

# grace notes

October 2019

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## An Unexpected Gift

My former colleague, Steve, came to my installation service with a large wrapped present in his hands. I had invited him on a whim, since he had just retired as Bishop of Southeastern, Minnesota, so his Sundays were now free. But I wasn't sure if he would actually attend, and I definitely did not expect a present. It was completely unnecessary. After a few minutes of holding the gift, I asked if I should open it. As I did, he started to explain: this is a gift you actually gave to me many years ago, but now that I am retired I don't have an office anymore and I no longer have a place to hang this. I hope it's not weird to return a gift to you, but it seemed perfect given the circumstances. I could tell from the shape of the gift that it was a frame of some sort. With his words, I began to remember this gift. I had seen it in a frame shop, photographs of letters taken of every day items that you might see as you drive around. One could put the letters together to spell a word or a name. But what had I spelled. Was it hope? Was it faith? Was it love? Or could it be grace? Yep, Grace. There it was- the 5 letters spelling out the name of my new church, our church, the name of the gift of God that has been given to all of us. It was perfect! Grace Lutheran you live into your name. I have had this discussion with a number of you:

"What's the name of this church?"

"Grace."

"And that's what we do here, we extend grace."



Grace is a word that we often say, but don't really completely understand. However, I think this is different here at Grace Lutheran. I used to ask confirmation students to define the following: sin, judgment and grace. They would get sin and judgment without hesitation, but grace was the word that over and over again they stumbled over. They weren't so sure. I would often tell them this: Imagine that you stole your parents' car and got in an accident. Would you be in a lot of trouble? (Most of these youth were 15 years old, so just about to start driving, but not quite there yet.) The kids would nod and say, "I would be grounded for life." I'd continue, "Well, imagine then that your parents said, 'it's okay. You're not grounded. You don't have to pay me back. I love you and forgive you.'" It was usually at this point in the conversation that the kids would look at me as if I were insane. They often would say, "That would never happen." I would conclude: "Well imagine it did- that is what grace is. A gift we don't deserve, or earn but freely given for us."

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I love the fact that Steve dared to regift a present to me because his example is exactly what we are called to do as Christians. We are called to not only receive grace, but to share it and extend it to others. Our world desperately needs grace. We need it in our government. We need it in our neighborhoods. We need it in our families. We need it in our schools. We were never made to be perfect people. Perfect doesn't exist. It never has, not even in Eden. But grace has been part of our story of faith from the very beginning. God bestowed grace on Adam and Eve in the garden. God bestows grace on every single human being throughout time and space. God extends grace to you and me. But not to keep it for ourselves, God gives it to us with an invitation to go and share it with others.

Grace is where it all begins. We have a God who gives to us before we even ask, and gives abundantly. As we enter the month of October, I hope that you will pay attention to the ways that you experience grace in your daily life. How is God abundantly blessing you with love and forgiveness? How is Grace Lutheran touching your life? How are your neighbors extending care for you? And how will you respond to it? \I am so thankful in my first month at Grace that this is exactly what I have received from all of you: Grace. Grace as I have forgotten names. Grace as I have messed up during worship. Grace as I have said, "What happens now?" Grace doesn't just happen within the walls of our church, but everywhere. Keep your eyes open and you will see it!

*Pastor Joanna Mitchell*



## Vision Board Message

### **Who do you know who has experienced homelessness? You may be surprised.**

Last night the September meeting of the Vision Board was also the first meeting with Pastor Joanna present, and I would be remiss if I didn't just say she brought a much needed breath of fresh air to the whole proceedings. After months of discernment and praying for the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our congregation, it was such a great relief to finally begin that journey. I don't know if I was the only one who felt it, but the whole atmosphere of the meeting felt lighter, like when the sun breaks out at the end of a storm. Pastor Joanna, thank you for being our Senior Pastor.

Now back to the main topic of this article. After an excellent dinner, Johnna Hirt asked us to share our thoughts of a picture or photo we have in our home that has a special meaning for us, and why. This started me thinking about a pair of photos I have at home, and what I see when I think of homeless people.

