

OCTOBER 2024

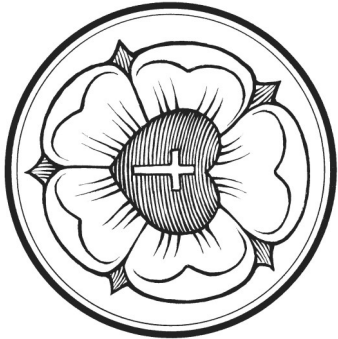


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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

We are all busy. Our schedules are full. We have responsibilities to ourselves and those around us. Time never expands, it remains consistent 24 hours each day. Where do we find time to connect with God?

On the newsletter's cover is an image from our Wednesday evening Crossways Bible Study. We see our fellow Christian, Sylvester, considering all the important aspects of his life. There is a representation of his family, a dollar sign for money, a baseball for sport and recreation, a factory for his employment, a church and Bible for his relationship to God, a dome for government, diploma for his education, and a plate with utensils for the food he consumes.

The church and Bible are separate because Sylvester views Christianity as an important part of life, maybe even the most important. So, this aspect is separate from everything else in the circle of life. Is that true? Is that your experience?

It seems to me in Scripture, that Jesus calls us to follow him full-time, not part-time, or most of the time or when it is convenient. Full-time.

There really is not a distinction between the church and Bible image and all the other symbols. Instead, our Christian faith should influence every aspect of our lives and responsibilities.

It is within the family that the love that comes from God can truly be exhibited with those closest to us. Obviously, parents influence their children especially in matters of faith. One way of looking at money is as a storable and transferable form of service. We usually receive money because of a service we have performed. We pay money to others to benefit from a service. It is not wrong to have money. The question is: How was it obtained and how is it being used?

People are built to move, keep active, and exercise. Movement helps to keep our bodies and minds healthy and alert.

Christians see daily work as an opportunity to provide needed goods and services for the good of the community.

Christians take an active interest in government so that we may live together harmoniously. We develop our minds and abilities to be equipped to serve others in meaningful and useful ways.

We give thanks for our daily bread. We eat in a healthy way so that we are strong and capable of serving others. Christians do not make food an idol.

The presence of God permeates our life, in every aspect, choice, action and decision. Keep focused in this Christian Life.

Pastor John

OCTOBER BAPTISMS

Ryan Ackerman
Caryn Hakanson
Kayleigh Nesbitt
Maeson Zettle
Robert Alston
Ryan Huston
Richard Novak
Rachele Thompson
Tyler Matley
Dennis Meighan
Sydney Mathiason
Lilyonna Laws
Gunnison Hartley
Mary Fields

David Beightol
David Iverson
Patrick Parr
Brevin Whipple
Isla Bolan
Addison Kubly
Zachary Ruch
Caitlyn Carlson
Annette Voegeli
Jonathan Olson
Dennis Everson
Wynter Laws
Lisa Miller
Richard Thickpenny

Oris Depuy
Julie Kielty
Julie Verschage
Bohdi Riese
Ellie Johanson
Abigail Leck
Curtis Zentner
Becky Brown
Teresa Saugstad
Mary Dietz
Brian Kolden
Alyssa Sinkule
Kyler Smith

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

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Larry & Angela Wardlow
Randy & Melody Whipple
Mark & Marsha Lindsay
Paul & Barb Moser
Gary & Maggie Guralski
Russ & Donna Johnson
Larry & Carol Ruch
John & Jo Milz
Bruce & Martha Breisath
Damyane & Danielle Safron
Robert & Tina Wahler
Chuck & Gail Zeitler
Parker & Abbea Havens
Craig & Becky Kamholz



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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Connor Thompson 10/2
 Peyton Herbst 10/3
 Dennis Everson 10/4
 Jack Patterson 10/4
 Sarah Goebel 10/5
 Mark Dickson 10/6
 Hayley Rielly 10/6
 Linnea Tabaka 10/6
 Michael Bittner 10/7
 Sydney Schultz 10/7
 Chris Alston 10/8
 Darci Bowman 10/9
 Karen Rogahn 10/9
 Donna Gilbertson 10/10
 Bohdi Riese 10/10
 Austin Camron 10/11
 Mary Fields 10/11
 Cindy Heins 10/11
 Richard Nelson 10/11
 George Kint 10/12
 Oris Depuy 10/13
 Barb Moser 10/13
 Drew Nafzger 10/13
 Rebekah Rath 10/13
 Carol Leistiko 10/14

Rich Novak 10/15
 Matt Whipple 10/15
 Dennis Timm 10/16
 Helen Kneubuhler 10/17
 Madalyn Leck 10/17
 Blayke Whipple 10/17
 Julia Hakanson 10/18
 Ryan Camron 10/19
 Emily Czajkowski 10/19
 Judy Wilhelmson 10/19
 Nicholas Ruch 10/20
 Dorene Fahrney 10/21
 Phil Rath 10/21
 Keith Rielly 10/21
 Eric Tabaka 10/21
 Abbey Matley 10/22
 LaVerne Wichelt 10/22
 Lucas Thoman 10/23
 Alex Rutledge 10/24
 Kim Tallman 10/24
 Glenda Camron 10/25
 Debra Kleckner-Figi 10/25
 Shirley Leck 10/25
 Taylor Herbst 10/26
 Adaline Hess 10/26
 Shawn Miller 10/26
 Roger Kubly 10/28
 Roger Alston 10/30
 Sandy Bestul 10/30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We are 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

