



Dear Family of God at Grace,

September is here and with it, a new season begins. That means we will be spinning up our seasonal activities. Let's start with Sundays and work our way through the week.

Sunday School starts up for the youth on Sunday, September 10th, with a kickoff for the new year.

The adult class on Sunday mornings has been studying the Augsburg Confession. We are bringing that to a close and will begin examining the Hymn of the Day for each Sunday. We sing these great hymns of the faith and often never spend much time on the who, what, and why of the hymn. I think this study will help you appreciate and draw strength from the Hymn of the Day for each Sunday.

Confirmation will start on Wednesday, the 6th, at 4:30 pm. We will also have a "First Communion" class for our new confirmands. They need strength and forgiveness in their battle with sin, the flesh, and the devil and what better strength and forgiveness than the Lord's Supper! Please pray regularly for our confirmands. They need your prayers and encouragement.

The choirs will be start rehearsing again on Wednesday the 6th. It will be wonderful to have them back to enhance worship. They add so much to the Divine Service. Thank you to all who sing and play instruments! You are true blessings to the people of God at Grace!

What is **NOT** coming back in September are dinners, Wednesday evening worship, and the Men of Grace Bible class. These activities will all start in October.

We have had some terrible events happen during the last month: the hurricane in California, the fires in

Hawaii, and tornados in Indiana and Missouri and Michigan. You are probably asking, "What can we do? How can we help?" The best way to help is to go to LCMS.org and then to "Disaster Response." There you will find multiple ways that you can help. Thank you for your willingness and your generosity!

As we begin a new season, I want to share the Bible verse that will be our theme verse for the season. It comes from Psalm 118. There are several great verses in this Psalm and I encourage you to read the whole Psalm. Portions of this Psalm are used in the Committal (Funeral) Service. When I read it, I use verse 17 as an antiphon to ring through the ears and hearts of those grieving, "I shall not die, but I shall live." In Christ we live, even though we die!

Verse 14, "The Lord is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation." Verse 19, "Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord." This Psalm is about celebration in what the Lord is doing for His people! It was written for the celebration of King David and the dedication of the second temple. Martin Luther said it was his favorite Psalm.

Of all these wonderful choices of verses in Psalm 118, I'd like for us to focus on verse 8, "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." So many things this year will turn our trust to man, but that is not where our trust should be! It is better to take refuge in the Lord! My prayer is that this verse will be a blessing to you this season as you take refuge in the Lord rather than trusting in man.

God be with and bless you through the month of September!

In His Service,
Pastor Lingsch



GIVE ONLINE!! at our website: www.graceofnaples.com. The **GIVE** button can be accessed from your mobile device or from your laptop or desktop on the church's home page. Just click on the button **GIVE** and follow the instructions. *Please keep the email that you receive from Vanco (Joyful Response) for your personal records. Contributions made through the website will not appear on your year-end contribution statement.*



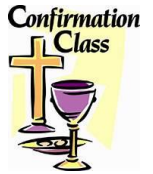
The Men of Grace is a gathering of the men in our congregation with the intention of lifting them up and strengthening them to be true men of grace. We want to become a band of brothers in Christ, who love and serve each other by lifting up one another so that as men of God, we can live out our calling in our families and in our church family. We call all men of our congregation to be a part of this gathering, for men, guided by men, for the glory of God.

The group meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and will resume in the October.



September 5th: Cool Mom's Bible Study is back! We will meet at 9am every Tuesday for a study of the book "Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out" by Joanna Weaver. We would love to have you join us! Contact DCE Kami Jo with questions.

September 6th: Confirmation classes are held Wednesdays, from 4:30-5:30pm, led by Pastor Lingsch and DCE Kami Jo Mogelvang.



September 10th: Kick-Off to Sunday School! Join us for a fun breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, to learn our theme verse for the year, and to meet your teacher! Classes will follow from 9:30am-10:15am.

September 10th: Youth Night for middle and high school youth, 5-7pm.

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October 4th: 1st Communion Classes begin for pre-Confirmation aged children, usually third grade or higher. This is an 8-week course that meets with our confirmation class for 30 minutes each week from 5-5:30pm. We ask at least one Parent to sit in on the class with their student.

Please contact DCE Kami Jo if you are interested in 1st Communion Class for your child.

Altar Flower Donations

Would you like to remember your birthday or anniversary with a special offering to God? Would you like to remember someone special in your life who is with the Lord? Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary with a special offering of flowers?



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for you to claim the date for your special occasion. Cost of arrangements is \$45.00.

Grace Lutheran Preschool Wish List 2023-2024



SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER
JANUARY
FEBRUARY
MARCH
APRIL
MAY

Playground Balls
Play Dough
Foam Stickers
Large Beads for small hands
Kid-sized paint brushes
Jiggle (Googly) Eyes
Pompoms of all sizes
Sidewalk Chalk
Buttons

Our Preschool program benefits so much from the generous donations given to us by our church family!
We are so thankful for everything you do for the children!



