

GRACE VINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church
October 2018

Fall Worship Hours

Fall Worship Hours beginning Sunday, September 9

- 7:30 am** Community Pancake Breakfast
- 8:30 am** Contemporary Worship/Hope Hall
- 9:45 am** Grace Time/North Room
- 11:00 am** Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm** Fellowship/Hope Hall

Five Guiding Principles of Grace Lutheran Church

- 1 Jesus is Lord!
- 2 Pray, Seek, and Follow God's Will
- 3 Share the Good News of Christ
- 4 Embrace God's Challenge to Love and Serve Others
- 5 All are Welcome

GLOW (Grace Lutheran on Wednesdays)

Wednesdays, 5:15 pm-7:15 pm

GLOW continues every Wednesday at 5:15 pm. During October, we continue our study on violence and then on October 17 will transition to the topic of forgiveness. On Wednesday, October 17, we will welcome guests from the StoryScope Project to lead story circles around the theme of forgiveness. All are welcome to share in the meal and study!

From the Church Office

Grace office hours have shifted and are now Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm.

October Community Building Goal

Our community building goal for October is to recognize that Grace is the home congregation of everyone who participates in the life of the Grace community. There are actually no divides between members and non-members except for serving on council and voting in congregational meetings. Each of us benefit from sharing in community with one another; each of us are responsible for caring for not only our personal needs but the needs of others, at least in this space. Every Sunday this month, we will turn to one another and say to those around us: *You are a valuable member of this community!*

Quarterly Pizza & Ministry Night Tuesday, October 9

6:00 pm Pizza in the North Room
**6:30 pm Ministry Sharing in the
Sanctuary**

You are invited and encouraged to attend our first Quarterly Pizza & Ministry Night! On Tuesday, October 9 at 6:00-6:30 pm, we will offer pizza and beverages in the North Room followed by ministry sharing in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. We really encourage all Grace members and worshipers to attend. The purpose of Quarterly Pizza & Ministry Night is to provide transparency about the ministry we share, to offer space for questions and ideas, and to share about the various ministries in which we are engaged.

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By God's grace, we are in the city for good!



From Pastor Sarah's Pen



I am so grateful for YOU.

This month, a small group of us will travel to Prescott for our annual prayer retreat to sing, worship, study, hike, and build community—all gathering around the theme of gratitude. And perhaps more than anything, I am grateful to God for you, Grace Lutheran Church.

We are not perfect people.
We are not completely reliable to finish all the projects we start.
Very few of us come to church every Sunday.
Sometimes, we get grumpy and do silly things.
Sometimes, we feel overwhelmed and just can't function the way we'd like.

I am still grateful for you, for your generosity of spirit, for your openness to change, for your steadfastness. At times, we in the church grumble about the people alongside whom we worship and serve, with whom we pray and study. At times, we grumble because we aren't perfect people. I just stand in awe of you, Grace Lutheran Church. I stand in awe of what God is doing in you. I stand in awe of your faith and your hope and your love. I have learned so much from you. So, thank you for letting me be a part of you. Thank you for letting me lead you. Thank you for making this community what it is by showing up, being real, and loving one another.

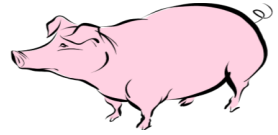
With joy and much love,
Pastor Sarah

Thank you to True North Development Corporation

We give thanks to God for the generosity and thoughtfulness of True North Development Corporation. As you may remember, True North is the developer with whom we hoped to partner that transitional housing might be built on the lot just south of the parsonage. While that project never came to fruition, True North continues to ask how they might be a good neighbor. Having heard about our new ministry, Grace Buddies, where we will provide respite care for foster families, True North asked if we were in need of any supplies to get the program just-started. When we sent them the laundry list of needed items, Jonathan Vento and his wife Lori said: "We will get them all!" ♥ While we still could use a variety of small items for Grace Buddies, all the large items have been provided. God is good!

Wilbur Emphasis

During the month of October, Wilbur the pig is receiving donations for Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry of the ELCA that assists people, regardless of religious background, affected by natural disasters in the US and abroad.



Grace Buddies

Our newest ministry kicks off November 3, 2018 and will be held the first Saturday of each month. Our Faith Formation team and volunteers are working hard to get the basement area ready for our special guests. Thank you to everyone for helping this project come to fruition so quickly! The time we get to spend with the children is definitely going to be special for all involved. Please consider donating any of the following items: rocking chairs, sun screen, bubbles and giant wands or bubble making machines, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, paper towels, Clorox wipes, Play Dough, LEGO's, baby wipes, kiddie ice packs or gift cards to pizza places that deliver. We would also like some step stools (3) for hand washing and a bean bag game, like Cornhole. Margie Betz (Lbetz2@cox.net) or Pastor Sarah can answer questions or share more about getting involved.

