



# Grace Abounds *October 2024*

## Grace Lutheran Church

*A Center of Mission and Ministry—Celebrating and Sharing God's Grace!*



Grace, mercy, and peace to you –

As Lutheran Christians, October brings many joys and remembrances that warm our hearts as our temps finally begin to settle down and we enjoy the crispness of Fall. The month of October is filled with so many exciting times – Halloween, Octoberfest celebrations, and of course there's the Reformation!

Of course, the Reformation may not be top of mind for many, but just maybe this year we should move away from the thoughts about how “the church” has been “re-formed,” and what is important as followers of Jesus the Christ.

We know the history of what Luther, and other reformers provided at a time that like all things was prescribed by God. The church needed to review how it was conducting its “business,” so many came to the front to help instigate changes that opened the eyes of the people. More were able to finally read what is in Holy Scripture, many more people became aware of the amazing grace that is provided freely by God so that we may nurture our faith in Christ and share His Good News.

And what is the “bottom-line” effect we should experience through God's love and grace? We too must be “re-formed,” or better, we must be “transformed!” All of what God provides through His unlimited love to creation – especially His crowning joy – humans – is for us to return to the image God has made us to be. And what is that image – being Holy!

Easton's Bible Dictionary describes holiness “in the highest sense as belonging to God (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 15:4), and to Christians as consecrated to God's service, in so far as we are conformed in all things to the will of God.” (Romans 6:19 Romans 6:22; 1 Peter 1:15) Only God is Holy and yet He seeks us to strive to become “like God” but we ourselves cannot.

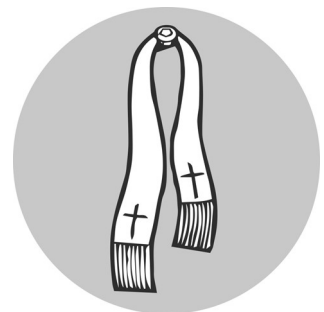
So how does this happen? It happens through His Son – Jesus the Christ. Luther and the reformers worked to help us understand that Christ came to demonstrate God's unfailing love by carrying out the perfect sacrifice – in our place. And today, we continue to share this Good News so that more people may understand how God wants us to be “transformed” and return to Him. “The church” has the best News in the world to share – we have been redeemed through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and God has demonstrated His unlimited power by conquering death through the resurrection of Jesus.

October lets us recall the Reformation – but it also cements the understanding that through Jesus we have life eternal and that we must let others know about this amazing grace. There are celebrations in October but let us take to heart the one special event – Reformation – that can lead us to our – Transformation – and our return to God as His holy people.

Praise be to God, *Pastor Dave*

### *Community Reception and Installation*

*We are excited to welcome Pastor Dave and his wife Diane to the community as well as to Grace Lutheran Church. We will have a community reception followed by his installation by the SC Synod on October 27, 2024 following our morning worship. Please share this with your family and neighbors!*





# OCTOBER Birthdays

- 2 - Kathy Brown, Faye Hartman
- 3 - Allen Derrick, Matthew Pridgen
- 4 - Donna Murray
- 10 - Hunter Neel, Daniel Scott
- 12 - Cissie Dibble, Deron Shealy
- 14 - Mason Scott
- 15 - Wendy Riley
- 16 - Parker Metts
- 17 - Lisa Farr
- 19 - Shane Bouknight
- 21 - James Derrick
- 23 - Noah Boatwright
- 24 - Jaxon Yarborough
- 25 - Laney Cobb
- 26 - Allene Dawkins, Nathan Shealy
- 27 - Craig Farr, Kelly Shealy  
Marie Summer
- 29 - Alex Whitlock
- 30 - Lisa Riley



# OCTOBER Anniversaries

- 5 - Pastor Ron and Kathy Brown (50th)
- 14 - Austin & Kimberly Lane (1st)
- 15 - Len & Kelly Fulmer (13th)
- 17 - Bain and Jennifer Chandler (16th)
- 21 - Billy and Gwen Leaphart (35th)
- 23 - Ben and Wendy Long (30th)
- 23 - Jeremy and Suzanne Medlock (25th)
- 25 - Michael and Melissa Busby (10th)
- 26 - Jimmy and Jenny Braswell (39th)
- 29 - Richard and Angela Mercer (19th)
- 30 - Dale and Julie Shealy (31st)