This morning I dug through my boxes and piles of photos looking for a well worn brown wallet size photo case. Inside the case are two photos. On one side is a woman in her 20's, on the other side is a photo of an infant, both are dressed in what I am sure were the popular fashions of the mid 1940's. Two things make these photos especially meaningful to me, as these two people are both homeless, and, they are photos of my mother and myself. The wallet is the one my father carried with him while he was deployed in Germany during WWII. While Dad was in Germany, my mother and I stayed with relatives as long as they would let us, then we would move on and stay with the next relative. Today we have a term for that. It is called couch hopping. I was too young at the time to remember those days, but the photos are a constant reminder that anyone at any time can become homeless through circumstances beyond their control.

Many of the families experiencing homelessness today that come to Family Promise in Anoka County have been doing just that. Often friends and relatives don't have room to provide shelter for the entire family. When that happens the families are split up with family members staying at two or more locations. Family Promise in Anoka County reunites these families and helps them find safe, permanent housing.

Many of you know, I have a deep passion for Family Promise in Anoka County and I am proud to be a member of the congregation at Grace Lutheran Church, who not only feel as I do, but who put those feelings into action by serving God's people who are experiencing homelessness, on local as well as international levels.

Family Promise in Anoka County is celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and Grace Lutheran Church has been one of the key supporting congregations from the beginning. I remember when they began sheltering families for up to 90 days while providing a case worker who would help them find work and permanent housing. Today they have expanded their programs to include workshops to help them break the barriers that hold them trapped in that homeless cycle. Family Promise in Anoka County has even helped families become homeowners.

Families we help are often quiet and reserved, giving us the impression they don't really appreciate our help. Believe me, that is far from the truth, as evidence I leave you with a letter written by one of our recent guests.



## Vision Board Minutes

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"It's the McEntyre Family and I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything that you guys have done for me and my family, and that we greatly appreciate you guys. I'm also grateful for the volunteers and church coordinators that made our stay as home feeling as possible, and for them opening their arms and their hearts and embracing me and my family and taking time out to get to know us. I know it was some hard times but you guys stuck in there with us and that just shows me that you guys cared, even more and you wanted to see us get to a better place and be able to achieve goals and continue to accomplish them as we move forward through the program. Once again from the bottom on my heart I sincerely appreciate everyone from staff to volunteers and coordinators. Because of Family Promise I have learned to recognize what my true barriers are and how to knock them out one by one all the way to the end." *Mrs. McEntyre*

Grace will lead us home,  
*Alden Riley, Vision Board Member*

### **Pot Luck Dinner with the Vision Board Tuesday, October 8 6:00 - 6:55pm.**

Vision Board Invites people of Grace to A Pot-Luck Dinner All are welcome! You may bring a dish to share if you'd like, but not necessary. So we have an idea of how many to plan for, please sign up on the Blue Opportunity Sheets within your bulletins or call the church office.



The VB meeting was convened at 6:56 pm on September 10, 2019 at the home of Ann Lange with all board members in attendance except for Chad Hadler. The minutes for Aug 2019 were approved unanimously with one correction. (which can be read on [graceandover.org](http://graceandover.org))

The Vision Board plans to host a potluck dinner from 6:00-6:55 pm prior to our next business meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. An invitation to the congregation will go out in the next few communications.

The VB and Pastor Joanna discussed the installation services on Sunday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Rev. John Hulden, Asst. to the Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod, will conduct the service. The VB along with other congregation members will meet at 4 stations during the service, and Pastor Joanna will process to these 4 stations. Cake will be provided in the narthex after the services.

Pastor Joanna reflected on her initial few weeks. Felt welcomed by staff and congregation. Meeting with staff to set goals with a staff retreat planned for 10/8/19.

Pastor Joanna presented "Cottage Meetings" sign up sheets to be available in the church office, Welcome Desk and hopefully on-line.

