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Equipping God's people as we celebrate, teach, and share God's Grace.



October '22

Pastor's Message

Rainstorms and Reformations

Psalm 46 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

Through Martin Luther, God would unleash a far greater storm than the one which overwhelmed Luther on July 2, 1505. Rita. Katrina. Mitch. Andrew. These are all seemingly ordinary, harmless names. But when mixed with sustained winds of a category one, two, or three hurricanes, pounding rain bands, and a towering storm surge to top it all off, those ordinary names become infamous, violent storms. Storms like these change the world, change the landscape. Rivers plume and floods leaving their banks. Levees break, spilling into flood plains. Landslides move mountains and hillsides with the speed of a toddler spreading out his toys.

In a matter of minutes, storms change people as well and often for generations to come. Just ask anyone that lives in Tornado Alley or hurricane country. Towns and bridges wash away in the torrent leaving people stranded, homeless, or worse. Thriving communities are wiped off the map. Lives and livelihoods are ruined in a catastrophic blink of an eye.

Not all violent storms create a path of destruction, however. At least one storm in history left not destruction but a reformation in its wake. On July 2, 1505, Martin Luther was nearing the end of his journey after visiting his parents. He was walking from Mansfeld back to Erfurt, Germany where he had begun his studies to become a lawyer a little over a month prior. Near the town of Stotternheim, Germany the clouds darkened. The winds picked up. Thunder clapped. Lightning flashed. Luther found himself in the middle of an early summer thunderstorm, not uncommon in east-central Germany.

"Like the North American prairies, east-central Germany can pour down some vicious weather, with enough thunder and lightning to make it seem like the whole world is inescapably ablaze. Luther was on foot one day, near the town of Stotternheim, when he got caught in a torrent. The storm outside matched the conflict raging within himself. Overwhelmed, caught up in his terrors once more, he cried out for protection to the patron saint of miners, 'St. Anne, help me, I will become a monk.'" (James A. Nestingen. Martin Luther: A Life. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. P. 13, 2003)

In time, this storm would give way to political, ecclesiastical, and theological changes in the landscape of Germany, the western church of the 16th century, and far beyond. Generations and generations have been affected by this storm and its after effect: *the great rediscovery of the gospel by Luther in the Reformation.*

But all of that was far from Luther's mind in 1505, nearly twelve years before he wrote the ninety-five theses and several more before he would mature into the pastor, theologian, and reformer we celebrate today. Historians differ on what was going through Luther's mind as he took this leave of absence from law school. This was no stroll around the neighborhood, but a preplanned, purposeful journey, a quest you might say. Of what? That is the million-gilder question. What thoughts clouded Luther's mind as he walked from Mansfeld to Erfurt?

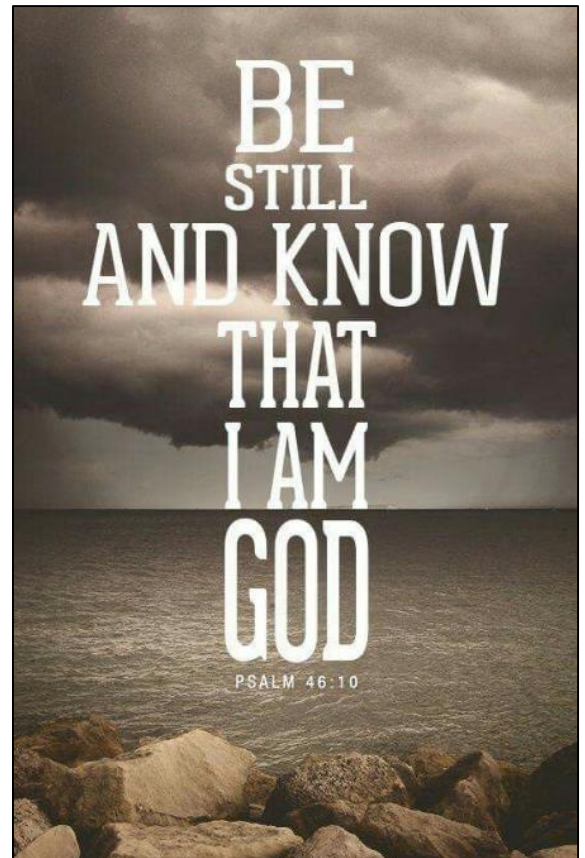
Perhaps he had already been wrestling with his decision to go to law school. This pleased his father Hans. But did it please Luther? Perhaps thoughts of his recent completion of a master's degree filled his mind. Perhaps Luther was battling his own *anfechtung*, the German word he used to describe his suffering, despair, and anguish. Perhaps, like many in Luther's day, spiritual and personal matters weighed heavily on his mind as well. More than likely, though, it was a tempest of all of these thoughts and more. Luther's heart and mind were a convergence zone.

