

Grace Lutheran Church
is a caring community
of disciples, proclaiming
the good news of
Jesus Christ.

Grace Notes

November, 2018

Grace is everywhere. Grace is for everyone. Grace is our salvation. The Father's promise is made in Jesus' birth and life, in His death and resurrection. And the Father has been working out that promise since the foundation of the world. We may be lost in our own selfishness and sin, hurt and fear, but we have never been abandoned. Jesus lived a life of trust and love and hope, and He revealed to us the gift of freedom from sin. That gift is not earned. It is the free offering of the Father in His Son and through His Spirit. That gift is ours before we ever accept it. What a joy it is to have faith and know the gift the Father has for us!

A group of 10 of us are headed to Pelkie for the Copper Country Conference of churches meeting. It should be interesting as we learn about other churches in the area and hear the Bishop speak about her vision for our synod. Expect a report before worship later this month.

We will host a series of events after church in November and December to introduce you to the many ways you can help out with our worship on Sundays. These are wonderful opportunities to assist with the liturgy and easy ways to contribute to the life of our community. Please join us to learn more about the ministries of the church. We would love to see you with us.

The Fun Adults group, our gathering for young (at heart) adults at Grace, is putting together our next event. If you want to be included, we would love to have you there. Let me or Chris DeForge know you want in, and we will include you on our email list to keep you up to date on our plans. The ability to have a good time is the only requirement for membership.

Karl Rundman is the latest addition to our Teaching Committee, which helps guide me in my ministry. If you have blessings you want to share or constructive feedback you think is important, let Karl or Janet Kokko know. They can get that input to me in a confidential way that will encourage and improve my service as vicar.

Do you have dreams for our church? Have you had an idea you wish you could try out on our congregation? Talk to me. Grace is your church. Let's make it what you need it to be.

As always, I am here for you and want to hear from you. Drop by my office, grab me after church or stop me at Walmart... I look forward to talking with you.

With faith and hope and love,
Micah



Kiitos Paljon



Thank you to our group of dedicated volunteers who visit our home-bound members every month.

Notes from the office

Would you like to start receiving a weekly devotion from the church office on Mondays? Please send Katie your name and email address.

Newsletter items are due in the office the last week of the month.

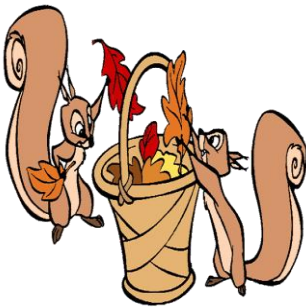
Please save your Econo receipts and return them to a box in the library. Grace receives 1% of the total receipts.

If we do not have your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

Birthdays

Lawrence Parolini 1
Jean Simila 6
Zach Nicholas 6
Lauri Aho 8
Ed Semmens 13
Ava Moore 18
Jeff Bloom 23
Niilo Juntunen 29

Jan Mikkola 4
David Harju 6
Sharon Maki 7
Chris DeForge 9
Cheryl Stimac 18
Clyde Maki 20
Karen Semmens 25
Sandra Mannisto 30



Anniversaries

George & Lorraine Makela 14
Karl & Carolyn Rundman 21

Sunday's Sermons Now Posted on the Grace Lutheran Church Web Site

Sunday's sermons are now posted on our website. The sermons are under the worship tab. Find us at www.gracesoutherange.com. If you miss worship, feel free to read the preached word from Vicar Micah. Also, search our web site for more helpful information.

Quilters
Wednesday,
Nov. 7th & 21st

Knit, Pray, Crochet
Every Tuesday,
1:00pm
All are welcome.

Any committee chair that would like to request funds for their committee for the 2019 year, please submit your request to Cheryl.

Volunteer Training and Refresher

We will be starting refresher courses for current volunteer team members and also (especially) for folks who may like to be included in one of our volunteer teams. These will be short (20-30 minutes tops) reviews of the spiritual aspects of your gifts to folks as a team member as well as the duties of each team. These refreshers will be held after church in the fellowship hall after services on Sundays in October, November and December beginning on October 21 with Communion Assistants and Home Communion Assistants.

