

# AMAZING GRACE

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## Next Step – with Jesus

Every Fall is the start of a new school year. Students advance in their studies, learn and grow. Jesus encourages us to grow as his disciples throughout our lives too. We have many opportunities here at Grace to do just that. They are for all ages. We don't graduate out of studying God's Word. Our Lord Jesus feeds and nurtures our faith, equips us for life, guides us, renews our spirits, helps us to grow as his disciples and so much more through time in God's Word. This year August 27<sup>th</sup> has been identified as our Rally Sunday. It is a time when we highlight our opportunities to learn and grow in Faith and understanding. Let's highlight many of our opportunities for all ages.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages each Sunday morning at 9:15. The **Gospel Gang** for elementary school age youth meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:15 PM. **Catechism** for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be Wednesdays at 6:15 PM starting September 6<sup>th</sup>. **Luther League** for High School age will begin a new year Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 PM at Bud's Reservation. Please, be encouraged to invite your neighbors, friends and anyone to participate in these opportunities for our youth.

Women and men meet together for study and fellowship and growth in prayer and life. **This may be the next step the Lord is inviting you to participate in – to be part of a Growth Group.** The women of the church have three circles that meet monthly. Circle 1 meets the first Wednesday at 1:30 PM, Circle 2 the first Monday at 7 PM and Circle 3 the third Tuesday evening at 7 PM. Please check the church calendar for details. The Men's Group meets the third Monday at 7 PM.

We will be starting another **Life-to-Life Discipleship group** this Fall. This is a season where the group meets regularly together as we seek to grow as followers of Jesus walking beside one another in our time with Jesus and his word. Last year's group continues to meet together encouraging one another in faith and life. Others have asked us if we would start another group. If you are interested, please let us know and we will seek to find a time that works for us to gather and grow together as followers of Jesus.

All of these are open groups providing you with opportunities to connect and grow as disciples with God's people here at Grace. We are also very **open to adding new groups** as they are needed or desired. I will share some examples of groups I have seen at other churches to possibly inspire conversations about what groups might be helpful or desired here at Grace. These examples include; Young adults, Couples, Crafters, Outdoor activities, a JOY group (Just older Youth) or whatever other unmet life groups that might enrich our lives in faith.

The Bible teaches us that churches are to be disciples, make disciples, teach God's Word, and point others to Jesus just as the Holy Spirit points us to Jesus as the Way the Truth and the Life.

See You in Worship,

*Pastors Bert and Shelly Schultz*



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Luther League Kick Off

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Catechism Starts

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Gospel Gang Kick Off

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Choir Practice Starts

Thursday, September 7:  
Praise Band Practice Starts

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***Deadline for the next  
newsletter is  
September 25***

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Church Administrative Council

### Minutes

**August 13, 2023**

John Pence, called the August 13, 2023, meeting to order with the following CAC members present: Scott Klopfenstein, Seth Regula, Bert Regula, Garrett Serr, Pastor Shelly, Pastor Bert, Matt Kohler, Roger Detrick, and Tanya Hinegardner. Seth Regula had the devotion about why bad things happen to good people.

Secretary's report was approved as presented. Matt Kohler moved and Scott Klopfenstein seconded the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Bert Regula, presented the treasurer's report for July 2023. Total receipts for July are \$20,705.95 and expenses were \$17,099.75. The ending balance in the checking account on 07/31/2023 was \$61,697.61. The June 30<sup>th</sup> mutual fund balance was \$69,621.93. July was a good month. Roger Detrick moved and Seth Regula seconded the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

#### **\*Pastor's Report for the month of August 2023**

##### **Pastoral Visitation for July**

Home Visits	8
Office Visits	20+
Ministry Meetings	10
Hospital Visits	6

VBS Closing service – Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

We have also participated in a variety of other parish and community interactions which include phone calls, emails, texts, and other activities.

