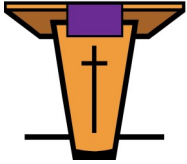




Grace ABOUNDS

November 2023

From Our Interim Pastor



“Don’t just stand there. Do something!” Now, while there are times when we need to stop doing and simply remember to be still and let God be God, there’s also some valuable teaching in the DO SOMETHING as well.

Several Sundays ago now, Oct. 8 to be exact, in our gospel reading for the day Jesus responded to a trap question to him from the chief priests and elders about his authority to teach in the synagogue with a trap question of his own back to them. He told them an allegory about a father and his two sons. One son said he would go work in the vineyard and didn’t go; the other said he wouldn’t go and did. “Which one did the will of his father?” Jesus asked those religious leaders. Their reply, the one who said no but went, got them in trouble. “That’s you,” Jesus said. “You speak the words, but you fail to follow through with actions – with behaviors that reflect your living out the words you speak.”

I recalled that we Lutherans down through the ages have struggled with the place of good works in our daily lives. We truly believe that it is by grace that we are saved and that nothing we do or don’t do can add to or subtract from what Jesus did for us through his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead on that first Easter morning. Yet, good works have a clear and definitive place in our theology. Luther tells us our good works are our response to God’s grace. Just like the allegory – our lives need to reflect in every way that which we believe.

I issued a challenge to the congregation that day to DO something the next week that put your faith in action – and we shared those responses during children’s time. Here they are! Gave a co-worker a ride to work and home, gave a grieving mother a book about grief, bought food for our Thanksgiving meal bags, helped Nana weed her flower bed, greeted employees at the grocery store, called a sick friend and asked about covid, picked up trash in a neighbor’s yard while she was out of town, let an elderly man go ahead of me in the grocery line. Those were the responses you shared that day. And in each and every act of kindness, the love of Jesus was shared with someone in need.

I don’t think I need to say this broken, war-torn world of ours needs to see the face of Jesus every day in every way. Hateful words, spiteful deeds, sinful actions prevail across the world and especially these days in the Holy Land. While any efforts at resolution are complex at best, we can pray, and we can continue to put our words into action so that the love of Jesus for the whole world might be experienced. Deeds of kindness and love have a way of bringing out the best in us – not only in the receiver but in the giver as well.

This prayer, a universal prayer for peace from the Iona Community, offers us the way from words to action.

*Lead us from death to life,
From falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope,
From fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love,
From war to peace.
Let peace fill our lives,
Our world, our universe.
Peace, Peace, Peace.*

Contact Pastor Jane by cell phone at 803-530-2045 or by email at pjmitcham@gmail.com.

God’s Peace dear friends....and may you pass it on to everyone you meet. Remember the old camp song...it only takes a spark to get a fire going....that’s how it is with God’s love...Pass it on.

Pastor Jane



All Saints Sunday
Nov. 5
10:30 a.m.

See pg. 3 for information.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Council Nominations Sunday, Nov. 5

Council Election Sunday, Nov. 19

See pg. 3 for details.



NOMINATIONS and ELECTION



Thanksgiving Bags Assembly
Saturday, Nov. 18

Distribution
Sunday, Nov. 19

See pg. 3 for more details.

Grace Prayer List

Please
Pray
for...



Grace Family: Raelynn Wessinger; Chad Frick; Margaret Kluttz; Cissie and Bob Dibble; Glenda and Everett Crafts; Heather and Bob Harris; Evelyn Harmon; Marysue Rivers; Faye Hartman; Lois Amick; family

of Paula Epting on her death Oct. 23.

Residential Care: Sadie Epting (*Springfield Place, Rm. 11*); Allene Dawkins (*Springfield Place, Rm. 19*); Wendy and Michael Riley (*Faith Nursing Home, Florence*).

College Students: Zach Frick (*USC*); Hayden Hall (*Piedmont*); Bryce Medlock (*Bluefield University*); Lexi Medlock (*Midlands Tech*); Payton Metts (*Piedmont*); Taylor Metz (*MUSC*); Bailey Stewart (*USC-Union*).

