

### It's High Tide in the Sanctuary *Let's Go for a Swim*

Summer is in full swing, and it appears to be high tide in the sanctuary. At our June 22nd Voters' Assembly Meeting, I reported on our mild growth in worship attendance during the 2024-2025 ministry year. In previous ministry years we had increases of 21% (when coming out of Covid-19) and 6%. But not this year. While we saw and celebrated growth in worship attendance, it was much more modest at 2.5%. But then June arrived!

Typically worship attendance during the summer months recedes. Routines change, vacations are enjoyed, and attendance ticks down. But not this year, this June we witnessed the opposite. There is occasionally a Sunday, here or there, where worship attendance is unexpectedly and particularly high. There is no special music that day, there is no Baptism planned, it's not Easter or Christmas, but the sanctuary is so full that people have to make their way to the front row because it is the only space left. I refer to those Sundays as "rogue waves." It's like a wave that just came out of nowhere. But this June has been more like a long high tide. The water has rolled in, and it has stuck around.

Our worship attendance through the first four Sundays in June is 12% higher than it was last June. It is 7% higher than it was during the month of May. If you include Easter Sunday, our average worship attendance in June was still (just slightly) higher than our average attendance for January-May. If you remove Easter Sunday from the equation, our average worship attendance in June was 5% higher than it was for January-May. This is very unusual. It is high tide in the sanctuary, so let's go for a swim.

In Psalm 122, one of the great Psalms of Ascent, King David declared, *"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"* In our discipleship process at Grace, WORSHIP is the starting place, because that is where the good stuff happens. It is the place where sins are forgiven through confession and absolution; it is the place where God's people hear from Him as He speaks to them in His Word; it is the place where the body and blood of Jesus provides forgiveness and nourishment for those who receive it in faith.

WORSHIP is the place where God is at work in His Church, and where God is at work in our lives. This high tide that we are experiencing shows that He is doing something significant among us. Surfs up, let's see where His waves take us.

In Christ,

Pastor Russ

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*Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."  
Luke 5:5*

We're over halfway through the Red Letter Challenge. It's been a blessing to walk through these challenges together as we both hear the words Jesus has for us and as we do the things he calls us to do. The other day, the challenge was based around this idea of "Because you say so, I will..." While these words aren't words that Jesus spoke, they are in response to what Jesus calls Peter to do.

As we follow Jesus, we learn to listen to the voice of our Savior and we respond to His gracious call. As I look at this passage from Luke, I can only wonder the thoughts that were going through Peter and Andrew's heads when Jesus told them to change what they were doing. Here are two men, skilled at their craft, in a very frustrating situation. I'm no fisherman myself—despite my namesake—but the feeling of frustration is one we all know well. Something we should be very capable of doing ends up with no result, and despite our best efforts, nothing bites. For Jesus to say something as simple as "throw the nets over the side," may sound a little silly. But the word of Jesus is more than the word of ordinary people.

The word of Jesus is one that Christians listen to and act upon. "My sheep know my voice, and I know them, and they follow me," Jesus says in John 10. Halfway through this challenge, how have you heard the voice of Jesus and responded? Peter responds in a way that calls us up to the challenge. "Because you say so, I will." Peter does what Jesus calls him to do, even through his frustrations. Are you listening for the voice of Jesus and seeing where He is at work?

Continue listening to Jesus and doing the things He calls you to. Continue hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. May God bless you as you continue through the second half of the Red Letter Challenge.

*"Because you say so, I will..."*

Pastor Andrew

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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## Summer Camp

Summer Camp has been in full swing for the last month and will continue through the end of summer. There are over 100 campers participating in the program this year. It has grown so much that we need to take our field trips over two days – we don't have enough seats to get them all there at once! Campers experience a variety of activities based on the weekly themes, such as Wild West, STEM, Under the Sea, Music Makers, and Fitness. There are also water days to help get them through this hot summer weather, discipleship lessons, and plenty of time to just play.





## Hiring

Grace Lutheran School is still looking for a Middle School Teacher. Mrs. Moldenhauer has agreed to step into the Science teacher position, so we are looking for a Middle School History teacher. This teacher would also teach discipleship (religion) and study skills.

