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God's Work. Our Hands.

GRACE NOTES ~ *September 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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Church of the Covered Dish BY THOM TAPP



"Some of you might have noticed that our offerings have been down lately..."



A Message From Pastor Scott...

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles." - Doug Larson, Writer

You may know that I love to fish and when I have a choice I go flyfishing. I got the flyfishing bug about 30 years ago and am still infected.

Recently, I met up with a friend and camped on the Boulder River in Montana. We fished the Boulder and the Yellowstone, a much larger river, and had some wonderful, fishy days. It is a glorious place that leaves me astonished each time I return. There are always plenty of fish, cold water, campfires and time to clear my noggin from the clutter that builds up there. And what a relief from the summer heat here.



If you come to my office, there are a few fishing mementoes that remind me to take a fishing break during my busy days. Unfortunately, there isn't a trout stream running through Surprise,



there is one running through my mind, and in a moments notice I can go there, at least most of the time. Those images, thoughts and memories provide a place of retreat and refreshment. They are a reminder of the beauty of God's creation and even better, of God's presence.

I hope that you have a retreat place to go to when you need a break. You are invited to join me in my mindful moments of day-to-day river excursions, but I suspect that you have a place and activity close to your heart that may not be about fishing. Go there when the world is overbearing. Go there when you need a quiet place. Go there when trouble has found you. Go there for peace. Above all, go there to be reminded of the beauty of God's creation and God's presence.



But don't stay there. God has put you and me here for a purpose: to love people, to give our care to them, and to fish for them...that is, to look for those for whom the Gospel will give hope, new life and a place of retreat each day.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Scott

More fishing quotes to ponder:

"Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after." - Henry David Thoreau

"Men and fish are alike. They both get into trouble when they open their mouths."

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ~ Jesus



FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31...

	July	Bdgt	YTD	Bdgt	2022
Income	67,918	59,114	473,504	459,683	445,716
Expenses	62,537	62,917	481,861	512,830	488,795
Fixed Asset Purchases	4,219				
Mortgage Balance	506,810				
Households:	438		-4		443
Members:	729		-5		749

Glenn Schultz,

Director of Finance & Administration



FOOD INGATHERING via Cash Donations

Please know...YOU are making a difference!!

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 AUGUST — \$1,820



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, a.k.a. "Rev on the Road"...

WHEN PLANS COLLAPSE!!

How many times have you heard the phrase, "**What's the plan?**"
In numerous areas of life we may ask, "**What's the plan?**"

Before our summer adventure to Minnesota, many Spirit of Grace folks inquired, "**What's your summer plan?**" And for the most part I had wide parameters ... go north through Colorado and South Dakota, then onto Minnesota and Wisconsin. On the other hand for many of us years ago, the question was "**What are you planning in retirement?**" And for the most part, because you have thought about such for years, you have at least a rough outline or plan.



Reality, however, may strike not in terms of carrying out a plan, but having the plan interrupted or terminated by situations beyond our control. Be it finances, illness, family issues ... such is real life.

This summer Sara and I had planned on meeting up with Pastor Linda Gunderson. We had made plans with Pastor Linda and were all set to gather in a couple of weeks. She had recently retired in May from a congregation in Delaware and planned to be at her lake property in Minnesota for a month, then Italy for two months with friends, then back to Delaware to figure out her future direction. Sounds like a great plan doesn't it?

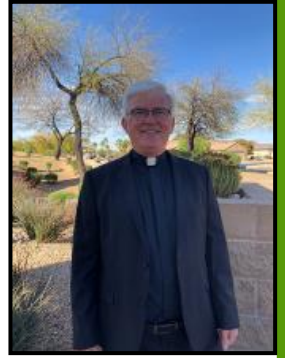
However, reality struck when she was at her Minnesota lake property with her daughter and sister. They had just come in from paddle boarding, sister and daughter went up to what they called the '*She Shed*'. Pastor Linda stayed back to pull some sea weeds, when suddenly her daughter heard a cry for help. Long story shortened, Linda was air lifted to a Fargo, North Dakota hospital.

