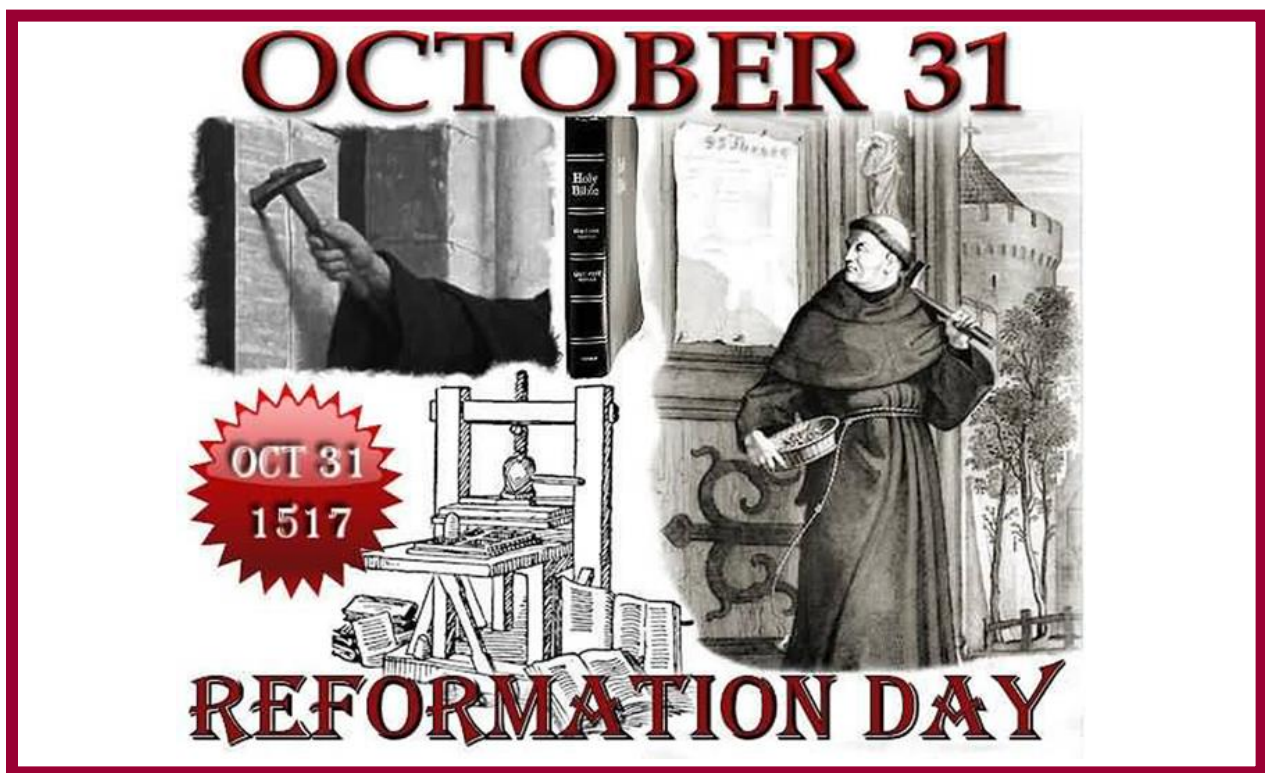




GRACE NOTES ~ *October 2023*



Worship Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 and Sunday, 9:00

Mission Statement

Proclaiming God's Love, God's Promises, and the Abundant Life



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**You will know the truth, and
the truth will set you free**

John 8:32



CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



**"...and jumping up and down when you
preach doesn't count as aerobic exercise!"**



A Message From Pastor Scott...

AUTUMN'S HARVEST...

I have always looked forward to fall. It brings about changes that have always been meaningful to me. Fall is important here too. It comes to our home as a welcome relief from the heat of summer, but it doesn't have the look and smell of the fall seasons of my past. Many of you know what I'm talking about.

The other day when Miriam asked me to get out the fall decorations my thoughts returned to the ripened fields of corn and soybeans at the Olson farm in South Dakota. That is where she grew up and where her family is readying the machinery for harvest. I thought of full apple trees, piles of pumpkins at every store and corn mazes on a cool sunny day.



