



The Scroll



Pastor's Corner

Fresh air and energy of a different sort. That's the feel of September and all the new beginnings. We leave behind the laziness of summer with the fun of riding bikes, splashing in the water, campfires, family vacations,

and simply doing what comes. The good news is that summer comes around every year. With the fall comes a fresh wind of change. No year is exactly like the last. It's a good thing some things stay the same, but we grow as we go along. In this we learn to trust God.

As an Army family, Kevin and I moved quite a few times as Uncle Sam sent us to all the quadrants of the US and to Germany. It wasn't easy for any of us to leave behind friends, church home, and community. Somewhere along the way, rather than be concerned about all that, I learned that God had already made the way. In every place we found good people and new opportunities. Basically, I learned that God takes care of every need as we look to Jesus. That goes for troubles, too. The Spirit is there to guide us and to bring us through whatever comes our way.

The Apostle Paul went through numerous trials and troubles and gave these words:

Philippians 4:6-9, 19 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think on these things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. -- And my God will supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Step Into a New Season

September 13th is Rally Day. As a new season begins, we are invited into renewal and refreshment. It is a time to renew our commitment to God and to come together with grateful hearts—ready to worship, sing, and praise the One who has been with us through every season of our lives. Everyone is a vital part of the body of Christ, and each person is needed. Let us step into this new season with joy, commitment, open hands, and open hearts.

In ministry together,

Pastor Pam

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday September 9th at 6:00PM. A reminder that all regular meetings are open to members of Grace Church.



August 2nd:

Attendance~ 66
Offering~\$2,575.00

August 9th:

Attendance~ 63
Offering~\$2,225.00

August 16th:

Attendance~ 48
Offering~\$2,315.00

August 23rd:

Attendance~ 43
Offering~ \$1,970.00



September 7th



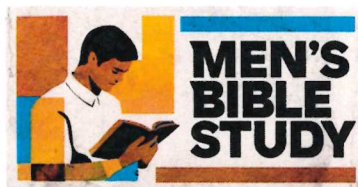
The Grace WNALC will meet **September 10th 2:00PM at Mac Sr. Living.** Devotion, entertainment, fun games and visiting with our members and others.

Hope Circle: September 23rd 9:00AM at the church.

Rebecca Circle: September 24th 6:30PM at the church.



Women's Bible Study is held Monday mornings beginning at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall at Grace. This is open to all women who wish to join the group.



Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:00AM at Ness Café. This is open to any men who would like to be a part of the group.



Joanne Sannes

Helen Lee

Janet Hamre

Becki Haugen

Del Hemmingsen, Jr.

Pr. Tim Lundeen

Shirley Salverson

Don Lundin

Judy Tadman

Linda Jorgenson

Judi Hoeft

Jon Clementson

Pastor Pam Thorson

Ogden Farder, Jr.

Maci Smeby

Allen Jenson

Steve Evenson

Louise LaBrecque

Bev Greaver

Amy Carpenter

Jesse Hickman

Greg Kaster

Jolene Bradley

Mark Wild

Amy Carpenter

Jason Schneider

Our Military

Shut-ins and Nursing Home members



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 –



thrivent

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 \(contribute.co\)](http://ThriventActionTeamsHub.contribute.co). 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.

July 2026 Financial Summary

Regular Offerings to the General Operating Fund -	
\$16,435.60	
Misc giving used for the General Operating Fund -	
\$ 642.00	
Thrivent Choice Program-	\$ 75.00
Interest Earned -	\$ 138.15
Total Income	\$17,290.75

Expenses:

Administrative -	\$ 6,928.62
Education -	\$ 141.67
Mission Outreach -	\$ 1,115.00
Pastoral -	\$ 8,016.77
Worship -	\$ 592.91
Total Expenses	\$16,794.97
Net Income	\$ 495.78



GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pr. Pam Thorson	Pastor
John Carlson	President
Tyler Brekken	Vice President
Carla Ferden	Secretary
Tina Farrell	Financial Secretary
Jim Ferden	Treasurer
Wendy Lee	Deacon
Dearmina Gustafson	Deacon
Gene Haugom	Trustee
Ray LaBrecque	Trustee
Steve Jacobson	Trustee
Andrew & Becky Hanson	Education Directors
Sarah Strom	Education
Kristen Morgenroth	Education
Jason Carlson	Education
Hollie Stewart Pres.	WNALC
Paula LaBrecque	Stewardship
Becky Lindseth	Stewardship
Marie Hamre	Stewardship

**LECTIONARY READINGS
FOR SEPTEMBER****Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026**

First Reading • Ezekiel 33:7-9
 Psalm • Psalm 32:1-7
 Second Reading • Romans 13:1-10
 Gospel • Matthew 18:1-20