There she lay in a '*shut in*' reality from a stroke, no verbal or physical movement other than flashing her eye lids. Would she survive? ... No. She died two days later while her daughter was reading a book to her!

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Pastor Gary's Gospel Glimpse ...

When Plans Collapse!! ... continued



I am still recovering and struggling from the shock and loss. We had served together for years at Cross of Christ Lutheran in Houston, Minnesota during the 80's. Pastor Linda had also served numerous congregations in Minnesota, and in the Synod Office before venturing to Delaware for a Call. With her sudden death our plans to share a retirement dinner in her honor would not be, our connecting after many years would not be ... her retirement plans would not be. Memories are all that are left for her family and friends. Linda's plans collapsed with her last breath at age 66!

Life at times just doesn't seem fair. I have seen such truth unfolded throughout decades of ministry. Is there a lesson to be learned, a path to be followed, a positive response in the midst of despair? No. There are no easy answers. After all in the ***midst of the valley***, others may say, ***make the most of each day*** ... but that sounds so shallow in light of losing a ***planned or hope filled future for oneself or others***.

Scripture says, "***Ye though I walk through the darkness...I will fear no evil for thou art with me.***" Reality is, even though we are promised God's presence,

*When we put
our problems in
God's hands,
He puts His peace
in our hearts.*

valleys of darkness mean ***STRUGGLE, PAIN, and AT TIMES SEEMINGLY ARE NEVER ENDING***. We have all been in such places in varying degrees and circumstances. That said, valleys of darkness can also be times and places of transformation. We are not who we used to be, but we are not yet who we are becoming. Through believing in our God who believes in us, through the support of caring professionals, family, and friends, transition can occur.

We can't change the past, but we can ***be changed*** by the past and yet transformed for a future of hope and newness in the present. Can such be your plan, if so, remember you have to work the plan That is to say, moving forward each day, not imprisoned by the past, rather by God's grace

***(God's undeserved blessing and favor) daily seeking transformation,
thus being emboldened for the future).***

In Christ,
Pastor Gary



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE:

SEPTEMBER 2023

August saw the end of an era at Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church. After approximately 13 years of faithful service, Office Manager/Administrative Assistant, Sheila Marlow resigned from her position. Her last day was August 4. We thank Sheila for her service to Spirit of Grace. If you wish to send a card to Sheila you can do so by dropping it in a basket by the Church office and it will be forwarded to her. At the same meeting the council regrettably accepted Sheila's resignation and the Council approved the Human Resource Committee's recommendation to hire Merly Miranda to replace her as the Administrative Assistant. If you get a chance stop by the office and introduce yourself to Merly.

Our financial picture still looks good. Just a reminder that Spirit of Grace needs our financial support through these summer months. Please see Glenn Schultz's Financial Report in Grace Notes. The food gathering support for July was \$3,385.00. This contribution goes to Valley View Community Food Bank. This is especially helpful as there is a terrific need to assist families in need. ***Thank you for your continued support.***

The Council continues to review all the policies of Spirit of Grace. In August the Council approved the updated Finance Committee Charter. ***This outlines the Statement of Purpose, Organization, Responsibilities, and Relationships.***

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. All former Pastors and Associates have been contacted with hopes that they will be able to attend. **Again, the date to mark on your calendars is January 24, 2024.**

Ellie Brooks
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Blessings in Christ,

Bruce Belanger,
Congregation President

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, September 11 at 10:00.

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

Hope to see you there!

Pastor Scott

**EVERYONE
SHOULD EAT
AND DRINK
AND TAKE PLEASURE
IN ALL HIS TOIL—
THIS IS
GOD'S GIFT TO MAN.
ECCLESIASTES 3:13**

HAPPY LABOR DAY — SEPTEMBER 4

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 September 10, Immediately following the 9:00 Service in the Conference Room.



