



**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**News and upcoming events**  
**October 2018**

*Sharing the Love and Words of Jesus*

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*Our mission is to share the love and words of Jesus with everyone and move their hearts to become followers of Jesus Christ.*

**Grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

I am excited to tell you about a new program for our youth and families which we are introducing this October! I have become aware of a need for more focused instruction for our youth and a desire for a setting that includes the parents as well.

After discussing this need with the Christian Education committee, a decision was made that this class will be on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00. Our Wednesday night program will run through the school year and will be entitled WOW! (Word On Wednesdays). WOW! will begin on October 17 at 6:00 with dinner. Following dinner (at about 6:30), we will break into two different age groups.

The first group will be for children in preschool through grade 5 and their parents who will have a short Bible Study about well-known Bible stories (creation, Abraham and Sarah, 10 commandments, Moses, etc.). This Bible study will be aimed at helping familiarize the children with the basics of the Bible and equipping parents to be able to talk about the Bible with their children. Any younger siblings are welcome; there will be coloring sheets and simple toys available for them to learn about the Bible stories along with their older siblings and parents. This Bible Study will end at 7:00, with parents and children having the option to worship afterwards or go home, depending upon their preference.

The second group will be those children in grades 6-8 who are in confirmation class. Confirmation class this year will focus on the Old Testament, learning more about the stories of the Bible which form the basis of our faith. The first part of the class will end at 7:00. The second part of the class will be during worship. The confirmation students will be taking an active role in worship as part of their confirmation instruction.

The goal with this program is to encourage learning about the Bible among all members of our families and to help the parents in the families feel comfortable with teaching their children about God and the Bible. If you know of any families outside of our congregation who might enjoy this program, please encourage them to attend. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the dinner portion of the program, so if that's something you are interested in, please let me know. Together, we will share the love and words of Jesus with everyone!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt



## SERVANT'S CROSS

Please take a moment to check out the Servant's Cross. It is located next to the Swedish Bible, where the Flower Chart used to be. The point of the Servant's Cross is that committees and members of Grace can hang small cards with requests on the pegs. Then congregation members can look at the requests, take a card (or cards), fulfill the request, and then place the cards into a box located on the shelf next to the cross. You are encouraged to make a habit of checking the cross at the back of the sanctuary the same way you check the back shelf for sign-up sheets.

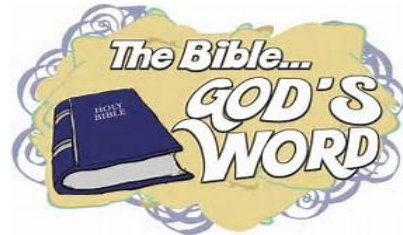


Sheilah Monroe is hosting a once a month evening Bible Study at her house on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Sheilah's house is located at 1018 W. 1st. Street in Alabaster. If you are interested and/or have questions for Sheilah, you can either talk to her after worship on Sundays or call her at 989-362-5926. All are welcome to participate.



Reformation Sunday is October 28, 2018. We will be receiving new member on that date. Please plan to attend and wear red for the Reformation.

Also, on Sunday, October 21st, several of our young members will be taking their first communion.



### October 7 - Time after Pentecost Worship with Communion

First Reading [Genesis 2:18-24](#)  
Psalm [Psalm 8](#)  
Second Reading [Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12](#)  
Gospel [Mark 10:2-16](#)

### October 14 - Time after Pentecost Worship with Communion

First Reading [Amos 5:6-7, 10-15](#)  
Psalm [Psalm 90:12-17](#)  
Second Reading [Hebrews 4:12-16](#)  
Gospel [Mark 10:17-31](#)

### October 21 - Time after Pentecost Worship with Communion

First Reading [Isaiah 53:4-12](#)  
Psalm [Psalm 91:9-16](#)  
Second Reading [Hebrews 5:1-10](#)  
Gospel [Mark 10:35-45](#)

### October 28 - Reformation Sunday Worship with Communion

First Reading [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)  
Psalm [Psalm 46](#)  
Second Reading [Romans 3:19-28](#)  
Gospel [John 8:31-36](#)

