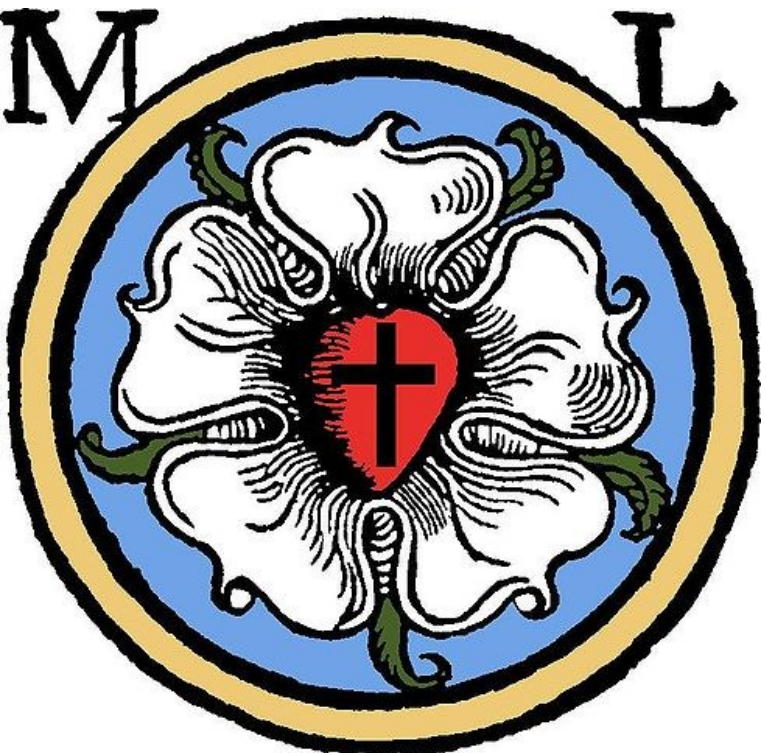


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Saturday, 5:00 PM & Sunday, 9:00 AM  
Sunday School, 10:00 AM

**Office Hours**

Monday-Thur., 8:30—12:00 / 1:00—4:30 PM  
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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Autumn brings a new rhythm to our days and weeks. Summer has a more free-wheeling pace. More summertime daylight and usually agreeable weather sends us outdoors to rest, play or work. But autumn brings a sense of getting ready for winter and pushing us indoors. We enjoy the pleasant days when they come as they are less frequent.

Autumn can also bring a more regular routine. Families with children have settled into the school routine by now. Things will change, but the schedule parameters will remain pretty constant.

Grace is also setting new routines with opportunities where you can grow and enhance our ministry. Education has always been a constant in the church. Sunday school is in full swing with coordinators Errin and Greta. If you have a child or grandchild not yet registered, now is the perfect time to get them started. Confirmation is also underway with our guides Ariel, Donna and Tom.

Just as learning does not end with graduation, it does not end with confirmation either. Christian education is certainly being exposed to Biblical writings and interpretation, but it is also about learning to live in community. These opportunities allow adults to learn but also find and provide support to one another.

The men's group meets on the first Saturday of the month. It starts at 7:30 am and lasts about an hour. Phil leads an engaging Bible study and discussion. This is a great way for men to connect with each other.

Regina will be leading a new Bible study offering. It will meet once a month on a Thursday evening. The first gathering will be on Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. It is a study built around the P.R.A.Y. model of discussion. Participants will Read the Bible, Picture the passage, Ponder its meaning and finally Put it into action. This will be a wonderful occasion for our busy and working adults to deepen their understanding and faith – while also being a fantastic example for their children and young people in the church.

Our Wednesday morning Bible study will resume on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We will look at the New Testament book of Hebrews. The women's circles' studies and activities are well underway.

There are also activities and events planned for the youth group. The first will be to try our hand and our aim at disc golf at Twining Park. We are meeting at 10:30 am on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>. This will take place during the regular time that Phil facilitates a youth Bible study.

