

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ November 2018

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."



Julie Troy, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Debbie Anderson, Elfie Jahnke, Lorraine Leathead,

Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmeyer, Emma

Nelson, Dorothy Hansen, Violet McLaren, Brad Grove, Brian Gustafson, Baby Samuel, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Nosko, Reed Werth, Mark Jackson, Patricia Denstaedt, Debbie Weir, Scott Coddington, Mimi, David Schaedig, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Cody Gustin, Dennis Diamond.



We also remember the families of...

Kathleen Phillips, who passed away on October 7

Carole Sommerfeld, who passed away October 14

Dorothy Gentry, who passed away on October 19

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

Altar Guild Training

**Sunday, November 4
(following worship)**

Please meet in Sanctuary

Questions: Sandy Welch 989-916-5006 or
Chris Christopherson 989-356-0430



**Semi-Annual
Meeting**

**November 11
Following
9:30 a.m. Worship**

On the agenda:

Budget Adoption

Election of Officers

Adoption of Memorial & Gifts Policy



God bless Logan Travis Konarzewski, Erin Paige McCourt, and Chase Allen Schiller who were Confirmed during our Sunday morning worship service on October 28. A reception was held in their honor following worship.

Portico Lights

You may have noticed that our portico lights are on when you arrive at church early in the morning or in the evening. These lights are now on a sensor and do not need to be turned on and off.



Daylight Saving Time

ends at 2:00 a.m.

next Sunday, November 4.

Don't forget to
set your clocks back!



FROM OUR PASTOR

We are coming to the end of the church year on the last weekend of November. We have been through the cycle of Christ's story again. We have gone from birth to life and ministry through his teaching to Christ's death. We have heard the story again of God's gift to us, for us to live in and for us to follow.

So it is a time for us to look back over these past twelve months and see what it has meant to us and for us. Where we have experienced God's grace and love, where have we grown in our faith, where have we been challenged in our faith, where do we feel called to grow, where are we uncomfortable with nudges and pulls that we feel on us, what is new for us, what is a new understanding for us to follow?

Our lives are a never ending cycle of doing, learning, growing and doing again. There is blessing in that, for God and Jesus are always with us. So it is not the same old doing over again. Rather it is taking our new experiences and enfolding them into our living. What has God taught us in the experiences we have been given? How are we going to grow in what we have been taught?

There's an appropriateness of the calendar this year. As we approach wrapping up this church year, we first celebrate Thanksgiving just the weekend before. As the Pilgrims did, we can give thanks for this year, and use it as a time of reflection and preparation for the year to come. Not only in the abundance of food and time with others, but also in the opportunity we have been given to grow in our faith. Another year of living is another year of learning how to live as Christians faithful to Jesus' call of love with one another.

Every mindful of Jesus' response to the question of which is greatest commandment, he named 2, or really 3 commandments to follow: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The first. And then, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." And there are really two commandments wrapped in there. And in an interesting order. Neighbor first and then self. And then he called all of that one commandment.

It is a good time for us to look back and see, really see, how we have done this year. Knowing with the grace of God, that we have more years to come to continue on our pilgrimage of learning to love.

A time to reflect. And a time to say Thanks be to God.

Peace, Shalom, Salaam

Pastor Tom





**November 22
5:00 p.m.
at
Grace Lutheran**

Turkey, dressing, potatoes &
gravy & drinks provided

Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex
by 11/18/18 and indicate if you are
able to bring a salad, vegetable,
bread/rolls or dessert to share.

Feel free to invite your friends
and neighbors to join us.

Also, the Pankeys and
Schultzes will be at the
church cooking by 3 p.m.,
so if you want to come
early to play cards or
board games before
dinner, you are welcome
to do so.



**Call Jeanne & Roger Pankey at 354-2416
or Pat & Dale Schultz at 356-2781
with questions.**



Thank you to all who
helped make our
card/game night a
success. We had 100+
participants and raised
\$1,015.05 for the
Quilting Group to help locally and globally.
Your help was and is greatly appreciated!

Grace Quilters

Words cannot express our deepest thanks to all who prayed for and with us during the time of Mom's passing. Your cards of encouragement, faith, compassion and love are the reason why our mother loved this church family. You are all family to us and we thank you for the many donations of food and the many members who worked during the luncheon as we celebrated her life. It is up to us all to live each day remembering the Purpose Statement of Grace and Extend Love in All That You Do. Thank you!

Dorothy Gentry Family

Driveway Fundraiser Euchre Tournament & Game Night was a Lot of Fun!!

We had a great time at the Driveway Fundraiser Euchre Tournament and Game Night on Friday, 10/5/18. We started off with a potluck dinner, featuring sloppy joes, followed by a Euchre Tournament and other games. There were 22 Euchre players and 7 Dominos and Sequence players!

The Euchre Tournament prize winners were as follows:

First Place – Score 44 - Jim Malaski – \$20

Second Place – Score 42 - Chris Christopherson - \$15

Third Place – Score 41 - Anna Lewis – \$10

Random Draws – Alec Kennedy, Leslie Reynolds
& Wayne Christopherson - \$5/each

Most Euchres (6) - Wayne Lewis – \$5

The Euchre players and game players donated a total of \$197.60 to the Driveway Fund. Thank you very much to everyone who participated and for your generous contributions!

