



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of October 17, 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

JOIN US OCTOBER 17TH 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 this Sunday, families (of all shapes and sizes) are invited to the Fellowship Hall for scripture, conversation, crafts, prayer, and fun!



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.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR/DEACON APPRECIATE MONTH: It's a great time to drop Pastor Shane, Pastor Dean and Deacon Robert a note, give them a hug or offer a word of encouragement and pray for them. If you come to church this Sunday, you will be handed a Post-It to write on and then it can be placed beneath the poster in the Narthex.

MISSION TEAM: The mission team will be meeting Sunday, **October 24th** following worship in the Gathering area.

HEGGIES PIZZA FUNDRAISER: High School students will be selling Pizzas until **October 24th**! Find us in the Narthex on Sunday mornings to purchase a pizza. All proceeds will go towards the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer. You can pick up your Pizzas on **November 14th** in the Kitchen.

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.

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 GUILD: An Altar Guild meeting will be held at Grace on **November 1st**, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room to plan for worship preparation in November and December besides looking ahead into 2022. Anyone (individual men/women; couples, families) interested in being part of a team preparing for church services without long-term commitment is welcomed to attend this meeting. Trial opportunities are also available. For more information, call Jane Madson, 377-3547 or the church office.

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.

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.

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.

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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