Serving in October 2024

LITURGISTS

Sat., Oct. 5.....Available
 Sun., Oct. 6.....Bill Helton

Sat., Oct. 12.....Jim Sinkule
 Sun., Oct. 13.....Available

Sat., Oct. 19.....Available
 Sun., Oct. 20.....Bill Helton

Sat., Oct. 26.....Available
 Sun., Oct. 27.....Available

Please consider serving as a Liturgist on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. See the sign up on the office door.

ALTAR FLOWERS You are invited to provide flowers to adorn the altar area! There is a calendar near the entryway for you to sign up. You provide your own cut flowers (from your garden or your favorite florist) and then take them home after Sunday worship to enjoy or share! They can be given in memory of honor of Someone as well, and we will note that in the bulletin! Thank you!



MISSIONARY SPONSORS

October 5 & 6.....The Mathiason Family

October 12 & 13.....Available

October 19 & 20.....The Mathiason Family

October 26 & 27.....Women of Grace

You can sponsor our missionary family for \$35/week. There is a sign up calendar near the entry way. If you would like to sponsor our missionaries in honor or memory of a special person or event, just call the office to let us know!

SATURDAY EVENING MUSICIANS

Sat., October 5.....Natasha Patterson

Sat., October 12.....Maynard Heins

Sat., October 19.....Lance Sathoff

Sat., October 26.....Maynard Heins

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Ornaments Committee

CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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Worship Schedule

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

Fall Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30—12:00/1:00– 4:30 PM

Pastor: Pastor John J. Tabaka E-mail: pastortabaka@tds.net

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Richard Thickpenny

Custodian: Terry Kolanda

Director of Music/Church Musician: Ann Uresk

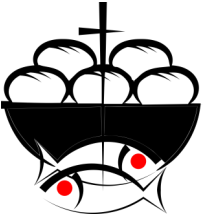
Financial Secretary: Laurie Kruse

Secretarial Staff: Deacon Beth Faith (gracelc@tds.net)



“For it is by God’s Grace that you have been saved by Faith”

LOAVES & FISHES IS BACK The community is invited to attend a meal together the 4th Sunday of each month at Grace Lutheran Church. Although there will not be a September gathering due to Cheese Days, they will be back on **Sunday, October 27 from 4-6PM**. This meal is open to anyone, and is free. Please consider dropping by! Volunteers are always sought as well!

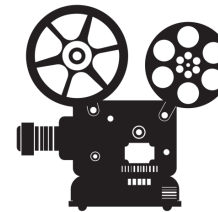


COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES We include monthly Council Meeting minutes in our monthly newsletter. If you are ever interested in additional detail, or wish to see the actual meeting minutes from a particular meeting, these are available by calling or stopping by the office!

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED and would like a visit please ask family or friends to let the church office know! The hospital no longer provides that information. Thank you!



MOVIE SERIES “THE CHOSEN” Christian Life Committee invites you to stay for an hour or so after worship to watch an episode of “The Chosen” together. This will be offered in October and is the first set in the series. Come to the movies with us! Mark your calendars now. A special invitation to parents with children in Sunday School, as it will be held during the same time!



OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE SYNOD Each month our South-Central Synod of Wisconsin puts out Synod E-News with happenings around the synod. Each month brings new opportunities to engage in worship, study and fellowship and highlights events that are being held at churches in our synod. All council members and committee leaders receive this E-News monthly. If you are interested, contact the church office and I will see that you receive it, or visit the Synod Website at: scswoffice@scsw-elca.org.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 PM, Property Committee 2:00 PM, Women of Grace Steering Committee	2 5:30 PM, Praise Singers 6:00 PM, Choir 6:00 PM, Confirmation & Bible Study 7:00 PM, Hand Chimes	3	4	5 5:00 PM, Worship
6 9:00 AM, Worship 10:15 AM, Sunday School 10:15 AM, "The Chosen" Series, Episode One	7	8 4:00 PM, Memorial 5:30 PM, Staff Support	9 5:30 PM, Praise Singers 6:00 PM, Choir 6:00 PM, Confirmation & Bible Study 7:00 PM, Hand Chimes	10 8:30 AM, Quilters Group	11	12 5:00 PM, Worship Chili Pick Up After Church
13 9:00 AM, Worship 10:15 AM, Sunday School Chili Pick Up After Church 10:15 AM, "The Chosen" Series, Episode Two	14	15 6:00 PM, Christian Life	16 5:30 PM, Praise Singers 6:00 PM, Choir 6:00 PM, Finance Committee NO Bible Study/Confirmation 7:00 PM, Hand Chimes	17	18	19 5:00 PM, Worship
20 9:00 AM, Worship 10:15 AM, Sunday School 10:15 AM, "The Chosen" Series, Episode Three	21 12:30 PM, Lydia Circle Meets	22	23 5:30 PM, Praise Singers 6:00 PM, Choir 6:00 PM, Confirmation & Bible Study 7:00 PM, Hand Chimes	24 8:30 AM, Quilters Group	25	26 5:00 PM, Worship
27 9:00 AM, Worship 10:15 AM, Sunday School 10:15 AM, "The Chosen" Series, Episode Four 4:00 PM, Loaves & Fishes Free Community Meal	28 7:00 PM, Church Council	29	30 9:15 AM, Bible Study 5:30 PM, Praise Singers 6:00 PM, Choir 6:00 PM, Confirmation & Bible Study 7:00 PM, Hand Chimes	31		