Extended Family: Grey Westbury (*Sue Mitchell's great-niece*); Brittany Merck, Broko Boland (*Melodie Waters' cousins*); Brittany Cumalander (*Lynn Wessinger's cousin*); Mary Ellen Hartzog (*Eddie Rivers' cousin*).

Military: SGT. Anderson Dibble (*Marines/Iraq - Cissie/Bob Dibble's granddaughter*); Everett Crafts V (*Air Force/Guam - Glenda/Everett Craft's grandson*); Walker Eldridge (*Coast Guard/VA*); Caleb Salyers (*US Army Cavalry Scout/Ft. Hood, TX - Rev. Al Potter's grandson*).

Community: Dean Wise; Jackie Perry; Amy Frick Wicker; Davida Monsanto; Violet Wilmot; Mary Lawson; NC Bishop Tim Smith; Pastor William and Karen Hightower; Brian Cassady.

God's World: victims of gun violence; Ukraine and neighboring countries; those affected by wildfires, flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters; military families; homeless; jobless/underemployed; refugees; those suffering due to unrest and fighting throughout the world; our enemies.

Contact the office by phone at 803-364-3331 or by email at gracelutheran2@att.net to add or remove someone from the Prayer List.

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

4 - Kris and Laura Lindler (28th)

Grace People in the News

RAELYNN WESSINGER

was chosen Student of the Month for September in Mrs. Brown's Class at PGE.



NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 2 - Carolyn Boland, Ashley Mattison
- 3 - Justin Farr, Richard Mercer
Liz Warner
- 4 - Nick Long
- 5 - Robert Hawkins
- 10 - Billy Ackerman, Suzanne Medlock
- 11 - Linda Cromer
- 12 - Peggy Thomas
- 16 - John Barbee, Jason Riley
- 17 - Lynn Wessinger
- 18 - Taylor Metz
- 19 - Lori Derrick, Joshua Nelson
Jessica Sandor
- 21 - Edna Riley
- 22 - Jean Bedenbaugh
- 26 - Jacy Mitchell
- 27 - Tom Neel
- 28 - Jordan D. Jackson
- 29 - Rev. James Henricks
- 30 - Jaxon Wessinger

NOVEMBER Baptisms

- 1 - Walt Quattlebaum
- 6 - Terrell Alewine, Andrea Lewis,
Wendy Riley
- 7 - Mary Grace Whitlock
- 9 - Buck Black
- 10 - Julie Shealy
- 11 - Kathy Brown, Zoe Frick
- 13 - Nancy Derrick, Lexi Medlock
- 14 - Michael Riley, Gina Wasiluk
- 15 - Dean Harmon, Barry Hartman
- 20 - Anna Sandor
- 21 - Dakota Senn, Makyia Senn
- 22 - Nathan Shealy
- 24 - Lauren Derrick
- 25 - Hunter Neel
- 26 - Walker Eldridge
- 28 - Nicole Harmon, Jacob Harmon
- 29 - Ben Derrick

All Saints Sunday Nov. 5



During our service on All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 5, we will remember the lives of our sisters and brothers in Christ at Grace who have passed to life in the church triumphant since last All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022:

John Henry Cousins

James R. "Jimmy" Dawkins

James B. "Snag" Epting

Margaret Paula Epting

Cynthia Sue Hartman

William Glenn Kluttz

Carol Byars Mercer

Berlie Edwin "Edd" Wicker

You are invited to add to the list on the narthex board the names of family and friends who have passed since last Nov. 6 that you would like remembered. Or email the church office at gracelutheranprosperity@gmail.com or call the office at 803-364-3331.

Volunteers Needed for Worship Roles, Other Responsibilities



Instead of using Time and Talent forms this year, Council decided to use sign up sheets for essential worship roles and other duties for 2024. This decision was made in anticipation of the restructuring of ministry teams and responsibilities after first of the year.

