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September 28 & 29, 2024



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Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME/PRELUDE

GATHERING

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

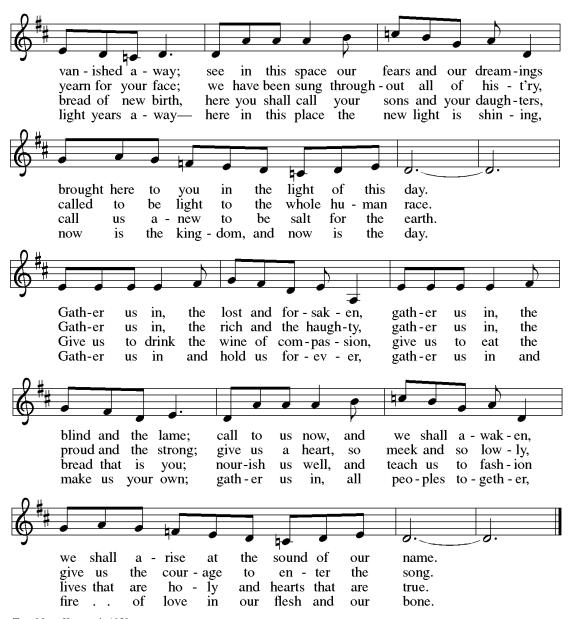
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, our sins are forgiven.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Gather Us In" **R532** Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness We are the young, our we are the lives are a mys - t'ry, Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take Not in the dark build-ings con - fin - ing, of not in some heav - en,



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

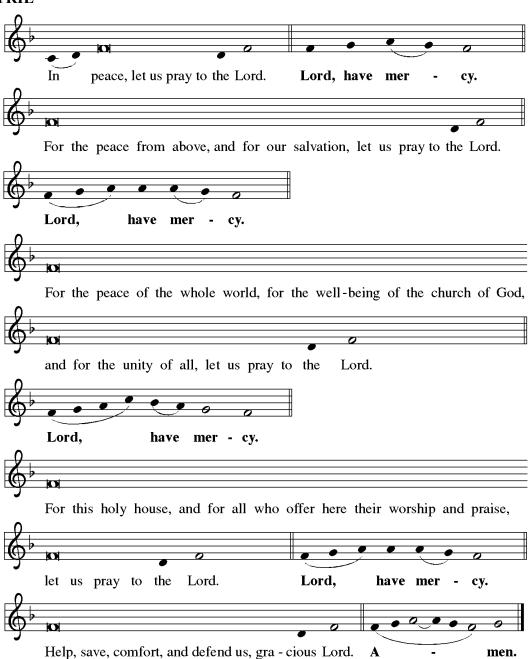
Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

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KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! 5We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied

in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:7-14

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he

prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

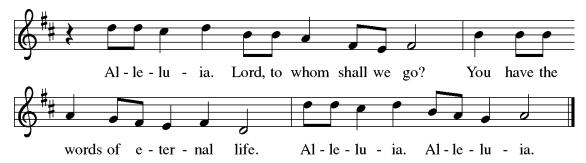
P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

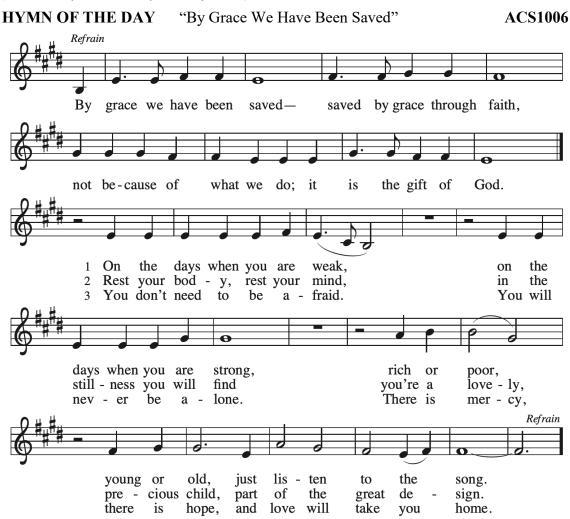
³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be

thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)



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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

