



# Grace Notes – September 8, 2019

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## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School will have its final session of reading through the Book of Acts in the Hoffmeister room following the service.



### Food Pantry Update

The Pantry Board is currently having trouble finding pork and beans at EIF. If you would like to make a tangible donation, please look for good sale prices. We also appreciate your contributions of plastic bags.

We would like to remind everyone that, if you have fresh produce or perishables to donate to the pantry, please place these items in the south kitchen, in a refrigerator during extremely warm weather, or on the big kitchen island if appropriate.

Thank you for your commitment to the pantry.  
*Your Pantry Board, Kathy Bowersox, Jim Fleming, Karen Krusa, Carol Shupp, & Royce Wilken* ☩

### Youth Group

Our first youth group of the year will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6PM. We will be taking a new approach with youth group, where once a month we will meet to dive into a topic that will help us live our faith in the “real world.” This month, we will explore Faith and Science and how we can balance those areas in our lives. Contact Caitlyn with any questions.

### New Email and Web Addresses

We have updated our email and web addresses. We are now [glccu.org](http://glccu.org) and all the email addresses end in [glccu.org](http://glccu.org). Don't worry about bookmarks, the old [gracelutherancu.org](http://gracelutherancu.org) should still redirect to our new accounts.

### LWR Kits

We finished collecting all the supplies for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits and now the Personal Care Kit project will be complete as soon as all the promised supplies come in. Thank you all for your generous donations! (And a special thanks to Ann Lehmann for volunteering to count and store the donations last week.) The kits will be put together on Sunday, September 8, after the 9:30 a.m. service. We will need lots of help, and there will be tasks for almost every age! See you then.

### Growing With Love and Service!

On September 8, we will have our last single service Sunday. It will serve as our kickoff to the new Sunday School program year. After the service we will have a multigenerational event, “Growing with Love and Service”. Youth Sunday School classes will start on September 15 at 9:15 a.m.

### New Photo Directory

It's time to update our photo directory. Photography will be available October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Signups will be available beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Caitlyn with any questions.

### Help for our Neighbors

Sinai Temple is asking for help from the interfaith community to provide child care at the temple during the upcoming High Holy Days. Please contact Rabbi Alan Cook, [rabbi@sinaitemplecu.org](mailto:rabbi@sinaitemplecu.org) if you can help. The dates and times are as follows:

Sunday, September 29, 7:15 PM to 9:30 PM  
Monday, September 30, 9:15 AM to 1:30 PM  
Tuesday, October 1, 9:15 AM to 1 PM  
Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 PM to 10 PM  
Wednesday, October 9, 9:15 AM to 1:30 PM  
Wednesday, October 9, 3:45 PM to 7 PM

## Lock-in with St. Andrew's

All high school students are invited to the all-area lock-in at St. Andrew's on September 28<sup>th</sup>. We will join other area ELCA churches to learn more about campus ministry and what faith looks like after high school. We will meet at St. Andrews at 7:00PM and will culminate the lock-in with worship on site at 10:30. The night will be full of games, worship, food, and all sorts of ways to connect with each other and the different ministries we have going on in the CU area.

## Thank You for Supporting the Missions of Grace!

Summer is a time of vacation, of travel, and of recreation. Churches often find that this has an impact on giving. It is easy for a congregation to go "in the red" by the end of August.

This has happened in past years at Grace, but it doesn't appear to be happening as much this year at Grace. Thanks to all of you for providing continuing support for the many missions of Grace.

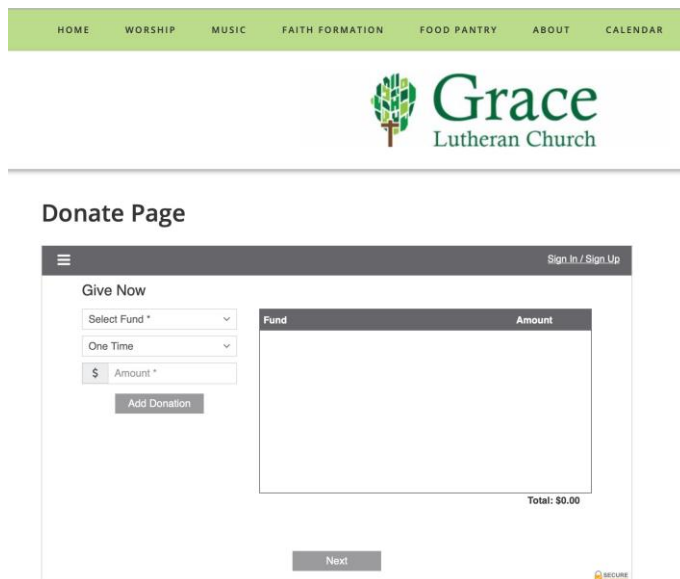
There is one place where funds are not keeping up with required expenditures, that is in our mortgage payments. These payments are not made from the General Fund, but are made from funds available in the debt reduction fund. To help the congregation meet its obligations for mortgage payment, please specify a portion of your giving for Debt Reduction.

And again, Thanks for Supporting the Many Missions of Our Congregation!

## New Ways of Giving

Have you noticed the bookmark sized cards in the pew rack that announce GIVEPLUS+? You can still give to Grace by placing your envelope, check, or cash into the offering plate on Sunday morning, but recently three additional ways of giving have been introduced:

- 1) the GIVEPLUS CHURCH app for Android and Apple phones,
- 2) by text message to (217) 248-6189,
- 3) on the Grace website, [glccu.org/donate](http://glccu.org/donate). You can set up a secure link to GIVEPLUS and then go to the page shown here where you can give now, or set up a schedule of regular giving. You specify the amount (at least \$3) and the frequency. You can specify the fund that you want to money to go to, e.g., General Fund, Debt Reduction, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Youth, etc.