St. Anne, however, could not help Luther. Only Christ could do what Luther asked: "*Help me.*" But the eye of the storm for Luther dwelt the fears that are common to us all. One's own mortality. One's sinfulness. God's holiness. Punishment. Fear. God the almighty judge. These were common thoughts for Luther and many in the medieval period. Luther's fears gave way to dread.

Dread gave way to anxiety. Anxiety gave way to despair. As Jonathan Edwards would later write, "*Luther considered himself a sinner in the hands of an angry God. That's at least part of the reason he cried out to St. Anne in the storm. If Christ was an almighty, holy judge, surely the patron saint of miners would come to his aid.*"

St. Anne, however, could not help Luther. Only Christ could do what Luther asked: "*Help me.* And he did, even though Luther's misguided, misunderstood vow to become a monk, which he eventually made when he joined the black cloister of the Augustinians on July 17, 1505.

Like storms past and present, this storm changed Luther and, in time, changed the world for generations to come. Like Elijah in the cave, however, it was not the raging winds over Stotternheim that ultimately changed Luther, though God used that storm to set him on a new course. Rather, it was the still small, Spirit-filled voice of Jesus in the Scriptures that soothed, consoled, and brought joy to Luther's troubled conscience. Through the Psalms, prophets, and letters of Paul, through his lectures, teaching, and preaching, Luther came to see that he was not alone in the storm, but rather that God was in the storm with him.



Through Martin Luther, God would unleash a far greater storm than the one which overwhelmed Luther on July 2, 1505. God caused a good storm to fall upon the heart and mind of Luther and those who heard, and still hear, his teaching and preaching that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ crucified for sinners. In time, Luther discovered that the gospel was an EF 5 tornado swirling with comfort and consolation of the free forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake. And this gracious storm fell upon the consciences of people long stricken by the thundering judgment of the law. In the years following this July storm, God hurled a category five hurricane of good news, comfort, and grace in Christ crucified right down on Luther and the church. Many faithful, baptized believers, whose consciences had been buffeted by long years of the church's penitential system and its storm surge of legalism and works righteousness finally felt the relief in hearing the good news that Christ is their redeemer, and their shelter in the storm.

At Stotternheim, Luther saw God in the storm. What he later came to realize, though, was that the God he feared as inexorable and untouchable is the very same God who was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary to reveal his inexhaustible love for sinners. The same God who Luther feared in the storm was the same God who brought down the most violent storm of judgment upon his own Son Jesus on the cross for Luther, for you, and for all. The same God to whom Luther made vows to as he entered the monastery was the very same God who vowed from all eternity to save Luther and to save you. There on a mountain, the sky darkened. The clouds enveloped Jesus on the cross. A tempest swirled about him, the maelstrom of sin and death. And then, three days later, the eternal calm after the storm. The tomb was empty. Christ is risen. Death is ruined. Our sin is wiped out and washed downstream. All of Luther's fear, despair, sin, dread of death, and judgment - along with ours - was swallowed up by the storm of the centuries, Jesus' death and resurrection for you.

See you in worship,
Pastor Taggatz



October Announcements



Please Note

Call the church office at 414.762.8990...