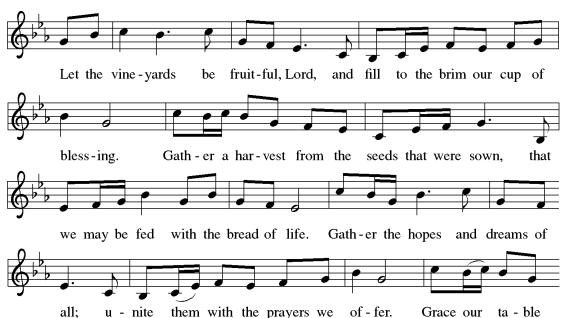
P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)





with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,

C: source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

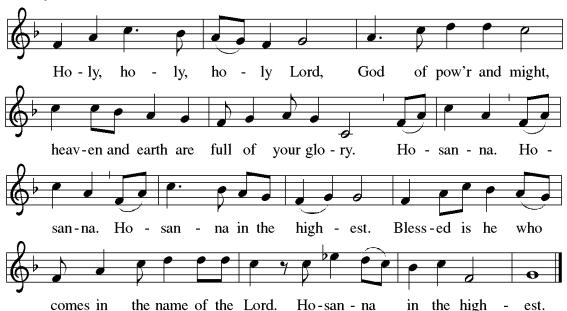
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God... Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit... Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

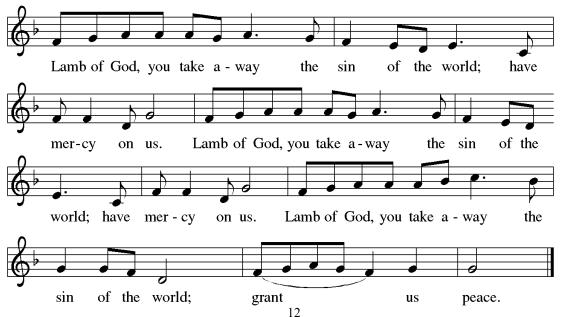
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is our God.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)





Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray...Holy God,

C: you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless us, keep us, and give us peace.

C: Amen.



"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

R536



- 1 God be with you till we meet a gain; by good coun-sels guide, up hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a gain; ho ly wings se cure ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a gain; when life's per ils thick con found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you; dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain. put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896 This selection is in the public domain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bill Whitscell, Gary Bettega, Don & Myra Cross, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Tammy Furze, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Rosina Phillips, Bishop Emeritus Gary Hansen, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Bill Platt, who passed away September 22.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Music Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Augustana Lutheran Church/Tustin, Rev. Sharon Van Dam, Supply and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!!!

There are 3 big black balloons left flying in the Office Lobby from our 150th Celebration on April 28th. Amazing!!!!! Some good balloons Janet Bettega purchased. They are now numbered. Guess the last balloon still at the top of it's ribbon and win a surprise. Sign up sheet on the table with the balloons. Pastor Tom is the final judge of flying and the prize!

ADULT CE - 6 WEEK SERIES

Witnessing to Christ and Love for Neighbor in an Election Year

This week our session is on *Government: A Gift from God.* A new social statement draft provides opportunity to go deeper into a Lutheran theology of government and how it is lived out in the United States and globally. And also hear how this is lived out around the world. Join us at 11 in the Lounge.

GAME NIGHT - OCTOBER 17

Make your reservations soon for our annual Game Night to be held on October 17. Cost is \$10/person. Doors open at 4:30 pm, serving food at 5:30 pm. Baked potato and ice cream bar. Bring your own games. *Limited seating/reservations required*. Contact Chris at 989.356.0430 for reservations (if no answer, leave message). Proceeds to support our quilting ministry.

FALL CLEAN UP - OCTOBER 19 FROM 9-11 AM

Volunteers are needed for our annual Fall Clean Up. Outside: trimming shrubs, weeding, road sign cleaned up; inside: cobwebs removed, windows cleaned. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided. Please sign up in the Office Lobby if you are able to help.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - OCTOBER 19 & 20

For our next LFP collection, we want to focus on food for babies and the elderly. Baby food such as pouches, easily prepared food for elderly along with toilet paper and personal hygiene items such as tooth paste and shampoos along with the always needed cereal and shelf stable milk. Leave them at the altar that weekend and we will dedicate them during the worship services.

AN EVENING WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

A Fundraiser Event for Friends Together & Grace Lutheran Church's Little Food Pantry In memory of Daniel Spaulding and Joseph & Laura Bleau

Tickets include a catered dinner by JJ's, hot cocoa bar, mocktails, live entertainment, live auction, Chinese raffle, 50/50 raffle, prayer tree, door prizes and a large **Lego** donation by Jean Spaulding presented to The Girls & Boys Club Director, Brad Somers. Also, raffle tickets are on sale now for a beautiful hand-built set of "Old Glory" corn hole boards with matching bean bags (donated by Jeff & Sandy Welch). In addition, a second place prize of \$100 cash will be given away. Winners drawn at the October 4 event. Need not be present to win.

For those interested in helping, there will be a tree placed in the Office Lobby containing tags with a "Fall item" written on each tag. Choose a tag, purchase the item, place it in the "Fall-themed" basket that will be auctioned. Or, you and a few friends could create your own "themed" Chinese raffle basket.

