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The September 2015 Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church



Grace Welcomes Everyone for Rally Weekend

September 12th & 13th is a Time for Re-connection and Fun!

Are you ready to re-connect with friends at Church? Are you eager to start another great year of spiritual growth? Are you all set to “rally” with the rest of the folks at Grace Lutheran Church as we gather for worship, food, games, and fun?

We’re hoping your answer to these questions is “YES!” and you are planning to “rally” with us on the weekend of September 12 and 13! This is our “KICK OFF” weekend which begins our September launch of SONday School, Catechism, Mid Week Rockin’ Kids Bible Club, and our many Adult Spiritual Formation opportunities.

What will Rally Weekend Look Like?

- First, we will be returning to our regular FALL SCHEDULE with three Sunday worship services. (You can check the back page for the full schedule!)
- Second, all SONday School students will begin in the Worship Center with their families. We’re planning some fun songs and a special extended Children’s Sermon after which they will be dismissed to meet their teachers and friends. Parents can pick them up after worship in their classrooms.
- Third, everyone will be invited to stay after the services for some treats, games, fellowship, and some fun with Inflatable Jump Houses outside the church building.
- Fourth, we’re hoping you will return later for our **GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS** Serving Project at 3 p.m. For more information, please turn to page 5.

If parents haven’t registered their children before Rally Day, tables will be set up outside in the yard before and after services for registrations. In addition, Bible Club and Catechism registrations will be offered as well.

One final note: if you would like more information about our Children’s Ministry, Catechism, and Adult Spiritual Formation opportunities, or wish to volunteer, please check our website: www.graceandover.org or speak with our staff on Rally Day.

We’ll see you on Rally Day as we catch the excitement and rally together in God’s love!

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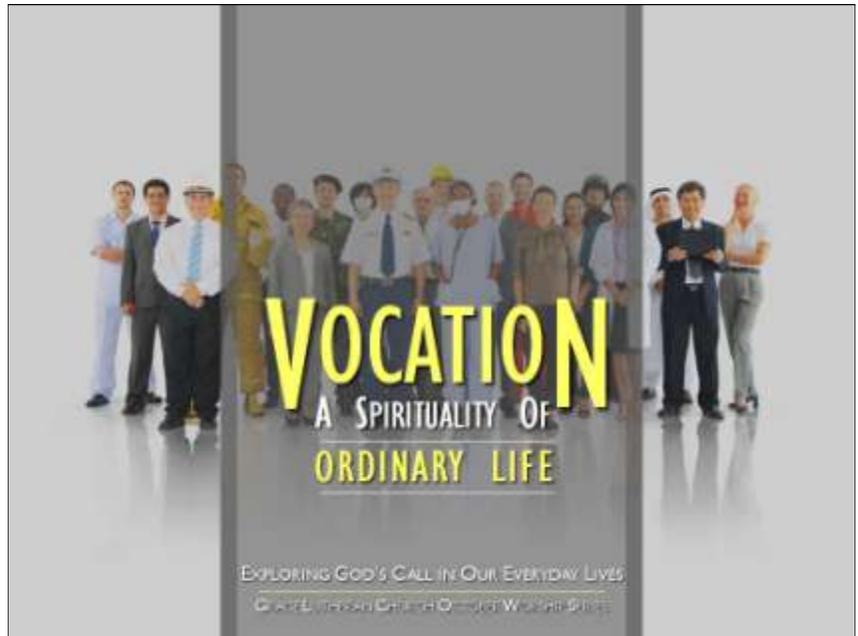
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Vocation

Exploring God's Call in Our Everyday Lives



What does VOCATION mean? Is it a career? A job? Or, is it something much, much more? This is the question we are going to answer during **the month of October**, and we're going to do it in the most unusual and exciting way.

During each weekend worship service there will be a video testimony of several members of Grace about how God is working through them to make a difference in the world. In addition, we will celebrate the many gifts we have at Grace, through special musical presentations from **members of our church**. Each of the weekly sermons will highlight God's call in the everyday ordinary parts of our lives.

