



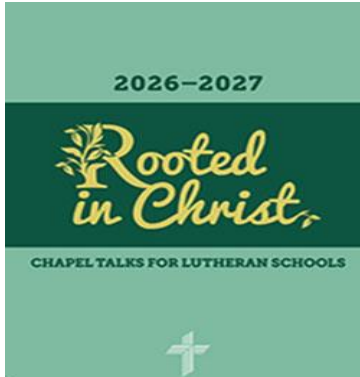
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Equipping God's people as we celebrate,
teach, and share God's Grace.

September 2026



Pastor's Message



“Rooted in Christ” Colossians 2:6–7

As we begin a new school year, we are reminded of an important truth: *where we are rooted matters*. Our theme this year at our Lutheran School is: *“Rooted in Christ.”* A tree may have beautiful branches, green leaves, and abundant fruit, but its strength and stability come from what cannot be seen—the *roots beneath the ground*. The deeper and stronger the roots, the better equipped the tree is to withstand the storms that come.

This is why St. Paul uses the picture of roots to describe the Christian life. He writes in Colossians 2:6–7, the Bible verses that form the theme for this school year, *“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.”* Paul reminds us that our Christian faith is not simply something we talk about or learn about. We are to be rooted in Christ. Our lives are to be firmly planted in Him, drawing our strength and nourishment from Him.

We know that storms come into our lives. Sometimes those storms are small—a difficult day at school, a disagreement with a friend, a stressful week at work, or a disappointment that we did not expect. Other times the storms are much greater: sickness, grief, family difficulties, financial concerns, or uncertainty about the future. When the winds begin to blow, we need something stronger than ourselves upon which to stand.

That is why being rooted in Christ is so important. Our strength does not ultimately come from our own abilities, our accomplishments, or our circumstances. Our strength comes from Jesus. He has accomplished our salvation through His death and resurrection. As Paul reminds us, we have been *“buried with him in baptism”* and *“raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God”* (Colossians 2:12). Through Holy Baptism, God has joined us to Christ and made us His own.

God continues to nourish and strengthen us through His Word. Just as the roots of a tree reach into the soil to receive the water and nutrients the tree needs, Christians continually return to God's Word to receive what we need for our faith. Through Scripture, the Holy Spirit points us again and again to Jesus, our Savior. *“Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ”* (Romans 10:17).

This is especially important as our children begin another school year. At Grace Lutheran School, our students will spend countless hours learning—reading, writing, mathematics, science, history, and many other subjects. But there is something even more important than all of these things: *knowing Christ and being rooted in His Word*. Through chapel, classroom instruction, worship, catechesis, and the faithful use of God's Word, we pray that our children will grow deep roots of faith in Jesus.

Our school theme this year, “*Rooted in Christ*,” is therefore more than a theme for the year. It is a prayer and a reminder for all of us. Children need to be rooted in Christ, but so do parents, grandparents, teachers, pastors, and every member of Christ's Church. We never outgrow our need for God's Word. We never reach a point where we have learned everything we need to know about Jesus. Every day we need His grace, His forgiveness, His promises, and His strength.

The same is true of our life together as a congregation. God has planted Grace Lutheran Church in this community so that His Word and Sacraments might continue to be faithfully proclaimed and administered. As we gather around the Word, receive the Lord's Supper, confess our sins, hear the Absolution, sing God's praises, and encourage one another in the faith, God continues to deepen our roots in Christ.

The Apostle Paul gives us one more important encouragement in Colossians 2:7: being rooted in Christ means that we are also to be “*abounding in thanksgiving*.” A Christian who knows where his roots are planted has every reason to give thanks. We give thanks because our salvation does not depend upon us. It depends upon Christ. We give thanks because He has forgiven our sins. We give thanks because He has claimed us as His own. We give thanks because He promises to remain with us through every season and every storm.

As we begin September and another school year, may we pray that the Lord would plant us ever more deeply in Christ. May our children grow in wisdom and knowledge, but especially in faith. May our families be strengthened by God's Word. May our teachers and staff faithfully point students to Jesus. And may our entire congregation remain firmly rooted in Christ and His saving Word.

A tree with deep roots can weather strong winds because it is firmly planted. In the same way, when the storms of life come, may we remember where we are rooted: *in Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior*.

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith... abounding in thanksgiving” (Colossians 2:6–7).