We are also looking for **volunteers to make a dessert for the event**. Some suggestions include cakes/cupcakes, cookies, pies and brownies.

This is an adult evening. Tickets are \$25 each. Bringing a non-perishable food item(s) to help our Little Food Pantry is appreciated.

Seats are limited. Tables of 8 can be reserved.

For tickets or more information contact Donna Morgan 989.590.3327 or Jean Spaulding 989.354.3796.

NORWEGIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR 150TH - NOVEMBER 1

Please join us for the Norwegian Dinner Fundraiser for our 150th Fund. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. All are welcome, bring a friend! To-go orders are available (must be picked up between 5-6 p.m.) Tickets are \$20 and need to be confirmed by Friday, October 25 (for both to-go and sit-down). **Tickets may be picked up at the church office beginning October 1.** On the menu: Norwegian meatballs, potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, with a side of lingonberry jam. Norwegian sweets for dessert.

NEW SCHEDULES ARE OUT

New schedules have been completed and are available to be picked up next to the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall or viewed online on our web page under the "schedules" tab. Copies are also posted on the bulletin board. Please check the new schedules, which begin October 1, if you have signed up to serve.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR AUGUST 2024

Average needed in August (4 weeks) to meet budget

Monthly Giving - August

\$ \text{ Monthly Giving - August } \text{ }

\$ 18,944.00 16,522.76

We received:

97 envelopes, 56 Simply Giving recurring payments, and 10 Give+ payments made from our website



Annversaries of Baptism

October 4 Madelyn Boyd

October 10
Wayne Christopherson October 27

October 12 Kay Grove

October 15 Matthew Anderson Molly O'Connor

October 20 Shane Bullard



October 21 Thomas Bertrand Drew Gentry

October 27 Piper Slominski

October 29 Michael Pankey Mya Styma

October 30 Marcie Law Connie Suszek

Birthdays

October 2 Jim Berles Adam Kirchoff

October 3 Ellie Walker

October 5 Mike Morgan

October 6 Christopher Piontkowski

October 7
Ken Amlotte
Kristin Berles
Richard Carlson
Kimberly McCourt
Michael Pankey

October 10 Gary Grove Steve Lappan

October 13 David Dekett

October 14 Tamar Furze

October 15 Kody Bertrand **October 18**Brian Schiller
Jim Timrick

October 20 Erika Nicholls

October 21 Jewel Lancaster

October 22 Jessica Slominski

October 23 Emma Nelson

October 25 Staci Chroninger

October 26 Dan VanEssen

October 27 Clayton Lee

October 28 Cindy Domrase Andrea Matzke

October 29 Caileigh Nitchman

October 31 Jessica Konarzewski Sandra Welch

Wedding Anniversaries

1st Dawn & Brett Anderson 3rd Matt & Ruby Haske 6th Josh & Tiffany LaFave 17th Ron & Jo Ann Smith 24th Dale & Patricia Schultz

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday –29th	Quilt Dedication Weekend
8:50 am	Choir Practice
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:30 am	Worship
11:00 am	Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 30th	S
8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
Tuesday - İst	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting 1
11:00 am	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday - 2r	_
	OFFICE CLOSED
8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
2:00 pm	Friends Together -
_	Hall/Kitchen
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
7:00 pm	MLK Committee - Lounge
Thursday - 3rd	_
8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-12pm	Kitchen Reserved
2:00 pm	Friends Together -
-	Hall/Kitchen
Friday - 4th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
1:00 pm	Friends Together -
-	Hall/Kitchen
Saturday - 5th	
5:00 pm	Worship

SERVING SEPTEMBER 28/29	
Ministers	
Music DirectorClaire Witt Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
Lector	
UshersMatt, Everett & Olivia Haske	
Greeters Steve & Janie Hansen	
Altar Guild Sherie McTaggart, Mary Rowader Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	
Charter, Don LaBarre, Alex Struble Counters Wayne & Chris Christopherson, Darlene Freel	
Coffee Hour Anne Gentry, Vicki Cripps, Jo Ann Smith	
SERVING OCTOBER 5/6	
Ministers	
Music DirectorClaire Witt Recorded AccompanimentKat Tomaszewski	
Lector	
Ushers Wayne & Chris Christopherson, June Daly; Cindy Domrase & Shane Bullard(Sat)	
GreetersDawn Anderson, Bruno Hirzel	
Altar Guild Cindy Suszek, Cheryl Werblow Livestream Team Dawn Anderson, Jan	

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Coffee Hour Rick & Sharon Engstrom