We are also looking for an Aftercare Assistant for our After School Program. Hours are Monday- Friday, 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM. Please share this need with everyone. Job descriptions can be found on the school website under the 'Contact Us' tab [here](#). Contact me or the School Office for more information.



On a personal note, I would like to thank Grace Lutheran for the opportunity to serve as your principal over the last five years. I am so thankful for the welcome and support that you have had for me and the school. You have been such a blessing to me and Jeff.

As I mentioned at the Voters' Meeting, we feel that God is calling us back up north to our family. We will be moving in the spring of 2026. Until then, we will continue to be around and involved in our church family.

May God continue to bless us all as we serve Him as He calls us.

God's Blessings,

Delaine Schiestel

# CDC HAPPENINGS

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# WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

Do you love Jesus  
and Children?  
Are you reliable?  
WE WANT YOU

- CHILDCARE  
(ages 6 weeks-4  
years)
- START \$12/hr +  
PTO

Submit your Resume...

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## VBS RECAP

Thank you to all of the volunteers and supporters of VBS! Thank you to all of the kids who came this year! We had **66 kids** and **44 volunteers** sharing the message that we can trust Jesus! We also raised over **\$100** to go to **Child Beyond International** to provide water filters for families in need.



# GROW - BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

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## Bible Studies Topics – July 2025

### Sunday Morning Children and Youth

- Infant—Pre-K (Church Nursery) – Kings: Foolishness and Wisdom
- K—4th (Genesis Room) – Kings: Foolishness and Wisdom
- 5th and 6th Grade (School Library) – Bible Characters
- Confirmation (Room 106) – Catechism Topics
- High School (Youth Room) – Red Letter Challenge

### Sunday Morning Communities

- Quarter Life Questers (Room 202) - Red Letter Challenge
- Figuring It Out (Room 203) – Red Letter Challenge
- Balancing Act (School Band Room) – Day 7: For Work, Rest, or Play
- Tug of War (Room 204) – Red Letter Challenge
- Discovering Together (Room 209) – Upper Room Discourse

### Sunday Morning Bible Studies

- Red Letter Challenge (Gym)
- Bible for Non-Native English Speakers (Room 208) – Isaiah

### Bible Studies During the Week

- Digging Deeper (Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Assembly Room) – Will resume in the Fall
- Women's Bible Study (Monday at 1:00 PM in the Church Library) – Will resume in the Fall
- Women's Bible Study (Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Church Library) – Promised Hope by Michelle Diercks
- Men's Bible Study (2nd Saturday at 7:30 AM in the School Cafeteria) – Nurturing Your Faith: Called
- Ladies of Grace Circles (3rd Tuesday at 9:00 AM and 9:30 AM; 3rd Saturday at 2:00 PM in the Church Library and Genesis Room) - Topic Varies



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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 Lorna Menzel or Pastor Andrew!**





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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.)
- **Kathy Cook** (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](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 Church** page on Facebook. Go to the page and “**LIKE**” the page (in the top section at the bottom left side of the cover photo— not below the posted content). Liking the Grace Lutheran page helps us to get information to your Facebook account!

# CONNECTION GROUPS

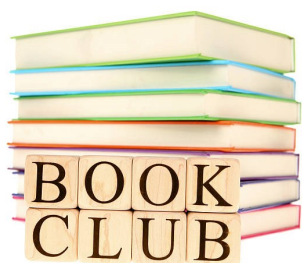
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## ARE YOU CONNECTED?

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 9th**, and we will be discussing *The Island of the Sea Woman* by Lisa See. Our next read will be *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah (Chapters 1-19). 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. They are located on the shelf to the left of the TV. **Feel free to take any of the books!***

**The Sew 'n Sews** normally meet on Mondays from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in the Genesis Room. ***For the remaining summer months we will meet only on July 14th and August 11th. Our weekly meetings will resume on September 8th.***

We will continue to work on a number of projects throughout the summer months.

**No special skills needed! 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 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.



INTERESTED IN A LWML SMALL GROUP?