In addition to our worship services, Art of Grace Team will host the very first art show that will highlight the talents of guests artists from the community and local high schools.

The climax of our Vocation Month will first start during our worship services on Reformation Sunday, as we celebrate our heritage as Lutheran Christians. After each service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our 1st Annual Octoberfest. Hosted by our Stewardship Team, there will be lots of good food, a special Grace Family Feud Game, games and music, and a Silent Auction for the benefit of Sand Creek Grace Fund. **This new fund will help meet the financial needs of students. But there's one catch...all the items to be auctioned off are to be homemade to reflect the many gifts and talents of our Grace community.**

Make plans to join us during October as we celebrate VOCATION: *A Spirituality of Ordinary Life.*

Cultivate: making room for God's Promise

Pastor Mark's Remarks

One of my favorite spots for quiet time is outside in our front yard, underneath four large white pine trees. There's a bench sitting among a collection of Hosta, Rhododendron, ferns and other garden plants. It's such a peaceful space for prayer and Bible reading. There's something awe-inspiring about staring at these four large trunks that literally soar high into the sky, holding a huge canopy of branches, while at the same time, sinking their roots unseen deep within the soil to hold the trees secure in the fiercest winds and provide needed nutrients and water.

group to grow vital relationships or taking the step of a 1% increase of giving, all of these steps are tools that God can use to cultivate and make room for him!

If you saw a white pine seed but didn't know what it was, you would have a hard time imagining what it could become. The potential is disguised in an awfully small package. So it is with the seeds of faith God plants in us. The seeds are so small they aren't even seen. Yet, given his Spirit and receptive hearts, he can grow deep roots of courage and strength, as well as many branches of love that



What is truly amazing is the realization that each of these massive trees I sit under all began as a single, small and rather unremarkable seed. And what's more amazing is the fact that white pine seeds are really no bigger than the Zinnia and Marigold seeds I plant every year. That is the great power of a single seed when planted in fertile soil!

Jesus once told a parable about the power of seeds when they are planted in the right kind of soil. It was his way of challenging all of us to have open and receptive hearts for the seeds of love and forgiveness God is constantly sowing in the world. Far too often, our hearts can be like the unreceptive soils in the parable: hard, rocky, or filled with all kinds of thorny distractions and sins.

This year our church theme is: CULTIVATE...MAKING ROOM FOR GOD'S PROMISE. It not only builds upon the challenge of Jesus' Parable of the Soil, but it also shows the intent of all we strive do at Grace: to make room for the seeds of God's love and forgiveness to grow in us. Whether it's through spiritual formation opportunities such as Sunday Evenings@GRACE, weekly public and private worship moments at home, serving events like Feed My Starving Children or singing in the choir, joining a small

bear lots of fruit. Isn't that exactly the goal of everyone here at Grace? I know it is for me!

I hope you will begin to pray about how God might want to cultivate and grow the seeds of his love in your heart this year. What specific tools of Bible study or spiritual habits do you think he might want to use to till and plow the soil of your heart? What area in your life do you think he wants to clean out so there is more room for him to grow his promise of Jesus' love? Lastly, how receptive do you want your heart's soil to be? The good news is this: God sows fabulous seeds guaranteed to grow and grow! As the parables reminds us, he sows his seeds of love everywhere and in great abundance. And the growing of faith is the work of his Spirit. It's just a matter of our hearts! Will they be good soil?

Ready to dig in this year!

Pastor Mark

Starting the School Year With Mixed Emotions

A Letter From Pastor Steve

Dear Grace Youth Families,

I enter this school year with mixed emotions. On one hand, I am very excited to see what God is going to do in, with, and through you this year. It is a new day, and I am happy to welcome Kristi Larson as our full-time Director of Youth and Family Ministries. The combination of her full-time **attention with Tom Baker's amazing passion and** administrative abilities brings energy to youth ministry that Grace has never known. I can only imagine the new mountains that we will be able to climb with their leadership.

I am also excited about the incredible high school students that we have. We will be led by a dynamic and gifted group of juniors and seniors that have received so much from this ministry and are now ready to give back and empower the younger students. Our sophomores are coming off of confirmation and are ready to embrace their first year as adult members of the congregation. The Own Your Faith students and mentors will engage in one of the most important years in their spiritual journeys as they round the final lap toward confirmation.

