

# Grace Notes

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## CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020

# The Pastor's Pen



Pastor Shane Koepke  
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*"Very truly I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." After this, Jesus said to him, "follow me."* John 21.18-19

When I was younger, I worked at a care facility and there I learned dignity, humility and patience as a nurse's aide. I cleaned up and cleaned after residents of the care center. I listened to humming, mumbling, old stories and old voices as they rested. I learned that one deserved the dignity of dying with friends or alone as per their wishes. Mostly, though, I learned to walk with people.

I would, with my teenage hands, take a gait belt and place it around a resident's waist and assist them to dinner or to the bathroom or to the salon down the hall. Every time I read this story in John, I am reminded of walking with these residents. More meaningful now is that my grandfather lives in the same care center I used to work at. And now, at times, he has someone walk next to him (mostly so he doesn't escape!) as he goes to dinner or the bath.

He was so much younger in my mind, so spry and full of life, walking and working with me as a child.

He was an adventurer and went where he wanted, and now, lost in his own mind, he must often be led to the things that keep him healthy and alive.

The belt around the waist is often seen as bad by believers, like it's something we shouldn't need, but Jesus isn't leaving it as an option. If you are blessed with age, you will need someone to guide you from time to time, to wrap the belt gently around your waist and support you as you carry on in your journey.

What a lesson for us as people of God, to know that we are given both the opportunity to walk and support others while, at the same time, being blessed with care when we are in need. We can't underappreciate this as faithful people. We can't dismiss it as the marching of time, we must embrace it with all the love, dignity and grace we can so that we honor each person we walk with or who walks us, will find the journey easy and the burden light.

Peace as you journey this fall, finding and giving support all the way.

Pastor Shane Koepke

## PASTORAL ACTS FOR OCTOBER

### BAPTISM

Nolan Stirling  
(son of Jesse & Tara Stirling)

## PASTORAL CARE

To assist Pastor Shane and Pastor Jennifer in providing pastoral care for those hospitalized or homebound, please notify them of pending surgeries, overnight hospital stays, or individuals who would like a call. Hospital personnel do not always notify our church of our members who are in the hospital.



## The Associate Pastor's Corner



Pastor Jennifer Gonsalves,  
*Associate Pastor*  
Associatepastor@gracealbertlea.org

When I think about my life, I can think of a long list of names of people who helped shape me into the person I am today. Family, friends, teachers, mentors, and pastors. In large ways and in small, I can name people who took the time to love and to care, to teach and guide, to shape and mold me into the person I am today. Many of these people are still actively involved in my life today, while others distance and time have lessened our connection, and some have died and joined the saints in heaven. Yet, behind every name there is a person, a memory, and love.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Church celebrates All Saints' Sunday – a day where we remember all Christians who have died, with particular emphasis on those who have died in the past year. We slow down and allow ourselves to remember and to grieve those whom we trust are with God, yet we still love and miss. We stop and we say the names of people who meant everything to us and to others in our congregation as we speak aloud the names of fami-

ly members and friends who have died in the past year. And as the names of the saints at Grace are read, I know that I also think of other names – my own personal list of saints who lived and died and whom I continue to remember and honor each year, no matter how long ago their deaths were.

This All Saints' Sunday, I encourage you to write or name aloud your list of saints, your list of people who molded and shaped your life and faith. I encourage you to think about your saints still here on earth and your saints in heaven, to take some time to remember and to honor those relationships that made you into the person you are today. Because the good news that I want you to hear again and again, and that we celebrate on All Saints' Sunday is that death is not the end. Death does not destroy the relationship or the bond or the love that we share. For Jesus Christ has defeated death, and because of that we have and cling to the hope that even in the darkest days of grief and pain, we still have hope, hope in the promise of a future of a day when all the saints – we saints living here on earth and the saints living the resurrection life in heaven will worship together around the throne of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOVEMBER 1, 2020



## All Saints' Sunday

**Luminaries** – we are inviting people to decorate white paper bags in memory of their loved ones who have died or those who have been baptized since last All Saints' Sunday. We will then place the finished luminaries around the altar area with a lit candle inside. You can pick up the bags at the church or provide your own. Drop off the finished bag at the church office by Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> or bring it to worship Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. You can decorate the bag by writing the name(s) of your loved ones, with pictures and/or drawings.

