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GRACE LUTHERAN'S MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples in Christ, we support our faith community, encourage spiritual growth in everyone, and serve all creation with Christ-like love.

We accomplish this by:

- ◆ *spreading God's Word*
- ◆ *building relationships*
- ◆ *serving the community*
- ◆ *reaching out to those in need*



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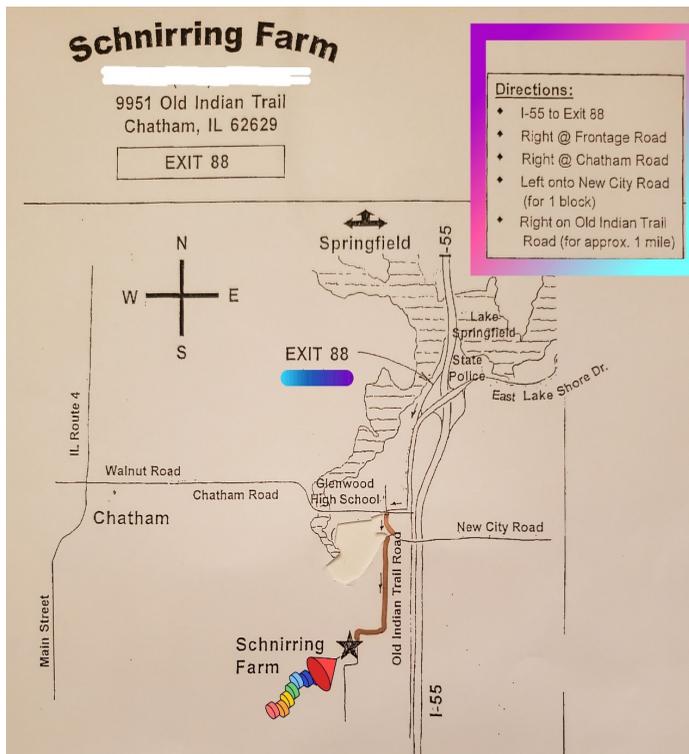
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Outdoor worship Sun, September 4th

(Labor Day weekend) will once again be **at the Schnirring Farm**; we thank their family for the wonderful hospitality!! [If it is raining, we will worship at church.] Worship is at 9:15am either way, and our Sunday School teachers will be leading the children's sermon!

All are welcome to **bring a dish to pass for brunch** following worship. Bring your own lawn chairs if you have them. Additional activities include fishing, shuffleboard, horseshoes, and a bags set will be brought.



While at Schnirring Farm, our Growing Young TEAM wishes to invite all **youth and young families** (especially parents + guardians) to 'brunch together' long enough to share some of the ideas that have been raised thus far, organize some activities, and consider a one-day-a-month schedule (bring your calendars!).

“Behold, I am doing a new thing.” ~ Isaiah 43:19

Grace Forum meets from **10:30-11:30am** every **Sunday** for which we have a Christian Education hour (exceptions include some holiday breaks, and congregational meetings and activities). Adult Forum was the long-standing name of our adult Sunday School, and then while sharing together last year in the Growing Young book study, and asking ourselves, “*How can youth be a part of it?*” it dawned on us that we could be more intentionally open and inclusive, and hence the transformation to **Grace Forum**.

So, beginning **September 25th** you are invited to the movies with Jesus!

Each week Grace Forum **adults and confirmands** will gather in the fellowship hall after worship to watch an episode of The CHOSEN (a video series about the life of Jesus, produced by *VidAngel Studios*). There are eight episodes per season (we have the first two seasons in hand; the third is on the way). Each week we will watch an episode, and then in the 10-20 minutes remaining, we will share what we see in Jesus and the disciples, what we recognize as extra-biblical... and why that may have been portrayed, and how all this touches our faith. A free app is available for watching any episodes that you cannot be present for.



