

Grace Notes

September 2023

“And They’re Off!”

That’s what the announcer said as the 2022 Kentucky Derby got underway. Each year twenty horses are chosen to run the race. In order to qualify, they must race in a series of races leading up to the Kentucky Derby, appropriately referred to as *The Road to the Kentucky Derby*. Twenty horses qualify, and they wear numbers 1-20 in the race, ordered according to the qualifying points they earned on *The Road to the Kentucky Derby*. But in 2022, one of the horses and his jockey wore the number 21. That’s because the horse that finished 20th in the qualifying races was scratched from the Kentucky Derby because he wasn’t ready to race. It was a late scratch, too.

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The #21 was worn by the horse Rich Strike, and when the announcer proclaimed, “*And they’re off*,” Rich Strike didn’t come out of the gate very well. In fact, he was the last one out and even seemed to stumble a little. Watching the race was inspiring, because against all odds, he won. Rich Strike did not qualify for the race, he had the worst starting position, and he came out of the gate poorly. He started the race dead last. But when the race was over, he had gone from worst to first, and proudly wore the wreath.

The Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church and School this Fall feels like the beginning of a big race. But the course is a lot longer and more arduous than a one mile dirt track. Nonetheless, the starting gun has sounded, “*And we’re off!*” We are not in competition with nineteen other ministries, or horses for that matter, but we do have steep odds to overcome. We are sinful people with spots, wrinkles, and stains, and we have the devil and all of his minions rooting against us. But we also have the confidence in knowing that Christ has already won the victory, and His victory is an eternal one.

“And we’re off...” to a new school year with more students than what we have had in quite a long time.

- 276 Students in the School and CDC combined.
- Pray for our new students and our returning students.
- Pray for our faculty, staff, and administration.
- Look forward to the opportunities to bless our school ministry that are coming down the “track.”

“And we’re off...” on the development of a Master Plan to address our immediate and long term ministry needs.

- We are now officially under contract to purchase the Gibson’s property.
- Pray that our environmental study yields good results.
- The BoD is currently reaching out to architecture firms to hear about their interest and availability, and to hear what their process would look like.

“And we’re off...” in asking God’s help to identify an Associate Pastor that can serve Christ’s kingdom in this place, and help us to capitalize on the multitude of ministry opportunities that God is placing before us.

- August 31–September 1 – Pastor Daniel Guagenti will participate in an onsite visit and interview with our Call Committee.
- September 6-9 – Pastor Christopher Schneider will participate in an onsite visit and interview with our Call Committee.
- Next steps to be determined following the interviews.

It may feel like a race, but in reality we are just the people of God, celebrating the gifts of God, and trying our best to best to faithfully serve in the Kingdom of God. *“And we’re off!”*

In Christ,

Pastor Russ

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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The first month of school has flown by! The classes are into the learning groove, spending each day practicing reading, writing and arithmetic, plus discipleship, hands-on science, history, art, music, Spanish, and PE. The soccer and volleyball seasons have also started. The days are full, and so are some of our classrooms. We have welcomed 36 new PK-8th grade students to Grace Lutheran this year!

In our quest to be the best we can be, Grace Lutheran School has added a few changes to our school routine this year. We gather for a morning assembly first thing in the morning for announcements, prayers, and pledges, and we have opened a "PBIS Store" for students to redeem positive behavior tickets. Additionally, we are identifying ways for our students to grow as servant leaders, disciples, and innovators. It will be an exciting year!

One of the blessings of Grace Lutheran is our highly involved PTL – Parent/Teacher League. This group of dedicated parent volunteers has been planning a variety of activities for the school year. The next event is their major fundraising push, the Fun Run. Last year, this event highly exceeded expectations, raising over \$40,000 for school and family events. I invite and encourage congregation members to join in supporting this event once again. Funds are raised through pledges from family and friends. Students then earn prizes for pledges brought in. We are seeking individuals to be the "family and friends" of our Scholarship students. Please contact the school office for additional information on how you can support our PTL through this event.

Still Hiring: GLS is continuing to seek someone to work with our Aftercare program, 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM. Please help us fill this position by sharing it with others.

Please continue to pray for the school, the teachers, staff, students, and their families. May God bless our year as we serve Him through our school.

