



Grace Lutheran Church

HILLTOP LIGHTS OCTOBER 2019



Making Believers, Growing Disciples, Developing Leaders

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WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

October 6	17th Sunday after Pentecost	Setting 10	<i>Increasing Faith</i>	
	7 & 8 Grade Chimes play at 10:30 AM Soup and Pie Supper Rita will take blood pressures and blood sugars between services.			
October 13	18th Sunday after Pentecost	Grace Alive	<i>As Simple as That</i>	
	Fall Shepherd Gathering between services.			
October 20	19th Sunday after Pentecost	Setting 4	<i>She Persisted</i>	
	Adult Chimes will share music.			
October 27	Reformation Sunday	Setting 6	<i>Continue in My Word</i>	
	Sophomores confirm their faith at 10:30 AM			



SOPHOMORES CONFIRM THEIR FAITH on Reformation Sunday, October 27 at the 10:30 worship. Please pray for these young people who make their commitment to discipleship: Kallie Bowman and Jazlyn White. Thank you to their mentors and teachers.



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED OCTOBER 20
The recognition will be at both services that day. A New Member Orientation will meet on Sunday, October 20 at 9:15 AM in the meeting room across from the offices. This is an opportunity to meet congregation leaders and learn about the many ministries of Grace. A tour of the building is included. If you or anyone you know would like to join Grace, please let Pastor Siri or the office know.



Noisy Offering Update
Some of the noisy offering went to purchase the story Bibles and adult Bibles for the pews. The faith and family will be designating the next ministry for the offering soon. Each month \$33 is taken from the noisy/Sunday school offering to provide support for the Dalit student in India that we sponsor. Thank you for your generosity in helping our children learn to share.



MUSIC MINISTRY
ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE! 

Adult Chimes rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM.
Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.
Singing Men rehearses at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 2.
Singing Women rehearse at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, October 30.
7th/8th Graders play at 10:30 AM worship on October 6th.
Children's Music and Youth Chimes meet during Sunday school.

Stewardship Sunday is November 10

On November 10, we will celebrate the ministry we have done in Jesus' name over the past year and look ahead to what we might do in 2020.

We will have Sunday school at 9:15 AM with one worship service at 10:30 am followed by a congregational meal.

More information will be coming this month so that you might prayerfully consider how you will participate in Christ's mission through Grace with your time, talents, and treasure.

FROM THE PASTOR

As we come to October, school-year ministry has been off and running for a month. Youth groups – including the new Grace Kids for elementary aged students – have been meeting, Milestones have been marked for some of our Sunday schoolers, classes and Bible studies are off and running, and small groups are going well. Music groups have been rehearsing and adding to the worship services.

There are many ways to be involved at Grace to grow your faith, build relationships, and serve God. I would encourage you to think about how you will actively do one or all of these things in this ministry year. Each of you is important to this community of faith. God has called you here for a reason. You are needed at Grace. It might be you are needed to be a part of the worshipping community gathered on Sunday morning. It might be you are needed to share a skill or talent. It might be you are needed to lead. All of us have been called here to grow our faith and serve God. Whatever it is, I encourage you to be engaged and involved. We have a wonderful extended family of faith and you are a part of it.

Toward mid-October, our Stewardship Committee will ask us to intentionally think about how we are growing our faith and service to God through the three traditional aspects of Time, Talent, and Treasure. This month and into early November will give you opportunity to reflect and act on how God is using you for his work and his kingdom.

We celebrate this month – from our united effort to serve our neighbors *Soup & Pie* while helping ministries that serve so many to encouraging our sophomores as they affirm their baptism in the Confirmation service committing to following Jesus in the world. In between these events we will have the usual stuff going on – the activities of the congregation. It is a joy and a privilege to be a part of this place and to serve our gracious God with you.

Blessings on your October!