My thoughts also turned to the Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico where I lived for 10 years. I can smell the chiles roasting at the farmers market and see the Aspen trees turning yellow on the slopes of the Sandia Mountains.

Some of the gospel stories this fall have a distinctive feel of autumn's harvest: ***the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16) and the two sons sent to work in the vineyard (Matthew 21:23-32)***. As I read them, I sense the invitation to think about who works the land and so I add to my prayers everyone from farmers and ranchers to laborers, seasonal workers and all of their families.

But even more, these stories put forward the startling sense of how the Kingdom of God works. In God's reign there are many surprises, not the least of which is that the righteous may not look all that righteous and the one who makes us righteous did so by dying.

May your hearts and minds be filled with the riches of this season.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Scott



FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31...

	August	Bdgt	YTD	Bdgt	2022
Income	46,153	55,676	519,656	515,360	499,034
Expenses	72,381	62,897	554,241	575,727	547,803
Fixed Asset Purchases	-0-				
Mortgage Balance	500,035				
Households:	439		-3		444
Members:	729		-5		750

The numbers above do not include an extraordinary item in either income or expenses. In August, Spirit of Grace received an Employee Retention Credit of \$144,832, from which was paid a professional fee of \$28,966 for preparation of the applications which generated the credit. The funds were used to open CD's pending the Council's decision on the use of these funds.

Glenn Schultz,
Director of Finance & Administration

FOOD INGATHERING via Cash Donations



Our contributions are much appreciated by the Valley View Community Food Bank!



The Food Bank uses our monetary donations to purchase items they are in most need of, at a generous discount allowing them to purchase even more!

Contribution Total For SEPTEMBER — \$1,035



If you have not given to this effort and want to be a part of it, **you may send a check by mail or drop it off at the office. Be sure to note that it is for the Food Ingathering.**

Glenn Schultz,
Director of Finance and Administration



Pastor Gary's Gospel Glimpse...



Do you know one thing that most pastor's have little opportunity to engage in? Visiting other congregations for Sunday worship. Of course that is the case, as pastors serve a specific congregation and are expected to be there. However, if you are a retired pastor, or *part time seasonal*, that is a different story...which is my story this summer.

Sara and I worshipped in many different communities and settings. A congregation in Custer, South Dakota, served by a newly called pastor who was being so well received there was literally a buzz about how fortunate the congregation members felt. Or how about a rural congregation, outside of Franklin, Minnesota, where a former colleague was filling in as a *supply pastor* as he had done there in the past. The worship and fellowship was like a family reunion. In Houston, Minnesota at **The Old Stone Church**, a historic building that is only used in the summer, but has been the worship center for generations of local families. Or, worshipping at **Zumbro Lutheran** in Rochester, Minnesota, a beautiful remodeled sanctuary and worship led by an awesome praise band. What a blessing to be among God's people in worship!



Stone Church in Houston, Mn.

Some think that meaningful worship needs to be **this way or that way**, according to certain '**requirements**' of the one attending. As worshipping this summer reminded me, no one style of worship fits all. Furthermore, what is meaningful worship? Is it when the worshipper is drawn to focus on God's love and grace, and furthermore, how we are then extenders of God's love/mission in the world? Such is truth, regardless of the building or style of worship.

Being an extender of God's love in mission begins before the invocation of worship. That is to say, if I entered a church and no one extended a greeting of welcome, or simply did so because it was **their job**, that is not affirming and engaging, it is mechanical, and we all have experienced such I would guess. How do you feel when that is the case?

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Pastor Gary's Gospel Glimpse... continued



So, here is the challenge and from my observation it is not easy, but if expressed, you may be surprised at the outcome (*and it is true in any congregation*). When you are at Spirit of Grace and see someone you don't know, try this... simply ask, **welcome, have we met before?**

The important words are, **have we met before?** Every church I attended this summer, someone by the door would say **welcome**, but then most would immediately turn to the next person; again, such is *not engaging or affirming*. That said, **everyone wants to be affirmed and engaged**, and it is up to **ALL OF US** to extend such to those we know, however, especially to the stranger.