# OCTOBER Baptisms

- \* - Pastor Ron Brown
- 3 - Payton Metts
- 7 - Wanda Hartman
- 8 - Michelle Shealy
- 9 - Bailey Stewart
- 12 - Kimberly Lane
- 13 - Eddie Rivers
- 15 - Russell Pitts
- 16 - Heather Brown
- 22 - Jessica Shealy, Matthew Shealy
- 24 - Kay George
- 25 - Elizabeth Pridgen, Mike Shealy
- 27 - Brianna Stewart, Lyric McCormick
- 29 - Matthew Pridgen
- 30 - McKenna Shealy
- 31 - Donna Murray, Olivia Murray  
Joe Murray



We rejoice with Kimberly and Austin Lane on the birth of **Lylah Rose Lane** born September 12. She weighed 7 lbs, 13 oz. Proud grandparents are Craig and Lisa Farr and Great Grandma, Edna Riley.

## Grace People in the News

On September 14th, Newberry College recognized Newberry County's 15 teachers of the year. **Savannah Harmon** represented Prosperity/Rikard Elementary!

**Bailey Stewart** helped with the Miracle League of Union County this month and helped make a big impact on the lives of those who attended. This is a charitable organization that works to provide the opportunity for children and adults with intellectual and/or physical disabilities to play ball!



Please have your articles and announcements for the November Newsletter in by October 22nd.



## September Memorial Gifts

### Gifts to the Current Budget Fund

#### **In memory of Billy George by**

George Dawkins	Kathy Boland
Karl & Georgie Faye Fulmer	Robert & Judy Morris
Gloria Danielowski	James Chalmers
Andrea Lewis	Rosann Lester
Judy Bedenbaugh	Donna Jacobs
Emmett Wicker	Edwina Wicker
Beverly Hawkins	Emily Epting
Janet & Cynthia Brown	Faye Hartman
Dick, Carolyn, Adriane & Ricky Shealy	
Brad & Melodie Waters and girls	

#### **In memory of Sadie Epting by**

George Dawkins  
James & Nancy Derrick  
Ronnie & Linda Cromer  
Richard Epting  
Donna Turner  
Donna Jacobs  
Allene Dawkins & Family  
The Pairs & Spares Class  
Edna Riley  
Emmett Wicker  
Edwina Wicker  
Phil & Deborah Ruff  
Beverly Hawkins  
Wayne & Beth Wicker  
Dale & Tara Hazel  
Chop & Teresa Cooper  
Brad & Melodie Waters and girls

### Community Service Fund

**In memory of Sadie Epting by** Buck Black

### Bereavement Meal Fund

**In memory of Billy George by** James & Nancy Derrick

**In memory of Sadie Epting by**

Edna Riley  
Walt & Clyna Quattlebaum  
Brian & Amy Rossett  
Judy Bedenbaugh

**In memory of Leonard Wright by** Judy Bedenbaugh

### Maintenance Fund

**In memory of Billy George by**

George Dawkins                      Lynn & Larry Wessinger

**In memory of Sadie Epting by**

Lynn & Larry Wessinger                      Faye Hartman  
Brad & Peggy Bedenbaugh                      Angie & David Russell



**Grace Family:** Craig Metz; Beverly Merck; Cissie & Bob Dibble; Marysue Rivers; Evelyn Harmon; Pastor Al Potter; Glenda & Everett Crafts; Heather & Bob Harris.

**Residential Care:** Allene Dawkins (*Springfield Place, Unit 4 Rm.207*); Wendy and Michael Riley (*J.F. Hawkins, Rm. 221*).

**College Students:** Hayden Hall (*Piedmont*); Bryce Medlock (*Bluefield University*); Lexi Medlock (*SE Esthetics Institute*); Payton Metts (*Piedmont*); Taylor Metz (*MUSC*); Bailey Stewart (*USC-Union*).