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for planting us firmly in Your grace through Holy Baptism and for nourishing us through Your Holy Word and Sacraments. As we begin another school year, keep our students, families, teachers, staff, and congregation firmly rooted in You. Give our children wisdom and understanding, and most of all, strengthen their faith in You. Help each of us remain faithful to Your Word and trust Your promises when the storms of life come. May our lives bear the fruits of faith and abound in thanksgiving for all that You have done for us through Your death and resurrection. Keep us rooted in Christ until the day You bring us safely into Your eternal kingdom. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

See you in worship!

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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.

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

Pastor John Taggatz, cell: 715.467.1231

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

Heidi, Church Secretary

Church office: 414.762.8990

Church office hours: T-W-Th 9:00am – 12:30pm

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

The Mites dates are **September 3rd & 6th**
Look for the **LARGE** mite box to drop your
change and dollars into!



*When you or your group plans to hold a meeting at the Grace Lutheran School campus, it must be cleared by Principal Lisa Hengst.
Her email address is: principal@graceoakcreek.org*

ONLINE GIVING AT GRACE

You can now give to our Church online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you for supporting our ministries here at Grace!!!

Text the word: **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use the [QR Code](#) or head to our web-site: graceoakcreek.org You may give a one time gift or set up your regular weekly/monthly offering. Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries at Grace!!!





Grace Ladies Guild

Saturday, September 19th - 10:00am - Noon at school

Agenda: Welcome Back & planning for LWML Sunday

ALL LADIES of GRACE ARE INVITED!

Any questions, please free to contact Jennifer Olen

Muffins for Mites for Lutheran Women

in Mission Sunday

September 24th & 27th

After each worship service a
variety of baked goods

will be available for a donation to mites.

Thank you for helping us support missions
local and worldwide!



Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday Celebration!

September 24th & 27th

This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on **Supporting Missions**. This theme is based on the texts: Ecclesiastes 3:9–15, Galatians 2:1–10, and Mark 10:35–45.

Christ Jesus our Lord asks us to be wise stewards of His good gifts. St. Paul, while proclaiming the Gospel, was also concerned for those who suffered. There were so many mission efforts taking place. As believers today, we also are eager to follow the example of Christ and aid those in need. The Spirit of God places that eagerness to serve upon our hearts. We can't be everywhere to aid the missions, firsthand, that are set before us. The Lord does allow us to support those efforts that go forth in His name. May the Lord grant to us supportive hearts.

Help us to celebrate the exciting work being done thru the LWML to further the kingdom of God.

Rise & Sonshine Bible study

One meeting this month!

Saturday-Sept 19th 8:00am-9:30am at school

We begin a wonderful new study...*Everlasting: Peaks, Valleys, and
Grace in the Psalms* - By Christina Hergenrader

Ladies, you are absolutely invited to join us in being together around
God's Word.

FYI: October meetings will be the 3rd & 10th!



LWML SWD

Zone 1-Fall Rally

Saturday, October 17th

9:00am-11:00am

Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church
3353 S. Whitnall Ave, Milwaukee

Bethesda Lutheran Disability
Ministries-Pastor Reuben Schmitz

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME
to attend!**

Any questions,
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Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday

LWML Sunday will be celebrated
in our worship services on September 24th and 27th

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Don't forget to wear purple and bring along your change for the offering mite box!



LWML Sunday, September 27th will kick off our annual SOCKTOBER drive for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

During the month of September, we will be worshipping at:

- Sunday September 6th worship at 9am ending our normal Summer Schedule
- Sunday September 13th at 10:00am in the church, as we observe Christian Education Sunday, the Church Picnic will follow at 11:30am in our Lutheran School building.
- Sunday, September 20th (and moving forward) at 8:00am and 10:30am, with Sunday School and Adult Bible Class being in the school from 9:15-10:15am. (Adult Bible Class is every week. Sunday School is 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month)
- Thursday evening worship will remain the same at 6:30pm.

Opportunities at Grace

USHERS NEEDED/USHER DUTIES

We are in critical need of ushers for both Thursday and Sunday services. If you have thought about being an usher but are concerned about the duties, please don't be. Here are some of the main duties:

- Arrive 20 minutes before service
- Pass out bulletins
- Collect offerings
- Usher people for communion
- Clean up after service

If you are interested, please contact Pastor or our Church Secretary, Heidi, at the church office by phone (414)-762-8990 or email: church@graceoakcreek.org.