- When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so a visit can be made by Pastor Taggatz.
- When your address, email, or your home or business phone number have changed, so church records can be corrected.
- When you are planning to move either out of town or locally.
- When you know you are pregnant so that we will be able to assist you in any way we can with prayers, encouragement and support.
- When a new baby arrives in your family and/or in the family of another church member.
- When you are planning a wedding, baptism or funeral.

Office Hours

Monday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Tuesday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Thursday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Friday Pastor OFF

Visitations: Monday-Thursday afternoons

For appointments or emergencies, call church office or Pastor's cell phone.



Pastor John Taggatz, cell: 715.467.1231

Sarah Anderson, Church Secretary: 414.762.8990 | T-W-TH-F 8:15am-11:15am

REMINDER: If you have any announcements and/or additions you would like printed in the monthly *Equipper* please forward to Sarah Anderson at church@graceoakcreek.org by the 17th of each month.

The Mites collection dates

for September are:

Thursday, October 6

Sunday, October 9



Take Note

When you or your group plans to hold a meeting at the Grace Lutheran School campus, it must be cleared by Steve Gettelman. His email address is:

principal@graceoakcreek.org

CHOIR IS BACK!

If you have a spirit of praise and a song in your heart, the Grace Lutheran Church choir is looking for you. Rehearsals start October 13th, 2022 following the 6:30pm worship service.



THANK YOU!!! A special thank you to everyone who came to our Church Picnic Sunday Sept. 11th on Christian Education Sunday!!! Thank you to those who prepared the meal, served it, and who helped with the set-up and take down of the tables, chairs, and decorations. It truly was a great day of food, fun, and fellowship, even though it was raining throughout the day. Thank you again for your support of our Church, Christian Day School, and Early Childhood Center. We couldn't do this ministry without you!



Pauline Parker is looking for more people to help with the Prayer Line here at Grace. If you are interested please contact Pauline directly. Thank you!

Grace Lutheran School is in need of a 4K Teacher Aid and Afternoon Wrap Around Care Teacher.

If you are interested in one of these part time positions and would like more information, please contact: 414-762-3655 or principal@graceoakcreek.org.



How can you get a Stephen Minister at Grace?

If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, you can talk to Pastor Taggatz 715-467-1231 or to one of the Stephen Leaders: Jeanne Meyer 423-0010, Chris Cotter 324-9768, Lori Kachelmeier 828-0290 or one of our Stephen Ministers: Pat Lemmer, Donna Wenzel, Beth or Richard Jackson, Adam Voss, Gail Olen, or Pauline Parker. Our Stephen Leaders are also Stephen Ministers.



All Saints Day Any members who would like to recognize those of the Christian faith who have fallen asleep in Jesus this last year from November 2021 to the present, please let our church office know by Monday, October 24th. We will be remembering the saints who have gone to heaven in a special *All Saints Day* worship service on November 6th, 2022.

3rd ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT TO BE HELD AT GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL PARKING

LOT: Children from Grace Lutheran and the surrounding community are invited to come to a "Trunk or Treat" event at Grace Lutheran School's parking lot on Friday, October 28th from 6:30-7:30pm. The children can come to our school parking lot to receive some Halloween Candy, some Christian tracts, and they will be able to have fellowship with other children and with members of our congregation. We are in need of volunteers for this event, please contact Pastor Taggatz or the Grace Lutheran Church office if you are interested in helping out with this event and providing candy for the children: 414-762-8990 or church@graceoakcreek.org.

During a Trunk or Treat event the trunk of one's car is opened displaying candy, and often games are made available, and certain Halloween decorations. Because this is a Christian event, please do not decorate or come in costume with goblins, witches, and other occult attire. Ideas for how to decorate the trunks of your cars for this event can be found on Pinterest. Grace Lutheran School is located at: 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave Oak Creek WI 53154



Worship Services at Willow Crest Nursing Home Volunteers Needed--Grace Lutheran Church members have helped out with leading worship services at Willow Crest Nursing Home on Sunday mornings. We have started leading these worship services again and could use some volunteers to help out with this ministry. The worship services are roughly 30 minutes long and are held at 10:00am on Sundays at Willow Crest Nursing Home located at: 3821 Chicago Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172. You may end up leading a worship service at Willow Crest once a month, or every 5 to 6 weeks, depending on how many people are willing to volunteer in leading worship services at Willow Crest. We would also provide you with resources to help you lead worship services at Willow Crest, and if you would like to shadow someone to see how the worship services are conducted, we can show you how it is done. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanne Meyer at: meyorch@sbcglobal.net or 414-719-2257.