##### **Informational Updates**

- Adult Sunday school studying God's purpose for us, Acts 1:8 – service, and spiritual gifts
- VBS July 17-21 – Erin Stinebaugh, director and Lori Wiswell, assistant director; 96 youth and 53 volunteers, week of Standing Strong in God's Truth Ephesians 6:10-17
- Thank you for vacation July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>, a few days in Cleveland and time for a family reunion
- Thank you for the days for Pastor Shelly to care for her mom's health needs
- Catechism will be beginning soon – Three 8<sup>th</sup> graders and maybe four 7<sup>th</sup> graders

##### **NALC Informational Updates**

- NALC Convocation August 7-11; Grace delegates attending Linda Jenkins, Kathy Klopfenstein, Joyce Regula
- Bishop Dan Selbo was reelected bishop of the NALC for four-year term
- Increasing number of seminarians for pastoral ministry
- 490 congregations in the NALC
- NALC Disaster Response sent to Lahaina, Maui, Friday, August 11

##### **Continuing Education**

- "Being Faithful to Christ" The Great Lakes Symposium on

Christian Worldview, Colson Center, Traverse City, MI, July 27, 2023, live-streamed on-line viewing

##### **\*Old Business**

- Fresh Eyes Summit report. Matt Kohler and Marcia Davis met and looked at getting banners for out front by the sign and having a Back to School Prayer at the school which will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>. We agreed to a budget of \$1,000 for the banners. Seth Regula moved and Bert Regula seconded. Motion approved.
- Pastor's scholarship update. Ethan Zimmerman a 2<sup>nd</sup> year seminary student will be preaching on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We agreed to pay him \$750.00 to help with his expenses. Garrett Serr moved and Scott Klopfenstein seconded. Motion carried.
- Substitute for our One Call System. (Dial My Calls) It was agreed to purchase Dial My Calls for \$250.00. Bert Regula moved and Tanya Hinegardner seconded. Motion carried.
- Nominating Committee update. The committee has not met yet.
- Safety Plan update. John Pence will talk with Dennis Weaver about training the greeters on safety.
- Update on Church's Website. Pastor Shelly is working with Pat Shuff on this.
- Veteran's Ride on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The chips in the kitchen will be donated for snacks.

##### **\*New Business**

- Rally Day Plans – August 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School at 9:15 am and Church at 10:30 am (inside) with a carry-in dinner to follow also inside
- It was decided not to purchase a 10x20 canopy for outdoor service because of the work to put it up and a safety issue if it storms
- Nikki taking vacation August 28<sup>th</sup> – September 5<sup>th</sup>

##### **Committee Reports:**

**Choice:** Tanya Hinegardner – Thrivent Choice met on August 9, 2023. The minutes were read from the last meeting on May 10, 2023, and approved by Dick Jenkins and Jodi Dickman. The treasurer's report was read and as follows: August 1, 2023 balance was \$8,727.74, a small deposit was made on July 6<sup>th</sup> and the total deposits for 2023 were \$918.00. The amount spent for 2023 is \$501.00. The balance left to spend in 2023 is \$1,277.00. The committee agreed to donate \$400.00 to one of our members on the prayer list and it was approved by Tanya Hinegardner and Traci Myers. They also agreed to donate \$150.00 to the marriage weekend and it was approved by Traci Myers and Tanya Hinegardner. They also agreed to donate \$50.00 to the seminary student that is going to preach in September and it was approved by Susan Ware and Jodi Dickman. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

**Education:** John Pence & Marcia Davis – No report received.

**Endowment:** Matt Kohler – Meeting on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss match day targets.

**Friendship:** Marcia Davis – No report received.

**Lay/Witness:** Bert Regula – Meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.

**Youth:** Garrett Serr – Luther League – The eight picnic tables are completed and in Shelter House. Kick off for Luther League will be September 4<sup>th</sup>. Lori Wiswell is working on getting updated teen and parent information for communication. Gospel Gang – will resume September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship:** Seth Regula – Meeting on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Mission:** Scott Klopfenstein – No report received.

**Property & Trustee:** Roger Detrick, Scott Klopfenstein & John Pence – No report received. Parsonage ductwork will be done sometime in the fall. One of the two storm windows that needed repaired has been taken care of. If anyone would like an old picnic table please let Roger, Scott, or John know and they will draw names for them on Rally Day. Pastor Bert is going to check about how to dispose of the old cross that was in the yard.