God's Blessings,

Delaine Schiestel

GROW - BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

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Bible Studies Topics – September 2023

Sunday Morning Children and Youth

- Infant—Pre-K (Church Nursery) – Jesus: Death to Resurrection
- K—4th (Church Choir Room) – Jesus: Death to Resurrection
- 5th and 6th Grade (School Library) – Bible Characters: Patriarchs
- Confirmation (Room 106) – God the Son
- High School (Youth Room) – Daniel

Sunday Morning Communities

- College Age (Room 107) - The Chosen
- Figuring It Out (Room 203) – The Chosen
- Balancing Act (School Band Room) – The Screwtape Letters
- Tug of War (Room 204) – Denominations and Other Religions
- Now What (Room 202) – Parables
- Discovering Together (Room 209) – Book of James

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

- The Crusades (School Cafeteria)
- Bible for Non-Native English Speakers (Room 113) – Revelation

Bible Studies During the Week

- Digging Deeper (Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Assembly Room) – Search for Mt. Sinai
- Mama Bear Apologetics (Monday at 7:00 PM in the Assembly Room)
- Women’s Bible Study (Monday at 1:00 PM in the Church Library) – Book of Acts
- Women’s Bible Study (Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Church Library) – Be Still and Know
- Men’s Bible Study (2nd Saturday at 7:30 AM in the School Cafeteria) – Topic Varies
- Ladies of Grace Circles (3rd Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Church Library and Choir Room) - Topic Varies

OUTREACH CONNECTIONS

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WORSHIP | GROW | ENGAGE is our discipleship focus. Disciple making is a process that needs ongoing attention. Jesus commands us to make disciples. We are EACH to be disciple-makers. Are you keeping your eyes and ears open to opportunities to build connections with someone in your neighborhood/community and be ready to share your faith story?



I have missed being at Grace Lutheran for worship on four of the last five Sundays. I treasure being at my church on Sunday. I was not avoiding being at church, but I was attending to some other business responsibilities of my job as the Ed Exec for the Southern District LCMS. Relationships are important! I encourage you to reach out to others in worship and at Bible study. Extend your hand and simply say “I do not believe that I have met you before. I am _____ and I am happy to meet you.” Strive to engage in some conversation with the person and look for them the following Sunday. Friendships are key as part of our serving and caring for each other.

Be the Miracle - Matt Popovits shares about how we can be a miracle for others. The goodness of God, right here with us. Think and pray about who you can touch this week and share a Gospel Word or bring love to a person or family. God uses each of us as we are available to Him and look and hear the stories about us! View Matt’s video [here](#).

Kent Hunter of Church Doctor Ministries writes the following: *Somewhere along the journey of church history in North America (and elsewhere), we have been subtly led to believe that we live in a “Christian nation.” Many institutions train pastors and leaders in how to maintain or administrate churches. They learn good theology, church administration, and how to manage a church.*

Most churches are great at maintenance. Yet, they are declining and aging—the median age is rising. If that is your church, you need to act now. You’ll never get everyone trained in mission principles. It’s all right to start with a few. Outreach is not simply a program. It’s a movement. Jesus started with 12.”

NEXT DISCOVERING GRACE CLASS is on **Saturday, October 21** (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) and **Sunday, October 22** (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM). Pray about whom you can invite to attend this class! This class is for those seeking to become members of Grace Lutheran. The class will be held in the Flex Space area in the Family Life Center. See the Announcements section of this Grace Notes for information on how to register.

Jesus started the disciple-making movement by focusing on a few. He poured His life into them. Look at Luke 12:1-2. It says that “...the crowd...numbered in the thousands.” However, Jesus’ primary concern was with His disciples (Luke 12:47-48). What does that say to you? Are you interested in crowds or are you interested in disciples? Raising disciples is a long, slow, one-on-one, relational activity (Church Doctor Ministries). How are you participating in this disciple-making process?

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How Else Can I Help? We have a QR code that you can encourage guests to introduce themselves to Grace Lutheran. The QR code is printed on the inside page of the front cover of the Sunday bulletin!

PRAY for our ongoing outreach to persons in our community and as we connect with families in our school.

SPREAD the Gospel seeds of Jesus as we seek to share His love!

