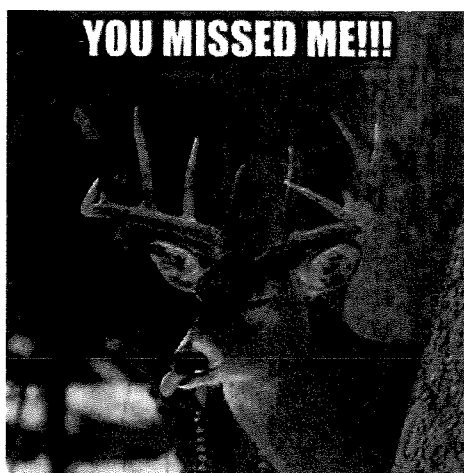


The Scroll

Grace Lutheran
Church

November 2021

Deer Hunters Meatball Supper



Saturday November 6th

5-8 PM

Drive thru only

Enter the alley behind the Erskine Community Center from the **NORTH**. Supper includes all the fixings and as always, your freewill offering is very much appreciated.

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday November 10th at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to members of Grace unless otherwise stated.



October 3rd:

Attendance~ 70
Offering~\$2,341.00

October 10th:

Attendance~ 58
Offering~\$ 3,306.00

October 17th:

Attendance~ 55
Offering~ \$1,525.00

October 24th:

Attendance~56
Offering~\$2,400.00



**WNALC Meeting:
November 11th, 2:00 p.m.
Group #7 will serve**

Hope Circle: November 18th, 2:00 PM at the church

Rebecca Circle: November 18th 6:30 PM at the church.



Circles have been a church tradition since Old Testament times. A "Circle" gathers women of the church who pray together, enjoy fellowship of like believers, Study God's word and focus on carrying out the mission of our church. "Serving all people by sharing God's word and Gift of

Grace".

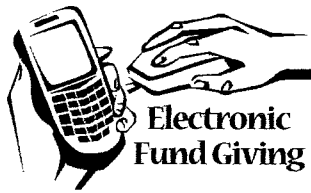
We currently have two circles available for any women of this congregation. These are not exclusive groups, and each have plenty of room for new members.

Rebecca Circle meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 in the church basement. This is an ideal timing for women who are still working outside the home. Currently they are studying **Praying the Psalms.**

Hope Circle wants to offer an invitation for those women in our church who are longing for such fellowship. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month 2:00pm in the church basement. Our next two gatherings we will be studying **THE HOLY SPIRIT: Breath, Wind and Mind.** And then starting January we will be using a book **Worshipping God with our Lives.** A 12-lesson series from "Women of Faith Bible Studies".

Both circles will meet again October 28th and November 18th.

So, pull up a chair in our circles we will be glad to have you join.



Giving Options

Not only can you give through your offering envelope on Sunday morning, but our church offers other options to receive your offering:

Automatic Giving – You can set up monthly or weekly automatic deductions from your bank account. Contact the church office (218-687-4035) for a form to complete.

Online Giving – There are several links throughout our website (www.gracechurcherskine.org) that will allow you to give a one-time or regular donation from your bank account, credit card, or debit card.

Mobile Giving – You can utilize your mobile device and scan the following code –



Benevolence Ideas

Our church has several special funds to meet needs that can't be met through our General Fund. Currently, these special funds are: Building Improvements, Grace Youth Group, Joy Ride Fund, Oil Candle, Sunday School Improvements/Supplies, Sunday School Outreach, Video Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Worship Hearing Aids, 'Men of Courage' Men's Group, and Shoebox Funds. In addition, our church houses the Grace Food Shelf and we ask for donations on their behalf as well as for the After School Backpack Program. Finally, our church is a part of the Grace Cemetery Association and we ask for donations on their behalf for the maintenance of the Synod, Pioneer, and Fairview Cemeteries in rural Erskine. Please contact Jim Ferden if you have any questions.