**\*Any other business before adjourning?**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tanya Hinegardner, Sec.

### **Committee Reports**

**Mission Committee:** The Mission Committee met on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with 5 members present and Pastor Wayne as guest. Pastor Wayne had attended the NALC convocation as a Ministry Agent of the NALC and made quite a few new connections. Pastor Wayne will be visiting 2 NALC churches in Minnesota and will be speaking about the Tanzania Orphanage and Outreach Ministry at both. The dates for him to visit and speak are September 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>. We are still awaiting on the decision of the grant that was submitted and received by Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland, Ohio. They will have a congregational vote sometime this fall to decide who the recipients of the grant will be. One Plus God ministries is working with the NALC to get Tunsibilege and Ndumieshi (social worker and evangelist) recognized as Global Workers. Morgan Lambert (maiden name is Horn) is from the New Hampshire, Ohio area and is now working and training with One Plus God ministries. The Mission Committee all agreed that Morgan could participate in the Mission meetings representing OPG and possibly join the Mission trip to Tanzania in 2024 if it works out for her. Pastor Wayne will still be heavily involved in our ministry, but is getting busier and busier, and since Morgan is from the area it is a good idea for her to get familiar with our Tanzania ministry so that she can help publicize and grow it. Morgan does have her Bachelors in Psychology and is a professor at Rhodes State College. Details are being worked out for the 2024 Tanzania mission trip and the final price has been confirmed to \$4,300 per person. The finalized itinerary and payment schedules should come out in the next couple of weeks. Once we have these details we will send out the information to those interested in attending. From Grace Lutheran Church we have at least 8 interested and any others are still welcome to join. The meeting ended with prayer by Greg Woolley. Submitted by Julie Klopfenstein

**Worship Committee:** The Worship Committee met on August 14, with the following members present: Rick Russell, Nancy McName, Cheryl Burch, Pastor Shelly, Seth Regula, Toni Leininger and Jen Woolley. The meeting was opened by Pastor Shelly with Scripture and Prayer. As summer is coming to a close, the fall worship schedule is soon to begin. Rick Russell is ready for the choir to return to practice and sharing their talents during worship at the 8:00 A.M. service. The first choir practice is scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>, with singing during the September 10<sup>th</sup> worship service. Praise band will have their first practice of the fall season on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Summer worship was discussed, and things went well, however there has been some discussion as to how to bring the congregation a little closer to the shelter house where the Pastors and the sound equipment is set up. With shade trees being a little distance from the shelter house, some people are feeling a little disconnected from the service as people don't wish to sit out in the hot sun. The Worship Committee and CAC are open to suggestions as to how to accomplish this. The services for the rest of the year were then discussed. Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> with an indoor service. The service will be blended with traditional and contemporary music. There will be a carry-in dinner immediately following the service, upstairs in the fellowship hall. The theme for Rally Day is "Upon the Solid Rock", as the Sunday School children will be painting rocks with scripture verses on them to be given to others in lieu of releasing balloons. September 10 a member of the Gideons will be at both service for a temple talk, and Ethan Zimmerman who is currently in seminary, will give the message.

October 15 is Thankoffering Sunday, and the Women of the church will lead both services.

October 29<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Sunday

November 5<sup>th</sup> is All Saints Day

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Grace will host the community Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 P.M.

November 26<sup>th</sup> Is Christ the King Sunday, and also the day the church will be decorated for Advent and Christmas.

December 10<sup>th</sup> Will be the Advent Choral Service at the 8:00 A.M. service.

December 17<sup>th</sup> The Sunday School Children's Christmas Program will be presented.

December 24<sup>th</sup> As Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, we will only have one service at 9:00 A.M. and then the Candlelight services in the evening at 7:00 and 10:30 P.M.

December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas morning service will be at 9:00 A.M.

We are still in need of people to help with the AV department. Pastor Shelly will check with the new confirmation students to see if any of them would be willing to help on Sundays with recording and running the sound system.

Pastor Shelly asked for suggestions about updating our Prayer List for those in need of prayer by the congregation. It was suggested that the list be segregated into two or three different parts, for those in need of immediate prayer such as surgery or an accident, and those in need of prayer for long term illnesses. It was suggested that we also put military and first responders on the prayer list as well.

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### Committee Reports Continued

The Worship Committee and Pastors are also open for ideas for a theme for our Lenten season next spring. Pastor Shelly said they would like to do something different than dramas.

Pastor Shelly asked for suggestions as to where to display the painting that the congregation won at the Shelby County Fair which was painted by a splat painter. It was suggested that the painting be framed and hung on the wall in the classroom across from the women's restroom.