You can use these ways of giving from any place, at any time.

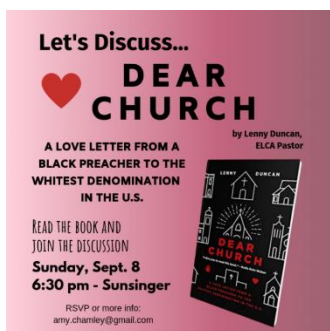


## Daily Bread Yoga

### August Announcements

Monthly Beginner Yoga - Monday, Aug. 26

7:00-8:15 p.m. @ Wesley United Methodist (Green & Goodwin) The last Monday of the month will be a drop-in Beginner Yoga class! You will learn the basic poses of a floor-based yoga class so you can join whatever class works for you. \$5 upon arrival. **Questions or to register for Beginning Yoga? Write Rachel at [rachel@dailybreadyoga.life](mailto:rachel@dailybreadyoga.life).**



## Good Shepherd Book Club

The Good Shepherd Occasional Book Club is inviting Grace members to join them for their September meeting.

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, September 8, 2019

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

### Readings

[Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)

*Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God*

[Psalm 1](#)

*They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)*

[Philemon 1-21](#)

*Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker*

[Luke 14:25-33](#)

*Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross*

Worship Support				
Worship Support	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Assisting Minister:	Claire Vail	Beck Kasten (8:00) Tim Marty (10:30)	Claire Vail (8:00) Cindy Grigorescu (10:30)	Caitlyn Reinders (8:00) Jo Flemming (10:30)
Reader:	Eileen Herrstrom	Becky Kasten (8:00) Caitlyn Reinders (10:30)	Eileen Herrstrom (8:00) Carol Shupp (10:30)	Marcia Licquia (8:00) Maddie Thackeray (10:30)
Deacons:	Susan Monte Meg Loven	Gail Hug, Becky Kasten (8:00) Chet Alwes (10:30)	Nancy Marshall, Stephanie Skaar (8:00) Steven Blanke (10:30)	Dan Lepp, Lois Wilken (8:00) Kath Bowersox (10:30)
Acolytes:	Ivanna Vipinraj Ruben Vipinraj	Derek Skaar, Alyssa Skaar (8:00) Paul Lehmann (10:30)	Adele Miller, Walter Pankau (8:00) Jack Peyton (10:30)	Andrew Anderson, Tucker Loven (8:00) Ann Lehmann (10:30)
Ushers:	Bagger Family			
Greeters:	Tim & Ann Marty	Jim & Jo Fleming	Dennis & Allison Archer	Tim & Ann Marty
Counters:	Paula Miller Carol Larson	Randy Laugges Julie Johnson	Amy Nicely Jim Fleming	Jim Anderson Royce Wilken
Communion Bread:	Gina & Taylor Lykins	Meg Loven (8:00) Carol Larson (10:30)	Ja'Net Miller (8:00) Susan Monte (10:30)	Laurinda Osterbur (8:00) Carolyn Pater (10:30_)
Coffee Hour:		Repp Family		
Flowers:	Rodney & Nancy Marshall	Art & Shirley Traugott	Bill & Grace Schoedel	Frank & Carol Shupp
Reason for Flowers:	In memory of our parents, Keith and Mary Marshall, & Raymond, Jeanne, & Marie Nicholson		To the glory of God	In memory of our parents

Please remember to arrange your own subs if you are unable to serve on the date assigned.

**This Week at Grace: September 8, 2019 – September 15, 2019**

Event	Time	Location
<b><u>Sunday, September 8, 2019</u></b>		
<i>"Growing With Love And Service" Sunday</i>		
<i>Grace Food Pantry Sunday</i>		
Worship - Guitar Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Coffee Hour	10:30 AM	Narthex
Adult Choir Rehearsal	10:45 AM	Choir Room
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM	Hoffmeister Room
Christian Education Committee	11:45 AM	Pastor's Office
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room
Taize Worship Service	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
<b><u>Monday, September 9, 2019</u></b>		
Food for Seniors	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
Hymn Selection Committee	1:00 PM	
Worship and Music Committee	2:00 PM	
Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Choir Room
<b><u>Tuesday, September 10, 2019</u></b>		
Daily Bread Yoga	6:00 AM	Narthex
Food for Seniors	6:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
Pastor's Drop-In Hours	11:00 AM	Pastor's Office
Evangelism Committee	6:00 PM	Pastor's office
Sweet Adelines board	6:00 PM	Narthex
Council	7:00 PM	Hoffmeister Room
Sweet Adelines	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Women's AA Group	7:30 PM	Rainbow Room
<b><u>Wednesday, September 11, 2019</u></b>		
Pastor's Drop-In Hours	11:00 a.m.	Pastor's Office
Bulletin Deadline	5:00 p.m.	
<b><u>Thursday, September 12, 2019</u></b>		
Daily Bread Yoga	6:00 a.m.	Narthex
Food Pantry	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall, Hoffmeister Room
<b><u>Friday, September 13, 2019</u></b>		
Stampin' Up	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Grace's Stitch 'N' Craft	7:00 PM	Narthex
<b><u>Sunday, September 14, 2019</u></b>		
Worship	8:00 AM	Sanctuary
Worship	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Adult Choir Rehearsal	11:45 AM	Choir Room
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room