Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Worship Services

Sunday 10:30 am & Sunday School
Bible Class 9am
Contemporary 4:30

This Month we are collecting:

Hygiene items and hair stuff (bar shampoo is preferred over small bottles)

Thank You for donating!

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Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritxr — not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I'm just onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx church." But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx bxcausx a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of xvxry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxcxssary, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdxd vxry much."

Preschool News –

We are in full swing at preschool, learning all about one another, making friends, and having lots of fun. We are focusing on healthy habits in how we care for ourselves and our classmates. We are a class family, and like a family, we work together as a team and show love and respect for one another. It is really fun to get to know the different personalities and strengths these kiddos have to offer! As we celebrate the change of seasons we'll have our harvest parties in the last week of October.

Thank you so much for partnering in prayer with us as we teach, shepherd, and enjoy these little image bearers. We are so grateful for the support of this church family!

Pastor's Message -

Hello all,

Since most of October we are taking a ministry partnership journey here are some additional thoughts that help shine God's light on our path as we continue to grow in our walk together as we share the Gospel, serve others and give support. May God lead you to use your unique talents to serve in His kingdom.

We are Stewards. The Lord and His Word will help us consider the topic of "Faith Over Funds".

First things first. It is the Lord who has made us and provides for our every need. The Small Catechism in Luther's Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed teaches us and reminds us, "I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life…"
You and I were created by God for a reason and a purpose. His reason has everything to do with His Kingdom, to live as His beloved children, giving witness to His creation, His redeeming love, and His sanctifying power unto all eternity. That's the gift of Faith. We have been blessed to be put on this earth to give witness to Him and His ways, that we might glorify Him with all that we are and have.

Point 1 – Give Witness to Him through Provisions
"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[a] destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Material things can bless you when you realize they are gifts from God.
Material things can wear out or be destroyed.
Our confidence is not in things themselves, but in the Lord, who provides.
The Lord is our treasure.

Point 2 – The Eye Witness
"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"
The eye is an amazing tool, gift, and sense of sight. It can help you navigate helpfully and successfully. It is like a lamp.
The eye can cause you to see but tempt you towards greed, leading to darkness.

Point 3 – The Eye Protection
Jesus is the One preaching this Scripture text. Again, these verses are a part of a larger sermon known as the Sermon on the Mount. Another Bible passage reminds us from John 1:1-5: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word

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was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
Where we are unable to see, He becomes the light that overcomes darkness.
When our eyes were unable to see, He becomes our light.
Through Him we are able to see right, to see "things" now as provisions from Him.

Point 4 – The Big Picture
Jesus makes a huge point with the final verse. You are either serving Him in all that you do OR you are only serving yourself:
"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."
Money appears to be so powerful in our lives. If you have some, you always want more. If you have enough, you will always take more.
For the Christian, redeemed in Christ, money is really only meant to do one thing: help you to facilitate God's will. Use it to bless others in Jesus' name, or it becomes a bane to your existence.
Faith is always over Funds; more important than Funds. Faith in God, who alone can provide for you forever, can help you to put your Funds to work for Faith endeavors.

Conclusion
As we lean into the Lord we are going to learn anew what it means to be a steward, a manager of God's provisions here on Earth. We are not the owners of anything, really. It is all His. The amazing thing is, when we simply relinquish Him as our Master of all things, we will never run out. What a great thing for us. What a great witness we can be for others.

SERVANTS	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Debbie & Linda	Debbie & Linda	Debbie & Linda	Debbie & Linda
SCRIPTURE READERS	Dan Persse	Joan Gregory	Sandie Miller	Caeden
COMMUNION ASST.	Steve Roe		Sandie Miller	
USHER	Bruce Shelton	Dan Persse	Caeden	Jon Huffman
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
SLIDES	Steve G.	Steve R.	Patty	Caeden

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ministry Partnership Journey September 27 – October 18				1	2	3
4 9:30 Worship w. Communion & Sunday School 4:30 Worship	5 Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm	6	7 Bible Study at Karen's 10am	8 Men's Club 4:30pm	9	10
11 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship & Sunday School 4:30 Worship **Baby Shower for Elee Faulkner 2pm**	12	13 Preschool Prep 2pm	14	15	16	17
18 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion & Sunday School **Ministry Party 11:30** 4:30 Worship	19 Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm	20	21 Bible Study at Karen's 10am	22 Men's Club 4:30pm	23	24
25 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. communion & Sunday School 4:30 Worship	26	27	28 Bible Study at Karen's 10am	29	30	31

BIRTHDAYS

1 Ann Johnson
2 Ryan Thompson
3 Hannah Phelps-McDonald
4 Anabelle Terris
5 Daizy Dehnke
7 James Aguirre
Marilyn Mitchell
Sophia Delong
8 Joan Gregory
10 Kellie Faulkner
13 Gavin MacArthur
20 Kyle Thompson
22 Svenna Hrutfiord
23 Lisa Berg
27 Linda Thompson
29 Stirling MacArthur
30 Christie Rector
Aubrey Matta