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026**

First Reading • Genesis 50:15-21
 Psalm • Psalm 103:1-12
 Second Reading • Romans 14:1-12
 Gospel • Matthew 18:21-35

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026**

First Reading • Isaiah 55:6-9
 Psalm • Psalm 27:1-9
 Second Reading • Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
 Gospel • Matthew 20:1-16

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026**

First Reading • Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
 Psalm • Psalm 25:1-10
 Second Reading • Philippians 2:1-4, 5-13, 14-18
 Gospel • Matthew 21:23-27, 28-32

REGULAR **WORSHIP**
 SCHEDULE RESUMES

*Beginning on September
 6th, Grace Church will
 return to 10:30AM
 Worship Services.*





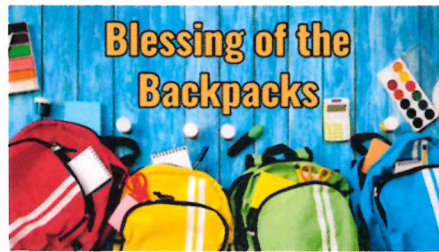
Begins September 13th
9:15AM

Classes offered for Pre-K—Jr. High Students

***Reach out to Andrew or
Becky Hanson with questions*



*Released Time Classes for
Grades 1-Jr. High are sched-
uled to begin on Wednesday
September 23rd. If you wish
to have your student attend,
you must sign a permission
slip from the school. All reg-
istered students are wel-
comed to attend.*



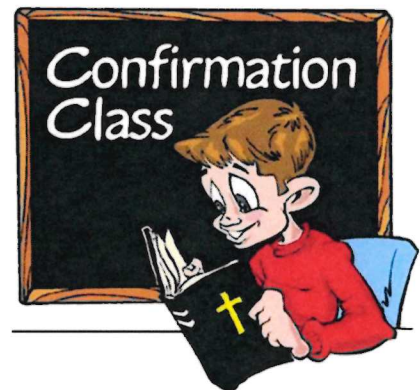
Sunday September
13th during the
10:30AM Worship
Service. Bring your
backpack to church
and have it blessed.



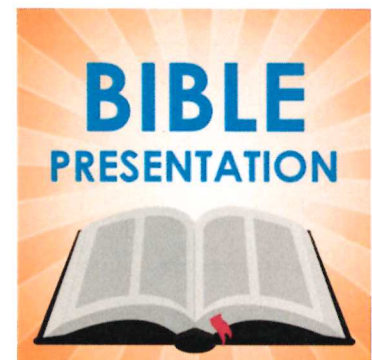
*Sunday September
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10:30AM Worship*

ADULT
Sunday School

*Begins Sunday Sep-
tember 13th
9:00AM*



**Begins Wednesday
September 16th
6:00PM**



**Bibles will be pre-
sented to our 3rd
and 7th Grade stu-
dents on Sunday
September 20th dur-
ing our 10:30AM
Worship Service.**



March 2026-Group #1
 April 2026- Group#2
 May 2026- Group#3
 June 2026-Group#4
 July 2026-Group#5
 August 2026-Group#6
 September 2026-Group-#7
 October 2026-Group-#8
 November 2026-Group-#1
 December 2026-Group-#2
 January 2027-Group-#3
 February 2027-Group#4

Cover all Sundays in the month
 with the members in your group

Set out 3 carafes coffee, 3 dozen donuts- warmed 2 min in microwave, cups and napkins on round table in narthex by 9:15-9:30. Cleanup after church.

Thank you for serving
 ~Hollie



A Prayer for Patriot Day

Lord, we place in your loving arms all the innocent lives taken away on that morning. May your perpetual light shine upon them.

Bring comfort and strength to the friends and families who still carry the heavy weight of grief and loss.

Thank you for the bravery of firefighters, police officers, and rescue crews who selflessly ran into danger to save others.

Help us move forward with compassion, reject hatred and violence, and stand united as people of hope.

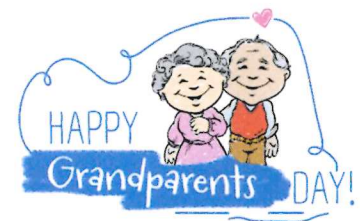
We call to you now in our remembrance, God of justice and of peace. Give us a will to truly pray that your kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen and Amen.



"And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them" - Matthew 6:31

Our relationship with clothes matters to God. Genesis 3:7 tells us that wearing clothes is the result of the fall. After eating the forbidden fruit Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Later God graciously provided them with softer, more suitable clothing.