The next Worship Committee meeting will be October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:

Toni Leininger

### *Thank you's*

Grace Lutheran Church,

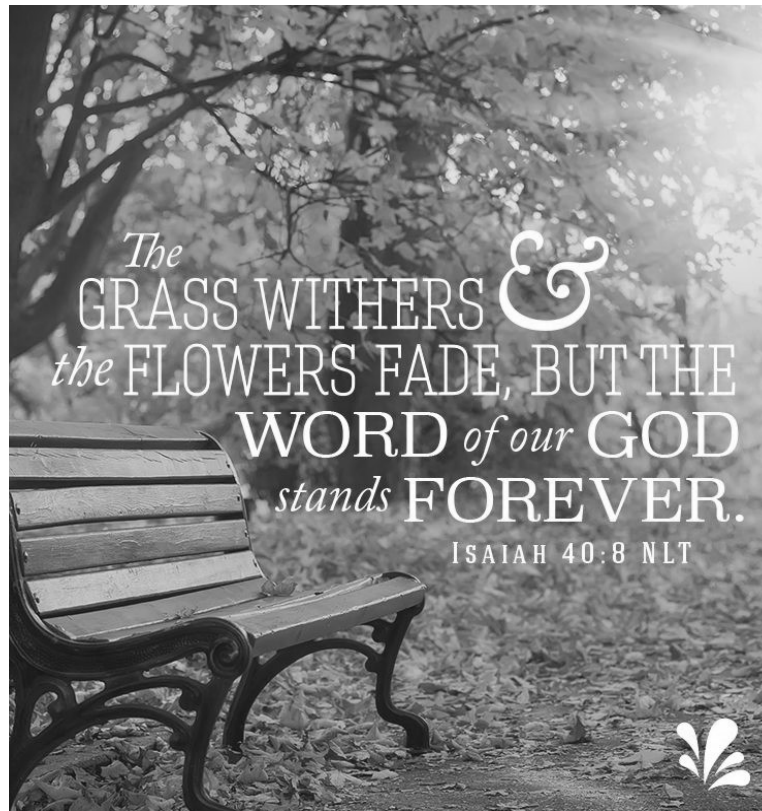
Thank you for planning a fun-filled week of Bible School and allowing our kids to join you. They're still talking about memories of the week and singing the songs. They can't wait for next year! We appreciate your church always welcoming us and sharing God's word with our kids!

Nathan & Alanna Lotz

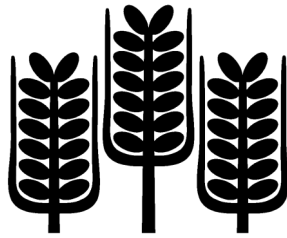
### Men's Ministry

We met on August 21, 2023. Opening prayer was given by Fritz Serr. We started our discussion with the last question under "Discipleship Matters" which is under the topic, "A Bit of Deception in All of Us". The question was, are we honest about how richly God has blessed us? Or do we use deception to justify not giving more back to His Church to further His mission? In our discussion, we came to the conclusion that no matter how much we give, He still takes care of us and we have all that we need. We moved on to "Lutheran Reflections" which was about the fact that we are born sinners and that we can only be saved by grace, not our works. Martin Luther taught that believers are simultaneously saint and sinner, prone to sin by human nature. It is important for us to understand this in order to face the challenges and temptations of our everyday life in faith. Next month, we will meet on September 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The topic: "The Church as a Family System". We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Dennis Weaver



# Grace at Worship ...



## The Season of Pentecost

The general tone for worship in the second half of the season of Pentecost is that of continued growth coupled with transition and change. In these days when those who work the land will be bringing in the harvest, we hear the themes of growth, transition, and change echoed in our lives of faith. As children head back to school or our young people leave for college, the military, or other adventures, the Church continues her slow and steady growth — even as God begins to reap the harvest. Days grow shorter in the Northern Hemisphere, and nights grow longer, but God's abiding presence never falters.

### Worship Servants for Sundays in September 2023



	<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24</b>
<b>Lessons</b>	Jeremiah 15:15-21; Ps 26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28	Ezekiel 33:1-7; Ps 32:1-7; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20	Genesis 50:15-21; Ps 103:1-12; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35	Isaiah 55:6-9; Ps 27:1-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Organists</b>	Cheryl Burch	Nancy McName	Cheryl Burch	Nancy McName
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brooke Ann Byrd	Lilly Davis	Brendan Serr	Kyle Burch
<b>Crucifers</b>	Brooke Ann Byrd	Lilly Davis	Brendan Serr	Kyle Burch
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Kristen Davis	Patty Mann	Darren Myers	Shelby Fite
<b>A/V</b>	None	Carter Klopfenstein Preston Serr	None	Ian Stengel Cortney Copeland
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Drew Stinebaugh	Kendall Hilbun	Maycee Kipker	TBA
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Karen Hatfield	April Platfoot	Cheryl Janssen	Matt Kohler
<b>Communion Preparation</b>	8:00 am	10:30 am	8:00 am	10:30 am
<b>A/V</b>	Kay Frieders	Karen Hatfield	Jill Ludwig	Karen Hatfield
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Katie Woolley Greg Woolley	Kay Frieders Greg Woolley	Krista Withrow Matt Kohler	Cheryl Janssen Rick Sailor