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## Serving in October

### **Ministers ..... the Members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*Pastor. .... Rev. Matthew  
Carpenter*  
*Secretary. .... Dale  
Harwood*  
*Custodians. .... Linda & Chad  
Steinbrink*  
*Organist. .... Dale  
Harwood*  
*Pianist. .... Christine  
Huebner*  
*Lector. .... Oct 7 - Sheilah Monroe  
..... Oct 14 -  
TBD  
..... Oct 21 - Barb Beaderstadt  
..... Oct 28 - TBD*  
*Ushers .... Oct 7 - Jim & Carol  
Garlo  
.....  
TBD*  
*Acolyte .... Oct 7 - Nathan Shaver  
..... Oct 14 - Joleen Whitford  
..... Oct 21 - Xander Whitford & Mason Nunn  
..... Oct 28 - McKenzie & Mason Nunn*  
*Communion Asst. .... Oct 7 - Sheilah Monroe  
..... Oct 21 - TBD*  
*Altar Care .... Donna Deckett*  
*Children's Chapel & Nursery .... Deann Hester*  
*Funeral Dinner Chair. .... Linda Adams*

Please take a moment to check out the worship assistant chart and volunteer to assist with our worship service. We truly appreciate

your help. If you are willing to be a Communion Assistant, please let Pastor Matt know and he will schedule a training session for you.



	September 2018	YTD 2018
EXPENSES	\$10,985.16	\$93,265.29
INCOME	\$10,877.89	\$103,805.70
SHORTAGE	\$107.27	\$10,540.41



### Given to the Glory of God

- Oct 7** In memory of Virginia Kirby & Nancy Adams by Bill & Linda Adams
- Oct 14** Available
- Oct 21** Available
- Oct 28** In honor of Michelle Johnson's birthday by Dennis & Cheryl Frank

The cost of altar flowers is \$25.00 Please make your check payable to "WELCA" and give to Cheryl Frank or leave in the office. Thank You.



#### **President:**

Al Webster . . . . .989-739-1948

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Marguerite Schmidt . . . . .989-362-6354

#### **Secretary:**

Sandy Dalenö ..989-545-7560

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**Church Council will meet  
 next on October 14th  
 following worship**



Brett Allen, Harvey & Peggy Brinkman, Courtney Callahan, Drew Clark, Gordon Cordes, Donna Dahlstrom,, Rebecca Elliott, Art Gainer, Dorothy Gentry, Dianne Grant, Dick Haglund, Margaret Haglund, Dennis Harten, Forrest Holmes, Rich Horne, Steven Jasinski, Melanie Johnson, Lauren Landgraf, Bob Lesneski, Susan Leyland, William Lindholm, Erskine Lightfoot, Nicole & Lincoln Markey & family, Jo McIntosh, Gene Oesterling, Rebecca Ouillette, Jeff Pursey, Nancy Shellenberger, Eric & Austin Thomas, Wes Thompson, Brodie Tigue, Jessica Travis, Mark Whalen and Wendy, Cy White, Terra Whiteman, Kathy Jo Wright, and all of our Grace family and our homebound friends.

To start the prayer chain, please call: **Cheryl Frank at 362-5680 or the Church Office at 362-5371.**

**GREETING CARD MINISTRY**



Summer is coming to a close with a colorful display of leaves, pumpkins, apples and children dressed for receiving treats. As I write this, the annual rice harvest is taking place on the lake. We have been busy canning some of the wonderful veggies from the garden.

We thank God for these gifts and send up prayers for those that have suffered loss of a kind.

May we all continue to remember to send out a Greeting, Get Well or message of Encouragement to friends, family and to those people that need some lifting up and a word of peace.

Many thanks for sharing that peace with a card from the Grace Card Ministry.

*Blessings Pete & Trisha Ward*



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### **Celebrating Bold Women**

We are always Celebrating the Bold Women of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church and are thankful for every one of YOU!

We earned \$756 at our Salad Luncheon in June. What a wonderful turnout we had! At our September meeting we decided to divide those earnings as follows: \$100 toward the mailings of military boxes in November (at which Grace partners with Tawas Village), \$200 to Harbor Lights Pregnancy & Information Center for the purchase of a crib, \$250 to help the Monroes rebuild after the severe storm damage that they experienced & the last \$206 to Grace's general fund.

