



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27TH

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: We're thrilled to announce that the Call Committee has officially been formed and consists of **Doreen Pontow, Angie Johnston, Stuart Ness, Jerry Dahl, Joyce Purdy, and Erica Samp.** We are eager to embark on this important journey of finding our next Associate Pastor. We'll be working diligently to find the ideal leader for our church community. Keep an eye out for updates and ways you can be involved in the process during the month of September. In the meantime, Church Council President, Jim Munyer will hold a **forum** on Sunday, **September 17** in the Fireside Room to answer any questions about the establishment of the Call Committee, finances, etc. Sincerely, Grace Lutheran Call Committee.



CONFIRMATION RETURNS! Confirmation begins with meetings for parents and students on Wednesday, September 6 in the Fellowship Hall. 7th and 8th grades will meet at 6:30pm and 9th grade will meet at 7:30pm. Please let Pastor Dean know if you have any questions.

Important Dates:

Confirmation Orientation: Wednesday, September 6
7th and 8th Graders (and their parents) – 6:30pm
9th Graders (and their parents) – 7:30pm

9th Grade Confirmation Classes
Sunday, September 10 – October 15 following worship

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Classes
Begin Wednesday, September 13. (6:30-8:00pm)

Affirmation of Baptism Worship Service
Sunday, October 29 @ 10:30am.

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.



Choir News



JOIN THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHOIRS THIS SEASON!

The Grace Choir, previously known as the Adult Choir, is open to anyone aged 16 and over. Whether you are an experienced vocalist or someone who simply loves to sing, you are invited to add your voice to the Grace Choir.

The Bell Choir: No previous handbell experience is necessary—just a willingness to learn and a desire to make beautiful music with fellow members of our church community.

Rehearsals for both choirs begin on **September 13th**. The Bell Choir meets at **6:30 PM**, and the Grace Choir gathers at **7:30 PM**—every Wednesday evening. Check out the September Grace Notes (coming out soon) for more detailed information.

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 reoccurring offering.



Online Giving

Scan QR Code to give online or go to gracealbertlea.org/giving.



Automatic Withdrawals

Contact the church office or your bank for more information.



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.

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!

SOUP AND DESSERT SUPPER: Central Freeborn Lutheran Church is having a soup and dessert supper, Monday, **September 18** from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Cost is: \$10 - adults, \$5 - children (6-12), free for children 5 and under. Location: 74427 245th Street, Albert Lea. Soups include homemade wild rice, chili, potato, and chicken. Gluten free soup, bread and dessert are available. **Proceeds will benefit the Albert Lea Inclusive Playground and Miracle Field.** Please bring nonperishable food items to support local food shelves.

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)

THURSDAY: 7:30a Thursday Morning Bible Study
(Fireside Room)
10:00a Grace Notes newsletter prep (Fellowship Hall)
1:30p SAIL (Fellowship Hall)

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 Chuck Van Wey

Prayers for those Grieving
The family & friends of **Arthur "Art" Wipplinger**
The family & friends of **MaryLou Jacobson**

Prayers of Joy
For all the teachers, staff and students returning to school.

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