Catechism will be more dynamic than ever. We will hold Family Pizza every Wednesday night at 5:45 as a chance for families to connect after a busy day and before Wednesday night programming. We will introduce a new curriculum to bring the catechism to life. I will offer an adult class on Wednesday nights for seven weeks (October 21 – December 9). And, of course, catechism is all about the wonderful students and small group leaders that make this place buzz with energy.

I am truly excited. However, I must also admit that I am a little bit sad. Youth ministry has been a huge part of my life for the past five years. The relationships that I have had the privilege to build with students, parents, and leaders have been—and continue to be—very special to me. I write this to let you all know that we made the decision to bring on a full-time director, not because I was tired of youth ministry or had a strong desire to leave it, but because I love you so much that I wanted Grace to have the best possible opportunity to grow spiritually in the coming years. Please know that Kristi, Tom, and you, the students and families of Grace, have my full love and support. You can always contact me via text, email, facebook, or Twitter.

So, with the inevitable mixture of emotions that comes with any positive change, we embrace this new season with full expectation that God is with us, God is for us, and together we can cultivate spaces in which God can change lives.

Blessings

Pastor Steve

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God's Work. Our Hands.

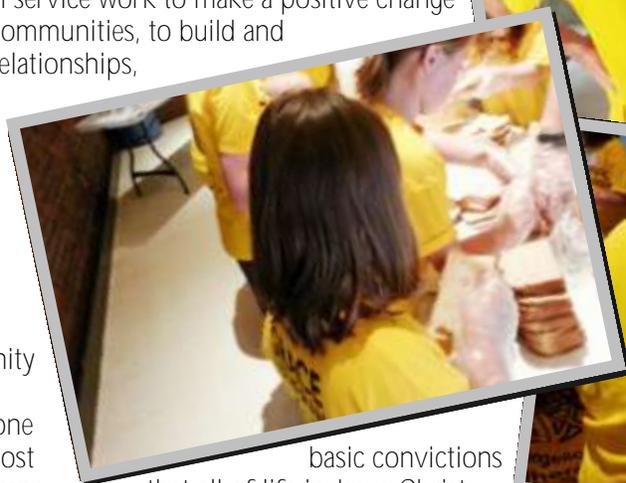
Grace joins thousands of churches on September 13 for a day of serving!

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Our church will be one of nearly 10,000 ELCA congregations participating in “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday on Sept. 13. Across the country, thousands of ELCA members will engage in service work to make a positive change in their communities, to build and deepen relationships,

and to share God’s love. Our service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most as Lutherans:

basic convictions that all of life in Jesus Christ –



“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday, Sept. 13. We’ll meet at Grace at 3 pm for details and directions, then go out to serve in our neighborhood, then return to church for a light supper, ending at 6 pm.

What projects will we do?

- Plant shrubs in local parks
- Pick up trash along Bunker Lake Blvd.
- Visit shut-ins from our congregation
- Make sandwiches for the homeless in Minneapolis

What should we bring?

- Bug spray & sun screen
- Your family & friends
- Your ‘grace-filled’ hearts & hands!

God's Work. Our Hands.

September 13, 2015

every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

So let’s put our faith - and God’s grace - into action on

All ages of volunteers are welcome to join the teamwork and enjoy the fellowship on “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday, Sept. 13, from 3 – 6 pm. For more information, please contact Jeannie Hellmann, jeannieh@graceandover.org

OCTOBERFEST

Sunday · October 25 · 9:30am - 1:00pm

Food, games, silent auction, and lots of fun!

Getting Ready for a Great Youth Ministry Year

A Word From Kristi

Plans are made! Dates are set! Mentors and leaders are getting enlisted and equipped. It's going to be a great year in Grace's Youth Ministry. Take a glimpse of all we have planned.

Catechism (6-8th Grade Students)

This year we will focus **The Apostles Creed and The Lord's Prayer in Luther's Small Catechism**. We'll have tons of fun doing it, too! The registration form due date for Catechism is Sept. 1, 2015!