Endowment Grants 2023

It's that time of year again for the Endowment Committee to solicit from the congregation members grant proposals for funds to be distributed from the general endowment fund.

Depending on the returns in the next few months, around \$40,000 should be available for grants. The past couple of years a number of missions, church projects and scholarships have been supported through use of these funds, and we look forward to having some excellent proposals again this year. Grant application forms are available in the church office and should be returned to the endowment committee box in the church office by October 15, 2023.

The criteria the committee will use in evaluating the proposal follows:

- Grant proposal must be submitted by a member of Grace Lutheran Church.
- Grant should not cover yearly congregation budget items.
- Grant should fit with congregation vision and mission statements; with primary emphasis on the spreading of the Gospel.
- Priority will be given to the (1) congregation (2) circuit (3) district and (4) synod, in that order.
- Scholarships should go to students going into full-time church work.



Luther Mogelvang tops the state in pole vault

Luther won the FHSAA 3A state championship in pole vault in May and then he competed in the Adidas Nationals in Greensboro, NC, where he finished 18th as a junior!!



We are so proud of Luther!



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL WORSHIP SERVICES!

There are multiple opportunities for you to volunteer for weekend services at Grace.

We need Ushers, Lectors, Altar Guild Members, Greeters, Crucifers and Acolytes, Sound Board Operators and people to prepare for Coffee Hour.



Click the link below to access the signup website.

Go here to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AA9AA2CA0F49-September>



Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

We are always looking for people to setup or cleanup Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you want more information, please email Lori at lorilingsch@yahoo.com



September Birthdays

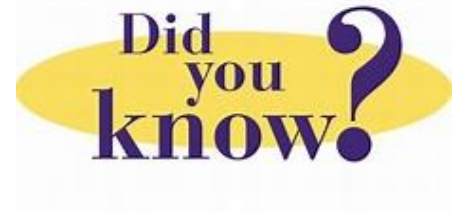
1 Jonathan Birner	20 Pastor Lingsch
3 Ed Frank	20 Chase McKimm
4 Ron Strobel	21 Monica O' Keefe
7 Tom Dalton	23 Dalaney Heidel
7 Daniel Perri	25 Autumn Mogelvang
8 Kirt Fickel	27 Deborah Laveen
12 Margie Feuser	27 Linda Jo Meulenberg
12 Debbie Lowery	27 Carl Soll II
15 Rhea Teteak	28 Donald Hecht
16 Michael Murray	29 Erika Guilbault
16 Patricia Nye- Schmitz	29 Jeremiah Lingsch
17 Ben Canning	29 Rama Tahirovic
17 Jake Canning	30 Jaclyn Hansen
18 Danny Canning	30 Sandra Mogelvang
18 Nora Savoretti	
19 Loren Garner	





2 Don & Mary Thomas
4 Dan & Jaclyn Hansen
18 Duane & Nancy Jones
19 Walter & Joanne Hartfelder
22 Bob & Linda Lambertsen
23 Kevin & Kim LaFemina
30 Kyle & Abby Ray

• There is a new Pictorial Directory coming to your mailbox at church!

- You can choose to be a full member or an Associate member of our church? This is especially nice for winter visitors who would like to feel that they are a part of our church family and by becoming Associate Members, they have voting rights for the business of the church.
 - Our services are livestreamed on YouTube each Sunday at 8:00 am, but you can watch any time that is convenient for you. View our Livestream on YouTube, which can be accessed from our website.
 - The bulletins are posted weekly on our website so you can follow along when you are watching the livestream. Just go to the website at graceofnaples.com and click on Bulletins.
 - There may be people in our congregation who could use an occasional ride to church. Are you available or would you be interested in pairing up with someone who could give you a ride? Call the church office to let us know if you would like to connect with someone!
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Weekly Events

 <p>Cool Moms Bible Study--Tuesdays 9:00 am Resumes Sept. 5 Contact Kami Jo</p> <p>Adult Bible Study-- Wednesdays Resumes in October 10:30 am Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Women's Bible Study--Thursdays 10:00 am Contact Kami Jo</p>	<p>Wednesday Dinner and Prayer Service Will Resume in October</p> <p>Men of Grace--Tuesdays 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30 pm Will Resume in the October</p> <p>Grief Share Thursdays, 1:00 pm Will Resume in the Fall</p> <p>Quilters--Tuesday's, 10:00 am Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Knitters--Tuesdays, 10:00 am Will Resume in the Fall</p>	 <p>Choir Rehearsals will resume September 6th</p> <p>Choristers Wednesday, 4:15 pm</p> <p>High School Choir Sunday, Noon</p> <p>Adult Choir Wednesday, 7:00 pm</p>
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Missionary of the Month

Dear Sisters and Brothers of God's Family at Grace,

We are blessed to have as our Missionary of the month, Jay and Julie Dass. You probably remember them from Julie's wonderful work with the Voice of Faith, a Christian outreach to Muslim and Sikh communities here in Florida.