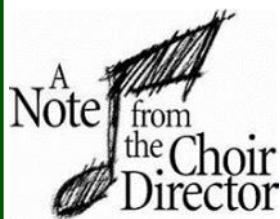
HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!!! - SEPTEMBER 10



*Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure.
The founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers.
The keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory.*

*Grandparents are the family's strong foundation.
Their very special love sets them apart.*

*Through happiness and sorrow,
through their special love and caring,
Grandparents keep a family close at heart.*



This fall is the **25th anniversary of the founding of our Spirit of Grace Choir!** We plan to honor this occasion on the weekend of **October 21 & 22.**



I am asking if you have been in the choir at any time during these years, or if you would like to join us for the first time, please do so.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays at 4:15.

please join us!

Ken Carnes,

Choir Director

Ready?? Set! Go!!... For Some FELLOWSHIP FUN !!



And, we are ready to go with a fun-packed bag of events for you to enjoy with your Spirit of Grace family, and friends! Please welcome people to join us, spread the news that all are welcome here under the big green roof!



The ever popular, super exciting, **PIZZA & BINGO!** Good food, good fun with friends, laughter and GOOD PRIZES!

SEPTEMBER 17 at 5:00

Go to: ***spiritofgrace.com*** and get registered. Cost \$10! Lots of fun, laughter and PRIZES!! ***All you have to do is shout...***

"BINGO"!!

On the weekend of September 9 & 10 tickets will be available to purchase before & after services.



*****OCTOBER 1– CONCERT BY THE TREMBLE CLEFFS AT 3:00*****

Back by popular demand are the "Tremble Clefs." The concert will be **October 1 @ 3:00. Tickets are FREE**—however you must have a ticket for admittance. ***Stop by before & after services September 9 & 10, and the following weekends, until the concert to obtain your ticket.***

*****OCTOBER 22 — OCTOBERFEST from 4:30—7:30*****

A fun filled afternoon to kick up your heels, drink lots of root beer, **enjoy the music of Rick Solis from Soundsation, and top it off with a great German authentic dinner from Haas Murphy's** to make us all plump and happy!

DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY OF IT...!!!

PLEASE NOTE: Our Fellowship Phone number has changed:

Our new number is 480-438-1115

Dorothy Carnes

Fellowship Ministry



I am thankful for Bekki Hamilton and Colleen Towe for taking over the Chair of our Altar Guild. This ministry is very special and our members feel honored to be able to set our Lord's table on the Altar each week. Thank you Bekki and Colleen; with all of your other duties at church you are keeping the Altar Guild organized and the Altar looking beautiful!

Also thanks to Annie Huston for our informative newsletter each month. Since she assumed responsibility she has done a remarkable job bringing us the news of the church, our ministries and our members. Kudos Annie. ~ **Marianne White**

I am thankful for Jane Young's friendship and the beautiful banners and arrangements in the sanctuary. ~ **Deborah Frusciano**

What a truly remarkable experience to have heard the version of "Amazing Grace" performed by Sandy Hobbs! Thank you! ~ **Pat Hild**

Welcome



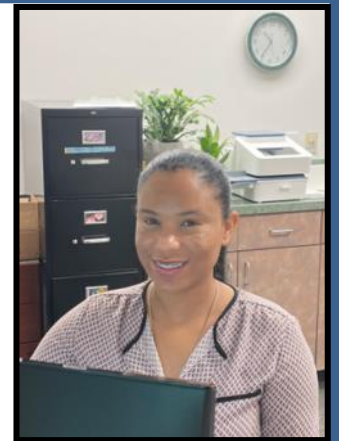
MEET OUR NEW ADMIN ASSISTANT ...

The next time you come into the office, you will see a new face on the other side of the big glass window. Her name is Merly Miranda and we are so pleased to have her join our Spirit of Grace staff!

Merly was born in Cape Verde and moved to America at the age of 13, and resided in Boston, Massachusetts for over 22 years. Merly attended Bay State College in Boston to pursue a fashion career. Her dream was to move to New York City and enter the fashion industry but changed her thoughts when she found out she was going to be a parent, a son. He is studying education to be an English Professor. No one was surprised since teaching runs deep in her family with her father and aunt being teachers.

Before moving to Arizona, Merly worked at Cambridge College. She decided to move to Arizona because of the beautiful weather and has always wanted to move out West.