I encourage you to participate in these opportunities as a way of building yourself up, strengthening your personal faith journey and sharing in a time of encouragement and support. If you're not quite sure what's involved or have questions before making a choice, just call Beth or Pastor John in the church office – we'll be glad to give you more information!

Pastor John

## OCTOBER BAPTISMS

**We're sorry if we missed your October baptism. If you don't see your baptism here please call the office to let us know of your baptismal date so that we may include your name next time!**

Ryan Ackerman  
Kayleigh Nesbitt  
Bohdi Riese  
Addison Kubly  
Zachary Ruch  
Caitlyn Jackson  
Annette Voegeli  
Jonathan Olson  
Dennis Everson  
Alyssa Sinkule  
Kyler Smith

Dave Beightol  
Julie Verschage  
Ellie Johanson  
Abbi Leck  
Curt Zentner  
Becky Brown  
Teresa Saugstad  
Mary Dietz  
Brian Kolden  
Lisa Miller  
Ron Balsiger

Julie KIELTY  
Brevin Whipple  
Ryan Huston  
Rich Novak  
Rachele Thompson  
Marty Balsiger  
Dennis Meighan  
Sydney Mathiason  
Anna Mae Gibbons  
Gunnison Hartley  
Mary Fields



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## OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Angie Wardlow  
Mark & Marsha Lindsay  
Hans & Helen Kneubuhler  
John & Jo Milz  
Robert & Tina Wahler  
Ron & Marty Balsiger  
Craig & Becky Kamholz

Randy & Melody Whipple  
Paul & Barb Moser  
Russ & Donna Johnson  
Bruce & Martha Breisath  
Chuck & Gail Zeitler  
Steve & Laurie Field



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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Connor Thompson	10/2	Helen Kneubuhler	10/17
Dennis Everson	10/4	Madalyn Leck	
Sarah Goebel	10/5	Dona Mauerman	
Hayley Rielly	10/6	Ryan Camron	10/19
Tereesa Schroeder		Emily Czajkowski	
Linnea Tabaka		Judy Wilhelmson	
Beverly Hudson	10/7	Lorraine Busjahn	10/20
Sydney Schultz		Nicholas Rch	
Chris Alston	10/8	Dorene Fahrney	10/21
Darci Bowman	10/9	Phil Rath	
Donna Gilbertson	10/10	Keith Rielly	
Bohdi Riese		Eric Tabaka	
Austin Camron	10/11	LaVerne Wichelt	10/22
Mary Fields		Alex Rutledge	10/24
Cindy Heins		Kim Tallman	
Richard Nelson		Glenda Camron	10/25
George "Red" Kint	10/12	Debra Kleckner-Figi	
Barb Moser	10/13	Shirley Leck	
Drew Nafzger		Adaline Hess	10/26
Rebekah Rath		Shawn Miller	
Carol Leistiko	10/14	Rose Wahler	
Rich Novak	10/15	Michael Wolfe	10/27
Matt Whipple		Roger Kubly	10/28
Dennis Timm	10/16	Roger Alston	10/30
		Sandy Bestul	
		Esther McConnell	



**We're sorry if we missed your October birthday. Please call the office to let us know of your birthdate so that we may include your name next year!**

## Sewing in October 2019

### ACOLYTES

Sat., October 5.....	Needed
Sun., October 6.....	Clara Ackerman
Sat., October 12.....	Dominick Rath
Sun., October 13.....	Ryan Mathiason
Sat., October 19.....	Kyle Ellefson-Jones
Sun., October 20.....	Ryan Mathiason
Sat., October 26.....	Dominick Rath
Sun., October 27.....	Taylor Herbst

### ALTAR GUILD

Linen Committee

### LITURGISTS

Sat., October 5.....	Timothy Olson
Sun., October 6.....	Alyssa Sinkule
Sat., October 12.....	Jim Munro
Sun., October 13.....	Ellen Mathiason
Sat., October 19.....	Trent Weber
Sun., October 20.....	Sam Mathiason
Sat., October 26.....	Beth Faith
Sun., October 27.....	Traci Newcomer

