



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8th

Pastor Appreciation Day. Please join us for Pastor Appreciation Day as we celebrate Pastor Shane, Pastor Dean, and Vicar Ashley in the Chapel. This is a time to show our appreciation and gratitude for the work they do for the church and congregation. Coffee, lemonade, and cupcakes will be served.

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/GraceALHopes3>

This week's questions are:

If you could dream big, what could we accomplish in our ministry together in seeking to serve our large community?

What are the assets and resources that are available within this congregation for making this dream a reality?

Sunday school is 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.

Grace Sunday School Calendar

October

- 15** Sunday School 10-10:50
- 22** NO Sunday School MEA weekend
- 29** Sunday School 10-10:50

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

All Saints' Sunday: On **November 5th** we will observe All Saints' Sunday at the 9:00 am worship service. It's a day set aside to give thanks for all the saints who have died or been baptized since last All Saints' Sunday.

Meals on the Go, a meal delivery service for those in need due to medical or mobility issues, is looking for delivery drivers. Drivers are most needed on Thursdays and Fridays. It's an easy way to serve your community. If you have any questions or want to ride along and see what it's all about, please call Meals on the Go leader, Janelle Jacobs. 507-860-2796.

Opportunity for god’s service at grace with the altar guild team: Here is your opportunity to be part of the Altar Guild. No experience necessary, only a willingness to be part of a team. Flexible scheduling. Partnered with an experienced team member. Please use the signup sheet in the Narthex. For more detailed information, please contact Jane Madson at 507-377-3547 or the church office.

New Sanctuary Piano Update: 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 for Flocknotes! 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!

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.

GENEROSITY AT GRACE



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY: 9:00a **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)
10:00a Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a Clergy Appreciation (Chapel)
10:00a 9th Grade Confirmation (Youth Room)
NO Adult Forum

MONDAY: 1:30p SAIL (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY: 10:00a NO Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
10:30a Staff Meeting (Chapel)
6:30p Council Meeting (Fireside Room)

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 9th Grade Confirmation (Youth Room)
10:00a Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a Adult Forum (Fireside Room)
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

Deb Opdahl

Julie Drommerhausen

Garrick Bjorklund, son of Lee & Leah Bjorklund

Jeannie Jackson, daughter of Kate Grodhaus

Prayers for those Grieving

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

Prayers of Joy

Fall weather.

Fall crop harvests.

For our Pastor's on "Pastor Appreciation Day."

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!