Merly said she has a love for the outdoors, and shopping. She keeps busy by adding new projects like remodeling and renovating homes, backyards, etc.





We are pleased to present the new 4th edition GriefShare program this fall. It features new videos with updated information and relevant content. The new workbook is easy to follow and includes insights from individuals who have gone through many of the same experiences that you have. ***New topics include:***

- **Is this normal?**
- **Your grief journey**
- **Loneliness and sadness**
- **Self-Care**
- **Fearful and overwhelmed**
- **Anger**
- **Regrets**
- **Grief and your household**
- **Grief and your friendships**
- **Questions for God**
- **Stuck in Grief**
- **Hope and Resilience**
- **What do I live for now?**

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. You do not have to go through the grieving process alone. 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.

If you are interested in coming to the 13-week series, or have questions, call Deborah Frusciano at **623-977-6000 ext. 140**, or email ***deborah@spiritofgrace.com***. Each session is independent of the other.

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 will 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



Faith Community Nurse Corner

While pondering my subject matter for this month's article, I thought long and hard about what the members of our congregation all have in common. A few things came to mind, but most important is our need for companionship and friendship. While we are very welcoming to all those who walk through our church doors, how does that translate in our personal lives? We may have acquaintances, but do we have close friendships?

You know what I mean.... that person you can call in a crisis, when you are sad or happy. That person who has your back and can keep a confidence. Some of us are lucky enough to have lifelong friends, although the older we get the fewer of those there are.

A notification popped up on my phone reminding me that August 6 was National Friendship Day (according to American Greetings and Hallmark, who originated the designation in 1919). This day encourages people across the country and world to connect with friends, make a new friend or reconnect with an old one. ***It encourages us to do the following:***

Accept an invitation to meet new people.

Extend an invitation to someone you may have just met and would like to get to know better. Meet for coffee, lunch or even just a phone call is a good start.

Reach out to old friends. This is especially important if you have friends who have lost a spouse. Many times, friends who were couples stop calling and inviting the surviving spouse to events they used to be invited to as a couple. Sometimes people just don't know what to say, so it is easier to stay away. Reach out. Share your feelings. If you are the surviving spouse, reach out to your friends and tell them how you feel and that you want them in your life.

Talk about a memory with old friends to spark a fun conversation.

Tell your friends how much you appreciate them.

I am grateful for the relationships and lessons learned from friends who have died, the unconditional love showed to me from current friends, and anticipation for new friends I have yet to meet.

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

If one person falls, the other can reach out and help.

But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. ~ Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10

Deborah Frusciano RN BSN ACRN CT

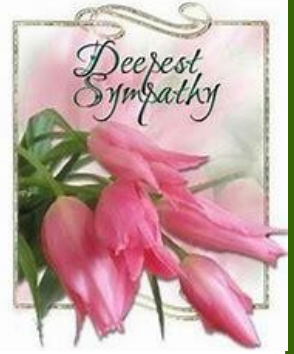
Faith Community Nurse

....Our Heartfelt Prayers For Those Who Mourn....



For Fred Bornhoeft and family for the passing of his beloved wife, **Sharon Bornhoeft, 85**, August 7. She has been a member of Spirit of Grace since 2017.

Sharon proudly worked as an actress for most of her life. She loved acting almost as much as she loved her family, and spending time with what she called her 'YaYa Sisterhood' - her family of two daughters, and her grandchildren - all granddaughters.



Sharon's prolific acting career spanned decades and ranged from stage, to TV, to film, to Voiceover work. While her accolades are aplenty-including several Arizona awards (Guest Actor in a Play- 2004, Guest Actor in a Musical- 2004, Supporting Actress- 2009). She was most proud of her stage work with her husband Fred whom she met playing Queen to his King in a 1985 stage production of Cinderella.

Fred and Sharon gleefully worked together throughout their 35+ year marriage both on and off the stage, including cherished homespun annual Christmas shows starring her grandchildren.

For more information go to:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/surprise-az/sharon-bornhoeft-11398387>

There will not be a public memorial service.



