



GRACE NOTES

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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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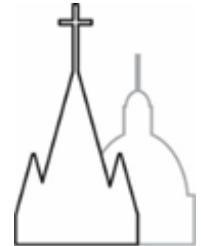
Pastor's pages

It was long ago, and there were so many of them that I don't remember if it was for a youth event or as a family, but we were on another road trip. Rather than fill all of our time with the isolation of cell phones or ear buds, we pulled out our Faith Talk packet. A Faith Talk (Youth & Family Institute of Augsburg College) packet includes 48 share cards in each of four categories: memories, etchings, values and actions. Once drawn, each card has a statement or question for participants to respond to. We were using the children's version of Faith Talk, and the card read, "If Jesus were a color, what color would he be?"

With this, the wheels on the bus were not the only ones going round and round. One by one, each person came up with a color and explained why that color would work for Jesus. The last child to go said that if Jesus were a color, Jesus would be 'rainbow.' It would almost feel like cheating if it wasn't so right; out of the mouths of babes....

After a couple of months of worship at First Presbyterian Church, we knew the privilege of worship at Grace Lutheran Church again on September 18, which I lead no differently than I had the preceding Sundays of summer. That is when someone asked, "Why haven't you been wearing your robe?" My answer is twofold. The *secondary* reason I have not been wearing an alb is because my metabolism still works pretty good, and an extra layer in the summer is not the least bit comfortable unless the air conditioning is turned down to the point that for some others it is not the least bit comfortable. The *primary* reason is the more important of the two, and it is one that I have been faith-wrestling with since I read the book by ELCA Pastor Lenny Duncan, Dear Church: a love letter from a black preacher to the whitest denomination in the U.S. In the first chapter Pastor Duncan writes, "Systemic racism is embedded in nearly every fiber of church life – from liturgical colors to the way we discuss Advent. And the same is true for the fiber of the broader culture." Elaborating on this a few pages later, he goes on to say, "We need to stand up... This may mean that Advent is no longer about a journey from "darkness to light." This may mean that white paraments no longer represent resurrection."

I do not, nor ever will, know what it is to experience life as black in our denomination, nor in the broader culture in the U.S.



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When our cultural values as well as our liturgical (church) tradition identify darkness (black) with evil and light (white) with good, I cannot imagine - intentional or not - the damage that does to 'dark' people as well as 'light' people over time. The damage to people of color includes dehumanization and promoting a lie; the damage to *white* people includes believing that what is good is what *you* are. The good news is a different kind of message.

It is not my goodness but God's I am called to proclaim, and I am every bit the sinner that I am the saint. Yet I hope in these last few months in which I have not hidden my dark shirt under my white robe, that it may have been an expression of the gospel and show a respect for all people Jesus lived and died for. It is a subtle message, but for its own small part, I hope that it is one more way to communicate the great worth and love that God has for all people.

with Grace, Pastor Krieger

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**CSIS SISTER
CONGREGATIONS
@ ISU**

12
NOON

TAILGATE

A gathering of 'select' CSIS sister congregations at a 'midpoint' of Normal, Illinois.

A potluck (bring a dish to share!) with games, fellowship and singing. An opportunity to gather with students and staff of our Lutheran campus ministry.

2pm go to Homecoming football game: ISU vs South Dakota, or go to Home 😊

**Sign up or rsvp by Sunday, Oct 9 to
tomkrieger63@gmail.com**

210 W. Mulberry St, Normal, IL 61761

Stewardship stories are monthly human-interest pieces about how God through Grace Lutheran Church has made a difference in peoples' lives. What difference Grace has and is making in our life is an expression (since we are his disciples) ...an expression of what difference Jesus makes in our life. This month's spotlight is upon Freddy Drake.

Freddy's birthday was just over a week ago, and I hope he got something sweet, because I know a sweet tooth is something he and I have in common. Freddy is a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where he has made a difference welcoming and greeting people as an usher. At Grace Lutheran Church Freddy is a big part of the reason the food pantry has been able to serve so many people so well. Freddy has held down the fort on everything in the west end of the food pantry, and when he is all caught up there, he looks for other ways to keep the church clean and in good order; not bad for a guy who knows another church to be home. For the last seven or eight years, Freddy has taken the bus to be here every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, to serve with all of the volunteers of the food pantry, and to serve all the clients who depend upon their work and his.



