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# Providence & Grace Notes

SEPTEMBER 2022

Grace Lutheran & Providence Valley Lutheran Newsletter

## Join Us for Fun & Games on Rally Sunday!

Come for the opening event  
of our Sunday School Year!

**Sunday, September 18th**

9:00 Worship

10:00 Breakfast served by the Fellowship  
Board  
& Outdoor Games in the Courtyard

Regular Sunday School classes for grades pre-k through 8th  
begin Sunday, September 25th at 9:30 am



## SEPTEMBER



### Fall Worship Schedule

Joint worship at Grace on  
**9/4/2022**

Service Sunday on **9/11/22**

#### Grace Lutheran

9:00am Worship Service

*In Person/Online/Radio*

10-10:45am Sunday School

*Beginning 9/25/2022*

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

#### Providence Valley Lutheran

10:45am Worship *beginning*  
9/18/22

## God's work. Our hands.

### Service Sunday Sunday September 11th, 2022

If your faith inspires you to acts of service and love for others, Grace Lutheran Church invites you to join us for "Service Sunday" at 9AM on September 11th. We invite you to join us for service projects in, for and around the Dawson community. **Everyone is invited!** Together, as the Body of Christ we will seek to help others, grow in Christ-likeness and serve our community with our God-given talents and gifts. Let your faith be active in labor and love! There will be service work for all ages and abilities because every follower of Jesus has a role in God's life-changing work around us! **Please contact the church office if you would like to recommend a project!**

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# Walk in My Shoes

There was this meeting I was going to a while back... I called my wife from my cell phone in route because I needed some important advice from her...fashion advice. (This is a good “pastors are human too” story!) I left the house early in the morning to get to Moorhead, MN for a day long conference I was attending with other colleagues in ministry. On the way, I noticed my feet felt a little funny, like one shoe was not on quite right...it just felt weird. But I kept driving. And finally when I stopped to get out of the car, I realized that one of my dress shoes I was wearing was black and the other brown. How was I going to handle a whole day in mix matched shoes!

How many days are like that, charging along in one black shoe and another brown. And the ironic thing about it was that I had another pair just like it at home in the closet! How many days are like that, with us all wrapped up in what we are doing and never noticing the flaws, the mistakes, the insensitivities, the sins, the unmatched shoes. We long to do things right, to get it right... to be right, but we cannot.

So we lurch along through our days, putting up a good front and keeping the stiff upper lip, the nose to the grindstone, all that stuff, but down deep we know that we aren't getting it right, and we know that we are hurting more often than we would like to admit.

Life is often mixed and messed up just like those mixed up shoes of mine. Sometimes life just doesn't work and we have to deal with our own failings, our own hurt, our own pain, our own sin. That's what my unmatched shoes declared.

Jesus is hard-nosed enough to tell us that our shoes are supposed to match, that we ought to be more careful about these things. But even Jesus knows that we all need something more, something to make our lives, our very selves, right. So, Jesus points out that that our shoes don't match. So we go to the place where we can take a look at life, recognize our unmatched shoes, and turn those shoes toward home, to that home promised for us, promised to us, that home we have not yet visited but know deep inside, we'll recognize it when we get there. It's a time for facing up to the unmatched shoes of our lives, the mess we've made of things. It's a time for recognizing that we cannot clean up

the mess by ourselves, we need a savior. And it is a time for remembering the promises that God gives to us...that we have a savior; he walked this very earth; he died for us; he rose for us.

In Zechariah chapter 3, there was a man named Joshua who was the high priest. He is standing before the Lord in what we would consider a courtroom scene. It shows the angel of the LORD stand-

ing near Joshua defending him before God the Father, and satan being the prosecuting attorney. The garments that Joshua is wearing are all stained and tattered representing the effects of sin on our lives and satan is accusing him of all of his sin. The father rebukes satan, and then the angel of the LORD speaks and the angel orders that new robes be given to Joshua saying, **“I have taken away your sin”**. The angel didn't speak peace to him. The angel didn't even declare him innocent of the crime. He just gets new

clothes (or new matching shoes)!

