

GRACE MESSENGER

September 2026

Grace Lutheran Log Church



Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Creator God created the land that covers our earth with mountains and rolling hills, forests and prairies, cliffs and crevices, and views that take our breath away.

It is land that also sustains us. Fields provide food for us to eat. Trees produce fruit. Gardens bring forth vegetables and fruit. Cattle graze in the pastures.

Our Lord has provided us with a creation that fills our souls with reverence and wonder, reminding us of His amazing might and creativity.

Farming is a picture of faith in action. The farmer works the soil, plants the seeds, and tends the fields without seeing immediate results. Then they wait with faith in God to bring the rain and the sun. It is an act of faith and trust in God, believing, in due time, seeds will sprout and grow and produce, and the harvest will come.

We thank the Lord for the gifts and lessons we learn from the land. We should sow our faith, trust in God in the waiting, and rejoice in the harvest He provides.

James 5:7; *"Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen."*

In faith,
Lorelie
(Thank you, Pastor Michelle Ruen, for use of content from her August 20 devotional.)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church's 90th Anniverary

"Have no fear little flock, for your father has chosen to give you the kingdom" - Luke 12:32. This scripture seemed particularly appropriate to a group of only 13 people who met in July 1936 to formulate plans to organize a new Lutheran congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ekelund, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ekelund, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Sather, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sather, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Engh, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson and Mrs. Leroy Robertson gathered to organize and incorporate Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Pine Needle Schoolhouse situated on what are now the grounds of Grace church. R. A. Kindgren was our first pastor and Messrs. Charles Ekelund and Arthur Anderson served as deacons. So this year on Grace's 90th anniversary we will remember and celebrate that history at our annual meeting on September 20. That meeting will be held after our Sunday service in the fellowship hall. We encourage all of you to attend and when possible to invite others from our community whose families were part of Grace's history.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sundays:

Worship — 9:00 am

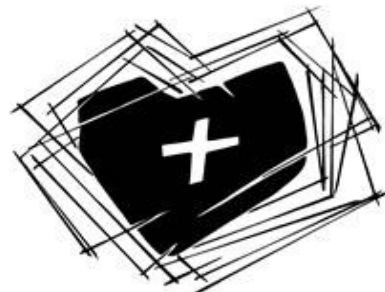
Bible Study - 8:00 am (all welcome)

Wednesday, 9th — Grace Women Mtg 10:00am

Sunday, 13th — Sunday School Starts, Blessing of the Backpacks

Wednesday, 16th — Council Mtg 6:30 pm

Sunday, 20th — Annual Mtg after service



"When the day begins, let your first thought be that God is already ahead of you."

"Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them."

Remember A.S.A.P.

Always Say a Prayer

Grace Women Notes

Grace Women will be selling homemade crafts at (2) Craft Sales this fall – October 24th in Elk River and November 14th in Andover. **100% of all proceeds will go to our McGregor Food Shelf!** They will need as many crafts as possible for these events. Crafts appreciated by both *women and men* – so get creative! Sept. 9th Mtg we will assemble items for sale.

Any questions contact: Cindy (763-242-4000), Lynne (218-820-8790), or Nancy (218-820-8923)

~Still looking for (3) more Large Electric Roasters for the Ham Dinner held on November 6th.

~ Will be collecting the following items for “HOPE” (domestic abuse) located in Aitkin by October 14th. *shampoo & conditioner - laundry detergent - toothpaste & brushes -money.*

Thank you to all that worked to organize and work the Ice-Cream Social, Bake & Book Sale. It was a “Great Day”! A huge Thank You to all who donated books and baked goods and for the extra items found in the books!

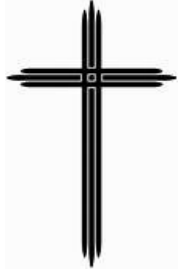
Lay People Serving in September

Readers

6: Rob
13: Deanna
20: Deb
27: Dick

Communion Assist

Kendra
Peggy
Napoli
Sandy



Ushers

6: Joel
13: Doug & Linda
20: Rob & John
27: David R

Coffee/Treats

6:
13:
20: Stacy S
27:

Counters

Liz E & Sandy
Kendra & Deanna
Deb & Liz D
June & ?

Clean Bathrooms

~Sign-up sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall~

BACKPACK



**“Blessing of the Backpacks”
Sunday, September 13th
Students & Teachers
Bring your backpacks!**

GRACE LUTHERAN LOG CHURCH OF BIG SANDY

LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

48115 Lake Avenue, McGregor, MN 55760

Pastor Lorelie Robinson ~ 218-851-1575

(LorelieatGrace@gmail.com)

Church office ~ 218-426-3343

(gracelutheranlogchurch@gmail.com)

Website: www.logchurch.org

GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Len Flesher (President)
Todd Streeter
Lynne Jacobs (Secretary)
Bev Streeter
Stacy Strang
Dick Rohde (Vice President)
David Hoover
Jon Napoli
Joel Smith

***“Through Grace we grow,
share and spread
God’s Love”***

~ Outdoor Service ~



***Thank you to all who helped
make the Outdoor Service a
Success!***

***Especially the choir, pianist
Shelly, Pastor Lorelie, and the
Switzer's for the use of
the trailer!***



REMEMBER WHEN!
90TH Year Anniversary