Before leaving every day, Freddy checks in to let us know that he will be back the next day. Of course he would, because there is no one more dependable. Making sure that we knew that he was coming back in and of itself was enough to bring a smile to our faces. Who knew the power of that intentional checking out every day? This summer Freddy became sick and has not been able to come back, for it is now he who needs to be served. He was served by the health care workers at the hospital, and now in the loving care he receives from his family. They share that he is grateful for the comfort care he receives and that he is in good spirits (just as I found him in the hospital), and he is still giving them a good laugh here and there. Freddy has told me repeatedly how much he misses being here at Grace

Lutheran Church, with the people he worked with and for.

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Notes from Cantor JB George...

It is so wonderful to be back in our own sanctuary for worship, and I look forward to the repairs being made on the organ soon. Familiar and useful tools for doing ministry help me in my work, but being stretched is good too. We so appreciate the hospitality of First Presbyterian and look forward to new possibilities for working together in the future.

One such opportunity will be **Sunday, November 13, at 3:00 pm**, when we will host a benefit concert for the Food Pantry. The Land of Lincoln Chorus (including our own John Rigg and Dan Hurst) is the featured guest. Other churches involved with the food pantry ministry are also invited to participate in the concert. It will be a nice time together, so mark your calendars now!

Many of you know that I have taken a part-time job as choir director at Temple B'rith Shalom. I am spiritually enriched by learning more about Jewish spirituality. Here's a wonderful perspective I learned this week in choir practice:

Beautiful, hand-inscribed scrolls of the first five books of the Bible (the Torah) are held in a place of honor in the front of the synagogue. I learned that the rod on which the scroll is wound is made of wood and is called the "tree of life." It would follow, I suppose, that the life-giving words of God are the "fruit" of this tree. In our shared sacred texts of the Hebrew scriptures, we know this related image from the Creation story in Genesis to the Psalms.

Speaking of ecumenical projects, we will join with our brothers and sisters at First Presbyterian for a joint choir endeavor. The choir from First Pres will be here at 9:15 am **October 16** to sing with us and the Grace choir will be going to First Pres. for their worship at 10:45 am that morning.

I love the fall colors of deciduous trees, besides their sweet blossoms in the spring and cool shade in the summer. As we face effects of climate change, trees are a big part of the solution, both in the micro and macro levels. Keeping all these images in mind, can I be like a tree in the world? Can I bear words of life and healing to others? Can I shield others from the harshness of the world, while bringing beauty?

Do a web search for "May This Church Be like a Tree" ACS 1042, for a hymn in our *All Creation Sings* hymnal supplement that explores some of these images. —JB



Serving the Assembly in October

October 2

Greeters: Verne & Carolyn Nelson
Ushers: Frank Beckman & Paul Derlitzki
Communion Asst: Randy Heidorn
Altar Guild: Deb Smith
Reader: Ed Wollet

October 9

Greeters: Gari Hurst & Arlene Honeycutt
Ushers: Joe & Kim Gietl
Communion Asst: Judy Wollet
Altar Guild: Toni Klit
Reader: Phil Galloway

October 16

Greeters: Jim & Maurine Orr
Ushers: Kim & Pam Schlicht
Communion Asst: Kim Gietl
Altar Guild: Kim Gietl
Reader: Leona Garrison

October 23

Greeter: Laurie Farrell
Ushers: Ed & Judy Wollet
Communion Asst: Chuck Weyhenmeyer
Altar Guild: Diana Weyhenmeyer
Reader: Jaymie Babel

October 30 REFORMATION

Greeters: Mark & Cindy Anderson
Ushers: Chuck & Diana Weyhenmeyer
Communion Asst: Ed Wollet
Altar Guild: Debbie Rigg
Reader: Randy Heidorn

COME WORSHIP
WITH US!



**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.

REFORMATION Day Sunday, October 30

Martin Luther believed that the Reformation was a direct result of the Holy Spirit moving him and others to action. This day is a celebration of the Holy Spirit that continues to move us toward the grace and mercy of God, even today.

We invite everyone to wear the color **RED**.



All
Saints'
Day

November 6

Please come for worship that weekend as we remember and names are spoken aloud for the Saints who have gone before us.

Prayers of Grace

"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

THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

A long time ago there was a festival on October 31st to celebrate the harvest season. People tried to scare away evil spirits by dressing up in scary costumes. Many years later children dressed up like evil spirits. They went door-to-door telling people that if they got a treat the evil spirits would go away. Later the church decided to change the festival by making it a celebration of the eternal life, not evil spirits. Instead of honoring evil spirits, they honored all the Christians who had died in the last year. November 1st was called "All Saint's Day" or All Hallowed (holy ones) Day". The evening before was called "All Hallowed Eve". Over the years the name was shortened to "Halloween."

THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

Dear God, As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about you;

(cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.

(clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so your love I will see;

(cut eyes shaped like hearts)

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me

(cut a nose in the shape of the cross)

Open my ears so your Word I will hear;

(cut ears shaped like the Bible)

Open my mouth so I can tell others you are near.

(cut mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.

(place candle inside and light it)

LORD, HELP ME DO A KIND ACT EACH DAY

YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Parish Nurse...Diana Weyhenmeyer

With Halloween just around the corner, children are thrilled to dress up and go out trick or treating for candy. But as a parent or guardian, it is wise to take precaution over what your child consumes from their bag of goodies. Whether your child is going from door-to-door to gather candy or participating in activities like apple bobbing, it is important to make sure the treats are safe for children to consume. Below are five recommended tips from FoodandSafety.gov on how to make sure your child's Halloween candy is safe to eat.



- 1. Check labels:** If your child has a food allergy or sensitivity, it is important to read the labels on the candy to make sure the allergen is not present in the treat. In the case of homemade goods that your child may receive, it is best to not let the child consume it at all.
- 2. No snacking while trick-or-treating:** It is tempting to want to snack on some of the candy while collecting it but do not allow children to do it. Make sure you do not send kids out hungry, feed them a snack or light meal prior to trick-or-treating and let them know that they are not allowed to eat any of their candy until you thoroughly inspect it. I used to eat the candy while trick-or-treating. This is a good point to remind your children to do.
- 3. Look at trick-or-treating candy carefully:** When expecting candy, look for discoloration, tears in wrappers, an unusual appearance or tiny pinholes. If the candy looks tampered with in anyway, throw it away.
- 4. Make bobbing for apples a clean activity:** If you are [hosting a Halloween party](#) and plan on letting guest bob for apples be sure that you wash them and any raw fruit thoroughly by rinsing it under cold water. This method is important to reduce the amount of the bacteria that may be on the fruit, consider using a fruit brush to remove surface dirt further. You want to make the activity as safe as possible.
- 5. Protect party food from contamination:** If you plan on keeping your children indoors and entertaining, make sure that the food you serve is safe to eat. Serve pasteurized products because unpasteurized ones can contain Salmonella. Also keep food like cheese platters, tossed salads, sandwiches and fruit chilled. Perishable foods should not be left out for more than **two** hours. If you are in a hot climate above 90 degrees, food should be refrigerated within the **hour**.

Pastor APPRECIATION

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

The month of October has been designated Pastor Appreciation month. But you don't have to wait for a particular month; you can show your appreciation at any time. Sometimes just saying "thank you" is enough.

We Pray... Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain pastors, deacons and bishops especially Bishop John Roth, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Pastor Tom Krieger, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people. Grant that together we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Online Church Photo Directory

It has been several years since we last had a directory made for our congregation, and much has changed since then; photo directory publishers are harder to come by today, and making a directory takes massive amounts of organizing, time, and

planning to put together. Therefore, the Evangelism committee has decided to pursue a new direction in creating a directory for our church, an Online Directory. This directory allows you to have easy access to members of our church right from your computer or smartphone. It is safe and secure and only requires a name and email address to sign up. We will even be able to print out the directory ourselves to give to members who wish to look members up the old-fashioned way. To sign-up for our online directory please type this website address into your web browser, www.gracelutheran-springfield.org/directorysignup . There you will find instructions on how you can join our online directory. Please contact Aaron Babel at (aaronbabel@yahoo.com) or Kim Gietl (k.gietl15@yahoo.com) for any questions or help signing up.



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 to your family also let us know so that child can be recognized with a rose!