# Musings



Deacon Robert Tewes,  
*Director of Worship and Music*  
music@gracealbertlea.org

Now that we have returned to in-person worship at Grace, we are still committed to offering online, virtual versions of each of our services so as to accommodate the entire family of Grace and their particular needs. Since March, when we first implemented online worship, Darin, Ashley and I have manned the balcony, seeing to the technical ends of recording, editing and broadcasting each of our services. We have acquired and installed state of the art equipment and software, and have immersed ourselves in learning the intricacies of such an endeavor.

As we commit to continue virtual, as well as live worship each week, now is the time to expand our forces by training in additional people who could help us in this venture. Specifically needed are those who would like to learn how our equipment works, have an interest in video recording, and would be willing to be added to our core group of trained individuals who will be scheduled on a rotating basis.

If this sounds like something that would interest you, please get in touch with me or one of the Pastors so that we can add your name to our list. We are more than willing to provide the training that would be necessary. I can guarantee it is a lot of fun.

I hope to hear from many of you soon.  
Peace, Deacon Robert Tewes



*All  
Saints'  
Sunday*

## All Saints Sunday - November 1, 2020

### Funerals

Juliana "Julie" Jaspersen	Elwood Hagen
Lois Undahl	Edwin "Eddy" Johnson
Martha Ryan	Jeffrey Hoiseth
Elenora "Nora" Carey	Clifford Engebretson
Clarice Porter	Clifford Stahl
Shirley Halling	Milburn Nelson
Donald "Forry" Porter	Christine Jahnke (Hagen)
Leslie "Les" Tufte	Ruth Strand
Edna Herfendal	Marilee Citsay
Lucile "Kitty" Oakland	

### Baptisms

Reid Hatland	Josie Leiste
Graham Flatness	Nolan Stirling

# Grace Children, Youth and Family Ministry



Ashley Kuhlman,  
Youth Director  
youth@gracealbertlea.org  
1-651-280-9502

October has been quite a busy month at Grace with Confirmation classes, First Communion and our 9<sup>th</sup> graders finishing Confirmation. As November comes and brings colder weather, we are excited to start up our weekly Sunday School and Youth Group (see details below).

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, we had 16 youth affirm their baptism at the Confirmation Worship (you can find their photo on the front of the Grace Notes). A large part of finishing confirmation includes completing a faith project to show where you are on your faith journey. Congratulations to these youth and bless them as they take such a large step in their faith journey!

**Join us for Sunday School!** Weekly in-person Sunday School resumes November 1st from 9:45-10:30am for Pre-K to 6th graders. Youth will meet every Sunday in November in the Fellowship Hall.

**Confirmation** details can be found at [www.gracealbertlea.org/confirmation](http://www.gracealbertlea.org/confirmation). This includes sermon notes, schedules and more. Contact Ashley at [youth@gracealbertlea.org](mailto:youth@gracealbertlea.org) with any questions.

## Upcoming Events Schedule

*(schedule is subject to change):*

- Nov 1:** Weekly Sunday School Begins & Weekly Youth Group Begins
- Nov 8:** College & Young Adult Care Packages during Youth Group
- Nov 25:** NO Confirmation
- Nov 29:** NO Youth Group

**High School Youth Group:** Starting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to gather each Sunday from 6:00 – 7:30pm in the Youth Room. This is a great opportunity for high schoolers to gather for fellowship, service, and talk about how God is working in our daily lives at school, work, sports and more. **On November 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be making care packages for our college and young adults!**

**College & Young Adults Information:** We are creating Care packages for our young adults who are in college or who graduated high school recently. If you haven't already, please send us their up-to-date address at [youth@gracealbertlea.org](mailto:youth@gracealbertlea.org) or in the Office by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Care Packages Donation Request:** We are looking for donations to send to our college and young adults! This could be some candy, snacks, a note, gift cards, something that is Albert Lea related, help with postage, etc. We have about 25 young adults that will be receiving these packages. If you would like to donate anything, please drop that off with Ashley by November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday School Monthly Leaders:** Looking for a few adults to serve as leaders to our elementary – aged students each week for in-person Sunday School. Contact Pastor Jennifer for more information.

**Confirmation Rotation Leaders NEEDED!!** Looking for 2-3 adults each Wednesday to serve as rotation leaders for our confirmation small groups. Leaders will lead a station, all prepared for you, to three different small groups. This is a one-time commitment, or you can sign up for multiple weeks – and you do not have to have a youth in confirmation to help out! Contact Ashley for more information.



# Parish Nurse Notes



Lori Tuchtenhagen,  
Parish Nurse  
parishnurse@gracealbertlea.org

Greetings Grace Lutheran Family,

Life continues to be tumultuous and stressful with COVID, flu season, winter, holiday seasons, presidential election, etc., etc., and the list goes on!