Scripture says, **I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.** Let us be **inviting, welcoming, engaging, and affirming!** When such is expressed there will be a positive **buzz**. No, more than a **buzz**, we will know, the **HOLY SPIRIT** is alive within us and through us!

Let it not be said by any guest, **no one welcomed me, why should I return?** And so it is, the **'Good News'** is preached by our voice/actions, even before worship begins!

In Christ,

Pastor Gary E Benson



Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. ~ Revelation 3:20



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE:

OCTOBER 2023

Our financial picture still looks good. Although the contributions were down in the month of August and the expenses were over plan, we are still in very good financial shape. Please see Glenn Schultz's Financial Report in Grace Notes. The food gathering support for August was \$1,820.00. Thank you for your continued support.

The Strategic Planning Committee has identified four areas to work on to help Spirit of Grace continue to grow and doing Ministry Minutes to share the details and goals. We will need some of you to join us in implementing the plans. Please see Phil Nelson's report in this Grace Notes.

This month we received a letter of resignation from Candace Renwall for her position on the Congregation Council. We want to thank Candace for her service to the Council and to Spirit of Grace. The Constitution requires the Council to appoint someone to fill the Council position until the next election at the Annual Meeting. The nominating committee recommended the Council appoint Sue Kopcha to fill the vacant position. Sue Kopcha was unanimously elected by the Council to fill the vacancy. Thank you Sue for your willingness to serve and welcome to the Council.

25th ANNIVERSARY. Plans continue to move forward on the celebration that marks the 25th Anniversary of Spirit of Grace. Ellie Brooks, Julie Townsend, and Treedah Magee continue to work on this project. ***Again, the date to mark on your calendars is January 24, 2024.***

Blessings in Christ,

Bruce Belanger,
Congregation President

Ellie Brooks
Vice President

Julie Townsend
Secretary

Treedah Magee

Terry Pierce

Paul Reichenbach

Sue Barbour

Candace Renwall

Betsy Gusea-Gerringer

Our Vision: To Bring the Spirit of Grace to All

Mission Statement: Proclaiming God's Love, God's Promises, and the Abundant Life

New Member Welcome Session!

It is a monthly opportunity for those who are new and those not so new to learn about why our church exists and how you can be more connected and committed to our ministry.

You will meet other prospective members, learn more about our mission and vision, discover various opportunities to serve and become more deeply involved in the life of **Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church**.



Everyone is invited to attend!

Our next Welcome Session is Monday, October 9

Please call the church office at 623-977-6000 for more information or to indicate your interest in attending.

please join us!

Hope to see you there!

Pastor Scott



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY ~ OCTOBER 8

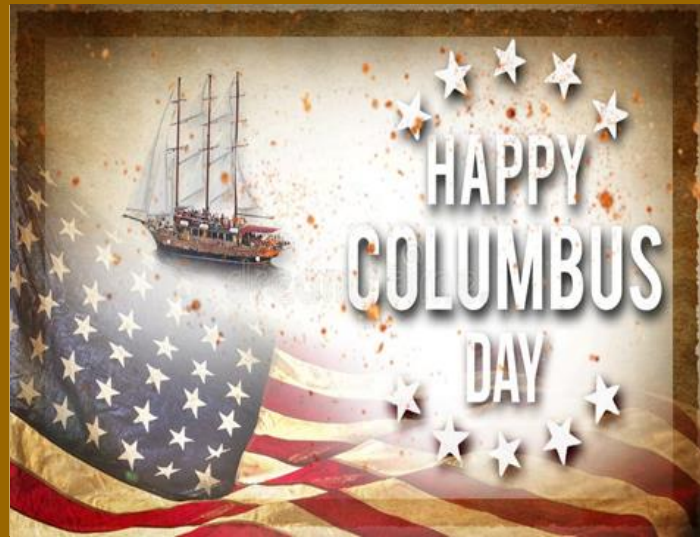
And I will give you Pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. ~ Jeremiah 3:15

Pastors are ordinary human beings with limited energy, time, and strength. They often have wives and children that also need their attention and love. Pastors also need time for rest and recreation; they have down days and challenges to their faith, just as you and I do.