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
August 26, 2024

Called to order 7:00 by Ariel Thomas

Members Present: Larry Rood, Ariel Thomas, Scott Christiansen, Jeri Johnson, Cathy Smith, Gloria Scherer, Lance Sathoff, Sam Mathiason, and Pastor John Tabaka

Absent: Katy Dickson, John Patterson

Devotions- Gloria Scherer

Secretarial Report- Written report by Jeri. Motion to approve minutes of the 7-22-2024 Council Meeting by Sam, second by Scott. Motion carried.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report- Report by Lance. Laurie Kruse is checking on some CD's we could maybe cash in to use for the roof. She wants to do more fundraising for the roof. John and Laurie Kruse will count the offerings. Motion to approve report by Cathy. Gloria seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Christian Life- In a written report, many activities are planned for the next few months, including a presentation on New Orleans after church on Saturday and Sun. 9/28 -29.

Memorial- Written report.

Mutual Ministry- No meeting.

Parish Education- No meeting.

Property Committee- Written report. Larry reported that repairs on the education wing are completed. Repairs needed on the White House are all planned. Window well covers need to be repaired.

Staff Support- Sam reported that performance evaluations of staff members are starting now. Pastor John will meet with each employee as well as the committee members. The Council will need to approve the new Employee Handbook next month.

Women of Grace- Written report by Cathy. The ice cream social earned around \$1100 for the roof fund. They are making packages for college students and collecting for Lutheran World Relief. Chili is being planned for October.

Worship and Music - Jeri reported Shannon Weber is our new A/V Tech replacing Trent Weber. We discussed adding the passing of the peace back into our services. We agreed that would be good. Altar Guild's 50th anniversary and Ann Uresk's 20th anniversary are both being planned for sometime in November.

Pastor's Thoughts: Pastor John explained the Bible study that starts September 18th to be used for this year's confirmation class. Sunday school will start after Labor Day.

Old Business - Gaida Vickerman will not be doing the fundraiser in our church basement over Cheese Days weekend.

New Business- Committee budgets are coming due. Laurie Kruse will send out a form for this. Remind the committee member responsible for this to get the budget turned in.

Motion to adjourn by Lance. Second by Scott. Meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be September 23, 2024

Jeri Johnson, Secretary

SEPTEMBER PARISH ACTIONS

BAPTISM



Tucker Matthew Wurm, son of Tyler & Maggie (Schuttler) Wurm
September 29, 2024

FUNERAL

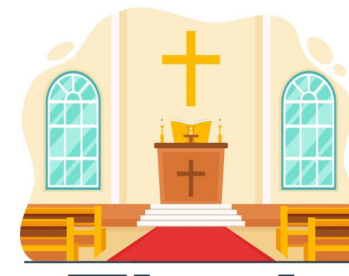


Susan K. Bahe, sister of Sheri (Rich) Novak, Kim Bahe &
Kevin (Ermaeliza) Bahe
September 13, 2024

DID YOU KNOW that anyone can be a member of the Altar Guild? Men can also participate in this great tradition and service to our worship at Grace Lutheran Church. We have had a few men serve over the years and we currently have a couple of male spouses of members who help faithfully as well. Friends, couples, and families may find this something fun to do together.

Altar Guild membership can be wonderful, and many hands make light work! As a member, you would only help with the Altar setup 2-3 services during only 3 months of the year. We are preparing for 2025 so now is a great time to join us!

We will meet in the sanctuary on **Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 PM**. Please join us to learn more about Altar Guild and consider being a part of this ministry at Grace! If you have any questions, call Ellen Mathiason (608) 325-6766.



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OCTOBER 12-13, 2024**

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CHILI PICK UP RESERVATION

Name _____ Phone _____

_____ Number of Quart Containers of Chili x \$10 each \$ _____

_____ Number of Quart Containers of Gluten-Free Chili x \$10 \$ _____

_____ Number of Individual Containers of Chili x \$4 each \$ _____

_____ Number of Individual Containers of Gluten-Free Chili x \$4 \$ _____

_____ Pumpkin Bars x \$3 each or _____ Apple Cake x \$3 \$ _____

_____ Gluten-Free Marble Brownie x \$3 \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Picking Up Sat _____ Picking Up Sun _____



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