Greeting Card Ministry

The greeting-card ministry consists of volunteers mailing cards and notes of encouragement to people in nursing facilities, who are homebound, or otherwise can't be at church regularly. *'Think of your neighbor, love your neighbor.'* This is the way people answer that message, letting people know they haven't been forgotten. If you would like to share in this ministry, please take a card which is provided for you on the table in the narthex of the Church. Remember...you are giving joy to these people.

If you are interested in taking part in this ministry, please contact Pauline Parker at: 414-807-6338 or paulinemom@aol.com

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study will be starting up again. Please join us on Wednesday mornings at Church beginning, September 2nd, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Join us!!! We are studying, *"Joy: A Study in Philippians"* by Deb Burma.

Here is some information about the book:

Sure, we find joy in our triumphs, but not so much in the trials. Yet real joy, genuine joy, is always ours in the saving grace of Christ Jesus. This close look at Paul's Letter to the Philippians, the "letter of joy," unpacks messages of contentment, confidence, humility, and hope—all found in Christ infused with joy—in the mountaintop moments and in the mundane. Enclosed are eight weeks of study, divided into forty short sessions, to help you realize the gifts from God's hand more fully. Ample materials are provided to make the sessions flexible for personal or group use and to accommodate changing schedules and individual needs. Targeted study, discussion and reflection questions, and life-application challenges guide you in your exploration of joy.

Giving Tree in our Church Sanctuary Ends Labor Day Weekend!

The *Giving Tree* from our Board of Stewardship will be up soon in our Church Sanctuary.

Proceeds from the *Giving Tree* this year will go to support our *Church's Good Samaritan Fund*, which helps out those in need from our Church, School, and Early Childhood Center, and the Oak Creek Community.

Thank you for your generosity and support for those who are in need!!!



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.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanne Meyer at: meyorch@sbcglobal.net or 414-719-2257 or Lori Kachelmeier at jlkachel2@gmail.com or 414-828-0290. You would also be able to shadow a current Willow Crest Worship Leader if you are wanting to learn more information about this ministry.

Tele-health (Virtual) Counseling Now Available

Did you know that the counselors of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin are available for virtual counseling sessions? For those struggling with any mental health issue such as depression, anxiety, trauma, an addiction or relationship issues, professional help is just a phone call away. Through faith-based Christian counseling, there is an opportunity to model Christian faith and share the promises of the Gospel while utilizing clinical expertise and skill. Speaking with a counselor can help reduce anxiety, monitor depression, control addictive behavior, identify triggers and create solutions to instill hope and faith. Most insurance plans accept telehealth/virtual counseling as a viable option to conduct therapy.

Check with your plan in advance to see if this is covered or the staff at LCFS can assist you. Call 800-291-4513 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Please Support Your Local Thrift Store!

Lutheran Counseling and Family Services operates thrift stores which help to support services for adoption, mental health, family counseling and substance abuse. Each store is run by amazing volunteers and support their communities by providing an outlet for clothing and household items to be reused and repurposed, offering affordable prices and by donating surplus items to local homeless or veteran shelters.

Please consider supporting these essential stores and the mission they support. Volunteers are in need at each store for a variety of tasks and services.

Hours and additional information can be found at www.lcfswi.org.

[The Economy Center](#) - 7814 W. Burleigh, Milwaukee, WI (414) 442-2272

Attention 6th – 8th Grade Parents

There will be a special Confirmation meeting on Monday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the school with Pastor Tagatz. At this meeting you will find out the schedule for your child's confirmation instruction, the curriculum your child will be learning from Martin Luther's Small Catechism, and the expectations for the class regarding acolyting for our 6th & 7th graders and ushering for our 8th graders, along with worship reports and memory work that they will be doing from God's Word and the Catechism.

Confirmation Classes will begin Monday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. for Public School students. The Confirmation Classes will be taking place in the school.

**Sunday Morning Bible Class from 9:15-10:15am
in the School Library starting Sunday September 20th
God's Word for Today: 1, 2, 3 John**

Toward the close of the first century AD, the apostle John wrote three letters. In 1 John, the apostle uses simple language to communicate some of the most profound theology in the Scriptures. Using dualistic contrasts such as light and dark, love and hate, and Christ and antichrists, John puts forth his underlying view of the world: *the cosmic battle between God and the devil*.