So we take a little walk with our mix matched shoes every Sunday. In fact, we should have a Sunday where we all wear mix-matched shoes to represent that very reality in our lives! We have Rally Sunday. We have Reformation Sunday. Maybe we need a **“Mix-Matched Shoes” Sunday**. But yet, every Sunday for worship is an opportunity for us to see our lives with clarity, to see how much we need the Savior, and to hear the voice of this Jesus reminding us of that which we are in danger of forgetting. Sunday worship is the grand declaration each week of what God did once, is doing right now, and will do on one fine and glorious day that will refine and reform our mix-matched shoes to make us whole and beautiful as God created us to be.

It's always an honor to walk alongside you in love and service even with my mix-matched shoes!

Prayer: Gracious Lord, you show your greatest power in the midst of sin, death and despair. Open our eyes so that we may see you at work and make us the instruments of your holy will, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor Kendall L. Stelter





# Cooking With Grace

## Upcoming Dates:

**September 19th** from 5:30-6:30

**October 17th** from 5:30-6:30

It has been wonderful to watch people gather for this meal. We have increased our numbers with our highest being 130 meals served in August. We have provided take out options and have delivered meals to those who have a hard time leaving their home for various reasons. It is great to see all the people gather whether it is for food or fellowship or both. We have had some great speakers and wonderful food. God continues to provide. We appreciate all the donations and the helping hands. Our youth have been involved and we hope they continue. ***Spread the word and/or invite a friend or someone you know who could use a warm meal and conversation!***



## Quilting Ministry

The quilting ministry has a very limited amount of fabric for the mission quilts, graduation quilts and baby quilts. To keep this project going they would appreciate donations of new fabric, monetary donations or Thrivent gift cards. These quilts are a blessing to many. Thank you!!!



## Grace Choir

Rehearsal will begin on  
*Wednesday, September 21st*  
at 6:00pm in the sanctuary.  
All are welcome to sing in  
the choir!

*The fall choir potluck will be*  
*Sunday, September 18th at*  
*6pm at Chris Lehne's home.*

*Call Chris if you have any*  
*questions.*  
*320-226-4106*



## Alleluia Choir & Bell Choir

Returning this year!  
The Alleluia and Bell Choir for  
grades 3-6 will begin rehearsal on  
*Wednesday, September 28th*  
*from 3:30pm-4:30pm*

They will meet Wednesdays after  
school during the school year on the  
3rd floor of the education wing  
under the direction of Chris Lehne.





Hello again! Hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Can you believe another school year has arrived? Join us on September 18<sup>th</sup> for Rally Sunday to kick off our Sunday School fall semester. After 9:00 am worship we will gather in the courtyard for a few fun activities. Our first class day is Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> following worship. Thank you to all of our volunteers who have agreed to teach and sub this fall! Your help is greatly appreciated! Our 3 year olds will be receiving their Bibles on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> during worship as well.

Our fall Sub Sandwich Fundraiser has begun. The cost this year is \$3.00/sub or \$30/dozen. Please contact our 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> graders to order. Orders are due Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. You may also call the church office. This is always a great fundraiser for our youth to help them attend the National Youth Gathering.

The first confirmation class will be on September 21st at 3:30-4:30 and then will occur weekly. Youth And Parent Meetings (YAP) will occur every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday following worship in the sanctuary. The first YAP meeting is Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Looking into the month of October our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will receive their Bibles on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Release Time for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders begins Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. This is weekly at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Mentor & Mentee Meetings will occur every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday following worship in the sanctuary. The first Mentor & Mentee meeting will be Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

This year's Confirmation class will be reading their faith statements during worship on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. We have such a big class this year we are splitting readings up into separate groups. There will be no Sunday School on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Confirmation Sunday is October 30<sup>th</sup>. We are excited for another busy school year ahead!



Courtney Bergeson

## Grace Companions

*From Emily Stelter*

In John 13:34 Jesus says, *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have love you, you also should love one another."* Jesus calls us to live out this commandment in our lives. One way we can do that is to care for those who are no longer able to participate in events outside of their homes. Becoming a *Grace Companion* will give you the opportunity to truly love those who are in special need.

