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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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Giftng with Grace!

2022 is a Grace family Christmas, we celebrate the joy of the season by giving our kids Christmas gifts, to celebrate... them! This pouring out of love upon our Grace children will be a defining piece of our autumn stewardship emphasis: *Giving with Grace!*

We invite everyone to participate as you are able. As a congregation, we will have gift tags on our *Giving with Grace!* tree that people of Grace are invited to take with them, to gift a child (buy them a gift) of Grace who is 8th grade and younger. Those items will be a **book, clothing, or a play** thing. Each item should be valued in the \$15-20 range. Our *Giving with Grace!* tree will be ready **soon**, and all gifts need to be returned to Grace NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 11, so that if extra shopping is needed, we are covered.

There will be a sign up sheet at church for you to sign so that we know who is buying what item for each child. Each item should be wrapped separately, so each child will get to open three gifts. You can select one item, or as many as you wish. When bringing the wrapped gift, however, please indicate that it is from *Grace*, rather than yourself. After Dec 11, Grace will contact any givers that have not had the opportunity to bring their gifts, and find out if said giver can do so before Dec 18, or if the church should take that role.

On December 18 (*Giving with Grace!* Appeal Sunday) we will all celebrate *Giving with Grace!* as children of God at our 9:15 a.m. worship! Following worship, we will potluck brunch together, and we will enjoy watching our children unwrap their gifts from Grace!! What a wonderful way for our children to know they are loved, and a wonderful way for us to celebrate Christmas with them...a Grace family Christmas!

And guess what... the kids will also have a hand in *Giving with Grace!* We are partnering with a social service agency that takes care of kids in our community to provide Christmas gifts for children who can also benefit from knowing that they are loved.

We ask **Grace families with children** to choose a tag for these special children, and for Grace parents to help Grace children select and purchase gifts for these special children. Grace children will need to bring these gifts to worship December 18, when they will present them as their offering.

Thank you so much for your share in *Giving with Grace!* in this new expression of God's love!

ADVENT IS ON THE WAY!

The Advent Season is just around the corner and we have some things planned. **November 30, December 7 & 14**

6:00 pm meal

6:30pm worship

What's in it for me? ???

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." ~ 1 Peter 4:10

After a *Giving with Grace!* campaign that has constantly called upon your faith-based generosity, let's spend three Wednesday nights pondering a little less about what we can give, and a little more about what we can receive.

Nov 30 Doug McFarlan Grace Food Pantry

Dec 7 Julie Benson Helping the Homeless

Dec 14 Brad Lovin Washington Street Mission

BELIEVING IN GOD REQUIRES US TO ACT RATHER THAN WAIT FOR GOD TO ACT FOR US.
THE ACTIONS WE TAKE MIGHT JUST BE HOW GOD ANSWERS SOMEONE ELSE'S PRAYER



CHRISTMAS EVE we will worship all together at 5:00 pm
Saturday, December 24.

CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday, December 25 at 9:15 am
we will come together again for worship.

Join us for this special time of year
as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Pastor's Pages

Grace Lutheran Church is a generous group of people! People committed to Jesus. People committed to this church. People inspired by God's command to be generous. People who are organizing their lives around God's mission, the Kingdom of God.



**GRACE
LUTHERAN**

People at this church give constantly. It is always eye opening to me. People practicing first-fruits giving to the work of Jesus' church. It is practiced in the simple and satisfying desserts by Charlotte at the monthly day time women's Bible study. It is practiced as our members accompany persons homeless in life skills training at Washington Street Mission. It is practiced in the support (financial, prayer, online) of school children in Uganda - God's Little Lambs. It is practiced through the graphic arts of Aaron in our print and online ministry. It is practiced every time God's people here provide meals for God's people at the warming shelter. It is practiced ...this is Grace.

As pastor I try to model discipleship and generosity, incarnating the good news. During the first half of my pastoral ministry, I returned a tithe, one-tenth of my income to the church. While I wish I could continue to do that, the reality of a single income supporting two parents and up to five children at a time has made that impossible. With family transitions the opportunity may come for greater support. We want to do everything we can to keep building Grace Lutheran Church as a thriving, vital community and to support God's mission in it.