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board across from the office window and will remain posted through Nov. 5. Check out the volunteer roles needed and see where you can "plug in." We need everyone's help to carry out God's ministries here at Grace, including our worship services.

Annual Congregation Meeting

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 10



2024 Budget Consideration; Election of Congregation Officers; Council Installation

Can You Help With Our Thanksgiving Meal Bags?



Grace will distribute Thanksgiving Meal bags of non-perishable food items to members of our community on Sunday, Nov. 19. We ask for the congregation's help in providing donations of the following items:

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|----------------|------------------|
| stuffing mix | green beans |
| chicken broth | cornbread mix |
| sweet potatoes | pie filling |
| mac and cheese | 2 lb. bags sugar |
| corn | gravy mix |

A display of needed items is in the narthex. Bring your donations to the church no later than Monday, Nov. 13 to allow time to supplement donations as needed. Please leave your donations on the display table or in the designated wagon.

Volunteers are needed to assemble boxes on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. and distribute the boxes on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. We also need help delivering boxes on Sunday. You may sign up on the narthex board or call or email the church office.

Flyers to place in businesses and invitations to take to individuals are on the narthex table.

Reservations are required as we will have limited boxes to distribute. Boxes can be reserved by calling the church office at 803-364-3331. Reservations will be taken until Monday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. or until all boxes have been reserved, whichever comes first.

Council Nominations - Nov. 5 Council Election - Nov. 19

Annual Congregation Council nominations will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5. Each voting member can nominate four individuals who meet the qualifications for voting members. *(Voting members are those who have communed and contributed on record in 2022 and/or 2023).* Council election is set for Sunday, Nov. 19. We will be electing four people to three-year terms on Council in addition to a youth council member.



Council ELECTION

October Memorials / Honorariums**Gifts to the Building Fund**

In memory of Sue Hartman

By: Dale and Julie Shealy
 McSwain-Evans Funeral Home
 Judith H. Davis, Lisa D. Yarborough,
 Leah M. Yarborough
 Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School
 Melodie and Brad Waters, Allie, Lillie,
 and Mollie
 Brian and Amy Rossett
 Allene Dawkins Family
 Johnny and Mary Ann Hayes

In memory of Edd Wicker

By: Lynn and Larry Wessinger
 Grace Adult Sunday School Class
 Beverly Hawkins
 Ronnie and Linda Cromer
 Craig, Lisa, Justin, and Kimberly
 Faye Hartman
 David and Edna Riley
 Donna and Eugene Jacobs
 Brad, Melodie, Allie, Lillie, and Mollie
 Waters
 James and Nancy Derrick
 Phil and Deborah Ruff
 Wayde and Sally Dominick
 J. Michael Shealy
 Jenny and Jimmy Braswell
 John and Becky Pugh
 Katherine Bennett
 George W. Dawkins Jr.
 Buck Black
 Judy Bedenbaugh
 Teresa and Chop Cooper
 Andrea Lewis
 Dale and Julie Shealy
 Edwina Wicker
 Brian and Amy Rossett
 John and Kim Uhas
 Cathy Wells
 Mr. and Mrs. Claude Galarneau
 Ladison and Paula Hamm
 Joan B. Mills
 Nancy K. Harmon
 Prosperity Literary Sorosis
 Zion United Methodist Church Yarn
 Ministry
 Joseph and Shuana Todd
 The Huger Caughman Family
 Sandra and Arnold Gilliam
 Tony and Lynn Dilleshaw and
 Richard Lominick

Gifts to the Building Fund *continued*

Alice Reynolds and Lee McDaniel
 Linda Traylor
 The Kevin Wicker Family
 Walter and Nancy Wise
 Peggy C. Bedenbaugh, Brad Bedenbaugh
 Kelly Shealy
 Rhonda Areheart
 Ralph and Beth Haggard
 Harold and Mabel Amick
 Otho Shealy
 Kathie Whetsell
 Rev. Nancy Oliver
 Joseph and Susan Martin
 Sharon Neel
 Bart and Debbie Dominick
 Sherman and Kay Hager and Sally Hentz
 Janice Wells, Diane Howard, Laura Shealy
 Linda Knight
 Stephen Wicker
 Allene Dawkins Family
 Lutheran Men in Mission in Walterboro
 Winfield E. Simons and Merri H. Simmons

