

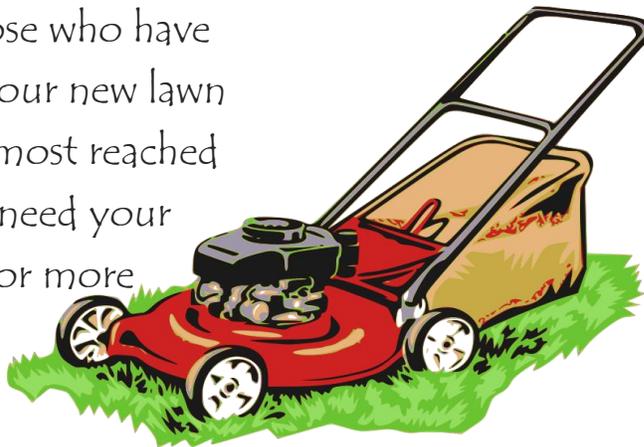
Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Thank you to those who have donated towards our new lawn mower! We've almost reached our goal but still need your help! See page 6 for more details!



Did You Know?



If you have an article, advertisement, announcement or special note you would like to include in the newsletter, please contact Vanessa, our church secretary by the 25th of each month. You can contact her by telephone at: 626-332-4536 or by email at: office@gracecovina.org

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We are collecting a new food item for the ACTION Food Pantry. The month of October's featured food item is boxed mashed potatoes and gravy. So when you're grocery shopping, please remember our brothers and sisters in need and pick up one or two boxes of mashes potatoes and gravy. Any donations are most appreciated. Let's continue to respond to God's blessings by caring for the most in need. Just a friendly reminder that on the first Sunday of each and every month is the food pantry's special collection Sunday. This is another opportunity to give thanks to God for our many blessings by helping those most in need Thank you for all the continued support! **During the month of August, the ACTION Food Pantry had 49 new clients, 364 returning clients with a total of 413 clients. We fed 1170 people! During the month of September, the ACTION Food Pantry had 38 new clients, 364 returning clients with a total of 402 clients. We fed 1175 people!**



Don't forget to follow us and like us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/ActionFoodPantry91722 Like

Preschool Column

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This month's themes are:

- 3-7 Circles / Letter Cc
- 10-14 Reptiles / Letter Ff
- 17-21 Zoo Animals / Letter Zz
- 24-28 Halloween / Letter Hh



Bible Stories

- 10/2-13 The Dreamer
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
Colossians 3:13
- 10/16-27 The Teeny Tiny Basket Boat
Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Proverbs 3:5

Chapel Days

Chapel days are every Tuesday at 11:00am, the teachers and children join Pastor Steve for chapel time. Pastor always has a bible story to share, we sing songs and collect an offering. The offering goes directly to the food bank, to help feed the less fortunate. Chapel offering envelopes will be available on the table in front of room #1, on the morning of Chapel.

Euglet Recipe (Similar to Silly Putty)

- Combine in large bowl
- 2 cups of white glue (school glue will not work)
- 1 ½ cups of water (add food coloring to water)

- Combine in smaller bowl
- 2 level teaspoons 20 Mule Team Borax
- 1 cup hot water

Pour hot water and dissolved Borax in large bowl and mix. Just when you think it is not going to work keep mixing and have FUN!



Pastor's Column

Dear People of Grace,

Halloween day marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, or simply the Reformation. That was the day Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses (basically 95 complaints against the Catholic Church) to the doors of the church at Wittenberg, Germany. That act of protest sparked a movement that would forever change the world! Up until that point there was basically one form of religion in the Western World; Catholicism. Luther was a Catholic from the Augustinian order and he was also a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg. As Luther became more and more aware of the abuses of the Church, he could no longer keep silent. His intent was to re-form the Catholic Church, not to start a new religious denomination. Obviously, it didn't work and eventually Protestant religious denominations came to be. The Reformation didn't just change religion, it changed the world and some would say that it was one of, if not the most important historical event in the last half millennium.

Here are a few facts about the Reformation:

- 1) The word 'Protestantism' originates from German princes issuing a 'protest' against the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, who opposed calls for reform within the Catholic Church
- 2) 'Justification by faith alone' or Sola Fide in Latin is at the core of the new Lutheran ethic-that faith alone is enough to secure salvation
- 3) A formal assembly in Worms, Germany was held in 1521, which resulted in the Edict of Worms, a decree declaring Luther to be an obstinate heretic and banned the reading or possession of his writings
- 4) Without the new innovation of the printing press, introduced by Johannes Guttenburg, new protestant ideas could not have spread across Europe on the scale that they did
- 5) The selling of Indulgences was directly challenged by Luther in the ninety five Theses (1517) as one of the main reasons for his disputation with the Catholic Church
- 6) The burgeoning spirit of learning as part of the Renaissance period made people question traditional thought and favor understanding rather than blind faith
- 7) The Bible was translated from Latin into vernacular languages across Europe which meant Christianity became more understood by the lower orders of society, not just the intelligentsia
- 8) Following the practice of naming a "heresy" after its leader, the name Lutheran originated as a derogatory term used by Johann Eck during the Leipzig Debate in July 1519.
- 9) The Protestant Reformation helped propel the spread of literacy, since one of its emphases was personal piety and appropriation of Scripture, including the use of catechisms for children. In Germany, literacy rates ranged between only 5-30% before the Reformation
- 10) Following the Reformation, a series of religious wars broke out. The most well-known was the Thirty Years' War from 1618-1648. The main opponents in this war were a Roman Catholic royal family, and Protestant princes. In the course of the war, 25-40% of Germany's population were killed.

Well, these are just a few interesting (I hope!) facts about the Reformation. There is a wealth of information about Luther, the Protestant Reformation, and the history behind this historic movement. There are also a number of very well done and historically accurate movies about Luther, one of the most recent is, "Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World." I encourage you to explore where we Lutherans came from and the history of the Protestant Reformation sometime this month in honor of this historic anniversary.

In His Service,
Pastor Steve

Presidents Report

A few things from the September 10th Council Meeting

- We are working on a 2018 budget. If you have any suggestions for budget items, please let us know.
- Pastor Steve will be doing a Stewardship series.

We need people to fill positions for 2018:

Council- Minister of Witness

Committee Chair- Property & grounds

Solheim Representative (1 or 2 people)

Nomination Committee for 2019 (6 people)

Synod Assembly Delegates (2 people)

If you would like to volunteer for any of these positions, please talk to a nominating committee member (Jeremy Brown, Nancy Adzovich, or Diana Alley) or a council member. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to fill these positions.

It would be nice to have flowers on the altar each Sunday. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship, please talk with Flower Chair, June Evinger. You can contact her through phone at (626) 331-1267. There is also a flower chart in the Narthex. Flowers can be brought from your home yard or some that you purchase. Flowers can be given for special occasions; birthdays, anniversaries, in remembrance of someone, to the Glory of God, etc.

Peace of Christ

Pat Linden

Congregational Council President

WHAT IS THE ALTAR GUILD?

Thank you to those who have volunteered, have been trained and have helped with the altar guild! The Altar Guild is a group of ladies that take turns each month to make sure the altar cloths and paraments are changed as well as put the bread and wine on the altar for each worship service.

We need volunteers to serve each week. They work together to make sure everything is ready for the Wednesday service and both Sunday worship services.

Here is the concern: We only have **3 consistent members** of the Altar Guild. It works best if we have 2 members working each month to complete these tasks. That means we should have **24 members!** If you feel this is something you could volunteer to do, please give me a call and we can discuss the details. There will be training and you would not be left alone to serve by yourself.

We are an equal opportunity volunteer group! This means if you can only help one week a month or only on Wednesday's or only between services on Sunday, I will definitely train you for whatever help you can give! Yes! I am begging for help!!



Vicki Jacobs
(909) 599-6310
Altar Guild Chairman





Dear Friends,

Shalom from hot and wet Toronto! Warm temperatures- which I love- and lots of rain have been the mark of this summer. However, these did not prevent us from holding outdoor activities at our Mission.

Kehillat Eytz Chaim (Congregation Tree of Life) in Toronto had their annual family picnic at one of the suburban parks. The Shabbat service that day was shortened and more informal to allow time for the traditional barbecue, fun in the pool, and other outdoor games and activities. Several first-time visitors attended, both Jewish and Gentile, which makes the event even more meaningful!

Both Shalom Toronto and Shalom Hamilton were well attended and successful. These summer outreach events brought new friends to our Mission from as far as Montreal and Vancouver. In spite of the rain, the volunteers went out on the streets of both cities to Jesus with anyone they encountered, but more specifically with Jewish people. They had wonderful experiences sharing their faith, passing out literature, and praying with seekers to receive Jesus! *Please pray with me that the Lord will confirm the decisions made and will help the seeds planted grow.*

This month we are gathering in Cambridge, Ontario, for our Haverim Messianic Conference on September 15-16. It will take place at Heritage Bible College and Seminary with the hope of engaging more students and faculty in the urgency of Jewish evangelism. Our theme will be ***“Jerusalem- The Eternal Capital of Israel,”*** very relevant to the times we live in. The main speaker will be Dr. Mitch Glaser, President of Chosen People Ministries International, and a friend of our Canadian ministry. Ben Volman and myself will also be leading sessions. We will have a brief Shabbat service Saturday morning, as well as uplifting Messianic worship throughout the conference. In the afternoon session, we will be showing the documentary, “In Our Hands,” an excellent film on the battle for Jerusalem during the Six-Day War. I hope to see you there if you’re in the area. If you can’t attend, I covert your prayers for a meaningful and successful conference.