*Grace Companions* is a new ministry that will begin this fall. This ministry will focus on serving the needs of our homebound/shut-in members, either long term or for a short period of time. If you become a *Grace Companion*, you would be assigned a member to visit weekly. These visits would look different for every individual. Maybe you play cards, have coffee and talk, do devotions together, work on a puzzle, go out for a meal, whatever the member would enjoy. Also, any additional needs of the member will be brought forward to the church staff to address. If you are interested in becoming a *Grace Companion*, please join me for a brief informational meeting **Sunday, September 25** after church in Grace Hall. I look forward to the beginning of this ministry and the blessings it will bring to so many in our community, both those on the receiving end and giving side of this ministry! If you know someone who would benefit from this ministry, please contact Emily in the church office. Hope to see you on **September 25!**

God's Peace,

Emily Stelter - Director of Membership Care

## Fall Sub Sandwich Sales

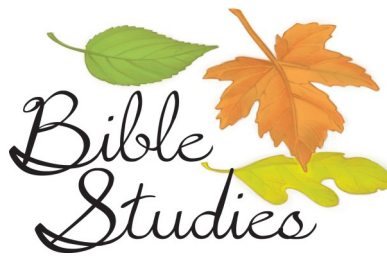
Our Sub Sandwiches will be for sale by the youth through **September 21st** and will be delivered **October 5th.**

This is a fundraiser for the youth gathering trip next summer!



Ham, Turkey or Sausage Subs are offered for \$3.00 each or \$30.00/dozen.

If you would like to order call the church office!



## Weekly Groups

Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 1:00pm

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 8:30am

All are welcome!!

## Monthly Circle Meetings

### Lydia Circle

Monday, September 26th, 9:30am

Place: Grace Hall

Bible Study:

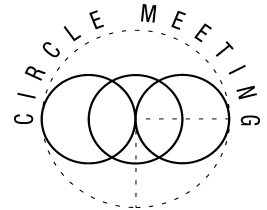
### Ruth Circle

Monday, September 26th, 7:00pm

Place: Grace Hall

Hostesses: Phyllis Lund

Bible Study: Ingrid Larson



Sunday Sept. 25th at 9:00am service at Grace we will be handing out 3 year old bibles.

Put these words of mine in your heart and soul ....  
Teach them to your children ....  
Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

## Holy Communion

2:00pm in Grace Hall  
Tuesday, September 6th

2:00pm at Riverside Manor  
Thursday, September 8th

### September:

\*Deb Boe  
Karen Strom  
(No Communion scheduled at Grace in September)



### October:

\*Sharon Olson  
Diane Seefeld  
Kaye Thompson  
Janet Johnson  
(Confirmation)

## YOUTH EVENT

K-6th graders are invited on **Wednesday September 14th** for popcorn, pizza and the Encanto movie. Grace Lutheran will pick kids up in the lunchroom area after school and walk them over to the church. Pick up your kids at Grace around 5:45.





**Grace Lutheran**  
**2022 Financial Report**

**July** Income: \$ 32,927  
**July** Expense: \$ 27,925

**Year To Date** Income: \$ 215,479  
**Year To Date** Expenses: \$ 239,037

**2021** Comparison (same period):  
**Year To Date** Income \$ 211,084  
**Year to Date** Expenses \$ 215,735



**In Memory of Clarice Olson**  
Memorial Fund \$25

**In Memory of Laura Keller**  
Memorial Fund \$25

**In Memory of Ann Hegg**  
Memorial Fund \$25

**Funerals**

May our Heavenly Lord keep in tender love the lives which we hold in blessed memory and comfort their family and friends in their grief.

