

GRACE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2024

Grace Lutheran Log Church



FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Grace Lutheran Church Family and Friends,

It seems that life gets more busy every year, every month, every week, every day. There is always something that we could or, maybe, should be doing.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

I am "borrowing" the following content from my dear friend Pastor Michelle Ruen. It is the devotional she wrote for September 26, 2024.

"God's will for us includes His fundamental call to stillness. When we are quiet in His presence, we put ourselves in the most teachable position possible. It is where we are most able to discern His Spirit.

Remember - He can accomplish far more through a surrendered spirit than we can accomplish in 24 hours of frenzied activity. Now would be a good time to acknowledge our dependence on the Lord, and rest. What you will discover in the stillness is a Savior who promises He is enough.

Let us take this as an opportunity to be still, center ourselves, and find God in the solitude."

"Be still and know that I am God."

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Lorelie

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH 5:30-7:00

TRUNK or Treat

Just dress up in a costume, say "trick or treat" and get FREE Candy

Costume Contest ~ Food ~ Treats

God's Love..... Nothing is Sweeter than that!

Sunday's:

Worship 9:00 & Sunday School

Bible Study 8:00 am (all welcome)

Thursday October 10th:

Flu Shot Clinic 9:00-12:00

Saturday October 12th:

Women's Retreat 10 – 2:00

Sunday October 13th:

Confirmation Class 10-10:45 am

Sunday October 27th:

(No Sunday School Class 27th)

Confirmation Sunday (2 confirmands)

Save the date: November 8th: Ham Dinner at Grace

Women's Retreat at Grace

Saturday, October 12 (10-2:00)

"Eat Yourself Healthy"

Join with us for an eye opening look into why we are sick, achy, tired, overweight, and brain fogged, and how we can experience optimal health through God's Menu! (Based on best selling book "Good Energy" by Dr. Casey Means)

Remember A.S.A.P.

Always Say a Prayer

Building & Property Team 2024 October Report to the Congregation

As we say goodbye to Summer, we can reflect on all of the improvements our congregational team members have made to the church buildings and property. We have had 22 volunteers cutting and trimming the grass throughout the spring and summer, making sure that our cemetery and grounds look great. The flower beds and bushes are outstanding. Inside the church we have been enjoying the new bathrooms and kitchen remodeling. On the outside we have had numerous volunteers painting the church, starting with the old Log Church and then working their way around the rest of the church exterior. Whatever we don't get done this season will continue next summer. Railings were added and others improved for the entry to the Old Log Church and Sunday School/Reformation Hall. The parking lot was sealed. Last, but not least, the north exterior wall of the sanctuary was stripped of the old rotting wood and 40-year-old window cross and is in the process of being replaced with new siding and window. All these projects were prioritized and funded by generous endowments given for this purpose. None of it would have been made possible without those endowments and the time and talents of our congregational volunteers. Thank you to all who participated. A volunteer signup sheet will be posted shortly to take care of keeping the sidewalks clear for the winter months. We have a snowblower and shovels. Volunteer slots will be in two-week intervals.

Our team will do a walk-around this Fall to review current and list all the future projects that are necessary to maintain the building and property. All are invited to participate or make suggestions for the team to prioritize and secure resources for completion. God's house is in good hands.



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Giving at Grace

We can't stress enough the need for regular, consistent offerings from all of us as our operating expenses never take a holiday.

Grace needs your help!

Traditional Envelope Giving: Church members receive theirs in the mail, extra envelopes in the pews.

Simply Giving: Arranged to be drawn from your bank accounts on an ongoing basis.

- Please contact Nancy Eddy (Financial Secretary) 218-820-8923 or Pam in the office if you would like envelopes.
- Simply Giving Forms are located in the entry

♥ Long-Time member Carole Holten passed away September 22, 2024. She will be greatly missed by all.

Service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, October 11, 2024 at 11:00 with visitation from 9:30—11:00.

Reception will be held at the McGregor Community Center.

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