

The Scroll

Grace Lutheran
Church

November 2025



It's November when the sweet scent of pumpkin spice and apple cider welcomes us.

It's good to have expectations and to enjoy those seasonal rituals. And now our hearts and minds naturally turn toward gratitude. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and it's a season that invites us to reflect on the blessings God has given us. I am especially mindful of the ways our congregation has embodied Christ's love to our community and beyond.

So, we focus on being thankful in all things. *Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* Make it a habit to say "thank you, God" for the small things that work out and for the big things. Are things going poorly? List the good things for which you are thankful. After a while thankfulness to the One who makes all things right becomes normal. We could call that "Thanksgiving" – I'm sure I've heard that word before.

I have witnessed this spirit of thankfulness through your generosity, your service to one another, and your commitment to our church's mission. Whether it's volunteering for community outreach, supporting our youth, or simply offering a word of encouragement, each act is a testament to your faith and love.

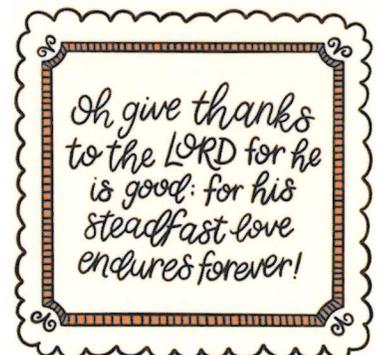
Advent is just around the corner when we look to the hope we have in Christ and the joy of His coming. I invite you to participate in upcoming events and worship services as we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth.

May this month bring you peace, joy, and a deeper sense of gratitude. Happy Thanksgiving and may God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

In ministry together with Jesus,

Pastor Pam

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday November 12th at 7:00PM at the church. A reminder that all Council meetings are open to members of Grace unless otherwise specified.



October 5th:

Attendance~ 91
Offering~\$3,880.00

October 12th:

Attendance~ 78
Offering~\$2,625.00

October 19th:

Attendance~ 78
Offering~\$3,035.00

October 26th:

Attendance~ 202
Offering~ \$2,299.00



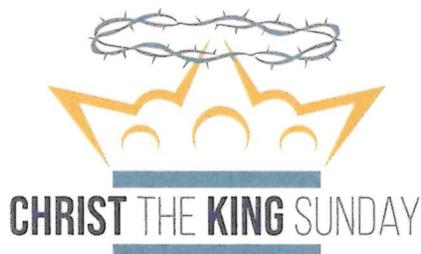
The Grace WNALC will meet on Thursday *November 6th at 7:00PM.* Guest speaker for the evening will be Pastor Pam Thorson. Singing, praying, giving thanks, hearing and being with other women will also be part of the special evening. Women can bring and share their special desserts with others. Any woman from the community is invited to join us at this fun filled evening. Bring a friend!

Hope Circle: No meeting in November.

Rebecca Circle: November 20th at 6:30PM at the church.



- Shirley Salverson
- Sherry Hoaas
- Don Lundin
- Judy Tadman
- Linda Jorgenson
- Judi Hoeft
- Jon Clementson
- Pastor Pam Thorson
- Ogden Farder, Jr.
- Verra Smeby
- Maci Smeby
- Allen Jenson
- Steve & Linda Evenson
- David Ramse
- Louise LaBrecque
- Bev Greaver
- Zach Haugen and daughters
- Amy Carpenter
- Gloria Bixby
- David Ward
- Jesse Hickman
- Greg Kaster
- Jolene Bradley
- Mark Wild
- Amy Carpenter
- Shut-ins and Nursing Home members



November 23rd



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 –



September 2025 Financial Summary

Regular Offerings to the General Operating Fund -	\$23,291.35
Other Giving used for the General Operating Fund -	\$ 321.75
Undesignated Memorial -	\$ 25.00
Thrivent Choice Program -	\$ 101.00
Interest Earned -	\$ 33.33
Total Income	\$23,671.43
Net Income	6,227.15

