

Would You Rather...

- Would you rather be able to talk with animals or with plants?
- Would you rather live without the internet or without air conditioning?
- Would you rather get three months of paid leave a year or be able to retire at 55?
- Would you rather work from home or have lunch catered to the office every day?

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You can find “Would You Rather” lists packaged as a board game, in book form, or simple online lists. In today’s world, where an unexpected consequence of social media is that many people find it more difficult to get to know one another through basic conversation, “Would You Rather” games and questions can be a great way to get an interesting conversation going. The premise of a “Would You Rather” question is a dilemma. The game forces you to make a choice between two desirable Options, two undesirable options, or two options that you are not sure are desirable or not. Recent events at Grace Lutheran can be used to form an interesting “Would You Rather” question.

Event 1: Our Board of Directors (BOD) recently walked through an architect selection process. During this process, architects were identified and recommended, the BOD had interviews with each firm, there was prayer, there was conversation, and ultimately a well-thought-out decision was made. The firm selected was Fuqua and Partners Architects. After research, interviews, prayer, and conversation, the BOD had all of the information needed to make a decision and pursue it.

Event 2: Grace Lutheran also recently went through a Call Process for an Associate Pastor. The process eventually led us to approach Concordia Seminary in St. Louis to see if it would be possible for a new graduate to serve at Grace. This process with the Seminary went great for us as Andrew Frerichs was placed by the Seminary and the Council of Presidents to serve as Associate Pastor of Grace Lutheran. I was able to attend the Call Service, where I witnessed happening to others what I experienced first hand several years ago. Toward the end of the service, a candidate's name was announced followed by the name and location of a congregation. That's where they were going. A decision was made for each one of them. They did not know where they would be going. God made the decision for them. They were simply sent there.

Would you rather make the important decisions in your life or have God make them for you? Psalm 37:23 declares, *"The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;"* Life in a fallen world is full of dilemmas. Sometimes we have important decisions to make, other times, through the course of life, decisions are made for us. It is human nature to question the outcome of decisions, whether it was one you made yourself or one that was made for you. But, when you delight in the Lord, God empowers you to step forward rather than living in regret. Delight in the Lord and enjoy the solid footing.

In Christ,

Pastor Russ

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

May 2024 Edition

April's School Events

Eclipse: Along with many others across the county, Grace's students and teachers marveled at the wonders of God's amazing creation when we experienced the eclipse on April 8th. Throughout the afternoon, classes went outside to experience and document the eclipse progression. The clouds made viewing a little bit more challenging, but it only added to the excitement. The students cheered each time the clouds would break and make the sun visible. It was an awe-inspiring event! We were so blessed to see it!



Middle School Play: The middle school students, under the direction of Christina Sasso and Allison Moldenhauer, presented the play "Twice Upon a Time". In this production, Grandpa told his grandchildren the classic fairy tales in a mixed-up manner. The students did a great job learning their parts and making us laugh.

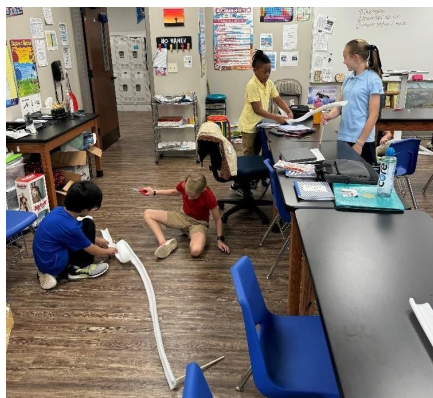


Field Trips: Classes have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather to go on field trips to Burritt on the Mountain, Alabama Train Museum, and Brown Farms. In addition, the 7th and 8th grade classes took their class trip to St. Louis and the 5th grade visited Vision Camp.



K-3rd Music Concert: The sanctuary was packed with parents and guests as Grace's Kindergarten through 3rd grade presented their Spring Concert, "Wonderful Wells of Wonderful Water" at the end of the month. Students sang, danced, and played recorders to show their music progress as we near the end of the school year.