We will be serving coffee and light refreshment during these refresher courses. Please come and find out what these teams are all about. You don't have to join any of the teams, but all folks are welcome to come and see what the teams are all about. There will be classes for greeters, ushers, council members, committee members, readers, acolytes, bell ringers, and other teams. This is a way to give back to your congregation and serve your fellow members. Please plan to attend any or all refresher classes that you are interested in.

November 11th ~ Ushers and Greeters

November 25th ~ Readers, Bell Ringers and Acolytes

December 9th ~ Council and Committees

November Worship Text

Sunday, Nov. 4
All Saints Sunday
John 11:32-44
The Raising of
Lazarus

Sunday, Nov. 11
Mark 12:38-44
A Widow's
Generosity

Sunday, Nov. 18
Mark 13:1-8
The End and
Coming of the Son

Sunday, Nov. 25
Christ the King
Sunday
John 18:33-37
The Kingdom of
Christ



Lutheran Dictionary

by: Walter Lieder
Concordia Publishing House
Saint Louis, Missouri

Grace: 1. God's undeserved love, His unmerited favor through Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24; 11:6). 2. A Christian virtue flowing from faith in God's grace in Christ, such as humility, patience, kindness, etc. 3. Blessing asked, or thanks offered, at a meal.

Means of Grace: The Gospel and the Sacraments, through which the Holy Ghost offers to sinners the grace merited by Christ and effects or strengthens faith, or the acceptance of such grace.

Righteousness: 1. God's holiness 2. Steadfast conformity to the divine Law. 3. The perfect obedience of Christ as credited to the believer.

LCW News

The Lutheran Church Women's (LCW) Christmas project this year is collecting monetary donations for SKY (Simple Kindness for Youth). Envelopes and information about SKY will be included in the bulletin. The money needs to be into the church by **Sunday, November 25th**.

Secret Sisters reveal and drawing for the next Secret Sisters will take place on **Sunday, November 11th** following worship. We will meet in the back of the Fellowship Hall to reveal who our Sister was last year and then if you are interested in participating again, draw a new name. There is a paper to fill in information about yourself on the table in the Narthex. Please fill it out and return to Katie or Cheryl by Sunday, November 4th. This is a good way to secretly wish someone birthday wishes, pray for that person, whatever you wish but keeping it a secret until next November. I think we all try to guess who our secret sister is and it is exciting to finally know who she is.

The LCW is going to be having a community Christmas get together again this year. The date is set for **Monday, December 3rd**. Chris Davis is the Chair for this event so if you are interested in helping her with ideas or/and actions let her know.

Sunday, Nov. 18th

Bells on the Bay

will be playing for us during worship. Please bring your favorite pie to share, and stay for fellowship for a pie social. A basket will be out for donations to go toward **Bells on the Bay**.



Grace Lutheran is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pastoral Care and Visits

If you need pastoral care or would like to schedule a visit, please call Vicar Micah at 906-281-9558. You may also email Vicar Micah at vicar@gracesoutherange.com

Every day we are called to do small things with great love.

~ Mother Teresa

Our Hearts to Their Homes

Susan Koskela at home
Jean Simila at the Bluffs
Delores Paavola at home
Elaine Aro at Gardenview
Eleanor Maki at the Bluffs
Jan Mikkola at the Bluffs
Amanda Mountjoy at home
Bill & Sandra Mannisto at home



Gentle Reminder:

The office and financial staff do not work on Sunday mornings.

We appreciate your consideration for allowing us time to worship with our families on Sunday mornings.

Service Workers for November

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25	
Counters	Katie Bridgers Karen Johnson	Chris DeForge Chris Davis	Sue Slinde Annette Mattfolk	Cheryl Stimac Heather Aro	
Reader	Carolyn Rundman	Karl Rundman	Sue Slinde	Annette Mattfolk	
Ushers	Bridgers family				
Acolyte & Bell Ringer	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	
Communion Assistant		Tommy Savola	Katie Bridgers	Tom Stimac	
Fellowship	Birthday and Anniversary	Volunteer Training and Refresher	Pie Social Bring Your Favorite Pie	Volunteer Training and Refresher	
Sunday School Teacher	Janet Kokko Lauri Kneebone	Katie Tormala Lauri Kneebone	Janet Kokko Chris DeForge	No S.S. Thanksgiving Break	

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas

Saturday, December 1st,
10:00am to 12:00pm

Come help decorate the church for Christmas.
Enjoy cookie decorating and ornament making.