# Women of the Church

## **Circle 1**

Circle One met on August 2, 2023. Kay Byrd opened our meeting with a prayer and a reading. Eight members answered roll call naming their favorite hobby or hobbies. Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$210.28.

WOC project for August is collecting items for school kits for NALC disaster response. Back packs for the items are available in the vestibule. Sharon Lenhart will serve on the nominating committee for the WOC election. WOC board meeting is August 16.

Kay led our Bible study from Hosea, the prophet, about his wife, Gomer. It is really the story of God and Israel and its sinful ways. God is warning the people of Israel to repent, but Hosea also reminds them of God's love that He is willing to take us back just as Hosea takes back Gomer. God sent his Son Jesus to die for us if we repent of our sins, and turn to Him.

WOC general meeting is September 10. Cookies for Alpha Center are needed in September. Meeting was closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary,

Barb Wical

## **Circle 3**

Circle 3 met August 15th with 8 members answering roll call with a verse containing "star".

Everyone was hostess enjoying our annual picnic which was inside due to cool & windy weather. There was no duplicates on food carried in so we had to try some of everything.

Darlene Woolley led the Bible Study taken from scripture in Galatians 6:7-10. Whatever we soweth to the Spirit shall reap life everlasting. We should do good unto our fellow man who are of the household of faith. Secretary & Treasurers reports were given. The program for the September 10th General Meeting was discussed & finalized.

Our September 19th meeting will be an Eat Out night at the Wooden Shoe in Minster. Meeting @ church @ 5:30 pm. We completed 10 buckets for NALC Disaster Relief program.

Meeting closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Nancy McName, Secretary

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## **WOC Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was opened with a reading "Honk for Jesus", the reading told us how geese fly in their V formation and the ones in the back honk to encourage the ones up front to keep going. We as Christian women need to honk messages of encouragement to each other to keep the faith, to not tire from doing good and to show compassion, love and excitement about our love for each other and Jesus Christ.

Treasure Toni reported \$4261.16 in general fund, and \$971.66 collected so far for the drapery fund.

It was decided for Toni and Linda to look for sheers and drape prices to have an idea of approximately the cost of replacing all blinds in upper level, with the exception of meeting room across from ladies restroom which we neglected to check out their condition. We will report back by the General meeting or our next WOC Board meeting in Oct.

We also discussed that we need to be supporting the WNALC annually with an offering which we will finalize at October Board meeting.

Linda thanked everyone for all the cookie bakers for Picnic in the Park, all those who made food for our breakfasts last year, participated in the Fresh Eyes Summit and many other ways we serve! It was decided to bring up these items for more discussion at the General Meeting on Sept 10, 2023.

1. Do we continue with breakfast during fellowship this Fall?

2. Annual offering to the WNALC,

DISCUSSION on leaving Mission Community and Mission

Growth office in our officer listing for the WOC. We discussed that we probably need to see if there might be new activities we could do that would fall into these committees.

A "thank you" from Mary Bates was read for our donation of \$200. A "thank you" was also received from Elizabeth New Life Center for our offerings collected in the baby bottles last year of \$145. GENERAL MEETING discussion Sunday 10, 2023: Circle 3 is working on the program. Check Sunday bulletin for ways to help and items to bring for our activity that evening.

A new kit has been added to the Disaster Relief listing called "kitchen kit" as a group we hope to assemble at least 20 kits. COMMITTEE is working on a ballot for Sept meeting, if YOU would like to put your name on the ballot just let Julie Klopfenstein know. It's a good way to get connected to others.

BOARD has refreshments for the evening Toni - potato salad, Linda and Darlene- sliders, and Linda- chips, Marcia- salad and dessert, Elsa- dessert. COOKIES for ALPHA- bring to church on Sunday 10, 2023. THANK OFFERING SUNDAY- October 15th DISCUSSED- Decorations- Susan, Joyce, Kathy, and Traci. PROGRAM- Toni chair, Karen Hatfield, Marcia and Linda We have been asked about collecting change in the baby bottles again this year. We will have further discussions at General Meeting! Volunteers needed to make drinks and set out plates and table are for Rally Sunday. Marcia, Darlene and will contact Deb Serr and Elsa also.