"And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—You of little faith? -Matthew 6:28-30



September 13th



Grace August Council highlights

New Sound System is installed and working! YEAH!

August Giving – From Financial Secretary's Report

General Operating Fund -
\$16,435.60

Designated - \$360.00

Outreach - \$415.00

Building - \$50.00

Total August Giving -
\$17,260.60

Treasurer's summary

Cash Flow Report

Regular Offering to the General Operating Fund was \$16,435.60.

Undesignated funds available to be used for July's General Fund expenses totaled \$17,290.75.

This total is comprised of the regular offering, interest, a donation through the Thrivent Choice Program, and various other giving that can be used to meet General Fund expenses. The total of undesignated funds was slightly higher (\$495.78) than the month's General Fund expenses of \$16,794.97. Had there been cleaning expenses this month, expenses would have been slightly higher than the income.

In addition, the regular offering was well below (\$5,452.41) what is needed to meet monthly budgeted expenses of \$21,888.01.

Budget Report

Overall, we ended the month at approximately 9.7% or \$25,351 under budget.

All of the major budgeted expense categories ended under budget for the month.

History of Regular Giving to the General Fund Report

Giving in July was down from June. However, this is the highest July giving ever.

Year-to-date giving is above 2025 year-to-date giving. This was also the best year-to-date giving over all!

History of the General Operating Fund Balance

The balance increased from June as the total of undesignated funds was slightly above what was needed to meet monthly expenses.

Account Balances Report

Building Fund - Reflects donations of \$50.00. Expenses consist of \$39.60 for the separate phone line in the elevator, \$114.00 for a new wifi connection in the sacristy for the new sound system, and \$2,858.74 to pay the remaining balance of the new sound system.

HS Scholarship Fund – Reflects a donation of \$10.00.

Oil Fund – Bldg Upkeep reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

Oil Fund – Church Operating Emergency Fund reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

Oil Fund - Missions reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

Organ & Piano Repair Fund – Donation of \$5.00, expense of \$240.00 for tuning the basement piano.

SS Equipment Fund – Reflects

SS Equipment Fund – Reflects donations of \$255.00.

SS Outreach Fund – Reflects donations \$10.00 and the expense of \$43.00 to Compassion International

VBS Fund – Reflects a donation of \$10.00, and an expense of \$93.92 for additional materials.

Brovold Investment Valuation Report - The balance decreased by approximately \$300.00 from last month.

Gunderson Investment Valuation Report - The balance decreased by approximately \$270.00 from last month.

Expense Related Notes – In June, the parsonage's electric bill increased from \$115.00 to \$157.00. As a reminder, the food shelf reimburses the church for the electric bill.

In August, the church's electric bill will be increasing to \$310.00 from \$228.00.

Also in August, the annual premium for property and liability insurance for the church will be increasing from \$9,138.00 to \$9,813.00. Monthly premiums will be increasing from \$761.50 to \$817.75.

After discussions with Fertile Oil, propane for the upcoming heating season will be increasing in cost from \$1.35 to \$1.54 per gallon.

Due to timing, there was no cleaning expense in July.

Pastor's Report

Pastoral Care

Funerals: Erickson 6/15; Hemmingsen 8/3; Svalen 8/10

Services: Fair Meadow 6/26; 7/24. McIntosh Sr. Living 6/22 & .26

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GRACE COUNCIL, continued

Visits: 10+; Hospital visits in Fargo at Sanford and Essentia. Grand Forks Altru and Essentia.

Youth group – Kevin joined for kayaking at Red Lake Falls. Camping @ Trinity Point August 13.

Minkota. Pastor's Zoom 1x a month.

Discussion with LCMC/NALC churches sharing ministries.

Lay Preaching training completed.

Pastor to Devil's Lake, 8/16. Kettle River/Sturgeon Lake 8/30

Confirmation begins again. September 16th Wednesdays 6-7 (:15) PM

Personal Sunday away for family wedding – September 6

Youth Ministry:

August 13th - camping in at Trinity Point with a speaker and volleyball

September 13th - youth worship night kick off for the new kids coming in

October is ditch cleaning

Stewardship- Updating the bulletin board; Picnic went well; More write ups for the scroll.

Christian Education- Vacation Bible School: Rainforest Falls VBS was awesome! From Sunday, August 2nd, through Thursday, August 6th, 6pm to 8pm. Thursday program in the sanctuary was well attended with refreshments afterward. 28 students attend, with twelve teachers and helpers. We truly want to thank those teachers and helpers; we could not have

done it without you! We also want to thank Thrivent, as Action Teams provided all the decorations, snacks, and supplies. The only cost to the church was the purchase of the VBS curriculum. See you all next year!