Discouragement can come when a pastor faces unrealistic expectations or verbal discouragement from the people he serves. We believers should try to encourage them in prayers!

Thank you Pastor Scott and Pastor Gary ~ You're the best!





COLUMBUS DAY—OCTOBER 9

Columbus Day was named a federal holiday in 1937.

Although Columbus sailed from Spain, he was actually born in Italy.

Christopher Columbus was not the first European to 'discover' America, Vikings had been here before him in the tenth century.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Regular blood pressure checks are an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Hypertension is often at the root of heart disease, and if left untreated can cause organ damage.

Have your blood pressure checked October 15

***Immediately following the 9:00 Service
in the Conference Room.***



HALLOWEEN—OCTOBER 31



Finding a spider on Halloween night is considered good luck.

The first Jack-o-Lanterns were carved from turnips.

On average, kids will bring home a bag of candies worth 11,000 calories.

In Alabama, wearing a nun or priest costume for Halloween is illegal.

Walnut Creek, California prohibits Halloween masks without permits.

The Jack-O-Lantern borrows its name from a stingy man named Jack.

The fear of Halloween is called Samhainophobia.

Halloween is the second highest-grossing commercial holiday.



Ready?? Set! Go!!... For Even More FELLOWSHIP FUN !!



October is here and more events for Fellowship are on this month's schedule. Please pay close attention to **REGISTRATION DATES**, they are very important if you wish to participate so not to miss out!

1. TREMBLE CLEFS CONCERT is this Sunday, October 1 @ 3:00.

Hopefully you have your FREE ticket. Tickets will be available at the door only if tickets remain. If you need assistance due to a disability, watch for a fellowship team member when you start up either walkway. You'll be directed to enter special entrances. You may be accompanied by one person for special seating.

2. OCTOBERFEST on October 22 @ 4:30. Cost \$25 — This fee covers entertainment and your catered dinner from Haas Murphy's. **REGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 6!** The Fellowship Team are in need of Beer Steins or large beer mugs of any kind to help decorate the tables. Please call Dorothy Carnes 563-349-9274 or email her at Dotcarnes69@yahoo.com if you are able to lend some.

3. HARVEST HOME DINNER & CONCERT—November 12 @ 5:00 for the dinner, followed by the concert at 6:30. The "FAITH & FREEDOM" Concert is performed by 'The 90-voice choir of the Southwest Singers'! The program and dinner will be lots of red, white, and blue. So put your colors on and join us.



REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 6, ENDS October 26 for the combination dinner & concert online. Cost \$25 for dinner & concert. Cost \$10 for concert only. Registration for the concert only will continue until tickets are gone. **TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED** the weekend of **October 7 & 8 at church**, before and after services. *****CHECKS ONLY PLEASE!*****

PLEASE NOTE: Starting October 13 registration for both offerings will be open to the public and this choir has a huge following. You snooze on this registration and you may miss out.

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MORE FELLOWSHIP FUN... Continued ...

4. The Arizona Broadway Theatre is presenting Irving Berlin's, "WHITE CHRISTMAS" We have center table reservations for 134 for a matinee on Thursday noon, December 14! **Cost for lunch and show is \$66 which you will not find at the theater!**

**REGISTRATION FOR THIS BEGINS OCTOBER 20 —
ENDS NOVEMBER 12!**



Tables are for 2, 4, or 6. If you have a group that wishes to sit together, call Dorothy Carnes at 563-349-9274 after you register. **This event will only be sold online.** You will receive your confirmation email after you register. Once we receive the actual tickets from the theater, we will have a couple weekends in December to pick up your actual ticket for the show—bring your email confirmation to receive your ticket.

**That's all the information you need for now. If you have a question,
please call 480-438-1115 for assistance.**

Dorothy Carnes

Fellowship Ministry



******LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN...******

The Men's Choir has started off very well. However, there is one glitch. We need more guys to participate. Over the years we have been blessed to have many fine singers in our group. Nothing has changed with that. But circumstances have created a shortage in our tenor and bass sections. If you have had some choir experience your participation would be greatly appreciated!!