Alden Riley brought forward a prioritized list of property maintenance issues to be addressed over the next couple of years. The Property Team and the Stewardship Team should work in conjunction to work on the planning and financing of these repairs.

Kate Morphew and Beth Clarstrom submitted the financial statements for August. Finances are stable. A new firewall for the computer system was purchased and will be installed in September. A discussion was had about re-keying the locks and putting a system in place for the handling of the keys. Carla also suggested that a lock box be put in place for the shed/garage.

The meeting was closed with prayers and adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Vickie Meade, Vision Board Secretary



## SALT (*Seek, Love, Abide and Trust*) Adult Education & Prayer Ministry

# INCLUSIVITY

### **Inclusivity Training - Two Terrific Learning Opportunities**

What can we learn to make a difference?

#### **Week 1 - Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m.**

**“Gray Area Thinking®”** presented by Ellie Krug. *How can we make our lives more inclusive of those who are “Other” and different from “us?” Isn’t it time to at least consider a new approach to human inclusivity—where all humans regardless of differences are valued? Join national speaker, transgender writer and “human inclusionist” Ellen “Ellie” Krug as she conducts her highly valued human inclusivity training, Gray Area Thinking®. This training will provide an easy-to-understand toolset on how to be more welcoming of anyone who is “Other” in our society.”*

#### **Week 2 - Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 6-8**

**p.m. “Crossing Bridges”** presented by Reverend Melissa Melnick Gonzalez and Josué Gonzalez. We are very pleased for Week 2 of the inclusivity training, to host a couple from the south metro, with unique perspectives of deep faith and life-long experiences - to engage us by displaying and explaining the overwhelming love of God that brings people through incredible tragedy and harsh environments, this same love of God that shows the way to “Crossing Bridges” with others.

**“Tapestry is a bilingual (Español/ Inglés) and multicultural community that works to not only build bridges, but *to cross them*, too, working to reach out and weave together the diversity of people living in our communities into what it means to be a *community of faith*. We engage in deep listening to build compassion and trust. **We intentionally enter into conversations with people different from ourselves. We are transformed through our relationships and through the work of the Holy Spirit.**” Amen to that.**

Please register for **Inclusivity Training** on GraceLink. *You are invited for both nights!*

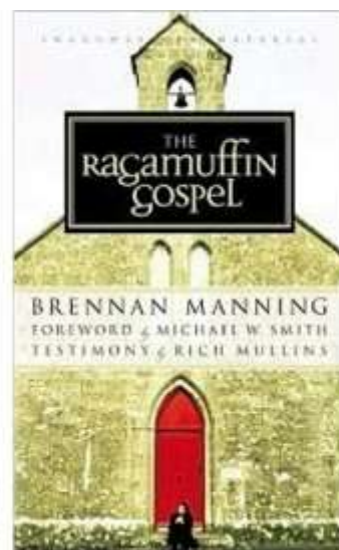
**Ragamuffin** – God’s breaks through with such unbelievable grace, showing His furious love for each of us and all

#### **Book/Study/Video/Discussion**

This is a six week, Monday evening study, beginning October 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Davanni’s (Coon Rapids) in the large meeting room. Based on the book, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, this study journeys into the wide-open arms of a loving God. This is a discovery of and into **grace**, to more fully grasp, as Christian author Brennan Manning states, “...my deepest awareness of myself is that I am deeply loved by Jesus Christ and I have done nothing to earn it or deserve it” and move further on from there. The author and the book: Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out*.

From a very recent review found online: *“The thing that stands out to me the most is the sheer honesty and rawness with which he writes. Some Christian books sound like the author has it all together and is a complete expert on their subject (and maybe they are). Brennan writes as a man still on a journey*

*of discovering God’s grace. The only thing that Brennan seems to be an expert on is being a ragamuffin. Within the pages of this book you will go on a journey of discovery. You will see humanity as God sees them, the very objects of His great love and affection. You will not read about perfect people, only real people on a journey. You will read about broken lives and the God who longs to fix them. You will discover grace and love in a down-to-earth style. I cannot recommend this book enough.”* - M. Wilson  
Sign up on GraceLink. Books can be picked up in the church office for \$12. For more info – please contact John Anderson – 763-360-2484.