In memory of James Lester (*Wendy Riley and
 Sandy LeMay's uncle*)

By: Edwina Wicker
 Emmett Wicker

Gift to Building Loan Principal

In memory of Edd Wicker by Bob and Heather
 Harris

Gift to the Community Service Fund

In memory of Edd Wicker by Luke Black

Gifts to the Scholarship Fund

In honor of the Bedenbaugh and Dawkins
 families by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

In honor of Jessica and Matthew Shealy -
 celebrating their baptismal anniversary by
 Judy Bedenbaugh

Gift to Wicker Campership Fund

In memory of Edd Wicker by Lynn and Larry
 Wessinger

Gift to Youth Ministry

In honor of Raelynn and Jaxon Wessinger and
 Lyric McCormick by Lynn and Larry
 Wessinger

Gift to Backpack Ministry

In honor of Teresa and Chop Cooper by Lynn
 and Larry Wessinger

Grace Golden Agers

Grace honored our Golden Age members on Homecoming Sunday, Oct. 15. Unfortunately, due to a number of Covid cases among our congregation members, our attendance was lower than normal, and the traditional covered dish meal was cancelled. Present to be recognized were (front row, left to right): Bob Dibble, Cissie Dibble, Beverly Merck; Margaret Klutz, Pastor Jane Mitcham. *Second Row:* Sharon Neel, Andrea Lewis, Kathy Brown. *Third Row:* Dale Shealy, Pastor Christopher Shealy, Mike Hawkins, Pastor Ron Brown, Johnny Merck, Mike Shealy. We give thanks for these special people and for all of our Golden Age members who could not be in attendance.



Order Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias may be given in memory of or in honor of loved ones to decorate the Sanctuary from the Dec. 10 morning service through Christmas Eve evening worship. Cost is \$12.50 with green foil and red bow. Order envelopes will be available on the narthex board or use your own envelope and include your name and the honorary or memorial designations for each poinsettia ordered. You may also order through Vanco, our online giving platform, using the "Other" line. **Deadline to order poinsettias is Sunday, Nov. 26.**

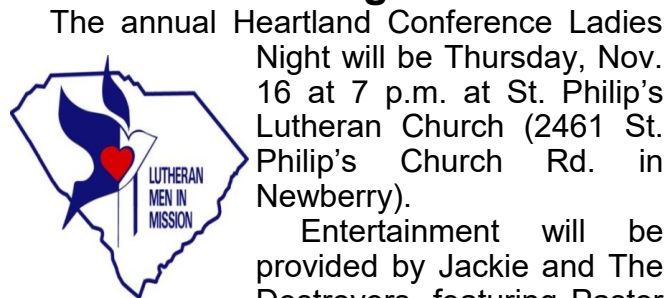
Advent Kickoff - Dec. 3



Care and Fellowship Team will sponsor an Advent Kickoff lunch following worship on Sunday, Dec. 3, the first Sunday in Advent. We will have a sign up sheet for volunteers to bring soup, sandwiches, and desserts. Come enjoy the fellowship and kick off the Advent season.

The Prosperity Christmas parade is at 3 p.m. We should be finished in time for you to grab a prime viewing spot or get home before the streets are closed.

LMM Ladies Night: Nov. 16



The annual Heartland Conference Ladies Night will be Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at St. Philip's Lutheran Church (2461 St. Philip's Church Rd. in Newberry).

Entertainment will be provided by Jackie and The Destroyers, featuring Pastor Jackie Utle, Pastor Jason Schafer, and Pastor Ron Brown.

The menu will be country fried cubed pork, rice and gravy, butter peas, mac and cheese, corn, rolls, tea/coffee, and dessert. Cost of the meal will be \$15 per person.