This is a lean church that depends on each of us participating. The potential for doing ministry is always huge. Potential becomes reality when people step forward and participate. Thanks for *your* generous participation.

As we transition from summer to fall, from steeple construction to open streets and sanctuaries, I see kids wonderfully loved and lead by our teachers, I see the hungry being fed, staff serving people in the community and in crisis, adults and tweens encountering Jesus anew, and a burning desire to grow and flourish.

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

Pastor's Pages

We accomplish this by spreading God's word, building relationships, serving the community, and reaching out to those in need. Perhaps you recognize these words, as they are the mission statement of Grace Lutheran Church. I am blessed to hear and share in stories of transformation here at Grace, with our food pantry staff and clients, and caring for the present and future needs of the homeless. Generous people usually are people who've encountered God in some transformational way.

Over forty years ago as a youth I began participating in youth ministry and the church. Over thirty years ago I began participating in youth ministry on the staffing side, the first year of which I got to room with someone who I would go on to share in youth ministry leadership with for many years at Leadership Lab, Confirmation Camp, and youth gatherings of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod. Perhaps you have met him: Pastor Tom Christell, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church from 1990-2019. Why did he and I share in youth ministry leadership? Our participation mattered.

Your participation matters. Your gifts make a difference. We celebrate generosity. It is the way of Jesus. Follow Jesus with all your heart, mind, soul and strength; follow Jesus with your time, talent and possessions. Thank you for being generous, for *Giving with Grace!* *

with Grace,
Pastor Krieger

* *Giving with Grace!* is our 2022 stewardship campaign theme, leading toward *Giving with Grace!* Appeal Sunday, December 18 when we will offer our Statements of Intent... and so much more.

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.

Notes from Cantor JB George...

In the church year, November is framed by All Saints Day, Christ the King, and the beginning of Advent. These fit well with the gathering of the final harvest in the northern hemisphere and our secular holiday of Thanksgiving. As we remember our beloved departed on All Saints Day, this year will include my dad, who died on All Saints Sunday last year (at the exact moment, as far as we can determine, when we sang "Lord, Now Let Your Servant Depart in Peace"). We take comfort that those we miss are still with us in Christ, a communion especially made real to us in Holy Communion. Here is a new text in *All Creation Sings* that touches on so many of those themes: (as with all poetry, it's better if you read it aloud...)

- 1 Look who gathers at Christ's table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing;
some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.
There is room for ev'ryone.
- 2 Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.
- 3 Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand diff'rent ways,
but they share one thing in common:
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has invited
north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.
- 4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it—
truth and manna from above!—and then passes wine that wakens
in your heart the taste of love.

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FALL BACK NOVEMBER 6

November 5—remember to turn back your clocks
ONE hour before bed.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

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

During the month of September the Food Pantry served 571 households and 1,401 individuals. This brought our year-to-date client totals through the end of September to 5,015 households and 12,234 individuals, an increase of 50 percent over last year at this time. However, taking a longer view, our monthly totals now are running fairly close to the client numbers we saw in the last full pre-pandemic year of 2019.

Thanks mainly to income of over \$17,000 that was raised at the second annual Pantry golf outing, we ended September with an account balance of \$69,476. Our expenses for the year have totaled \$115,000 vs. income of \$96,000, a deficit of about \$19,000. While the overall account balance remains healthy for now, the shortfall of \$2,000-\$3,000 per month makes it challenging for us to keep giving clients milk, bread and eggs, which we began doing at the onset of the pandemic and has proven to be very appreciated by clients. At its quarterly meeting in October, the Food Pantry Board approved a few operational changes intended to reduce the number of canned foods we purchase in the hope that we can cut those costs enough to keep providing milk, bread and eggs.

In November we'll receive a nice boost from the annual food collection drives at St. John's Lutheran Church and Our Savior's Lutheran School. Also in November, several Pantry volunteers will help Grace and Peace Lutheran churches provide Thanksgiving food baskets to McClernand, Franklin, Blackhawk and Jefferson schools. The churches reimburse the Food Pantry account for expenses associated with these food baskets.