## Children's Ministries



### SONday School and Worshiping with Our Children!

This year at Grace every Sunday will be Family Worship Sunday. This means children and their families will be in worship together until after the children's message. After the children's message children will be dismissed to SONday school, to their classrooms. Parents must pick up their children following worship in their child's SONday school classrooms.

It is so important that faith be nurtured in the home. This is why it is so important to us @ Grace to find a SONday school curriculum that uses the same readings as used in worship. Families then have the same ideas, language, and themes to discuss their faith not just here @ Grace, but in their homes and throughout their daily lives. The curriculum we are



**Bloom!**

Nurturing Seeds of Faith

using this year is called Bloom! It is a very adaptable curriculum designed to nurture seeds of faith. Bloom! includes storytelling, music, crafts, and games for our children preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Kids Night Out @ Grace Wednesdays starting October 2nd 6:30 – 8 pm

It's not too late to join us on Wednesday's! This year children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 will be focusing on Grace's core value of service. We are called by Christ to serve one another -this call is for the adults at Grace as well as the Children at Grace. Join us as we sing, learn, and act in service to each other and our neighbors here and around the world! You may register online through Grace Link or by going to the Kids Night Out page on the web site, we will also have forms at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact Maria at [mariam@graceandover.org](mailto:mariam@graceandover.org).



### Bible Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

At Baptism, we make the promise to give our children a Bible. We will be presenting Bibles to our **3-year olds and 2nd Graders** on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00pm Service, and Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>, at the 8:45 & 10:30 Services. Come celebrate your child's faith journey as we give you a Bible to place in the hands of your child. Three-year olds will receive the Spark Story Bible and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will receive a Spark Bible. Let's celebrate the Word and share God's story with your child!



### Trunk-or-Treat October 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:15

We had so much fun last year that Trunk-or-Treat will return this year. Children will **Trick-or-Treat** from parked car to parked car in the safety of the church parking lot. The event will take place on a Wednesday before Catechism and Kids Night out @ Grace. People are encouraged to participate both by bringing their cars and passing out candy, and by just showing up to trick or treat. Cars should plan to arrive by **5pm** to get set up. Family Pizza will also begin at 5:30, for \$1.50 you can purchase 1 slice of pizza, salad and a drink. You can eat before or after you trick-or treat. Bring your family and friends.

## Children's Ministries

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



*Welcome  
To our Church*

Hospitality to our families at Grace  
It is so important to me, Pastor Joanna, and all of the staff at Grace that children and their families be welcome in worship. When children and youth are in and involved in worship, together as a community, we nurture a sense of life-long discipleship and energize the whole congregation. Children are

always welcomed in church, in the fullness of who they are, giggling, fidgeting, sleeping, and wondering. But we also recognize that having children in worship can be difficult on families and as a result we are committed to offering **Nursery Room Care** for those who might need it. This hospitality and resource is for families already worshipping with us at Grace and for those who are visiting. **Please consider serving in the nursery at 8:45 or 10:30 am.** You may volunteer during a service you already attend and view the service on the TV provided in the nursery or you may attend one service and help in the nursery in the other.

You may also serve in Children's Ministry offering hospitality to our children and their families in other ways, to get connected as a SONday School teacher, Substitute, youth helper, or KNO volunteer, please email Maria Markman at [mariam@graceandover.org](mailto:mariam@graceandover.org)

NO SONday School  
December 1  
December 21  
December 28  
April 11

NO Kids Night Out  
October 16  
November 27  
December 25

Fall First  
Communion Class  
November 2nd,  
9-11am

Pastor Joanna and Maria Markman teach students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children are then invited to receive their First Communion during worship on November 2nd at the 5:00pm service, or November 3rd at the 8:45 or 10:30 service. Bring a Bible, a parent, and a smile! Register through GraceLink or at [graceandover.org](http://graceandover.org).