Adult Bible Class in the School Library on Sundays 9:15am-10:15am. Our topic for the next few weeks is: "Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today: A Study Based on Scripture and the Augsburg Confession." The Augsburg Confession is just as relevant to the life of the Church today as it was during sixteenth century Reformation. In *Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today*, each of the 15 lessons explore a topical area that's an excellent basis for group discussion about difficult topics such as these:

- Biblical marriage and the civil government
- How to approach church fellowship with all Christians
- The important roles of clergy and laity, according to Scripture
- Reformation heresies we still see in the Church today
- Persecution and terrorism

Pastors and Bible study leaders who desire to help their members understand the Confessions in a current context will appreciate how this study uses detailed twenty-first century scenarios to bridge the gap between eras. This study is based on *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, Second Edition*. Join us!!!

Fellowship Committee at Grace? We are looking for people who would like to be on a fellowship committee at Grace for the Church, School, and ECC. If you are interested, please call or email the church office at: 414-762-8990 or church@graceoakcreek.org. We have some members who are willing to serve on this committee, but we need more. We are looking to plan events like a game night, trivia night, movie night in the school, a talent night, chili supper, bowling night, and a Potluck for New Members, which is already being planned for Sunday, February 5th, 2023. We are looking for new ideas as well, so please let us know if you might be interested in joining this committee. Once we have enough members interested in this Fellowship Committee, we can set up a meeting to help plan future events.





CARE RECEIVERS SHARE HOW THEIR STEPHEN MINISTERS MADE A DIFFERENCE

Although my needs changed as I went from wife to caregiver to widow, my Stephen Minister's love and support remained a constant, she was *there at every stage of my journey*, helping me through some of the most difficult moments of my life so I could begin to heal.

Susan

When things seemed like too much to handle, my Stephen Minister brought normalcy and calm. With him by my side, I knew I could make it from one week to the next. I could feel God's presence when my Stephen Minister was there.

James

My Stephen Minister was a consistent presence walking with me through my divorce. He would always show up, and *most importantly, he refused to give up on me*. I'll forever be grateful for the way he changed my life.

Ralph

When I was with my Stephen Minister, *I felt Jesus was with me*. I saw the love of God in her eyes while we talked and prayed and it would fill me with such comfort and peace. It helped me know that I could make it through.

Ashley

After the death of my Mom, *I needed someone who would listen--even to the same stories over and over--and who wouldn't be afraid to say her name or bring up her memory*. That's who my Stephen Minister was, and I don't know how I would have gotten through it without her.

Molly

When someone you love is terminally ill, people often pull back because they're scared and don't know what to say. But my *Stephen Minister stood with me through it all--listening, talking, and helping me on the journey*. It was so reassuring to know he was by my side.

Andrew

My Stephen Minister listens--really listens. *He doesn't judge me or tell me what to do* but walks alongside with me. I never realized how helpful and healing that can be. With his care and support, I'm making it through.

Brian

My Stephen Minister loves me, listens to me, cares for me, prays for me, supports me, and *gives me a safe, confidential relationship* where I can totally share my heart. No matter how much I have to unload on her, she listens to whatever is going on.

Celeste

I am blessed with an amazing Stephen Minister. She's been genuinely attentive and caring ever since she came alongside me. She is kind of fearless in that way--*she'll just be there without trying to fix me* or talk me out of my feelings as I struggle with what's happening.

