

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>



#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KITS

Education is one of key elements that a community can provide to break the cycle of poverty. The Mission Team will be collecting supplies for School Kits, which contain the essential supplies needed to help children learn, even in situations where they face serious obstacles. Please consider participating in this effort. The items to be included in each kit are listed below. You can donate a whole kit or choose the items you would like to contribute. Deposit your donated items in the box in the Missions Corner. Thank you for your generosity.

#### SCHOOL KIT LIST:

- Four 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide- or college-ruled paper; No loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 ½" eraser
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14X17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks): recommended fabrics include sturdy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill.

# Fun by the Fire!

## Hot Dogs, S'mores, and Yard Games

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Who: 6th - 12th graders

When: Sunday, August 20, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Grace Lutheran Church by  
the Prayer Garden

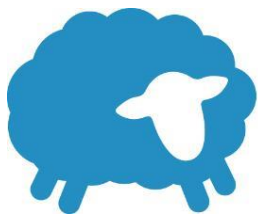
Bring a chair, a roasting stick, and a friend!

**SUMMER WORSHIP AT CENTRAL UPDATE:** August 23<sup>rd</sup> is our last outdoor Wednesday worship. We will be gathering at **Edgewater Park** at 6:30pm for a bonfire worship with hotdogs and s'mores to follow. Thank you to everyone who has joined us for worship this summer!

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN WELCA 2023 GUEST NIGHT:** A delicious array of salads, followed by "The Native American Flute," featuring music written by Native American women. Presenter is Jon Romer, with piano accompaniment by Elieen Nelson Ness. **Tuesday, August 15, 6:00 pm** at Ascension Lutheran Church. Free will contributions received that night will be donated in memory of Fawn Dietz, daughter of Jodi and Wayne Dietz of Albert Lea, to Native American women's support and empowerment in Minnesota.

**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!

**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.



# flocknote

**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](https://gracelutheranchurch2.flocknote.com). If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dean, Vicar Ashley, or IT Specialist Aaron.

## GENEROSITY AT GRACE



## THREE WAYS TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY



### Mobile Giving

- Download the *Vanco Mobile* app.
- Enter "Grace Lutheran Church Albert Lea MN" in the search bar.
- Select a fund & amount.
- Give once or create an account to give a recurring offering.



### Online Giving

Scan QR Code to give online or go to [gracealbertlea.org/giving](https://gracealbertlea.org/giving).



### Automatic Withdrawals

Contact the church office or your bank for more information.

## **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:** 10:00a Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study  
(Fireside Room)  
10:30a Staff Meeting (Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY:** 9:00a Sewing 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)  
6:00p Kickoff Bonfire (Church Yard)

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### **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**

**Richard & Betty Anderson**  
**David Anderson**  
**Teresa Raatz**  
**Pat Palmer**

#### **Prayers for those Grieving**

The family & friends of **Rachell Bizjak**  
The family & friends of **Marian Ziebell**  
The family & friends of **Bill Groskurth**

#### **Prayers of Joy**

**Baptism of Belle Marie Braund**  
(Daughter of Joseph & Kelly Braund)  
**For all who helped make VBS a wonderful 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!