Advent Wreath  
Making  
December 1<sup>st</sup> from  
5:00-7:00pm

Join us in the fellowship hall for this fun advent event. It will be a potluck event so think of all the yummy dishes you might bring! We create our advent wreaths and then end the evening singing Christmas carols together.



Christmas Program  
December 8<sup>th</sup> at  
3:30 p.m.



We will be practicing on Wednesday Nights at KNO. And possibly a few Saturdays. Kids will have the opportunity to be in the Christmas program either in speaking or non-speaking roles. All children at Grace are invited to participate in telling the Christmas story. Information about songs will come home at the end of October beginning of November.

**Dates to remember:**

**Rehearsal: Sat. December 7, 9-11a.m.** All kids will join this rehearsal at 10 am to do a full run through with songs.

**Program: Sunday, December 8, 3:30p.m.** (Please have children here by 3pm)



## Ministry News



### Love of Grace Bazaar

The "Love of Grace Bazaar" will be held at our church on Saturday, **November 9, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

If you or someone you know is interested in selling homemade/hand crafted items at the Bazaar, please send an email to [loveofgracebazaar@yahoo.com](mailto:loveofgracebazaar@yahoo.com) or contact the church office for an application.

The money that we raise is used to buy children's Bibles for our Grace kids, to help support *Robin's Nest* (a program which teaches women in Haiti how to sew), and also to support *The Sheridan Story* program at Sand Creek Elementary School. (*The Sheridan Story* provides food for children in need to take home each Friday so they will not go hungry over the weekend.)

Watch the blue sheets in October to sign up to donate items and volunteer your time. We hope you will also support the Bazaar by stopping in on November 9<sup>th</sup> to shop and enjoy lunch!



### 5th Annual

**October 27 9:45am-1pm**

Donations needed: 1 dozen muffins, 1 dozen bars,  
1 dozen cookies, 2 packages of hot dogs,  
2 packages of brats, 2 packages of buns  
2 bags of chips

Silent Auction Item ideas include: craft items, quilts or blankets, handmade jewelry, woodworking pieces, canned goods and much more. Please no "used" items. All can be dropped off at the church office.



### HOST WEEK

### September 29-October 5

Grace hosts Family Promise guests providing safe shelter and warm hospitality to the homeless.

Will you please join us in this hands-on ministry of sharing God's grace in our local community? You will strengthen lives and build community in very tangible ways – through cooking a meal, driving the van, sleeping overnight for security, or chatting with guests!

For more information, please contact Alden Riley, the Family Promise Ministry Team Leader, at [aldenandjudy@comcast.net](mailto:aldenandjudy@comcast.net) or at 763 412-9489



### Share God's Grace this Christmas

### "ADOPT A FAMILY"

Would you like to share God's grace in a very tangible and REAL way this Christmas? Then please consider 'adopting' a local family who will be truly blessed by your generosity. Through our Faith & Community Partnership with Sand Creek Elementary School, we will connect families from our church with local students and families in need.

Details about 'Adopt a Family':

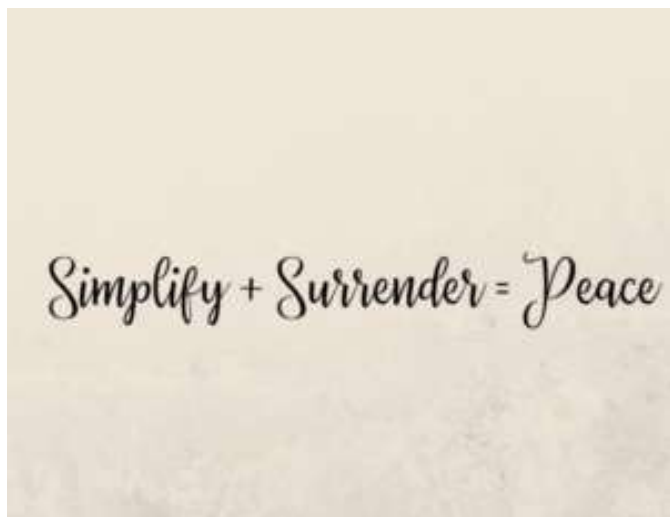
- \* During December, you will be assigned a specific family for which you'll be given the age and gender (but not names) of each family member, along with clothing needs and a wish list for a toy or book.

