



Reset your clocks on
Saturday Evening
November 6, 2021

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Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church

From Pastor Sam

What began as an effort in Germany to reform the Roman Catholic Church escalated to a rift between that church and the reformers, becoming a division that would change the face of Christianity forever.

Martin Luther, a friar and theology professor in Wittenberg, Germany, was especially critical of the Pope's use of indulgences to build St. Peter's Basilica in Rome in the early 1500s.

Indulgences were official church documents that could be purchased by common people to supposedly eliminate their need to stay in purgatory after they died. The Catholic Church taught that purgatory was a place of cleansing where believers atoned for their sins before going on to heaven.

Luther distilled his criticism into the *Ninety-Five Theses*, a list of complaints he publicly nailed to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, in 1517. He challenged the Catholic Church to debate his points.

But indulgences were an

important source of revenue for the church, and Pope Leo X was not open to debating them. Luther appeared before a church council but refused to take back his statements.

In 1521, Luther was excommunicated by the church. Holy Roman Emperor Charles V declared Luther a public outlaw. Eventually, a bounty would be put on Luther's head.

Two unusual developments allowed Luther's movement to spread. First, Luther was a favorite of Frederick the Wise, Prince of Saxony. When the Pope's soldiers tried to hunt Luther down, Frederick hid and protected him. During his time in seclusion, Luther kept busy by writing.

The second development that allowed the Reformation to catch fire was the invention of the printing press. Luther translated the New Testament into German in 1522, making it accessible to common people for the first time. He followed that with the Pentateuch in 1523. During his lifetime, Martin Luther produced two catechisms, dozens

of hymns, and a flood of writings that set forth his theology and explained key sections of the Bible.

By 1525, Luther had married a former nun, conducted the first Lutheran worship service, and ordained the first Lutheran minister. Luther did not want his name used for the new church; he proposed calling it Evangelical. Catholic authorities coined "Lutheran" as a derogatory term, but Luther's followers wore it as a badge of pride.

Reprinted from: Learn How Lutheran History Changed the Face of Christianity by Mary Fairchild Updated March 12, 2018

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The church office will be
CLOSED

November 25, 2021

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From the Council President

Being a Believer is like being a pumpkin!

Faith lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off you.

It opens you up, touches you deep inside, and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

Including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed and etc.

Faith carves you a new smiling face and puts; A light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

This was passed on to me from another pumpkin. Now, it is your turn to pass it to another pumpkin!

As most of you know I love to read and sometimes read too much. I'm reading a small book by

John Kleinig titled *Prayer: We speak to God*. This is one small part of the book I had to share.

“As disciples of Jesus, we therefore are called to live by faith in a life of prayer. If we stop praying, we fall asleep spiritually. We may still be spiritually alive, but we become unaware of God’s gracious dealings with us. So He does His best to keep us awake and watchful in prayer. In everything that happens to us God is training us to become people of prayer, wakeful people who take Him at His Word and receive from Him His gifts. God is equipping His people who are sure that He withholds nothing good from us and all His creatures.”

Wishing all of you a peaceful and Happy

Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Everybody be safe!
Hug someone!
Pray for the world!

Love to all!
Linda James



“Teach us to number our days so that we may truly live and achieve wisdom.”
Psalm 90:12 (VOICE)

Lectionary Readings for November

November 1, 2021 – All Saints Day
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13: 1-8

November 7, 2021 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16

November 21, 2021 – Christ the King
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1: 4b-8
John 18: 1-24



October 2021

(5 Weeks 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 and 10/31)

General Budget Overview

Approved Budget for 2021 is \$119,000

Faithfully Equipping God's Disciples to Do God's Work

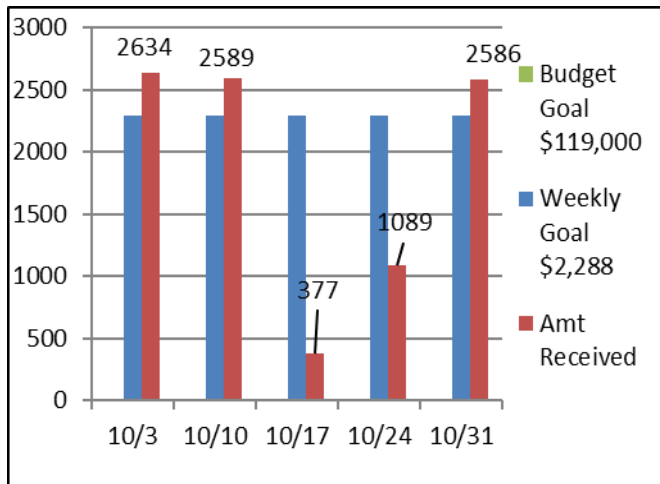
According to scripture, God created Earth for mankind and we are now stewards of His creation. This means it is our responsibility to look after and take care.

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.

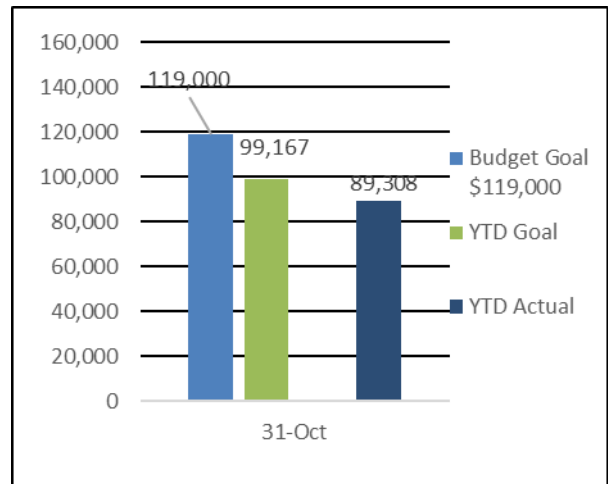
Monthly Budgeted NEEDS	\$ 9,916.67
General Offering for month	\$ 9,275.00
Monthly Variance	\$ - 641.67
Monthly Budgeted vs. Actual	- 6%
Year to date Budgeted vs. Actual	-16%
Cumulative YTD Variance	\$ -15,858.37

Please note these numbers indicate how we are doing against the budget that was approved for 2021. This is not a reflection of our bank balances that Dina reports on.

Budget Goal by Week



Yearly Budget Goal



In His Name,
Erlene Dexter

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Council Minutes

Submitted by:
Marsha Schrank
Council Secretary

Grace Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
October 20, 2021

PRESENT: Linda James, Erlene Dexter, Debbie Daugherty, Dina Buettner, Marsha Schrank

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President, Linda James and Debbie opened with prayer.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Sam was not able to attend due to his daughter's surgery. However, Linda reported for him that there will be 4 baptisms and 10 new members received in November. We will have a reception for them on Nov. 14th

FINANCIAL SECRETARY/ WORSHIP & MUSIC: Erlene reported that we are still receiving less money than budgeted, but we are doing OK. On Sunday, 10/24 there will be a meeting following church for altar guild, ushers, projectionists & cantors. Debbie will make signup sheets.

CHRISTIAN ED & FELLOWSHIP: Debbie said we need Sunday school teachers for children and adults. The bible study groups are doing well so far. There is a 5th Sunday Potluck after church on 10/31 which is also Ruth's birthday. Debbie will order a cake for the event. November 28th is the first Sunday in Advent. On 11/22, several volunteers will meet at the

church to put up the Advent Wreath and some other decorations. On Dec. 1st, the Ladies of Grace will clean the church and put up the Christmas tree in preparation for the Hanging of the Greens on Dec. 5th. A breakfast of pastries, juice and coffee will be available before church that day. On Dec. 4th there will be a Ladies Tea and Cookie Exchange. Debbie will have more details on that soon. A question had been asked about a Giving Tree or Angel Tree like we used to have. Marsha will make some calls to try to find out if we can get one this year. There will be soup and sandwich suppers before the Advent services, and Debbie will make a sign-up sheet for that.

FACILITIES: Dina said she believes that Karl may be willing to take on this role. She will talk with him. He already said he will help with the mowing, and she will ask him to see if he can replace the Dicken's Wing door. Erlene and Debbie both said their husbands will help if asked.

NOAH'S ARK: Marsha stated that there was a case of covid in one of the classrooms that required quarantine for that room. However, everyone is now well and back at school. The rummage sale made about \$370 but there is a lot of stuff left over, so they will have one again maybe during Hunter's Weekend. There will be a Halloween Party on 10/30 from 6:00-8:00. It will be held outside in the parking lot and field, with "trunk or

treat" and booths. There will be prizes and candy, and food for purchase. An admission fee of \$5 will be charged.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Pizza Fundraiser: The fundraiser is complete and earned about \$650.00 The council thanked Erlene for her help on the project.

Ann's Grass: It was requested that Marsha contact Gilbert Cardenas who had quoted on cutting Ann's grass to see if he would be able to just cut around her house rather than the whole 5 acres. She will contact him.

Young Life Event: The dinner will be held on Monday, October 25th from 6:30 – 8:30 at Antler Oaks. Because we have one seat left, Linda will invite Patricia to sit with us. The cost was \$300 for the dinner and \$100 for the T-advertisement. We have paid this in past years.

Esther's Vacation: She will be gone from 11/5 to 11/22. She will have everything ready for the service on 11/7. Linda, Marsha and Debbie will spend some time in Esther's office next week trying to learn how to do what needs to be done during her absence.

Phone Problems: Marsha reported that Johnson Controls will be in next week to install a wireless point for the alarm systems and that will eliminate the problems we have been having with the

Council Minutes continued

phone/alarm systems. The cost was \$3,500 which Noah's Ark paid since they are the ones required to have the alarm system.

New Member Event: There will be a meal following the 11/14 service to welcome the new members. Dina will order the cake and Debbie will have a sign up sheet for food.

Burn Pile: Linda has contacted the fire department to see if they can schedule some firemen to watch over the burning of our burn pile. It may be used as a training exercise. She will advise us when that is scheduled.

Old Organ: It was agreed that we would ask Andrew if he wants the old organ in the back of the church. It was left over from the rummage sale.

New Organ Checks: Dina said we have received checks for \$12,500 and \$22,000 from the insurance company. She has sent the deposit check for the new organ and expects the final check from the insurance company for \$28,000 any day. We will

only be responsible for the \$2,500 as our policy states. Susan Henry and Pat Moehring have both asked that money in our account for Cliff and Glenn's memorials be used to offset the \$2,500.

Christmas Lights: It was agreed that we would not participate in the River Lights this year, but instead would spend that money on lights and decorations for the church. Dina will see if the nativity set donated by Marge Muniz, or the lights can be located. We will pick a date to do the decorating sometime in November.

Small Bible Study Groups: Linda will look into the possibility of finding some members willing to host week-night bible study groups in their homes to encourage more people to be involved.

Nightmare on Maple Street: We have been getting candy for this event, along with the money to purchase more if needed. We will be able to decorate anytime between 10:30 a.m and 4:00 pm on 10/31. Linda will get more

information prior to the event, and everyone is invited to help during the evening.

Baptismals: Erlene said Esther is sure we have baptismal candles but she will check. Marsha volunteered to embroider a cross on some linen handkerchiefs to give to the baptismal families. Debbie will look into something for the adults, maybe a leather bookmark or something they can keep.

Salvation Army Donation: Dina reported that a check for \$2,155.00 will be sent to the Salvation Army office in San Antonio for disaster relief. This was the amount collected in the noisy offerings.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Erlene and seconded by Debbie. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Schrank
Council Secretary

Women of Grace

**Submitted by:
Ruth Reeves**

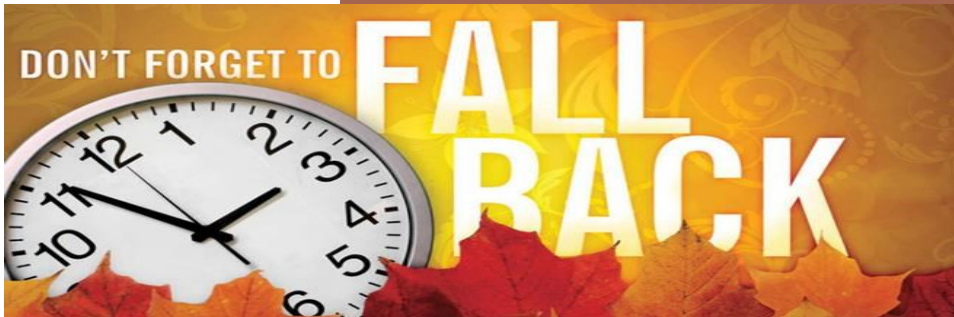
The Women of Grace completed 109 quilts for Lutheran World Relief this year. The quilts were blessed during the Sunday

service on October 31, 2021.

Wednesday, November 3rd, we will finish boxing all of the quilts and labeling the boxes for shipment.

Thursday, November 4th, the Women of Grace

will be taking the boxes of quilts to Fredericksburg for the next leg of their journey. When the delivery of the boxes is complete, the ladies will spend time fellowshiping, shopping, and having lunch together.



Set your clocks BACK ONE hour on Saturday Evening, November 6, 2021.



Ladies of Grace are invited to Grace's

Christmas Cookie Exchange

On Saturday, December 4th at 1 p.m.

In the Dicken's Wing.

Please bring 4 dozen homemade cookies and storage containers to take home 4 dozen cookies.

(Doubling is acceptable)

Tea, snacks, and cookies will be served.



Whose Job is it?

This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done **Everybody** was asked to do it, **Everybody** was sure **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

As we look at the work that needs to be done at the Church please remember that it is **Everybody's** job, **Anybody** can do it. Will you please consider doing the job that **Nobody** realize **Somebody** wouldn't do?



November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Gathering Time 10:30 Worship Service	1	2 Tuesday Schedule Lectio D @ Carolyn's 6 pm	3 Wednesday Schedule 9 AM Quilting 10 AM Ladies Bible Study	4 WOG Outing to Fredericksburg! Thursday Schedule 5:30 PM Fellowship 6 PM Adult Bible Study	5	6
7 Sam Radoman Baptism Sunday 	8	9	10	11 Shayne Brown Alejandro Perez	12	13
14 Dina Buettner Alphee Strand New Members Lunch	15 Linda Felten	16 Carolyn Sells	17	18 Sodeigh Perez	19	20
21 Carolyn Edwards Christ the King	22 WOG Advent decorating 11:30 AM 	23	24	25 Church Office CLOSED 	26	27
28 Sam Radoman 1st Sunday of Advent	29	30	LEGEND FOR THE CALENDAR by color: CHURCH ACTIVITIES ANNIVERSARIES BIRTHDAYS SPECIAL SERVICE			

If you were born in November and don't see your name on the calendar, please call the church office at 830-796-3091 so it can be added. We always want to celebrate your special day!!

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Fun Page



What's in your PHONE



20 Points

- You have a brown or orange Phone case
- You have made a 'thankful for' list in your phone
- You don't have a Facebook app.
- You have a Pinterest app.



15 Points

- Your phone is not a smart phone
- One of the names in your contact list starts with X,Y or Z
- You have made a Thanksgiving to do list in your phone
- You have Thanksgiving related picture in background

10 Points

- You have a text with the word 'Turkey' in it
- You have a text with the word 'Thanksgiving' in it
- You have a picture of your family as your background



5 Points

- Your ringtone is a song
- You have your alarm set
- You have a text saved from over 1 year ago

Your Name _____

Total Score _____

1 Point









- For every contact that you have that starts with a 'T'



THANKSGIVING I SPY



Count how many of each image you see and write the correct number below.

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




Write the words below in each space

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Down | Across |
| 1. Thankful | 1. Turkey |
| 2. Pilgrims | 2. Pumpkin |
| 3. Pie | 4. Mayflower |
| | 5. Gobble |
| | 6. Thursday |





Roll a Turkey

-  draw the face
-  draw the body
-  draw the head
-  draw one wing
-  draw one leg
-  draw one feather



Grace Notes

Grace Noah's Ark Learning Center



Submitted by:
Marsha Schrank

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln officially proclaimed that the last Thursday of November would be "a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." Although Abraham Lincoln was not the first, nor the last president to set an official date for Thanksgiving, his words capture the importance Americans placed on thanking God for the same blessings bestowed on the original colonists. Today we still have much to be thankful for. We live in a land that is free and full of opportunity, and we still have the choice to worship, free from persecution. Despite the challenges and difficulties we all face,

we are truly blessed beyond measure, and are fortunate enough to be in a position to share our blessings with others. This Thanksgiving, before you begin your feast, take some time to give thanks for the blessings in your life.

BIBLE VERSE – "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His love lasts forever."

We are so sad that Covid-19 has forced us to cancel our annual Thankful for Our Families Dinner. But we want you to know, we are so very thank-

ful for each & every one of you, and for the privilege of loving your children.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Remember, we are closed Nov. 25 & 26.



Worship and Music Committee

Submitted by:
Erlene Dexter

We had a workshop on October 24, 2021 for different areas of worship to review all that needs to be done and an opportunity for people to sign up to help with the Ser-

vice. It takes everyone in the church for the church to run well.

Thanks to everyone that came and signed up.

**YOU ARE NEEDED!
WILL YOU HELP AND SERVE?**



WORSHIP ASSISTANT CHART FOR November 2021

Altar Guild: Erlene Dexter, Janeen Irrgang

DATE/ PREACHER	CANTOR	USHER	READER	COMMUNION	POSTER	PROJECTION
Nov 7 Sam	Marsha Schrank	Linda James	Tina Valdez	Sharon Radoman	Erlene Dexter	Erlene Dexter
Nov 14 Dina	Dina Buettner	Martin & Teresa Huegele	Pat Moehring	Susan Henry	Marge Muniz	Marge Muniz
Nov 21 Carolyn	Dina Buettner	Erlene Dexter	Linda Felten	Sam Radoman	Erlene Dexter	Rhonda Balsley
Nov 28 Sam	Sam Radoman	Sharon Radoman	Marsha Schrank	Carole Gage	Marge Muniz	Dina Buettner

Note: If you cannot fulfill your scheduled place of service, please get a replacement, or email/text/call Rhonda Balsley for assistance at rhonda.balsley@gmail.com or call her at (210) 414-9183



Ways to attend Grace Lutheran's Sunday Services:

- ⇒ In Person in the Sanctuary
- ⇒ Zoom on Sunday morning
- ⇒ Facebook Live on Sunday morning—
<https://www.facebook.com/glclady>

Sunday service is posted on Monday. on:

- ⇒ the church's YOUTUBE channel— https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBPxF_IWmDo

Faithfully equipping God's disciples to do God's work in our church, our community, and our world.



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