We are always on the lookout for anyone interested in helping us unload and store deliveries on Monday mornings (from about 8:45 to 10:15) and/or to carry bags up a stairwell to clients during regular Pantry hours of 11 to 1 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. This requires that volunteers be comfortable carrying boxes that can sometimes weigh 20 pounds and more. Schedules can be flexible, so it's ok if you can only come once or twice a month instead of weekly. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Pantry Director Doug McFarlan at 312-343-2561, dmcfarlan@comcast.net.

The Pantry will be closed Thanksgiving Day. For the Christmas/New Year holiday weeks, we will be closed the last week of December and will reopen on Thursday, Jan. 5.

Doug McFarlan, Director

Holiday Food Baskets have been a long tradition of Grace Lutheran Church. We partner with other Lutheran churches and schools in the area to provide food to help make the holidays a bit better for families in need. Baskets are provided before Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. It is time once again to look toward funding and implementing the holiday basket program. Though funded separately from Grace Food Pantry by Grace, Peace Lutheran and St Johns Lutheran, we use obtain the food through the pantry and reimburse it for the costs. We have already begun stocking up for the baskets for Thanksgiving. Those baskets will go out November 16 and November 18.

Please consider donating to the Holiday Baskets, which cost about \$50 per basket. Grace pays for 60 baskets per holiday. That is \$3,000 for each of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Your help is appreciated. Each family receives a tote with about \$50 worth of groceries and personal items, including a ham, milk, bread, eggs, potatoes, apples, numerous non-perishable cans and boxes of food, and a bag of toiletries. You can support this ministry by donating cash (earmarked for Holiday Food Baskets) and/or the nonperishable foods listed below:

Non-perishable Needs for Holiday Food Baskets:

- * Cans of green beans, corn, peaches, pears, pork and beans, ravioli, and pasta sauce
- * Boxes of spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, saltine crackers, and cereal
- * Jars of peanut butter, jars of jelly (plastic, not glass, please)

Help make someone's Thanksgiving special...

If you would like to sponsor a basket, or half a basket, to honor someone, or remember someone who is no longer on their earthly journey, please fill out the form below, tear or cut it out and mail it to Grace. We will print your name and the name(s) of those you honor or remember in the December Grace Notes. Thank you for helping this special ministry. Your gift will be recorded on your giving statement.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Person(s) Name(s) to honor or remember: _____

Amount of gift: _____

Christian Education News

Join us each week - All are welcome!

Sunday School and Grace Forum regularly meets each week on Sunday morning for Education hour beginning at 10:30am.

Grace Forum in the Fellowship Hall and Sunday School on second floor.

We will not meet for Education hour on November 27.

THE CHOSEN:

EPISODE 5

THE WEDDING GIFT

EPISODE 6

INDESCRIBABLE COMPASSION

EPISODE 7

INVITATIONS

EPISODE 8

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Brown Bag Bible Study will continue **Thursdays at 12:10pm**. Please join us as we continue studying God's word. We will not meet Thursday, November 24 as we give thanks.



Place the following Old Testament figures in chronological order:

Abraham
Esau
Solomon
Ruth

Malachi
Abel
Seth

Jacob
Moses
David

1. _____

6. _____

2. _____

7. _____

3. _____

8. _____

4. _____

9. _____

5. _____

10. _____

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Prayers of Grace - Stephen Ministers

Our Prayer Ministry is alive and well and the email responses that many of you have offered to each prayer are uplifting and greatly appreciated by those we pray for. Keep 'em coming! Once a week we share the names of people who are "Still in our Prayers" so that we are mindful of their ongoing needs. This is another way to keep our prayer ministry strong. You are an active part of this ministry so feel free to hit "reply all" and add others to the list.

If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, have updates you want me to add to the "Still in our Prayers" list, or if you want to be taken off of the list just let me know. Thanks, Sara Oehlert

Prayer
CHANGES
things

In need of prayer? - Call the church office (217) 522-3965
- Email Sara Oehlert at soehlert@aol.com

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.



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!