*Stress can steal love from our lives and our hearts. It can consume us so quickly and yet, if we just take a few minutes each day, we can prevent being worn down by the stress in our lives.*

Here are a few tips:

- Write down things that are increasing your stress level. Next, figure out what you can control. Even small changes can help you feel as if you can handle the rest.
- When something is bothering you, rate the situation on a scale of 0-10. Then judge your reaction. If you find that you have overreacted to a situation, you may realize that it's not worth working yourself into a tizzy. Ask yourself after a couple hours if you even remember what got you to this level of anger, anxiety, or increased levels of stress.
- Breathe. Taking slow, deep breaths immediately eliminates anxiety. Breathe in for a count of 5, hold for 2, and then out for 5. This mimics your breathing while you're asleep. Slowly work up to the count of 8.

*In the middle of our busy lives, sometimes we just need one thought to carry us through our day.*

- Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.
- To handle yourself, use your head. To handle others, use your heart.
- Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

- Anger is only one letter short of danger.
- God gives every bird its food, but he does not throw it into the nest.
- Learn from the mistakes of others, you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
- Beautiful young people are acts of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.
- The tongue weighs practically nothing, but so few people can hold it.

May God Bless You,  
Lori Tuchtenhagen,  
Parish Nurse

1Thessalonians 5: 16-18

*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

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## Sunday morning worship readers needed!

Please contact the  
church office to sign-up!

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# Quilting will begin meeting again starting November 18th At 9:00 am

**Mask required — No food**  
**Social distancing will be observed**  
**Bring your own beverage**

Please contact Ona Meyer with questions 507-845-2837

# Grace Information

## EFFA

It's time, once again, to focus on an 'Enough Food For All' effort. In December, we will be asking you to participate in a reverse Advent Calendar. Each day, you will add a food item to your box. At the end of Advent, the boxes of food can be dropped off at the church. They will be distributed to those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. Please consider participating in this opportunity using the Advent Calendar below. Thanks in advance for your generosity, making Christmas more special for our neighbors and for doing God's work with your hands and feet.

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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## WELCA THANKS OFFERING

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s, or even earlier. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we hope you will help to continue this tradition. Envelopes can be found in the Narthex and to be returned by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 500 CLUB

The 500 Club will not be meeting until further notice due to COVID-19.



## CREATION CARE CORNER

Prayer After Eating  
*by Wendell Berry*

I have taken in the light  
that quickened eye and leaf.  
May my brain be bright with praise  
of what I eat, in the brief blaze  
of motion and of thought.  
May I be worthy of my meat.

Latin American Prayer  
Oh God, to those who  
have hunger give bread,  
and to those who have bread,  
give hunger for justice.  
Amen.



Source: Wikimedia Commons

# Church Council Minutes

October 13, 2020, 6:30 p.m. (ZOOM meeting)

1. Call to Order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by President Tims at 6:32 PM.

2. Opening: Pastor Shane

Pastor Shane led the devotions by playing a video about Saint Francis of Assisi and the blessing of the animals.

3. Open Forum – No topics to consider

4. Approval of Today's Agenda – Action MSA (Moved/Seconded/Approved) by Munyer and Drommerhausen to approve the agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes

MSA by Schindler and Tims to approve the September meeting minutes.

6. Budget Update: Drommerhausen and P. Tewes

- The Federal Payroll Protection Program (PPP) has helped the church keep expenses in line with the budget and current giving. Undesignated 2020 funds currently sit at \$122,000.
- No current budget issues (expenditures and revenue) at this time.
- Staff were encouraged to complete the PPP Forgiveness Application.
- MSA by Munyer and Groenewig to approve the budget report.
- It was MSA by Groenewig and Hamborg to approve the budget report.

7. Reports

- Lead Pastor Report: Pastor Koepke
  - ◆ Staff are completing budget requests for 2021.
  - ◆ Consideration was made by the Personnel Committee (Earl, Schindler, Tims, Pastor Shane) to move from a Gold health insurance plan to a Silver

plan, but the church will continue with the Gold plan.