**Peace Circle**  
 3rd Tuesday | 9am | Genesis Room  
 Contact: [pamjons1@bellsouth.net](mailto:pamjons1@bellsouth.net)

**Hope Circle**  
 3rd Tuesday | 9am | Church Library  
 Contact: [crout@juno.com](mailto:crout@juno.com)

MITES COLLECTED ON 5TH SUNDAYS IN THE NARTHEX



# SAINTS ALIVE

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**Saints Alive** continues to provide learning and fellowship activities for adults in our congregation. Anyone is invited to attend our activities. They are almost always held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Sometimes we have a speaker come to Grace to educate us in some area, or other times we travel to places in Huntsville or the north Alabama/southern Tennessee area. Consider joining us whenever you want. We always have a sign-up sheet posted on the narthex easel so that we know how many are coming.

## 2025 Recap and Future Plans

During the past six months we have traveled to Hanceville to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, to Decatur to tour the Princess Theater, to Fort Payne to Orbix Glass, and to Tusculumbia for Ivy Green and the Rattlesnake Saloon. Locally we went to Manna House's Hydroponic Garden in Lacey's Spring and to Signals Museum in Huntsville. We have had a speaker from the Huntsville Railroad Authority and one from Not One More Alabama to discuss the opioid crisis.

We had a wonderful planning meeting with 16 people in attendance on July 25th. We were able to plan activities for the next five months. These are our planned activities. We hope you will join us.

July 16 – Speaker from Huntsville Utilities on energy conservation, Coordinator: Debbie Satterfield  
 August 6 – Chattanooga Aquarium, Coordinator: Bob Wank  
 August 20 – Speaker from the FBI, Coordinator: Karen Ager  
 September 3 – Berman Museum & Museum of Natural History, Coordinator: Elise Fulda  
 September 17 – Wheeler Lake Boat Tour, Coordinator: Shirley Vigil  
 October 1 – Aviation Challenge – Coordinator: Ed Fulda  
 October 15 – La Famiglia Winery in Toney, Coordinator: Kathryn Kervin  
 November 5 – Fall Leaf Peeping, Coordinator: Steve Rice  
 November 19 – Birmingham Zoo, Coordinator: Sabina Wank  
 December 11 – Christmas Luncheon at Valley Hill Country Club, Coordinator: Donna Behnken



**Huntsville Utilities**

ELECTRICITY • NATURAL GAS • WATER

On **July 16th** the Saints Alive will have a presentation by **Keith Ricketts**, Home Energy Advisor from the Huntsville Utilities Energy Services Department. This presentation is very informative and will provide information on ways to curtail energy costs. The presentation will begin at **10:00 AM** in the **Assembly Room** or the **Genesis Room** depending on how many people will attend. Lunch will follow at **Amerigo** on South Parkway. **Sign up on the easel in the narthex today and put an "L" by your name to indicate that you will join us for lunch. We need to know by July 8th so we know how many for the lunch reservation. Debbie Satterfield is the coordinator, so please reach out to her by email or phone if you aren't able to get to the sign-up sheet.**

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

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## GriefShare Returns in August

By Merle Trich

We often hear that grieving is a process. That may be true, but it often can feel like a never-ending story or a very painful journey. If you are carrying the burden of grief, you do not need to carry it alone. I would like to encourage you to come to a special seminar and support group offered here at Grace Lutheran Church called GriefShare. The materials specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one.

GriefShare meets weekly for 13 weeks, and the content is Christ-centered and biblical. Each weekly video session features nationally-respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented. Each person receives a participant guide with valuable exercises, journaling options, tools, and articles for dealing with the daily challenges of grief. You will find this to be a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. You will be prayed for and learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult season of your life.

These sessions are open to any adult regardless of whether your experience is recent or in the past. The group is led by individuals who have personally experienced grief due to a loved one's death. Each leader is trained in facilitating a GriefShare support group. The \$20 registration fee includes materials. (Please don't allow this fee to keep you from attending; we do have scholarships available). Information about the weekly topics can be found on the GriefShare [website](#). While you are on the website, we also encourage you to sign up for the free daily email encouragements. You will find them informative and comforting.