We practice at 4:15, on Tuesday's. See you then!

Ken Carnes

Choir Director



Save the Date.....GriefShare Surviving the Holidays Seminar

When you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may dread the holiday season. Even if the loss happened a long time ago, thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligations may leave you anxious and overwhelmed. Your sadness can seem unbearable. You may wish you could skip these next few months and go straight to the routine of the next year, but you can't. What can you do to lessen the stress and loneliness?

New Edition GriefShare, Surviving the Holidays seminar —Tuesday, November 14th, 10:00-12:00, will offer practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you will view a video featuring advice from people in grief who have faced the holidays after their loss. You will hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. You will receive a Holiday Survival Guide with practical strategies, encouraging words and helpful exercises, Q/A's, and journaling ideas for daily survival through the holiday season. You will meet other people also grieving the loss of a loved one who will offer comfort and support. Your holiday season may not be easy; your emotions may ambush you and suck you under at times. But you can choose to walk through this season in a way that honors your loved ones and places you on a path of health and healing.

This event is open to anyone who has lost a loved one or supporting someone who has. Invite your friends and family to attend this event with you. Call the church office to register or Deborah Frusciano 602-909-8369 for more information.

New Edition GriefShare Program Continues

If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, this is a place where you can find people who understand the deep hurt you feel. GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a loved one. The loss can be recent or in the past. GriefShare is a Christ-centered small group. Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar featuring top experts on grief recovery, plus real people sharing their real stories. After each video presentation, we spend time as a group discussing what was presented and how it applies to what is going on in our lives.

The 13-week series is free to attend; however, a donation of \$20.00 is suggested to cover the cost of your workbook. Registration is required either by registering on griefshare.org or calling the church office.

We meet weekly, September 7 to November 30, 2023, 10-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All sessions meet on Thursday except: October 11, November 15, November 22. These are on Wednesday.

GriefShare Leaders:

Deborah Frusciano
Miriam Hackler
Carol Starnes

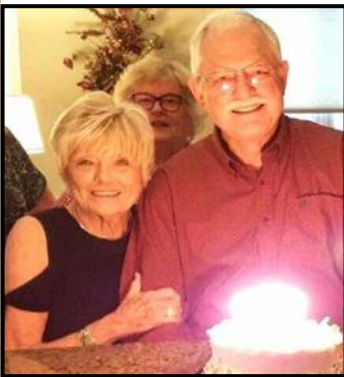


I am grateful for the group of women that create the cards for our Card Ministry. They have been there every month to provide comfort, thoughts and prayers, for those who need them. During our time together, while learning something new, we have formed lasting friendships. ~ **Helen Kain**

Thank you, Spirit of Grace, for your wonderful outpouring of care and kindness during the harsh days following the death of my wife, Sharon. Your many, many cards and personal expressions of sympathy were truly uplifting. Thank you to those who included memorial gifts; all were forwarded to the Food Bank; something Sharon cared a great deal about. ***I remain ever gratefully yours in Christ, Fred Bornhoeft***

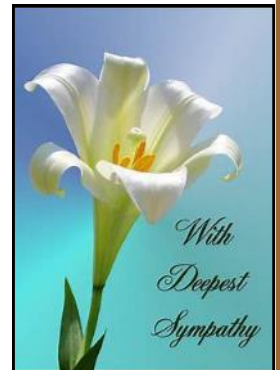
I am very grateful for all the guys who volunteered to help remove/replace chairs from the Sanctuary for our annual carpet cleaning project. Big thanks to: R.J. Misato, Craig Combes, Mick McCarville, Jim Schlenvogt and Mike Brimme. ~ **Jerry Huston, Facilities Manager**

Our Heartfelt Prayers For Those Who Mourn...



For the family and friends for the passing of **Arvid Herstedt** on September 6. Arvid went to be with our Lord surrounded by his family and friends. He was in Hospice care for health issues related to a past stroke and a fall. He and his wife Karen went to Illinois to be close to family.