**Extended Family:** Heyward Adams (*Anna K. Singley's son*); Amanda Holt (*Andrea Lewis' daughter*); Stacy Martin (*Robert's daughter-in-law*); Tanner Folk (*relative of the Fricks*); Kathy Buchanan (*Beverly Hawkin's cousin*); Jim Sealey (*Lori Derrick's father*); Libby & Billy Bedenbaugh; Michael Torrence (*Jeanna Hall's brother*).

**Military:** Staff SGT. Anderson Dibble (*Marines/Stone Bay, NC- The Dibble's granddaughter*); Everett Crafts V (*Air Force - Glenda/Everett Craft's grandson*); Walker Eldridge (*USCG/ Seattle, WA*).

**God's World:** Victims of gun violence; Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, 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.

**To add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please contact the office at 803-364-3331, leave us a note, or email us at: [gracelutherenprosperity@gmail.com](mailto:gracelutherenprosperity@gmail.com).**

**Serving in October**

**Assisting Ministers**

- 6 Candace Frick
- 13 Andy Hawkins
- 20 Melodie Waters
- 27 Susan Dawkins

**Altar Greenery/Flowers**

- 6 Katherine Bennett
- 13
- 20 Judy Bedenbaugh (*Homecoming*)
- 27 Women’s Bible Study Group

**Livestream Operators**

- 6 George Dawkins
- 13 David Luther
- 20 Brad Waters
- 27 Mike Whitlock

**Acolyte**

Allie Waters

**Communion Assistant**

Cindy Amick

**Communion Preparation**

Emmett Wicker

**Communion Clean up**

Teresa Cooper, Beverly Merck

**Crucifer**

**Oct. 27 Reformation Sunday**  
Zoe Frick

**Torchbearers**

**Oct. 27 Reformation Sunday**  
Jonathan Shealy, Mollie Waters

**Ushers**

Wade & Sally Dominick, Chop Cooper,  
Craig Metz, Mike Shealy

**Greeters**

Wayne & Sue Mitchell

**Offering Tabulators**

Dale & Julie Shealy, Judy Bedenbaugh,  
Emmett Wicker

**Altar Guild** Beverly Hawkins

**Pew Helper** Edwina Wicker

**Front Sign** Jessica Shealy

*Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor*

During the month of October the Sanctuary Lamp burns to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, David Riley, by Edna Riley.



**WORSHIP**  
ATTENDANCE

	Sanctuary	* Online	Total
9/1	31	20	51
9/8	56	10	66
9/15	46	8	54
9/22	69	14	83



9/1	13
9/8	20
9/15	17
9/22	26

**Parish Record Updates**

**Death:** David Riley—May 6, 2024

**Death:** Billy George—August 20, 2024

**Death:** Sadie Epting—August 26, 2024

**Transferred Out:** Cheryl E. Mills  
August 29, 2024 to Lupo Memorial  
United Methodist Church in Greenwood, SC.

**Transferred In:** Rev. David Adams  
Diane Adams  
September 22, 2024 from Gloria Dei Lutheran  
Church in Highland, IN



**Devotional Booklets**

*Christ in Our Home* quarterly devotional booklets for October-December (regular and large print) are available on the narthex table near the Ministry Center entrance. Please pick one up for your family.



**Our Offerings for September**

*Through September 22*

*(Does not include Sept. EFTs)*

**MINISTRY BUDGET** *Our Monthly Need: \$13,634*

Given during month.....	9,118.98
Given year-to-date.....	93,509.48
Goal through Sept. 22.....	119,563.20

**MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND**

Given during month .....	1,075.65
Given year-to-date.....	19,695.53

**PARSONAGE FUND**

Given during month.....	0.00
Given year-to-date .....	0.00
Fund Balance, Sept.22 .....	4,640.38

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Given during month .....	65.45
Given year-to-date .....	909.95

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Given during month .....	20.00
Given year-to-date .....	295.00

**CAMPERSHIP FUND**

Given during month .....	0.00
Given year-to-date .....	150.69

**COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND**

Community Assistance.....	25.00
Given year-to-date .....	180.00
Bookbag Food Ministry .....	100.00
Given year-to-date .....	801.19
Thanksgiving Meal .....	0.00
Given year-to-date .....	0.00
Total year-to-date .....	981.19