IN-PERSON/ONLINE ATTENDANCE

Week	Date	YouTube	Facebook
Pentecost 18	10/2/2022	78 In-person	
Pentecost 18	10/2/2022	31	Resent 26
Pentecost 19 Deacon Pat Caley	10/9/2022	78 In-person	
Pentecost 19	10/9/2022	25	79
Pentecost 20 First Pres Choir	10/16/2022	89 In-person	
Pentecost 20	10/16/2022	53	46 issue
Pentecost 21	10/23/2022	59 In-person	
Pentecost 21	10/23/2022	26	34

Serving the Assembly in November

November 6

Greeters: Verne & Carolyn Nelson
 Ushers: Jack & Judy Wheaton
 Assisting Minister/Reader: Annie Ellis
 Altar Guild: Toni Klit
 Communion Asst: Pat Ekle

November 13

Greeter: Jean Scherer
 Ushers: Mark & Cindy Anderson
 Assisting Minister/Reader: Cindy Anderson
 Altar Guild: Kim Gietl
 Communion Asst: Kim Gietl

November 20

Greeter: Mary Jo Anderson
 Ushers: Frank Beckman & Paul Derlitzki
 Assisting Minister/Reader: Pat Casper
 Altar Guild: Deb Smith
 Communion Asst: Judy Wollet

November 27

Greeter: Laurie Farrell
 Ushers: Chuck & Diana Weyhenmeyer
 Assisting Minister/Reader: Arlene Lenser
 Altar Guild: Diana Weyhenmeyer
 Communion Asst: Randy Heidorn

*COME WORSHIP
WITH US!*





EVERY DAY IS A GIFT FROM GOD

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	
<p><i>Give</i> THANKS TO THE <i>Lord</i> FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER. <small>1 CHRONICLES 16:34</small></p>		<p>1 9:30 am Staff Meeting <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> 6:00 pm Twisted Stitchers 6:00 pm SAS ZOOM</p>	2 1 F C
<p>6 ALL SAINTS 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour Hat & Glove Trees up</p>	<p>7 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i></p>	<p>8 VOTE 9:30 am Staff Meeting ✓ 10:30 am Property <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> 1:30 pm Pastor & JB at Concordia Village 6:00 pm Evangelism</p>	9
<p>13 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Education Hour 3:00 pm Benefit Concert</p>	<p>14 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i></p>	<p>15 9:30 am Staff Meeting <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> 12:00 noon Admin & Finance</p>	1 F C S
<p>20 9:15 am Worship with Thank Offerings <i>Blood pressure checks</i> Butter braids 10:30 am Education Hour 7:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Aaron V. on vacation</p>	<p>21 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i></p>	<p>22 9:30 am Staff Meeting <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> 6:30 pm Council</p>	2 C
<p>27 9:15 am Worship NO Education Hour</p>	<p>28 <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i></p>	<p>29 9:30 am Staff Meeting <i>11:00-1:00 Food Pantry</i> 6:00 pm Ruth Circle Dinner</p>	3 6 M 7

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2:30 pm Faith/Grace Circle</p>	<p>3 11:00-1:00 Food Pantry 12:10 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir practice</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 <i>FALL BACK</i></p>
	<p>10 11:00-1:00 Food Pantry 12:10 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir practice</p>	<p>11 VETERAN'S DAY <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>12</p>
<p>6 Food Baskets Overflow Shelter Meal</p>	<p>17 11:00-1:00 Food Pantry 12:10 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir practice</p>	<p>18 Food Baskets Butter Braids 2:00-5:30 pm CSIS LYO at</p>	<p>19 Carlinsville</p>
<p>3 Grace Notes</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25 Food Pantry & Office Closed Thursday & Friday</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>0 :00 pm Advent Meal :00 pm Advent</p> 			

HELPING IN OUR COMMUNITY!



