



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of October 3, 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm (in person and online)

GRACE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! October 10th at 9:00 am, we will have a celebration worship with Bishop Regina Hassanally. Also included will be a special hymn for the day written by Julie Godtland Keran. If COVID allows, we will have a celebration reception with coffee, cake and fellowship!



COMMEMORATIVE 75th ANNIVERSARY GRACE ORNAMENT:

In honor of our 75 years of being a church rooted in Jesus, serving others, and celebrating faith we are proud to commemorate the time with a Christmas ornament. This ornament was designed and created by Steve Schulz a carpenter and member of Grace. For a \$10 donation, you can bring an ornament home to put on your tree or give away as a gift. We hope to sell at least 200 ornaments to raise money for a new outdoor nativity for the front yard of the church.

JOIN US TODAY FOR FAITH EXPLORATION: People of all ages are welcome to join other families for Faith Exploration! This is an interactive time of learning for families of faith. Following worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, families (of all shapes and sizes) are invited to the Fellowship Hall for scripture, conversation, crafts, prayer, and fun!

2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING: It's time to start planning for the 2022 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN! REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD. This is open to all in 9th – 12th grade. If you are interested in attending the event, please contact Ashley. Information packets can be found outside her office. The first official Youth Gathering Meeting is Sunday, **October 3rd** at 11:30 am.

MARY CIRCLE is meeting on Monday, **October 4**, in the fireside room at 5:15 pm. Please wear masks. We will start our new study, "Jesus In Me". Note that we are returning to our 5:15 time.

OUR CHURCH'S NEW MOBILE APP IS HERE! We're excited to announce Grace has upgraded our mobile app! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile to replace GivePlus Mobile. You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

Please download Vanco Mobile by January 30, 2022. Vanco will be retiring GivePlus Mobile after this date. If you have questions or need assistance with our new mobile app, please stop by the church office or call us at 507-373-6496.

GRACE SENIORS: Grace Seniors will meet on Wednesday, **October 20th** at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Our program will be "Seventy-five Years of Blessings". We will spend time reflecting on vintage pictures from Grace's beginnings through the present day. Come and celebrate and share. Coffee fellowship will follow. Grace Seniors is coordinated by Gary and Jeanne Schindler. Contact them to suggest speakers.

HELP! 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT: On **October 30th** from 4:00 – 6:00 pm we will be teaming up with other churches in the Albert Lea Area to host a community Trunk or Treat Event. This will take place at Central Park. Different people decorate their car trunks and hand out candy to the youth who come to Trick or Treat. Everyone is invited to come in costumes to see some of the cool trunks and of course - get some candy!

For this event, we are looking for some people to host their trunk and hand out to candy to those who stop by in costume! Each trunk can be decorated to whatever theme they would like (for example: you can create your trunk to be a mouth of a monster or you could design it a Noah's Ark theme – you can be creative!) Each car will be responsible for handing out candy and decorating. If you are interested in hosting a trunk, please sign up and fill out a form in the Narthex starting in October

Unable to host a trunk but what to help out? We are also looking for some people to donate candy – this will be handed out by the youth and to anyone participating that runs out of candy. You can drop off this candy in the Narthex! Thank you in Advance!

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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