September 2021 Financial Summary

Congregational Offering to the General Fund - \$13,703.00

Expenses:

Administrative - \$6,302.13

Education - \$279.98

Mission Outreach - \$3,123.00

Pastoral - \$3,330.06

Worship - \$577.54

Total Expenses - \$13,612.71



THANKSGIVING MEMORIES

BY KARI STEWART

When I was asked as an adoptive mother and foster-care advocate to reflect this season on what it means to be thankful, I had to look up the meaning of thankful. According to Webster's Dictionary, it states, conscious of benefit received, expressive of thanks, well pleased: GLAD.

I have had to be intentional about what I am thankful for during this past year. The many experiences missed because of the quarantine. We have all experienced, in one way or another something, that was on the calendar, cancelled. Whether they were vacations, mission trips, sporting events, school, etc. The following verse took on new, applicable meaning for me:

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:8

Even in pandemics and widespread lockdowns, I can still find a reason to give thanks.

As a mom, I feel the weight of ensuring that my family's needs are being met. Emotionally, physically, and spiritually, whether they live at home or not. Seven of our nine children are

adults and live on their own, but they still have needs. We utilized FaceTime, Facebook groups, and the infamous Zoom to schedule a time to be together. We celebrate Birthdays, Holidays, and to check in on the day to day. For those who live close to us, we enjoyed delivering groceries or a meal to their homes.

This Thanksgiving

Leading up to Thanksgiving, I have been reflecting on my feelings regarding past celebrations. Also, memories that my children have shared with me, can apply to this year. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Through the years, I wanted each child, each family member to know how much they were loved. How grateful I was that God brought us all together. I would get up early in the morning to begin preparations with a goal. That we would all joyfully sit around two or three decorated tables (there were usually 14 - 20 including extending family) with a nameplate at each seat at one p.m.

No matter my preparations, I was always surprised that it wasn't always possible for me to meet everyone's expectations of the day. Someone would be upset about who they were sitting by. Or that they were at the kids' table "again". Another would rather be at a friend's house. While, yet another didn't want to get out of bed. Or come to the table. No matter our age, we all have expectations, and most of them are not verbalized. I remember feeling

I remember feeling disappointed that I couldn't make each one receive what I wanted them to that day.

Thanksgiving Memories

I asked my kids to share with me their favorite memories of Thanksgiving. This list is what they remembered:

- Longing to sit at the grown-up table, only to find out that when they were old enough, it wasn't as fun as they thought it would be. The "kids table" was indeed the favorite memory.
- Being fancy with wine glasses and sparkling grape juice.
- Turkey Trot 5K - Dad would take the kids who wanted to participate and walked with those who were walking. Always a cold run or walk!
- Always a space for anyone who needed a place to be on Thanksgiving.
- Learning to love Stuffing - one year at a time!
- Making turkey character cookies made from Keebler fudge striped cookies, chocolate frosting, Reese's peanut butter cup, candy corn with a strip of red licorice to put at each person's plate.
- All the family together!! They do not remember the things that I thought were disappointments to them. They remember that they

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November 11th is an important day of remembrance. In the U.S., it is Veteran's Day, honoring all military veterans who have been honorably discharged. In Australia and other Commonwealth countries, it is known as Remembrance Day and in some European countries, it is called Armistice Day marking the anniversary of the end of World War I.

I wrote this prayer several years ago for Memorial Day, another U.S. holiday which honors those who have died in military service, but I feel that the prayer is also very appropriate for today as it reflects our deep desire for healing and for peace.

Prayer for Remembrance/ Veteran's Day

God we remember and we grieve,

For those who have died fighting in wars in all places and all times.

For young lives cut short before their time.

For the atrocities they experienced and perpetrated.

God we remember and we grieve,

For those who were injured.
For veterans maimed, disfigured and homeless.
For sufferers of post traumatic stress syndrome.

God we remember and we grieve,

For civilian victims of war.
For refugees who have lost families and homes
For those who were raped and tortured.

God we remember and we grieve,

May they turn our thoughts to peace and not to war.
May they turn our actions to reconciliation and not to violence.
May they encourage us to restore not to destroy.

