

# Grace's Mountain View

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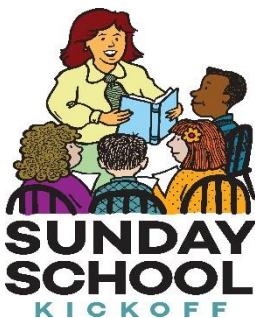
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## WHAT IS HAPPENING @ GRACE LUTHERAN?



**BACK PACK BLESSING DAY** will be on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>! Children are encouraged to attend our outdoor worship service with their parents. As we will not be holding Sunday School yet due to the Corona Virus, there will be a children's sermon as well as each child will receive a children's bulletin which will be their lesson for the day. Students are encouraged to bring their back packs that day as there will be a "Blessings of the Back Packs".



Our theme for this year is "Power Up With Jesus" based on Galatians 2:20---*It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.* Come September 13<sup>th</sup> and see what is planned for the 2020-2021 Sunday School year! Children age 4 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend. See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!



We will be continuing with online and outdoor worship service through the month of September. The Council will be holding a meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. to decide what the next steps will be. Stay tuned for further details.



Confirmation class is due to begin Wednesday, September 16. We are utilizing the large kitchen area to safely distance each student at their own table during instruction. Pastor Ann will be in touch on any specifics or changes to this start date. (Depends on DL School discussions.)



September 2020

Robb used to get a magazine called THE OLD HOUSE JOURNAL. One of the regular features was called, "The mushroom effect." People would tell about changing a light bulb, finding out that the socket was loose, discovering that the board holding the socket was starting to rot which was caused by a leak in the roof.....some of the stories were pretty dramatic and were a great reminder of how regular maintenance is vital. I'm probably thinking along those lines today because my car in getting serviced and they just called to tell me to consider changing some filters I didn't even know existed....and Robb has been painting his mom's garage and has discovered places where he needed to scab in some wood where it has rotted away.

A couple of weeks ago, Dr. David Lose from Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis had titled a blog post, "The butterfly effect." It's the notion that the flapping of a butterfly's wings can affect the weather because of the compounding of the changes that occur. Our everyday faith practices can make a difference in our character and behavior in far greater proportion than we may acknowledge. We learn to be generous by regular proportionate giving. We strengthen our relationship with God through daily prayer and study. Regular worship and service give us a sense of purpose and give witness to the community.

We know that the simple act of wearing a mask has become a point of contention for people and some judge the character of others upon whether they wear one or not. I wear one for the sake of those around me. I see it as a means of loving my neighbor as myself. Likewise, the council is making decisions regarding worship, not as a matter of "our rights", but how does our behavior affect our neighbors? Our next council meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup> and we will re-evaluate our worship practices according to the information available at that time. We are scheduled to continue with parking lot worship through the end of September. We will keep the congregation informed and remember that you are always welcome at the beginning of council meetings if you wish to share information or have questions of the council. Blessings to you as the summer winds down!

God's peace,

Pastor Ann

# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
September 6, 2020	Psalms 119:33-40	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 13, 2020	Psalms 103:1-13	Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 20, 2020	Psalms 145:1-8	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
September 27, 2020	Psalms 25:1-13	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32



**THANK YOU** to Thanks to Jim Brogren Jr. who is posting our virtual worship service on Grace Lutheran's Face Book page and our web page [www.gracelutherandl.org](http://www.gracelutherandl.org)

**THANK YOU** to Lois Flatau for keeping our flowers looking so beautiful!

**THANK YOU** to Gerry Nybo and Jerry Schwoboda for installing the confirmation directory hardware which will hold the confirmation classes in the history of Grace Lutheran!

## JULY FINANCIALS 7/31/2020

Total monthly giving	\$\$6,389.00
Total monthly expenditures	\$9,712.28
Checkbook balance	\$138.72
Rainy Day Fund balance	\$18,310.90
Savings Account balance	\$2,507.62
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,018.89
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,137.72

# YOUR GIVING MATTERS!



**NOISY OFFERINGS WILL BE TAKEN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>!** The offerings will be going to the Back Pack Program which provides weekend meals for those children in need.

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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**September 4**  
Shane Renner

**September 7**  
Gerald Sloan

**September 8**  
Karen Bunnis

**September 16**  
Vivian Wittnebel

**September 21**  
Andrea Brogren Jr.

**September 22**  
Ethan Endersbe

**September 23**  
Nick Honer

**September 26**  
Kelly Carrier

**September 28**  
Vern Herman

**September 29**  
Lillian Nybo

**September 30**  
Allison Bristlin

# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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**September 1**  
Ryan & Rebecca Esser  
Dan & Machel Krenzel

**September 6**  
James & Clarice Zick

**September 15**  
Gary & Dona Rosell

**September 21**  
Dennis & Elaine Forsell

**September 30**  
Shane & Kim Renner

*God Bless You  
On your  
Anniversary*

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.

