



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5TH

ADULT FORUM: Join Kathy Woodside from St. Johns in the Fireside Room!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: Sunday, November 5th we observe All Saints' Sunday. It's a day set aside to give thanks for all the saints who have died or been baptized since last All Saints' Sunday.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Thank you to all who donated candy for the Trunk or Treat event! Despite the snow last Saturday, there was still a good turnout and we treated lots of happy kids. We appreciate your support of this fun community event!

Pool Tourney

Crafts

FRIENDSGIVING FEAST 2023

WHO: 6TH -12TH GRADES AND FRIENDS
WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, FROM 5:00PM - 8:00PM
WHERE: GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Complete the form to RSVP
<https://forms.gle/mWqB9Yq3JppSE3pm8>

What to Bring:
Last name A-G: Dessert
Last name H-N: Salad
Last name: O-Z: Side Dish
We will provide the main dish - Ham Sliders!

Ping Pong



Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 22

6:30pm

Grace Lutheran Church
918 Garfield Ave



Pie & coffee after worship

Grace Sunday School Calendar 2023

November

- 5 Sunday School 10-10:50
- 12 Sunday School 10-10:50
- 19 Sunday School 10-10:50
- 26 NO Sunday School Thanksgiving weekend

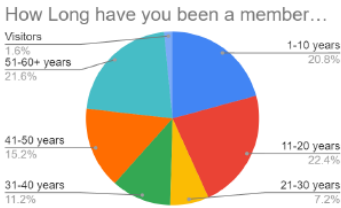
INTERNATIONAL SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS DAY is Saturday, November 18th. This is a day when those affected by suicide loss will gather around the world to find comfort and gain understanding as stories of healing and hope are shared. Bonnerup Funeral Service will offer an event for Survivors of Suicide Loss from 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm, Saturday, November 18th at 2210 E. Main Street, Albert Lea. The program features an American Foundation for Suicide Prevention documentary featuring family and friends who are coping the loss of a loved one who died by suicide. Together they show various experience people can have from confusion and denial to isolation and finding support. Each grief journey shares a message of hope, healing, connection, and resilience. There is no cost for this event. You do not have to stay for the entire event if you are unable to do so. Register by call 507-373-2461 or by emailing lori@bonnerupfuneralservice.com. Additional information is available at www.survivorday.org

ALTAR FLOWERS/COMMUNION BREAD & WINE: If you would like to provide flowers for the altar or bread and wine for communion, sign-up sheets along with special envelopes can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Grace Call Committee Update

The Grace Call Committee would like to thank everyone that has participated in our Sunday surveys during September and October. If you would still like to participate in the survey's please do so by November 15th, by going to <https://tinyurl.com/GraceALHopes1>, <https://tinyurl.com/GraceALHopes2>, or <https://tinyurl.com/GraceALHopes3>. We encourage you to be a part of our next surveys on November 5th and November 12th during the end of Worship. We will also be hosting a discussion on December 3rd to review in depth, all of the information as we work toward the completion of our Ministry Site Profile, which will be used to help match potential candidates to Grace.

The results of our Hopes and Dreams Survey thus far have shown these major themes:



Top words that describe Grace:

- Friendly/Welcoming
- Caring/Thoughtful
- Faithful/Committed
- Loving/Compassionate/Devoted

Top Hopes and Dreams for next 5 years

- Grow
- More Families and Youth, Sunday School/ Youth Education

Top Community Challenges God is leading Grace to address

- Getting people back to church & connecting with God
- Divisions (economic, Political, Racial, Violence)
- Hunger / Food Insecurity

Top Resources

- Congregation/Volunteers
- Church Leadership—Council/Pastors/Staff

Top Strengths / Appreciations

- Caring/Loving/Family
- Friendly
- Musical/Musical Groups
- Pastors
- Building
- Volunteers

Top Big Dream Accomplishments

- Promoting New Members and Attendance
- Church Activities—Education, Events for Singles, Families

In addition to our internal survey, we asked a number of questions to community leaders in Albert Lea. The participants included members from our schools, public safety, higher education, and city government. Overall, the respondents see a community need for family support, inclusiveness, and opportunities for youth in the community.

Community Audit Survey Overview

What are the greatest Challenges in our community?

- Financial—Housing, childcare, Transportation, Family Needs
- Health—Substance Abuse, social/emotional needs of students
- Community—Youth Involvement, Diversity, Lack of Sense of Community, Aging Population

Greatest Community Strengths

- Community Members
- Safe Community
- People Willing to help

What do you know about Grace and our programs?

- Very Little
- Missional/ Care about community
- Food Backpack Program

What significant Changes have you seen in the last 1-5 years?

- **Positive**
- More Businesses/Jobs in Town
- Coming back to community
- **Negative**
- Intolerance for Diversity
- Shortage of Volunteers
- Shortage of Housing
- Mental Health challenges

What can Grace do for our community

- Build, care, and Unite the community
- Collaborate with other groups
- Encourage faith in Jesus
- Create programs for Family, Community, and Youth Needs
- Reduce Barriers for youth to be involved.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the call committee members. Doreen Pontow, Angie Johnston, Erica Samp, Jerry Dahl, Joyce Purdy, Stuart Ness

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY: 8:30p Fair-Trade Coffee Fellowship
9:00a All-Saints' Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00a Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a Coffee and Fellowship (Chapel)
10:00a Adult Forum (Fireside Room)

MONDAY: 1:30p SAIL (Fellowship Hall)

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

WEDNESDAY: 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 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
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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

Sharon Meyer
Julie Drommerhausen

Prayers for those Grieving

The family & friends of **Sandra L. Behrens**

Prayers of Joy

The Confirmation Class of 2023

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