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL/GRACE FORUM CONFIRMATION CLASS

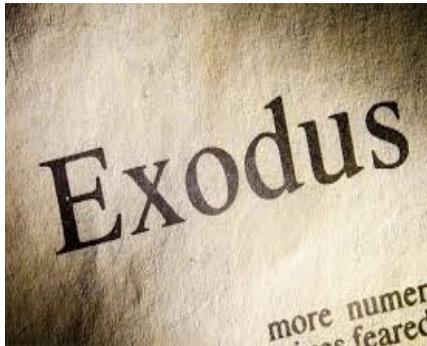
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

September 18 we will gather and kick off our amazing year of Christian Education FOR ALL. Meeting in the fellowship hall.

God's Good Gifts will be our main theme this year and we have awesome teachers and creative ways to learn planned for the coming year. We will also have weekends of service projects for all to participate in throughout the year to share God's love.

“What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?” ~ Exodus 14:11



Brown Bag Bible Study resumes with our Fall schedule as well! Beginning **September 22nd** from **12:10-12:50pm Thursdays** in-person and online (Zoom links will be emailed) **you** are invited to BYO Lunch (cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, garlic, quail and manna are on the menu) as we pick up from Genesis' conclusion that found the people of Israel moving to Egypt. The book of Exodus begins with a people no longer in the place they have been used to, are later washed up through the font of the 'Red' Sea, and finally they are given another place to worship. I wonder if people of Grace might find anything we can relate to here?! The Exodus is the defining story of the Old Testament; it is the journey of hard hearts, broken spirits, and stiff necks led toward promise.

Preview The CHOSEN and the book of **Exodus** after worship on Sunday, **September 18th** in Grace's fellowship hall.

FYI: when we will be back in the sanctuary at Grace is a moving target. The ramp will likely not be reopened until the project is complete, so we will continue to worship at First Presbyterian Church.

with Grace, Pastor Krieger



THE BEST SERMONS ARE LIVED NOT PREACHED; LIVE SIMPLY, LOVE GENEROUSLY, CARE DEEPLY, SPEAK KINDLY, LEAVE THE REST TO GOD



Cornelius bought a bus ticket in Alabama. He didn't have identification, but they sold him a ticket and allowed him on the bus for some reason. When the bus changed drivers in Oklahoma

City, the new driver asked for ID. Since Cornelius didn't have one, they kicked him off the bus. He has been homeless since. (Source – Invisible People website)

Have you ever wondered the stories behind the homeless people we see every day on the streets or across from the church at the Lincoln Library? Cornelius' story could be any of theirs. It is a difficult task and seems impossible to many of the homeless to regain stability. The Washington Street Mission is now expanding their program and opening in the afternoon. Beyond providing a space to escape the weather, the Mission will be providing training and education to assist in rebuilding lives. At the foundation of the program is teaching Life and Job Skills. There are opportunities to volunteer in many ways and one of the first is to help teach classes. (The Life Skills sessions come right out of an easy to follow and lead workbook called *Life Skills from the book of Proverbs*. All that one needs to be able to teach a class is right there.)

Of course, monetary donations are always welcome as well as clothing, towels, hygiene products, etc. At the beginning of our Service we confess – "When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side, set us again on the path of life". Would you please consider giving of your time once or twice a month to mentor or teach and help rebuild lives? Contact Annie Ellis at 845-893-0854.

EVANGELISM

As guests of 1st Presbyterian church, we at Grace are getting dramatic lessons in how it feels to be a visitor. Although the service is familiar, much is different. The alter isn't like ours. The choir doesn't sit where it usually sits. Where are the restrooms? These issues can create a feeling of disorientation. Yet we are experiencing the generous hospitality of the staff and members of 1st Presbyterian. Hopefully both these positive and negative impressions as extended guests will help us understand better and assist more effectively any visitors that we have in our midst in the future.



While we want to relate to visitors, we also want to stay connected to each other. The Evangelism Committee is investigating the possibility of developing an online pictorial directory of our members. This would replace the old printed directory but will offer the option to order a printed version. We are currently conducting a free trial of the system and invite anyone who wants to participate in the trial to contact Aaron Babel at aaronbabel@yahoo.com who will send you the link to get started.