Let's be the Light with our Hat's, Gloves and Scarves' Trees at Grace this Winter

This year we are going to be collecting hats, gloves and scarves a little earlier than we have done in past at Grace. Last year we handed out the larger sized items to people who came to our food pantry and clients have already started to ask if we are going to be doing that again this year. Farmer's Almanac is predicting a long cold wet winter ahead, so your donations will certainly be enjoyed by the children and adults we serve from Grace. Our trees will again be set up in the fellowship area, beginning on **Sunday, November 6, 2022**. One tree will be set up for adult sized donations and the other tree will be set up to accept hats, gloves and scarves for the children at McClelland Elementary and Franklin Middle School. The trees will remain up until **January 1, 2023**. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this project, then please send a check to the church office and mark 'Hats, Scarves and Gloves' on the memo line. We will do the shopping for you. So...**Let's be the Light** that helps others see their way through life's challenges, especially keeping warm this winter. Our *Community Ministry Committee* is appreciative of your continued support of this project year after year. We are blessed!



COMMUNITY MINISTRY is organizing the shopping and packing for 50 bagged dinner and 50 bagged breakfast meals for the **Springfield Winter Overflow Shelter**.

If you can help on **November 16**, we will be packing and making sandwiches in early afternoon around 1:00 pm.

Please contact Kim or Jean Scherer (217-725-0301) if you want to help pack. We will be asking for donations to help

supplement the Thrivent Action Team. We will need donations of 100 bottle of water, breakfast bars, applesauce cups, fruit cups, cookies, and individual bags of chips. Please bring them to church by November 15, so we know what items we need to purchase. We appreciate your help with feeding and loving our neighbors!

Coming up!!! Salvation Army Bell Ringing December 3.

Mark your calendars now.

Hello everyone,
With it being October, I thought a few holiday hints might be helpful.

Be careful when cooking turkeys and make sure the temperature has reach the proper temperature to be fully cooked. Place frozen turkeys in a refrigerator to help thaw them before cooking.

Wipe off kitchen counters frequently to decrease germs on the counters when cooking.

After that big Thanksgiving meal, how about going for a family walk around the neighborhood to help digest food? The walk will not only help you feel better with exercise but will aid in digestion as food moves around in your body.

Holidays are stressful and with that added stress, keep an eye on your blood pressure. Sometimes it will rise with the added stress. The third Sunday of every month, it can be checked for you at church.

Take care, Diana



CALL A VETERAN...

November 11 and thank him or her for their service to our country.

Stewardship Stories: ***Our Original Church Lady***

written by Aaron Babel

Stewardship stories are our monthly human-interest pieces on how God through Grace Lutheran Church has impacted and changed people's lives. For this month we spotlight our original church lady, Charlotte Blumle.

Charlotte is to me the living representation of the saying you'll find on Grace's stained-glass window, "Welcome the Stranger." Charlotte was one of the first to greet us when we came to Grace and make us feel like we were home. So, I found it hard to believe when she told me that as a kid she was shy all the way through high school. Moving from the country to Springfield at age 5, Charlotte's mother brought her and the rest of the family to Grace Lutheran Church. Charlotte said back then when you got baptized at Grace you'd have to get in line with 20 to 25 other kids because the church did baptisms only once a year back then. Despite being shy Charlotte built a strong faith in Jesus thanks to wonderful Sunday School teachers like Helen Schweitzer, Rev. Dr. A. Burd Argenbright, and Mary Tews. It was these inspirational teachers and an offer at age 17 by Pinky Tews the superintendent of the Sunday School asking her to teach the 2nd grade Sunday School Class that got Charlotte over her shyness and become the friendly welcoming person we know today. Since then Charlotte has been heavily involved in the church including leading Faith-Grace Circle for the last 38 years.



The willingness and care that the people of Grace provide are one of the many things that have kept Charlotte coming to church for the last 83 years. "It is such a friendly and caring church, I remember when COVID started, and we were stuck at home and people would stop by and bring me food. People are always checking in to make sure I am doing okay and providing transportation if I need it. I also remember a time when I had to travel to California to care for my mother's sister in hospice for a few months. When I came back after she passed the Pastor made an announcement saying it was good to have me back and everyone applauded for my return."

One of the last things Charlotte mentioned to me about why she comes to Grace every Sunday is to hear the Pastor's sermons/homilies. "There have been five pastors here during my time at Grace and every time I think there won't be anyone better than the last, I am proven wrong." She loves listening to the wonderful music program put together by JB and loves spending time with her second family, her church family. That is why she is one of our favorite original church ladies.

