

# Grace Notes

## November 2023

### Jesus Must Increase

We had a big conversation among staff and our Elders' Ministry Team about what to do about Christmas this year. It may seem like a long way out now, but trust me, it is right around the corner, and it will be here **before** we are ready for it. The conversation revolved around how many services to have and when to have them. The critical pieces of information that we attempted to balance were:

- Christmas Eve is on a Sunday
- Everyone enjoys a full church on Christmas Eve
- Some people are out of town on Christmas Eve
- 453 people attended Christmas Eve services last year
- 521 people attended Easter services this year
- Our Sanctuary has a maximum capacity of 250 people

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It was a conversation worth having, and it is far from the only conversation worth having right now. We will soon have a special visitor here at Grace from November 11-13 as Pastor Christopher Schneider, who is considering a Call to serve as the Associate Pastor, will be here with his family to visit our Church and community as he discerns God's Will for him. On November 12, we will hold Fellowship in the gym to give Pastor Chris and his family the opportunity to meet some of our members. His Call and upcoming visit has led to great conversations like, what will it be like to have an Associate Pastor at Grace? Where are the places that we have the greatest opportunity for additional ministry? Where will the Associate Pastor's office be located?

These are good conversations to have. We are now in the final thirty days of the due diligence time frame for our purchase of the Gibson's property on the north side of our campus. The environmental studies have been completed and have yielded good results. We have spoken to the current tenants of the leased buildings on the property to build relationships with our neighbors. And now it's time to have the conversations about the needs of all three phases of our ministry for the next twenty years as we seek to put together a master plan.

With all of the conversations taking place about the future of our ministry, it is important for us to keep an eye on our past. It was 2000 years ago that the people in Jerusalem and the area of Judea were having conversations about a man who was saying and doing remarkable things. These conversations reached the ears of John the Baptist, and those who brought those conversations to him mused, *“Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.”* - John 3:26 John’s disciples and a Jew were discussing the potential of Jesus’ popularity drawing people away from John and toward Jesus. John’s reply was, *“He must increase, but I must decrease.”* In other words, the popularity of Jesus is to be celebrated, not bemoaned. When Jesus increases, great things happen for the Kingdom of God.

Amidst the conversations we have about our membership growth, crowded worship, our school and child development center growth, the opportunities that are before us with our properties and facilities, and the addition of Pastoral staff to care for our members, it is critical that the central goal in all of these facets of our ministry is the increase of Jesus. The increase of Jesus in our Church. The increase of Jesus in our homes. The increase of Jesus in our lives.

In Christ,

Pastor Russ

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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### Looking Back at October:

This month started with Fall Break. While the school was empty, Jack and members of the Tuesday Crew took care of some maintenance tasks – one of which is the new crosswalk in front of the school entrance. We are thankful for the members of the Tuesday Crew who volunteer their time to address the minor (and sometimes major) repairs that come up in buildings used by 300 people daily!

The second quarter is flying along for our teachers and students. In addition to all the 'regular' classroom learning taking place, fall is also the time for visits to apple orchards, pumpkin patches, and working farms. Our middle school held student council elections. Their creative campaign posters decorated the walls around the school. Students who achieved Honor Roll were recognized in chapel. The 3rd and 4th grade classes sang during worship October 22nd at the 8:00 AM service.

The PTL hosted a wonderful Harvest Festival. Church, school, CDC, and community families played carnival games, jumped in the bounce houses, and vied for the Cake Walk cakes. We are thankful for such an amazing and involved group of parents who plan and run events like this.

On October 27th, the classes held their classroom parties on our **Fall Fun Day**. Students and teachers showed off their costumes during our costume parade. Many of the teachers collaborated to dress in a Star Wars theme. We praise God that GLS has been blessed with an amazing, dedicated teaching and support staff!



At the end of chapel on October 25th, GLS recognized **Ms. Donna Behnken**, who has been serving as our Librarian. She retired from her weekly volunteering in the library. We appreciate all that she has done for Grace over the last **52 years**. Donna truly has a heart for serving the Lord!