Thank you!
Fellowship Committee

Yulefest Bake Sale

The Ruth Circle is planning a Yulefest Bake Sale at Grace again this year on December 1st. Please begin to check your recipes for all kinds of goodies. We depend on everyone to help us make this a success. If you can help set up on Friday or help the day of the sale, please phone Darlene Freel at 354-8866.



Recycling Update



We are still recycling but the list has been reduced. Still needed are:

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste/energy bar/granola wrappers
- Wax-like cereal bags
- Snack bags like chips or crackers
- Plastic personal care items like soap bottles, shampoo, deodorant, gel, lotion, etc.
- Betty Crocker box tops for education

Sleeping mats for homeless

To date we have made 50 mats. That is equivalent to 1200 square feet, or a room 30' by 40'. Thanks to you, 50 people now are able to sleep off the cold ground somewhat. We are in need of people that crochet, as there are plenty of yarn balls waiting for some loving hands and fingers to turn them into mats. If you or someone you know would be willing to crochet them, please contact me and I will get you the information on how to do it.

Stuffed animals

A new recycling project in conjunction with a local organization is one that collects good, clean, and in fairly new condition, stuffed animals for their Christmas distribution of toys for kids. The items do not need to have original tags on them - they just need to be suitable to be given as a gift. Imagine the look of excitement as a donation you made brings joy to a child. If you would like to donate a new one, that would be great. Last year there were approximately 1600 children in the four counties the organization serves that received one. A box will be near the recycling corner for them.

Thank you for all you do to help whomever needs your help. Corinne Fraley 356-4270

Discipleship Items Collected

Discipleship collected items from our generous congregation and put together:

14 Baby Care Kits
50 School Kits
23 Personal Care Kits, plus 15 bars of soap

These kits are sent to Lutheran World Relief and then distributed around the world to folks in need due to disaster, famine, poverty and crisis.

The Discipleship Workgroup would like to thank everyone who contributed so wonderfully and graciously. Together we can make a Christ-like difference in our community and world.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.



Grace collects food items for the food pantry at Trinity Episcopal. These items include; Tuna & Tuna Helper, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pancake mix(just add water type) & syrup and elbow macaroni. These items are used to fill emergency food boxes for individuals that are in need of food, due to a number of circumstances. Other non-perishable items may be donated to help fill in the boxes. We collect the donated food items in a basket, outside the church office door.

College Students' Addresses Needed

If you have a student away at college, please call or email the church office with their address. We would like to stay connected with them throughout the school year. Thanks!

Discipleship Work Group

Hospital Visits

If you or a family member is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office or Pastor Tom directly. The hospital **DOES NOT** notify churches or pastors of admissions **DESPITE** the question you are asked on admission.



New Address

Phil & Christy Jordan
2200 Fair Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

jorpcdan@gmail.com

GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

CHURCH OFFICE 354-2640
Rev. Tom Orth Home 356-8729
..... Cell 916-8759
Office Manager Peggy Tomaszewski .. 255-8850
Music Director David Delano 207-322-2074

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President Tom Lappan 356-3718
Vice-President Rick Engstrom 916-5963
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Treasurer Don Barnard 340-1055

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Education Elsa Phillips 884-1809
Worship Sharon Engstrom 354-5133
Discipleship Phran Ludington 471-9117
..... Dawn Anderson 657-6923
Property Jeff Welch 595-2195
..... Bill Platt 340-0154
Fellowship Jeanne Pankey 354-2416
..... Pat Schultz 356-2781
Finance/Stewardship...Dennis Werblow 354-5560

OTHER V.I.P.s

Youth Director
WELCA Darleen Freel 354-8866
..... Dorothy Hansen 354-3563
Samaritas Kay Grove 727-2054
Quilters
LARCC Steve Hansen 404-406-8079

October 2018

Finances

GENERAL FUND\$ 18,096.00
BUILDING FUND 1,770.00
CHRISTIAN GROWTH 10.00
DRIVEWAY FUND 185.00
OTHER 6,809.73
TOTAL\$ 26,870.73

Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) 121
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) 362

TOTAL 483

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

NOVEMBER 2018

LECTORS

04 BOB GREENE
11 PAUL DENSTAEDT
18 VERA FURZE
25 DAWN ANDERSON

USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY
DON FURZE
MATT, EVERETT & OLIVIA HASKE
BRUCE ANSCHUETZ (SATURDAYS)

GREETERS

04 PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT
11 DON, VERA & TAMMY FURZE
18 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM
25 JOE & DAWN GENTRY

COUNTERS

DALE & PAT SCHULTZ

COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOELYN RICH
PHRAN LUDINGTON

ALTAR GUILD

SANDY WELCH
KAREN SLAGHT

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

FLOWERS

04 LUDINGTON
11 CODDINGTON
18 GENTRY
25 WELCH

COFFEE HOUR

04 JACK & PATTI TUCKER
11 DAWN ANDERSON, PHRAN LUDINGTON
18 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK
25 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS

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scheduled duty AND share the change with Peggy. Thank you!***

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

DECEMBER 2018

LECTORS

02 DONNA CZARNECKI
09 JOE GENTRY
16 ANNE GENTRY
23 BILL & NANCY PLATT
24 Early CHERYL WERBLOW
Late VICKI DENSTAEDT
30 SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

GREETERS

02 GARY & KAY GROVE
09 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS
16 JOELYN RICH, PHRAN LUDINGTON
23 DAWN ANDERSON, MARY ROWADER
24 Early JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK
Late DALE & PAT SCHULTZ
30 FRED & CAROLYNNE WEGMEYER

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

FLOWERS

02 LAPPAN
09 GOHLKE
16
23 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
30

USHERS

WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS
CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS
MIKE, TRACEY, ADAM & ALLIE URLAUB

COUNTERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON
MARGE WEBER

COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

JOE & DAWN GENTRY

ALTAR GUILD

GENTRY FAMILY
DENSTAEDT FAMILY

COFFEE HOUR

02 RICK & SHARON ENGSTROM
09 RUBY & OLIVIA HASKE
16 JEFF & SANDY WELCH
23 CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS
30 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY

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Birthdays

November

Anniversaries of Baptism



November 2
Olivia Haske
Cindy Suszek

November 4
Harold Kissau
Britni Nowak

November 5
Lori Graham

November 7
Phyllis Colagross

November 8
Edward Jahnke
Melissa Timmreck

November 10
Hannah Matzke

November 11
Linda Gapske
Gracie Gillard
Brent Welch

November 12
Diane O'Connor

November 13
Doug Chroninger

November 15
Betty Dulebohn

November 17
Kassandra McInerney

November 18
Nancy Stachnik
Karyn Vass

November 20
Kelli Liske
Sherie McTaggart

November 21
Kevin Graham

November 24
Melissa Chabot
Tara Lang

November 25
Jeffrey Diemond
Monica Jahnke
Erin McCourt

November 26
Davis Crittenden
Bruno Hirzel

November 28
Janie Hansen
Lisa McIntosh
Brody Yuchasz

November 30
Matthew Timrick

November 1
Beverly Suszek

November 11
Jessica McKenzie

November 12
Nicholas Schillerstrom

November 13
Norman Schillerstrom

November 21
Elaine Hatch

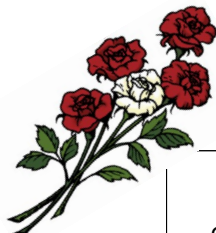
November 23
Gudrun Seck
Ashley Timmreck
Madison Timmreck
Melissa Timmreck
Nicholas Timmreck
Paige Timmreck
Dan VanEssen

November 24
Chris Christopherson

November 26
Bruno Hirzel

November 27
Beckett Granata

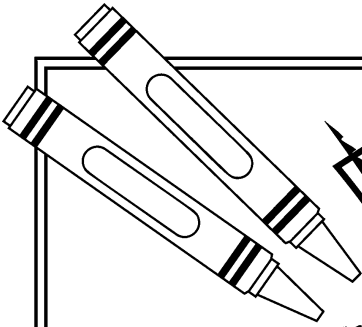
November 29
Scott Kuligowski
Brian Schiller
Ellie Walker



Wedding Anniversaries

9th	Ian & Amelia Kamyszek
11th	Walter & Karen Spigelmyre
25th	Anthony & Laura Thompson

Kid's Page

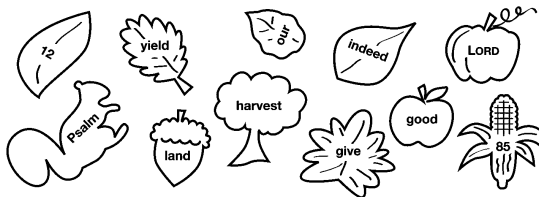



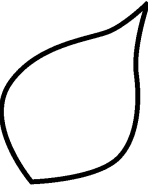
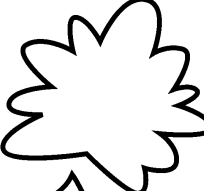



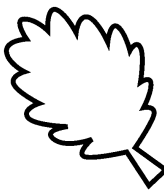


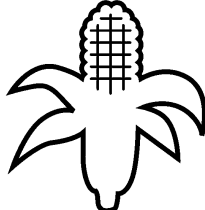
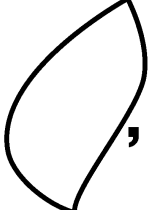
PUZZLE

HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

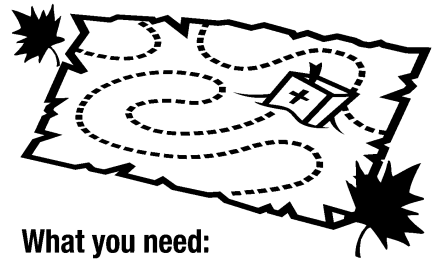
Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



"The  will  
 what is , and 
 will  its ."
  : , NIV

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV