



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

#### 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.



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

#### Important Dates:

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

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Classes**  
Sunday, September 10 – October 15 following worship

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

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

**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.



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

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## 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](http://gracealbertlea.org/giving).



### Automatic Withdrawals

Contact the church office or your bank for more information.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**TODAY:** 8:30p Fair-Trade Coffee Fellowship  
9:00a **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)  
10:00a Coffee and Fellowship (Chapel)

**MONDAY:** **BUILDING & OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**WEDNESDAY:** 9:00a Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00a Communion at Thorne Crest  
6:30a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents  
Confirmation Orientation  
7:30a 9<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents  
Confirmation Orientation

**THURSDAY:** 7:30a Thursday Morning Bible Study  
(Fireside Room)  
1:30p SAIL (Fellowship Hall)  
2:00p Oak Park Place Worship

**FRIDAY:** **BUILDING & OFFICE CLOSED**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00a **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)  
10:00a 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
10:00a Coffee and Fellowship (Chapel)

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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

Deb Opdahl  
Chuck Van Wey

### Prayers for those Grieving

The family & friends of **Pat Pamun**, mother of Darin & Tonia Palmer  
The family & friends of **Arthur "Art" Wiplinger**

### Prayers of Joy

**The birth of Riley Mae Kermes**, granddaughter of Matt & Tina Kermes

**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!