Karen passed away unexpectedly September 9, 2022, in Illinois. Arvid remained in Illinois after Karen's death and was cared for by their children. Arvid was a college athlete, teacher, and coach. In 2017 he was inducted into the Tribe of Vikings Hall of Fame for Augustina University.



<https://athletics.augustana.edu/honors/tribe-of-vikings-hall-of-fame/arvid-herstedt/173>



SAYING GOODBYE TO AN OLD FRIEND...

My father and a former member of Spirit of Grace, **Fred Schreiber, 91**, passed away peacefully on September 1, just 25 days short of his 92nd birthday. He served as Facilities Manager at Spirit of Grace for ten years and was a skilled carpenter. Prior to moving from Chicago to Arizona he worked for Pepper Construction where he built all of the Christmas decorations displayed in the windows of Marshall Field's store in Chicago which thousands of people would come to see each and every year. Several of his woodworking projects can be seen throughout the Church including the head of Jesus, the white doves, the baptismal font and candle holders. He often said he missed his 'coffee' buddies and friends at church, but he knew it was time to go be with his family.



Fred served his country in the Korean war where he was wounded during a mortar strike earning him a Purple Heart. After spending time in a mash unit (*MASH was his favorite TV show*), he was hospitalized in Japan for months. He returned to Korea after his recovery and sustained yet another wound during another mortar strike. He declined a second Purple Heart as he did not want another letter to be sent to my mother, Ruth, causing her more worry. He was proud of his service and would always be seen wearing his Korean War Veteran Purple Heart cap wherever he went.

In 2010 his beloved 'Honey', Ruth, passed away after battling cancer for decades. He moved back to the Chicago area in 2019 to be close to me and my wife Sue, and his grandchildren. Fred lived in a retirement community near us enjoying bingo, penny poker, family dinners, golf cart rides to watch me play golf (*last one just two weeks before his death*) and visits from his grandchildren. His poker buddies including a 96 year old woman named Penny accused him of being a professional! Fred used his disability pension from his war wounds to play scratch off lottery tickets. He would say **"the government pays me and I give it right back."**

Fred also loved his Sheffield's Tawny Port wine, often too much even though I would try to **"ration"** these life necessities much to his dismay. He would then guilt his grandchildren into more wine when I wasn't paying attention. I always said that Dad crashing into the kitchen cabinets with his walker was justification for a DUI!

My father was a great man! I will remember 4 things that he always said to me:

"I'm fine"! "I hate to be a pain in the ass for you". "You have your life to live so do it and don't worry about me". And the best one, "I love you"...which is the one I heard over and over. He will be greatly missed!

Best to all,

Scott Schreiber
sschreiber@gssglaw



Faith Community Nurse Corner

ARE YOU READY FOR FALL...??

**Health and wellness means taking care of the whole person:
body, mind, and spirit.**

But due to busy schedules, we may put our own well-being last. This fall, make your health a priority by getting the vaccinations you may need. ***Flu vaccine:*** Flu (influenza) can be a serious disease, even for healthy people. Everyone six months and older is recommended to get a yearly flu vaccine. Flu viruses are constantly changing. The composition of U.S. flu vaccines are reviewed annually and updated as needed to best match the flu viruses research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season. The 2023-2024 season U.S. flu vaccines will contain an updated influenza component.

Last season, people who were vaccinated against flu were about 40% to 70% less likely to be hospitalized because of flu illness or related complications.

The best way to prevent the flu and its potentially serious complications is by proper handwashing and getting a yearly flu vaccine. Even though the flu vaccination may not prevent illness entirely, it has been shown to reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick. I like to tell people it may not keep you from getting the *"I feel crummy type of flu"* but helps to prevent the strains that will land you in the hospital.

Vaccination in late September and in October are recommended, but if that is not possible, get the vaccine up until spring. ***COVID vaccine:*** COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are effective at protecting people from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and dying. As with other vaccine-preventable diseases, you are best protected from COVID-19 when you stay up to date with the recommended vaccinations. Talk to your health care provider about which vaccine is best for you and when and if a booster is needed for your specific medical need. This is especially important if you have chronic medical issues.