Additionally: Even though we are nearing the end of the year, we're not done learning yet. Classes are working hard to wrap up all their units and lessons. 5th grade students are constructing marble roller coasters as a part of their science unit, and Student Council members helped each of the classes make a special Mother's Day gift.



Looking Ahead: 8th grade graduation will be **Wednesday, May 22nd** and the last day of school is **Friday, May 24th**.

We still have openings in many upper grade classes, although a few lower level ones have waitlists. We also have a few spots in Summer Camp. Please contact the school office for more information. Please share Grace Lutheran School with anyone interested in an excellent Christian education. Please continue to keep the school, the staff, the students, and their families in your prayers.

God's Blessings,

Delaine Schiestel

CDC HAPPENINGS

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May is here and the school side is wrapping it all up and getting ready for summer. However, at the CDC we are still going strong and it's business as usual! We will continue on with our classes until **July 26th** before closing for 3 days to prepare for our new school year. Our new school year will begin **August 1st**. Being "at school" won't make summer any less fun for us as we still plan to have an AWESOME summer full of fun in the sun! We are thankful for bright days full of activity and Jesus!

In April we focused on all things spring! We planted our vegetable and flower garden for the children. They love watering the garden and watching everything grow. Eating their vegetables from the garden will be the most fun part of it all. They can't wait until the plants produce. We already have tomatoes on the vine! Our bunnies are back this year and we love capturing a picture when they think we aren't looking. The kids can see them from the Preschool 3 windows! In April we also had a CDC Staff Family Potluck Picnic to celebrate our staff families. In general, we have just been enjoying the sunshine and all the fresh air!

Looking ahead: In May, the Usborne Book Fair will be here! The kids love shopping for new books and at the end of it all we will receive MANY new books for our CDC! We will also be celebrating **Teacher Appreciation Week May 6th - 10th**. I love this time of year, as the teachers get spoiled, and they deserve every bit of it! They are so dedicated and work so hard every single day to care for and teach the children! It is also Mother's Day this month and the kids will be having so much fun crafting gifts for all the Grace CDC Mommies. At the end of the month, we will take time to celebrate Memorial Day and remember all those who lost their lives serving our country!

We have a **PRAISE REPORT** for those who have been following Collins and praying for her! She is finally home, where she will continue her recovery and she is doing very well! Her family is so grateful for every single prayer prayed over Collins! If you missed it, a child in our CDC (Collins) underwent a 13 hour open heart surgery on March 12th. This was her 3rd and, hopefully, final surgery. We praise God for how he has worked to protect and provide for Collins, her medical team and her family as they have navigated this journey that they are on. While Collins continues to recover, we ask that you continue to pray for Collins, her family, and everyone involved in this process. We are trusting the Lord to continue to carry them through! Thanks be to God!

Jessica McGuire



2024 CONFIRMANDS



Congratulations to our 2024 Confirmation class!

Macie Beasinger, Elizabeth Evans, Asher Hall, EJ Hill, Valerie Lucas & Katelyn McGuire

We pray that God will continue to work in your lives and deepen your faith.

GROW - BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

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Bible Studies Topics – May 2024

Sunday Morning Children and Youth

- Infant—Pre-K (Church Nursery) – Acts: From One Nation to All Nations
- K—4th (Church Choir Room) – Acts: From One Nation to All Nations
- 5th and 6th Grade (School Library) – Bible Characters: Exodus and Judges
- Confirmation (Room 106) – Catechism Topics
- High School (Youth Room) – Elijah

Sunday Morning Communities

- Quarter Life Questers (Room 107) - The Chosen
- Figuring It Out (Room 203) – The Chosen
- Balancing Act (School Band Room) – Joel, Amos, and Obadiah
- Tug of War (Room 204) – Digitized: Spiritual Implications of Technology
- Discovering Together (Room 209) – Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

- Peter (School Cafeteria)
- Bible for Non-Native English Speakers (Room 113) – Proverbs

Bible Studies During the Week

- Digging Deeper (Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Assembly Room) – End Times in the Old Testament
- 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) – Guardrails by Andy Stanley
- Ladies of Grace Circles (3rd Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Church Library and Choir Room) - Topic Varies

OUTREACH CONNECTIONS

May 2024 Edition

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!