- \* Then you'll shop for your 'adopted' family and bring the gifts to Grace. The school staff will deliver gifts to your 'adopted' family by Christmas.

If you're interested in adopting a local family this Christmas, please contact Jan Margotto (763) 434-4617 [margotto@msn.com](mailto:margotto@msn.com)



## Ministry News



### Women's Retreat 2020

Ladies – Please join us for our Women's Retreat Feb 7-9, 2020 at Luther Point Bible Camp. We are so excited to have a Guest Speaker this year! She will be helping us with Stress Management and How to Simplify our Lives. ***Simplify + Surrender = Peace.*** Space is limited so Register Today and Save \$ too!

**Date:** Friday, February 7– Sunday, February 9  
**Time:** Arrive at camp between 6-8 pm Friday  
 Depart at Noon Sunday  
**Place:** Luther Point Bible Camp in Grantsburg, WI  
**Price:** Early Bird Special:  
 Register by December 31 = \$75  
 January 1 - January 31 = \$90  
 includes All meals and lodging  
 Contact Stacy Surratt with any questions at  
[stacysurratt@yahoo.com](mailto:stacysurratt@yahoo.com)

**Register on GraceLink**



**Graceful Seniors**  
 Will be moving to the  
2nd Tuesday each  
 month, beginning  
 October 8th

Still 8:30am at the Farm-  
 stead. Cost is \$8. If you have any questions, please  
 call the church office. For more details about Grace-  
 ful Seniors, call Phil Knutson at 763-757-3242

## MEN'S & Women's MINISTRY

### Women's Opportunities

W.O.W - Wednesdays at 9:30am  
 Bible Study on Mondays at 6:30pm  
 Ruth Circle - 2nd Wednesdays at 12:30pm  
 Quilters - Wednesdays at 9:00am  
 Grace Quilters 2 - Last Mondays at 6:30pm

### Men's Opportunities

BWW Connection - 1st Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm  
 Men's Gab & Grub - 3rd Sat. at Baker's Square 8am  
 Bible Studies on Mon. 6:30am or Sat. 8am



**What:** Mugs, Muffins, and More!  
**Where:** In the Fellowship Hall of Grace  
**When:** Saturday, October 26  
**Time:** 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
**Who:** Grace Ladies and their friends  
**What Do I Bring?** Bring an empty mug to be filled  
 with a warm beverage and maybe an empty place  
 in your heart to be filled with love, laughter, and  
 lady friendships.  
 RSVP by signing up on a blue sheet or by register-  
 ing online! We would love to have you join us!

## Reflections from Kristi Larson

## Youth Ministry

A few weeks ago, Tom Baker and I met for lunch and looked at the past four years, and over a few hours, talked about goals. We discussed the hopes and dreams we had for the students that we are surrounded by each week. We named what we wanted them to know about God, the church and themselves. At the end of our lunch we set off to list 5 words we hope to focus on over the next year or two in youth ministry. These words will become the litmus test for our ministry and where we pour our time and resources. Thank you for your commitment to young people in the past and we invited you to join us as we explore these words in the years ahead.

**Relationships** — “We love because God first loved us” is the core of all relationships. We work to provide an environment where young people connect and grow in their relationship with God and with people who care deeply for them, this includes both peers and adults.

**Leadership** — We hope to create an environment where youth are comfortable and excited to lead their peers and the church. We will look for sparks of passion and interests in young people and giving youth the permission to try something.