Please contact Johnny Merck (803-924-1945) if you are planning to attend.

Amen! For Lutheran Men.

Join the Phys. Edd Club



The Phys. Edd Walking Club has been inaugurated in memory of Mr. Edd and his commitment to walking 10,000 steps a day. Sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex. All ages are encouraged to participate. Walkers and/or sponsors are then invited to place a monetary contribution in the offering plate marked to the Phys. Edd Walking Club. Funds will be divided between the Ministry Center debt and community projects.

Serving in November

Assisting Ministers

- 5 - Sally Dominick
- 12 - Chop Cooper
- 19 - Beverly Merck
- 26 - Allie Waters



Altar Flowers

- 5 - Edwina Wicker (white)
- 12 - Roberta Meyers Capó
- 19 - Andrea Lewis
- 26 - Linda Cromer

Acolyte

Thomas Mewbourn

Crucifers

- Nov. 5 - Zoe Frick
- Nov. 26 - Lillie Waters

Torchbearers

- Nov. 5 - Hunter Hall, Camryn Shealy
- Nov. 26 - Helena Mewbourn
Allie Waters

Communion Assistant

Camryn Shealy

Communion Preparation

Sue and Wayne Mitchell

Communion Clean Up

Dale and Julie Shealy

Ushers

- Craig Farr (head), Judy Bedenbaugh,
Nancy Derrick, Brad Waters,
Lynn Wessinger

Greeters

Mike Hawkins, Deborah Ruff

Offering Tabulators

- Wayde Dominick (head), Sally Dominick,
Craig Farr, Lisa Farr

Altar Guild

Judy Bedenbaugh, Nancy Derrick

Pew Helper

Dale Shealy

Front Sign

Waters Family

**SANCTUARY
LAMP
SPONSORS**



During the month of November, the Sanctuary Lamp burns to the glory of God and in honor of Jaxon for his 8th birthday on Nov. 30 and in memory of our sister-in-law, Vickie Warren by Lynn and Larry Wessinger.

For honorary or memorial information to be included in the newsletter and bulletin, information and \$30 donation should be received by the office by the last Sunday of the month prior to the month you sponsor.

WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE

	Sanctuary	* Online	Total
10/1	62	14	76
10/8	60	22	82
10/15	34	38	72
10/22	35	26	61

* Total Online viewers = Peak views x 2 per SC Synod instructions.

Sunday School
ATTENDANCE

10/1	19
10/8	20
10/15	15
10/22	17

**Altar
Flower
SIGN-UP**



The 2024 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp Chart is posted on the narthex board. Sign up now to reserve your special dates!

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

**Deadline for the
December Issue:
Monday, Nov. 20**



Monthly GYM TIME

Sunday, Nov. 26

12 -1:30 p.m.

**Faith, fellowship,
fun, and food!!**

We need parents or other volunteers to provide our November meal of tacos and “fixings”. A sign up sheet will be posted on the narthex board.



Thank you to Deborah Ruff, Lynn Wessinger, Peggy Thomas, and Mike Shealy for providing our delicious October meal of spaghetti, salad, and dessert!



Youth Christmas Program Practice begins Nov. 26 during the Sunday School time.

October GYM Time

After a yummy spaghetti lunch, Youth packed food for Grace’s Backpack Ministry, had devotion time, and played games. Youth also enjoyed fun and fellowship.



Join us for Youth Sunday School as we explore *The Greatest Story* on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. In October, our focus was stories in the book of Genesis. If you’re running late, grab breakfast in the Ministry Center and bring it to class with you.



Grace Christmas Parade Float

Grace youth are planning to have a float in the Prosperity Christmas Parade. Youth plan to decorate the float on Saturday, Dec. 2. The parade is on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. More details to come.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Youth Christmas Program practice - Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 - 9:30 a.m. (during Sunday School)

Parade Float Decorating - Dec. 2

Prosperity Christmas Parade - Dec. 3

Youth Christmas Program - Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

Christmas Caroling - Dec. 21, 5 p.m.