And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

~ Revelation 22:5

On behalf of my sisters, Lois, and Faye, I want to say thank you to Pastor Scott for his thoughtful message at June's Memorial Service and to our wonderful friends at Spirit of Grace who attended the service for June and the beautiful sympathy cards and wishes we received. We are grateful to Sandy Hobbs, Jerry Huston, Rich and Deborah Frusciano, Norm Lindstrom, Cheri Nelson, Shellie Lettiere and Judy Stuebe for their thoughtful and unique contribution.

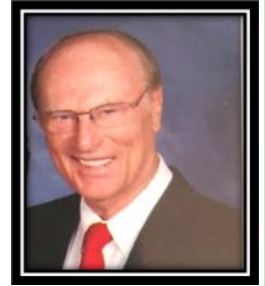
It was a beautiful service and I feel a wonderful tribute to June. *~ Lyla Dramise*



Our Heartfelt Prayers For Those Who Mourn...



Barbara Boldt and family for the passing of her husband, **Karl Boldt, 89**, on August 22. Karl and Barbara were head ushers at Spirit of Grace for fifteen years and participated in many other church activities. They became members in 2005.



There will be a private memorial service at a later date.

Editors Note: A few years ago, I was given the honor to write a **'What's Your Story'** article on Karl's life for Grace Notes. Karl was born in Hamburg, Germany in 1934 during the early years of Hitler. His story is a fascinating journey experiencing things we could never imagine.

*(If you would like a copy of Karl's amazing story,
I will be happy to send it to you — annie@spiritofgrace.com).*

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Your committee has made great progress in strategic planning efforts for Spirit of Grace. Four important goal areas have been identified that will help chart a course for now and the future.



- **Build on our strengths and explore opportunities for growth and engagement.**
- **Creatively build a more dynamic worship experience.**
- **Develop and implement a financial resource plan to support and sustain our mission.**
- **Make our property welcoming, safe and accessible for all.**

Beginning in mid-September, more information will be shared regarding each goal area and you will be invited to assist with these important activities.

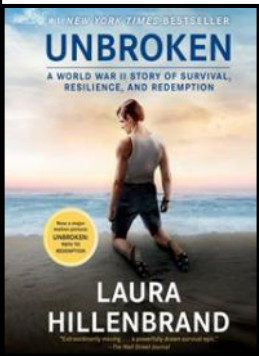
The theme for these activities is: "**A FUTURE WITH HOPE.**" Remember that phrase! You will be hearing that a lot over the coming weeks and months.

Phil Nelson,
Strategic Planning Committee

FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY...

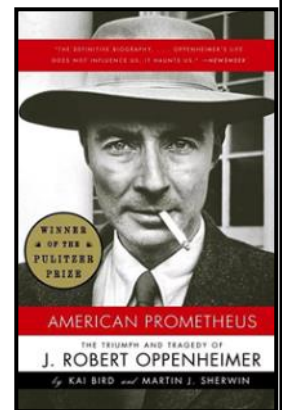
READING
GIVES US
SOMEPLACE TO
GO WHEN WE
HAVE TO STAY
WHERE WE ARE.
-Mason Cooley

September 2, 2023 marks the 78th anniversary of Japan's surrender and the end of World War II. Two books, both recently made into movies, celebrate men who sacrificed to make that victory possible.



Unbroken, by Laura Hillenbrand, is the story of Louis Zamperini, a San Francisco boy whose willful ways at first led him into trouble with the law but later fueled his determination to become a runner who made it all the way to the 1936 Olympics. At the approach of WWII, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was shot down on a rescue mission over the Pacific. After 47 days on a rubber raft with only rainwater to drink and the occasional bird or fish caught for food, he was picked up by the Japanese and sent to a POW camp. For two and a half years, he was subjected to humiliation, starvation, medical experiments, slave labor, disease and assault. One of every three American prisoners of the Japanese died but Zamperini survived to celebrate his liberation at the end of the war. In spite of the book's title, Zamperini was, like many returning soldiers, a broken man, troubled by alcoholism, flashbacks, nightmares and rage. His greatest battle was ahead...the battle to regain his faith in God and to forgive his enemies. In 1949, he was converted to Christ by Billy Graham, and only then did his war end. ***"When he thought of his history, what resonated with him was not all that he had suffered but the divine love that he believed had intervened to save him."***