Pastor Siri

Pastoral Acts in September: Funerals of Kenn Anderson and Sheila Rodman

PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES



Each week Pastor Siri prays for a shepherding group of families from the congregation. You are encouraged to pray as well. May God bless the families of Grace and in these weeks:

September 29-October 5: Shepherding District 23, Zone A

Todd & Joanne Egge; Keith & Robin Nipp, Hunter, Dawson, Cassidy; Kaynen Nipp

October 6-12: Shepherding District 23, Zone B

Dorothy Egge; Stuart & Kathy Jacobson; Todd Jacobson; Siri & Jeff Sorenson, Anna, Jorey

October 13-19: Shepherding District 23, Zone C

John & Jan Camp; Becky & Mike Smith, Aiden, Brody; Kari & Neil Sorensen; Troy & Amy Thompson, Sidney, Vivienne, Daylia; Jeannie & Warren Wallin

October 20-26: Shepherding District 1, Zone A

Kay & Dana Dahlquist; Duane & Jan Eisenberg; Keith & Judy McKittrick; Betty Newberg; Merle & Millie Nussbaum; Sue & Terry Soutar; Darren & Marcy Stotesberry, Mercede, Abby

October 27-November 3: Shepherding District 1, Zone B

Paul Berndt; Mac & Bev Hesser; Connie Houck; Shelby & Brady Marsh, Addison, Aubrey; Shirley Quick; Gerald & Julie Zwak



The Email Prayer Chain is organized to pray for members' requests and concerns. Sharon Dierks, the coordinator takes requests and then contacts the members who pray. To make a request or be added to the prayer chain, contact Sharon at dsdierks2@gmail.com or 271-0359.

Dave Dierks opened with Devotions. Next meeting will be **October 1, 2019** with Evangelism.

Present: Jeff Eckhoff, Pastor Siri, Brad Schriber, Deb Schriber, Brian Penn, Joyce Cunningham, Rita Blake, Roger Peters, Dave Dierks, and Robin Hofkamp.

Secretary's Report: Approved

Old Business:

1. Pastor Siri sent out committee requests for the completion of worksheets that are due in November to get approval for the 2019 budget at the annual meeting. Updates can be obtained from Roger as to 2018 budget numbers.
2. Jeff sent out emails for the Long-Range Planning Committee to follow-up with subgroups. Reports are to be ready for the Nov. council meeting.
3. Grace Lutheran will not be taking on the LSS afterschool program because of facility requirements.
4. God's Work Our Hands Sunday: Hot dogs & cookies will be served. Gift bags put together for Cleveland Elementary.
5. The church van is currently at Egge Transmission in need of an alternator. Discussed selling it with Todd assisting in the sale. Motion was approved that the proceeds will be used to provide future transportation costs for camps, gatherings, etc.

New Business: Nominations for various committee members who will be going off are being accepted to be ready for the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Total deposits through August 31, 2019 were \$230,084.93. Expenses for same period were \$242,057.58. Checking account balance at the end of August was \$18.79. Payroll taxes and Benevolences are up to date and up from last year at this time. We had to borrow \$3,400.00 from the Berg Fund. (We are up \$14,000 from last year and expenses are down \$4,000.)

Pastor's Report: Submitted written report. Prepped for upcoming SS, and Confirmation activities. Officiated one wedding and attended Pastor Odland's funeral. Met with music committees, ended drive by prayer for the year, assisted in downtown Fawick Park services, and will be working with the ELCA to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Women Pastors in the ELCA.

Worship: Ready for Sunday. Used a Thrivent Card for expenses. Looking to order poinsettias for Christmas. Raised \$900 with the Golf Outing.

Stewardship & Management: 51 families are signed on for Simply Giving. Stewardship Sunday is coming soon with a 4 part/ 4-week campaign.

Women of Grace: Preparing for Soup and Pie supper and discussing where to donate proceeds. Attendance has trended down a bit. Tickets go on sale September 15.

Communications & Tech.: Becky has created a slide show including all of the summer activities held through Grace this year.

Music Ministry: Choir and Chimes begin this week. Sound equipment has been organized. New tables for chimes were purchased by Nick. Music meetings have been set to collaborate upcoming music activities.

Faith and Family: Work has been done for the SS program to begin this week with all previous teachers returning. New youth program established to begin the following week. New pew bibles have been labeled and ready. The library has set up a display of new books and videos for members to check out.

Parish Nurse: Report submitted

Executive: No report

Church & Society: Toilet paper challenge has been set for November 3rd. They have met with Long-Range Planning Committee members, Katie Archer and Karen Shea

Property: Report Submitted. HVAC discussed to be added to the Capital Improvement Plan.