We were pleased to have a representative from Harbor Lights Pregnancy & Information Center speak to us at our September meeting. We learned what they do and how we can help. We were told about the help they give new parents, with education, clothing, formula and items for children birth to 5yrs. old & also prenatal help. She also mentioned that they are always in need of newborn & 5 diapers and when asked if any of us were in the store & wanted to purchase a package

or 2 & bring them to the center on Newman St. she said sure! They are open on Wednesday & Thursday each week.

We also discussed our December meeting and what we would like to do. We have had our meeting at Sherman Glen assisted living for the past 2 years and felt that we should do something different this year. They have always prepared & served our lunch which has been wonderful. We decided to meet on December 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will prepare lunch and Amanda suggested that we invite the women from St. Paul, AuGres and that possibly they might be interested in doing the program. Amanda will talk with them and get back to us. I would like to meet with a couple of people to plan this luncheon and then we can get volunteers for the food.

As always, Linda Adams & Nancy Frisch are continuing with their part of the card ministry (Get well, thinking of you & Anniversary). Barbara Blair has volunteered to send out our birthday cards. Thank you so much to all of you.

The program on September 13<sup>th</sup>, with Pr. Tom Barbret was a wonderful success. About 30 people were in attendance, many wonderful appetizers were served and Pr. Tom's program was wonderful. Thank you to everyone!!

Due to health and family concerns we have had a couple of our Funeral committee ladies that have had to back away for awhile so we are looking for some additional help with this committee. If you think you might be able to help please contact me at 362-5680 or email me at [frankcheryl50@hotmail.com](mailto:frankcheryl50@hotmail.com).

*Women of the ELCA* is open to all women of the congregation and their friends, & family. We have 4 general meetings a year, & join in study, devotions, work bees, fun and fellowship. We encourage the women of Grace in many ways, by our support of each other both emotionally & physically. Mark your calendars for our meetings in March, June, September & December.

It is always a pleasure to work with the Women of Grace Lutheran Church.

God Bless you all,

Cheryl Frank

## NOISY OFFERING

Our Noisy Offering for July will go to Reverence Home Health and Hospice. Home Health Services being offered by Reverence Home Health and Hospice includes nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, medical social, home health aide.



## MINISTRIES AT GRACE



The Bible Study group is in the process of reorganizing. There is a questionnaire included in this newsletter so we can better gauge the interest in attending and also what topics might be of interest to the group. We also are looking into changing the date and time to make it convenient to more attendees.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The UnOrganized Men's group holds their monthly breakfast meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am. Please come and join them for coffee, donuts, discussion and fellowship.



Help wanted: someone who can fill in for Wes when he is unable to attend our visits. If you know of someone who plays an instrument and can help us out from time to time, please let the office know. Also, I will be gone in March and April next year, so we need someone who can lead the group. I will certainly help any volunteers. Lastly, we need participants. If you can donate two hours a month to join our ministry, please come. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 10:00, first at Lakeview Manor and then at Tendercare.

All members of this group do not come every month, but it helps if we have enough volunteers to show the residents how much we care. Please consider joining us.



Where was Daniel living when officials of King Darius conspired to have Daniel thrown into the lions' den? Why was Daniel living there?

- A. Egypt; he wanted to see the pyramids built by his ancestors, the Hebrew slaves
- B. Jerusalem; he was serving as a priest in the temple
- C. Samaria; he was visiting his friend Micah
- D. Babylon; he was one of the Israelites who had been taken into exile there

*Answer can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.*

## WHAT A WONDER

If ever I reach heaven I expect to find three wonders there: first, to meet some I had not thought to see there; second, to miss some I had expected to see there; and third . the greatest wonder of all . to find myself there.

- John Newton



Heavenly Father, as I adventure with you today be the compass that guides me, the light that shines on my path, the only one I follow. As I adventure with you today be the word that encourages, the hand that reaches out, each time I stumble As I adventure with you today let me glimpse our destination, and appreciate the places through which you lead me. As I adventure with you today, be the strength I need to follow, and as the day draws to a close let me rest in your embrace. Amen

*Thanks*

Thank you to:

- All members and friends who continue to support the congregation both spiritually and financially.
- To our Church Council for keeping on top of the running of Grace.
- Deann Hester for leading the children during Children's Chapel.
- To Trisha Ward for keeping the card rack filled with beautiful (and inexpensive) greeting cards.
- To Barb Blair, Nancy Frisch and Linda Adams for sending birthday, anniversary and get well cards. Those cards mean so much to all of us.