Faith / Grace Circle... meet the first Wednesday of the month. Our next get together will be **November 2 at 12:30 pm.** We will have something to eat and Bible study along with the Gather Magazine. All ladies are welcome!

Ruth Circle... Christmas Dinner **Tuesday, November 29, 6:00 p.m.** at Chesapeake Seafood House. Please call, text or email your reservation to Judy Wollet 217-620-8467, jwollet44@gmail.com All are welcome!

TWISTED STITCHERS... meet **November 1 at 6:00 pm.** The Twisted Stitchers Christmas gathering is December 6 as at the home of Sharon Knop.



Butter Braids, Pizzas and Cookies...

Deadline to order: Sunday, November 13

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

Charlotte put a note about our last sale in the doors of 15 neighbors. 5 neighbors bought 10 items. Please consider doing this in your neighborhood. If you would like help writing a note please contact Charlotte, charblume@gmail.com or [217 546-5573](tel:2175465573)

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.... Friday, November 18, 1:45-6:00 pm or any part of that time we need someone to hand out butter braids through the food pantry window to people who come to pickup their order.

THANK OFFERINGS- Mark 12:41-44 The Widow's Mite November 20, 2022

For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thank offerings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thank offerings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart.

In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, in the month of November Women of Grace may send checks made out to Women Of The ELCA with a footnote of "Thank Offering" or cash can be placed in the offering plates. We will have a special prayer of blessing and time of thanks at offering during worship that day.

Thank Offerings go entirely to support mission projects such as scholarships for pastors, construction of hospitals, assistance for women' shelters, and support for organizations that are combating human trafficking.



"Cookies for the Homebound" event Saturday, December 17.

Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. followed by everyone packing the cookies.

We will need 744 cookies. Everyone in the congregation is invited to supply the cookies.

Your cookies may be brought to the church from Sunday, Dec 11 - Saturday Dec 17 9:00.

If there is a person to whom you would like to deliver their cookies let Charlotte know (217) 546-5573 or charblume@gmail.com.

If you plan to attend the free breakfast please signup on the reservation sheet on the white board in fellowship hall.

Answer:

Abel
Seth
Abraham
Esau
Jacob
Moses
Ruth
David
Solomon
Malachi



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Church Council meeting was held on October 25 at 6:30 pm

- **MOTION** to approve the Budget for 2023 Year for Grace Lutheran Church to go to the congregational meeting December 11.

-Approved

- VANCO corrections have been made to the budget and line items that needed adjusted.
- An assessment will be made to the stained glass windows by Jacksonville Stained Glass
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing December 3
- Warming Shelter meal November 16
- Golf Outing raised over \$17,000
- November 13 Benefit Concert Food Pantry fundraiser
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets November 16 & 18
- All 6 ground rods have been installed. November 4 surge protectors in by Ryan Electric.

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2022

Income: \$18,034
Expense: \$64,529
DEFICIT (\$46,495)

September 2021

Income: \$24,069
Expense: \$55,866
DEFICIT (\$31,797)

YTD 2022

Income: \$269,767
Expense: \$327,575
DEFICIT (\$57,808)

YTD 2021

Income: \$263,749
Expense: \$311,535
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NOTICE: Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 10:30 am.

Budgets will be ready by the end of November by email, by mail and/or at the back of church.

GIVING THANKS...

- ◆ Thank you to those who donated for the WELCA care bags for our neighbors and for those who came to help pack them!!
- ◆ A big thank you to the congregation for helping support the annual Lutheran World Relief project this year. Your donations helped us prepare 48 School Kits.
- ◆ To Robin Mahnken for all her hard work putting together the CROP WALK event. Thanks to those who walked and also gave towards the walk.
- ◆ To Doug McFarlan for his leadership and ALL THOSE who continue to volunteer in the Food Pantry each week.
- ◆ Grace Lutheran Food Pantry—Thank you for your gift of flats and pails. Gifts such as yours allows us to continue to care for our animals. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. Sincerely APL staff
- ◆ Addie Downey would like to thank everyone who donated to her Girl Scouts Troop Donation Drive. Her troop was able to provide 2 vans full of much needed baby items to the Mini-O'Beirne Crisis Nursery!
- ◆ Thank you to all the Grace members who acknowledged my recent birthday with cards and otherwise. My days were brightened by the beautiful altar flowers and a special cards from Stephen Ministry. Blessings to all, Anna Mae Handshy



If you have a way with numbers... then Grace needs your help. We are in search of counters for the offering during the week. We are flexible with schedules and our current counters are more than willing to help and train those who are willing to learn. Please see Kim Gietl in the office if you would like to see if you would like to help in this manner.