Blessings

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LOCAL MISSION ENGAGE CONNECTIONS

Grace Lutheran has developed a relationship with **McDonnell Elementary School** (4010 Binderton Place, Huntsville, AL 35805). We have been advocates for the school and open to responding to needs as they are shared with us. We are still stocking their Little Library with children's books. The library has been moved nearer to the school building as it was knocked down twice recently. **We have a need for children's books, activity books, and basic school supplies.** You can support this project by contributing gently used children's books or providing such items as commercially wrapped individual snacks (examples: Cheez-It crackers, Lance sandwich crackers, Rice Krispy or granola bars). Books and school supplies along with food supplies may be placed in the chest in the church narthex. Thanks for your generous support as you respond in the love of Jesus.



First Stop encounters the homeless where they are, connects them to critical services and support, and empowers them toward independent sustainable living. So far this year, the First Stop team has successfully assisted 53 individuals from homelessness to independent, sustainable living. These are 53 people who are no longer living on the street but are sleeping in the safety and comfort of their own homes.

First Stop relies on volunteer support to provide hot meals twice a day at the temporary facility location – 2820 Governors Drive.

Volunteer Tips for providing meals:

- Meals should serve 80-100 people. Prepare food for 80 people! **3-4 servers** are needed to serve the meal.
- Provide food that is already prepared and only needs to be heated. No cooking, please.
- We serve Breakfast and Lunch, Monday through Friday. Breakfast meals are to delivered to **First Stop** by 7:45 AM and lunch meals by no later than 11:15 AM
- Breakfast is served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch is served from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, **contact Karen Davidson or Gene Menzel!**



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ACTS Ministry

ACTS (**A**ctively **C**aring, **T**enderly **S**erving) Ministry has been redefined. We have a new email address which is **ACTS@gracelutheran-hsv.org** that can be used to volunteer to support **ACTS** activities or to request specific help/support. We are updating our list of volunteers! Please respond to let us know how you desire to participate and help this ministry on an occasional basis.

If you know of someone who can benefit, or if you have a particular need for yourself, let us know the need by calling the church office. Call and ask for extension **347** to leave your message. If calling after hours, please select option 7 and you can leave a voice mail.

Volunteer Support:

- Sending cards to homebound and those on our care list.
- Checking in by phone with individuals on our care list.
- Visiting those in need, primarily our homebound.
- Providing meals - case by case but normally for an illness or coping with a health condition.
- Errand/driving support - pick up a prescription or groceries, take someone to a medical appointment.
- Helping someone with a technology equipment issue.
- Miscellaneous - mowing a yard, shrubbery care, cleaning up a kitchen, or whatever a family member might need.

Help Request:

- I would appreciate a friendly visit.
- I have need for meals.
- I need help with someone to pick up items (i.e. groceries or prescription).
- I need help to get to a medical appointment.
- I need help with upkeep of my lawn/shrubbery.
- I need help with technology use and equipment.
- I need help with a repair in my home (list): _____

It is our intent to share needs as they arise with the ACTS Ministry volunteers. You choose which activity you want to respond to and help!

Please join us in prayer as together we seek to care to serve one another sharing the love of Jesus!

CONNECT CARD – You are encouraged to invite a friend, neighbor, or work colleague to visit our church's website at www.gracelutheran-hsv.org and complete a **CONNECT CARD**. The link is located on the lower part of the homepage. Persons completing the **CONNECT CARD** are added to our MailChimp list and receive the weekly e-mail from Pastor Russ with a link to our livestream worship service.

Serving Persons Via Facebook: Visit the **Grace Lutheran Ministries — Church & School** page on Facebook. Go to the page and “**LIKE**” the page (in top section at the bottom left side of the cover page — not below the posted comment). Liking the Grace Lutheran page helps us to get information to your Facebook account!

CONNECTION GROUPS

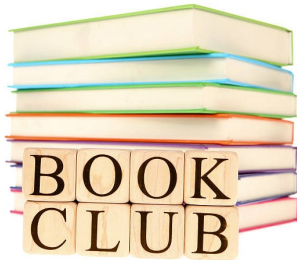
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ARE YOU CONNECTED?

