\$1,200
New Toilets	\$2,000
Unisex handicap accessible Fellowship Hall restroom	\$10,000



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

Open Door Meal Returns

September 16!

September Menu

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Sept 16: Taco Bar

Sept 23: Creamed Chicken/
Biscuit

Sept 30: Loaded Potato Bar

Words of Life

Jesus and the
Promise of the Ten
Commandments
Today

Adam Hamilton

Bestselling author of *Making Sense of the Bible*

Adult Education Returns This Month!

Grab your coffee and donut holes and head to the Lounge for casual conversation and faith formation. On September 20, we will begin this program year with a series entitled *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*.

Hope you will come and invite a friend!

Worship by the Water

On Sunday August 9 we enjoyed a beautiful day of Worship by the Water! Thanks to all who participated in this service and those who attended. We appreciate everyone who brought bars for fellowship time— they were delicious!



SEPTEMBER MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

Ministry Assistants for September - 9:30AM & 8:30AM Traditional Service

9:30am Worship See Below		God's Work. Our Hands! See Below	Sunday, Sept. 20 8:30am Worship	Sunday, Sept. 27 8:30am Worship
Communion Preparer			Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones
Communion Server			Mary Kotewa Marian Holland	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones
Lector			Scott Drever	Connie Donnelly
Sound Tech			Justin Schmidt	Mark Vogelsang
Ushers			Arv Soma Allen Struck	Arv Soma Allen Struck

If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a replacement and ask them to let the head usher, Brian Huebert, know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Ministry Assistants for September - 9:30AM & 10:45AM Contemporary Service

Sunday, Sept. 6, 9:30am Worship		Sunday, Sept. 6, 9:30am Worship	Sunday, Sept. 20 10:45am Worship	Sunday, Sept. 27 10:45am Worship
Communion Preparer	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert	Bruce & Connie Donnelly	Abby Ehlert Colleen Ehlert
Communion Server	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert	Connie Donnelly Becky Johnson	Abby Ehlert Colleen Ehlert
Lector	Allen Struck	Scott Drever	Brian Roggow	Debbie Morris
Sound Tech	Pam Krill	Blake Potthoff`	Jolene Rosol	Louise Hendricks
Slide Tech	Amber Hansen	N/A	Corey Klanderud	Amber Hansen
Ushers	Arv Soma, Allen Struck, Enos Breitbart, Louise Hendricks, Chris Nasby, Brian Roggow	Arv Soma, Allen Struck, Enos Breitbart, Louise Hendricks, Chris Nasby, Brian Roggow	Enos Breitbart, Louise Hendricks, Chris Nasby, Brian Roggow	Enos Breitbart, Louise Hendricks, Chris Nasby, Brian Roggow

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WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6- Pentecost 15

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13 - Pentecost 16

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 20 - Pentecost 17

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day

they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

First Reading: Jonah 3:10—4:11

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27 - Pentecost 18

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: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30am Summer Worship	31 9:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Missions Team Meeting 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting 7:00pm Evening CBS Leadership Meeting	1 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:00pm Cup of Hope Grief Group 12:00pm Cup of Hope Grief Group 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	2 8:00am - 2:00pm Women's CBS Training 6:30pm Praise in the Park, Blessing of the Animals - Sylvania Park	3 9:00am Sarah's Circle (Location Varies) 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	4 Women's CBS Training	5
6 9:30am Summer Worship	7 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	8 9:00am 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	9 Women's CBS - First Day Back! 10:00am Goldfinch Memory Care Worship 5:30pm - 6:30pm Back to Fall Night: Sanctuary	10 4:30pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre	11	12
13 God's Work. Our Hands. - Blessing of the Backpacks 9:30am Worship 10:30am Service 12:00pm Picnic Lunch	14 7:00am Men's Breakfast - The Ranch 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Lakeview Senior Worship 5:30pm CYF Team Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting	15 Ways of Grace Submission Deadline 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:00pm Lunch at the Lake 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	16 Women's CBS 4:30pm - 6:00pm Open Door Community Meal 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 5:30pm Paraments Team Meeting 6:30pm - 7:00am WOW-Worship on Wednesday 6:30pm - 7:45pm Confirmation 7:00pm - 7:45pm Senior High Class	17 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	18 Missions Apple Pie Bake Sale Prep	19 12:00pm - 2:30pm Missions Apple Pie Bake Sale
20 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:40am Adult Education 10:45am Contemporary Worship 11:45am Church Council Meeting 2:00pm The Joy Collective Women's Bible Study	21 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS	22 First Day of Autumn 9:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	23 Women's CBS 4:30pm - 6:00pm Open Door Community Meal 5:30pm - 6:25pm Baby Bible Class 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:00am WOW-Worship on Wednesday 6:30pm - 7:45pm Confirmation 7:00pm - 7:45pm Senior High Class	24 1:00pm Ways of Grace Assembly Team 4:30pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre	25 4:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	26 6:00pm Wedding
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THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE
SHINE ON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU
THE LORD TURN HIS
FACE TOWARD YOU
AND GIVE YOU
PEACE
NUMBERS 6:24-26**



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