Nancy

I needed to know that there was one person in the world who knew the good, the bad, and the ugly about me--and still cared for me. Experiencing that through my Stephen Minister was *a tangible expression of God's love*. It changed my life.

Julia

My Stephen Minister's weekly visits became an anchor in my life--something I could rely on when everything else was so uncertain. *She was a steady reminder of God's presence*, helping me know I was never alone.

Heather

Grace Ladies Guild

LWML – Zone 1 Fall Rally October 15 – 9:00am Grace Lutheran Milwaukee 3030 W. Oklahoma Avenue

All are invited to join the women of Zone 1 of the LWML South Wisconsin District in their Fall Rally.

Continental breakfast served from 9-9:30am

Program will be:
Pastor Novelli and the Hispanic Ministry at Grace Lutheran

RISE & SONSHINE BIBLE STUDY *"Having a Mary Spirit"*

by Joanna Weaver

Saturdays:
October 8th and 22nd
8:00am - AT SCHOOL



NOTE: The Zone 1 Fall Rally will be our October meeting!

Just a Cup of Coffee...

Ladies, let's take some time out of our busy schedules for a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and some togetherness once a month.

No agenda, no Bible study, simply time to chat, maybe get to know a new person, the sky's the limit!

Saturday, November 5th ~ 7:30am
Hillside Coffee House
237 E. Ryan Road
Oak Creek



Socktober!

Grace Ladies Guild will once again be collecting socks in the month of October to benefit the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

Why do golfers wear two pairs of socks?
In case they get a hole in one!

We don't want those socks!
New socks of all sizes are welcome!



Information about the Milwaukee Rescue Mission can be found here:

<https://milmission.org/>

Look for the pink tote in the narthex for your socks.

Thank you!



2023 LWML Convention-Milwaukee

June 22-25, 2023
Milwaukee Center



For those willing to assist at convention for a total of 8 hours, you could receive a discounted registration of only \$60! Sign-up today to let us know the area you are interested in serving in.

Form is found at: www.lwml-swd.org/events/other

Have questions? Please contact Jennifer Olen

Living a Fruitful Life

“Remain [abide] in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:4-5).

Fruit characterizes the life of the Christian steward. It is interesting to note that, in the passage above, Jesus did not say, “You should bear fruit.” He stated that, when we abide in Him, it follows naturally that we will bear fruit. We are the branches, and we must stay firmly connected to the Vine in order to be mature and fruitful. Jesus calls each of us to abide in Him. Only as Christ lives in us, are we enabled to bear the fruit of His character. Whether it be large fruit or small, abundant or not so abundant, is His doing. Our role is to be attached to the vine, to fit into our place—to abide.

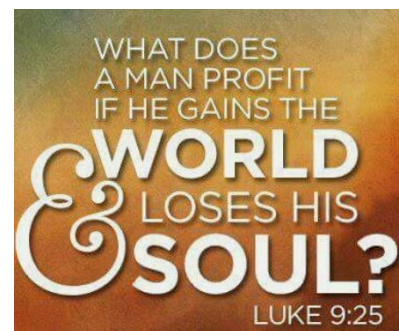
Abiding in Christ, we minister to the needs of others as Jesus, the Vine, did during His life on earth. We feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, entertain the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and the prisoner (Matthew 25: 37-39), all in the name of Christ.

The Pull of the Heart from God and from the World

Jesus said, *“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money”* (Matthew 6:24). We are caught between two masters and two distinct, opposing ways of life. The ways of the world which focus on money and what money can buy and God’s ways. The world builds life on the accumulation of material possessions for today, whereas God wants us to have a loving and devoted relationship with Him through Jesus and to develop relationships with others.

