

Child Beyond International Mission Trip Information and Plan

Lifting Children to Life is the motto of our mission partner – Child Beyond International (CBI). This spring, March 14-21, Grace Lutheran is planning to send a mission team to support the ministry of Child Beyond International. Disciples of Jesus WORSHIP God, GROW in Faith, and ENGAGE in Service, and this is an exciting opportunity to ENGAGE. We held a mission trip information meeting on August 17th for anyone interested in going to Guatemala to serve on a mission team. This article is meant to share all of the pertinent information about the upcoming trip for anyone who couldn't be there in order to make a decision about participating in the trip. It will also provide details for all of our Grace Lutheran prayer warriors, as we seek their prayers over this exciting opportunity.

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When is the trip, and who can go?

The mission trip will take place March 14-21, 2026. We hope to fly out of Huntsville, but may fly out of Nashville or Birmingham. This is a congregational mission trip. Anyone in our congregation is invited. If you are going on the trip and want to take a friend, reach out to me (this would probably work great). The trip is geared toward adults, but High School age students are invited to go (I am planning to take Trent). Anyone younger than a junior in High School should have a parent on the trip as well.

What will we do for our mission?

This will largely depend on the make-up of our team and the talents, gifts, and interests they have. Once our team is formed, the team will choose a project. Child Beyond is equipped to organize the following projects:

- Building a home for a family in need
- Install high efficiency cook stoves for families in need
- Install water filtration systems for families in need
- Vacation Bible Schools in public schools
- Sports camps in public schools
- Medical clinics in villages

Aside from full-time commitment during the trip , what additional time commitments are there?

There are two different kinds of preparations that need to be made for a trip like this. First, there is spiritual preparation. Our team will meet approximately 10 times starting at the end of September for discipleship and cultural training. Together we will walk through a discipleship curriculum called *Missionary Pathways* that will spiritually orient our thinking about the trip, as well as our daily life of discipleship. We will also pray for God's blessing and direction on our trip.

In addition to the spiritual preparation, there will also be logistic planning that will take place at these meetings. This will include any project planning we need to do for our mission trip (i.e. if we are going to host a VBS, what materials will we use? What Bible Stories? How will we share God's truth through VBS?) and travel planning (i.e. vaccines, passports, travel insurance, etc.).

Where will we go/stay?

The CBI Children's home and the CBI mission team home are both located near San Cristobal, Guatemala. We will fly into Guatemala City, travel to San Cristobal, and work in the villages and rural areas surrounding the city. The mission team home is located in a safe, gated community, and it is a modern home comfortably furnished. CBI's new property is located in San Jose Calderas, and we may do some work in that community as well.

What is the cost?

The cost per person is \$1,000 base cost + airfare. The base cost includes food, lodging, transportation, translating services, and a donation to the CBI Children's Home. Airfare is anticipated to cost between \$600-\$800. The costs of any project that we do (building a home, cook stove installation, VBS, sports camp) will be covered by a generous gift that has already been given to Grace Lutheran. If you have a strong desire to go, but finances are a hurdle, please reach out to me. There may be some fundraising opportunities available.

Registration and Decision

Due to the advance planning required, a commitment is needed by **September 21st**. This will allow adequate time to prepare both spiritually and logistically. A \$200 deposit is due at registration.

[REGISTER](#)

The prophet Isaiah declares in Isaiah 1:17, *"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."* I give thanks for the great work of CBI in Guatemala, and look forward to supporting and encouraging them in that ministry, even as we grow into greater depths of discipleship.

In Christ,

Pastor Russ





Pay to all what is owed to them...respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Romans 13:7

God gives to each of us unique talents, abilities, and callings in life. One of the especially great treasures of Lutheran theology is highlighting the variety of callings (or vocations) that every person is given by God. Parent, child, student, co-worker, spouse, athlete, musician, teacher, soldier, the list goes on and on. Why do Lutherans highlight all of these different callings? This calls for a history lesson.

