

GRACE MESSENGER

September 2024

Grace Lutheran Log Church



FROM THE PASTOR:

Greetings Grace Lutheran Church Family and Friends,

I am sitting here in my office, watching the squirrels scurrying around, picking up acorns to store for the winter. Another season is winding down.

These thoughts brought to mind 2 Timothy 4:2, "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction."

These words are for everyone and everything. If the squirrels are not prepared in season and out of season, they would have a pretty hard winter. If the teacher does not proceed with encouragement, patience, and careful instruction, it will be a long school year for students *and teachers*.

If we, as Christians are not prepared to speak and live the Word of God, in season and out of season, there is not much hope of spreading God's love and grace.

As we approach this change in seasons, let us be prepared to "encourage - with great patience and careful instruction."

The encouragement will come from how others see you, through your words and actions in your everyday life. Your actions will encourage those around you to act in the same way.

The careful instruction will come from reading God's Word, reaching out to God in prayer, and listening to what He has to say to us. There is no better instruction for us than God's Word.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Lorelie

COUNCIL NOTES:

Policy Update: the church council has approved a policy regarding *solicitation* on church property. It is posted in the Fellowship Hall for your reading.

Thank you

Sunday's:

Worship 9:00 & Bible Study 8:00 am

Sunday September 8th:

Annual Meeting after service

Wednesday September 11th:

Grace Women "Fun Day in Duluth"

Meet at church 10:00 am

Tuesday September 17th:

Grace Women Meeting 1:00 pm

Wednesday September 18th:

Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Sunday School starts:

September 15th at 9:00 am

"Welcome Back Kids!"

"Fun Day in Duluth"

Grace Women get together!

Wednesday, September 11th

Meet at the church at 10:00 am

Lunch & shopping at Canal Park!

Remember A.S.A.P.

Always Say a Prayer

Building & Property September Report

The summer months have flown by and our list of projects have some unfinished items but we have made significant progress towards the most important on our list. As of this writing, we are in process to completing the painting of the Old Log Church by volunteers and are awaiting the contractor to complete the window and siding replacement on the exterior north wall of the Sanctuary. The kitchen and bathroom remodeling is completed. Replacement of the 25 year old refrigerator and dish washer in the parsonage has been done. The stoop exiting the South side of the Reformation Hall/Sunday School now sports a railing. The lawn has been cut and maintained all summer by volunteers. A new message sign was installed so that we can announce services and events along with Bible quotes. We now can drive on a freshly sealed blacktop parking lot. Much of this work has been done by volunteers and the cost of many of these projects were paid for by an endowment from, among others, the estate of Lois Welsh who wanted the money to be used to improve and maintain the church. We could not have accomplished much of this without the endowments as we are still close to break-even with our General Fund. Thank you to all who help to preserve and improve God's House with your support.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

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Ice Cream Social, Bake and Book Sale was a "HUGE SUCCESS" Thank you to all who helped!

"Bell Choir" to start up. If interested see Pastor Lorelie or Lynne Jacobs.

Also looking to begin a "Church Choir" for the Christmas Season. Please contact Pastor Lorelie or Dick Rohde if interested.

Worship & Music September Report

One of the highlights of the summer was our outdoor service held on July 21 st where we changed up the music and service slightly with weather that was perfect to worship the Lord.

Shelly Wahlin continues to awe us with her interpretation of our hymns on the piano.

The W&M team have songs chosen for Sundays up to Thanksgiving and are looking at how we might do some different services, like our outdoor service, in the coming months.

We hope that our choices for the liturgy and songs continue to attract and maintain congregants as we serve the Lord in our church. Let us know.

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God's Love"*