Lunch will be provided.

All Are Welcome!



October Council Highlights

Micah stated that there has been 4 baptisms this last month. Please keep the Kaster's and Eleanor Maki in your prayers. Confirmation is going well. Micah has about half of the sabbatical coverage filled so far.

Congregation members attending the Fall Conference are Micah, Cheryl, *Katie, Heather*, Pam, Patty, *Chris Davis*, Alice, Janet, and, *Jean Baillo*d will be attending. (*Conference delegates*)

The tenants at the parsonage will be moving out in December. ReMax has stated that they are looking for possible renters. There has been a leak in one of the closets.

Some of Roseanne's creations for the Mitten Mission have sold at Festival Foods; we have two gift cards that will be given to a vet(s) on a list that Micah will get from Joe Battisfore.

Pam moved to accept the "Responsibilities for all Ministry Team Coordinators" with changes and that it be incorporated into the Policy & Procedures Manual. Janet 2nd, all in favor.

Pam moved that the loose Christmas Offering and the Christmas Greetings go to "31 Backpacks". Heather seconded, all in favor.

Micah will make a suggestion to Worship & Music to hold a Wednesday evening Advent worship service.

Volunteer Training and Refresher will being on Sunday Oct. 21st in Fellowship Hall after church.

Christian Ed will send letters to Sunday School parents to notify them that Sunday School will start collecting an offering.

Darin has resigned as custodian, giving two weeks' notice on 10/15. An announcement will be made of the vacancy and search for a replacement will begin.

Grace Lutheran Congregational Contact Information

Volunteer Coordinators

Acolytes/Bell Ringers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Altar Duty	Chris Davis	482-5567
Communion	Chris DeForge	482-8068
Counters	Marianne Bohjanen	482-8459
Funeral Servers	Chris Davis	482-5567
Readers	Cheryl Stimac	281-7909
Fellowship	Carolyn Rundman	482-6344
Ushers	Pam Long	482-4065
Greeters		
Ride Coordinator	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Office Volunteers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Gardening	Janet Kokko	482-2368

Grace Lutheran Council

Cheryl Stimac (President)	281-7909
Joe DeForge (Vice President)	482-8068
Laurie Aho (Treasurer)	482-0817
Vicar Micah Cavaleri	281-9558
Heather Aro (Secretary)	482-0341
Chris Bohjanen (482-8459)	

Building & Grounds Maintenance

Tom Stimac 281-7910 Joe DeForge 482-8068
 Heather Aro 482-0341 Katie Bridgers 482-2011

Pam Long (482-4065)
 Janet Kokko (482-2368)
 Jan Maierle (482-2011)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November</h1> 				1 12:30 Games at Grace	2 8:00 AA	3
4 9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship 3:00 Fall Conference	5 	6 10:30 Tai Chi 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	7 9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 4:00 Confirmation	8 12:30 Games at Grace	9 8:00 AA	10
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Recycling Update

Our recycling efforts are going pretty darn good! We are pleased that we seem to be getting more participation and while it might not seem like much on a global scale, we have kept A LOT of stuff from ending up in a landfill for our future generations to deal with. We have copies of Waste Management's recycling guidelines hung up right near our recycling space so pick up a copy to keep at home.

We'd like to remind you of a few things that seem to be the most common mistakes we see when we're sorting stuff. Since the price is per load, any items that can be nested or flattened should be...hint: use warm water to rinse out plastic jugs and bottles and when emptied, step on them.