Connection Groups (formerly called interest groups) are a means of “building bridges” to connect with others (unchurched or dechurched) in your neighborhood or our community. It’s about building a group around a similar interest (hobby, craft, fun activity, sport, or just about anything else under the sun). The goal is to help connect persons to Christ, the church, and the community. Dream the possibilities and then explore the opportunity to set up a group that meets at least on a bi-weekly basis. Of course, you can choose to take breaks in the schedule as needed for holidays/summer vacation, etc. Grace Lutheran’s vision is to grow in being passionate servants. Organizing or leading a connection group is a means of being a passionate servant. Have you ever thought that you can be instrumental in connecting others around interests as a means of serving God?

Want to start your own group? Contact Kathryn Bradshaw or the church office. Not in a group? We encourage you to join one of our existing groups.

Here is a listing of the current Connection Groups (Continued on next page)



The Christian Book Club meets in the church library at 10 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 13th**, and we will be discussing *A Can of Peas* by Traci Depree. The next reading selection is *Life in a Jar* by Jack Mayer. Contact Karen Crout or the Church Office with any questions.

*Can't come to the Book Club? Books from our reading selections are also available in the church library. When you enter the library, go to the bookcase on the opposite wall (to the left of the window). You will find the books on the bottom two shelves. There is a sign indicating that these are Book Club books. **Feel free to take any of the books!***

The Sew 'n Sews will resume meeting on Mondays from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in the church choir room starting on September 11th.

We've been busy making baby blankets and Inspirational Hearts for our local NICU, as well as Angel gowns and fetal wraps for Decatur General Hospital. For our own CDC, we've been making child-sized lap quilts.

Come and join us! Contact Harriett Kicklighter or the church office.



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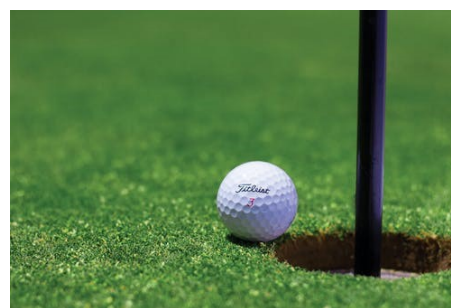
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A Bridge Group meets once a month on the 4th Thursday except in November and December (meeting instead on the 3rd Thursday). This is party bridge – just for fun and friendship. If interested, contact Mary Jane Reumann or the church office for more information.

Friday Afternoon Golf is organized by Dennis Sierk and Phil Nelson. Time and place: The par 3 course at Hampton Cove every Friday afternoon. For more information, contact Dennis or Phil. Please note the following rules:

1. No score keeping.
2. If you don't like your shot, take another one.
3. If you don't like your lie, move it.
4. Refreshments in the clubhouse, afterward.



MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP generally meets on the second Saturday of each month. On August 9th, rather than having our regular meeting we will be hosting a presentation by Amy Formella from Lutheran Bible Translators. See the announcements section for more information on this presentation, and how to register to attend.

LADIES OF GRACE CIRCLES (LOG)

Meet monthly for Fellowship & Bible Study,
For more information:

CHARITY - Pam Lowe

FAITH - Betsy Scott

HOPE - Karen Crout

PEACE - Pam Stieglitz

SAINTS ALIVE

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Saints Alive is a senior adult ministry that chooses a variety of activities and places to visit! The activities are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Upcoming Activities

Officer Matthew Troncone, a community resource officer from the Huntsville South Precinct, will be at Grace Lutheran for a presentation on **Wednesday, September 6 at 10:00 AM**. Officer Troncone will speak about **Senior Safety Issues**. The meeting will be held in the **Annex Assembly Room**. Lunch will follow at the Longhorn Steakhouse in Jones Valley. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

On **Wednesday, September 20** we will travel to **Polaris Industries** on Greenbrier Parkway in Madison. Polaris, out of Minnesota, originally made snowmobiles before moving on to off-road vehicles. The Alabama plant makes the industry's top auto-cycle, the Polaris Slingshot, as well as the off-road utility vehicle, the Ranger. This plant is one of the largest plants in the Polaris system. We will take a tour of the plant at **10:00 AM**. The bus will leave Grace at **9:30 AM**. Following the tour, lunch will be at the **Old Greenbrier Restaurant** on Old Highway 20 in Madison.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

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Beyond the Fog

By Merle Trich

Frequently the past few weeks, I have awakened to fog. It doesn't seem like the sun will rise. As I prepare to leave the house to head over the mountain, I know the trip will be slowed by lack of vision in the fog. I'm always more cautious and alert in the fog. I find myself fearful of hitting the deer that jumps out of nowhere, or worse yet, the car in front of me that suddenly stops. But today on my trip, God reminded me of a very important promise. As I drove up the mountain, the sky suddenly cleared and the sun shone brightly. Through my rear view mirror I could see the fog behind me in the valley. I stopped at the top of the mountain, as I often do, to look over the city. The sky was so bright with the sun shining, yet the valley was covered in fog so thick, it appeared the mountain ended just a few hundred feet away.