- ◆ Thrivent funds and memorials were used to recarpet the chapel.
- Associate Pastor Report: Pastor Gonsalves
  - ◆ Sunday School will move to weekly sessions in November.
  - ◆ Taking some time off the week of October 18
  - ◆ Confirmation and Sunday School are seeing the expected level of participation.
- Deacon's Report and Technology Update: Deacon Bob Tewes
  - ◆ Ensembles are practicing and performing.
  - ◆ The Adult Choir will be practicing and preparing for a performance next week.
  - ◆ Bob is writing the Christmas Program that will be virtual this year.
- Commission & Committee Report Highlights
  - ◆ Christmas Decorating Team – With Brad Kirschner's departure from the team, Julie Drommerhausen and Jen Zoller are developing a plan for 2020.

8. Old Business

- 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration: October 10, 2021 (Committee: Pastor Shane, Jim Munyer, Marsha Smith)- (on hold)
- Constitution - Tabled
- Capital Campaign
  - ◆ Schindler updated the Council on the campaign. He noted that \$12,112 was donated in September, with that amount matched by the Foundation.

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# Church Council Minutes Continued

In addition, the Foundation's donation of \$25,000 was noted. Total giving to the campaign, including the Foundation gift and matches, is \$1,123,532. There is currently \$203,083 cash-on-hand. The funds will be directed to the restroom renovation project.

- Summary of how indoor activities are proceeding
  - ◆ The indoor worship attendance has ranged from 71 to 92. When factoring in online participation, the numbers are close to pre-COVID attendance.

## 9. New/Other Business

- Plan for holiday worship services
  - ◆ Thanksgiving worship will be done live and online sometime during the week of the holiday.
  - ◆ The Blue Christmas worship is planned for December 16. We anticipate an attendance of 70.

- ◆ Christmas worship will take into consideration the use of overflow space and the chapel.
- Any other business
  - ◆ Confirmation Service – We anticipate 100 to be in attendance and have limited the number of guests each confirmand may have at the service.
- Church Council Terms
  - ◆ Schindler, Tims, and Drommerhausen will be leaving the Council in 2020.

10. Prayer Intercessions – Pastor Shane led the Council in closing prayers.

11. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Schindler  
Grace Lutheran Church Council Secretary

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Interested in attending but not sure, try us out by coming to a study session.

Questions: call Sandy at  
507-456-3186

**Tuesday,  
November 10th  
at 10:00 AM in the  
Fireside Room**



Masks are required.  
No food allowed.  
Bring your own beverage.  
Social distancing will be observed.

# Gifts of Love

## ALTAR GUILD

### In Memory Of:

Marilee Citsay given by Dona Matheson

## BALL SCHOLARSHIP

### In Memory Of:

Karen Schoeld given by Bob Ball & Laura McKibben

## BATHROOM RENOVATION/BOILER/BUILDING/ ROOF/FURNACE FUND

### In Memory Of:

Doug Langerud given by Ray & Joyce Langerud

Marilee Citsay given by Dennis Hermanson,  
Gloria Ugland

### In Honor Of:

Pastor Shane & Pastor Jennifer given by Vince &  
Corrine Tims

### Gift Given By:

Carroll & Mavis Hanson, Ed & Julie Groeneweg

## BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAMS

### In Memory Of:

Christine Jahnke (Hagen), daughter of Wayne &  
Sharon Jahnke given by Gene & Joanne Hansen,  
Barb Leland

### Gift Given By:

Kiwanis Noon Club, Dale & Dorothy Baldwin, One  
Love Rising (Caleb Flugum), Central Freeborn  
Lutheran Church

## FOOD SHELF

### Gift Given By:

Larry & Sandra Petersen, Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

## LIBRARY FUND

### In Memory Of:

Christine Jahnke (Hagen), daughter of Wayne &  
Sharon Jahnke given by Ron & Betty Mathews

## LOVE OFFERING

### In Memory Of:

Milburn Nelson given by LaVerne Seberson

## LOVE OFFERING CONTINUING

### In Honor Of:

Pastor Shane given by Kent Jaspersen

### Gift Given By:

Ed & Julie Groeneweg

## MARTIN LUTHER FUND

### In Memory Of:

Marilee Citsay given by Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

## MEMORIAL FUND

### In Memory Of:

Marilee Citsay given by Rhoda Knudson, Patricia  
Heining, Family & Friends, Jay Field, Delrose Ros-  
enberg & Janice & Russ Weinschenk