#### Looking Ahead:

**November 5th** - The 1st and 2nd grade classes will be singing at the 10:45 AM service.

**November 15th** - Spirit Night at **Taco Mama**.

**November 19-21** - Grace Lutheran will be hosting the Southern/Mid-South District Teachers Conference.

Our students are preparing to lead the **December 6th** Advent Service. The service will include the telling of the Christmas story, elementary classes and middle school choir singing, and the band and handbell choir playing.

Please continue to keep Grace Lutheran in your prayers.

God's Blessings,

Delaine Schiestel

# GROW - BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

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## Bible Studies Topics – November 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) – Ten Commandments
- High School (Youth Room) – Finding Truth

### Sunday Morning Communities

- Quarter Life Questers (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
- Discovering Together (Room 209) – Book of 1 John

### 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) – Science and Ethics
- 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) – Chosen: A Study of Esther
- 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? Share your story of what Jesus has done and continues to do for you! Feel free to invite them to worship with you on Sunday!



**Our Missional Calling** – The state of our culture does not change our missional calling. We are living in a rapidly changing time which has caused a major cultural and communications shift since the reformation. This shift has led to decreasing church attendance and increased tension between people. Despite this, Jesus calls us to make disciples as we go, regardless of the tension and challenges that may be present. Watch this brief [video](#) by Rev. Matt Peebles.

We have an opportunity to care as there are a diversity of needs in our community! We are started a new process last month of gathering items for local ministries in our community. On the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month, we will have available white shopping bags that people can pick up and fill with supplies as noted on the bag. Attached to the bag is a brightly colored half-page of items that the ministry needs. This month we are gathering items for **Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center (HPRC)**, a local service organization empowering women and men to make confident and healthy life choices! We ask that the people picking up a bag return it on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. This month the return date is **November 26th**. We thank you for your support with this ingathering of items. Visit the HPRC [website](#) for a list of needed items, or see the Announcements section of this Grace Notes.

We received this note from **First Stop**: *I just want to say thank you all for the donations that you all made. This was a huge help to First Stop's Day Center. We have been out of a few items and donations have been low, so thank you again. These donations will have us set for a while.*

Grace Lutheran is hosting the **Southern/Mid-South District Teachers' Conference** from **November 19-21**. We will have educators here from six different states: Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Arkansas. Their hotel will be at Springhill Suites in the downtown area. The theme is **Because He Cares** based on 1 Peter 5:7. We ask for your prayers as we host this conference while giving thanks for the ministries of Lutheran schools and early childhood centers!

Let us remember the importance of prayer as we lift each other and celebrate the hope and peace we have in Jesus! This is the month of Thanksgiving! Take time to share your prayers with God and for others! Are there needs in your family or neighborhood? If so, let us know how we can respond!

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 scan 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 AM to 9:30 AM.
- Lunch is served from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

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. Please respond to let us know how you desire to participate and help this ministry on an occasional basis.

An organizational meeting was held on October 31st, and we now have “lead people” to respond to needs in five different areas. Please let us know of needs and how you desire to serve in this ministry!

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 voicemail.

### 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 a 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](http://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 the 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

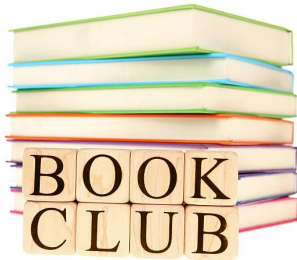
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## ARE YOU CONNECTED?

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 8th**, and we will be discussing *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls. The next reading selection is *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. 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** meet on Mondays from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM in the church choir room.

We recently donated fleece hats, scarves, and blankets to Manna House and to the Downtown Rescue Mission. There’s something for everyone to make, no matter your skill level or sewing/craft interest.

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



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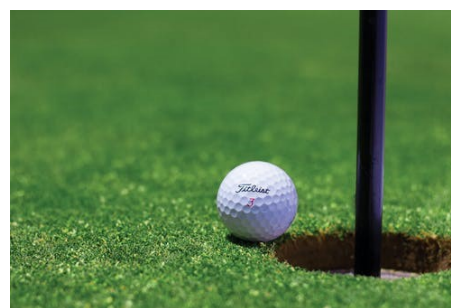
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**A Bridge Group** meets once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday except in November and December (meeting instead on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). This is party bridge – just for fun and friendship. If interested, contact Mary Jane Reumann or the 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. Our next gathering is scheduled for **Saturday, November 11th**. We meet in the Family Life Center Cafeteria (Door B6) at **7:30 AM**. Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller's video will focus on "**For All the Saints**." We celebrated the Reformation this past weekend and All Saints' Day is November 1st. What do you think about when you hear the word saint?