God we remember and we grieve,

May your peaceable kingdom come,
And your will for good be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Amen

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11 Reminders of God's Freedom and Protection:

*"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." *John 8:36*

*"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm..." *Gal. 5:1*

*"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are

with me;" *Ps. 23:4*

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound." *Is. 61:1*

*"For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory." *Deut. 20:4*

*"If God is for us, who can be against us?" *Rom. 8:31*

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Josh. 1:9

*"Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge..." *Ps.*

144:1-2

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance." *Ps. 33:12*

*"The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy." *Zeph. 3:17*

*"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!'" *Ps. 91:1-2*

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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER**All Saints Sunday****November 7, 2021**

First Reading - Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm - Psalm 149:1-9

Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12

25th Sunday after Pentecost**November 14, 2021**

First Reading - Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm - Psalm 16:1-11

Second Reading - Hebrews 10:11-25

Gospel - Mark 13:1-13

Christ the King**November 21, 2021**

First Reading - Isaiah 51:4-6

Psalm - Psalm 93:1-5

Second Reading - Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel - Mark 13:24-37

First Sunday of Advent**November 28, 2021**

First Reading - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm - Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

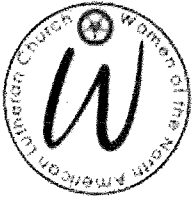
Gospel - Luke 21:25-36



In December of 1953, a new parsonage was completed. Our next project was an Education unit. Our Sunday School was growing rapidly, so we had to have space for classes. At a special meeting of the congregation in October 1958, it was decided to build. The Education building was ready for use in the Fall of 1961. It was real beneficial to the Sunday School to have the additional space and conveniences for this most important part of God's work. The records show that the Education Building was paid in full in 1968.



REMINDER – Please save your grocery receipts from Groceries Plus in Erskine and Jered's Grocery in McIntosh. Both stores are donating 1 percent of the total purchases to the youth group. There is a container for the receipts at the church in the hallway by the coat racks.



Hello Ladies!
WOW!! Our auction last month was a huge success on many levels. A HUGE

Thank you to everyone who helped with items brought to auction, many who did the bidding, the ladies who kept the items flowing to the auctioneer, our auctioneer Joe McMullen, our women who brought pies and the men who served them. A special thank you to Becky Lindseth who chairs this event and makes it all happen. She is a blessing. And to all who shared in the fellowship. Pastor Mike opened with a prayer and our fun turned into over \$7000.00 taken in that can now go to missions. The people of this congregation and our neighbors who joined us really have a heart for the work of our Lord. You are the hands and feet of God!

The Hunters supper is coming up November 6th from 5:00-8:00. It will be **TO GO** only using the alley at the Community Center back doors for ordering and pick up. Becky Lindseth is chairing this event. She'll be looking for some desserts, so be sure to sign up if you see the sheet and can help. Thank you Becky! We're planning on serving more again this year since we ran out in 1 1/2 hours last year. Free will donation for the meal goes to Grace Church and the council will decide how the money is used. Thank you for your support. I can't wait to hear the stories. November 11th at 2:00, will be our next WNALC meeting. We

will have an officer meeting at 1:30 before this meeting to make a list for mission giving to propose to the women at the 2:00 meeting. Any suggestions can be given to any of the officers. We will be electing officers at this meeting also.

I would like the names of any of our women who turn 80 years in 2021. We would like to honor them with a devotional at our November meeting as we have in past years. In 2020, we had no names brought forth, so if we missed someone last year please let me know.

Our activity for November will be for the CARE AND SHARE in Crookston, MN. Mary brought a list to the last meeting (look elsewhere in scroll for list) and we asked everyone to bring from this list as they can. New personal care items of all kinds, men and women, kids and babies are needed.

Last month's activity, we made and wrote notes as we had learned how to do this summer. We used the lists of people in church that we pray for on a regular basis. Next month I'll tell you how we will be continuing this in our 'off' months when we don't meet over the winter. Happy Thanksgiving! and God's blessings!