Our GriefShare group will begin meeting on **August 10th** from **2:00 PM – 4:00 PM** at Grace Lutheran Church in the Church Library. We hope you will consider joining us.

Please remember your loss is shared by others in this church and what you are experiencing is sometimes easier to bear knowing others are listening and do care.

Rebecca Hitt shares her experience attending GriefShare, excerpts below:

*Death has been a part of my life for a very long time. My dad died two days after my fifth birthday. A few years go by and an uncle dies, two months later, my grandfather. Another couple of years, my last remaining grandparent – my Granny, Dad's mom. And so it continued, every couple of years, more death. Aunts, uncles, cousins. So many funerals.*

*I thought I was good at handling grief. Certainly, I had the practice. It was something I thought I knew about myself, a defining characteristic. But then Mom died last year. And suddenly, I wasn't good at handling grief. I was stuck in my grief and frustrated. Why wasn't it working this time? What was wrong with me? Why couldn't I just get over it?*

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*Turns out I wasn't good at grief. I was good at not grieving, not dealing with it. I was good at being sad and then trying desperately to shove all the hard emotions down in a box so I wouldn't have to truly do anything with them.*

*With some encouragement from David, I joined the GriefShare class at Grace in January. I was a little skeptical that "just sharing my grief" with others would do much but decided it wouldn't hurt to try. I was very wrong. I'm glad I did.*

1. *Just sharing my grief did help. Sharing my grief with others who were also dealing with their own grief, their hearts just as broken as mine, did help.*
2. *GriefShare was so much more than just talking about our losses. The sessions and workbook offered practical suggestions on taking care of yourself, breaking out of cycles of anxiety, how to work through all the emotions – the anger, uncertainty, bitterness – all of it. It didn't sugarcoat the pain or downplay it.*
3. *We talked about the definition of hope as confidence in the character of God as good, even in the midst of our sorrow. He can handle our big emotions, and we don't have to shy away from showing Him our pain.*

*I may not be "good at grief" yet, but I have better tools to help me along the way.*

Registration forms are at the welcome desk and can be turned in to the Church Office or you can register online at the Grief Share site [here](#).

May God's love continue to comfort and strengthen you. Please feel free to contact or speak to Pastor Russ, Pastor Andrew, David Groggel, Bev LeMaster, or Dexter or Joyce McClure with any additional questions.

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



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## Zoom Sunday Bible Studies

Each Sunday there is the opportunity to join a Bible study via Zoom. The link can be found in the weekly worship email that Pastor Russ sends out on Saturdays. Before trying to open any of the links, you must download Zoom to your computer or phone. In the email, click the link called A Grow Resource. Then go to Join an Adult Bible Study online. Click on that for the link to the Bible study. This will connect you to the current Red Letter Challenge class, as well as future Adult Bible Study classes.

## LOG Summer Lunch Dates

Over the summer the LOG Circles will gather for lunch dates to reconnect. Please contact Karen Crout or Rita Lange with any questions.

-Tuesday, July 15th at 11:00 AM, Hope Circle will carpool from Grace to Athens for a Birthday Lunch with Millie Sallo

-Saturday, August 16th at 2:00 PM at City Café on Drake (Faith Circle)

-Tuesday, August 19th at 11:00 AM at Cheddar's on University (Hope Circle)



## LCMS National Youth Gathering

It's finally here! The youth will be attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans from **July 18th-23rd**. Please pray for our youth and adult leaders as they travel, participate in activities, serve the community, and hear God's Word. The Mass Events in the Superdome will be livestreamed on [lcmsgathering.com](https://lcmsgathering.com) from 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM on July 19th-22nd if you want to see what it's all about!

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*You're Invited to a  
Retirement Open House  
for Delaine Schiestel*

**07.26.25**  
3:00PM- 5:00PM

Grace Lutheran  
School Assembly  
Room.  
**Please use Door B12**

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## Love Packages Ministry Opportunity

Love Packages is a non-denominational mission located in two places: Illinois and Decatur, AL. Their mission is to provide Bibles (primarily) and other Christian materials such as Bible Studies, Devotionals, Sunday school and VBS teaching materials to include videos, magazines, maps, etc. to Christian churches all over the globe free of charge! Grace Lutheran Church has been donating items for several decades. Love Packages sends out a monthly newsletter, which can be found on the bulletin board near the church office and online.