In Luther's day, the greatest thing one could aspire to be was a monk. The culture around Europe, with the influence of the Church, especially paved the way for this aspiration. People were called to do good works (Ephesians 2:10), but the greatest work that could be done was to enter in the monastery and give one's life to God. It was taught that monks were closer to God. They spent their days in prayer, reading God's Word, fasting, worshipping, and in some cases living in poverty or silence. There was no higher calling than to be a monk, away from the distractions of the world. But as Luther himself entered into the Augustinian monastery, he realized that for all of the prayers said and worship given to God, these monks were missing out on where God's people are. God's people are out in the workplace, on farms, and in businesses. God's people are in homes with their families and in the town square with their friends. God's people are in so many more places than a monk can be, and in these places God's work is being done. God calls people into various responsibilities, and it's amazing how the gospel can be proclaimed by all people in all of the places where they are. God doesn't call everyone to the same responsibilities; some are not called to be pastors or teachers, some are not called to be spouses or parents, some are not called to be business owners or soldiers. The callings God gives to us are unique to us; they are honorable ways to bring glory to God, and in these various ways God gives us opportunities to live as his people.

The calling of soldier is one such example. These men and women uniquely understand service and sacrifice in a way many do not. The soldier stands as a defender and protector. It is an honorable calling that God gives his people. There are many people at Grace who have served or continue to serve our country. We thank you for answering God's call to defend and protect us.

In October, we have an Engage opportunity here at Grace that highlights those who have served in our armed forces. Freedom Sings USA is an organization that helps veterans tell their stories through song. Over the course of a weekend, a veteran will meet with a songwriter and together they will create a song that tells the veteran's story. It's a powerful experience. On October 10th and 11th, Freedom Sings USA will be hosting a retreat here for veterans in our Huntsville community. If you are a veteran and you would like to participate in this retreat, please let me or Roberta Rodgers know. If you would like to help with this retreat, please let me know. On the evening of October 11th, a concert will take place here where the songs written through the weekend will be debuted live for the first time.

Please join us as we serve and honor those who have served and protected us.

For more information about Freedom Sings USA, please talk to me or Roberta Rodgers. You can also learn more through their [website](#).

Pastor Andrew

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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As August has come to an end, the first month of school is under our belts. What a great month it has been! It was a little shaky at first with some late summer staffing changes and hires. We hired a new middle school history teacher, a new middle school science teacher, who didn't arrive in Huntsville until the weekend before school started, and a new after-care coordinator. All three of them have been excellent additions to our great staff.

Our theme for this year is **"Make a Joyful Noise."** Tying in with that theme we have started a new initiative we call **"Caught in the Act."** Our staff always encourages great behavior, but our teachers and staff are especially looking for our students doing something nice when they aren't aware someone is watching. Once they have been "caught" they come to the principal's office to get congratulated and their parents get a phone call sharing the great news. They receive a certificate at chapel and have their pictures taken to place on a bulletin board outside the cafeteria. Watch the number of pictures grow as we progress throughout the year! We like to see the type of behavior that comes from the heart.

The **Grace Lutheran School Fun Run** is coming up quickly on **September 19th**. This is our one big fundraiser for the year, and the PTL does an EXCELLENT job organizing this huge event. All of the money raised serves one purpose, to benefit our students. We raised over \$30,000 last year and hope to top that this year. There are ways for you to help contribute to the Fun Run. All of our students are encouraged to get pledges for each lap they complete. Not all students will have a sponsor. Congregation members will have an opportunity to sponsor a student. Details will follow. Grace also has some corporate sponsors that contribute in return for advertising their company. Depending on the level of contribution, their names can go on a t-shirt that all the kids wear for the event, and a banner displayed through September. If interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact our front office. The downside is if we beat our goal, I will have to do something embarrassing. Five years ago I had to wear an Alabama onesie. Rumor is they are trying to top that!

If you come by after school you'll see we are a beehive of activities. Soccer, volleyball, chess club, and art club are all in full swing. None of this would be possible without our volunteers. They are a blessing. On a different note, the horrible event in Minneapolis is a solemn reminder of how quickly tragedy can happen. At Grace Lutheran School we have an emergency plan in place for many situations. As a staff we revisit these plans before the beginning of each school year. We also have various drills throughout the year to practice different scenarios. After the drills we evaluate our response and work to further improve.