God’s Word does not condemn the possession of material stuff, but Scripture reminds us that these are gifts of God to sustain our lives and to help those in need and to extend God’s kingdom. Our possessions are to be accepted with thanksgiving and used wisely. Our Christian faith draws us away from the self-oriented values of our society. God calls us to abandon self-centered lives and value systems, as we recognize ourselves as managers of all that He has given to us. God admonishes waste and careless destruction of His resources by pollution and injustice caused by people. While sin brought destructive forces into our lives such as earthquakes, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes, these remind us to stay close to God and depend on his grace, love and mercy for our needs. They are all reminders of the brevity of life and that we are foreigners on earth and that heaven is our true home. People who make possessions and money their security and who desire more than they need will be disappointed: *“Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days”* (James 5:2-3). Their riches gave evidence to their greed for which they were judged.

The attractiveness of the material world makes us blind to the glory of God all around us which fills heaven and earth. Some have nothing left to quiet their own worries and feelings, except chemicals or alcohol which drug their minds from reality. The consumer world is a tempting merry-go-round that makes no sense. The world promises things that only God can provide and give! No matter how dazzling the things of this world appear, they offer no long-lasting peace, joy, and hope. God alone meets our needs by the riches of His glory (Phil. 4:19), and we need to remember the warning that Luke shares in his Gospel: *“For what good does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”* (verse 9:25).



Stewards Living a God-Pleasing Life

On Sunday, October 2nd, we begin our stewardship program **“Stewards Living a God-Pleasing Life.”** For the first three Sundays in October, we will look into the basis of Christian stewardship and its application in our lives. As we spend time in God’s Word during our worship services, we will better understand how God wants us to use our lives and resources for His purposes.

God has given all of us the task of being His stewards. We are God’s stewards because He is the source and owner of all that we are and have. To be God-pleasing stewards, we need God’s help. The Holy Spirit working in and through His Word changes us into new people who become God-centered rather than self-centered people. Because of what God has given to us and done for us through Christ, we live with new perspectives and priorities. God-pleasing stewards are devoted to pleasing and praising Him.

During our three-week program, we will be discussing many ways that we please God through our faithful stewardship. God-pleasing stewards will . . .

- live with the Word of the Lord as their authority and claim God’s promises.
- live God-directed, rather than self-directed, lives.
- seek the presence and strength of the Lord.
- follow the ways of the Lord.
- see others as people loved by God.
- serve faithfully in church, family, and community.
- give generously.
- develop their gifts and talents.
- see the hand of the Lord as their support.
- see the grace of the Lord as their supply.
- handle their resources wisely and prudently.
- help those in need.



It is my hope and prayer that you will make every effort to attend our worship services during this uplifting and enriching program, **“Stewards Living a God-Pleasing Life.”**

During our October Stewardship Emphasis, Grace Congregation Members will each receive a Commitment Form & Time & Talents Survey to fill out, which you can find in your October newsletter. Please fill those out and bring to church on Harvest Sunday (Commitment Sunday) October 16th or return it to the church office when convenient. *(Extra commitment forms are available on the back table of the church).* I ask that, as you approach your commitment decisions and how God can use your time, talents, and treasures for service in God’s Kingdom and in His Church, you seek God’s guidance in prayer. Let the love of God guide you in your decision.

Commitments to Christ and our Church

"Bearing Fruit or Jesus" (John 15:5)

I commit to be faithful with my time

I will spend an average of _____ minutes per day in person Bible reading over the next year.

I will attend _____ group Bible study(*ies*) per month.

I will faithfully worship _____ time per year

I commit to be faithful with my money:

As a steward of God's resources, my/our percentage commitment to my/our income to Him through my/our church will be _____ percent which is _____ per week.

(Prayerfully consider the faith goal of tithing)



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"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men..."
Ephesians 6:7



"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms"
1 Peter 4:10



Service Opportunities at Grace Lutheran Church, School, & ECC
(Please check areas of interest)

Church Boards/Committees

- Communion Set-Up
- Christian Education Sunday
- Church Properties
- Council
- Board of Elders
- Finance
- Evangelism
- Stewardship

Music

- Instrumentalist
- Adult Choir

Women's Ministry

- LWML

Building Maintenance

- Carpentry
- Church Clean-Up Day
- Handy Man
- Heating/Cooling/ &Electrical
- Painting
- Plumbing