I offer a "back to school" meditation on the hymn "Christ Is the Life" (*All Creation Sings* #927). May God bring "teachable moments" in all our lives as we continue to navigate so many changes, disruptions and opportunities.

- 1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure creative Word,
whose power beyond and through all space the worlds to Being
stirred.
Christ is the life beyond all time, creation's birth and breath,
whose labor brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
- 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beckoning tomb,
who welcomes us from well-worn ways to darkness of the womb.
Christ is the death, the sinking down past all desire and fear,
whose promise in the gentle dark bids newness to appear.
- 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, consuming fire,
whose flames require our prior self as kindling for the pyre.
Christ is the death of dusty days of uncreative strife,
for out from fire we tread upon the threshold of new life.
- 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Beginning and the End;
creative force, most peaceful death, transforming burning brand.
Christ is the life, in whose wise love creation lives and dies
and thus forevermore shall bless the Source, the living Christ.

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From sundaysandseasons.com:

Crafted in 1989, "Christ is the life" is one of the earliest texts by prolific hymn writer Susan Palo Cherwien. She was reading Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship* and was affected by Bonhoeffer's statement that "when Christ calls a person, he bids that person come and die." Also drawing from Romans 6:3-9 and 14:8, the text embodies the essential form of the spiritual journey: from life, to letting go, to transformation, to new life. Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

We begin a new season of growth, with Christian Education classes and other ministries beginning again after a restful break. Our present challenges with space because of the steeple repairs give us opportunity to think creatively and collaboratively, for example in our much-appreciated use of First Presbyterian's space. I don't always welcome "opportunities for growth"; maybe you don't either. It seems like we have had a lot of them lately! Good thing that there is grace at Grace! --JB

**Serving the Assembly in
September**

September 4 (Schnirring Farm)
Greeter/Ushers: Youth of Grace
Assisting Minister/Reader:
Jack Wheaton

September 11
Greeter: Pat Ekle
Ushers: Frank Beckman & Paul
Derlitzki
Assisting Minister/Reader:
Cindy Anderson

September 18
Greeters: Jim & Maurine Orr
Ushers: Kim & Pam Schlicht
Assisting Minister/Reader:
Addison Downey

September 25
Greeter: Josie Anderson
Ushers: Jean Scherer & Kim Gietl
Assisting Minister/Reader:
Harold Janssen



Worship

**Join us weekly for worship
in person or online:**

FACEBOOK and YOUTUBE

You can go to either our website
at www.gracelutheran-springfield.org

on Facebook to *Historic Grace
Lutheran Church* or to our
YouTube Channel: *Grace Lutheran
Church Springfield IL*
and you will be taken to a link that
will allow you to view the video of
the service for the weekend.
If you need pastoral assistance
please call the church office.

IN-PERSON/ONLINE ATTENDANCE

Week	Date	YouTube	Facebook
Pentecost 5	7/3/2022	59 In-person	
Pentecost 5	7/3/2022	NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE	
Pentecost 6	7/10/2022	47 In-Person	
Pentecost 6	7/10/2022	21	80
Pentecost 7 at First Pres	7/17/2022	63 In-person	
Pentecost 7	7/17/2022	34	111
Pentecost 8 at First Pres	7/24/2022	57 In-person	
Pentecost 8	7/24/2022	23	95
Pentecost 9 at First Pres /MEETING	7/31/2022	92 In-person	
Pentecost 9	7/31/2022	36	99
Pentecost 10 at First Pres	8/7/2022	66 In-person	
Pentecost 10	8/7/2022	34	88
Pentecost 11 at First Pres	8/14/2022	65 In-person	
Pentecost 11	8/14/2022	34	65

Opportunities to serve our Community...

Join us October 2, 2022. The route for the Springfield IL CROP Hunger Walk has traditionally walked past many of the food pantries supported by our walk. This year our traditional 2-mile Walk will start at 1:00 pm and end in the parking lot at Third Presbyterian. Our intent is to walk together safely to fight hunger.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Springfield
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 2, 2022

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Location

Third Presbyterian Church parking lot 1030 N 7th St Springfield, IL

Contact

Krista Steller 217-741-8646 or kbsteller@gmail.com



Addie Downey's Girl Scout Troop 6549 is hosting a donation drive for the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. They provide 24-hour crisis childcare from birth through six years old. There is no income restriction, and all children experiencing a crisis are welcome to visit. This includes but is not limited to: parental stress, medical emergencies, homelessness, domestic

violence, mental health or substance abuse appointments. All donations will go to helping this non-profit social service agencies.