On **Wednesday, July 30th at 8:30 AM** a group of volunteers from Grace Lutheran Church will be loading up donated materials and departing for Decatur to deliver our materials and then spend time sorting and packing those and other donated items. We will work until lunchtime and then go to eat at a restaurant in Decatur before returning to Grace. If you are available and feel led, we could use a few good men and women to come along. Our past experiences on previous trips have been very rewarding.

Besides volunteers, we need you to please bring Bibles and other materials to donate. There is a bin for donated items in the Church Library, and also a labeled cabinet in the Assembly Room. You can also support the mission with your prayers.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for those who plan to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve or Nancy Rice.





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## GROW Gala

Want to learn more about our upcoming Grow Opportunities? On **August 3rd**, during the Sunday School time, we will host a Grow Gala, where you can visit with the leaders and experience a taste of the different studies. Fellowship and food in the Family Life Center Gym will be plentiful! Come learn about our Weekly Bible Studies, Sunday Morning Bible Studies, Sunday Morning Communities, and Small Groups. Then on the following **Sunday, August 10th**, we will kick off our Fall Bible Studies.



## Confirmation Beginning of the Year Meeting

Parents and students in 7th and 8th grade are invited to attend the beginning of the year informational meeting for Confirmation on **Sunday, August 10th** at **9:30 AM** in the **3rd Grade** classroom. We will provide an overview of the Confirmation program and walk through what is expected for each of our students.

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## New GriefShare Class Beginning

Grace Lutheran will host a new session of GriefShare beginning on **August 10th**. The class will run for 13 weeks, meeting from **2:00 PM to 4:00 PM** in the Church Library. See the Stephen Ministry section for more information and sign-up instructions.

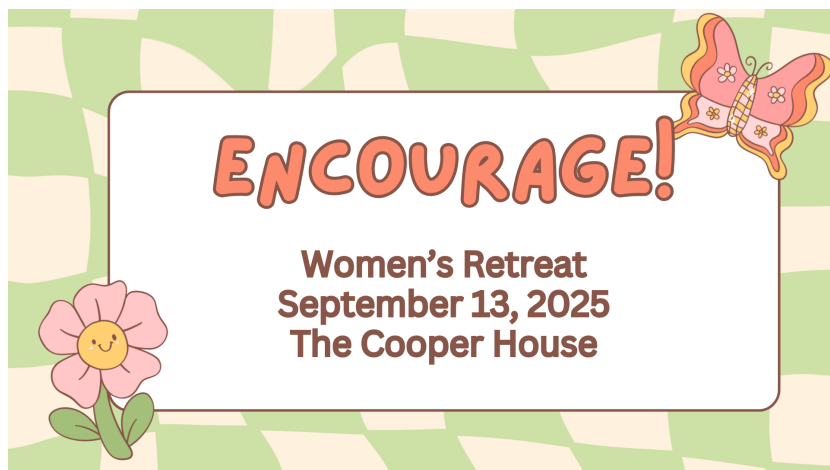


## Upcoming Discovering Grace Class

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, August 16th** from **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** and on **Sunday, August 17th** during the Sunday School/Bible Class hour from **9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**. Register [here](#) or on the Grace Lutheran website.

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## GraceLand Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to all who have been supporting the GraceLand Capital Campaign since it began a year ago. During June we collected around **\$65,000.00**, which brings the total collected for the campaign to around **\$360,000.00**! 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 beginning stages of the Master Plan, which was approved by congregational vote back in May. Click [here](#) to see a layout of the approved plan. You can give online or by check with GraceLand Capital Campaign or GCC in the memo line.



We were blessed to hear about Pastor Russ and Pastor Andrew's visit to Child Beyond International earlier this year, and are looking forward to sending another group from Grace to serve in March of next year. 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

**Check Us Out Online!**

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## STAFF & LAY LEADERSHIP

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