Important Dates:

- Wednesday, September 9th, 6:30 pm: 6th Grade Orientation for students and parents.
- Monday, September 14th 7:00 pm: Catechism Small Group Leader Training
- Wednesday, September 16th, 6:30: Catechism Kick-Off Event for all students!

Own Your Faith (9th Grade Students)

OYF is the year of discernment when high school freshmen connect with an adult mentor to spend one more year investigating their own faith and preparing for Confirmation in May.



Important OYF dates:

- Tuesday, September 22th, 7:00pm: OYF Mentor Training (Mentors only)
- Friday – Sunday, September 25-27: OYF Kick-Off Retreat. Games, the Amazing Race, a hotel stay, food, friends, and lots more. It's just the beginning of a GREAT time with High School

Ministry. Make sure you turn in your registration form by Rally Day - Sept. 13. If you can't make the whole weekend, talk with Kristi...we'll make it work for you!

High School Ministry (9th – 12th grade Students)

The Dojo is our weekly meeting place for high school students to connect, grow, be equipped, and to serve.



Important High School dates:

- Sunday, September 20th, 3:00pm-5:00pm: Upperclassmen (10th – 12th grade) Dojo Reunion. Let's regroup and form new tribes for the year.
- Sunday, September 20th, 5:00: Leadership Summit for all SALT members!
- Saturday, September 26th, 10am – 6pm: The AMAZING RACE. Check the website for details and permission slips!

It has a little bit of everything: Games, the Amazing Race, a hotel stay, food, friends and lots more! It's just the beginning of a GREAT time with our high school ministry at Grace! So check out the details and make sure you turn in your registration form by Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th. It's best NOT to miss out on any of this, but if you can only attend part of the weekend then please talk to Kristi and we will make it happen. WE WANT YOU to be there!

Up-to-date info every week: www.graceandoveryouth.com

Please contact Kristi Larson with questions. KristiL@graceandover.org

Wednesday Night is Family Pizza Nite at Grace!!

Every Wednesday Night beginning September 23rd! - 5:45-6:30pm-The Narthex@Grace!

All are welcome to participate in Family Pizza night! Catechism students and leaders, choir members, Rockin' Kid's Club students and leaders, and of course families! All are welcome!

Pizza \$1.25/slice and salad -- \$1 for salad only

We are in need of volunteers to help set up, serve, and collect money for Family Pizza! Please contact Kristi Larson if you are willing to help!

Senior Moments

According to the Grace Lutheran roster, there are 88 senior members at the present time.



Twenty-four members of Grace Lutheran Church participated in a guided fishing excursion out of Twin Pines Resort on Mille Lacs Lake on July 16. While the total number of fish caught was 17, none of them were within “keeping” guidelines. It is a good thing everyone enjoyed each other’s company and

the outing itself, since the fishing left much to be desired and the waters were rough.

An article was submitted to ECM Publishers regarding the “Iron Cross” project of Grace’s seniors and this article quotes liberally from the article of Phil Knutson.

Grace started on September 10, 1967, as a home mission congregation and had its first service at Wilson Elementary School. The first unit was completed in 1969 with three other units following over time.

The committee mainly responsible for the restoration of the cross was Kent Swedberg, Dean Keller, Alden Riley and Phil Knutson. The Cross from the original site was removed in 2014 due to roof repairs and the committee felt it had too much history to be relegated to a scrap heap.

In consultation with Pastor Hellmann, a decision was made to place the cross in the area where there is a natural bend in the wall offering ideal viewing and easily seen by those walking up to the church.

The work to restore the cross included: reshaping of cross; platform for the cross; lighting of the cross and plaque design. Sterling Trophy in Anoka was very helpful in determining the design of the plaque.

On the third Tuesday of each month, Pastor Gene Heglund leads the “breakfast” seniors in a Biblically-related study at the Farmstead in Andover. The current charge for a delicious breakfast buffet served by the Farmstead staff is \$7.00. The meeting begins at 8:30 and is usually completed by 9:45 (because the seniors have other commitments!). Reservations need to be made for the breakfast and there is a calling committee who does this each month. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Kris at the church office and she will follow through.