Youth and Young Adult: Report Submitted. Youth groups begin the 8th / HS and 11th/MS. Calendars for sale Oct.13 Trunk or Treat will be Oct 31st.

Evangelism: No Report

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer:

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Hofkamp, Secretary

Thank you to:

- ◆ *The worship committee and volunteers for putting together the community picnic for Rally Sunday.*
- ◆ *All who provided for the garden produce table.*
- ◆ *Those who brought classroom hygiene supplies for Cleveland Elementary and to Gretchen Tweet who got a Thrivent Card to purchase items as well.*

Confirmation and Milestone

Confirmation in October

- **7th-8th Graders** continue their confirmation learning on the Old Testament in Sunday school this fall.
- **9th Graders** meet this month and next with John Archer for their unit on Lutheran Doctrines. **Mentor Breakfast** is Sunday, October 20th during Sunday school.
- **10th Graders** turn in faith statements by **October 13**; meet individually with Pastor Siri on **October 16**; and gather with family and mentors for a potluck on **October 20** at 5:30 pm.

Small Groups

Do you have an idea for a small group? Gather a couple of interested people and put a start date on the calendar. Talk to staff to get it publicized.

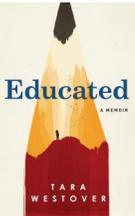
 meets Thursday, October 3 at 9:30 AM. The speaker is Chad Hohweiler from the Lion's Eye Bank. Sharon Hetland provides the treats.

Baking Group meets on Saturday, October 12 at 1:00 PM in the kitchen downstairs to make coffee treats for 10/13. For adults, youth, and school aged children

Craft & Chat is Wednesday, October 16 at 1:00 pm in the narthex. Bring a project to work on with others. **Note the change of day and time.**

Men's Prayer Breakfast meets on Tuesdays, October 8 and 22 at 6:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and rolls provided.

Grief Support Group meets Tuesday, October 9 at 10:00 AM in the meeting room across from the office. This group is for people who have experienced a loss of any kind.

 **A Novel Idea** book group meets Sunday, October 27 at 9:30 AM in the Meeting Room. The book for October is **Educated** by Tara Westover. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

NEW SMALL GROUP—GRACE GAMES
This new group begins Sunday, October 20. Meet at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to play board games and have fellowship. This is an initial meeting and those who come will talk about meeting times and format for future meeting times. All are welcome!

 **CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS** – You are invited to the Annual Shepherd Gathering from 9:30 to 10:15 on Sunday, Oct. 13. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats. The Shepherding Committee's goal for the Gathering is to help you get acquainted with other shepherds and to increase your comfort in carrying out your calling to be a shepherd. To do that we invite you to engage in our refresher course offered during this morning's Gathering—SHEPHERDING 101. Come share your questions, ideas, successes, discomforts, what worked and what didn't work so well. Some of us have been Shepherding a long time, some are brand new—asking what do I do now? We need each others' input -- we invite you to come and share our table conversations in this short course. (We do promise NO quizzes and NO grades). We look forward to being with you in the Fellowship Hall between services on Oct. 13.

 I would like to "thank" my church family for their prayers, cards, food, rides, cleaning my flower beds and a special "thank you" to Pastor and Rita for their visits. You are a special caring family!
Ruth Lone

 Thanks to all who joined us at our 60th anniversary open house and for all the cards and good wishes. It was a special time and will be long remembered. Thanks also for the many cards received for Sharon's 80th birthday!
Charles & Sharon Pedersen



SHETEK WOMEN'S RETREAT

October 25-26, 2019

A retreat for women of all ages. The theme is "Transformed Community." Keynote speaker is Jayne Kane, who is a life coach. Come to camp to be renewed in your faith, relax with other women in Christian community and spend time in God's beautiful creation. *Invite a friend who has not been to the retreat before and you both receive a \$10 discount! Or if you're new, you get the \$10 discount also.* Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



SOUP, PIE, AND COUNTRY STORE will be Sunday, Oct 6, 4-7:00 PM

Country Store—Silent Auction—Second Hand Heaven
Soups: Chicken Noodle, Chili, Vegetable Beef
Rolls, Juice, and Coffee. Various pies & whipped topping

Proceeds go to Youth, Banquet, Lutheran World Relief, and Women of Grace.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, Children ages 4-10 \$3, under the age of 3 are free.