**SPECIAL 2024 OFFERINGS YTD**

Scholarship Fund Match 2023	386.38
Lenten Offering	698.12
Youth	115.79
Disaster Response	0.00
Souper Bowl (Feed Thy Neighbor)	326.51
Easter Lilies	231.00
Bereavement Meal Fund	978.62
Christian Schools	0.00
Love Offering (Henricks Family)	960.00
Love Offering (Torrence Family)	1,817.00
Love Offering (Newberry College- Pantry)	167.00
MCH Football Meal	285.55
VBS Love Offering	20.00
VBS	464.00



**MINISTRY BUDGET**


Needed Thru September 22: \$ 119,563.20  
 Given thru Sept. 22: \$ 93,509.48  
**Amount Behind Goal: \$ 26,053.72**

*Manna House Donations*



The item needed for the month of October is **Jelly**. Donations can be left in the Manna House box in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

**The Backpack Ministry** has begun again. Now it's time to pack weekly weekend food bags for needy children who attend Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School. Please pick up a list of needed items on the narthex board. Items include non-perishable, nutritional food items. Check the list and place your donations in the red wagon in the narthex. Thank you!



**BACKPACK Ministry**

**Thanksgiving Meal Bags**

Once again, Grace will distribute Thanksgiving Meal bags of non-perishable food items to members of the community on Sunday, Nov. 24. We ask for the congregation's help in providing the following list of items for our meal bags. Please bring your donations to the church no later than Monday, Nov. 18, to allow time to supplement donations as needed.

**Thanksgiving Bag Shopping List**

- Stuffing mix (boxes/bags)
- Chicken Broth (boxes/cans)
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Mac and Cheese Boxes
- Canned Corn
- Canned Green Beans
- Cornbread Mix
- Canned Pie Filling
- 1 lb. bags of Sugar
- Gravy Mix Packets



## Council Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2024

Mrs. Deborah Ruff presented devotions from Ecclesiastes.

Mrs. Lynn Wessinger made a motion to adopt reports as presented and seconded by Mrs. Deborah.

Approved temporary solution of handicap parking and signs for Highway 76 entrance and breezeway until permanent plan can be put in place. All handicap parking will be moved to Highway 76. Facilities Team to investigate long-term plan.

Council updated janitorial services job description. Any church member or organization using the Ministry Center or other areas of the church are responsible for cleaning that area.

Mr. Johnny Merck to head-up Constitutional By-Laws Committee.

Discussed *Building a Culture of Generosity* and need for Stewardship Committee. On average a person gives 0.6% for all churches. Guidelines given for Stewardship Plan. Intent Cards will be sent out along with a letter from the Stewardship Committee. Council and other members will give Generosity temple talks. More to come, this is ongoing.

Newberry College Campus Ministry Meal was held 9/8/24 and Grace fed around 11-12 students. Grace members got to see their food pantry and learn more about food insecurities in the College.

Motion to approve \$100 for Boys Farm 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration by Mr. Robert and seconded by Mrs. Lynn.

Motion to move \$31, 582.64 Roof Fund from Property and Maintenance to interest bearing account by Mrs. Deborah and seconded by Mrs. Sally.

Motion to move \$3000 from Phoebe Callahan Estate in Parsonage Account to interest bearing account made by Mrs. Lynn and seconded by Mr. Robert.

Motion to approve 10/27 for community reception and synod installation of Pastor Dave.

Care and Fellowship Team planning Advent Fellowship and Homecoming.

The Facilities Team reported that the exhaust fan in the ministry center kitchen is not working. Chop Cooper is getting estimates to get fixed and approved by the Fire Marshall.

Worship Team met 9/2 and will meet with Pastor Dave 9/24.

Youth Team met. Annual Carowinds Trip canceled due to lack of interest. Plans upcoming for the holidays.

Mr. Robert Martin went over new insurance changes and new amounts.

The Council approved for Edwina to move forward with Blood Drive. Mr. Johnny made the motion with second by Mrs. Lynn.