Thank you for being my ministry partner in prayer and, as God leads, through your financial support.

Faithfully in Messiah,
Jorge (and Marta) Sedaca

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This is just a friendly reminder that on Sunday, **November 12th**, the Annual Congregation Meeting will be held. We will have one 10am worship service this day followed by the annual meeting. We hope to see you there!

Lawn Mower Donations

We still need your help to fund a new riding mower for Grace. We are on our way to our goal of \$2,500.00. You can track our progress on the chart in the Narthex. Also if you'd like to volunteer to mow the park please contact our office. If several people volunteer to mow, you may only have to mow once a month or once every other month! Ken Linden will train those who volunteer. Thank you for the consideration!



Birthday Blessings to...

Miles McCabe	October 10
Mitch McCabe	October 10
Mary Encabo	October 12
Kevin Bergerson	October 14
Robert Brown	October 14
Patricia Fields	October 14
Chase Brown	October 16
Sarah Encabo	October 19
Dierk Biggs	October 19
Vanessa Chavez	October 27
Lindi Otte	October 30



Sunday, **October 1st**, Prince of Peace Lutheran is hosting the annual Action Food Pantry **Oktoberfest** to raise money for scholarships for the churches that support the Action Food Pantry. First, we'd like to encourage you to attend the event, which starts at **5:30pm**. There is no charge to attend, but there will be a free will offering collected. Second, we've agreed to provide chips and pickles for the event. Would you consider helping out by bringing those items to church on Sunday or dropping them off at the office? Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

CAN YOU HELP?

As mentioned in Pastor's September newsletter article, we have several opportunities to assist the Action Food Pantry by helping them with food donation pick-ups. If you would like to help, please speak with Pastor Steve, Bernie Nord, or Cheryl Miller for more details:

Monday morning (8am) - Amapola Market for various grocery items. This pick up would require the most physical effort.

Thursday morning (8am) - Albertson's Glendora for breads and deserts.

Friday morning (8am) - Albertson's Glendora for breads and deserts.

Friday evening (5pm) - New life church Pomona for produce. This pick-up may sometimes include heavy lifting.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry... -Psalm 34:15

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pastor Megan Hunt Fryling, please pray for her comfort and healing.
Hunter Greco, Bernie Nord's 1 month old great nephew, please pray for his comfort and healing.
Olivia Gallina, Aunt of Vanessa Chavez, please pray for her strength, comfort and healing.
Tony Espericueta, family friend of Vanessa Garcia, please pray for his strength, healing and successful surgeries.
Turner Family, please pray for Lories successful surgery and for Chris's strength.
Robert Jacobs, brother of Don Jacobs, please pray for his comfort, strength and cancer elimination.
Barbara Bryner, please pray for her healing and speedy recovery.
Pastor Ed McGee, please pray for his speedy recovery and healing.
Jim Sanford, good friend of Vicki Jacobs, please pray for his wife and family in their time of need
John Carlin, friend of Wendy Snyder, please pray for his strength, comfort and healing.
Aern Monson, please pray for his strength and cancer elimination.
Becca, please pray for her strength and healing.
Wayne, cousin of Diana Alley, please pray for his family in their time of need.
Jaxon Turner, Diana Alley's grandson, please pray for his strength and comfort.
Jorge Chavez, parent at school that Wendy Snyder teacher at, please pray for strength, comfort and cancer elimination.
Betty Hernandez, aunt of Vanessa Garcia's fiancé, please pray for strength, comfort and cancer elimination.
Eric Eastman, friend of Deneice Hadley, please pray for healing and comfort.
Walter Hoke, Mary Encabo's brother, Please pray for strength, healing and cancer elimination.
Trina Clay, Please continue to pray for Trina's strength, comfort and complete healing.
Hector Larini, please pray for continued strength and healing.
Christy, friend of Diana Alley, Please pray for her comfort and strength.
Maya Estephan, Please pray for Maya's strength, comfort and cancer elimination.
Paulette Bentz, sister of June Evinger, Please pray for her strength, comfort and complete healing from cancer.
Please pray for the Miller family (Missionaries).
Please pray for our pre-school and infant care program.
Please pray for our military men and women, who are bravely protecting us and our country.
Please pray for all those in need.

“The Prayer of the Righteous is Powerful and Effective.” – James 5:16

Please let us know...

- If we don't have a birthday or anniversary date listed.
- If you have a special announcement.
- If someone in your family is ill or in the hospital.
- If you move or change your telephone number.
- If you will be away for a period of time.
- If you feel the church can assist you in any way.

Our Prayer Book is...