Isn't this like life at times? When we are in our valleys of pain, our vision is clouded with fears. We may feel lost and alone...But wait. *Psalm 121:1-8 reminds us, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."*

Praise God for the reminder that Psalm 121 provides. God assures us that we do not walk alone - the Maker of heaven and earth journeys with us as our helper at all times and in all places. No one is nearer to you than our God, who will always protect you from evil. God never tires, or loses sight, of our needs. As we look to our past, we see that he has brought us through the fog. He has promised to provide for us in the present and preserve us in the future.

Would you or someone you know benefit from having a Stephen Minister, a helper, to listen and remind you of God's promises while encouraging you through a difficult time or valley in life? If you feel such a need, please contact Judy Zecher or Pastor Russ to discuss your desire to be assigned a Stephen Minister, or if you have any questions about Stephen Ministry at Grace. May God strengthen our Stephen Ministers as they serve members of our congregation and the community.



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**WORLD'S
BIGGEST**
Baby
SHOWER

Help
moms
in
need



Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you for your recent donations in support of the World's Biggest Baby Shower and Rocket City SGO. For the World's Biggest Baby Shower we collected over **2500 diapers, 7500 wipes, and several canisters of formula**. These items were received with much appreciation by Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center, and will be used to help local mothers in need.

Many of you have blessed us with your Alabama tax credits to support Rocket City Scholarship Granting Organization. Our members have donated **\$43,275** for the 2023-24 school year. That is fantastic! We have 14 students receiving the scholarships. Three of those students are new to our school.

Volunteer Blitz

Have you considered serving at Grace but didn't know where to start or how to get connected? As we start a new school year, this is a great time to get involved by serving at Grace. We have several areas in which you can use your God given talents to serve, including Hospitality, Chair Force One, ACTS Ministry, Sunday morning tech, Sunday morning greeter or usher, Altar Guild, Counters, SS Teacher, etc. Once you sign up for an area, you will be contacted with more information on how to get involved or be put on the schedule. Sign-up [here](#).

Maui Fire Relief

As we read and hear news reports about the tragic and destructive wildfire that caused so much devastation in Maui, Hawaii, we are also moved and inspired by the mercy and compassion shown by many who have donated support or served to care for the people who are in need of help. The people of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Maui were significantly impacted by this disaster, and Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) have immediately responded. LCC coordinates with over 50 LERT teams throughout the U.S. to provide support at times of disaster. We are collecting funds to send to LCC in support of the ministry they are carrying out in Maui. You can make a donation [here](#), or by writing a check to Grace Lutheran with Maui Fire Relief in the memo line, and we will send all donations to LCC for Maui Fire Relief. Please make all donations by **September 3rd**.

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Bell Choir Rehearsals Resuming

Bell Choir Rehearsals will begin again on **Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 PM**. If you have any interest in playing the bells this year, please contact Dick Azzam. We have a need for additional ringers.

We ring to God's Glory!

Lutheran Bible Translators Presentation

This month, our men's ministry will host a special presentation by Amy Formella. Amy is a missionary with Lutheran Bible Translators and is currently working on two Bible translations to bring the Word of God into the vernacular of peoples who have yet to see the Bible printed in their native language. Join us as we hear about her work and how we can support her in her mission. Breakfast food and juice will be available to those who attend.

Date: September 9th

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Annex Assembly Room

If you plan to attend the event, please register [here](#).

If you would like to learn more about Ms. Formella's work with Lutheran Bible Translators, please visit her [website](#).