*Gary Meier - July 15th, 2022*

*Laura Keller - July 27th, 2022*

*Joyce & Dale Grahn-(PVL)-August 13th, 2022*

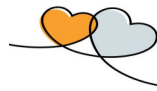
*Tom Winge-August 19th, 2022*

*Lucille Williams-August 24th, 2022*

*Duane "Dewey" Anderson-August 26th*

**Baptisms**

Through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome into the Lord's family these children of God and receive them as fellow members of the body of Christ and heirs with us to all the benefits of God's Kingdom.



No Baptism to report in the period

**Weddings**

I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.

† Jeremiah 32:39

*Jesse Nelson and Lindee Olson April 30th*

*Zachary Girmacker and Kelsey Imes May 14th*

*Ashly Willis and Matt Ludvigson—June 4th*

*Zach Stelter and Sarah Buysee - July 23rd*

*Ryan Swenson and Justine Flattum August 5th*

**Grace Lutheran**  
**Average Worship Attendance**

**July:** 9:00 Service: 86  
**August:** 9:00 Service: 130



**Prayer**

**Grace Lutheran:** Jeff Moe, Elaine Rimstad, Doris Gruenenwald, Liz Erickson John P. Peterson, Kristi Peterson Tomas, Jack Lewis, Jim Heath, Rick Odden, Brad Madsen, Tony Munsterman, Wylie Wiebe, Randy Tensen, Ann Lee Knutson, Gregg Tucholke, Jim Anderson, Tom Beals,

Deb Lewis, Ken Club, Jack Flayton, Monica Kennedy, Lauren Thoen, Mike Thompson, Julie Miron, Joey Anderson-Urness,

The family of Tom Winge, the family of Lucille Williams, the family of Duane Anderson

**Providence Valley Lutheran Church:** Doug Breberg, Arlys Buer, Evelyn Lundgren, Madalyn & Wilton Gustafson, Bob Pehrson, Deb Trapp

**Concerns**

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# Taste of Grace

After a 3 year hiatus, Taste of  
Grace is back!!!

**Sunday, September  
25th  
11:00am-1:00pm**

**Invite a friend and neighbor  
for our**

**Annual Pork Chop Dinner!**

\$12.00/person

\$5.00 (12 and under)

\$30.00/family (2 ADULTS-MAX.)

Take outs available!



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## Grace Lutheran Church HOLY **Glow** Ball Scramble

**Saturday, September 17th**

*Prizes— Meal—Fun—Mission!!*

Registration & Meal at 6:30pm

Tee off at 7:30pm

**\$25/person or \$100/team of 4**

(add a designated putter for an additional \$10)

*\*Walking Taco meal will be served*



*\$100 HOLE SPONSORSHIP—your business or name will appear on the tee box or putting green. You will also receive recognition at the clubhouse meal. If you or your business donates or sponsors a hole, you will receive 1/2 off team registration (\$50) if members of your business/family are golfing in the tournament.*

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## Grace Lutheran & Providence Valley Lutheran

### Our Church Staff

**Pastors:** Kendall L. Stelter  
Austin Krohnke, Intern

**Membership Care Director:**  
Emily Stelter

**Youth Director:**  
Courtney Bergeson  
Lindsay Ourada

**Organist/Pianist:**  
Chris Lehne (Grace); Beth Borstad (Providence Valley)

**Financial Secretary:**  
Karen Collins (Grace)

**Office Secretaries:**  
Heidi Prestholdt (Grace)  
Karen Bengtson (Providence Valley)

**Church Custodian:**  
Keith Nelson (Grace); Phyllis Lund (Providence Valley)

### Grace Lutheran Leadership

Tim Borstad, *President*  
Stacy Stratmoen, *Vice President*  
Sandy Smaagaard, *Secretary*  
Jon Wager, *Treasurer*

### Grace Lutheran Board Directors

<i>Christian Education</i>	Danielle Stotesbery
<i>Church Property</i>	Peter Lee
<i>Evangelism</i>	Serena Brown
<i>Lay Ministry</i>	Ryan Stotesbery
<i>Parish Fellowship</i>	Vickie Grow
<i>Stewardship</i>	Steve Tufto

### Providence Valley Leadership

Harvey Swenson, *President*  
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Bruce Lund  
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