Shingles: 1 in 3 people over the age of 50 will get shingles, a painful skin condition that causes a rash and nerve pain. The CDC recommends that adults 50 years and older get two doses of the shingles vaccine called Shingrix (recombinant zoster vaccine) to prevent shingles and the complications from the disease. The two doses are given 2-6 months apart.



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Pneumovax: This is a vaccine to prevent specific strains of pneumonia that can be life threatening. There are newer versions that cover more strains of bacteria. They are recommended for adults over the age of 65 or older adults 19-64 with certain medical conditions.



RSV: Respiratory syncytial -virus (RSV) is a common virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. However, older adults have a higher risk of developing severe symptoms if they are infected with RSV. The illness can be particularly dangerous for people who have chronic diseases or a weakened immune system. Older adults who get very sick from an RSV infection may need to be hospitalized, and the illness can even be life-threatening.

I always get my vaccines one at a time that way I can tell if I am having a potential reaction to it. Your health care provider or pharmacist may tell you it is okay to have multiple vaccines at once. Remember, the choice is yours. Vaccines are available at most pharmacies and are frequently covered by your insurance, including Medicare.

We know that proper hand washing, good nutrition, proper sleep, and vaccinations can help keep us healthy.

Talk to your health care provider about vaccinations that you may need.

Deborah Frusciano RN BSN ACRN CT

Faith Community Nurse

And Jesus answered them, 'Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.' " ~ Matthew 21:21-22





This symbol - with the cross, water and a white lily - identifies the women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God: baptized, forgiven, adopted into God's family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty and vitality that rise out of that life-giving baptismal water. The symbol also reminds us of the mission of the Church to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." **MATTHEW 28:19**

Women's Ministry of Spirit of Grace (Women of the ELCA)



This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. What a good reminder for us to be thankful for each day. I am sure you were wishing away the days this summer with the extreme heat, but that is behind us now and we look forward to fall and new beginnings.

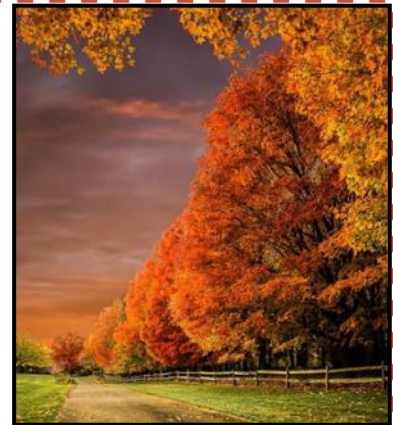
Mark your calendars! Our Bible Study kick off *starts **October 12 at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.*** Pastor Scott will be leading the study. *I am looking forward to seeing you all there!*

Blessings,
Sue Todd, WELCA President

FALL IS HERE!* WELCA members will reconvene at the **Big Fall Kickoff on Thursday, October 12 at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.*

Mark it on your calendar. Pastor Scott will be leading the Bible study!

Look for more information about the study in the weekly bulletins.

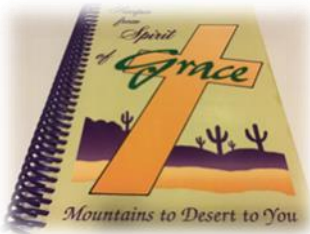


Have you been wondering what happened at the Triennial WELCA Conference held this past September in Phoenix? Next month look for some pictures and reports from those who were lucky enough to attend.

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Did you go back in your memories and figure out the picture published in the September Grace Notes was from the women's ministry retreat held in 2014? Almost 10 years ago! A great time was had by all ... hymn singing, Bible lessons, and just fun sharing in fellowship while eating, walking, attending a worship service and even staying overnight.



Now, how many women still have one of these treasures in the kitchen or library? Published in October of 2001, the chairperson of the cookbook committee was Jewyll Peterson ably aided by seven other women. There was even a history of Spirit of Grace from 1997 to 2001 included with 350 pages of contributed recipes.

Sue Tedell

WELCA News Coordinator

'CIVIC ENGAGEMENT MINISTRY' IS LAUNCHED!!