Kairos Prison Ministry Support

Rita Ragoza, a member at Grace, has joined the Kairos Prison Ministry (Tutweiler #58). She has an upcoming visit Thursday, September 21st through Sunday, September 24th. One way to support her ministry is by participating in a prayer vigil during the hours of her visit. A specific sign-up sheet, by date and time, is located on the bulletin board in the narthex for you to fill out if you are interested.

Next, her ministry at Kairos needs financial support to pay for the prisoner's meals during this outreach. The meal support/donation is typically \$10.00. Envelopes are located at the Welcome Center with instructions on how to donate. A slip of paper is also enclosed for you to record your gift and return to Rita or leave with the church office. You can also donate [here](#). Any support for this important ministry is greatly appreciated!

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GLS Fun Run & Color Run

Grace Lutheran School PTL is hosting our biggest fundraiser of the year, **The 2023 Fun Run and Color Run**, which will be held on **Friday, September 22nd!** At this event, students will run laps with their class, promoting community and building school spirit. Our goal is to raise **\$20,000**. The money raised is used throughout the school year for school enrichment activities, teacher appreciation, funding class field trips, and school social events. Donations can be cash or check, payable to Grace Lutheran School PTL. Thank you for supporting our school!

Women's Retreat

Breathe In... Breathe Out... With the crazy world we live in, we all need to find time to take a deep breath and find some refreshment. Grace will be hosting a Women's Retreat this Fall focusing on the word "Refresh." Jen Roettjer will lead the women in a Bible study looking at the life of Elijah when God provided him a time of refreshment. Spread throughout the day, we will also take time to enjoy several relaxation activities. Join us on **Saturday, September 23rd** at the Redstone Conference Center (Building 3711 – next to the MWR Activity Field) on Redstone Arsenal. Check-in begins at 8:30 AM with a light breakfast bar. The retreat will run from **9:00 AM** until **2:30 PM**. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. Chair massages will be available for an additional \$10, must be signed up for in advance, and are on a first come, first serve basis. **Register by September 15th** [online](#) or in the Church Center app.

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Upcoming Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran hosts the LifeSouth Bloodmobile every other month. Our last drive was on July 23rd, and we had 13 donors. Our next blood drive is set for **Sunday, September 24**. All donors will receive a \$20 E-Gift Card. Sign-up for a donation time [here](#).



Financial Peace University Class Starting Soon

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-lesson course that teaches you how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely, and invest for your future. Jordan and Kristin Haycock will be coordinating a new FPU class at Grace

beginning **September 24th** at **3:00 PM**. The class will cover one lesson a week for nine weeks, and will consist of a video followed by group discussions and activities. The course is not limited to members of Grace, so feel free to share with anyone who may be interested in participating. Childcare will be available. Register [here](#) or on the Church Center app.

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Gulf States District LWML Fall Retreat

“Confident, Not Confused—Continuing the Crusade of the Proverbs 31 Woman” is the subject of the Gulf States District LWML Fall Retreat to be held **October 13-15** at Stone Bridge Farms in Cullman. The retreat will be led by Elizabeth Ahlman, who is a trained Deaconess in The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the author of “*Ruth: More than a Love Story*” and “*Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman*.” Rooms are available in Cullman at the **LaQuinta Inn** (\$129/night) and **Comfort Suites** (\$135/night) for Friday and Saturday nights. Registration cost is **\$85 (before 9/1)** and **\$100 (after 9/1)** and includes all materials for the meetings and meals. You must register ahead of time. The form is available at the Welcome Center, or you can request one by calling or texting Rita Lange.



Upcoming Discovering Grace Class

We will be hosting our next Discovering Grace class on **Saturday, October 21** (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) and **Sunday, October 22** (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM). This class is for those seeking to become members of Grace Lutheran. The class will be held in the Flex Space area in the Family Life Center. Register [here](#) or on the Church Center app.



Grace Lutheran has supported Child Beyond International in the past through our Christmas Mission offering. We are looking to strengthen our connection to and support of this organization in the future. In the meantime, you can view Child Beyond International’s most recent newsletter [here](#) to read about their Children’s Home and work in the mission field.

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Sundays

8:00 AM

Blended Worship

1st & 2nd Sundays of the Month

Traditional Worship

3rd & 4th Sundays of the Month

10:45 AM

Contemporary Worship

Every Sunday

Communion

8:00 AM 1st & 3rd Sunday

10:45 AM 2nd & 4th Sunday

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