Grace Life Line Monthly

November 2026



O, Give Thanks…

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Sunday Schedule and Times

8:00 a.m. Worship Team Practice
9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Ed
9:00 a.m. Youth and Children's Christian Ed
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Birthdays this Month

8	Monica Riddle
9	Aubrey Rogers
12	Austin Rogers
12	Betsy Rogers
28	Eli Salinas



Anniversaries this Month

27 Tim & Wendy Russell



Brent Paul
Carl Olsen
Jeff Mehlberg
Mike Bloemhof
Keith Janzen
Barry Braun
Dale Nicol

Volunteers



Opening and Closing

Nov	1	Loran Grant
	8	Les Cooper
	15	Mike Bloemhof
	22	Cale Rogers
	29	Carl Olsen



Children's Church

Nov	1	Amy Bloemhof
	8	Kathy Cooper
	15	Loran Grant
	22	Amy Bloemhof
	29	Kathy Cooper



Kidz Zone Cooks

Nov	4	Denise Litchfield
	11	Denise Litchfield
	18	Jill Drescher



Greeters

Nov	1	Keith & Carol
	8	Daniel Olsen
	15	Mike & Amy
	22	Dale & Sharon
	29	Jeff & Betsy



Dear friends and church family,

What a month we had in both the US and in France! When everything seems unstable, like changes in our communities and nation, a soothing word that reminds us of God's faithfulness can change everything. I can't tell you how many times this month I've shaken my head, amazed by what I see in the news or on the streets. Thinking about this, I was reassured by a passage in John where Jesus tells us about how we are united to Him and live daily in Him.

The context is the night before the crucifixion; he knows everything will change, but it's Passover, which is normally a joyous family celebration. He had already washed the disciples' feet, eaten with them, and sent Judas away (ch 13). Then he prepared them for life after his departure as he went to Gethsemane (ch 14). Then He said:

John 15:1-4 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes

away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."

Jesus is limitless in His love to grow us, His strength to support us, and His desire to make us bear fruit, but this is not a passive relationship. Jesus reminds them that He is God through His final "I am" statement. He provides all that is necessary; He is the true vine. He is the source of the nourishment and life we need. He is the sustainer, friend, love, provider, and keeper.

I love what D.A. Carson says about this passage and what the Lord expects from us as branches on the vine. "This union, originating in his initiative and sealed by his death on their behalf, is completed by the believers' responsive love and obedience, and is the essence of Christianity." This is what melted my heart and revived my soul; abiding in Christ like a branch on a vine includes loving and obeying Him.

It's true, we can do nothing without Him, but we can enjoy Him, love Him, and follow His lead. We need His work in our lives; even in loving, obeying, or abiding, we need all of Him to do all His work in us. Being united to Jesus is our greatest joy even in hard times; it's our lifeline.

I hope this little note encourages you, like these scriptures warmed my soul. We hope this month brings you peace and blessings, especially as Thanksgiving will close the month. We think often of you in our prayers as we look forward to our move to Wasco. Let's draw near to Jesus this month!

With love and prayers in Jesus,

Michael Dente



Wednesdays at 6pm

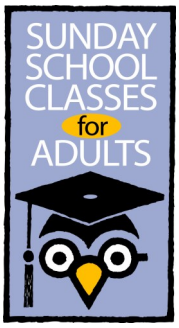
Ages TK—5th grade

Worship, Dinner, Games and Storytime



5th quarter will continue into playoffs if it is a home game. All Wasco High School students are welcome.





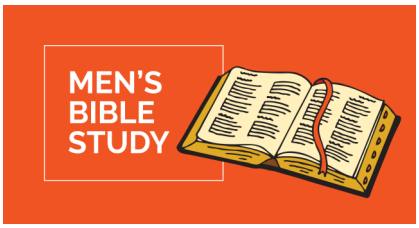
The adult Sunday School class meets at 9AM with a new series on the seven churches of Revelation. Scan the code to order a book.



Youth Sunday School meets Sunday mornings at 9 am in the youth room. This is for ages jr high and high school.



Children's Sunday School meets at 9 am on Sunday mornings in the Children's Church room. Ages TK– 5th grade are welcome to join.



Men's Bible study meets the second Saturday of each month at 8 am in the Fireside room. Barry Braun leads the study. On Wednesday night during Kidz Zone, Mike Bloemhof leads a Men's Bible Study in the office.



November 21st is our all church breakfast and work day at 8 am. We will begin with breakfast cooked by our famous Kevin Newcomb and after breakfast we will tackle some of our church projects. Please plan to attend even if you are not able to participate in the work day.



Mission Sunday is November 22nd. Our Kidz Zone kids will be singing in our worship service and we will host their families for lunch following the service. Please sign up in the narthex. Also, please remember that we will be collecting a special offering for our Christmas gift to our missionaries.

Answered Prayers

From
Keith and Carol Janzen

Kara is finally home after three months. She has a long recovery ahead, but has come a long way. Her boys are so happy to have their mama home. We want to thank everyone for the cards, texts, calls and most importantly your prayers. They got us through some incredibly hard times. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God has been so faithful in answering those prayers. We serve a mighty God and we can't begin to thank Him enough. Please continue praying for a full recovery.



Mark your calendars for December 24th for our annual Christmas Candle Light Service at 5pm. If you are interested in participating please contact Jeff Mehlberg.





The **Annual Membership Meeting will be on December 6th** immediately following the worship service. We will vote on 2027 Boards and Committees.

AA meets every Thursday at 6 pm in the Fireside Room.

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