Carowinds Outing

Grace Youth and friends enjoyed a trip to Carowinds on Saturday, Oct. 21. Thanks to Craig Farr for driving the church bus and to our parents and grandparents who chaperoned.

Support Our Backpack Ministry



Grace Backpack Ministry has begun packing and delivering weekend food bags for eight needy children from Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School. The red wagon is in the narthex for you to bring your donations to build up our supplies. It takes a lot of food to pack meals and snacks for eight children for the entire weekend! Shopping list of needed items is below. See Chop or Teresa Cooper for details.

Backpack Shopping List

Single-serve Kid Meals
(*Mac'n'cheese, Ravioli, etc.*)

Beef Stew, Beanie Weenie,
Canned Meats (*pop tops*)

Juice Boxes/Pouches
(*apple/orange/other 100% juice*)

Non-refrigerated Milk Cartons

Small boxes/bowls of Cereal

Nutritional Snack Bars

Breakfast Bars	Raisins/Dried Fruit
Pop-tarts	Vegetable Cups
Fruit Cups	Packaged Crackers
Pudding Cups	Sleeves of Crackers

Manna House

Item of the Month:

Boxed Mac and Cheese



Donations can be left in the Manna House box in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support of Manna House food pantry!

GOod Works

Live Nativity

Tuesday, Dec. 12

5-7 p.m.

115 Birchtrace Ct., Chapin

All are invited.

Refreshments will be served.



Hello, Melodie,

Thank you so much again for welcoming me into your wonderful church. I am humbled and grateful to you for allowing me the privilege of serving in your ministry alongside you, and the added blessing that your dear church family was to me. That's just how it should be with the family of God, isn't it? I loved meeting you and your family, and loved being with your sweet church and community. You were the sweetest hostess, and made me feel welcome and right at home.

I pray we never grow weary of serving the Lord Jesus, and sharing the story of His amazing grace to a world so desperate to hear. When there is so much bad news everywhere we turn, it's the best news there is and we, the people of God, get to share it!

I pray the Lord continues to bless you, strengthen you, and encourage you as you seek to honor Him ministering to your church and community with the Good News of the Gospel. If I can ever serve you in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are family, after all. And should the opportunity arise for me to return, I would love to come back and be with you all again.

Blessings,

Dawn Smith Jordan

Professional Christian singer, songwriter,
author, speaker

www.dawnsmithjordan.com

Staff Opening: Church Secretary

Our search for a new church secretary is now underway. The vacancy posting is on the narthex bulletin board. Copies of the posting are available on the table in the narthex. Please take one to share with anyone you think may be interested.





**Our Offerings
for October**

Through Oct. 22
(Does not include Oct. EFTs)

CURRENT FUND *Our Monthly Need: \$13,344*

Given during month.....	\$ 5,359.00
Given year-to-date.....	\$92,086.57
Goal through Oct. 31.....	\$133,440.00

BUILDING LOAN FUND *Our Monthly Need: \$4,720*

Given during month.....	\$6,252.17
Given year-to-date.....	\$44,753.54
Required through Oct. 31.....	\$47,200.00
Gifts to Be Applied to Principal.....	\$2,200.00
Fundraisers for Principal	\$1,558.66

MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND

Given during month.....	\$245.00
Given year-to-date	\$4,884.14

PARSONAGE FUND

Given during month.....	\$10.00
Given year-to-date	\$100.00
Fund Balance, Oct. 22	\$4,420.38

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Given during month.....	\$66.00
Given year-to-date	\$981.03

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Given during month.....	\$50.00
Given year-to-date	\$346.38

CAMPERSHIP FUND

Given during month.....	\$60.55
Given year-to-date	\$522.61

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

Community Assistance.....	\$ 40.00
Given year-to-date	\$1,326.58
Bookbag Food Ministry	\$0.00
Given year-to-date	\$160.00
Thanksgiving Meal	\$0.00
Given year-to-date	\$0.00
Total year-to-date.....	\$1,486.58