### MISSIONARY SPONSORS

October 5 & 6.....	The Mathiason Family
October 12 & 13.....	Jim Munro
October 19 & 20.....	Sydney Mathiason
October 26 & 27.....	Women of Grace

*(The Missionary Sponsorship calendar is located on the bulletin board by the church office. The cost is \$35 per week.)*

### ORGANISTS

October 5.....	Maynard Heins
October 12.....	Maynard Heins
October 19.....	Eric Tabaka
October 26.....	Maynard Heins
Sundays in October.....	Ann Uresk

### USHERS

Saturdays in October	
Sundays in October:	
	Russ & Donna Johnson and Chuck & Marilyn Ekena





## SEPTEMBER 2019 PARISH ACTIONS

### FUNERALS



Shirley Stamm, Mother of Dawn, Angela,  
Traci & Wendi  
September 7, 2019

**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES** We apologize that we do not have Council minutes from last month's meetings due to unexpected absences.

**SINGERS & RINGERS WANTED!** If you would like something fun to do approximately one hour a week, and once a month in worship, we have a spot with your name on it! We are looking for additional singers in the Adult Choir and ringers for the Hand-chimes group. They meet on Wednesday evenings for practice at 6:00 & 7:00 PM respectively. Think about it, won't you!



**WE WANT TO SHARE A BIG THANK YOU** to all the families and congregation members that took part in our Rally Day Sunday Tailgate Celebration! Special thanks to Errin Olson & Greta Rath for all their hard work. Errin & Greta are super excited for this new Sunday School adventure and are looking forward to getting to know all of the Sunday School children & families this year! Thank you! **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY** Being an usher is a wonderful way to get to know your church family! It has become increasingly difficult to find folks to serve as ushers. If you have not seriously considered this opportunity, please do. One service, or all month, we sure could use you! Call the office to inquire or volunteer. Thank you to those faithful ushers who do assist with worship regularly. Your service is appreciated and important.



**VACATION DAYS/OFFICE CLOSURES** I am trying to take my vacation days with as little impact on the office as possible. Most of these days the church building will be open, but the office itself will not be staffed. Please note that I will be gone the following days in October: October 7-8 both Pastor John and I will be at a conference and out of the office. October 9-11 (Wednesday through Friday) and October 31 (Thursday) I will also be away. Please call me with questions or concerns. Thank you! — Beth Faith

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** will be held for anyone interested in membership here at Grace, and for anyone wishing for more information. This will be a two week class, held from 10:15—11:15 AM on **Sundays, October 20 & 27**. If you know someone who would like to learn more about Grace Lutheran or is looking for a church home, please invite them to come!



**COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study** **NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY** is going to begin in October! Join Regina Weber for **Bible Basics RP3** from the P.R.A.Y. Program where we will **Read** the Bible, **Picture** the passage, **Ponder** its meaning and finally **Put** it into action. Our first study is "The Good Book." Come on **Thursday, October 10 from 6:30—7:30 PM** at church. Contact Regina Weber at 329-6339 with any questions.

**THANK YOU TO** Mike Leck, Brian Woods & Scherer Moving & Storage for helping with the Lutheran World Relief Drive this year. Your donations of time and talent and "stuff" is appreciated! Thanks also to the Quilters Group, the Women's Steering Committee, and everyone who helped to provide quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief this year. Your donations are appreciated.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & HELP!**

**GENEROSITY DAYS** was held on the square on Sept 14, 2019. The purpose of the day was having an activity that would benefit others and for the fellowship of those involved.

We had a booth that decorated and created placemats for residents at Pleasant View to enjoy. The event was sponsored by Thrivent Financial. I wrote for an Action team that gave us \$250 for all supplies and other things needed. Thrivent supplied four long tables and 12 chairs for our booth, a Grace banner, a punch and cards used to give participants that they turned in for food items.