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RESCUE MISSION
HOPE LIVES HERE

May Engage Opportunity

This month we will be resuming our ministry of gathering items for a local service organization. During May we will be collecting items for Downtown Rescue Mission. For nearly 50 years, Downtown Rescue Mission has provided compassionate programs and services to help men, women, and children in North Alabama and South Tennessee. These services include daily meals and nightly lodging, among other offerings. You can pick up a bag with a list of requested items in the narthex. Please return those bags to the treasure chest in the narthex by **Sunday, May 26th**.

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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!**

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ACTS Ministry



ACTS (Actively Caring, Tenderly Serving) 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.

We now have five coordinators in place to support the ACTS Ministry via Grace Lutheran:

- **Pam Lowe** (Hospitality - Meal trains, potlucks, etc.)
- **Mairlyn Johnson** (Cards - Those ill or recovering/birthdays, etc.)
- **Donna Behnken** (Visits/Calls - Friendly calls, friendly visits)
- **Bill Duncan** (Transportation - Pickups and appointments)
- **Rusty Graves** (House/Yard Work - Technology help, lawn, repairs)

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 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

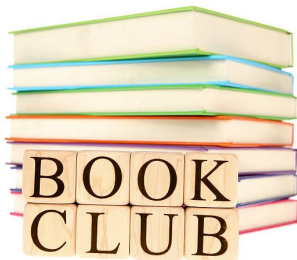
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ARE YOU CONNECTED?

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 10:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 8th**, and we will be discussing *Why I Stand* by Jonathan Isaac. The next reading selection is *Mildred Budge in Cloverdale* (The Adventures of Mildred Budge - Book 1) by Daphne Simpkins. If interested in attending, 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.

This month we will be delivering donations of baby quilts and Inspirational Hearts to the NICU at Women's and Children's Hospital.

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



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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.



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 an adult organization within Grace Lutheran Ministries. The group is open to Grace Lutheran members and their friends. The organization hosts two activities each month on the first and third Wednesdays. These activities are designed for fellowship, education, and lunch. Some of the activities involve nearby travel using the church/school bus or by cars. Other activities are held at the church involving speakers on various topics. Descriptions of the activities are placed in the Sunday bulletin, and sign-up sheets are posted in the church narthex. All who have an interest in the various activities are encouraged to join us. Sign-up is needed by the Sunday prior to the activity.



Past and Upcoming Activities

We love our Grace Lutheran Saints Alive!

Saints Alive members have continued to travel and learn. On April 3rd we went to the Huntsville Museum of Art to see American Made: Paintings and Sculptures and Chrome: David Parrish. Then on April 17th we traveled to Scottsboro to the Scottsboro Boys Museum to learn how bigotry harms lives.

On May 1st we took our members to the Huntsville Utilities' Lincoln-Dallas Plant in northeast Huntsville. It is a ground water (well) treatment plant. Following the tour of the facility, we enjoyed lunch at 1892 East Restaurant & Tavern in Five Points. Dessert was served at L'Etoile Patisserie in the Lincoln Mill area.

The next outing will be a **tour of Twickenham** by church bus on **May 15th**. Bob Wank will give us a brief review of early Alabama history and the role of Huntsville in it. We will travel to a large number of historic (antebellum) structures. Bob will share with us a brief history of each home and business. Space is limited to bus seating since there will be no walking on the tour. Following the bus tour we will eat at Melt in downtown Huntsville. Be sure to sign up so that you will have a space on the bus.

June plans include a visit to and tour of the new Back 40 Brewery in Huntsville. We will also travel to the Jesse Owens Museum in Danville, AL.

Remember that Saints Alive is open to all in our congregation and their visitors. Be thinking about new activities for the second half of the year. We will have a **Planning Meeting** on **July 10th**.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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The Narrows: Are You Prepared?