If you are a senior who has not been contacted by the church office and would like to know more about programs for seniors, call Kris Miller at Grace’s office.

CONNECTIONS

What’s Really Behind Our After Worship Fellowship Time?

Most people at Grace have heard our Mission Statement which begins with, “We believe that God Welcomes us ...” and our Core Values that include “We Connect.” Jesus recognized the importance of this concept by attracting people to his ministry through the use of miracles. On more than one occasion, he provided food for the masses and the Bible contains numerous instances where he healed the sick and even brought people back from the dead. As word of this spread, crowd sizes grew, and they interacted with each other.

So what was really going on here? Using these tools (miracles) allowed Jesus to gather people together, which no doubt got them to talk or to “Connect.” I suspect if Pastor Mark performed a miracle and brought someone back from the dead, there would be an abundance of conversation among the congregation. By providing people with food, Jesus made people feel comfortable so that they would be more inclined to interact with one another. How successful would a gathering (party) be if nothing was served?



Jesus understood how important it was for people to gather and to “Connect.” (Matthew 18:20) , “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” That is why this “Connect” Value is highly regarded at Grace. Unfortunately, none of us at Grace are very good at performing miracles, so we use the “tools” available to us, coffee and food in a comfortable environment following the first of the month Sunday services, where people can meet and interact. It is our sincerest desire that people use this time to get to know one another and as Matthew suggests, share faith with each other. We hope to see you following the first of the month Sunday services soon!

God Bless,

Dennis & Dianne Grabowski



SONday School
Begins on Rally Day, September 12 & 13

Come join us for SONday School, where we learn about God's Amazing Love! Through the stories of the Bible, we see how God walks with us, forgives us, and always loves us. God's Story of love is very real and it's for you!

What do I need to know for Rally Day?

- Children will begin in worship with their families and be dismissed to SONday School following the children's message. Children will go to the Fellowship to meet with their teacher and then go to their classroom.
- Registration tables will be out on the side walk if you need to register your child, but you may



also register online.

- There will be signs to help you know where your children's classroom is located so can pick them when SONday School is over.

SONday needs many helping hands, would you like to help?

- Teachers have the unique experience in that they get to help children grow in their faith journey. We rejoice over every little step that is taken. We still have a few classes that need that special teacher! Our curriculum is designed to make it easy for you. All the materials you need to teach your lesson are provided.

- Do you like teaching, but don't want to make a big commitment? Please consider being a Substitute Teacher. Substitute Teachers are great blessing to our teaching staff and we would like big list for our teachers!

- Youth Helpers are a blessing to the teachers of our younger children. If you had fun helping at VBS, please consider being a Youth Helper.

- Fun Food Team – This team helps make our wacky snacks for SONday School. We only do snacks once a month.

Rockin' Kids Bible Club

Begins Wednesday, September 16

Join us this year, as we become Agents in Action, as we learn how God's Word can help us live out "secret missions" in our every day life, facing the challenge of learning to live as God's Disciple!

Registration forms at available at the Welcome Center and on-line.

Would you like to be a Mission Leader? RKBC is looking for enthusiastic youth and adults to be Small Group Leaders, who are part of RKBC each week, and our monthly, Malt Night Chefs, Agent Games Leaders, and Bible Discovery Leaders. Please contact Monica Allen if this mission is for you! monicaa@graceandover.org.



Important Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, September 12 Baptism Class for parents who intend to have their child baptized at Grace. Time is from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.. Come and explore the meaning of baptism as your family takes this important first faith step. Please contact Monica Allen at monicaa@graceandover.org or the church office to sign up for the workshop.
- Bible Weekend on September 26 & 27 for 3rd olds and 3rd Graders during the Saturday 5 p.m. or the Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. services. No need to sign up. Just come and receive a Bible!
- First Communion Class on Saturday, October 10 for students in 3rd grade and up. Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pastor Mark and Kim DeVries will help prepare students to receive First Communion on either October 10th or 11th. Call the church office today!