OCTOBE

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>2 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour 1:00 pm CROP WALK</p>	<p>3 11:00 am-1:00 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>4 9:30 am Staff Meeting 11:00 am-1:00 pm Food Pantry 4:00 pm Stewardship 6:00 pm Twisted Stitchers</p>
<p>9 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship, Food and packing WELCA School kits</p>	<p>10 Columbus/Indigenous peoples day 11:00 am-1:00 pm Food Pantry Office Closed</p>	<p>11 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Property 11:00 am-1:00 pm Food Pantry 6:00 pm Evangelism</p>
<p>16 9:15 am Worship Joint Choir with First Presbyterian and Grace BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS 10:30 am Education Hour</p>	<p>17 11:00 am-1:00 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>18 9:30 am Staff Meeting 11:00 am-1:00 pm Food Pantry 12:00 noon Admin & Finance 6:00 pm Ruth Circle</p>
<p>23 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour</p>	<p>24 11:00 am-1:00 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>25 9:30 am Staff Meeting 11:00 am-1:00 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm Council</p>
<p>30 Reformation 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour</p>	<p>31 11:00 am-1:00 pm Food Pantry</p>	



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	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	5 12:30 pm Faith/ Grace Circle	6 <i>11:00 am-1:00 pm</i> <i>Food Pantry</i> 12:10 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 5:00 pm Grace Place Task Force 6:30 pm Choir practice	7	8 2:00 pm Krieger/Fullriede Wedding
	12 4:00 pm Community Ministry 5:00 pm Food Pantry Board	13 <i>11:00 am-1:00 pm</i> <i>Food Pantry</i> 12:10 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir practice	14	15 12:00—2:00pm CSIS ISU Tailgate potluck
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	26	27 10:00 am Conf. Camp at St. John's <i>11:00 am-1:00 pm</i> <i>Food Pantry</i> 12:10 pm Brown Bag Bible Study	28 Grace Notes	29



IN-PERSON/ONLINE ATTENDANCE

Week	Date	YouTube	Facebook
Pentecost 12	8/21/2022	59 In-person	
Pentecost 12	8/21/2022	39	119
Pentecost 13 with First Pres	8/28/2022	In-person	
Pentecost 13	8/28/2022	49	94
Pentecost 14 Schnirring Farm	9/4/2022	55 In-person rained out	
Pentecost 14	9/4/2022	55	134
Pentecost 15	9/11/2022	64 In-person	
Pentecost 15	9/11/2022	34	119
Pentecost 16	9/18/2022	97 In-person	
Pentecost 16	9/18/2022	55	113
Pentecost 17	9/25/2022	80 In-person	
Pentecost 17	9/25/2022	28	65

LORD, GIVE ME STRENGTH IN ADVERSITY & PERSISTENCE IN HOPE



Addie Downey's Girl Scout Troop 6549 is hosting a donation drive for the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. 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**.



Crop Walk: October 2, 2022 1:00 pm

Location: Third Presbyterian Church parking lot
1030 N 7th St. Springfield, IL 62702

The route for the Springfield IL CROP Hunger Walk has traditionally walked past many of the food pantries supported by our walk. This year, we will resume our traditional 2-mile walk starting and ending in the parking lot at Third Presbyterian. The walk begins at 1:00 pm. **Find the GRACE LUTHERAN WALKERS**

Christian Education News

WELCA SCHOOL KITS for our service project October 9 2022 at 10:30 am

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 ½" Eraser

Please have items to the church no later than Sunday, October 2.

We will join together Sunday, October 9, 2022 for a time of intergenerational serving the community here and the world.

Thank you ahead of time and we hope we can have a great day of caring for others. All are welcome to join us in packing.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL/GRACE FORUM/CONFIRMATION CLASS/BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome !!

"God's Good Gifts" will be our main theme this year and we have awesome teachers and creative ways to learn.

Sunday school meets on the second floor each week in the large Sunday School room **at 10:30 am.**

GRACE FORUM...please join us **Sundays at 10:30 am** in the fellowship hall for "The Chosen".

We will join together Sunday, October 9, 2022 following worship for a time of good food, fellowship and intergenerational serving the community here and the world. Bring dishes to share with all!

Brown Bag Bible Study will continue **Thursdays at 12:10 pm.** Please join us as we continue studying Exodus.



THANK You's...

- ♥ Mary and I wanted to thank our Grace family for all the prayers and support. She did receive a new kidney Thursday (September 22). She has had minor complications but overall is doing well and the body does not seem to be rejecting the new kidney. We need to isolate for 6-8 weeks after discharge and be extremely careful about what she eats, but we look forward to seeing everyone in a few months. Praise and thanks to God and much thanks for all the doctors and medical professionals who have taken such good care of her. Chris and Mary Schofield
- ♥ Again the volunteers who have kept the Food Pantry active and serving those who are in need. The physical fatigue that they have endured during the construction is admirable and for that we are grateful!

