

Grace Lutheran Log Church



FROM THE PASTOR:

Greetings Grace Lutheran Church Family and Friends,

I was sitting here thinking about my message on "What's In Your Basket?" In our baskets we have our time, our talents, and our treasure. The question popped into my head: "Who is the greatest giver in the Bible?"

The answer came to me very quickly. God is the greatest giver. He has given us everything we have. He has done this out of His love for us, not out of any obligation He has to us.

He has taught us that giving is NOT an obligation. God wants us to obey from love, not from obligation, That is what Paul is writing about in 2 Corinthians 9:6 & 7;

"Each of you should give what you have decided in YOUR HEART to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a CHEERFUL giver."

This Bible reading goes on to tell us in verse 8; "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

There are many opportunities to "give." There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for "Bell Ringer", "Communion Helper", "Morning Treats", and there are many other ways to give in church and in the community.

Thank you to all you servants of Christ in your willingness to give of what is in your basket; your time, your talents and your treasures.

God IS the greatest giver and He loves a cheerful giver.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Lorelie



Sunday's:

Worship 9:00 & Bible Study 8:00 am

Saturday August 17th:

"Ice Cream Social" Bake & Book Sale
11:00 – 3:00 pm @ Grace

Tuesday August 20th:

Grace Women Meeting 1:00 pm

Wednesday August 21st:

Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Sunday September 8th:

Annual Meeting "after service"

"No Exercise Class in August"



Saturday, August 17th

Join us for an

"Ice Cream Social"

Bake & Book Sale

11-3:00 pm

Books can be brought to the church during the week of August 11th. If no one is there place them in the "Delivery Box" by the side door. Baked goods needed and can be dropped off at the church on Friday, August 16th.

Remember A.S.A.P.

Always Say a Prayer

Building & Property Report:

This spring and summer has been very busy for the Building & Property Team as we set out to start and finish multiple projects at Grace. After the bathrooms were remodeled, kitchen walls painted and counters replaced, the team began to work on other prioritized projects. First on the list was to determine what to do with the rotting log siding on the north wall of the sanctuary exterior. The team removed the existing siding and ordered new steel half log siding to match the other wood exterior siding. The cross window showed signs of its 40 year age and was also ordered for replacement. We are contracting for the installation of the siding, window, and removal/reinstallation of the stain glass cross. This project is expected to be completed by September. The parking lot has been resurfaced with tar and stone during July and looks great! Additionally, the team will be working on scraping and painting the chips and cracks on the Old Log Church; repairing or replacing the deck and stairs to the Old Log Church; and building and installing a railing on the Reformation Hall south exit stairs. All of these projects have been made possible by an endowment from member Lois Welsh who determined before her death that the money was to be used to fix the church. We have received other endowments as well and thank those who help us to maintain God's house. We could not have done any of these projects if we had to rely on our General Fund. Thanks also goes out to all of the volunteers and generous supporters.

Submitted by Dick Rohde, B&P Chair



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Council Notes:

Financial Summary June 2024

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| Offering Income | \$5866 |
| Other Income | \$1343 |
| <u>Total Income</u> | <u>\$7209</u> |
| Admin. Expenses | \$4575 |
| Other Expenses | \$3308 |
| <u>Total Expenses</u> | <u>\$7883</u> |
| <u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u> | <u>\$(674)</u> |

Offerings in June were lower than the preceding five month average while spending was average for the same period, this led to the \$674 shortfall for June. Complete financial monthly and year to date reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank-you to all the "Talents" that made the Outdoor Service a huge success!



*"Through Grace we grow,
share and spread
God's Love"*