As the staff at Grace Lutheran School, we truly appreciate your prayers and support. Blessings to all of you.

Mike Ellis



CDC HAPPENINGS

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Everything is going great at the CDC! The beginning of the school year has been smooth and surprisingly easy. We have many new teachers and many new families this year! We are thankful for every family and person that is a part of Grace, both the old and the new! God provides for the CDC in so many ways. *"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* - Philippians 4:19

In August we have seen everything fall into place. One month into the school year, everyone seems to be well-adjusted and settling in nicely. We have all gotten to know each other and we are adapting to new routines with ease. So much learning is taking place, many friendships are being formed, and though it all we continue to keep our eyes on Jesus as we move forward! We are thankful for the way He guides us!

Looking ahead: In September the CDC is excited to celebrate Labor Day by spending a much needed day at home with our families. We will host an event, Granola with Grands, to celebrate our grandparents. It's the biggest CDC event of the year! We will also have speech screenings with Milestone Manor and participate in the Fun Run. We have much to look forward to!

Thanks be to God!

Jessica McGuire



YOUTH COOKOUT



GROW - BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

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Bible Studies Topics – September 2025

Sunday Morning Children and Youth

- Infant—Pre-K (Church Nursery) – Kings: Division & Defiance
- K—4th (Genesis Room) – Kings: Division & Defiance
- 5th and 6th Grade (School Library) – Bible Characters
- Confirmation (Room 106) – Catechism Topics
- High School (Youth Room) – Judges

Sunday Morning Communities

- Quarter Life Questers (Room 202) - Because Jesus Taught It
- Figuring It Out (Room 203) – Together We Believe: A Study of the Apostles' Creed
- Balancing Act (School Band Room) – Knowing the Bible: Hebrews
- Tug of War (Room 204) – Exploring God's Word: Old Testament
- Discovering Together (Room 209) – Romans

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

- The Insurmountable Problem (Cafeteria)
- Cost of Discipleship (Assembly Room)
- 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) – Hezekiah
- Women's Bible Study (Monday at 1:00 PM in the Church Library) – 1, 2, 3 John
- Women's Bible Study (Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Church Library) – The Women of the Bible Speak
- Men's Bible Study (2nd Saturday at 7:30 AM in the School Cafeteria) – Nurturing Your Faith: Prayer
- 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

OUTREACH CONNECTIONS

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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!**



CONNECTION GROUPS

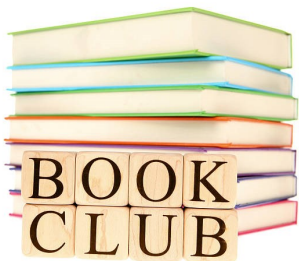
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ARE YOU CONNECTED?

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, September 10th**, and we will be discussing *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah (Chapters 1-19). Our next read will be *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah (Chapters 20-39). 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 will resume their weekly meetings beginning **Monday, September 8th** from **1:00 PM - 3:00 PM** in the **Genesis Room**.

During the summer we made a number of tummy time quilts and donated them to the National Children's Advocacy Center. When the weather gets cooler, we plan to deliver adult lap quilts to various assisted living facilities.

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 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.



INTERESTED IN A LWML SMALL GROUP?

Peace Circle
3rd Tuesday | 9am | Genesis Room
Contact: pamjons1@bellsouth.net

Hope Circle
3rd Tuesday | 9am | Church Library
Contact: 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.

August Recap and Future Plans

During August we have been blessed to enjoy two outings. First, a group of sixteen people went to Chattanooga to visit the Tennessee Aquarium. We enjoyed the aquatic animals from various parts of the world now living at the aquarium. Following the tour of the museum, we enjoyed lunch at a local barbeque restaurant. Bob Wank was our coordinator for this event.

Our second August event was a speaker from the FBI installation at Redstone Arsenal. Forty-four people learned many things about what the FBI is doing currently and the plans for the future. We were blessed to learn this from Alicia Irmscher, who works at the Redstone installation and came to our campus for the presentation. We then went to Eggs Up Grill for lunch. Karen Ager coordinated this event with help from Kathryn Kervin.



