

# Grace

*for the Moment*



*The Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church*

*September 2025*



## **September** **Worship:**

### **Sundays:**

9:00 am

### **Wednesdays:**

6:30 pm

## **Sunday School &** **Adult Education**

10:00 am

Sunday School will begin

September 14

Adult Education will begin

September 21

## **Fair Stand Was a Success!**

Congratulations and Thank You to all the many volunteers that made the 2025 Fair Stand a success. We had another successful year that included great comradery and team work while providing family friendly options at the fair. Please watch for financial information in coming newsletters.

Fair Stand Committee



**Sunday, September 7 at 9am**

**Outdoor Worship,  
New Member Sunday, Potluck  
and Rally Sunday**

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck.

A bounce house and games will be available after worship.

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To our beloved church family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome back to a new season of church education. We will be walking on this journey of learning, growing, and serving together. I hope you had a blessed summer. Thanks be to God for all of you who will be leading this ministry in various ways. It is our collective gifts from God that make this ministry a Spirit-led ministry.

Church education is a formation ministry. It is the divine work of Christ that shapes our hearts and minds to walk humbly, love mercy, and act justly (Micah 6:8). Our education ministry offers a place for all ages. Our Sunday school has a place for all children up to 4th grade, Pre-confirmation (5th & 6th grades), Confirmation (7th & 8th grades), Junior Frogs (5th-8th grades), and Senior Frogs (9th-12th grades). On Sunday mornings, we have Adult Bible Study after worship.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom...” —Colossians 3:16

Thanks to all who have worked diligently in preparing the rooms for our faith formation ministry. From installing the television on the wall in the fellowship hall to providing snacks and other creative materials for our learning community, every detail reflects our shared commitment to fostering joy, safety, and a sense of belonging.

Please pray for our teachers, our students, and our community. May this be a year of discovery and renewal.

Blessings,

Pastor Henrique

## A September Message from Joel Plucker, Church Council President



Well, we made it through the four best days of summer once again! I want to thank everyone who helped in any way this year with our fairstand. Once again we should be able to give out money to many different groups. If you have any suggestions for where you would like to see some of the money go, please let one of our council members know.

As we enter into the month of September, many activities will begin again. We hope to see many of you at our morning service on Sunday the 7th where we plan to be outdoors for worship. We will be recognizing several new members that morning and also kicking off the 2025-2026 education year with our Sunday School rally day. The board of ed has activities planned for those of any age. In true Lutheran fashion we will also have a pot luck dinner.

Confirmation classes will once again begin the month of September so please keep all the students and those instructing them in your prayers. Wednesday night services will begin again this month as well. On Sunday the 14th, Kathy McHenry will be joining us at our morning service and coffee fellowship to explain and answer questions about giving to the endowment fund. The adult bible study will begin again in September, so our church will be busy again. In Proverbs 22:6 it says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." So, it doesn't matter what age you are, we are all considered a child of God which means we need to continue to train in the word of God.

Hopefully you have had a chance to see our new sidewalk in front of the church. We hope to have the sign reinstalled soon and make some changes to the signage on it. We also plan to get the grass seeded soon and then pray for some rain to make it take off.

September is a special month for me. I know, many of you are thinking it's because fall is here and that brings about the start of hunting season. Yes, that does stir a fire within me, but on September 18th it will be 65 years ago that my parents brought me before God to be baptized. I am so thankful that I was raised in a Christian home! When we have a baptismal service here at Grace, we present a candle and repeat these words, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." So, in conclusion, I hope and pray that you will all shine brightly each and every day as you never know when your life may be the only Bible that some people read.

May God bless you all.

Your President, Joel

# Happening at Grace



## ***From the Board of Ed.....***

### **Rally Sunday September 7, 2025**

As we kick off the new Sunday School year, we invite your family to celebrate with us at an outdoor service filled with joy, fellowship, and fun. After the service, enjoy a potluck meal and a variety of games for all ages.

Come be a part of this special day and make lasting memories with our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Sunday School Teachers** are needed-Contact Missy, Alexxis or Sara for more information.

**Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation** starts Sept. 3rd.

All 5th through 8th grade are welcome.

5th-6th grade starts at 4:00

6th-7th grade starts at 5:00

*Missy, Alexxis, Sara*



**Senior FROGS and parents please scan this code.**

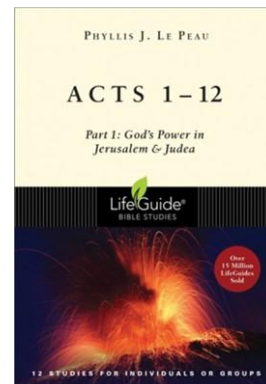
**Thanks, Jenn Wall**



### **Connecting Threads from Lavonne Meyer**

FALL – my favorite time of the year!! And it's time to start our projects in the sewing room again. We will meet on the third Monday of each month at 1:00 to work on different sewing projects. There is a job for everyone, whether you sew or not. It's our time to connect with each other and let our projects connect with those in need. Please come and join us for an afternoon of good conversation, great treats, and fabric fun.