A Word From Vision Board

Thanks and Gratitude

Hello Grace Family:

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving on the Grace Vision Board for the last year or so. It has been a wonderful experience walking with my fellow members on the Grace journey. It is with regret that for personal and professional reasons, I have resigned my position on the Vision Board. It is with sincere thanks and gratitude that I have served you, the congregation, in this responsibility, and one that I will miss. Without question, you are in trusted hands and hearts with the board members, and I wish nothing but fruitful outcomes of their direction for such a wonderful group of Christian family members. Thank you for allowing me to be a voice in this way.

Bernard McDowell

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE during September to support children in our local community!



Simple Steps:

1. You shop for School Supplies – please purchase pencils, pens, crayons, markers, paper, notebooks AND backpacks!
2. Bring your donations to church by Sept. 13 – let's fill up the Welcome Center in lobby.
3. Your donations will BLESS students at Sand Creek Elementary School and Hope 4 Youth.

YOU and your generosity will help kids SUCCEED . . . right here in our local neighborhoods. These school supplies will be given to students in need through two of our outreach ministries - Hope 4 Youth in Anoka and our Faith & Community Partnership with Sand Creek Elementary School.

THANKS for sharing God's grace in such simple & tangible ways (paper & pencils) as we continue to be... 'a ministry of grace in the heart of Andover ... and beyond.'

Vision Board Notes

The Grace Lutheran Church Vision Board met on Tuesday, August 11th, 2015 at the home of Mark Hellmann. All Vision Board members and Sr. Pastor Mark Hellmann were present. The group enjoyed a delicious meal and had good conversation.

After dinner the board regretfully accepted the resignation from Bernard McDowell due to work and family challenges. The board will greatly miss Bernard's wise contributions. We are pleased to announce that Neil Hawkinson will be taking Bernard's position on the board. Neil will be a strong asset to the Vision Board.

The board then discussed how we as a church can mature our membership. Now that Pastor Steve has completed his Ph.D (praise God for his completion and the accomplishment!) he will be able to focus more of his time on Spiritual Formation. We are also excited to have Kristi Larson as our full time Youth Director working alongside Tom Baker to continue to grow and mature our youth program.

The board also discussed:

- Upcoming Sunday Evening at Grace class offerings
- Octoberfest - a celebration of Vocation and Stewardship
- Upcoming and finished projects at church including new carpet and a new computer software system.

The meeting ended in a time of prayer.

Respectfully,

Jessie Crooks

Vision Board Secretary



Opportunities for Fall

We invite women of all ages to join us for one (or more) of the following women's opportunities at Grace . . . a place to connect with others, a space to be real, a time to be encouraged, and a chance to grow in faith and friendships!

Bible Studies at Grace All women are welcome!

- **Monday Night Group**
This women's group meets from 7 – 8:30 pm Monday nights at Grace, beginning Sept. 14. Experience the encouragement of women while learning more about Biblical truths for everyday living. Contact: Joan Hackleman, 763-753-4191 or jhackleman1@yahoo.com
- **Ruth Circle**
This group meets the second Wednesday each month at 1 pm at Grace. Join this gathering of ordinary women to learn more about our 'extra-ordinary' God. Contact: Jan Galvin, 763-421-0668 or cricket2005@usfamily.net
- **W.O.W. (Women on Wednesdays)**
W.O.W. will meet from 9:30 - 11:15am each Wednesday, beginning Sept. 16, with childcare provided for a small fee. A variety of studies are offered, as the laughter, learning and 'wow' moments continue. Contact: Jeannie Hellmann, 763-421-6520 or jeannieh@graceandover.org

Special Women's Events - Reserve these dates & invite your friends!