We need to keep a focus on God's Word and grow in God's unconditional love and that God's grace extends to all. God in Jesus has paid the price for our sin and we live in His forgiveness. Let's explore it together! The invitation to participate in the Men's Ministry Gathering is open to all men as we gather for a light meal, prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. Invite a fellow member, friend, or neighbor 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

### Upcoming Activities

The Saints Alive will have an opportunity to hear the Redstone Arsenal archaeologist, **Ben Hoksbergen**, speak on **November 15 at 10:00 AM**. He will be speaking here at the Grace Lutheran facility. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby. Lunch will follow at **Outback Steakhouse** on Whitesburg Drive.

It may come as a surprise that Redstone Arsenal is one of the most concentrated archaeological site areas in the United States. "The Tennessee Valley in general is a very rich area," Hoksbergen said. "Redstone has 950 sites within Army property alone. The oldest artifact we have found on the Arsenal, a spear point, dates back 13,000 years. They have found everything from decorated pottery, ceramic trowels, axes, arrowheads, and even a Spanish coin that was dated 1782."

"The coolest thing I have found was an intact Confederate belt buckle on an old house site that was owned by a Confederate veteran," Hoksbergen said. "Since we had the property info on the man who previously lived there, we were actually able to trace the buckle to a particular person, which makes it a more valuable find."

"My favorite part of the job is still just finding stuff," Hoksbergen said. "Even though I have found thousands of arrowheads, I still get excited. Sometimes I get information out of a dig that totally changes my perspective or contributes to science. It's the cool items and information that comes out of a dig that keeps me going."



The **Adult Christmas Luncheon** is scheduled for **Thursday, December 14th** at **Valley Hill Country Club**. Gathering time is **11:30 AM**, with lunch served at **11:45 AM**. The meal includes a main entrée with salad, sides, dessert, and drink. The cost is **\$28.00/person** (includes tax & tip) and final count is to be turned in by **December 6th**. Pay by check or cash to **Gene Menzel**.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

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## Saints and Sinners

By Merle Trich

Saint and Sinner...that's me! Really? It's easy to confess that I am a sinner. However, saying I'm a saint can feel awkward. According to Martin Luther, all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint. How can that be? It's because we are sinners due to our rebellious nature and saints due to our salvation in Jesus. So as a "saint," I am a forgiven sinner. We are called saints not because we change into something different, but because our relationship with God changes as a result of God's grace.



In Ephesians 1:11-23, Paul reminds us "that in Him, we have obtained an inheritance..." <sup>13</sup>*In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, the praise of his glory. <sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

As we start November, we will celebrate All Saints' Day, at which time we remember the "saints" that have passed away since the last All Saints celebration. This is a time to look back and remember those who have died in Christ during the past year. We remember these "saints" and give thanks for the lives they lived. We reaffirm our belief in Jesus and our hope in our guaranteed, glorious inheritance. All Saints' Day is a day on which we remember all of the faithful who have gone before us and give thanks to God that by his mercy he receives sinners and gives us the same hope that he gave to them: the hope of the coming resurrection.

Thanksgiving soon follows in November, and is filled with holiday memories old and new, of the people we are closest to. The absence of someone during our holiday celebration can elicit many emotions. That absence can be for many different reasons, however, the grief of that absence is still felt. There are many ways we can incorporate memories of our missing loved one into our holidays. Remember to take quiet time to sit with God during the holidays, to give thanks for His mercy and grace and promise of our inheritance with Him.

If you are reflecting on the loss of someone in your life as we approach the holidays, I would encourage you to find a "Surviving the Holidays" seminar. You can find a description of the program and locate a session near you by accessing this [website](#) and entering your zip code.

Would you or someone you know benefit from having a Stephen Minister to listen and journey with you through a time of grief 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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Dear Grace Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits, and food provided recently. I am much better, and am taking occupational therapy for my right arm. I thank God for your care, concern, and continued prayers.