The plain white placemats were from Kessenichs LTD in Madison. The Scherer family donated and set up the sun topper on the square. A poster was placed in the back of church asking for all occasion cards, markers, stickers and colored pencils. We did get a few and an article was but in the bulletin. I used the money to purchase all item needed, including prizes for all that made a placemat.

We gave 200 decorated place mats to Pleasant View. After the event the craft items were given to Pleasant View Activity program and to our Sunday school program.

It was very successful both with our finished project and the fellowship that we shared. The event will now be held every other year with the next on being Sept 2021.

Submitted by Barb Weldon

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A pastor said: "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

**OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY** is October 27th. Join us for a spirited worship service including the confirmation of our 9th grade students. This year we have four confirmands. Please come and help us celebrate with these young adults. Red is the color of the day for Reformation Sunday!

**Jonathan Olson**, son of Shane & Errin Olson

**Roderick Rath**, son of Phil & Greta Rath

**Matthew Sinkule**, son of Jim & Jean Sinkule

**Jaryn Wardlow**, son of Larry & Angela Wardlow



**FAMILY PROMISE GUESTS** will be at **Grace October 13-20**. Please go online to sign up and help as you are able. There are also sign up sheets in the narthex. Your donations and gifts of time to Family Promise are appreciated and continue to be needed. We are also looking for Co-Coordinator for Grace also. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Call the office with questions.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** with Pastor John will begin on **Wednesday, October 16th 9:00 AM**. We meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. We will look at the New Testament book of Hebrews.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>OCTOBER 2019</b>		<b>1</b> 9:00 AM, Sarah Circle at Church 6:00 PM, Property Committee	<b>2</b> 5:00 PM, Praise Band 6:00 PM, Choir 6:00 PM, Confirmation 7:15 PM, 9th Grade Conf. 7:00 PM, Handchimes	<b>3</b> Church Office Closed: Deacon Meeting in Madison	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 AM, Men's Break- fast & Fellowship 11:11 AM, Wedding of Abbea Schlichting & Parker Havens 5:00 PM, Worship
<b>6</b> 9:00 AM, Worship 10:00 AM, Sunday School 3rd Grade Bibles Presented 10:15 AM, 3rd Grade Bible Class w/Parents 10:30 AM, Youth Disc Golf at Twining Park 6:00 PM, Bishop's Convocation through Tuesday	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM, Women of Grace Steer- ing Committee	<b>8</b> 4:00 PM, Memorial Committee 5:15 PM, Staff Support 6:00 PM, Worship & Music	<b>9</b> 5:00 PM, Praise Band 6:00 PM, Choir 6:00 PM, 7-8th Confirmation 7:15 PM, 9th Grade Conf. 7:00 PM, Handchimes	<b>10</b> 8:30 AM, Quilters  6:30 PM—7:30 PM, Adult Bible Study w/Regina Weber	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5:00 PM, Worship
<b>13</b> 9:00 AM, Worship 10:00 AM, Sunday School 10:15 AM, 3rd Grade Bible Class w/Parents FAMILY PROMISE HERE THRU SUNDAY THE 20TH	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM, Coffee Hour w/Pastor John at Chocolate Temptations	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM, Bible Study w/Pastor John 5:00 PM, Praise Band 6:00 PM, Choir 6:00 PM, 7-8th Confirmation 7:15 PM, 9th Grade Conf. 7:00 PM, Handchimes 7:00 PM, Finance Committee	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:00 PM, Worship
<b>20</b> 9:00 AM, Worship 10:00 AM, Sunday School 10:15 AM, New Member Class	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM, Lydia Circle	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM, Bible Study w/Pastor John 5:00 PM, Praise Band 6:00 PM, Choir 6:00 PM, Confirmation 7:00 PM, Handchimes	<b>24</b> 8:30 AM, Quilters 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:00 PM, Worship
<b>27 REFORMATION</b> 9:00 AM, Worship & Confir- mation Service 10:00 AM, Sunday School 10:15 AM, New Member Class 4:00 PM, Loaves & Fishes Free Community Meal	<b>28</b> 7:00 PM, Church Council Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		