Care Ministry

- Adopt a Shut-In
- Funeral Luncheons
- Prayer Chain
- Provide Transportation
- Visitation of homebound & hospitalized
- Odds & ends projects for the elderly
- Stephan Ministry

Children's Ministry

- Sunday School Teacher
- Substitute Teacher
- VBS Teacher

Worship

- Greeter & Usher
- Invite friends/inactive members

- Lay reader
- Offering Counter

Property Maintenance

- Landscaping
- Shrub Care
- Shoveling Sidewalks
- Mowing

Youth Ministry

- Chaperone
- Event Driver
- Youth Leader

Tell us about yourself!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Special talents/skills:



What is your current time availability?

- Once per month
- Twice per month
- Once per week
- Afternoons Evenings
- Weekends only
- Project-Centered Commitment
- As needed

DEVOTION

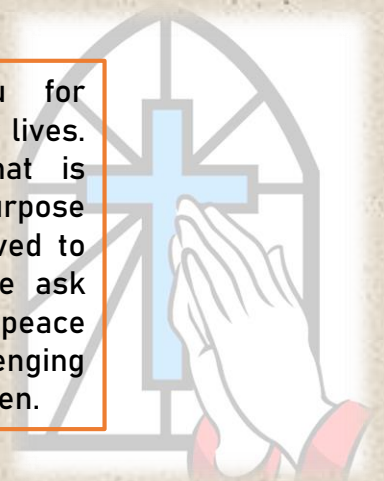


**"For I know the plans
I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a future."**

» Jeremiah 29:11 «

This verse from the Bible is one of the most repeated verses of our time. Believers turn to this verse when they are going through challenging times and they cannot seem to see God's purpose through their challenges. They turn to this verse when they need relief and hope. All too often we pray to God and ask Him to make our situation better, not knowing if it is part of His ultimate plan for us. While contemplating this verse it is important to think about the future and God's ultimate purpose, and trust Him. If you pray for something and do not receive it, it is not because God is not listening. It may be because what you are praying for does not align with the purpose God has in store for you or the people around you at this time. With that being said, God will not put you in situations that are too tough to bear. Remember, He is growing you into the person He can use for his overall purpose. And He promises you a future.

Dear Lord, we thank you for everything that you put into our lives. We know that everything that is presented to us is serving a purpose in our life that is ultimately lived to fulfill your higher purpose. We ask that you provide strength and peace to those going through a challenging time of growth in their lives. Amen.



Birthday Blessings

OCTOBER

10/2 Abby Dachel	10/14 Nicole Kisley
10/2 Anthony Puetz	10/17 Carson Mallon
10/2 Gordon Schaefer	10/21 Doc Medek
10/3 Aaron Cotter	10/23 Brandon Dachel
10/3 Celine Mould	10/24 Virginia Schmeiser
10/4 Amber Kendrick	10/25 Clare Sauer
10/5 Jerry Urbaniak	10/25 Caroline Thomas
10/6 James Elliott	10/27 Junior Edgerton
10/6 Laurie Wenzel	10/27 Kathy Szefflinski
10/9 Connie Roettgen	10/28 Steve Thomas
10/10 JoEllyn Pfeilstifter	10/29 Isabelle Morgan
10/12 Chase Kelley	10/29 Dachs Poellet
10/12 Anniston Svcek	10/30 Carsen Serdynski
10/13 Sharon Iseli	



October Anniversaries



10/4 Tony & Suzie Mirenda
10/9 Kevin & Emily Kelley
10/9 Rob & Amy Morgan
10/13 Jareb & Emilee Zunker

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship	3 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Grief Share Group	4 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	5 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm All Board's Meeting	6 6:30pm Divine Worship- MITES	7	8 8:00am Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
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Prayer Hot Line

In order to request prayers by members of Grace, please contact one of the following people. Your request will be made known to all members of our Prayer Line. Prayer requests for worship service should be directed to the church office or Pastor Taggatz.

10AM – 3PM

Carol Thurber, 762-9615

3PM – 9PM

Pauline Parker, 764-5574

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