- Rosemary Sweet



Many thanks for the gift and kind words at my retirement celebration last Sunday. I have enjoyed being part of the music team at Grace and pray that the services have been edified and God's name glorified through my music as organist and pianist. I am blessed to be a part of the Grace family.

- Lorna Menzel

## Thanksgiving Basket Donations

In a joint effort with local churches, we will be putting together Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need. This year we are collecting **100 boxes of cake mix, 100 cans of frosting, and 200 boxes of mac and cheese**. Please bring all items to the treasure chest in the narthex by **Sunday, November 5th**.



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## Caroling Opportunity

A choral group has formed with the goal of taking a couple of Saturdays and/or Sunday afternoons in December to sing at assisted living facilities and First Stop, plus possibly a Thursday night to sing in Big Spring Park and Bridge Street. Rehearsals are held on **Thursdays** at **7:00 PM** in the choir room. All are welcome, and if there is interest the group will continue throughout the year to go out and sing in the community once a quarter or so. Please reach out to Roberta Rodgers with any questions.



## Taco Mama Spirit Night

On **Wednesday, November 15th**, you can support Grace Lutheran School by ordering dinner at **Taco Mama** in Jones Valley from **4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**. Just mention Grace Lutheran Spirit Night and a portion of the proceeds from the day will be donated to the PTL to support the school.

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## Cookies and Canvas

Looking for a meaningful way to connect and spend time with your kids? Consider a date night with your child. On **Friday, November 17th** from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, we will host a Canvas and Cookies night. Spend the evening together as you each paint your own piece of artwork. Patterns and supplies will be provided. And, of course, we will have milk and a variety of cookies to snack on. This event is open to children and their parents or significant adults. Please register by **November 14th**.

<https://gracelutheranhsv.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1997247>



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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### November Engage Collection

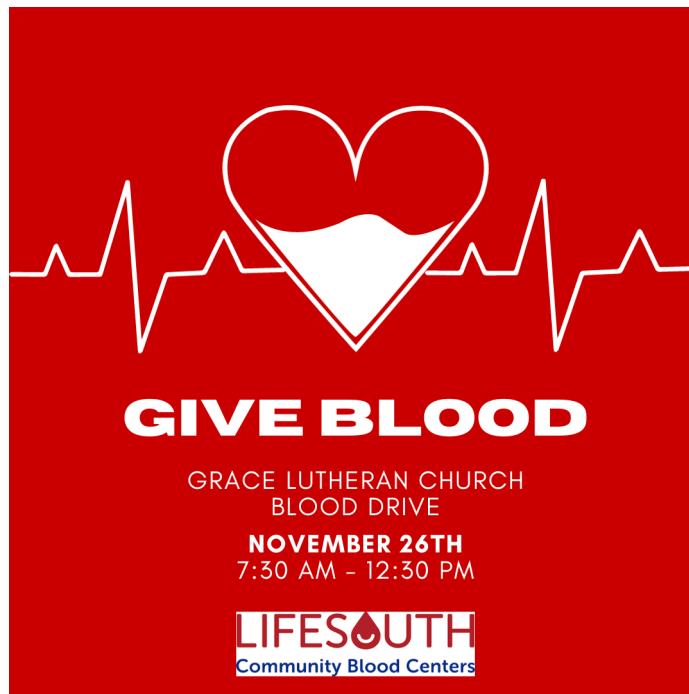
This month we will be doing a collection for **Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center**. A list of requested items is below. Bags can be picked up in the narthex, and are to be returned on **November 26th**. Thank you for your support of our local service organizations!

#### Donation Needs:

- **0-3 month onesies**
- **Blood pressure cuff** (For monitoring of preeclampsia symptoms)
- [Pregnancy belt or belly bands](#)
- **Baby girl towel sets**
- **Baby bottle sets**
- [Haakaa nursing accesory](#)

#### Other Needs:

- Meals for Thursday parenting classes
- Volunteers for stocking the baby store and clerical work
- Monetary donations



### November Blood Drive

**Grace Lutheran** is hosting a blood drive conducted by **LifeSouth** on **Sunday, November 26th**. We are pleased to share that a total of 25 units of blood were donated at the last drive in September! Let's have another strong turnout! [Sign-up](#) to reserve your preferred donation time.

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### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

#### 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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