



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of September 12, 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:00 am (in person and online)

Wednesdays at 5:30 am (in person)

YOU (YES, YOU!) ARE PART OF GOD'S WORK! You're invited to discover ways that your gifts and interests can be part of Grace's ministry! After worship on **Sunday, September 12th**, come to the Fellowship Hall to see how you and your family can be blessings to the ongoing ministry of this part of God's world. This event is open to people of all ages to discover meaningful opportunities for service. Come and see!

BACKPACK SUNDAY: During worship on **September 12th** we will be recognizing all of those who have returned to school this year (students, teachers, administration, support staff, etc.). We invite anyone that is back in school this fall to **bring a backpack to worship** this day for a blessing... **regardless of your age!**

2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING MEETINGS: It's time to start planning for the 2022 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. To accommodate busy schedules, there will be two informational meetings on September 12th at 8:00pm and September 15th at 11:30am. Those who have completed 9th – 12th grade in the 2021-2022 school year will be eligible to attend this gathering. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please contact Ashley about more information. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD.

MARY CIRCLE: Just for the month of September, the Mary Circle will be meeting **Monday, September 13th at 6:30 pm in the Chapel** due to Labor Day landing on their regular first Monday of the month and Council changing their meeting night to the second Monday of the month.

FAITH EXPLORATIONS: Come and explore...life, the universe, and everything through the lens of faith! **Sunday, September 19th following worship in the Fellowship Hall.** Faith Explorations is a family-based ministry focused on scripture, faith, and your family. This is not your grandparents' Sunday School. (But you can invite your grandparents and your parents and your neighbors and your friends...) Faith Explorations continues on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

GRACE SENIORS: Grace Seniors returns in September! The format of monthly guest speakers and coffee fellowship returns on **Wednesday September 22nd at 2:00 PM in the Fireside Room.** Our first speaker is Milt Ost speaking on his third book "TUMBLEWEEDS REMEMBERED", which shares the life and service of the fifth-generation of the Oster family, Pastor Ed and his wife, Denise, as they weave their footprints across five continents and return to their loved ones in Bergen, Minnesota. The book will be for sale and Milt will sign copies. Grace Seniors is coordinated by Gary and Jeanne Schindler. Contact them to suggest speakers.

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS INFORMATION: We are collecting addresses and updates on our young adults in our congregation! We will be sending letters and care packages to our young adults who are in college or who graduated high school recently. Please send Ashley their school year addresses.

QUILTERS: The quilting group needs flat sheets that are either new or gently used and clean for the backs of the quilts they make. If you have any to donate, please drop them off at the office. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS/COMMUNION BREAD & WINE: If you would like to provide flowers for the altar or bread and wine for communion, sign-up sheets along with special envelopes can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 507-373-6496.

ONLINE GIVING: Thank you for your generous gifts during this time. You can mail in or drop off your offering to the church or give electronically.

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