## PRAYER GARDEN

### In Memory Of:

Julie Jaspersen given by Kent Jaspersen

Marilee Citsay given by Dex & Jan Henschel

Gladys Gulbrandson (Grandma) given by  
Eric Gulbrandson & Michelle Thompson

Lenny Hultgren (son of Delores) given by  
Delores Nasby

## PRAYER SHAWLS

### In Memory Of:

Addie Baker given by Carlyn Tufte,  
Sandy Fredrickson

Marilee Citsay given by Carlyn Tufte

## QUILTERS

### In Memory Of:

Marilee Citsay given by June Claussen, Carol Roberts

## TECHNOLOGY FUND

### In honor of Grace Lutheran Staff Members:

Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

**PLEASE NOTE** that any additional "Gifts of Love" recorded by the church office after October 25, 2020 will appear in the next issue. If you have given a gift and your name has not been recorded, please call the church office so the correction can be made. Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 All Saints Sunday</b> <b>9:00a Worship Service</b> 9:45a Sunday School 6:00p Youth Group  <b>Daylight Savings</b>	2	<b>3 Election Day</b> 9:30a Staff Meeting 6:00p NO Bells of Praise	<b>4</b> 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>5:30p Online Worship Only</b> 6:30p Confirmation	<b>5</b> 6:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	6	7
<b>8</b> <b>9:00a Worship Service</b> 9:45a Sunday School 6:00p Youth Group	<b>9</b> 1:30p SAIL 6:00p Hardanger Group	<b>10</b> 9:30a Staff Meeting 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p Bells of Praise 6:30p Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>5:30p Online Worship Only</b> 6:30p Confirmation	<b>12</b> 6:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	13	14
<b>15 Thankoffering</b> <b>9:00a Worship Service</b> 9:45a Sunday School 6:00p Youth Group  	<b>16 Newsletter Deadline</b> 1:30p SAIL 6:00p Hardanger Group  	<b>17</b> 9:30a Staff Meeting 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p Bells of Praise	<b>18</b> 9:00a Sewing Group 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>5:30p Online Worship Only</b> 6:30p Confirmation	<b>19</b> 6:00a Early Bible Study 1:30p SAIL	20	21
<b>22 Christ The King Sunday</b> <b>9:00a Worship Service</b> 9:45a Sunday School 6:00p Youth Group	<b>23</b> 1:30p SAIL 6:00p Hardanger Group	<b>24</b> 9:30a Staff Meeting 10:00a Bible Study 6:00p NO Bells of Praise <b>6:30p Thanksgiving Worship Service</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00a Martha Circle 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs 6:30p NO Confirmation	<b>26 Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Building &amp; Office Closed</b> 	<b>27</b> <b>Building &amp; Office Closed</b>	28
<b>29 1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>9:00a Worship Service</b> 9:45a Sunday School 6:00p NO Youth Group	<b>30</b> 1:30p SAIL 6:00p Hardanger Group					

# Grace Prays

## Prayers of Healing

Bruce & Diane Olson  
Dex Henschel  
Irmi Kleih  
Richard Anderson  
Richard Dahlen  
Dick Haug  
Arlene Hobbiebrunken  
Jan Kedrowski  
(mother of Karen (Mark) Sanderson)

## Prayers for those Grieving

The family and friends of **Millard Hamborg**  
(father of Reverend Daphne Hamborg)  
The family and friends of **Lorraine Reim**  
(mother of Juanice Doyle)  
The family and friends of **Larry Hamberg**  
(brother of Dennis (Helen) Hamberg)  
The family and friends of **Mary Laeger-Hagemeister**  
(mother of Dan and Reka and grandmother of Hollis)  
The family and friends of **Doug Langerud**  
(nephew of Ray & Joyce Langerud)  
The family and friends of **Ronald (Ron) Godtland**  
(brother of LuVerne Godtland  
& brother-in-law of Sandra Godtland)

## Prayers of Joy

Baptism of **Nolan Stirling**  
(son of Jesse & Tara Stirling)  
**Arik Matson's** return home  
(Grandson of Ray & Joyce Langerud,  
son of Sheila Matson)  
For all the **youth** that celebrated first communion  
and the **confirmands** who affirmed their baptism  
on October 26

*If you know anyone needing prayers of our congregation, please let us know so we can include them on our list. Requests for the Prayer Chain can be arranged by calling the church office.*

## November

*(The list below is to remind us to pray for our Grace family members on the following dates.)*