SPECIAL 2023 OFFERINGS

Estate of Larry Spotts	\$25,000.00
Disaster Response (Maui bucket offering)	\$1,773.97
St. Jude (Preschool Trike-a-thon).....	\$1,275.00
Bereavement Meal Fund.....	\$1,225.00
Boston Butt Building Loan Fundraiser.	\$937.51
Manna House (bucket offering)	\$701.55
Youth	\$622.07
Shrove Tues. Building Loan Fundraiser	\$621.15
Scholarship Fund Match 2022	\$550.00
Boys' Farm (Preschool Chapel Change).....	\$525.00



MINISTRY BUDGET

Needed Thru Oct. 31:	\$133,440
Given thru Oct. 22:	\$ 92,087
Amount Behind Goal:	\$ 41,353

BUILDING LOAN

Required Thru Oct. 31:	\$ 47,200
Given thru Oct. 22:	\$ 44,754
Amount Behind Goal:	\$ 2,446

Current Fund Deficit



Please don't forget about our Current Fund (also called the Ministry Budget). Two months from year-end, we have a deficit of about \$41,000 in our giving toward our annual budget goal for the Current Fund, which is the foundation for funding our ministries here at Grace.

Christmas Gifts Due Dec. 3

If you would like to make a special Christmas gift to Grace in memory or in honor of someone, please place your donation in the offering plate or bring it to the church office no later than Sunday, Dec. 3. Christmas gifts will be listed in the special poinsettia bulletin insert on Sunday, Dec. 10. Mark your envelope "Christmas Gift" if you would like it to be included in the insert.



Special
Christmas
Gifts

SPECIAL 2023 OFFERINGS *continued*

Livestream Upgrade	\$515.15
Interfaith Comm. Services (Lent Off.)...	\$488.00
Manna House (Preschool Closings)	\$390.00
Vacation Bible School	\$310.00
Disaster Response (for Mid East Crisis)....	\$300.00
MC Football Team Meal	\$290.00
Easter Lilies.....	\$270.10
Youth (Thrivent).....	\$240.00
Souper Bowl (Wolves Pantry/Newberry Col.)....	\$212.25
Interfaith Comm. (bucket offering/fans)	\$184.01
ELCA World Hunger.....	\$100.00
LSC New Americans Program.....	\$60.00
Christian School	\$50.68
Disaster Response.....	\$20.00



Council Notes

Council Meeting - Tuesday, Oct. 10

Council held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Council discussed a draft letter and approach for outreach to inactive members to update the church roster.

Council also reviewed the draft parish agreement composed by the Wake Up Team and next steps for identifying possible churches for partnership.

Pastor Jane shared an invitation from the Synod office to participate in Ministry Toolbox events Oct. 28 and Nov. 18.

All reports were adopted unanimously.

Council agreed on Nov. 5 and 19 as nomination and voting dates for council election.

Council provided comments on a draft 2024 budget from the Finance Team, which will be considered at the Dec. 10 congregational meeting.

Beverly shared updates on the secretary hiring process from the Personnel Team and that a viable candidate had been identified. Council discussed the proposed work hours and shifting financial duties to a paid treasurer position.

Council discussed increased property insurance premiums and plans to ask the Facilities Team to have the roof condition assessed.

The Youth Ministries Team reported having programs planned through the end of the year.

The Care and Fellowship Team is looking ahead to the Advent kickoff.

The Visioning Team met in October and will meet again in early November to continue discussion about ministry team activities.

Submitted by Christina Henricks, Council Secretary



Tuesday, Nov. 14

7 p.m.

