



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1ST

Adult Forum: Pastor Shane will be sharing his sabbatical updates.

Call Committee Update: We, the Call Committee, are bringing surveys to the congregation for the next few weeks to cover what our "Hopes and Dreams" are for a new associate pastor. We will be presenting a new survey during the last 15 minutes of the church service for the next few weeks. Your answers will help us be your voice in this process. Survey can also be filled out at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/GraceALHopes2>



SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin on **October 1st from 10:00 am to 10:50 am** in the Fellowship Hall for all Pre-K (3 years old) through 6th grade. We are looking for helpers each week. Helpers can sign up for individual days, with no long-term commitment. If you are interested in helping, or have questions, please contact Kate Dahl at katedahlrn@gmail.com.

Christ in our home devotional booklets: The October, November, December devotional booklets are available now in the Narthex. Pick yours up the next time you are in the building.

New Sanctuary Piano Update: As many of you already know, we are on an exciting journey to replace our 110-year-old Mason & Hamlin with a new 7' 6" Kawai GX-7 for the sanctuary. This initiative has received unanimous support from the church council, representing a significant long-term investment in our worship experience. We cannot make this addition without you, and we want to emphasize that no contribution is too small; every dollar you donate has twice the impact, thanks to a 1-for-1 matching program.

How to Contribute:



- 1) Direct Donation: Write a check payable to 'Grace Lutheran Church,' and note 'Piano Fund' in the memo.
- 2) Online Giving: Visit gracealbertlea.org/donate and select 'Grand Piano Fund.'

Let's come together to make this important and beautiful addition to our sanctuary a reality. Thank you for your continued support!

SIGN UP TODAY! This is a convenient way to stay informed about 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 Shane, Pastor Dean, Vicar Ashley, or IT Specialist Aaron.

Update membership information! Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred over the past year. Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our database (if you haven't already done so). So...Have you changed your phone number? Moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home, and are they all included in your membership record? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information is correct in our database. The Church Office number is 507-373-6496. Thank you for your help!

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS: Thank you for supporting the Mission Team by buying Fair Trade products the first Sunday of each month. The coffee, tea, cocoa, olive oil, and chocolate are certified organic and produced without the use of toxic and persistent pesticides. We sell these products at cost. The church makes no profit, but by buying these products, you help the small-scale farmers control their own businesses on land they own. Through the cooperatives, they receive a fair price for their products. Thank you for buying Fair Trade!

GENEROSITY AT GRACE



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY: 8:30p Fair-Trade Coffee Fellowship
9:00a **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)
10:00a Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a Coffee and Fellowship (Chapel)
10:00a Adult Forum (Fireside Room)
NO 9th Grade Confirmation

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 Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
10:00a Thorne Crest Communion
6:30p 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
(Fellowship Hall)
6:30p Bell Choir
7:30p Grace Choir

THURSDAY: 7:30a Thursday Morning Bible Study
(Fireside Room)
1:30p SAIL (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY: **BUILDING & OFFICE CLOSED**

NEXT SUNDAY: **9:00a** **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)
10:00a 9th Grade Confirmation (Youth Room)
10:00a Pastor Appreciation Day (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

Garrick Bjorklund, son of Lee & Leah Bjorklund
Jeannie Jackson, daughter of Kate Grodhaus
Gaylen Johnson

Prayers for those Grieving

The family & friends of **Brady Hanson**, son of Ken & Kristine Hanson
The family & friends of **Susan Ranney**

Prayers of Joy

The baptism of **Bentley David Scheib**, son of Richard & Torri Scheib
For the much-needed rain we received!

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!