Items being collected: diapers, wipes, toys, other baby items. Items need to be new in package, no stuffed animals, and clothing needs to be of season. Donations can be brought to church on Sunday's and given to Addie anytime **before October 14th**.

LORD, HELP ME TO SHOW LOVE AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS THROUGHOUT ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE. AMEN. —MARGARET HINCHEY



Sheedy Shores outing on Sunday, September 25 from 2:00-5:00.

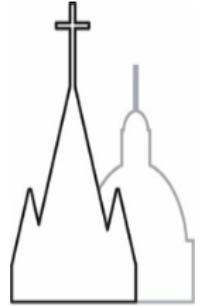
Since we don't have a signup at church, please call Mary Schofield at 217-415-3617 or email mary_schofield_560@comcast.net and join us! Please call or email by Wednesday, September 21.

Grace Lutheran Church Lightning Update

On the night of June 25, 2022, lightning struck the Grace Lutheran Church steeple for the fourth recorded time (1957, 1962, 2017, and 2022). In all likelihood, there were other lightning strikes but no recordings of them have been found.

Repairs on the steeple are proceeding ahead of schedule and the tear down began August 2 was completed on August 16. Rebuilding the steeple is anticipated to take no more than five and one-half weeks. The anticipated date is the week of September 26.

During the rebuilding phase, the north lane of Capitol Avenue and the west lane of 7th Street will be opened to traffic. However, for both safety and construction considerations, the north side ramp will not be accessible. Please watch for announcements from Pastor and Randy Heidorn about locations and times of worship and special events.



Following the completed reconstruction, a lightning rod system will be installed by Midwest Lightning Rod of Decatur. This system will ground the exterior of the building. Lightning rod protection was voted on by the congregation at a July 31 meeting. The MLR bid is \$30,034.60. The motion allowed for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

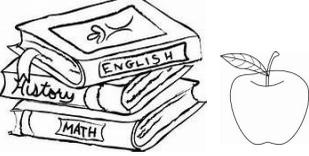
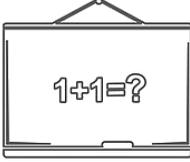
An electrical surge protection is being bid out by the church Property Committee for action by the church council. While the lightning rod system will help protect the exterior of the church, the surge protection will help protect the electrical and electronic parts of the interior. Anticipated costs are around \$7000. This will include grounding the main electrical box and placement of a surge protector ahead of the main breaker.

Our insurance deductible is \$2,500. The lightning rod and surge protection are a church expense. You may contact Ed Wollet if you have any questions at 217-620-8468 or email ewollet@gmail.com

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PRAY. AND LET GOD WORRY

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue
		
<p>4 Online Worship 9:15 am Worship at Schnirring Farm</p>	<p>5 Labor Day Office and Food Pantry Closed</p>	<p>6 9:30 am Staff Meeting 11:00-1:00 Food Pantry 2:00 pm Stewardship 6:00 pm Twisted Stitches</p>
<p>11 Online Worship 9:15 am Worship</p>	<p>12 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> 6:30 pm Growing Young Team</p>	<p>13 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Property 6:00 pm Evangelism</p>
<p>18 Online Worship 9:15 am Worship Blood Pressure checks 10:30 am Rally Day 12 noon Golf Outing</p>	<p>19 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> CSIS Professional Leaders</p>	<p>20 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:00 noon Admin & Finance in Belleville</p>
<p>25 Online Worship 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour 2:00 pm Sheedy Shores Outing</p>	<p>26 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i></p>	<p>27 9:30 am Staff Meeting with Mutual ministry 1:30 pm Pastor & JB at Concordia Village 6:30 pm Council</p>