By Merle Trich

As I reflected on the 23rd Psalm after the recent sermon, I thought back to a few years ago when I decided to hike The Narrows while at Zion National Park. The Narrows is a hike that follows the North Fork of the Virgin River through a narrow slot canyon. In preparation, I rented insulated waterproof boots and a large wooden walking stick. That walking stick became “*your rod and your staff.*” My backpack contained water, a few snacks, and my phone to take pictures and watch the weather. I started early in the day and began walking up the river’s edge with a large group of people on the same journey. However, the further I hiked, the more difficult the walk. The river’s edge disappeared and I was hiking in the river. Soon, I was cautiously placing my feet as I walked upstream against the strong current. The walls of the canyon are smooth, extending up a thousand feet or more, and the passage continued to narrow until just the open slot high above provided light from the sun. People quickly began turning back when they no longer had dry land to walk on, they became tired, or as they slipped and fell. The remaining hikers had a camaraderie and helped each other in safe passage continuing up the river.

Life presents many challenges like my hike through The Narrows. We can often feel we are fighting an uphill battle. We slip on uneven ground and stones. We want to turn back, and struggle, feeling alone in our challenges or difficult times. God reminds us there will be times that we will walk in the narrows of life. Just like my walking stick became my protection from falls and guided me through the water safely, God protects us, guides us, and corrects us as our Good Shepherd. He prepares us for these times through His Word and His people. We can cling to the 23rd Psalm during life’s challenges. As it reads...

The Lord is my shepherd;
 I shall not want.
 He makes me lie down in
 green pastures.
 He leads me beside still
 waters.
 He restores my soul.
 He leads me in paths of
 righteousness
 for his name’s sake.
 Even though I walk through the
 valley of the shadow of death,
your rod and your staff,
 they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my
 enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.
 Surely goodness and mercy
 shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house
 of the Lord forever.
 I will fear no evil,
 for you are with me.

Stephen Ministers are available to listen and pray with you through difficult times in life, such as losses through death, illness, aging, or broken relationships. A Stephen Minister will be “present” to reflect and help you connect with God’s presence in your life. If you feel such a need, or you have any questions about Stephen Ministry at Grace, please contact Judy Zecher or Pastor Russ to discuss your questions or desire to be assigned a Stephen Minister.

May God strengthen our Stephen Ministers as they serve and pray for members of our congregation and the community.

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Dear GLC Family,

We have been powerfully blessed through your prayers, visits, meals, cards, flowers, and kind words during the last year as we both together battled cancer. We will always need prayer for strength as cancer survivors, but right now we are healed from our lumps! God is good always. We are so grateful for such faithful Christians. Thank you!

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Jesus Christ throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. - Ephesians 3:20-21

Love in Christ,
Patrick & Loral Pritchett

Thank You for Helping at Panoply

Seven of our members volunteered to help the Lost Kids Committee at Panoply a week ago. All volunteering for such activities is greatly appreciated. Thanks so much!

Donna Behnken, Lost Kids Chairman

**Volunteers
Needed!**



Homebound Team Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to join the Homebound visitation team. We especially need someone for the Toney and Hazel Green areas. If you would like to join this Grace ministry, please contact **Kathy Cook**.

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Nominations

On **June 9th**, the Grace Lutheran Board of Directors will host a regular Voters' Assembly Meeting. At this meeting we will be electing two additional elders to our Elders Ministry Team, and we will have elections for chair of the Board of Directors and the two members-at-large. Serving on the nominating committee are Kenny Ols, Elizabeth Reeves, Marty Ohme, and Pastor Russ. You can submit nominations for the open positions by contacting one of the members on the nominations committee or by emailing Pastor Russ.

Free Will Offering

Christ the King in Muscle Shoals is a sister LCMS congregation in our circuit of the LCMS. After several years of declining membership, their current giving and offering is not able to cover their expenses. For some time, they have been tapping into a reserve fund to cover their expenses, but by this summer they will not be able to pay the salary of their pastor. The pastor is on call lists and actively seeking a call, and the district is looking for a call for him. However, area LCMS congregations are being encouraged to support this need in our circuit. As a sister congregation, we are responding. You can help by making a contribution to our **Family Assistance Fund**, either by check or online giving. All gifts given to the Family Assistance Fund for the next week will be used to help in this need.