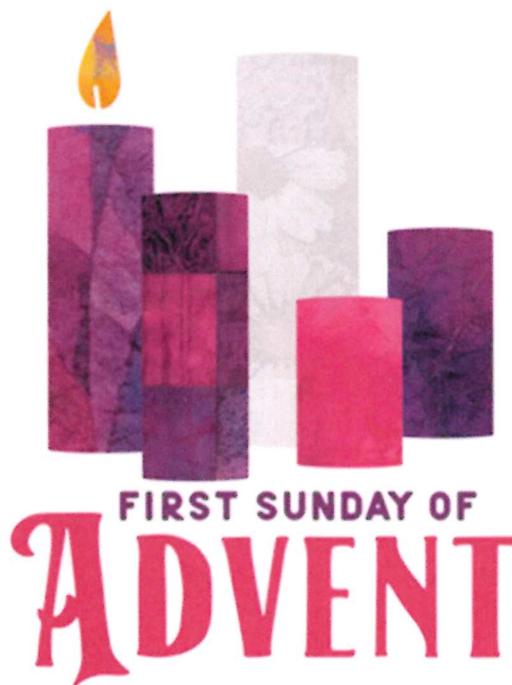


Did you know?

If you are a Thrivent member, you are eligible to receive money to help support events you or others are having.

Simply gather a team of friends, family or neighbors to put on a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. We'll provide the resources you need to get started – including up to \$250 in seed money. Clients with benefit membership are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and clients with associate membership are eligible to lead one per calendar year. There are many examples on the Thrivent website @ [Thrivent Action Teams Hub \(contribute.co\)](https://www.thrivent.org/thrivent-action-teams-hub). Some ideas: Grandparents Day, Vacation Bible School, Fish Fry, Easter Festival, Food Shelf, Disaster Response Buckets/kits, K9's for Mobility, Quilts for Others, or Yarn for Prayer Shawls.

Let's get together and figure out how we can use these benefits for the work of ministry.



November 30th

GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pr. Pam Thorson	Pastor	270-872-8269
John Carlson	President	687-2205
Tyler Brekken	Vice President	
Carla Ferden	Secretary	563-2377
Tina Farrell	Financial Secretary	
Jim Ferden	Treasurer	563-2377
Wendy Lee	Deacon	
Dearmina Gustafson	Deacon	
Gene Haugom	Trustee	563-3292
Ray LaBrecque	Trustee	
Steve Jacobson	Trustee	
Andrew & Becky Hanson	Education Directors	
Sarah Strom	Education	687-3488
Shar Hill	Education	
Jason Carlson	Education	
Hollie Stewart Pres.	WNALC	687-3730
Paula LaBrecque	Stewardship	
Becky Lindseth	Stewardship	

**LECTIONARY READINGS
FOR NOVEMBER****All Saints Sunday
November 2, 2025**

First Reading - Revelation 7:2-8, 9-17
 Psalm - Psalm 149:1-9
 Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-3
 Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025**

First Reading - Exodus 3:1-15
 Psalm - Psalm 148:1-12
 Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17
 Gospel - Luke 20:27-40

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025**

First Reading - Malachi 4:1-6
 Psalm - Psalm 98:1-9
 Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5, 6-13
 Gospel - Luke 21:5-28, 29-36

**Christ the King
November 23, 2025**

First Reading - Malachi 3:13-18
 Psalm - Psalm 95:1-7
 Second Reading - Colossians 1:13-20
 Gospel - Luke 23:27-43

**First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025**

First Reading - Isaiah 2:1-5
 Psalm - Psalm 122:1-9
 Second Reading - Romans 13:8-10, 11-14
 Gospel - Matthew 24:36-44





ANNUAL DEER HUNTERS MEATBALL SUPPER

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH
SERVING 5:00-8:00 PM**

**Curbside "To Go" from West Alley
at Erskine Community Center**

**Cost: Free Will Contribution
(suggested \$10)**

Limited seating available

EVERYONE WELCOMED!