### GIFT BOXES FOR SERVICE MEN/WOMEN

We will again be partnering with Tawas Village to prepare gift boxes for our Servicemen/women serving overseas. This project is sponsored by our Stewardship and Evangelism as our God's work, Our Hands+project for the year. We will soon have a donation box set up in the hall outside of the office for any donations that you might like to make. They are also

looking for anyone who has an unused Thrivent voucher that they will be willing to donate to cover some of the cost of the postage. Please let Pastor Matt or June Pursey know if you are able to help.

### COMFORT FOOD DINNER

We will be having a Comfort Food Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, October 20th. Barb Webster is chairing this event and will asking for volunteers to help her. Mark your calendars for this event. The food is always spectacular.

Answer to Bible Quiz: D  
(See Daniel 1:1-6 and 6:13)

***Please overlook any errors in this newsletter; we certainly did when we proofread it!***

**Church Bulletin Bloopers**



- The Lutheran Men's group will meet at 6 p.m. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal fee.
- Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Friends are welcome! Everyone come for a fun time
- If you are going to be hospitalized for an operation, contact the pastor. Special prayer also for those who are seriously sick by request.
- I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall be live.

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

Lutheran Churches often have at least one lamp continually burning to indicate the presence of Christ in the sanctuary, as well as a belief in the Real

Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Such sanctuary lamps are often colored red to distinguish this light from other lights within the church.

We are offering the Sanctuary candle as a part of our memorial program, i.e. flowers on the altar, rosebud on the piano. This will give you an additional option. It will be noted in the Sunday bulletin that the Sanctuary Candle has been lit this week in memory of *John Doe* by *Betty Doe*. The cost for this memorial will be \$5.00 per week. There will be a sign up sheet located near the flower chart if you would like to take advantage of this program.



## Committees

### **Worship and Music – Dale Harwood, Chair**

- Normally meet on the first or second Wednesday of the month at 1pm.
- This committee is responsible for the supervision of everything pertaining to congregational worship.

### **Christian Education – Deann Hester, Chair**

- Normally meet on the first Monday of the month at 5:45pm.
- This committee is responsible for planning and administering the education program of this congregation.

### **Stewardship & Evangelism – Mandy Carpenter, Chair**

- Normally meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30am.
- This committee is responsible for initiating programs for the development of good stewardship attitudes in the members of this congregation in regard to time, talents, and treasures.

### **Property - Steve Shaver, Council Liaison**

### **Finance – Marguerite Schmidt, Chair**

- These committees meet on an as-needed basis.

If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please speak to the committee chair or council liaison. All are welcome.



Oct 1 – Jim Gilbert, Jess Cozart

Oct 3 – Phyllis Stonehouse, Deb Harwood

Oct 7 – Dort Nunn

Oct 8 – Mark Rehahn

Oct 14 – Don Holmes, Bill Hester

Oct 16 – Kay Price

Oct 17 – Marisa Nunn, Michael Nunn

Oct 19 – Don Ross

Oct 20 – Joel Ulman

Oct 22 – Cassidy Keisler

Oct 25 – Barb White, Donna Kaiser

Oct 27 – Norma Holmes, Mike Stonehouse

Oct 28 – Michelle Johnson, Joe Ernst,

Colleen Kubisiak

Oct 30 – Jean Schultz

Oct 31 – Cheryl Gilbert





Oct 3 – Jim & Stephanie Simmons

Oct 9 – Mike & Dort Nunn,  
Andy & Lisa Ernst

Oct 12 – Gary & Karen Hegenauer

Oct 14 – Jim & Carol Garlo

Oct 16 – Eric & Karen Haglund

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Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.+

*Martin Luther*

1. Are you interested in attending a Bible Study?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

2. Please rank the possible topics for study on a scale of 1-6 (1 being your first choice and 6 as your last choice).

\_\_\_\_\_ The Book of Revelation

\_\_\_\_\_ Women in the Bible

\_\_\_\_\_ Minor Characters in the Bible

\_\_\_\_\_ History of Sacred Music

\_\_\_\_\_ The Minor Prophets

\_\_\_\_\_ History of the Church (time of Christ-Reformation)

3. Please list three days/times that work best for you to meet for Bible Study: