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Worship Services

Sunday 10:30am starting 9/10

Adult Bible study 9/10 @ 9am

Contemporary & Sunday School 4:30pm

Upcoming:

Ladies' Bible Study—9/11 @ 7pm

Family Dinner—9/17 after 4:30 service

Cares Committee— 9/20 @ noon



Pastor's Message:

Times and Seasons A Time for Recommitting—A Prayer Page for September

“To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.” Eccl. 3:1

What a burst of activity September brings! Old friends gather with snapshots and stories of summer vacations; school schedules put an end to summer student freedom; and Christian congregations adopt a “back to work” mentality in their planning and life. Too often “back to work” can mean “business as usual”, however. There is a real danger in that approach, for September could mean a time to recommit ourselves to exciting new directions in the life of our congregation. This September we pray for God’s guidance as we recommit ourselves to his work.

A PSALM OF COMMITMENT Psalm 138:1-6

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness. For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me, you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

A PRAYER: Great is your glory, Lord God, and great is your mercy toward your people. Renew us constantly in our devotion to you and a life of service to your people. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

A HYMN: Lord of Glory, Who hast Brought Us

Lord of glory, who hast bo’t us with Thy life blood as the price

Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;

And with that hast freely given blessings countless as the sand

To th’ unthankful and the evil with Thine own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee gladly, freely, of Thine own;

With the sunshine of Thy goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone

Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by Thee, at length believe

That more happy and more blessed ‘tis to give than to receive.

A SCRIPTURE READING

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

A DIALOG THAT WE MIGHT BE IN MISSION

Lord, we hear your command to go, but it is far easier to stay; to take care of our business; to focus on housekeeping chores and limit our vision to ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and send us forth. Recommit us to mission, Lord. We know that ours is the task of making disciples. But our cliques are far more comfortable. Strangers take such time to learn to know. Forgive us, Lord, and send us forth to make disciples. Recommit us, Lord. We’d like to teach others what you have commanded, but we’re so weak in living your life ourselves! Perhaps, for now, our words might do. Forgive us, Lord, and send us forth as faithful servants. Recommit us to walk, and teach, with you. We pray for our parish, Lord, that we may be your Body, recommitted in all we do and say to share your life and love to the world. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen. (Based on Matthew 28:18-20)

A BRIEF CLOSING

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen

Please mark your calendars:

What: Cares Committee Quarterly Card Preparation

When: Wednesday, September 20th, from noon till 3:00.

Where: Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Looking forward to seeing any and all interested in brightening someone's day with a birthday greeting, a get well wish or a thinking of you note. Please come and join us we certainly could use your help.

God Bless and Thankyou Lenore



| Grace Budget Draft Summary | 2023 Actual Jan—July | 2023 Budget |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Income | 170,582 | 135,436 |
| Expenses | <u>153,636</u> | <u>148,281</u> |
| Excess Revenue / (Shortfall) | 16,946 | (12,845) |

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

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I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

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Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

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My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

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I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

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Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

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I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

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My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

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PROPHETS ARE _____ .

| Servants | Sept. 3 | Sept. 10 | Sept. 17 | Sept. 24 |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| ALTAR COMMITTEE | Rika & Rafa | Rika & Rafa | Rika & Rafa | Rika & Rafa |
| SCRIPTURE READERS | Lenore Onyon | Gwynne Fowler Briggs | April Mouw | Sandie Miller |
| PIANIST | Janet Mehus | | Janet Mehus | |
| ORGANIST | Brent Johnson | Brent Johnson | Brent Johnson | Brent Johnson |
| USHERS | Dan & Jon | Jim | Jon & Dick | Jay |

September

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|------------------------------------|--|-----|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School | 4 office closed LABOR <i>Day</i> | 5 Pastor at Circuit mtg. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am |
| 10 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School | 11 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Newsletter Deadline | 16 |
| 17 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemp. & S.S. Family Dinner | 18 | 19 | 20 Cares Committee 12pm-3pm | 21 | 22 | 23 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am |
| 24 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & S.S. | 25 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 3 Bailey Bleazard | 20 Zachary Thompson |
| 6 Lorrilai Mouw | Kolton Rector |
| Megan MacArthur | 21 Melissa Galbraith |
| 7 Lynn Halldorson | 24 Niki Wildermuth |
| Daniel Dehnke Jr. | Julia Hansen |
| 8 Neal Holleman | 25 Bryan Galbraith |
| John Veleber | 27 Steve Galbraith |
| Susie Sanders | 28 Brian Hrutfiord |
| 10 Heather Bleazard | 29 Anthony Terris |
| 14 Joshua VanderYacht | |
| 18 Leonard Wahl | |
| 19 Jeff Markusen | |

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Brian & Nicki Cortez
5 Ron & Donna Leach
18 Rob & Lenore Onyon
21 Heather & Justin Bleazard
22 David & Susan Halldorson