You can buy tickets on Sunday, Oct. 6 at church or at the door that evening. The church will be open on Sat. Oct. 5th from 9 - 11 AM to bring food items or crafts for the Country Store. Silent Auction items can be brought on Sunday morning, Oct. 6th or in the afternoon before the event starts at 4 PM. They will be on display in the Fellowship Hall during the supper, not before. Bidding stops at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions, call Sharon Dierks at 271-0359.

Pencils for Cleveland! One of the secretaries at Cleveland Elementary let Pastor Siri know that they could use #2 pencils. If you would like to donate any, please give them to Pastor Siri.



H: Hostess
C: Co-Hostess
B: Bible Study

Martha Circle meets 9:30 AM Thursday, Oct. 17 in the Fellowship Hall

H: Rita Blake C: Marie Nesson B: Jan Camp

Hannah Circle meets 7:00 PM Thursday, Oct. 17

At Elaine Tatge's home
C: Mary Beth Jacobson B: Barb Daily

Altar Guild—Sherry & Kami Bathke/Gretchen Tweet

Kitchen upkeep & Acolyte gowns— Gail Dybdahl & Jan Camp

Sunshine Card Person—Robin Hofkamp



The Toilet Paper Challenge has begun! Our goal is to collect 7000 rolls!!! We will collect throughout the month of October to be distributed when we serve Necessities for Neighbors in November.



October is Clergy Appreciation Month! Pastor Siri devotes so much time and energy to Grace Lutheran. Let's show her our appreciation with a note or card to tell her how much we appreciate her and her ministry!!

Volunteers are needed on Sunday morning to do such things as read lessons, serve communion, greet, acolyte, run sound and screens and more. To volunteer:

- Go to www.gracelutheran-sfsd.org
 - Click on Sign Up Central
 - Find the month and date you want to serve
 - Fill in your name and contact info for the position
- If you need help contact the office and we'll help you.

Endowment News

Skip the Tax! If you are over 70 1/2, there is a way to take your required minimum distribution, skip the tax, and make a meaningful gift to support our ministry at Grace—the IRA Charitable Rollover. Contact Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Giving for information...*because you want your life to make a difference.* Contact her at kmchenry@sdsynod.org

CONTRIBUTIONS, MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

Date	Pledges, Loose, & Sunday School	Benevolence	Rent & Misc. Income	Special Funds & Memorials	Attendance
Sept. 1	\$5,233.00	----	----	\$140.00	110
Sept. 8	\$3,733.00	\$10.00	----	\$40.00	140
Sept. 15	\$2,901.00	----	\$75.00	---	181
Sept. 22	\$15343.00	\$25.00		--	169
Simply Giving				\$75.00	



Youth and Young Adult

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Youth Groups to Help at Soup and Pie

What is it: Soup and Pie Supper

When is it: Sunday, Oct. 6th from 4-7.

Where is it: Grace Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall.



Supper.

We will be working in two shifts. The first shift will be at 3:30-5:30 and the second shift from 5:15 to 7:15. Please sign up at the Soup and Pie table in the narthex.

The Middle and High School Youth Groups will be assisting in clean up and reset of tables again this year at the Soup and Pie



with the youth so it is important to get full participation please.

Each worker should wear a Thrivent "Give Generously" T-shirt. There are extras available if you don't have one or have misplaced yours. Also wear comfortable shoes, you will be on your feet the entire time. Parents are welcome and encouraged to help.

The Women of Grace have chosen to share proceeds of the event

CORN MAZE! Middle School & High School

Did you know your favorite Jellystone Park™ has a corn maze? The maze design changes each year, but consists of over 7 acres of twists, turns and dead ends carved into corn stalks that reach over your head! It is an experience certain to fulfill your appetite for fun!

The corn maze is open to the public, so no need to be camping at Jellystone Park to take in the fun! And with your admission to the corn maze, you get in on all the fun at Jellystone! The Jumping Pillow, Wagon Rides, visits from Yogi Bear™ and crew, and all other fun activities going on are included in your admission!