Thanksgiving Memories, con't.

were safe, loved, had plenty to eat. That they had a family for this holiday and every holiday to come. As I read their responses to my question, I hear words that echo the definition of thankful above: conscious of benefit received, expressive of thanks, well pleased, and GLAD!!! Yes, glad!! My heart swells with thanksgiving to God for how He has grown our family through adoption. While it felt imperfect, the gift of time, faithfulness to be present, and love has knit our hearts together to be a family.

The One Who Does Not Change

So, in a year where everyone's expectations have been pushed aside. And uncertainty lurks around every corner. I will be pointing my loved ones and myself toward the One who doesn't change.

For I am exceedingly glad and thankful that "Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)



DID YOU KNOW?

Grace Lutheran church has a beginning foundation of 7 people dedicated to praying 24/7.

Pastor Tsena made an invite to begin a prayer group to have someone praying intentionally each day of the week.

Each of the 7 have one day of the week dedicated to prayer. Our first goal and prayer would be to increase our numbers to 31 persons anxious to participate in communicating with God and growing in relationship with Him and our community.

The 7 of us meet Monday evenings from 6-7 pm in the church basement. Why? To share our week experiences with growth in prayer. Encouragement to continue prayers that "seem" unanswered and give thanks and celebration for the answered and to be answered prayers.

"Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5:17. A huge task especially when we do not live a cloistered life.

So, we are learning from scripture, the Holy Spirit and each other to **DEPEND ON GOD, PRAY REPEATEDLY AND OFTEN, STAY STEADFAST AND BE DISCIPLINED.**

"Praying without ceasing is as easy as breathing when you make prayer **part of your lifestyle.**

That way it pleases God and satisfies Paul's advice. Therefore, you can pray while you work, while taking a shower, while waiting at

a stoplight, and while doing everything else in the course of a day.

You do not have to kneel, prostrate yourself on the floor, look toward heaven, or close your eyes to pray. Audible praying is just one way to pray. Let prayer be **part of your lifestyle.**" Rev. M. Minnicks

Would you join us on Mondays, and we will share with you our focused prayers for this church, community, country, universal church and more. We need you!
24/7 Group



- * Rosie Kolstad
- * Everett Osland
- * Paul & Bev Stennes
- * Burton Stennes
- * Steve & Linda Evenson
- * Steve Jacobson
- * Becki Haugen
- * Don Lundin
- * Jolene Bradley
- * Dean Lindberg
- * Mark Thompson
- * Torrey Erickson

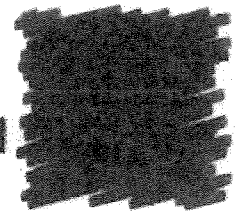
HELPING CARE AND SHARE OF CROOKSTON

The Grace WNALC has chosen to help the Care and Share of Crookston, which is in need of items for those who use their facility. Following is their current needs list. Thank you for your generosity.

CARE AND SHARE CURRENT NEEDS LIST:

Towels
Wash clothes
Hand towels
Body wash
Razors shave gel
Hairspray
Make-up (mascara, blush, brushes, lipstick, etc)
Combs
Hair brushes
Face wash
Chapstick
Nail clippers
Tweezers
Deodorant
Diapers size 5 and 6
Wipes
Mens boxer
Womens bras

**Even if you're not a member of our WNALC, you're more than welcomed to donate. Donations will be accepted at the church until November 11th.*