He has told you, O Mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? ~Micah 6:8

Spirit of Grace is a generous and loving congregation. The newly-formed Civic Engagement Ministry is connecting that love outside of our church walls, as we are called to do as Lutheran Christians in a number of ways. We will look for opportunities to offer hands-on engagement with local agencies to reduce hunger; we are inspired by God's word and will join in a prayer chain for societal needs; and we will use our individual voices for civic activities under guidance of ELCA values and partnership organizations.

If you're interested in this ministry, and want to receive the communications, please contact **marsha.gilford@gmail.com** or call **801-556-1634**.

When we receive the Blessing and Dismissal at the end of worship, we are sent in thanksgiving for service in God's world. **"God's Work...Our Hands and Our Voices."**



Marsha Gilford

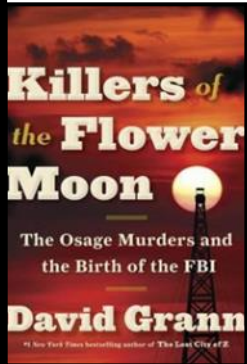
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FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY...



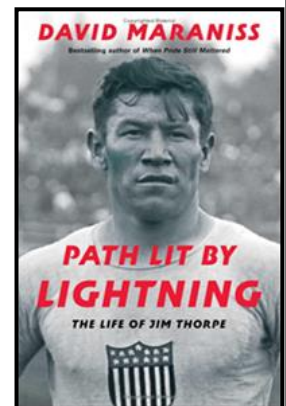
The Osage were a plains tribe pushed west by white settlers until finally settling on a rocky area of land in present-day Oklahoma which they hoped would keep them from being dislodged again. But when oil was discovered in Osage territory,

registered members of the tribe received “headrights” to the oil which gave them tremendous wealth that could only be passed on by inheritance.



Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann follows a “Reign of Terror” through the 1920’s and beyond in which numerous Osage were killed for their oil wealth. Investigations led nowhere and some investigators were killed before the Bureau of Investigation (now FBI) sent in Tom White, an old-style law man from Texas, who eventually brought several men to justice, thus restoring the reputation of the Bureau after a series of scandals.

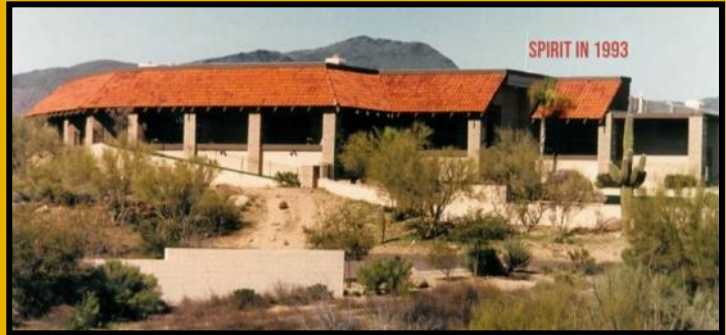
David Maraniss entitled his biography of Jim Thorpe ***Path Lit by Lightning***, a translation of Thorpe’s Sac and Fox tribal name, that hints at his life of amazing accomplishments and tremendous obstacles to overcome. He excelled at football, baseball, basketball, track, and even won trophies for ballroom dancing. In his teens, he attended Carlisle Indian Industrial School where he brought such football renown that youth football is now named after his coach, Pop Warner. But it was a *forced assimilation camp* that believed killing the Indian in him would save the man. He dominated the 1912 Olympics, placing number one in four events and in the top ten for two more, a feat no modern athlete has accomplished. He was stripped of his medals on a technicality. In later years, he became an *athletic migrant worker* supporting himself on the vestiges of his fame and as a player, coach, team manager, actor and laborer.



The author emphasizes that whatever life took from him, Thorpe persisted, trained, worked and learned. In a poll of sports fans published in 2000, this Native American was voted the Greatest Athlete of the 20th Century. Given the weight of the odds against him, the reader might well conclude that Jim Thorpe was the greatest athlete...ever!

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“RISE AND GO YOUR WAY;
YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU
WELL.”

LUKE 17:11-19 (ESV)