September 15 is the day – see you then!



### **Adult Education**

- Acts 1-12 by Phyllis J. Le Peau
- Pastor Henrique will begin this study on Sunday, September 21 after worship.
- Study Booklets will be provided



### **August and September Fishbowl**

offering will be donated to the Parker School for overdue lunch accounts for families.





**Lutheran Planned Generosity**  
*of South Dakota*

Did you know that writing a check might be the most expensive way to make a gift? Does making a will seem too complicated or expensive? Would you like to know how to avoid leaving a big inheritance to the government? Have you thought about how you might be able to support Grace Lutheran Church and your other favorite ministries through your estate plan?

As a gift from the South Dakota Synod and partners of Lutheran Planned Generosity, Kathy McHenry will join us on Sunday, September 14, with suggestions and solutions to all of these questions and more. Join us for worship and fellowship. Your life can make a difference! (Kathy provides this information as a free service for ELCA members and friends in South Dakota, with no obligations and nothing to sell. She is employed as synod staff and not affiliated with any financial services or investment company.) To visit with her privately, call or text 605-868-8754 or email [kmchenry@sdsynod.org](mailto:kmchenry@sdsynod.org).

## Fair Stand Photos





During worship on Sunday, August 17, the backpacks were blessed. Best wishes for a successful school year for all students and those involved in educating our youth.

### September AV Schedule

#### Sunday

7 Chris  
14 Erin  
21 Derek  
28 Chela

#### Wednesday

3 Kerri  
10 Chrystal  
17 Kerri  
24 Chrystal



#### **Weekly Worship Helpers:**

Please use the link below to check:

<https://gracelutheranparker.com/weekly-worship-helpers>

Thank you

#### **Mailing Address for Grace Lutheran Church**

Please use **Box 667** if you are having anything mailed to the church.

Thank you.

Grace Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Council Members Present:

Joel Plucker, Alexxis McKenney, Kristi Nogelmeier, Derrek Sattler, Jim Johnson, Pastor Henrique, Kaylyn Andersen

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Joel Plucker.

2. Devotion

- Led by Pastor Henrique.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Kristi, seconded by Derrek.  
Motion carried – all aye.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve by Jim, seconded by Kaylyn.  
Motion carried – all aye.

5. Secretary's Report

- Noted that offerings have been slightly down.
- Three campers were paid in full from the general account but will be reimbursed by the camper fund.
- Motion to approve by Alexxis, seconded by Derrek.  
Motion carried – all aye.

6. Pastor's Report

- Motion to approve by Kaylyn, seconded by Kristi.  
Motion carried – all aye.

7. Deacons' Report

- Hymns have been selected for the next several weeks.

8. Board of Education Report

- Vacation Bible School (VBS) had 33 kids in attendance.
- Planning has begun for lesson plans for Sunday School.

9. Trustees' Report

- Fans and window repairs are in process.
- Jim has contacted an additional individual for a window bid.
- Pastor's office light needs a new ballast.

## 10. Congregational Input

- Items brought up for discussion:
  - Dirt pile
  - Sanctuary fans
  - Broken window

## Old Business

1. Microphone Repair
  - Ongoing. Payment has been made. Follow up with Erin regarding current status.
2. PayPal Account
  - In process.
3. Printer Rental
  - Discussion ongoing.
4. Sidewalk
  - In process.
5. Church Sign Inserts
  - Tabled.
6. Church T-Shirts
  - Tabled.
7. Kathy McHenry / Endowment Committee
  - Tabled.

## New Business

1. New Member Sunday
  - Proposed to coincide with Rally Sunday on September 7.
2. Property Insurance
  - Council agreed better coverage is available with updated stipulations based on the year built. Recommended to continue with current policy.
3. Landscape Clean-Up
  - Proposed dates: August 3 or 4.
4. Furnace Clean-Up
  - Also scheduled for August 3 or 4.
5. Viet Church Usage – July 13
  - Approved by the board.
6. VBS Planning – 2026
  - Begin looking ahead for long-term planning.
7. Storage Shed Placement
  - Proposed location: southwest corner of the parking lot to minimize disruption.
8. Next Council Meeting
  - Scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2025

## Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Kaylyn, seconded by Derrek.  
Motion carried – all aye.



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT    7/1/2025-7/31/2025**

<b>INCOME:</b>	<u><b>Current</b></u>	<u><b>Year To Date</b></u>
101 General Offering	\$10,074.00	\$72,818.79
102 Envelope Offering	\$1,180.00	\$9,790.00
103 Quarterly Offering	\$940.00	\$7,645.00
104 Lenten Offering		\$4,273.00
109 Camper Savings		
202 Use of Building		
203 Misc. Income		\$107.77
205 Thrivent	\$25.00	\$549.00
208 Amazon Smile		
219 Transfer from Building Fund		
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>✓ \$12,219.00 ✓</b>	<b>\$95,183.56</b>

**SUMMARY GENERAL CHECKING:**

Beginning Balance 1/1/2025	\$6,125.77
Total Income	✓ \$95,183.56
Total Expenses	✓ \$100,289.61
Ending Balance	✓ \$1,019.72

<b>Monthly Summary</b>	<u><b>Offering Total</b></u>	<u><b>Misc Income</b></u>	<u><b>Monthly Expenses</b></u>
January	\$11,926.00	\$212.77	\$11,927.50
February	\$16,156.00	\$173.00	\$12,393.46
March	\$14,293.00	\$80.00	\$16,535.32
April	\$16,670.00	\$166.00	\$21,719.60
May	\$12,791.00	\$0.00	\$13,196.32
June	\$10,496.79	\$0.00	\$12,772.39
July	\$13,484.00	\$25.00	\$11,745.02
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
<b>Total</b>	<b>✓ \$95,816.79 ✓</b>	<b>\$656.77 ✓</b>	<b>\$100,289.61</b>

**SAVINGS / OTHER ACCOUNT BALANCES:**

First Savings Campers Savings	\$5,317.41
First Savings Building Fund Savings	\$49,736.58
First Savings Bank Money Market	\$3,430.24
River's Edge Bank CD	\$42,849.95

River's Edge Bank Building Loan Approx. Balance **\$0 - PAID IN FULL**

Kristi Nogelmeier, Treasurer

<b>EXPENSES: SALARIES/BENEFITS</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
301 Pastor Salary/Benefits/Pension	\$4,500.00	\$30,355.07	\$54,000.00
302 Pastor Housing Allowance	\$1,575.00	\$11,025.00	\$18,900.00
303 Employer Paid Pension/Retirement	\$653.98	\$3,923.88	\$7,848.00
304 Pastor SECA Allowance	\$464.75	\$3,278.49	\$5,577.00
305 Pastor Car Allowance	\$117.88	\$764.26	\$2,000.00
307 Employer Paid Pastor Insurance - Health & Benefits	\$1,770.70	\$10,624.20	\$21,000.00
308 Pastor Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
320 Custodian	\$144.70	\$1,515.70	\$7,000.00
321 Organist	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,560.00
322 Secretary	\$657.53	\$5,914.09	\$12,000.00
323 Groundskeeper	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
325 Sub Pastor	\$0.00	\$705.52	\$2,000.00
326 FICA Expenses	\$412.48	\$986.99	\$2,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-SALARIES/BENEFITS:</b>	<b>\$10,297.02</b>	<b>\$69,593.20</b>	<b>\$138,385.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES: BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
401 Snow Removal	\$0.00	\$394.00	\$2,500.00
402B Natural Gas	\$14.59	\$1,976.71	\$3,000.00
405 Electricity and Water	\$284.81	\$2,414.85	\$4,750.00
407 Insurance	\$0.00	\$6,020.73	\$10,000.00
408 Misc. Bldg. & Grnd. Exp.	\$94.52	\$9,001.00	\$5,000.00
409 Piano Tuning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
409A Organ Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
413 State Farm - Workmen's Comp.	\$0.00	\$357.98	\$700.00
415 Audio Visual Expenses	\$121.16	\$618.01	\$1,000.00
416 Building Loan Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS:</b>	<b>\$515.08</b>	<b>\$20,783.28</b>	<b>\$32,325.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES: CHURCH PROGRAMS</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
502 Bible Camp Sponsorships	\$260.00	\$640.00	\$1,100.00
503 Offering Envelopes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
504 Confirmation Expense	\$53.10	\$761.01	\$1,500.00
506 Synod Assembly	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$750.00
507 Books and Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
508 Misc. Program Expense	\$0.00	\$335.80	\$4,000.00
512 Bank Service Charges	\$17.95	\$125.65	\$250.00
517 Bibles for 3rd Graders	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
519 Postage	\$0.00	\$198.60	\$400.00
524 Lenten Meals	\$0.00	\$551.32	\$1,200.00
526 High School Graduate Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-CHURCH PROGRAMS:</b>	<b>\$331.05</b>	<b>\$3,212.38</b>	<b>\$10,200.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES: MISSIONS/BENEVOLENCES</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
602 Augustana PACT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
603 ELCA Benevolence	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
604 Shetek Bible Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
605 Crossroads Conference Dues	\$0.00	\$27.60	\$0.00
615 The Banquet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-MISSONS:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,027.60</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES: OFFICE</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
701 Copier Lease	\$158.30	\$1,334.12	\$2,000.00
702 Bulletins and Inserts	\$69.95	\$1,096.58	\$2,000.00
703 Church Office Phone/Internet	\$373.62	\$990.32	\$1,500.00
704 Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$252.13	\$900.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES - OFFICE:</b>	<b>\$601.87</b>	<b>\$3,673.15</b>	<b>\$6,400.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$11,745.02</b>	<b>\$100,289.61</b>	<b>\$195,710.00</b>