Where: Yogi Bear Campground

When: Wednesday, Oct. 9th

We will meet at the church at 6:30pm and return to the church at approx. 8:30pm. Drivers will be needed.

Cost is \$5.00

Contact Brian to Sign-up!

2020 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

The youth will be selling 20120
Wall calendars beginning Oct. 13
In the Narthex.

\$8.00



TRUNK OR TREAT is Halloween Evening, Thursday, October 31st from 5:30-7:00 pm. Trunk decorating is at 5:00 pm in the parking lot. Candy is provided! If you would like to do a trunk, contact Brian. Invite your friends and neighbors to come.

Grace Kids for K-5th grade meets from 6:30-7:45 pm on Wednesdays Oct. 9 and 23. Friends are welcome. RSVP on *Sign Up Central* if you plan to attend.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Holy Communion 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 4-7:00PM Soup, Pie, Country Store	7	1 6:30 PM Committees 7:30 PM Council 7:00 PM AI-Anon	2 6:15 PM Hand chime choir 6:30 PM Middle school youth 6:30 PM Singing Men 7:00 PM Celebrant Choir	3 9:30 AM Aging Gracefully	4	5
13 Holy Communion 8:00AM 7 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Shepherd gathering 7:00 PM High school youth group	14	15 7:00 PM AI-Anon	16 1:00 PM Craft & Chat 6:15 PM Hand chime choir 6:30 PM Middle school youth 7:00 PM Celebrant Choir	17 9:30 AM Martha Circle 7:00 PM Hannah Circle	18	19
20 New Members Received 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM New Member orientation 9:15 AM Mentor breakfast 3:00 pm Game Small Group 5:30 PM Confirmation potluck 7:00 PM High school youth group	21	22 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 PM AI-Anon	23 6:205515 PM Hand chime choir 6:30 PM Middle school youth 6:30 PM Grace Kids 7:00 PM Celebrant Choir	24	25	26
27 Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday school & Adult bible study 9:30 AM Book Club 10:30 AM Affirmation of Baptism 7:00 PM High school youth group	28	29 7:00 PM AI-Anon 7:00 PM Norwegian Genealogy	30 6:205515 PM Hand chime choir 6:30 PM Middle school youth 6:30 PM Singing Women 7:00 PM Celebrant Choir	31  5:30-7:00 PM		

- Oct 1 Todd Beckman
- Oct 1 Wymond Hall
- Oct 2 Carla Erickson
- Oct 2 Justin Waddell
- Oct 3 Robin Hofkamp
- Oct 3 Rick Jorgensen
- Oct 5 Kimberly Jacobson
- Oct 5 Laurie Jorgenson
- Oct 6 Tim Hillman
- Oct 7 Virginia Bayer
- Oct 8 Dorothy Sand
- Oct 8 Jan Utterback
- Oct 9 Delores Mullen
- Oct 10 Carl Johnson
- Oct 10 Kay Rose
- Oct 11 Amanda Fosheim
- Oct 11 Darin Groos
- Oct 11 Barb Meirose
- Oct 12 Kylie Stoterau
- Oct 12 Samuel Butler
- Oct 13 Alex Stavrenos
- Oct 14 Eric Wilde
- Oct 16 Cole Johnson
- Oct 19 Myrna Hammond
- Oct 19 Hunter Nipp
- Oct 20 Marcy Stotesbury
- Oct 21 Ben Clarke
- Oct 21 Mike Smith
- Oct 22 Vicki Meirose
- Oct 23 Cade Bruggeman
- Oct 23 Cortney Finley
- Oct 23 Daryl Sagness
- Oct 24 Ernie Tweet
- Oct 25 Brooke Penn
- Oct 25 Deanna Rollag
- Oct 25 Joelle Camp
- Oct 26 David Stoterau
- Oct 27 Glen Koch
- Oct 27 Austin Nelson
- Oct 27 Merle Nussbaum
- Oct 28 Dick Lone
- Oct 29 Darold Heckenlaible
- Oct 29 Katelyn Malwitz
- Oct 30 Pam Smith
- Oct 30 Ella Haase

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