In 2 John, the apostle encourages his readers to walk in truth and love, and warns against false teachers. In 3 John, the apostle commends Gaius for assisting traveling missionaries and criticizes Diotrephes for failing to welcome them.

In this study, you will learn about:

- the realities of Jesus' incarnation and messiahship;
- believers' obligation to love their neighbor;
- God's abundant mercy and forgiveness in Christ.

Please join us as we fellowship together in the study of God's Word!!!

Sunday School Begins on Sunday September 20th

It is for children preschool through 8th Grade. This year we also will be providing Sunday School for our High School Students. We are also providing Adult Bible Class at Grace. Adult Bible Class will take place in the School Library and Sunday School will be taking place at Grace Lutheran School. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class is between 9:15-10:15am on Sunday mornings. Adult Bible Class will be every Sunday of the month and Sunday School and High School Bible Study will be on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

If you are interested in helping out with Sunday School, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Mary Rowley at: sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org

GIVING TO GRACE THROUGH THE THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM!

When you're ready to make an impact on the causes and nonprofits you care most about, we're here to help. Through our Thrivent Choice® program, you can make a personal donation or direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® to more than 40,000 churches and non profits.

Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership.



Save the Date!

Sunday, September 13th

Christian Education Sunday and Church Picnic at Grace Lutheran School!!!

Please join us for our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 13th. We will have our Christian Education Sunday Worship Service at 10am in our Church Sanctuary. Then, the picnic will start at 11:30am at Grace Lutheran School. We hope you can join us for some good fun, food, and Christian fellowship!!!

Please register by Sunday, September 6th.

You can register on the sign-up sheet in the church narthex, online: <https://forms.gle/vqv8Zk5DpHoJLFA18> or by contacting the church office via email church@graceoakcreek.org, phone: 414-762-8990.

Please note that food and beverages will be provided for this event. Feel free to bring lawn games such as: *ladder toss and bean bag toss* for you and your fellow parishioners to enjoy. As you sign up, please indicate the number of people attending and if you can help with set up, serving, and/or clean up. We are looking forward to seeing you there!!

RE: Monday, September 14th, Grief Share Seminar and Support Group at Grace

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a loved one recently? On **Monday, September 14th**, Grace Lutheran will be starting a **Grief Share Seminar and Support Group** to help those walking through the difficult journey of grief. This group is designed to offer comfort, understanding, and encouragement through God's Word and the fellowship of His Church. Many who have attended Grief Share have found that it helps them begin putting their lives back together again with the Lord's help.

 **When:** Mondays, September 14th – December 14th

 **Time:** 6:30–8:00pm

 **Where:** Grace Lutheran School Library, 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Oak Creek, WI

 **Cost:** \$25.00

There will also be a **special session on November 23rd** called, **"Surviving the Holidays,"**—a time when grief can often feel even heavier.

Our Grief Share group will be led by **Lori Kachelmeier** and **Jeanne Meyer**, who will walk alongside participants as they learn from nationally recognized experts on grief recovery. Topics include: *"Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?"* and *"Guilt and Anger."*

 **Register online here:** <https://find.griefshare.org/find>

For more information, please call:

Church Office at **414-762-8990** or email church@graceoakcreek.org

Jeanne Meyer – meyorch@sbcglobal.net

Lori Kachelmeier – jlkachel2@gmail.com

Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may be struggling with the loss of a loved one. May our gracious Lord use this ministry to bring His comfort, peace, and hope to many.

Diana Raasch
Director, Donor Relations



I'm honored to serve the churches, schools and RSOs of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, working alongside partners in ministry for His glory.

Diana Raasch



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Free Will Planning Workshop – Plan Your Legacy Mark your calendars!

Grace Lutheran Church is pleased to host a FREE Will Planning Workshop sponsored by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF).

Monday, November 9, 2026

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran School

Whether you have already prepared a will or are just beginning to think about planning for the future, this workshop is designed to provide valuable information and answer your questions in a relaxed, conversational setting. The evening will be led by Diana Raasch, Director of Donor Relations for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Diana serves churches, schools, and ministries throughout the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod by helping families thoughtfully plan their legacy while caring for those they love and supporting the ministries that have blessed them.