October Birthdays

Oct 1 Adam Lowery	Oct 13 Sandra Benanti	Oct 26 Cameron Dees
Oct 2 Wayne Benanti	Trent Benanti	Oct 28 Marge Hanner
Frank Krone	Harold Janssen	Oct 29 Laurie Farrell
Oct 3 Amy Thompson	Oct 14 Ryan Nation	Charles
Oct 5 Sarah Kennedy	Oct 15 Liam Monahan	Kreutzer
Maurine Orr	Oct 17 Henry Appleton	Oct 30 Lorraine Bivin
Oct 6 Mary Plymire	Valerie Benanti	Oct 31 Patricia Little
Oct 7 Kacey Crum	Kari Downey	
Sharon Knop	Pat Janssen	
Oct 9 Charlotte Blumle	Oct 19 Dustin Janssen	
Anna Mae	Elliot Janssen	
Handshy	Oct 20 Leona Garrison	
Brock Jackman	Leora Harry	
Oct 12 Becky Schlouch	Oct 22 Travis Benanti	
	Oct 23 Michael Wilson	
	Oct 24 Laurie Jones	
	Tom O'Fallon	



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
AND
GOD'S
BLESSINGS!**

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

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

There were two major activities and good news stories at the Pantry in September.

First, with completion of the steeple repair project, we have moved our operation back from the parking lot to the sidewalk along Capitol Avenue and will resume our three-day per week schedule (having cut back to two days to lessen wear and tear on our volunteers setting up and taking down the temporary pantry in the parking lot). Again, a huge thank you to our volunteers. There was some heavy labor moving back and forth to the parking lot for several weeks, but everyone hung in there and enabled us to continue meeting the needs of those in our community dealing with food insecurity without interruption. A big thanks also to the Lincoln Home staff for allowing us to use their closed bus parking lot to access the church lot across Seventh Street.

Second, we had a very successful second annual Drive Out Hunger golf fundraiser on Sept. 18 – a beautiful Sunday afternoon – at Piper Glen Golf Club. We’re still a few days away from a final accounting of

expenses, but it looks like we will have raised around \$15,000 -- more than double last year. Thanks to Jim Hobbs and his step-daughter Shelley Wright for again taking the lead to make this happen, to those who recruited sponsors and golfers

(with the gold star to Dan and Kendal Hoselton), to Brenda Poston for organizing our spreadsheet to track sponsors, and to Susan LeMasters and Toni Klit for handling golfer registration at the event. And thanks to a wonderful lineup of corporate and individual sponsors who contributed up to \$1,000 and to the individual golfers and “friends” of the pantry who made donations.



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To see pictures go to: www.driveouthunger2022.gracelutheran-springfield.org

Our presenting sponsors this year were: Buraski Builders; Capitol Group; Henson-Robinson Company; HyVee; Illinois Plumbing & Heating Supply; Ann Jakowsky; Kerber, Eck and Braeckel; Marine Bank; Mike and Sandy Barker Family Fund; R.D. Lawrence Construction Co.; Selvaggio Steel; Springfield Clinic; Troxell; Bank of Springfield; Roland Machinery Co. and Springfield Electric Lighting and Design. Sponsors for holes on the course were Butler Funeral Homes, First Christian Church; Hanson Professional Services; Martin Engineering; O'Shea Builders; State Senator Doris Turner and Tom Day Business Machines.

Our clients served continue to far outpace last year. Through the end of August we had served 4,444 households, an increase of 56 percent over 2021, and our numbers now are running fairly comparable to the last full, pre-pandemic year of 2019 when we served 6,346 households. In fact, we currently are on pace to slightly exceed that 2019 number this year. We ended August with an account balance of \$51,595, which will get a nice boost when we close the books on the golf outing. Doug McFarlan, Director

 You can donate leftover Halloween candy to the Food Pantry.



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.

MEMBERS HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY

DIXIE ALVIES
DOROTHY BAHRE
GLENDA BOWLES
GEORGIANN

BREDEHOFT
GLORIA GAGNON
MARGE HANNER
EUNIE KRONE

ELEANOR SAKRIS
ANN SCHLICHT
CRYSTAL SHADID

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Church Council meeting was held on September 27 at 6:30 pm

Some of the highlights from that meeting follows:

- ◆ 67 % on track for giving– right where we need to be.
- ◆ **MOTION:** to let First Presbyterian Church park in our lot for use on Sunday morning for their 10:45 am Sunday worship. **-Approved**
- ◆ Insurance coverage adjusted for instruments will find out June/July 2023 if renewed
- ◆ December 11 budget meeting
- ◆ Non for profit is exploring using the kitchen for teaching those who would like to learn a trade with August Appleton and Conn’s group. Insurance will cover and County must certify. All food will feed the homeless.
- ◆ **MOTION:** that Grace Lutheran sign up to online church directory and subscribed to at a cost of \$114.00 per year. **- Approved**
- ◆ Groups and committees can be made in this program.
- ◆ **MOTION:** Presented to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church council acceptance of Ryan Electrical Solutions for electrical work of existing grounding of the main service and provide grounding for main service for code and provide surge protection on the main electrical panel in an amount not to exceed 3420.00 **- Approved**
- ◆ Date for Stewardship commitment Sunday moved to December 18.
- ◆ Thanks much to Stewardship committee and Mary Plymire leadership
- ◆ Recommendation from Worship & Music about Christmas weekend:
MOTION that Saturday, Christmas Eve Worship December 24 be held at 5:00 pm and that Sunday, Christmas Day December 25 be held at 9:15am. **-Approved**
- ◆ Sunday, January 1 worship 9:15 am Lessons, Carols and Communion
- ◆ Online videos are well made and thanks to Randy for his continued hard work.
- ◆ **October 16** shared choir event with First Presbyterian Church. Their choir here at 9:15 am and our choir there at 10:45am.
- ◆ **November 13** Land of Lincoln Barbershop along with JB and other music 3:00 pm Benefit for Grace Food Pantry
- ◆ **MOTION:** 7% salary increase for Cantor, Administrative Assistant and Custodian **- Approved**

FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE REPORT

August 2022
Income: \$30,906
Expense: \$31,362
SURPLUS: (\$456)

YTD 2022
Income: \$251,733
Expense: \$263,352
DEFICIT: (\$11,619)

August 2021
Income: \$37,404
Expense: \$34,949
SURPLUS: \$2,454

YTD 2021
Income: \$239,680
Expense: \$256,012
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Faith/Grace Circle Meet the first Wednesday of the month. Our next get together will be October 5 at 12:30 pm. We will have a treat and discussion on the Gather Magazine. All ladies are welcome!

Ruth Circle Meet Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 pm here at Grace. We have discussion and enjoy time with our sisters. All ladies are welcome!



Twisted Stitchers meet **October 4 at 6:00 pm.**

The Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention was a big success, thanks to the ladies and staff of Grace Lutheran Church. We had seventeen women from Grace attend with a total of thirty-four. Many Grace women helped with shopping and food preparation, donating items, and putting together one hundred fifteen care kits, showing hospitality to our sisters from other congregations, leading women to the Presidential Museum and to Lincoln Home, and many other activities. Three boxes of the care kits were shared with our loving neighbor, First Presbyterian Church. We enjoyed seeing Kathryn Harris portray Harriet Tubman, Sharon Miner tell us more about Abe Lincoln and his connection with Reverend Francis Springer and do dance/exercise with Eve Fischberg. Helen Flatau from Zion in Mt. Olive was elected to President/Chairwoman, Penny Madlinger continues as Treasurer, Elaine Frerichs continues as Secretary, Deacon Pat Caley was elected as Mission Chair and Kim Gietl, continues as Newsletter Editor. It will be exciting to see our new Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA Board in action. Thanks again for all your support over the years.
Blessings, Jean Scherer (Past President C/SIS Women of the ELCA)

Butter Braids, Pizzas and Cookies...

Deadline to order: Sunday, Nov 13

Date to pickup order at church: Friday, Nov 18, 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm and Sunday, Nov 20, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

How to order: There is an order form on the white board in fellowship hall or Contact Kim or Harold Janssen at docwho1@comcast.net or 217 753-0338. Butter braids: \$12 apple, strawberry cream cheese, cinnamon, cherry, raspberry, cream cheese, Caramel Rolls \$12 Cookies \$13 (40 pre-portioned frozen dough balls. They do not all have to be baked at the same time.) Triple chocolate, white chunk macadamia nut, chocolate chip, peanut butter, snickerdoodle Pizzas \$15 (two 11" pizzas of the same kind in a box) four cheese, ultimate pepperoni, meat lovers, meat with vegetables, bbq chicken

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REMINDER: Committee chairs and/or secretaries please stop at the work room every week so that you can sign off on transactions vouchers. Thank you for giving your time.

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Please call the church office for any information Phone (217) 522-3965

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