- **Mugs, Muffins & More** Sat. Oct. 3 9:30 – 11:30 am
Spend a relaxing Saturday morning connecting with other women of Grace, sharing life & love & laughter! You bring a mug - and we'll brew the coffee & bake the muffins! Yes, there will be a spiritual nugget of encouragement too!
- **Women's Fall Retreat Sat. Nov. 7** 9 am – 4 pm
Connect (and re-connect) with others, yourself and God! Enjoy a whole day away on Sat. Nov. 7 to refresh & recharge your life, as the women of Grace grow in faith & friendships. The retreat will be held at Bunker Hills Activity Center.
- **Women of Faith Conference** Oct. 16 & 17
This is a Christian gathering for women of all ages in St. Paul (Friday evening and all day on Saturday). The music will move you and the teachings will transform you. Learn more at www.womenoffaith.com
- **Hearts at Home Conference** Nov. 13 & 14
You'll find your 'mom' spirit affirmed and revitalized through this conference filled with music, skits and speakers who understand the real challenges of motherhood. Read more at www.hearts-at-home.org For more information about these opportunities, please contact Jeannie Hellmann, Director of Women's Ministries, 763-421-6520, ext 122 jeannieh@graceandover.org

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN



All ladies are invited to **MUGS, MUFFINS & MORE**, a women's fellowship event on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9:30 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. This will be a casual, relaxing time for ladies to sip a morning beverage from a **MUG**, to simply savor a tasty **MUFFIN**, and to thoroughly enjoy **MORE** time and space to grow in faith and friendships here at Grace.

You bring a favorite **MUG** . . . We'll bake the **MUFFINS** . . . & together we'll enjoy **MORE** fun & fellowship!

So bring your mug (and a friend if you'd like) to **MUGS, MUFFINS & MORE** on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 9:30am. Hope to see you there! For more info, please contact Jeannie Hellmann.

WOW is the Word for Women at Grace

W.O.W. Begins September 16



Women of all ages are invited to W.O.W. (Women on Wednesday). This Bible study and fellowship group will help each of us women learn from - and lean on -

God's word. We will remind one another of God's abundant grace – and amazing love - as we listen, pray, encourage and support each other through our everyday lives.

And together may our response to God – and to life - be a resounding, joy-filled **“WOW!”**

W.O.W. will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 9:30 to 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall, and we'll meet each Wednesday throughout the school year. Save the date and invite your friends! And if you have the need, childcare will be available for a small fee. For more information, please contact Jeannie Hellmann, jeannieh@graceandover.org

The FALL “Challenge”



TRULY - YOU will make a difference in this world by packing meals for children who are literally starving! Come and join the teamwork (and FUN) with other Grace volunteers at Feed My Starving Children, as together we share God's grace in this very tangible way . . . through food!

Mark your calendars and sign up to serve!

Saturday	Sept. 26	2-4 pm and 7-9 pm
Friday	Oct. 9	6-7:30 pm
Friday	Nov. 20	6-7:30 pm and 8-9:30 pm
Saturday	Nov. 21	9, 11:30 am and 2, 9 pm

SPECIAL NOTE: A fast-paced COMPETITIVE Packing Event will be held on Fri. Sept. 25 from 8 – 9:30 pm. If you're interested in joining this lightning-speed packing extravaganza please contact Jeannie Hellmann. FMSC warehouse is located at 401 S. 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids. Please arrive 10 minutes before your shift begins and please wear close-toed shoes.

SILENT AUCTION

OCTOBER 25

We need homemade items to be auctioned off during our Octoberfest to benefit the Sand Creek Grace Fund that will be used to help students in need. This can be a way for us to celebrate the gifts, abilities, and talents during our Vocation Month. If you paint, play, craft, build, or cook, please enter the Auction. Watch for the blue Opportunities sheets or call the church office.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:00 p.m. SATURDAY NIGHT PRAISE SERVICE with kids invited to worship at the beginning of the service. Kids will be excused to their classrooms after the Children's Message.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 a.m. WORSHIP - Traditional Lutheran Book of Worship

9:00 a.m. WORSHIP - Blended Traditional Worship with Celebration Kickoff for SONday School - children are invited to worship with parents and will be excused to their classes

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP - Contemporary Praise Service with Celebration Kickoff for SONday School - children are invited to worship with parents and will be excused to their classes to meet their teacher.

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. **“God’s Work, Our Hands”** Celebration starting in the Fellowship Hall at Grace. Pizza will be served!