Also located in the back of the sanctuary. You can write your prayer request in this book each Wednesday or Sunday. Remember, you can also contact the church office with your prayer request and updates for the prayer list.

October scripture readings to share with your family & to deepen your worship experience.

(Pentecost 17)

October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32
Phil 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

(Pentecost 18)

October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7
Phil 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

(Pentecost 19)

October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9
Phil 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

(Pentecost 20)

October 22

Isaiah 45:1-7
Phil 1 Thess 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

(Reformation Sunday)

October 29

Jer 31:31-34
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Regular Sunday Worship 1pm Apostolic Fellowship	2 Deborah's Circle 12:30pm 4:00pm-7pm ACTION Food Pantry	3 7:00pm Apostolic Fellowship	4 11am Preschool Chapel 11:30am Bible Study 2:00pm Prayer group 7pm Worship 7pm AA	5 Lydia Lois Circle 9:30am 10am-1pm ACTION Food Pantry	6 7:00pm Friday Night relax & Recover	7 10am Al-Anon
8 *Regular Sunday Worship 1pm Apostolic Fellowship	9 4:00pm-7pm ACTION Food Pantry 6:30pm Council Meeting Room 6	10 7:00pm Apostolic Fellowship	11 11am Preschool Chapel 11:30am Bible Study 7pm Worship 7pm AA	12 10am-1pm ACTION Food Pantry	13 7:00pm Friday Night relax & Recover	14 10am Al-Anon
15 *Regular Sunday Worship Worship & Music Committee Meeting 12:15pm 1pm Apostolic Fellowship	16 4:00pm-7pm ACTION Food Pantry	17 7:00pm Apostolic Fellowship	18 11am Preschool Chapel 11:30am Bible Study 12:30pm Staff Meeting 7pm Worship 7pm AA	19 10am-1pm ACTION Food Pantry Heathdale HOA 5:45pm-9pm	20 7:00pm Friday Night relax & Recover	21 10am Al-Anon Crafting 12:30pm-5pm
22 *Regular Sunday Worship 1pm Apostolic Fellowship	23 4:00pm-7pm ACTION Food Pantry	24 7:00pm Apostolic Fellowship	25 11am Preschool Chapel 11:30am Bible Study 7pm Worship 7pm AA	26 10am-1pm ACTION Food Pantry	27 Grace Ladies Luncheon 1pm 7:00pm Friday Night relax & Recover	28 10am Al-Anon
29 Halloween Carnival 3:30pm-5pm *Regular Sunday Worship 1pm Apostolic Fellowship	30 4:00pm-7pm ACTION Food Pantry	31 7:00pm Apostolic Fellowship				

*** Sunday Service Times**

- *9:00am Traditional Worship
- *11:00am Contemporary Worship
- *1:00pm Apostolic Fellowship

What's happening at GLC?

Exciting things are always happening here at Grace. So, please take a moment to look on the bulletin board and table in the narthex and see what exciting things are happening. You can check us on Facebook, too!

www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranCoving

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*Something to hold on to...
A friend. A neighbor. Hope. Faith.
We are all looking for something...*

Welcome to Grace

*This is who we are.
This is what we do.
You are welcome here.*

This is who we are...

Grace is a family of believers who gather in the name of Jesus Christ to experience God's love and acceptance through each other. Our intimate community is one where all are welcome, all are accepted, all are filled and all are sent out to give as they have received.

Though we are a community of faith, Grace is not a place for those who feel they have found everything they need regarding their faith journey. The people of grace feel that we are on a journey that is just beginning for some of us, while for others, that journey is much further along. Wherever we might be in that individual journey, we feel we are called to walk together, as no one should ever have to journey alone. No matter where you are in your beliefs, no matter where you feel your place in life is, you are welcome here.

"One person can have a profound effect on another. And two people...well, two people can work miracles. They can change a whole town. They can change the world." – Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider, Northern Exposure, Cicely (1992)

This is what we do...

Our community prays for one another. It is part of our duty, as people of faith, to lift up each other's joys and sorrows.

Our community chooses to offer back to God what God has so greatly blessed us with---ourselves, our time, our possessions---all signs of God's gracious love. Our community gathers together for many different reasons and in many different places. Below are just a few:

Some Main Campus Gatherings:

Traditional Worship & Holy Communion (every Sunday at 9am)
Contemporary Worship & Holy Communion (every Sunday at 11am)
Midweek Worship (every Wednesday at 7pm)

Some Off-Campus Gatherings:

Deborah Circle (every FIRST Monday of every month at 12:30pm in homes)
Lydia Lois Circle (every FIRST Thursday of every month at 9:30am in Room 6)
Heathdale Homeowners Association (every THIRD Thursday of every month at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall)
Grace Ladies Luncheon (every Fourth Friday of every month 1:00pm)