Sunday School: We are gearing up for another school year! The first Sunday of Sunday School is September 13th. We will be meeting as teachers soon to discuss the upcoming school year. We are so excited to get started! If you have any questions about Sunday School or want to sign up your child, email education@gracechurcherskine.org.

Woman of Grace: 2 meetings coming scheduled: 10th at McIntosh Senior Living at 2:00. Fall/Harvest theme. 12th of November at Grace with a speaker

Video Ministry: Carla Ferden has joined the Video/Tech Team for worship.

Food Shelf: Gene reported (Mavis Haugom, Coordinator submitted report)

40 families in June and 28 in July. Got \$2,000 from NW MN Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.

New Business:

Disaster Coordinator: The NALC encourages churches to identify a Disaster Coordinator and provides training for this role. The coordinator would help organize the congregation's response when disasters occur. Key responsibilities include: More information is available at www.Thenalc.org.

Training volunteers to serve on

a disaster response team.

Coordinating the team's response efforts and assisting with the disaster response process.

More information is available at www.Thenalc.org.

Released Time – Process has started and a good list of people who are willing to assist. Hollie will help get coordinated

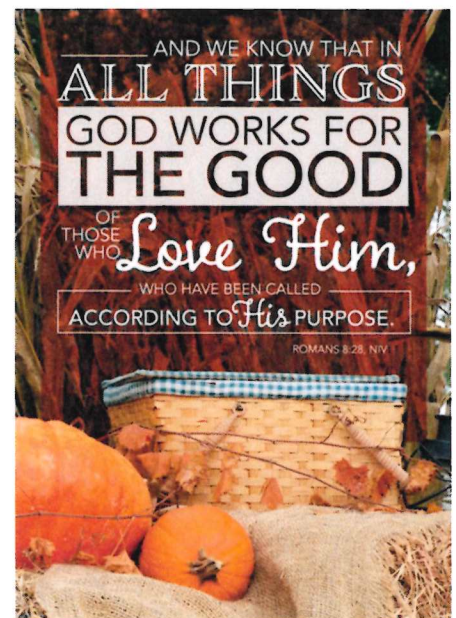
Calendar:

Next Council Meeting – September 9 at 6:00 pm

First Day of Sunday School – September 13

WEM Youth event at Grace – September 13 4-6 PM

Released Time begins – September 23



SEPTEMBER

Grace Lutheran Church

CIRCLES

Hope at the church
Rebecca at the church

September Coffee Servers: WNALC
Group #7

Ushers:

Lee & Lesly Tradewell
Carr Smeby
Russell Johnson

Communion Assistants:
Mark & Cindy Nelson

Altar Guild:

Patti Hamre and Kristi Plante

R= Reader

A=Acolyte

P=Power Point

SEPTEMBER 6th:

R~ Andrew Hanson

A~

P~

SEPTEMBER 13th:

R~ Tyler Brekken

A~

P~

SEPTEMBER 20th:

R~ Charlie Carlson

A~

P~

SEPTEMBER 27th:

R~ Becky Lindseth

A~

P~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 8p-AA mtg.	2 6:30p-Rebroadcast	3	4	5 9a- Rebroadcast
6 10:30a- Worship	7 Labor Day 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	8 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 8p-AA mtg.	9 6p- Council Meeting 6:30p-Rebroadcast	10 2p-WNALC meet- ing at Mac Sr. Liv- ing 2-6p-Food Shelf is open	11 	12 9a- Rebroadcast
13 Grandparents Day 9a-ABS 9:15a-Sunday School 10:30a- Worship w/ Holy Communion	14 9:30a -LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	15 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 8p-AA mtg.	16 6p-Conf. Class 6:30p-Rebroadcast	17 10a-2p-Food Shelf is open	18 SCROLL ARTICLES DUE	19 9a- Rebroadcast
20 9a-ABS 9:15a-Sunday School 10:30a- Worship w/ Holy Communion	21 9:30a-LBS 10a-Rebroadcast	22 Autumn begins 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 8p-AA mtg.	23 9:00a- Hope Circle 1:55p- RT Class 6p-Conf. Class 6:30p-Rebroadcast	24 6:30p-Rebecca Cir- cle	25 10a-Pr. @ Fair Meadow Nursing Home	26 9a- Rebroadcast
27 9a-ABS 9:15a-Sunday School 10:30a- Worship	28 9:30a-LBS 10a-Rebroadcast	29 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 8p-AA mtg.	30 1:55p- RT Class 6p-Conf. Class 6:30p-Rebroadcast			
				Greeters: 6th: Jim & Stacy Tadman 13th: Nancy Tradewell	20th: Lee & Lesly Tradewell 27th: Nick & Pam Walk	