Next Council Meeting to be held Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted by, Candace Frick, Council Secretary



**October 8  
6:30 p.m.**

### August Financial Reports

	<u>Balance 8/1</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance,8/31</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Current/Budget Fund	\$ 64,263.29	\$ 13,037.80	\$ 6,666.88	\$ 70,634.21	\$ 11,304.13 CD
Maintenance Fund	\$ 61,085.51	\$ 1,463.59	\$ 1,221.00	\$ 61,328.10	n/a
Sunday School Account	\$ 2,887.53	\$ 104.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,991.53	n/a
Christian Schools Acct.	\$ 14,872.57	\$ 163.00	\$ 982.32	\$ 14,053.28	n/a
CS Educational Fund	\$ 8,506.51	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,047.10	\$ 7,459.41	n/a

Current Fund Balance does not include designated monies for the LED Bulb Fund (\$534.37); Bereavement Meal Fund (\$1,465.61); Choir Fund (\$325) or Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift (\$307.74) contained within the Current Fund Checking Account.



# OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Heartland Conference Banquet 7pm	<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> World Communion Sunday 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>7</b>	 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Homecoming Set-up
<b>20</b> <i>Homecoming</i> 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Covered Dish Lunch Celebration	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  November Newsletter Articles Due	<b>23</b> 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> Bundt Cake Pick Up	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 
<b>27</b> <i>Reformation            Sunday</i> 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Community Reception & Pastor Dave's Installation	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 am <i>Newsletter Team</i> 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir	<b>31</b> 5-6:30 pm 		



**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, October 27**  
Pastor Dave’s Installation Service

**Thursday, October 31**  
Trunk or Treat  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, November 24**  
GYM Time 12-1:30 p.m.  
“Get to know the Pastor”

**Saturday, December 7**  
Parade Float Decorating (*tentative*)

**Sunday, December 8**  
Prosperity Christmas Parade

**Sunday, December 15**  
Youth Christmas Program (*tentative*)

**Friday, December 20**  
Youth Christmas Caroling (*tentative*)

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**“Get to know the Pastor”**

**Attention Grace Youth:** Pastor Dave is joining us for our November GYM Time themed “Get to Know the Pastor” on Sunday, November 24th.

The afternoon’s activities—including our Pasta with the Pastor meal and a Q & A time—will be centered around Grace Youth getting to know Pastor Dave and Pastor Dave getting to know Grace Youth!

**Youth to participate in Trunk-or-Treat**

Grace Youth Ministry is planning to join in the fun on Halloween, October 31st, from 5-6:30p.m. in the Grace parking lot. We will gather at 4:30p.m. in the Ministry Center to make some posters promoting GYM to have at our trunk.

**GYM Volunteering with Backpack Ministry**

Youth are helping to pack the food bags for our Backpack Ministry again this school year. Our week lines up with GYM Time each month!



**Monthly GYM Time**  
**Sunday, Oct. 27**  
**Pastor Dave’s Installation Service**

In lieu of our regular monthly GYM time in October, Grace Youth are encouraged to sit together at a table during the reception after worship and before the installation service for Pastor Dave. We will plan to pack the bags for the Backpack Ministry after the service.



At our September GYM Time, the youth introduced Pastor Dave to packing the food bags for our Backpack Ministry before enjoying our delicious meal. During our devotion time, we talked about changes in our lives and how change can be different and scary—but we can find comfort in knowing that God has a plan (Jeremiah 29:11) and that God is a constant we can always count on (Hebrews 13:8)! And, GYM Time wasn’t complete without a couple of fun rounds of Uno!



Thank you to Donna Jacobs and Melodie Waters for contributing crockpot mac-n-cheese and Andrea Lewis for contributing homemade barbecue sauce for our chicken nuggets, and Pastor Timothea Sharpe for contributing homemade brownies and cookies to our delicious September GYM Time meal.





Grace will join with the town of Prosperity for **Trunk or Treat** on Thursday, October 31 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Grace parking lot. We invite all children in the community for a safe night of trunk or treat. Invite your family and friends.

We need individuals and families to help with this event by coming and decorating your car or truck and handing out treats. If you can't be here to participate, we would appreciate (and need) donations of candy. Hundreds of children come through the lot for Trunk or Treat each year. Please place your candy donations in the **Trunk or Treat** donation box in the narthex.