We have several interesting trips planned for September. Our first trip will be on **September 4th**, on a Thursday rather than Wednesday because of scheduling conflicts. We will travel to Anniston to tour several museums. We will have a guided tour of both museums for a total price of \$20 per person. We will leave from the Gibson's lot at **7:45 AM**. First, we will visit the **Anniston Museum of Natural History** from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Then we will travel by bus to lunch at Classic on Noble restaurant. After lunch, we will head to the **Berman Museum** where we are scheduled for a docent-led tour at 2:00 PM. We will depart Anniston at 4:00 PM, so we expect to arrive back at Grace at **6:00 PM**. We also have access to the Longleaf Botanical Garden and a Bird of Prey Trail that are located at the same site, so you can walk through one of those if you finish early at one or both of the museums. Please bring some additional cash to pay your share of the gas. Elise Fulda is the coordinator of this event. When getting on the bus you will pay her the \$20 in cash for the museums.



Then on **September 17th** we will travel to Rogersville to take a scenic boat ride on **Wheeler Lake**. The boat is the 36' USCG certified Nautical Wheeler and is docked at Joe Wheeler State Park Marina. The boat features a full-length roof, comfortable seating, and an onboard restroom. The cruise will be both scenic and interpretive as Captain Steve knows the area and wildlife well and will give a fantastic tour of the waterway. The cost of the boat ride is \$25. We need 14 travelers for that price and can have no more than 25 total. Plans are to have lunch at Lash Seafood, a popular seafood restaurant, in Rogersville. Shirley Vigil is planning this activity.

Join us for one or all of the upcoming events. We love to socialize with others from our congregation and also learn new things.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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Be Still

By Merle Trich

Do you ever remember hearing as a child, or telling your own children, “Be still!”? As my father used to say, do you have ants in your pants? The vision of “ants in my pants” makes me giggle to this day.

Sometimes, even as an adult, it is hard to sit still with so many demands of our time, such as appointments, to-do lists, and distractions. Have you ever tried to sit perfectly still? Even when I intentionally sit still, I recognize there is no stillness as we rhythmically breathe, our thoughts wander, and our heart beats.

Just like my father, God our Father tells us over and over again to “Be still. In Psalm 46:10 *He says, “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”* In 1 Samuel 12:16, *“Now then, stand still and see this great thing the Lord is about to do before your eyes!”* We need to be still in order to recognize God at work and when we do “stand still,” we will see the many gifts, blessings, and miracles He is working in our lives and the lives of others.

Our thoughts race through our heads. How can we be still? We are reminded in Psalm 107:28-29 *“Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.”* If God can calm the waves and seas, then He certainly can calm our souls during times of trouble and distress when we cry out to him in prayer.

So today, take God’s word to heart, “Be still!” Ask God to calm the storms in your life. Watch and see how powerful our God is as He reveals the many wonders and mercies we have all around us. Then praise Him!

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Grace offers support through GriefShare and Stephen Ministry. If you are looking for encouragement and strength during challenging circumstances in life, a Stephen Minister can listen and support you as you look for peace and hope in His Word.

Please contact or speak to Pastor Russ, Pastor Andrew, or Dexter or Joyce McClure if you would like more information on Stephen Ministry or GriefShare.

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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Volunteers Needed!



Volunteer Blitz

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

A new Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study will start on **September 2nd** in the **Genesis Room** from **9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**. *"The Women of The Bible Speak"* by Shannon Bream is a study about 16 women in the Bible who lived timeless stories, and by examining them we can understand what it means to be a Woman of Faith. This study outlines the lessons we can take from the valor of Esther, the hope of Hannah, the audacity of Rahab, and the faith of Mary. God's Word contains warriors like Jael, judges like Deborah, and prophets like Miriam. In broadening each woman's story, we get a deeper understanding of each, and the wisdom and insights that can transform our own lives today. Please contact Karen Crout with questions.