1. Norma Demmer
2. Kathy Diaz
3. Richard Diaz
4. Sharon Dickson
5. Paul & Darlene Diemer
6. Jeff & Michelle Distad,  
Tyler, Hunter, Dalton
7. Jan Doyle
8. Fern Drescher
9. David & Julie Drommerhausen
10. JD & Mindy Carlson, Dylan, Drew
11. Andrew Dyrdal
12. Todd & Heather Earl, Brendan,  
Payton, Jordyn
13. Evelyn Eglan
14. Gloria Ell
15. Sheryl Ellingson
16. Laura Ellis
17. Alexandra Elston
18. Dale & Charlotte Elvebak
19. Barbara Engebretson
20. Jeshua & Jennifer Erickson,  
Axel, Trixie
21. Rev. Joel & Pembie Erickson
22. Bev Evans
23. Raymond Ewing
24. Dolores Feeley
25. Jay & Laura Feeley
26. Linda Ferguson
27. Paul & Dorothy Field
28. Robert & Beverly Field
29. Gary & Judy Fisher
30. Brady & Katelyn Flatness,  
Emma, Graham



## Caring and Sharing

### Co-Chairs Needed

Marlene & Gary Bergeson  
LaJean & Roger Bjorklund  
Jessica & Nick Bremer  
Jane & Bill Buege  
Mary Carlson  
Adrienne Clark  
Jan & John Delle  
Dolores Gavle  
Natasha Grove  
Judy Hall  
Tammy Hamberg  
Joyce & Ross Hansen  
Penny & Larry Harmdierk  
Mildred Jensen  
Riki & Matt Johnson  
Angie & Alex Johnston  
Ann & Todd Kriewall  
Joyce & Raymond Langerud  
Kim & David Moen  
Stacie & Philip Neal  
LeAnn Olson  
Doreen Pontow  
Sally Pratt  
Lisa & Shawn Prihoda  
Vonda & Dick Rocklin  
Diane & Lester Shaunce  
Patty & Bob Tewes  
Kelley & Nick Turnmire  
Jessica Waters

### STUDY OPPORTUNITIES for Adults at Grace

We invite you to join any of our regular Bible study groups at Grace Lutheran.

#### Sunday Morning Adult Forum September — May

(Postponed until further notice)

#### Tuesday Morning Bible Study starts November 10th

Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:00 am  
(*Fireside Room*)

This study for women offers fellowship, singing, and great discussion.

#### Thursday Morning Bible Study

6:00-7:00 am (*Kitchen*)

Consider joining this group where there is an opportunity for good discussion and good fellowship.

#### Grace WELCA Women's Circles

**Mary Circle** (Postponed until further notice)

**Lois Circle** (Postponed until further notice)

**Martha Circle** (meeting 4th Wednesday, 9:30 am)

New members are always welcome! Call the church office, 373-6496, for more information.

# NOVEMBER 1ST

## TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!





## QUARTERS FOR WORLD HUNGER

It is November – and our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving. This has been an unusual year, to say the least. We have been isolated from family and friends and unable to worship in our building for much of the year. Yet, we still have much to be thankful for – we just have to look a little harder to find it. We need to remember, also, that hunger in our world (local and global) is on the rise because of the pandemic. Traditionally, November is the month we remember World Hunger with a special offering, but we have decided to do this during Lent instead. There are always World Hunger offering envelopes in the Narthex, so you can support this cause any time you choose during the year. Thank you for your support.



**NO FAIR TRADE COFFEE**  
Until further notice



Remember your coins for Sunday's Noisy Offering!

Shane Koepke  
**Lead Pastor**

Jennifer Gonsalves  
**Associate Pastor**

### Office Hours

8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Mon, Wed – Fri  
8:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Tue  
507-373-6496

### Worship Services

Sunday Morning 9:00 am  
In person or Online

### Sunday School

Sunday Morning 9:45 am  
November through May

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BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND BECOMING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST!

## GENEROSITY AT GRACE



*Thanks for your attendance either In-Person or Live Streaming as we continue to be the church apart and together.*

*The Finance Ministry Team and Church Council appreciate your generous support. Your faithful Stewardship is essential for us to continue to support our ministries at Grace Lutheran.*



WE LOVE  
BECAUSE  
CHRIST  
FIRST  
LOVED US  
1 JOHN  
4:19

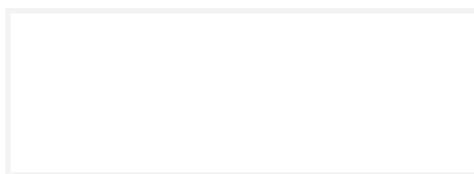
In the spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas, please consider making a contribution to the Food For Backpacks Program. Just cut out or print this from the online version, attach your donation and return it to the office at Grace Lutheran. The outside drop box is available for contactless delivery. Your generosity during this time is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

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## Fall Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 am  
In-person or Online

Join your Grace family  
each week in worship!