September Financial Reports

	<u>Balance, 9/1</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance, 9/30</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Current/Budget Fund	\$51,697.64	\$10,863.64	\$12,177.46	\$50,383.82*	\$11,099.03 CD
Building Loan Fund	\$31,734.00	\$27,277.46+	\$26,819.85+	\$32,191.61	(\$48,643 balance owed)
Maintenance Fund	\$ 7,082.88	\$ 796.94	\$ 163.03	\$ 7,716.79**	n/a
Sunday School Account	\$ 2,749.27	\$ 80.50	\$ 83.62	\$ 2,746.15	n/a
Christian Schools Acct.	\$20,428.41	\$ 6,888.14	\$ 4,029.15	\$23,287.40	n/a
CS Educational Fund	\$ 6,586.17	\$ 462.00	\$ 334.96	\$ 6,713.21	n/a

* Current Fund Balance does not include designated monies for the LED Bulb Fund (\$534.37); Sound System Fund (\$335.39); Livestream Upgrade (\$515.15); Bereavement Meal Fund (\$1,828.97); Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift (\$5,555.68) Choir Fund (\$325); or Larry Spotts Gift (\$22,500) contained within the Current Fund Checking Account. **Maintenance Fund balance does not include Parsonage Fund (\$4,410.38) contained within the Maintenance Fund Checking Account. + Building Loan Fund receipts and disbursements include \$22,000 from the sale of the Quattlebaum property. Proceeds were applied to the Ministry Center loan principal.



Fall Back: Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 a.m.
Set your clocks back 1 hour
before going to bed on Saturday, Nov. 4.
Don't miss Sunday School and worship!



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Women's Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music Practice - 7:15 (WUMC) Adult Choir - 8 p.m.	2 <i>Bulletin</i> Deadline - 9 a.m.	3	4  Dusklight-Saving Time Ends Set your clock back 1 hour before bed!
5 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> Sign Up for Ministry Duties! Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. Council Nomination Ballots	6	7	8 Women's Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music Practice - 7:15 (WUMC) Adult Choir - 8 p.m.	9 <i>Bulletin</i> Deadline - 9 a.m.	10	11  VETERANS DAY
12 <i>24th Sunday After Pentecost</i> Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m.	13 Deadline to Bring Food for Thanksgiving Meal Bags Deadline to Reserve Thanksgiving Bags - 10 a.m.	14 Council Meeting - 7 p.m.	15 Women's Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music Practice - 7:15 (WUMC) Adult Choir - 8 p.m.	16 <i>Bulletin</i> Deadline - 9 a.m. Grace Night at GiGi's Library - 6-7:30 p.m. Heartland Conference Lutheran Men Ladies' Night - 7 p.m. (St. Philip's)	17	18 Thanksgiving Bag Assembly - 10 a.m.
19 <i>24th Sunday After Pentecost</i> Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. Council Election Thanksgiving Box Distribution - 1-3 p.m.	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 <i>Bulletin</i> Deadline - 9 a.m.	22 <i>Office Closed</i> Women's Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music Practice - 7:15 (WUMC) Adult Choir - 8 p.m.	23 <i>Office Closed</i> Happy Thanksgiving 	24	25
26 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> Poinsettia Order Deadline Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Christmas Program Practice - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. GYM Time - Noon-1:30	27	28 Newsletter Team - 9 a.m. Ministry Center	29 Women's Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music Practice - 7:15 (WUMC) Adult Choir - 8 p.m.	30	Dec. 3 1st Sunday in Advent Fellowship, Soup, and Sandwiches following worship.  — FIRST SUNDAY OF — ADVENT	



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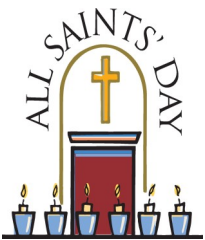
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November Highlights



All Saints Sunday
Nov. 5
10:30 a.m.
Council Nominations

Sign Up on the Narthex Board for Ministry Duties by Sunday, Nov. 5



Thanksgiving Meal Bag Assembly
Saturday, Nov. 18

Thanksgiving Meal Bag Distribution
Sunday, Nov. 19
Council Election



Christmas Program Practice
Sunday, Nov. 26
9:30 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday
Nov. 26
10:30 a.m.
Poinsettia Order Deadline



Looking Ahead

Advent Fellowship Christmas Parade
Dec. 3



Annual Congregation Meeting
Dec. 10



Christmas Cantata
Dec. 17

Christmas Eve Worship
Dec. 24

