

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 25th THROUGH October 2nd**

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

<b>STUDY</b>	<b>TOPIC/TITLE</b>	<b>WHEN &amp; WHERE</b>
<b><u>NO</u> Adult Study</b>	<b>Pastor Crane's "Quad-5" Celebration &amp; Farewell</b>	10:30 AM – Martin Room

**STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Amos 6:1a** – *“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion.”* The Book of Amos is a warning to God’s people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations – chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos’ instructions – to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord’s House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God’s priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Pastor Brian and Tabitha Crane for Pastor Crane’s birthday on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**2022 FLOWER CHART** is in the narthex. The cost of **\$27.00** is for both altar bouquets. To reserve a Sunday, please sign your name and the occasion for the flowers. Make checks payable to “Grace Lutheran Church” and place in the secretary’s mailbox.

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**THANK YOU:** Thank you again for your prayers and for the love, kindness, and support you have shown to my family and me these past five years at Grace. Although we will be in Arizona, I hope that we might be able to stay in touch. My cell phone number and email address will remain the same. The address, phone number, and website for Eternal Life Lutheran Church are below. May God richly bless you, your family, and this wonderful Grace congregation! – Pastor Crane

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**KWIK TRIPS CARDS FOR SALE ON THURSDAY AND SUNDAY:** Kwik Trip cards are available before Thursday evening’s worship service from Walter Bohn or Dennis Eaton. The gas cards will also continue to be sold before Sunday’s service in the Office Equipment Room and before Bible Study on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Grace gets a percentage back on all cards sold. Kwik Trip cards are currently available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts. Thank you for supporting Grace this way!

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **10:30 AM** to discuss the call process for a new pastor.

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**LADIES OF GRACE:** Our luncheon is scheduled for **Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**, at **11:30 AM** at Nonna's Pizzeria (8607 Durand Avenue in Sturtevant). Please RSVP to Linda Eaton or Jane Kunstman.

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**NEWSLETTER:** Copies of the October/November newsletter have been placed in the mail slots in the back of the nave. **Please pick up yours today to help us save on postage costs! Thanks! 😊**

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**QUAD-5 PARTY CHANGES:** Due to the recent flooding in the church's basement, Sunday's farewell celebration for Pastor Crane will not include a meal. We will, however, serve cake, coffee, and some light snacks. A brief presentation to Pastor Crane will be held in the sanctuary following our worship service.

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**INTERESTED IN TRAVELING?** Pastor Poppe is hosting another trip to some Luther Sites and other places in Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic. The 12-day tour is July 9-20, 2023. Please help yourself to an itinerary and the registration form available on the bulletin board by the office door. If you plan to register, please do so by December 5, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Poppe at 262-633-9592.

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**CHURCH PARKING:** West Lawn Avenue is closed due to street reconstruction; therefore, parking on West Lawn is not available. We will still be able to exit the parking lot on to West Lawn except when construction is taking place immediately by the exit. We apologize for any inconvenience. (West Lawn Avenue runs along the east side of our property.)

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**ELECTRONIC GIVING** is available at Grace through Vanco. Questions can be answered by Lori Heidenreich. Enrollment forms are available in the Office Equipment Room on the southeast corner shelves. Completed forms should be put in a sealed envelope and placed into Lori's Financial Secretary mailbox outside the church office.

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**FOOD PANTRY:** If you would like to donate food pantry items, you can drop them off at Grace between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM Monday – Thursday. Please be mindful of the dates of expiry on the packages. If you need food, please take what you need. There are bags available on the shelves. These donations also service Harvest Outreach. The food pantry is located up a few steps from the elevator on the main floor.