## Sunday School Kicks off a New Year September 8th

Grace kicked off a new Sunday School year on Sept. 8 with breakfast, games, and a brief recognition of our Sunday School Staff. The following teachers and other leaders were installed during the morning worship service and we thank them for offering their time and talent to this important ministry:

**Children's Class Leaders-** Cindy Amick, Andrea Lewis, Mike Shealy, and Lynn Wessinger.

**Youth Class Leaders-** Sally Dominick and Andy & Kim Metz.

**Adult Class Leaders-** Ronnie Cromer, Johnny Merck, and Deborah Ruff.

**Breakfast Coordinator-** Mike Shealy

**Officers-** Brad Waters, Secretary; Dale Shealy, Assistant Secretary; Linda Cromer, Treasurer; and Deborah Ruff, Assistant Treasurer.



In this newsletter you will find the 2025 **Time and Talent Commitment Form**. We need everyone's help carrying out the ministries of the Lord here at Grace. Please prayerfully consider how you can use your time and talents and complete this form and return it to the church office no later than November 3, 2024.



## Preschool Fundraiser Through October 17

Grace Preschool is having a Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser October 7-17. An order sheet is on the narthex board if you would like to place an order. Checks should be made payable to Grace Preschool and be given to Chop Cooper by Thursday, Oct. 17. Pickup date is October 24.

## Annual Congregation Council Nominations and Election



Annual Congregation Council nominations will be held on **Sunday, November 3**. 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 2023 and/or 2024*). Council election is set for **Sunday, November 17**.

We will be electing four people to three-year terms on Council in addition to a youth council member. We will also be electing our church officers of Vice-President and Secretary.

**Grace Homecoming - October 20**

Grace will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 20 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Eric Fink, who was pastor of Grace for nineteen years. We are excited that Pastor Eric and his wife, Kris, will be with us! We hope you and your family can join us too! Please help spread the word and invite all members, former members, and potential members to be a part of this special day. Invitation cards are on the bulletin table for you to hand deliver or mail.

Our Homecoming worship service will be followed by an always delicious covered dish meal in our Ministry Center. We encourage everyone to stay for the meal and for a time of good fellowship. Please bring a well-filled picnic basket to share. Sweet tea, paper products, and utensils will be provided. As is a long-standing Grace tradition, we will recognize our Golden Age members (*those age 70 and up*) for their lives of faith and service to God. *A list of our Golden Age members based on our parish records is below. If you do **NOT** want to be recognized or have been accidentally omitted and want to be recognized, please let the church office know.*



Terrell Alewine  
Lois Amick  
Jean Bedenbaugh  
Judy Bedenbaugh  
Lewis Bedenbaugh  
Buck Black  
Luke Black  
Kathy Brown  
Rev. Ron Brown  
Chop Cooper  
Teresa Cooper

Everett Crafts  
Glenda Crafts  
Linda Cromer  
Ronnie Cromer  
Allene Dawkins  
Thomas Dawkins  
James Derrick  
Nancy Derrick  
Bob Dibble  
Cissie Dibble  
Paula Epting  
Scott Epting  
Kay George  
Evelyn Harmon  
Bob Harris  
Heather Harris  
Faye Hartman

Andy Hawkins  
Donna Hawkins  
Mike Hawkins  
Diane Heffner  
Donna Jacobs  
Patricia Kislevitz  
Margaret Kluttz  
Andrea Lewis  
Zoila Lipscomb  
Robert Martin  
Sheila Martin  
Beverly Merck  
Johnny Merck  
Sue Mitchell  
Wayne Mitchell  
Sharon Neel  
Rev. Al Potter

Clyna Quattlebaum  
Walt Quattlebaum  
Edna Riley  
Georgie Riley  
Eddie Rivers  
Marysue Rivers  
Deborah Ruff  
Rev. Timothea Sharpe  
Dale Shealy  
Mike Shealy  
Anna Kay Singley  
Frank Summer  
Marie Summer  
Peggy Thomas  
Jerry Vaughn  
Lynn Wessinger

**Advent Kick off—December 1st**

The Care and Fellowship Team will sponsor an Advent Kickoff walk-through on Sunday, Dec. 1st after worship. We invite you to bring a favorite Christmas item to display. We will have tables set up in the ministry center for displays and a form for you to complete telling why the item is special. Someone will be in the ministry center during Sunday School to help set up displays and during the worship service to watch over items. Please plan to walk through the ministry center after church on Dec. 1st and view everyone's favorite Christmas items. We will not have a meal this year since that is Thanksgiving weekend.