Joining Diana for this special "Ask the Experts" workshop will be:

An estate attorney, who assisted Grace Lutheran with the Zanardi Estate and will be available to answer legal questions regarding wills and estate planning.

A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who serves our Early Childhood Center and can provide guidance on financial and tax-related planning considerations.

Pastor John Taggatz, who will offer a biblical perspective on Christian stewardship and leaving a legacy of faith.

Workshop Topics Include:

Biblical stewardship and faithful Christian giving.

Planning your legacy while providing for your family.

Wills, trusts, beneficiary designations, and estate planning basics.

Endowment funds and other charitable giving opportunities.

Questions and answers with experienced professionals—this is not a "talking heads" seminar but an interactive discussion.

Helpful resources for creating or updating your will and estate plan.

This workshop is completely free and open to all members of Grace Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to stay for a free meal and fellowship.

Please plan to join us for this informative event as we learn how to faithfully care for our loved ones while supporting the ministry of Christ for generations to come. **Watch for additional details and sign-up information in the coming weeks. We encourage all members to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity provided by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.**



"In God We Trust"

Reading the Bible, you have likely noticed that there are many references to money, wealth, riches, or possessions in God's Word. In fact, they are referenced more than 2300 times. About 15 percent of Jesus' recorded words relate to money and possessions.

Our heavenly Father is interested in how we view, manage, and give the money that He entrusts to us. Scripture gives a clear warning about problems that money can cause. Jesus tells us, *"You cannot serve God and money"* (Matthew 6:24). The United States' official motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" is inscribed on our money. Is your trust in God or in money?

In our daily lives, money plays a huge part. When we consider the time we spend working to earn money, the time planning on how to spend it, the actual time spending it, and then the time we worry about it, money plays a key role in our lives.

In his 1999 book *Neither Poverty nor Riches*, Craig Blomberg finishes with the following five conclusions:

1. Material possessions are a good gift from God meant for His people to enjoy. God's creation of the material world is good, and He desires that all people have some assets so there is fairness.
2. Material possessions are a primary means of turning hearts away from God. Possession of, or desire for, too many material goods can lead to rejection of God.
3. A sign of a redeemed life is the transformation in stewardship. A life following and serving Jesus includes receiving our money from God thankfully, managing it faithfully, and giving it generously.
4. There are certain extremes of wealth and poverty which are in themselves intolerable. Those with a surplus are to help support those in need.
5. The Bible's teaching about material possessions is intertwined with spiritual matters. Financial decisions are spiritual decisions. Our long-term happiness and security can be found only in trusting and following Jesus.

With these conclusions, we can consider some applications. Because money is good, it is right and proper to work hard and to be compensated with a fair income. Understanding that money is a gift from God and owned by Him, we will want to share with those in need. In addition, the giving of our money is a wise and prudent way of preventing money from becoming overly important. Our ultimate gift from God is the gift of salvation through Jesus, and we have the privilege and the joy in using some of our money to help finance churches and ministries that share the Good News of the Gospel. Through our faithful giving, we can help people hear about Jesus.

Blessings on your Stewardship journey!

Fall Stewardship Emphasis at Grace

This fall (October 2026), Grace Lutheran will observe a three-week stewardship program titled “*Stewards Engaged in God’s Work (God Acting Through Us)*.” The program begins on October 4, 2026 –*It will take place over the first three Sunday in October...* **Core Focus From the beginning of creation, God designed humanity to be His stewards (Genesis 1:28; 2:15). Our stewardship is faith in action—always a grateful response to God’s grace and love toward us. This program helps members understand our biblical identity and calling as God’s stewards, grow deeper in relationship with the Lord, and live out faithful stewardship in daily life.**

Key Theological Foundation

- True stewardship is impossible apart from the Holy Spirit’s work in us (1 Corinthians 12:3).
- The Spirit plants faith, enabling us to respond with gratitude through how we use our time, talents, and treasures.
- God is the rightful Owner of all things (including our lives); we are managers/stewards.
- Our choices about money, possessions, time, family, relationships, and responsibilities are spiritual decisions shaped by our relationship with God.
- Through Word and Sacrament, the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, transforming us to live for Jesus rather than ourselves.