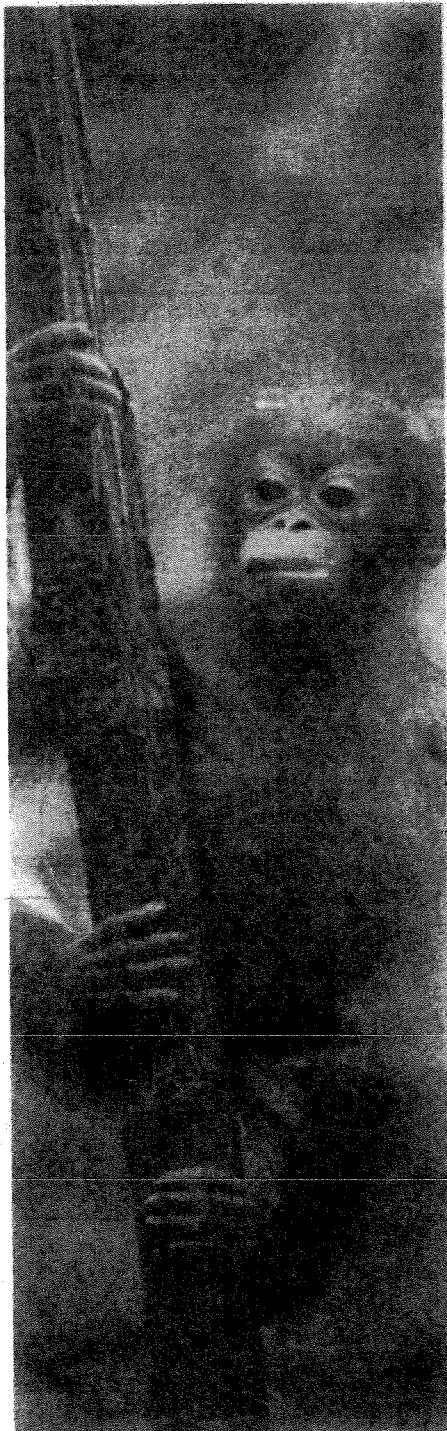


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Letter to my sponsor

Tanggal (Date) 22 Juli 2021



Shalom. Halo Friends apa kabar? Ran beserta
saya Friends dan keluarga dan keluarga ada
dalam keadaan baik, sama seperti Ran
dan keluarga yang dalam keadaan baik juga.
Puji Tuhan saat ini Ran bersyukur kepada
Tuhan, karena boleh bagi diberikan kesempatan
untuk mem balas surat dari friends. Puji Tuhan
saat ini Ran sudah menginjak kelas 2 SMP
dan kegiatan Ran di sekolah sudah berjalan
normal meskipun waktu nya di persingkat, tetapi
Ran sangat senang bisa bertemu dengan teman
sekolah. begitu juga kegiatan Ran di PPA saat
ini sudah kembali normal dan tetap menga nakan
Protokol kesehatan di rumah tugas Ran mena jagi
adik dan ran juga membantu orang tua
seperti mencuci piring dan lain-lain.

Translation

July 22nd, 2021. Shalom (peace be with you)! Hello friends,
how are you? I hope you and your family are doing well, so
are my family and I here. Praise the Lord because I am able to
reply your letter. Praise the Lord, I study in the second grade of
Junior High school now. The activities in school are going back
to normal even though the times is shorter. But I am excited
to see my friends in school. I also go back to Child Project but
we must follow the health protocol. I watch over my younger
sibling at home and help my parents to wash dishes and etc.



Bagi mana dengan akti riks Friends sekarang?
apa saja kegiatan yang Friends lakukan?
Tan sangat berdoa buat Friends supaya sehat
Selalu dan selalu dalam lindungan Tuhan.
Tan sangat senang dan bersyukur karena
Friends masih setia menjadi sponsor buat Tan.
Sekian dulu surat dari Tan salam sayang
Selalu dari Tan buat Friends
Tuhan Yesus mem berkat.

Translation

How is your activity? What activity are you doing now? I
always pray for you that you are healthy and under God's
protection. I am so glad and grateful because you are
sponsoring me faithfully. So this is my letter. Love, Tan. Lord
Jesus blesses.

Translation

NOVEMBER 2021 *Grace Lutheran Church*

CIRCLES
 Hope at the church
 Rebecca at the church

Ushers :
 Shawn Ostenaar
 Becky Lindseth
 Paul & Kim Mahlen
 Mark Coleman family

Communion Assistants:

Altar Flowers:
 Rebecca Circle

Altar Guild:
 Mary Bratrud

R= Reader
A=Acolyte
P=Power Point

NOVEMBER 7th:
R Gary Walter
A
P

NOVEMBER 14th:
R Mary Bratrud
A
P

NOVEMBER 21st:
R John Carlson
A
P

NOVEMBER 28th:
R Betty Lundin
A
P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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