LORD, WHEN I FEEL WORTHLESS, REMIND ME OF MY PRICELESS VALUE TO YOU.

November Birthdays

November 1	Isabella Behl	November 20	Miles Galloway
November 2	Adam Cheek Hallie Christell Gloria Gagnon	November 21	Carol Morris Andrew Thannen Deb Wakefield
November 3	Jeff Menke Amy Thompson	November 22	Lee Ann Carlson Jim Orr Gary Thompson
November 5	Chuck Weyhenmeyer	November 23	Drake Ervin
November 6	Gerald Orban	November 24	Mary Jo Anderson Lyn Kennedy
November 7	Elaine DiGiovanna	November 28	Ashleigh Butler Debbie Rigg
November 9	Ann Beckman	November 29	Nick Loyd Kathy Sakris
November 10	Liam Darling Roberta Volkman		
November 12	Ron Clark		
November 13	Chelsie Best Susan Cane		
November 16	Richard Hutton		
November 18	Kim Janssen		

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



MEMBERS HOMEBOUND/LIMITED MOBILITY

DIXIE ALVIES
DOROTHY BAHRE
GLENDA BOWLES
GEORGIANN
BREDEHOFT

BETTY & RC CURRY
GLORIA GAGNON
MARGE HANNER
ELEANOR SAKRIS

BONNIE
SCHATTSCHNEIDER
ANN SCHLICHT
CRYSTAL SHADID

Our Online Church Directory is now, as of this writing 39 members strong. This is wonderful news, and we hope many more will sign up. Once we feel we have everyone who wants to join our directory signed up we will offer a printed version of it for those who desire to have a physical copy. If you want to and still haven't signed up, please go to the website address listed below, 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. Aaron will also be available to help anyone between Sunday Worship and Grace Forum.



Pictures wanted! People of Grace if you have pictures from events at Grace or pictures of Choir or Sunday School fun. Consider sending them to our website manager Aaron Babel to add to our website. Captions of what the photo is capturing are appreciated. Photos can be sent to aaronbabel@yahoo.com



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Little Lambs Learning Center Update: Praise the Lord!

Crazy Faith is what we have been walking in this year! (2022) We give thanks for all He has done...Today I officially started shopping for our Little Lambs Christmas presents as it's going to take longer to buy and wrap all the presents with the increased numbers!... clothes, towels, bedsheets (as God provides) and shoes are what's on our Christmas list this year! If you are interested in sponsoring a child for Christmas this year or want to help with one or more items on the list including our Christmas food packages and food for the party please reach out to me or Kimberly Gietl Schattschneider. God always asks what is in our hands however small and He multiplies it when we generously give it for His Glory. So me and Brian have taken a crazy leap of faith and bought 10 towels, a bunch of clothes and some fun Christmas stuff for the children's party. Please let us know if you want to help in any way! We have 65 children! Woohoo! Blessings! I can buy the towels and shoes here too as they're too bulky to mail! Oh and any children's Bibles are always a divine present as we have new kids who need Bibles!

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE COMMITTEES THEY REPRESENT

Vice President, Randy Heidorn

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Christian Education: Amy Monahan, Jessica Thannen, Mary Plymire

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Evangelism: Josie Anderson, Aaron Babel

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Parish Life: Mary Schofield, Rosie O'Fallon

Property: Mark Anderson

Stewardship: Mary Plymire, Aaron Babel, Annie Ellis

Strategic Planning: Ed Wollet

Worship & Music: Wanda Williams, Randy Heidorn, Rosie O'Fallon

Youth: Julian Janssen

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

Grace Food Pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
11:00 am– 1:00 pm



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