The team will also sponsor an Advent service project for the Newberry College Wolf Pantry. We will be collecting bars of soap, shampoo, and conditioner. (Multipacks are fine. College student volunteers will be separate them.) You may bring

items to the kickoff on December 1st or bring them on December 8th or anytime during that week.

**All Saints Sunday  
November 3**

During our service on All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 3, 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 Day, Nov. 5, 2023:

**David Riley**  
**Billy George**  
**Sadie Epting**

You are invited to add to the list on the narthex board the names of family and friends who have passed since last Nov. 5 whom you would like remembered. You may also call the office at 803-364-3331, or email the office: [gracelutheranprosperity@gmail.com](mailto:gracelutheranprosperity@gmail.com).



Grace members provided a meal for Newberry College campus ministry. Pastor David Coffman shared information with Grace members about the Wolf Pantry.

Thank you to everyone who provided food and served!

There's a thank you note posted on the narthex board from the students.



## How YOU Can Help Grow Grace's Social Media Presence

With the arrival of our new pastor, Homecoming Sunday this month, and the holidays just around the corner, it's good time to remember what **you** can do on Facebook to help spread the word about what's happening at Grace!

### 1.) LIKE AND FOLLOW

Make sure you have liked and are following **Grace Lutheran Church-ELCA** on Facebook! Even if you think you are already good on this step, go check! You might be surprised. By liking the page, you are showing support of Grace, and by following the page, you should be getting updates from Grace in your news feed. Right now our page is sitting at 636 likes and 732 followers. That may seem like a lot already, but let's see how much we can increase these numbers!

### 2.) REACT AND COMMENT

When you see posts from Grace Lutheran Church-ELCA, like (or love) them and comment on them! Facebook's algorithm prioritizes posts that generate higher levels of interaction, so the more reactions and comments a post gets, the more the post is likely to show up in people's news feeds (and the higher up in them too). The amount of reactions and comments on the church's posts also can be looked at as reflecting how engaged (or not) we are in what's happening at Grace.

### 3.) SHARE

When we want to tell people about Jesus, what do we say we should do? Share the good news! So if you want to tell people about Grace, what can you do? Share Grace's Facebook posts! A post promoting an upcoming worship service or event? Share it to invite your friends! A post with pictures from a church gathering or activity? Share it to show your friends the good time you had at Grace or what Grace is doing for the community! The more shares our posts get, the more people they can reach, and the more our social media presence grows.

### 4.) HELP PROVIDE CONTENT

Our volunteer Facebook administrators can't be at everything. But you might be there with your phone, so take some pictures if you don't see anyone doing so! Or plan ahead and let us know you're willing to take pictures at an event or group gathering and will send them to us to post! (Think: Grace's turn volunteering at Manna House, Grace's presence at Trunk-or-Treat, a Women's Bible Study gathering, etc.) People like to see pictures on Facebook of our church events and Grace at work! Help us be able to never miss an opportunity to post this kind of content!

**BONUS:** Did you know our preschool started their own Facebook page in October 2023? Show your support for this ministry of the church by liking and following **Grace Christian Preschool** on Facebook too!

The work of the church takes many members, and it's no different when it comes to growing Grace's social media presence!



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## Coming Up at Grace



**Homecoming  
 Golden Age  
 Recognition**  
**Sunday, Oct. 20**

**Reformation Sunday**

**October 27**

**Community Reception  
 & Pastor Installation**



**Trunk or Treat**  
**October 31**



**Church Council  
 Nominations**  
**November 3**



**November 3**

**Church Council Elections**  
**November 17**



**November  
 24th**



**Thanksgiving  
 Bag  
 Distribution**  
**November 24**



**Advent  
 KickOff**  
**Walk-Through**  
**December 1st**



**Chrismon  
 Tree  
 Decorating**  
**December 5**