American Prometheus, by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin, is the story of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the man who helped develop the atomic bomb that ended the war and then wrestled for the rest of his life with its deadly consequences. Oppenheimer was a man of paradoxes, a flailing lecturer who became a dynamic teacher, a scientist who never won the Nobel prize but inspired many of his students who did. He valued discipline as a way to remain detached from the world he wished to preserve. He supported liberal social justice causes and labor unions but gave up those affiliations in order to beat the Nazis. Never an administrator, he was an unlikely choice to head the Manhattan Project that made the bomb. Nevertheless, he transformed the bleak Los Alamos mesa into the world's most potent nuclear weapons laboratory. After the war, he predicted the race among nations to develop bigger, more powerful bombs, advocated international controls and opposed the testing of a hydrogen bomb. A victim of the McCarthy era *red scare*, his security clearance was revoked and his work for the government ended in disgrace. ***"Oppenheimer's greatest tragedy was that he wasn't able to save the future from his own invention."***



Carole Parnell,

Spirit of Grace Librarian



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)



Greetings from Kentucky!

It has been wonderful to hear about the good turnout for the summer Bible studies! Thank you to the leaders and those who helped out. We have several attending the WELCA convention in September. It will be exciting for us to hear what they have learned.

Blessings always,
Sue Todd, WELCA President

Combined Circle Fall Kickoff set for Thursday, October 12 at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall

About 15 women of Spirit of Grace braved the heat last month to join in the study of **Session 3 of the "Salvation Now"** summer study from the Gather Magazine led by Noelle Nothelfer.

Now, for a vacation break!! **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 that day. Look for more information about the study in next month's Grace Notes and weekly bulletins.

please join us!

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WELCA NEWS continued ...

*****The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Triennial Gathering will take place right here in Phoenix on Thursday-Sunday, September 21-24.**

Registration forms and more information is available at welcatg.org for this gathering of Lutheran women from all 50 States.

MEET THE WELCA LEADERS ...

Adrienne Pederson-Secretary



I initially joined a women's circle to get more involved in church and to meet other people. A little to my surprise, I sincerely enjoyed studying the Bible lessons and discussing them with other women. It was like a book club about the greatest book ever. That led to participating in other church activities and meeting even more remarkable people.

When I was invited to join the WELCA board, I considered it an opportunity to give back to the organization that has given so much to me. I strongly encourage all women to find a circle or a ministry that appeals to them, get involved, and develop stronger bonds to the Spirit of Grace family.

FROM THE PAST ...

Who remembers the year of this women's ministry retreat at Spirit of the Desert Retreat Center??



Sue Tedell

WELCA News Coordinator



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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Lynn Kasunic".

Mary Lynn Kasunic
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Surprise, AZ 85374-4579

August 9, 2023

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your \$2,500.00 gift of support for StreetLight USA. Your generosity is empowering these girls to begin their recovery process and start building a positive and independent future.

Through your support, they have a second chance at life! This wouldn't be possible without you. Together we are making a transformational impact on these girls! Thank you!

If there is anything we can do to answer questions about our mission to serve these girls, please contact Jolene at jolene@streetlightusa.org.

There aren't enough words to express my deepest appreciation for your support in these vital efforts. God bless you!

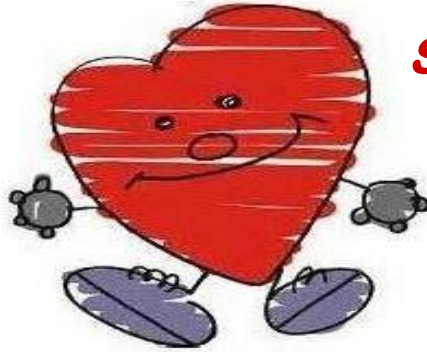
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johannah Burkle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Johannah Burkle
Executive Director
StreetLight USA

Happy Grandparents Day!!

September 10



grandchildren make
your heart smile