No further business we closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Acting Sec. Linda Jenkins

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## **WOC August Collections**

Cookies for Alpha Center. Bring cookies to the church by September 10, 2023. Any questions contact Linda Jenkins, Chairperson.

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General Meeting  
Program – Circle 3

September 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm  
Refreshments – General Board







# *Grace @ Prayer*

## **Standing in the Need of Prayer**

### **Immediate Need of Prayers:**

Marge Beam, Connie Schneider, Chris Burch,  
Penny Borchers, Jennifer Sampson (Judy Sampson's daughter)  
Marilyn Metz (Jessica Schmeising's mom)

### **Prayers for Military:**

Kaden Hinegardner,  
Ryon Elmore

### **Prayers for Long-Term Situations:**

Doris Jean Frieders, Dwight Johnson, Adam Schulze, Tim Herndon, Mindy Steinbrunner, Emma Homan, Adam & Rochelle Langdon, Autumn Regula, Lisa Williams, Liz Westfall, Amy Grewe, Alex Poeppelman, Cliff Miller, Mike Clark, Paige Schneider, Carolyn Helman, Logan Heath, Jane Wildermuth, Tony Hart, Bob Klopfenstein, Cindy Herndon, Dick Shaner



## **Rounding Up and Recruiting Adult Choir Members**

We are blessed to have a wonderful group of dedicated members in the adult choir here at Grace. We are always looking for new members. As we grow in faith and reach out to "Sing His Praise", we ask God to bless our every endeavor to "Make a Joyful Noise".

POSITIONS OPEN: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, & Bass

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS: Must be able to lift a music folder & spirits of others, and be able to see the director from up to ten feet. MUST have a sense of humor.

BEGINNING WAGES: Free group singing lessons, increased personal and spiritual satisfaction, and joy in God's service.

BENEFITS: Social security with other choir members, plus guaranteed seating for all rehearsals and standing room for all performances.

EXPERIENCE: Applications being accepted from those who have sung, hummed, or whistled in the shower, bathtub, around the house, or in the privacy of one's car.

HOURS: We normally practice on Wednesdays beginning at 7:00 pm until the director gets tired or 8:00 (whichever comes first). There are occasional opportunities for overtime at a rate of thanks-and-a-half.

PERFORMANCES: Usually the second and fourth Sundays at the 8:00 service; several special dates (such as Christmas Eve); special services including the annual Carol Service (December); the annual Choir Service (April); and our annual road trip (May).

SCHEDULES: Available in the church office or see Rick Russell

FIRST PRACTICE: September 6 at 7:00 pm

QUESTIONS: Call Rick Russell at 937-693-2593 (home) or 937-538-8441 (cell) or e-mail [rickrussell@nktelco.net](mailto:rickrussell@nktelco.net)

## Upcoming Events

Monday, September 4: Luther League Kick Off  
Monday, September 4: Church Office Closed Labor Day  
Tuesday, September 5: Church Cleaning  
Wednesday, September 6: Catechism Starts  
Wednesday, September 6: Gospel Gang Kick Off  
Wednesday, September 6: Choir Practice Starts  
Thursday, September 7: Praise Band Practice Starts  
Sunday, September 10: CAC Meeting  
Sunday, September 10: Gideons Sunday with Seminarian Ethan Zimmerman joining us for worship  
Sunday, September 10: WOC General Meeting  
Friday, September 15– Saturday, September 16: Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage  
Sunday, September 17: WOC Breakfast

## Announcements

### **Attention All High Schoolers:**

Luther League Kick Off - This will be held on Monday, September 4th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at "The Reservation" which is located on Tawawa Maplewood Rd. between Wildermuth Rd. and Meranda Rd. If you need assistance to get there, please get with any of the following: Greg or Jen Woolley 937-538-1617, Darrel or Julie Klopfenstein 937-726-6402, or Cory or Lori Wiswell 937-538-7182. Bring your swim suits and towel if you would like to swim. We will discuss the coming year, play games, and have fun! Dinner will be supplied. Please RSVP to any of the individuals listed above.

On Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> **seminarian Ethan Zimmerman** will be joining us for worship. Ethan is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of seminary at the North American Lutheran Seminary NALS. We will be having a free will offering for Ethan to help with his seminary cost. Please consider contributing to his pastor training.

**JC Fire Department Tenderloin Dinner** will be Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7 pm at the American Legion Hall on College Street. Dinner includes fries, coleslaw and a drink for \$10. Come out and support the JC Fire Department.

**OPG Couples' Retreat** November 10-12, 2023 at Berlin Encore Hotel in Berlin, OH. Theme is Building Something Together Is Fun! For more information or to register at: <https://oneplusgod.regfox.com/couples-retreat-november-2023>

### **Mark your calendars. Parents of youth grades Pre. K - 6th graders-**

Gospel Gang's kickoff will be Wednesday, September 6th at 6:15pm. Our kickoff will include a lesson, wiener roast, smores and outdoor games. Meetings will be the first Wednesday of every month 6:15 pm-7:30 pm.

**Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage** is the weekend of Friday, September 15 and Saturday, September 16. Friday will begin @ 5:30 pm -9:30 pm. Saturday will begin @ 8:30 am until approximately 1:00 pm. We still have room for YOU. This is a great opportunity for young couples. Cost is \$25.00 per couple, which you will receive back in the form of a restaurant gift card at the close of Saturday. If you have questions ask any Lay Witness member. Payments are payable to Nikki in the office before September 15, 2023.

### **WOC Project for Joint Meeting on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

We will be putting together "Kitchen Kits" for NALC Disaster Response. We are asking **Circle 1** to bring dish cloths and spatulas; **Circle 2**- dish towels & measuring cups; **Circle 3**- hot pads & measuring spoons. They also need other helpful kitchen items (mini cutting board, peeler, tongs, can opener, etc.) storage containers (plastic containers from lunch meat, etc) and garbage bags (kitchen & mixed sizes). If you have duplicate, gently used items in your kitchen that you are willing to share, please put items in the basket in the south vestibule by our meeting date. We would like to include a small cookbook as well in each kit. Our goal is to create 20 kits. We will put these kits together during our meeting as a fun activity that evening. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Jenkins or Darlene Woolley. Thanks for your help.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Nikki off	2
<b>3 14th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  Linda Jenkins Dick & Linda Jenkins*	<b>4 Labor Day</b> 7:00 pm Circle 2 3:00 pm-6:00 pm Luther League <b>Church Office Closed</b>  Kyle Burch Jessica Hilbun Don & Rita Ware* Chris & Katie Mann*	<b>5</b> 9:00 am-11:00 am Cleaning	<b>6</b> 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Catechism 6:15 pm-7:30 pm Gospel Gang 7:00 pm Choir Practice  Cassi Klopfenstein Greg Couchot Mary Lee Couchot Tim Davis Ron & Melody Schneider*	<b>7</b>  5:30 pm Praise Band  Ashton VanDyke Bert & Marlene Regula*	<b>8</b>  Mick McName	<b>9</b>  Becky Copeland
<b>10 15th Sunday after Pentecost Gideons Sunday</b> 8:00 am Worship w/ Choir 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 11:30 am Lay Witness 4:00 pm CAC Meeting 6:00 pm WOC General Meeting  Morgan Kipker	<b>11</b>  Ryan & Katie Woolley*	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Catechism  Lori Burch Dan & Shannon Roberts*	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm Praise Band  Jenny Kaufman	<b>15</b> 5:30 pm Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage  Adam Kohler	<b>16</b> 8:30 am Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage  Ian Platfoot
<b>17 16th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:00 am WOC Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Men's Group  Rex Oakley	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm Circle 3 Eat Out	<b>20</b> 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm Praise Band  Shelly Zorn Bob & Shelly Zorn*	<b>22</b>  Bert Regula Jon Davis	<b>23</b>  Michelle Lippert Barb Sailor Kinnley Ackley
<b>24 17th. Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Worship w/ Choir 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion  Fritz Serr	<b>25</b> 10:00 am- 3:00 pm FISH  Pastor Bert Schultz Kent & Toni Leininger*	<b>26</b>  Jim Reese Steve Lenhart Mason Canaday	<b>27</b> 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Catechism	<b>28</b> 5:30 pm Praise Band	<b>29</b>  Mark Burch Cortney Copeland Kendall Hilbun	<b>30</b>  Roger Detrick Macy Klopfenstein Kathy Monnin John & Abby Pence*

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