Weekly Themes

- Week One: Stewards Engaged in Sharing the Gospel
- Week Two: Stewards Engaged in Serving
- Week Three: Stewards Engaged in Faithful Giving

This emphasis is designed to be encouraging and growth-oriented, helping our congregation see stewardship not as obligation, but as joyful participation in God’s work through us.

During our stewardship emphasis you will receive a commitment form & a time & talents survey. Please fill those out and bring them to church on Harvest Sunday (Commitment Sunday) Oct. 18th or return it to the church office when convenient. *(Extra commitment forms are available on the back table of the church and will be included next week in your bulletin).* 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.



**Grace Lutheran Church,
School & Early
Childhood Center
Oak Creek, WI**



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We use these social media platforms to share the special things going on at church, school and the Early Childhood Center.

Most importantly, we share on social media the Gospel of God's redeeming love!

We enjoy using technology to continue the work of spreading the Good News of God's Riches at Christ's Expense!

LIKE our page, and make sure you SHARE these messages with others too!

Introducing RaiseRight -- The new name for Scrip The same program and process, just a different name.

You can now order gift cards from Raise Right in the comfort of your home through your phone or computer. You receive the same tuition credit and it is more convenient! Many cards are available that are not on our order form because we cannot list them all.

There are three options. You can order physical cards, E-cards or reloadable cards. Physical cards are mailed directly to you. There is a postage fee of \$1.00 for the first card and \$.50 per additional card. The convenience fee is 1% if using a debit card and 3% if using a credit card. E-cards appear immediately in your wallet in the Raise Right app. The convenience fee is the same as physical cards, but there is no mailing fee.

Reloadable cards have a \$.29 reload fee per card. Some cards cannot be mailed directly to you and need to be sent to the coordinator, Gail Nowakowski. There may be a delay receiving those cards because we do not place orders every week.

Simply download the Raise Right app and set up an account. The code for Grace is **6EA22B9E8287**. The current process has not changed and you can order Raise Right using the form and give it to one of the Raise Right coordinators in the Narthex after each service.

If you are interested in using the online process, or have questions,
please contact Gail Nowakowski at 414-791-4075

Birthday Blessings to you!

The Lord make
His face to shine
upon you and be
gracious to you.

Numbers 6:25



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| 9/1 Sandra Hamburger | 9/25 Suzann Paradise |
| 9/4 David Pankow | 9/25 Edward Taggatz |
| 9/5 John Barrett | 9/26 Wyatt Edgerton |
| 9/6 Justin Mendez | 9/26 Douglas Klipfel |
| 9/8 Rosie Adams | 9/27 Julia Oekle |
| 9/10 Nathan Kamprath | 9/30 Laura Elliot |
| 9/10 Mary Rowley | |
| 9/12 Alayna LeDoux-Riffer | |
| 9/12 Payton Weirich | |
| 9/13 Gail Olen | |
| 9/14 Benjamin Heinen | |
| 9/15 Jordynn Gottwald | |
| 9/17 Bob Buzzell | |
| 9/17 Syndey Campbell | |
| 9/18 Susan Kopperud | |
| 9/20 Sandra Herte | |
| 9/21 Pauline Parker | |
| 9/22 Bryan Meyer | |
| 9/22 Ryan Scherer | |
| 9/22 Staci Scherer | |
| 9/23 Donna Dotson | |
| 9/24 Darlene Urbaniak | |

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His
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| 9/9 Mark & Rachel Miliacca |
| 9/10 Sean & Erica McKinney |
| 9/11 Charles & Jeanne Willms |
| 9/15 Timothy & Christine Cooksey |
| 9/19 Brad & Patty Abelt |
| 9/24 Rodney & Pamela Novak |
| 9/25 Jason & Beth Stone |
| 9/26 Douglas & Charlotte Klipfel |
| 9/27 Steven & Laura Urbaniak |



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30pm - 8:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	2 6:30pm All Board's Meeting	3 6:30pm Divine Worship	4	5
6 9:00am Divine Worship	7	8 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	9 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	10 6:30pm Divine Worship	11	12
13 Christian Education Sunday 10:00am Divine Worship 11:30am Church Picnic at Grace School	14 6:30pm Confirmation Meeting 6:30pm - 8:00pm Grief Share	15 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	16 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	17 6:30pm Divine Worship	18	19 8:00am Rise & Sonshine Bible Study 10:00am Ladies Guild
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Radio Worship Service

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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

Internet Prayerline

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