GraceLand Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to all who have been supporting the GraceLand Capital Campaign over the last month. During April we collected **\$41,902.89**, which brings the total collected for the campaign to just under **\$75,000!** The more of the principal of our loan that we pay down during this period puts us in a better position to begin executing the stages of the Master Plan upon its completion. You can [give online](#) or by check with GraceLand Capital Campaign or GCC in the memo line. Also, a special thank you to **Elisa Gipson** for designing the logos for the campaign, which you will see in various correspondence and publications as the campaign continues.

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Welcoming
a New
Associate
Pastor this
Summer!



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Registration for **Scuba VBS** is now live! VBS will take place **June 2-6** from **5:30 PM - 8:15 PM** each evening. Children ages 3 (potty-trained) through those entering fifth grade are eligible to attend. Register on the Church Center app or by clicking [here](#).

VBS Volunteers

VBS is a great opportunity to tell our children about God's word. Would you like to join us in making a difference in these kids' lives? We are looking for a variety of volunteers, including people to help with crew leaders, games, dinner, and more. You can sign up on the Church Center app or by clicking [here](#).

Fruit of the Holy Spirit Bible Study

Starting **May 5th**, the Discovering Together Community will begin a 12 week study on the fruit of the Holy Spirit as discussed in Galatians 5. As the Holy Spirit resides in us, He desires for us to grow and mature more and more into being living vessels of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. This study will focus on each of these fruits with the Bible as our guide for understanding, application, and discussion.

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Acolyte Training

We will hold an acolyte training session on **Wednesday, May 7th at 4:30 PM** in the Sanctuary for those who will be going in 5th-8th grade. This training session is for new acolytes as well as those who have previously served to go over the basics on how to serve. If you have any questions about being an acolyte, contact Pam Lowe or Jen Roettjer.

Upcoming Discovering Grace Class



Are you thinking about membership at Grace Lutheran or seeking to grow in your discipleship of Jesus? Discovering Grace is a class that is designed for those wanting to learn more about our Church, School, and CDC, and learn more about our discipleship process – WORSHIP | GROW | ENGAGE. The next class will meet **Saturday, May 11** from **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** and on **Sunday, May 12** during the Sunday School/ Bible Class hour from **9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**. Register through the Church Center app, on the Grace Lutheran website, or by clicking [here](#).

2024 Graduates

If you or a family member is graduating from High School or College, we would like to recognize all graduates. Please submit the following information with a picture to Kristin Haycock.

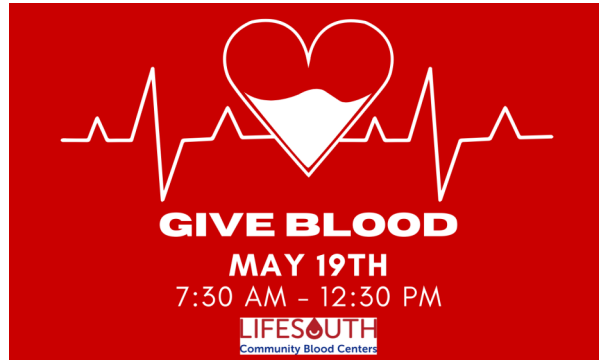
College Graduates – Full name, Name of college, Degree, Honors/Activities, Plans after college, Parent’s Blessing.

High School Graduates – Full name, Name of high school, Confirmation verse, Honors/Activities, Plans after high school, I would like to thank..., Parent’s Blessing.

The deadline to submit information is **May 15th**. We will honor our graduates on **Sunday, May 19th**.

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Upcoming Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran hosts the LifeSouth Bloodmobile every other month, and often has a great turnout to support hospitals in our local community. Our next blood drive will be **Sunday, May 19th from 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM**. All donors will receive a \$20 E-Gift Card. Sign up [here](#) or by visiting the Grace Lutheran website.



Grace Lutheran has supported Child Beyond International for the past few years 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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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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