In addition:

- All items should be clean
- Cans should have the lids completely removed and put inside the can
- No Styrofoam is acceptable (this includes the Styrofoam that comes as a tray in meat packaging)
- No foil
- No hard plastic
- Cardboard boxes must be flattened

PLEASE

RECYCLE

Prayer Calendar – November 2018

A Year of Prayer prayfaithfully@nglsynod.org
A Lifetime of Praying! www.nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully

1	On this All Saints' Day remember with thanksgiving those extended family, friends, pastors, and teachers who have gone before us and pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Pray also for all the “new saints” among us who have been baptized in recent months.
2	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Katherine Finegan (11/3), LaVonne Stephenson (11/9), George Candea-Kromm (11/11), Mike Laakko (11/13), and Warren Geier (11/13).
3	Pray for members of Conference 8 as they gather for their Walking Together Event at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Negaunee.
4	Pray for members of Conference 2 as they gather for their Walking Together Event at Mission United Lutheran Church, Pelkie.
5	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Jennie Johnson Wrege (11/9), Tom Skrenes (11/16), Jim Wendt (11/16), Steven Anderson (11/28).
6	Pray for all voters and elected officials as citizens of the USA go to the polls today. May we all vote and lead in accord with God's ways and wisdom.
7	Pray for all ELCA DEMs and Assistants to the Bishops, especially Pr. Jim Duehring, as they gather at Wartburg Seminary today through November 9.
8	Pray for our Synod Endowment Fund Board as they gather at our Synod Office today. May God guide and direct them as they make decisions for funding various ministries.
9	November is National Adoption Month. Pray for families touched by adoption those who have adopted a child, those who have given a child to others, those who grieve due to miscarriage or infertility, and those who wonder what their next steps will be.
10	Pray for members of Conference 4 as they gather for their Walking Together Event at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Florence.
11	On this Veterans Day, we pray for all of the brave men and women who have served in our armed forces. We thank them for defending our nation, its people, and standing up for oppressed people everywhere.
12	Pray for all First Call Pastors and Deacons, especially those gathering in Marathon, WI, for an educational event November 11-14.
13	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Christina Forsythe (11/14), Kevin Kaiser (11/17), Earl Bergh (11/20), Tom Wickstrom (11/22), David Van Kley (11/25), and Lisa Ubbelohde (11/29).
14	Pray for all hunters – may this season be safe and successful.
15	Pray for our Synod Staff as they meet together today to plan and coordinate events and activities throughout our Synod.
16	Pray for the members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Laurel, MD; Hope Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD; Hope Lutheran Church, New Castle, DE; and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester, MD.

17	Pray for children who are victims of bullying by others; that their teachers, counselors, and especially other children will help to support them.
18	Pray for the Lutheran World Federation leaders as they meet in Geneva, Switzerland, today through November 27. Pray for Bishop Katherine Finegan as she travels and attends this meeting. May God grant us the wisdom and courage needed to unite and work toward a better world for all people.
19	Pray for all seminary students, especially Katelin Binger, as they prepare for rostered leadership in our Church.
20	Pray for prayer ministries across our synod – prayer services, prayer chains, prayer shawls, prayer beads, and the many other ways that prayers are lifted up to God for those in need and those who rejoice.
21	Pray for the members of Azania Front Cathedral, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and for their NGLS partner congregation Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette (Pastor Don Ludemann).
22	We give thanks this day for the blessings God has bestowed upon us – the blessings we see around us in our daily lives; our health, families, and friends; the blessings that we overlook; and most of all the blessings of hope which we have in our Lord, Jesus Christ.
23	In these days of emphasis on stewardship, we pray that we may become better stewards of all that God has given us: our planet and its resources, ourselves, our time, our talents, and our possessions; all signs of God’s gracious love.
24	Pray for all seasonal workers who come into new situations and face challenges and impatient customers or clients. May we all be more kind and considerate as we work together during this busy season.
25	On this Christ the King Sunday, we pray that we may follow our Lord and King faithfully and fully ... even to the cross ... and give our whole lives to carrying out his mission in our world.
26	Pray for all who grieve during the holidays due to broken families, lost loved ones, or other situations. May we all reach out to those who are lonely or hurting during these times when the pressure to be joy-filled is so great.
27	Pray for generous hearts on this “Giving Tuesday” – that all ministries will be blessed to the glory of God in the work that they do for God’s people.
28	Pray for the members of Israel’s Creek Lutheran Parish, Woodsboro, MD; Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD; Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Westminster, MD; and Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Whiteford, MD.
29	Pray for prisoners and their families as so many gather to celebrate the holidays. May they find comfort in God’s loving arms.
30	Pray for all who travel during this holiday season. May they celebrate safe arrivals and safe returns home.

“We pray for congregations in the Delaware-Maryland Synod as part of our domestic partner synod relationship.”