Out of this mission, change came to take them in a new direction. Jay went to seminary and became Pastor Dass. He was ordained into the Holy Ministry of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. God be praised!

Now after 40+ years of being American citizens and living here in Naples and attending Faith Lutheran Church, Rev. Jay Dass and his faithful Spirit-filled wife Julie, have moved back to their home country and are taking up God's mighty work of starting The Lutheran Confessional Church Pakistan.

This is not a *walk* of faith, but a *giant leap* of faith, and we see God's hand at every turn, opening the doors to make this dream a reality. They already have a group of young men who are studying and training for the office of Lutheran Pastor. They have baptized many people and have instructed many who now receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper! People are hungry for the Good News of Jesus.

The mission statement of the LCCP is: *Empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments and in grateful response to God's grace, the mission of the Lutheran Confessional Church Pakistan is to vigorously make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches and communities in Pakistan.*

Their Mission Priorities are to evangelize and disciple the lost; plant and sustain Lutheran churches; support and expand multilingual theological education; provide human care in proximity to Word and Sacrament ministries; strengthen and support the Lutheran family in living out God's design; nurture the spiritual, emotional, and physical wellbeing of pastors and professional church workers; and to collaborate with LCMS/Eurasia to maximize mission effectiveness.

Pastor Jay Dass and Julie are 3rd generation Christians. They emigrated from Pakistan to the United States in the 1980's, have two adult sons, and joined the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in 2010. In 2016, Jay began his Lutheran education through Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and has served as Vicar at Living Faith Lutheran Church in Cumming, GA, under the supervision of Rev. Timothy J. Drogemuehler. Julie, whose heart for sharing Jesus is contagious, is Jay's partner in ministry and is currently studying to become a deaconess in the LCMS. Jay and Julie are now serving in Pakistan under the leadership and supervision of Rev Jim Krikava, the Eurasia Mission Director and in partnership with several LCMS churches. Having been raised in Pakistan, Pastor Dass knows the language and culture. He is being led by the Holy Spirit to take true Lutheran theology into Pakistan, plant a church and share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ with non-believers.

In January 2020, their third visit to Pakistan, Pastor Jay and Julie were given the duties to assist nine students in preparation for their move to Riga, Latvia. Then... a pandemic hit and the world shut down. Flights were grounded. Seminary was closed. All plans were on hold. Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand. Proverbs 19:21 Jay and Julie spent the next 10 months relying on God's provisions and the Holy Spirit's guidance. During this time God's relief work was done among the poor and outcast Christians in Muslim dominated Pakistan. More than 25 families heard the Word of God and hungrily received Lutheran teaching.

The ministry began to spread like a Holy fire. This is the work of the Holy Spirit! Amazingly since then, 12 pastors from existing Christian churches in Pakistan have agreed to enter the seminary pastoral colloquy program and to have their congregations Catechized. Thanks be to God!

You can connect with Jay and Julie and their mission by going to lccpmission.org, where you can donate online, subscribe to their newsletter, and donate to the cause.



Tune in for good Lutheran music and Bible teaching.

KFUO (850 kHz) is a non-commercial AM radio station licensed to Clayton, Missouri and serving Greater St. Louis. It has a Christian talk and teaching radio format. KFUO is one of the oldest continuous operating Christian radio stations in the United States, with its first broadcast on October 26, 1924; 98 years ago. Owned and operated by The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), its radio studios and offices are in the LCMS headquarters in Kirkwood, Missouri.

KFUO is a daytimer station. By day, it is powered at 5,000 watts, using a non-directional antenna. Because KFUO operates on the same frequency as Class A KOA (AM) Denver, KFUO must sign off at sunset. As such, the on-air hours vary depending on time of year. The station's website plays sacred music when the 850 signal is dark. KFUO broadcasts using HD Radio technology. The transmitter is on the grounds of the Concordia Seminary in Clayton.

You can connect online at KFUO.org.



September 2023

Life is full of starts and stops, but the Lord looks at all our lives in one grand design. Our estate plans dwell in the grand design vision, instead of focusing only on the moment. Bev and Frank were sitting out on their porch one evening reflecting on the events of their lives. Since marriage, they had lived in five different cities, as jobs had led them. Children's school events had once captured their lives. Now their local pickleball tournaments take up much of their time. They smiled and cried together as they reflected on life's events. But then Frank said, "Life just feels disjointed. With all the twists and turns, what was the purpose?" Bev responded, "Do you remember that verse from Bible study the other night? I think it was Colossians 3:17. Pastor made us memorize it. 'Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.' I'm pretty sure that's the point, don't you?" "You are right," Frank said. "Do you think our estate plans reflect that confidence or should we call the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor who spoke at Church last week?" Bev replied, "Let's call her. I want to celebrate Jesus in all our life stages."

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you too. Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or email tony.hunt@lfnf.org.