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> 6:30 pm Choir practice	2	3 CSIS Mission Trip to Olney
7 12:30 pm Faith/ Grace Circle	8 <i>Food Pantry closed</i> 6:00 pm Stewardship for All Seasons 6:30 pm Choir practice	9 	10 <i>Biennial Convention in Springfield</i>
14	15 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> 6:30 pm Choir practice	16	17
21 	22 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> 12:10 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir practice	23 	24 Weekend road closures around Grace Lutheran travel from 9th St.
28	29 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> 12:10 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir practice	30	

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

As Christ fed the multitudes, the mission of the Historical Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry is to feed the hungry.

Food Pantry volunteers simply never cease to amaze. First the pandemic and now the street and sidewalk closures due to the church steeple repair – and throughout it all the Pantry has remained open every week and served clients without incident. The aftermath of the lightning strike has created even more challenges than the pandemic as we have had to set up the Pantry across the street in the parking lot. This means that just the setup and takedown of our operation is now a lengthy and physically challenging process. To reduce burdens on our volunteers, we have temporarily cut back to two days a week – Monday and Thursday – which, thankfully, seems to be having little impact on our client numbers. Special thanks to our neighbors at the National Park Service who have let us use their closed bus parking lot so that volunteers can ferry items between the church and our parking lot distribution setup.

Through the end of July we had served 3,878 households this year, an increase of 67 percent over last year at this time. In fact, we are on pace by year-end to exceed the 6,346 households we served in 2019, which was our busiest year in at least the past five years. This increase likely reflects four factors: 1) society's general return to more normal routines in dealing with the pandemic, 2) the elimination of one-time benefit programs and benefit increases that helped families weather the early stages of the pandemic, 3) our efforts to serve the homeless with customized mini-bags we provide for them, and, 4) as encouraged by the Central Illinois Food Bank, our efforts to serve clients any time they truly need help rather than limiting clients to service once every 30 days.

The continuing surge in total clients, our targeted service to the homeless, the rampant inflation that has hit all of our pocketbooks at the grocery store, and our efforts to provide more fresh food items (milk, bread and eggs) have significantly increased our costs of operation. As of July 31 our account had a balance of \$55,000, which is healthy but has been drawn down consistently month after month this year. Compared with years past, our donations are holding fairly steady, but expenses are increasing dramatically due to the factors cited above.

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Several years ago the Food Pantry Board set a policy that we would cut back on certain food items we provide if our account balance dips below \$20,000. We aren't there yet, but we would need to increase income for the long haul to sustain the service enhancements we've made in recent years. On the other hand, we are very optimistic that our second annual golf outing fundraiser on Sept. 18 will be a big boost to our financial ledger. After that event, our Board will take stock of the services we feel we can sustain.

Below are a few data points through July 31 in each of the past five years. In a nutshell, they show that client numbers are back above the highest levels for this period, that income has been relatively stable except for a big increase during the first pandemic year of 2020, and that expenses have been relatively stable until this year when they have exploded due to higher food prices; the weekly purchase of milk, bread and eggs; and the purchase of items used in the customized mini-bags for the homeless.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Households served	3,522	3,518	2,733	2,329	3,878
Income	\$50,984	\$40,341	\$72,138	\$54,112	\$56,733
Expenses	\$44,324	\$44,550	\$51,226	\$48,994	\$90,136

Doug McFarlan, Director



DRIVE OUT HUNGER GOLF OUTING...

At Piper Glen Golf Course, Springfield **Sunday, September 18, 2022** beginning at 12 noon to benefit Grace Food Pantry. Think about a foursome for golfing or if you are part of a business that may want to be a sponsor.

ATTENTION!! GRACE FOOD Pantry will be...

CLOSED Monday, September 5th Labor Day

OPEN Tuesday, September 6th

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

CLOSED Thursday, September 8th

Reopen Regular Hours Monday, September 12 and Thursday, September 15 11:00 am - 1:00 pm



YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Parish Nurse...Diana Weyhenmeyer

I thought this month we would discuss balance issues along with some exercises to help with your balance. Balance means a state of equilibrium or equal weight distribution. It can also mean emotional stability or calm behavior. As the years go on our balance sometimes weakens and may lead to a fall.