**Justice** — service with understanding. In Christian community we are called to bear witness to people’s stories, hear their struggles and their joys and listen compassionately without judgment. Justice includes caring deeply for the concerns of the world outside of our own lives and being passionate about working together to find solutions.

**Community** — When students encounter Grace Lutheran Church they are met with welcome and hospitality. Students feel a sense of belonging and acceptance.

**Seeking** — We encourage asking questions about God, the Bible and our faith while seeking for understanding. Students at Grace are encouraged to deepen their knowledge of the Bible while also seeking how God’s word is at work in the world today.

### High School Ministry at Grace 9th - 12th Grade

High School youth group is changing times! **Starting on October 9<sup>th</sup> all High School Students (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome to join us EVERY WEDNESDAY from 7:30-9:00 in Portable 2.** Come and hang out with your friends, have a snack, play games and have a great discussion surrounding God, faith and the stories of others. No need to sign up, just swing by and join the fun! Bring a friend!



### High School Supper Club!

The **first Tuesday** of every month (October – April) High School students meet to prepare and eat a meal together from 5:30-7:00 in the kitchen at Grace. Please RSVP by emailing [KristiL@graceandover.org](mailto:KristiL@graceandover.org) and please bring \$5 to offset the cost of food.

Interested in Summer Travel Opportunities for Middle School and High School? Looking for monthly activities? Wondering how to register? Check out the youth ministry website at [www.graceandover.org](http://www.graceandover.org) under “ministries.”

No Catechism on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Finances as of September 18

YTD Noisy Offering = \$9,043.26

YTD Benevolence paid = \$ 38,313.47

YTD Principal Mortgage Paid = \$61,868.38

Remaining Principal = \$596,440.09

### YTD Comparison

	2019	2018
<b>General Offerings</b>	\$460,793.34	\$467,153.39
<b>Other Receipts</b>	\$63,489.14	\$86,353.23
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$553,325.73	\$563,203.74
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$559,563.77	\$591,544.97
YTD Rec/Exp	(\$26,238.04)	(\$28,341.23)

*if you would like a copy of the current financial report, please contact Kate or Beth*

**If you are wondering where your giving is for the year, please log in to GraceLink. Find Giving on the tool bar. Then select My Giving History.**



Scan the QR Code  
for a direct link  
to Giving Online

If you have questions about how to give on-line, how to make a onetime gift from an IRA or any other questions about your giving, please contact Kate Morphew or Beth Clarstrom.



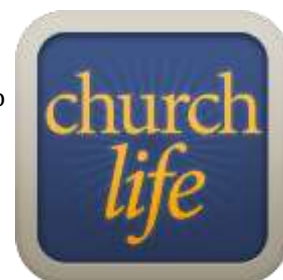
### What can I do with my RMD?

At 70 ½ people who have an IRA have what is called a Required Minimum Distribution or (RMD.) The RMDs can go directly to a nonprofit, like Grace, and then the RMD is not part of the taxable income for the year.

It is also possible to give stocks to the church. If you are interested in donating stocks, please contact Kate Morphew and your financial advisor.



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## PRAYERS

**We keep in our prayers the newly baptized:**

Eli Steven Wolfram,  
son of Steven & Margaret Wolfram

**We keep in our prayers those  
in need of healing:**

Bob Powell, Wayne Welle, Pat Hoovey, Ron Clarstrom, Linda Christiansen, Bob Wilson, Jack Zirkle, Pastor Delwayne Hahn, Scott Protivinsky, Joan Ege, Sheldon Puska, Tyler Emberland, Clint Trousil, Verlyn Wennedt, Jacob Welle, Kathy Lovik, Judi Wold, Pat Borner, Sylvia Lindgren, Kiley Berry, Van Bakko,

**We keep in our hearts and prayers the families  
with recent loss of:**

Mary Taillefer, Bob Gorka,  
Mary Moe, Zachary Barker, Basil Guggisberg  
Dan Benson, Leroy Walters,  
Karen Cooper, Susan Tyring,





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