### **NURSING HOME MINISTRY:**

*Don't forget our members in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities.*

Emmanuel Nursing Home-1415 Madison Ave.  
Red Sloane, Phyliss McLeod

Frazee Assisted Living  
**Wilma Leitheiser**  
(219 West Maple Ave. #20, Frazee, MN 56544)

# IT'S A GRACE THING!





**“God’s work. Our hands.”  
Sunday**

**JOIN US**  
for a  
day of service

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 9,100 congregations participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” day of service. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands! Contact us for more information:

Sunday, September 13, 2020  
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
9:30 A.M. Worship Service  
10:00 A.M. Sunday School  
213 Roosevelt Ave.  
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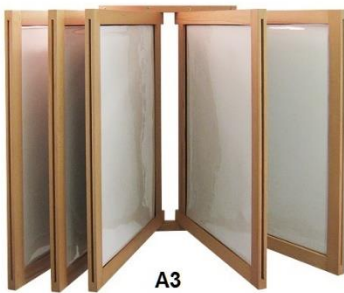
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God’s work. Our hands.



**REPLACING THE SANCTUARY WINDOWS**---It has been decided to begin the process of replacing 10 of the 20 windows in the sanctuary. (The other 10 will be done next summer.) A local contractor, Andrew Johnson, submitted the winning bid of \$15,000.00. Members can help with this project by “*sponsoring a window*” as a memorial or a tribute to their loved ones. Each window will cost \$750.00. We will be using “window donations”

and memorial money and NOT be using any general funds. Therefore, it is very important that members consider contributing to this window project. *We will begin as soon as we have the committed funds for the windows!* Winter will be here soon and time is of the essence!

Replacing the windows will be more heat efficient and cut down on the loss of heat due to the rotting windows that we currently have. You are encouraged to contact Glennis or Blace if you are willing to help with this project. If you would like more details, contact Blace Schmidt 28-841-4343.



**THE CONFIRMATION DISPLAY** is mounted and will hold the confirmation classes in the history of Grace Lutheran. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to create the display pictures. If you like to scrapbook or wish to volunteer to help put together the display, please call Glennis to arrange a time to come and work. Get together some friends and come and have fun creating while still social distancing!

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**---We are missing a few confirmation pictures and would appreciate help tracking them down. We are missing pictures of the following years: 1996, 2004, 2009, and 2013. If you know someone who was confirmed during one of these years, please let the office know so arrangements can be made to obtain the picture. Thank you!



**GARDEN PRODUCE** is ready in our community garden. Please feel free to help yourself to the produce. Thanks to Vivian Wittnebel who weeded the garden and to Becky Esser for watering the garden and cross garden.



TAKE THIS BACK TO SCHOOL QUIZ!!!!!!

**Q. How did you find school today?**

A. I simply hopped off the bus – and there it was.

**Q. What's the difference between a teacher and a train?**

A. A teacher says, "Spit out that gum!" and a train says, "Chew! Chew!"

**Q. Why did the boy eat his math homework?**

A. Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake.

**Q. Do you know how bees get to school?**

A. On the school buzz!

**Q. If you had 19 oranges, 11 strawberries, 5 apples and 9 bananas, what would you have?**

A. A yummy fruit salad.

**Q. What kind of tree does a math teacher climb?**

A. Geometry

**Q. How can you make seven even?**

A. Take away the "s".

**Q. What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?**

A. Stop going in circles and get to the point!





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Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School Sept - May 10:00 A.M.

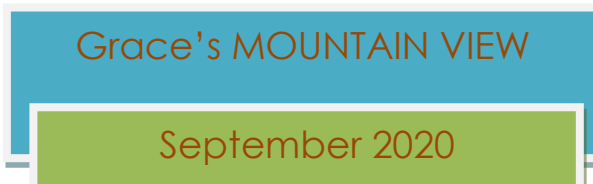
Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round

Office Hours 8:00 till Noon M – F

*“Come and join us in growing into God’s  
 amazing Grace.”*

**EXPERIENCE GRACE AT GRACE**

*Grace Lutheran Church...a place to belong*



Vision Statement---Grace Lutheran Church seeks to be a serving and witnessing people of God, united to share the Gospel with all. Through the Holy Spirit, we respond by reaching out with concern and support to the varied needs of a diverse people.

**Address Service Requested**

**A Prayer for Protection  
 During  
 the Coronavirus**

Lord, we admit that we are afraid. The spread of the Corona virus is happening rapidly and throughout the world.

We pray for healing for those who are sick. We pray for those who have lost loved ones into death. We pray for protection. We come to your throne of grace asking for you to stop the spread of this virus.

We ask that our family, loved ones, and communities be protected and not become sick.

We pray for medical providers. We pray for leaders, government officials, and those in authority that they would have the knowledge and desire to make decisions in the best interests of the people they serve. We pray for those in the media, that they would give us the information we need without creating needless fear or panic.

Lord God, you are in control of all things and we place our lives into Your hands.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray,  
 Amen.



***SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M....COME JOIN US...YOU ARE INVITED***