



GRACE EDUCATION NEWSLETTER – FALL 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 26th: *Confirmation Sunday*

Please lift up our ten confirmands in prayer as they confirm their faith on Reformation Sunday. They are: Haylee Beckett, Addison Clow, Charles Carlson, Gracey Gunderson, Cameron Holthusen, Malaina Jax, George Juve, Bella Senn, Kale Smeby, and Owen Strom.

November 2nd: *Shoebox Sunday*

As a Sunday School, we will be collecting items to send to children throughout the world this Christmas. If you would like to contribute to our boxes, please consider one or any of the following:

- Gift items: If you are looking for more specific ideas by age, check out samaritanspurse.org/occ.
- Shipping donations: A donation of \$10 per box is recommended. You can send cash or make a check payable to Samaritan's Purse.
- Prayers: Please pray for the recipients of our boxes and the students collecting and sending them.

You can send items in at any time, up to November 9th. Also, students are not required to bring anything! If you aren't contributing, please don't worry - we'll pack up all of our boxes together by class, and each student will be writing a message to the child receiving their boxes.

NEW NURSERY COMING TO ROOM ONE

Grace Lutheran Church is truly a “ministry for all ages”! In the spirit of that mission, we are excited to share that a new nursery is coming soon to the first room of the Grace Education wing. It has (or will soon*):

- A shelf of board books and infant-specific toys
- A glider chair for rocking and feeding your infant
- A privacy lock* and full-window blinds* for nursing privacy
- A changing table* with wipes and diapers of various sizes
- A diaper genie for easy disposing of used diapers
- Several spare Thrivent shirts of various sizes
- A TV with a feed into the sanctuary*

Because we know that there have been some concerns about the stability of Grace's general fund, we feel it is important to note that everything in the new nursery has been funded by Thrivent Action Teams as well as generous donations from the congregation:

- Most notably, the very gently-used glider chair was donated in memory of Arlene Bly by Gene and Mavis Haugom.

What about the Kids' Corner down in the basement?

The Kids' Corner in the basement is still there! There are dozens of books on the shelf and a variety of toys in the cabinet for littles to play with before, during, or after a service, with a feed of the sanctuary on the big screen on the far wall for parents to engage in worship.

What about the Education Office that was in Room 1?

The Education Office has been moved to Room 7, which is closer to the other classrooms used for Sunday School every Sunday.

What about the Kids' Bags in the back of the sanctuary?

That's actually our *next* project! We plan to write another Thrivent Action team to refresh those bags with new color crayons or pencils, new coloring sheets or books, and new pew-friendly toys!