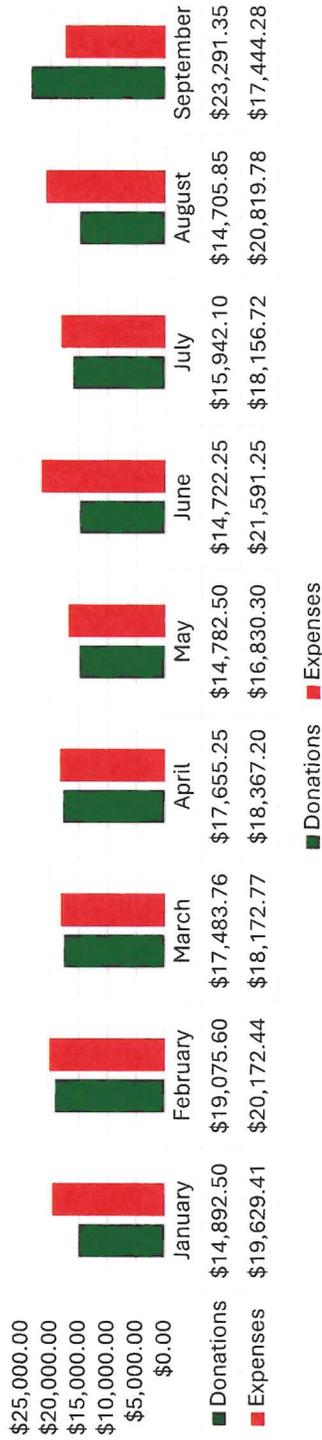
Flanders Fields

By: John McCrae

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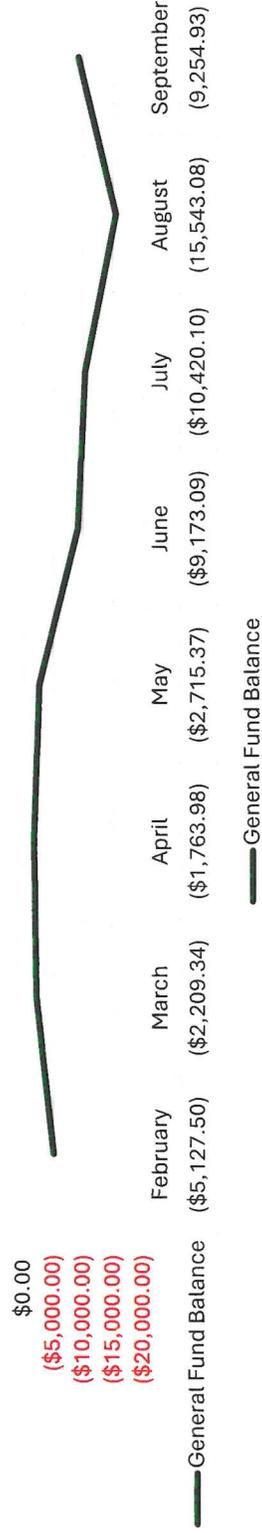
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Donations vs Expenses



While donations have been good in 2025, this graph indicates that the monthly giving has not been enough to cover the monthly expenses during 2025. Except for September, monthly donations have averaged approximately 15% less than expenses.

General Fund Balance



The General Fund is used to pay all the church's regular expenses. This graph indicates that the General Fund has had a negative balance during all of 2025. Because of the negative balance, money from other funds have been used to cover the monthly

We are grateful for all donations given to the church. However, as indicated in the graphs, donations need to increase. Please consider increasing your offering to the church. If you would like to start giving your offering electronically, please see information elsewhere in the Scroll.

NOVEMBER

Grace Lutheran Church

CIRCLES

Hope at the church
Rebecca at the church

Ushers:

Randy & Wendy Lee

Communion Assistants:

Jim Ferden and Barb Gaalswyk

Altar Flowers:

Rebecca Circle

Altar Guild:

Lesly Tradewell and Cindy Nelson

R= Reader

A=Acolyte

P=Power Point

NOVEMBER 2nd:

R~ Liz Jensen

A~

P~

NOVEMBER 9th:

R~ Jason Carlson

A~

P~

NOVEMBER 16th:

R~ Kris Normes

A~

P~

NOVEMBER 23rd:

R~ Andrew Hanson

A~

P~

NOVEMBER 30th:

R~ Kevin Thorson

A~

P~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9a-ABS 9:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship w/ Holy Communion	3 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	4 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 2p-BSF 8p-AA mtg.	5 1:55p-RT Class 6p-Confirmation Class 6:30p-Rebroadcast	6	7	8 9a- Rebroadcast 5-8 pm- DEER HUNTERS SUP- PER
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