



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:00 am (in person and online)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16th



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FLOCK NOTE IS HERE! This is a convenient way to stay informed with the parts of Grace's ministry that are most important to you. Once you sign in, you'll be invited to join groups and receive updates as they are available. You'll also receive congregation-wide information such as links to the monthly newsletter and important announcements (such as weather-related schedule changes). To sign up, **text** GRACEALBERTLEA to 84576 or connect with us **online at:** gracelutheranchurch2.flocknote.com. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dean, Vicar Ashley, or IT Specialist Aaron.

2023 SUMMER DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS



The Summer 2023 Devotional Booklets are here! This devotional has been put together by different voices at Grace on the theme of what it means to be the "Body of Christ." The 15-day devotional booklets were created to use wherever you are this summer, at your leisure. Whether that's part of your morning routine, with your family, or on a summer trip. You can pick up your devotional in the Narthex. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to them!

Limited supply. Get yours today!



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 28TH

Operation Restoration VBS

Our kids can be menders of the universe!

Your kids have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, pray and rest—essential tools to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. They'll learn more about their mending powers at Operation Restoration Vacation Bible School!

Place: Ascension Lutheran Church
1101 S. Highway 69, Albert Lea, MN

Dates: August 7th through 10th

Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm
(Starting with a meal for all family members)

All kids who will be going into 1st grade to 6th grade are invited to grow in faith as they play, learn, sing, and work to be menders of God's creation.

To sign up, contact Ascension (507-373-3408), Grace (507- 373-6496), Salem (507-373-2184), Salvation Army (507-373-5710) or Trinity Lutheran (507-373-2466).

RELAY FOR LIFE: The American Cancer Society is holding its Relay for Life at the Freeborn County Fairgrounds, **August 11-12**. For more information, please call 507-373-3938 for details and how to register for the relay.

S.A.I.L. (STAY ACTIVE & INDEPENDENT FOR LIFE): Mondays and Thursdays from 1:30 - 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All exercises and aerobics can be done sitting or standing and are very adaptive. Classes consist of a warm-up, aerobics, balance, strength, stretching, and an educational component. Performing exercises that improve strength, balance and fitness are the single most important activity that adults can do to stay active and reduce their chance of falling. Classes are free, and no registration is required. All are welcome!

CARING & SHARING is looking for "Co-Chairs" for the following months: **July, August, October, November, December**. If interested, please call the church office, or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 7:30-8:30 am: Consider joining this group for an opportunity for good discussion and good fellowship.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Tuesday morning Bible study group **will not be meeting from June 27th through July 25th.** The group will resume meeting August 1st.

MARTHA CIRCLE will not be meeting during the month of July but will resume in August.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Enjoy coffee and a treat after Sunday worship and reconnect with old friends (or meet new ones). You can find coffee and treats in the Chapel.

PASTORAL CARE: To assist Pastor Dean and Vicar Ashley in providing pastoral care for those hospitalized or homebound, please notify them of pending surgeries, overnight hospital stays, or individuals who would like a home visit. Hospital personnel do not always notify our church of our members who are in the hospital.

BABY CARE KIT PROJECT FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Please join the effort to assemble Baby Care Kits. These are used by LWR wherever they are needed across the globe. Specific items are requested. See items below.



Two lightweight cotton T-shirts
(no Onesies®)



Two long- or short-sleeved gowns
or sleepers (without feet)



Two receiving blankets, medium-
weight cotton or flannel, or
crocheted or knitted with
lightweight yarn, up to 52" square



One jacket, sweater or
sweatshirt with a hood,
or include a baby cap



Four cloth diapers,
flat fold preferred



Two pairs of socks



Two or three bath-size bars of
gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz., any
brand, in original wrapping; no
mini or hotel-size bars



Two diaper pins or
large safety pins



One hand towel, dark color
recommended

You can choose which items and how many you would like to donate to the cause. There will be a collection site in the new "Missions Corner". You can also choose to donate financially in any amount to the cause. A total kit costs approximately \$60.00 (when purchased at WalMart).

Donations will be collected through the end of July. At that time, the Mission Team will welcome additional volunteers who would like to assist in assembling the kits in preparation for sending them to LWR. We thank you in advance for your donations.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY: 9:00a **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)
10:00a Coffee and Fellowship (Chapel)

MONDAY: 1:30p SAIL (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY: 10:30a Staff Meeting (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY: 9:00a Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
6:30p **Summer Worship at Central**

THURSDAY: 7:30a Thursday Morning Bible Study
(Fireside Room)
1:30p SAIL (Fellowship Hall)
6:00p Adoption Support Group (Fireside Room)

FRIDAY: **BUILDING & OFFICE CLOSED**

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00a **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)
10:00a Coffee and Fellowship (Chapel)

GRACE PRAYS

If you or your loved one would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office at 507-373-6496, leave the person's name and if the request is for prayers of healing, grief, or joy.

Prayers of Healing

Jeannie Jackson

(Daughter of Kate Grodheus)

Chuck Van Wey

Jackson Schrock

(Grandson of Vince & Corrine Tims)

Prayers of Joy

Our youth and adult leaders on their Service Trip to West Virginia this week.

GRACE PRAYS: Prayers are needed and welcome! Prayers of joy, grief, want, and healing. We love to have the privilege of praying for you or your loved ones. Our practice for the prayer list is as follows: people being prayed for must give their consent; names will stay on the list for two weeks. You may call or request a name be placed on the list again after each two weeks. This rotation keeps us mindful of the ones we are praying for and is graceful to those who might otherwise have forgotten to call to have a name removed. Please contact the office, a pastor or parish nurse Lori, to have your name added or removed. Thanks!

GENEROSITY AT GRACE