I found a few exercises to help you with your balance. Someone once told me, "Stand on one foot while brushing your teeth." I have tried this, and it was difficult for me to do for that short period of time. I keep practicing it when I think of it.

Another exercise to do is heel to toe. Start by walking on your right foot put your left foot in front of your right foot so heel touches the toe. Move your left foot in front of your right, putting your weight on your heel. Then, shift your weight to your toes. Repeat the step with your left foot. Walk this way for 20 steps. This strengthens your legs and helps with balance.

A third exercise includes standing with your feet apart, so that the space between them is the same width as your hips. Make sure both feet are pressed into the ground firmly. Stand straight, with your head level. Then, transfer your weight to your right foot and slowly lift your left leg off the ground. Hold that position for as long as possible (but no more than 30 seconds).

Slowly put your foot back onto the ground, then transfer your weight to that foot. Slowly lift your opposite leg. Start by doing this exercise for balance five times per side, then work your way up to more repetitions.

The last exercise includes a chair- not one with wheels. Stand behind the chair with your feet slightly apart. Slowly lift your right leg to the side. Keep your back straight, your toe facing forward, and stare straight ahead. Lower your right leg slowly. Repeat this exercise ten to 15 times per leg. This helps strengthen leg muscles.

Stay safe and active, Diana



HOSPITAL VISITS...Let us know if you are going into the hospital so that we may call on you. Also if you or your family has welcomed a baby let us know so that child can be recognized with a rose!

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The August Council meeting was held on August 23 at 6:30pm.

Dates to know:

- **August 28** worship with First Presbyterian 10:45 am.
- **September 18** Rally Day

Income continues to be on track but down for the month.

Grace Place Task Force working on next steps.

Food Pantry unique in that it is in a National Park.

Food Pantry volunteers are wearing out. Only two days per week. We are at pre-COVID levels of service. Expenses are far outreaching income due to fresh items, some clients coming weekly and the mini-bag giveaway.

New Online directory is starting to take shape.

MOTION DEFERRED from Property committee due to new information on costs for lightning suppression system.

MOTION from Stewardship to accept the proposed increase of 5% (\$19,000) 2023 budget as well as increase for Community ministry for two line items at \$18,300 **10 approved 1 opposed—Motion carried**

Stewardship for All Seasons deadline for "Giving with Grace: Appeal Sunday, December 4.

AMENDED MOTION: The Worship and Music Committee moves that Congregational Council approves to repair failed electronic control components within the pipe organ system, totaling \$21,500.38, and fund these repairs with memorial funds including Robert Hanner, William/Marion Schnirring, Walter Oehlert, Ted Ekle and others as needed. **Approved unanimous**

Growing Young will meet at Schnirring to discuss plans and activities.

MOTION That Grace Lutheran Church makes a donation to First Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$175.00 per week for use of their facilities for worship. 6 weeks thus far with 3 or more weeks still possible. **Approved unanimous**

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>July 2022</u>		<u>July 2021</u>
Income: \$18,563		Income: \$22,810
Expense: \$31,152		Expense: \$33,008
DEFICIT (\$12,588)		DEFICIT (\$10,198)
<u>YTD 2022</u>		<u>YTD 2021</u>
Income: \$220,827		Income: \$202,726
Expense: \$231,990		Expense: \$220,916
DEFICIT (\$11,163)	15	DEFICIT (\$18,190)

Prayers of Grace - Stephen Ministers

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

In need of prayer?

- Call the church office (217-522-3965)
- Email Sara Oehlert at soehlert@aol.com

Pray FOR OUR



SCHOOLS

Dear Loving God, we pray for our children in school. We thank You for granting our children immeasurable skills, talents, abilities, and spiritual gifts that they need in order to serve You in their lives. Make available to them trusted teachers and advisers who will teach, train, lead, and mentor them. When they turn to You for help, love, strength and protection, kindly have mercy and hear them. Help them to learn and grow safely and lead prosperous lives. Amen.

What is a Stephen Minister?

A **Stephen Minister** is a caring individual who can help others navigate their present situation. Stephen Ministers are trained to help when people encounter loss, grief, relationship challenges, and a myriad of things that can throw one's life into a tailspin. They are not counselors. They are not "know-it-alls." They are not individuals who try to fix everyone's troubles. They simply provide love, care, and support when it is needed the most. Let us know if you are in need.



Please send cards... to any homebound members, Freddy, Marguerite and Pastor Chris. For those addresses please call the church office.

LORD, HELP ME TO BE A LIVING EXAMPLE OF MY FAITH BY HELPING OTHERS.

MEMBERS HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY

DIXIE ALVIES
DOROTHY BAHRE
GLENDA BOWLES

GEORGIANN
BREDEHOFT
GLORIA GAGNON
MARGE HANNER

ELEANOR SAKRIS
ANN SCHLICHT
CRYSTAL SHADID

Please note the following schedule for what is happening:

Faith/Grace Circle will meet September 7th at 12:30pm.

Ruth Circle will not meet and will join in the WELCA Biennial Convention

Twisted Stitchers will meet on September 6th
at the home of Helen Appleton

Ladies Night Out recap... 32 ladies attended this year
and we had a wonderful time at Finley's Tap!

Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA
Biennial Convention September 9-10, 2022
at Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield, Illinois

Care Kits will be put together at this time. The kits will contain the basic necessities needed by our neighbors. Grace Lutheran is the hosting church and we are asking the members of Grace to donate items for the kits. All participating churches are being asked to bring items with them to the convention. **CARE KIT ITEMS:**

Socks (dark if possible)	Wipes (small packs)	
Adult size toothbrushes in original packaging	Toothpaste	
Bottle of water	Lip Balm	Deodorant
Granola Bars	Gallon Zip Lock Bags	Travel Tissues

The care kits will be donated to neighbors in the Springfield.

Lutheran World Relief SCHOOL KITS

WELCA is also collecting items for school kits for LWR. They will be collected at Grace. Please have items to the church no later than Sunday, October 2. Those items include:

70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper; no loose leaf paper
30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

Pencil sharpener

Pair of blunt scissors

Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers no symbols or military graphics of any kind

Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

Box of 16 or 24 crayons

2 1/2" Eraser

Sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17"
with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

- ♥ Thanks to all the volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels and Daily Bread meals to seniors for the month of July. Thanks to the following volunteers for sharing their time and talents: Jean Scherer, Dick & Deb Smith, Tom & Rosie O'Fallon, John & Debbie Rigg, Ed & Judy Wollet. You can call the Senior Center at 217-528-4035 if you would like to deliver more meals!
- ♥ Carolyn and Verne Nelson would like to thank Chuck and Diana Weyhenmeyer for the flowers given to us on our anniversary and congratulations on their anniversary.
- ♥ Thank you to Gari Hurst for coordinating ladies night out along with Charlotte.
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- ♥ To Aaron Babel for his continued hard work and updating of the website and work with the new directory.

Thank You

September Birthdays

Sept 3	Jim Hobbs	Sept 14	Russel Nation
Sept 4	Theresa Bonnet	Sept 16	Curt Benanti
	Mary Schofield		Lari Garrison
Sept 5	Dorothy Bahre	Sept 18	Amelia Cheek
	Joe Gietl	Sept 21	Freddy Drake
	Hal Wakefield	Sept 22	Randy Lord
Sept 7	Brian George	Sept 23	Deb Smith
	Katie Gonzalez	Sept 24	Don Sakris
	Mike Hatfill	Sept 25	Cathy Yokley
	Michelle Krieger	Sept 26	Chris Tople
	Kylie Nation		Robin Weakly
Sept 8	Karen Duckworth	Sept 28	Andrew McLaughlin
Sept 11	Brett Best		
	Sue Bryden		
	Ryan Carnduff		
	Randy Heidorn		
Sept 12	Gene Blade		
	Vanessa Ervin		



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