New Season of Bell Choir

The Grace Lutheran Bell Choir will resume rehearsals on **Thursday, September 4th**. We are looking for new members. We rehearse every week on Thursday from **7:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. We will try to play for worship once a month at the 8:00 AM Sunday Service. If you know how to read music, great. If you don't know much about music, we will teach you. Our goal is to enhance worship and play the bells to the glory of God. If you are interested in playing bells with us, please contact Dick Azzam.

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Monday Afternoon Bible Study

After breaking for the summer, the Monday afternoon Ladies Bible Study will meet again beginning on **September 8th at 1:00 PM** in the **church library**. We are studying *"God's Word for Today: 1, 2, 3 John"* by CPH. Two major themes in John's epistles are truth and love. He also stresses the reality of the cosmic battle that is raging between God and the devil. He tells us that we are taking part in this battle and that we should ensure that we are on the side of light, love, and Christ, rather than on the side of darkness, hate, and antichrists. He warns us against heresy and how to avoid falling into it. Come join us as we study some of the most profound theology in the Scriptures. Please contact Sina Andrews with any questions.



Junior High Youth Event

Throughout the year, we will have activities for our kids who are in 5th through 8th grade. To start us out, we are going to go to **Flow Trampoline Park** on **Sunday, September 14th** from 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM. Cost for this event is \$10 a person. Please sign up in the Church Center app or [here](#).



Grace Lutheran School Fun Run

The annual **Grace Lutheran School Fun Run** will be held **September 19th**. This event is the main fundraiser for the PTL, funding projects like playground maintenance, science consumables, teacher appreciation, special assemblies, Harvest Fest, and more. There are many ways for church members to help support this event: volunteering before or at the event, business sponsorship, and sponsoring donations for individual students, such as our scholarship recipients. for additional details, please contact the school office.


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Bible Presentation
for 3-year-olds and Second Graders





September 21st in both services



ENCOURAGE!

Women's Retreat
September 27, 2025
Redstone Arsenal



Women's Retreat

Life often feels like a struggle, but our steps become lighter with a little (or a lot) of encouragement. Jen Roettjer will lead the women in a Bible study looking at the when and how of encouraging one another. Spread throughout the day, we will also take time to enjoy several relaxation activities. Join us on **Saturday, September 27th** on **Redstone Arsenal** (Building 3711, next to the MWR Activities Field). Check-in begins at 8:30 AM with a light breakfast bar. The retreat will run from **9:00 AM - 2:30 PM**. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Register [here](#) or in the Church Center app by **September 19th**.



Freedom Sings USA Veterans' Songwriting Retreat

Freedom Sings USA will host a Veterans' Songwriting Retreat at Grace Lutheran Church on **October 10-11**. Featuring hit-makers from Nashville and Huntsville, this event connects veterans to professionals in the music world to help put their thoughts and feelings to song. Please see Pastor Andrew's article for more information and for volunteer opportunities for this event.



Grace Lutheran Trunk or Treat

On **Friday, October 24th** from **6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** Grace Lutheran will host a Trunk or Treat for church, school, and CDC families, as well as anyone in the community. Come join us for a fun night of costumes, candy, and fellowship!

Trunks Needed!

In order to make this a great event, we are currently looking for groups, families, or individuals to decorate your vehicle and hand out candy to the kids. Trunk registration is due by **October 17th**. (The kids do NOT need to sign up for this event in advance!) Register your Trunk on the Church Center app or [here](#).

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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 August we collected around **\$30,000.00**, which brings the total collected for the campaign to over **\$500,000.00!** Combined with excess funds that were put toward debt reduction, we have paid down about **\$1 million** of our initial \$3.2 million loan. 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.

Grace Lutheran has received a matching gift opportunity through the generosity of one of our member families. Any dollar given from now until the end of the year (**up to \$100,000**) will be matched dollar for dollar. On **December 31st** the matching gift will expire, so let's take advantage of this opportunity. Each week you will see our progress in this matching gift on the back of the bulletin and a pre-service slide. Praise God for the generosity of our members!

You can give online or by check with GraceLand Capital Campaign or GCC in the memo line.



Child Beyond International Newsletter

We were blessed to hear about Pastor Russ and Pastor Andrew's visit to Child Beyond International earlier this year, and are in the planning stages of assembling a group from the congregation to travel down 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

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