Grace Time for Children Ages 3-11 Children's Storytime Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am, Basement Classroom

The Bible says Jesus wants all the children to know him. One way for children to hear stories from the Bible is to attend Bible Story Time each Sunday during Grace time at 9:45 am downstairs in the classroom. We also invite all the teens and young adults to join Joey Lay and Alison Sigala for Christian music and current topics for discussions. Have a blessed October.

CALL (Confirmation Among Local Lutherans) Sundays, October 14 & 28, 12:45 pm Trinity Lutheran Church

CALL meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 12:45-3:00 pm. Congregations participating in CALL include Grace, Faith, Our Saviour's, Prince of Peace, Trinity, Shepherd of the Valley, and Celebration (in Peoria). Class sessions are held at each of the participating congregations on a rotating basis, and Grace will host in February and March. To learn more about CALL, go to <http://phoenixconfirmation.weebly.com/>.

Youth & Young Adult Parking Lot Fundraiser

Friday, October 5, 6:30 pm

Youth and young adults: we will be raising funds for next summer's mission trip and Campfirmation. Our first fundraiser is Friday, October 5, and we'll be utilizing the newly-installed parking meters for an even easier fundraiser! Please let Loraine Ark or Pastor Sarah know if you plan to help.

Stewardship Emphasis 2018 for 2019 October 9-November 4 God's Work. Our Hands.

It is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. -Philippians 2:13

Please join us for the first ever Quarterly Pizza & Ministry Night when we will, among other things, kick off this year's stewardship emphasis! Pizza begins at 6:00 pm in the North Room; the meeting begins at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come to consider how you might get your hands busy doing God's work...and share with others how you already do God's work with your hands!

During this year's emphasis, we will lift up the various ministries of Grace so that everyone who is part of our community can consider how they can and already do God's work with their hands. As has been said, many hands make light work! As community members of this spiritual community, we each get to contribute our own unique gifts to the work we do together. We make our community what we want it to be by sharing our gifts and showing up for the relationships we build here.

Each Sunday during the stewardship emphasis and in this newsletter, mission planning cards will also be made available so that you may indicate how you will share your financial gifts with the congregation in 2019. As well, the 2018 Mission Map which shows how our ministries are structured will be included in this newsletter and in the bulletins throughout the emphasis.

We give thanks to God for all those who use their hands to do God's work!

WELCA Bible Study Group

WELCA Bible Study meets on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 am in the North Room. Please join or ask Bev for further detail.

Biblical Equipping

Biblical Equipping will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 am in the North Room. For more information, please reach out to Nancy Tickle.

Faith Formation Update

Blessings to the Grace community and welcome to October. By the time this is in print, it will be too late to attend the annual prayer retreat at Emmanuel Pines, Prescott. Please remember the group in prayer and pray about your attendance for next year! The Grace Time Bible study happens every Sunday between services in the North Room. Children's storytime with Linda meets at the same time in the basement, and when the youth decide they are ready, they will join Joey Lay and Andrea Sigala for life discussion/Bible study at this same time, location to be announced.

The Wilbur designation for October will be ELCA Disaster Response. Faith Formation Ministry team is collecting for a giant project currently in the works. The list of items needed is in the bulletin each Sunday. The time to start donation is now, prior to the start of Foster Family Respite event, which begins November 3. Volunteers are always needed and, in this instance, will require a fingerprint scan and /or background check. Please talk with Pastor Sarah and Carol Steffieri about volunteering for this ministry. However, there are so many ways to contribute and the program is open ended at this time. It is our prayer to be able to provide this "Grace Time" for children in foster care and their foster parents. The initial event will be Saturday, November 3. We will host a group of 25 children at GLC for play, crafts, snacks and lunch while their parents attend mandatory classes. As a monthly calendar event, we will experience hosting different age groups and groups with physical challenges. It's simple to see where the NEEDS come into the picture. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make this ministry a reality. Your donations of time, talent, food, toys, equipment and just plain funding, are a living demonstration of God's Work, Our Hands! Meet with the team on October 21, after second service in the North Room. We will be fine tuning the November 3 event and looking ahead. There is a place at the table for you.

As usual, see you in church.

Fran Fry, Council Liason

Grace Time Bible Study

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am, North Room

The Grace Time Bible study in the North Room continues on Sundays at 9:45 am. This fall, we are using a Bible study called No Experience Necessary. As the name implies, no experience with Bible study is necessary to participate, so all are welcome!

Meet Grace's Organist/Choir Director: Brandon Burns



Brandon Burns is currently pursuing the Doctor of Musical Arts degree with Kimberly Marshall at Arizona State University. Previously, he earned the Master of Sacred Music degree at the University of Notre Dame, where he studied organ with Craig Cramer, and the Bachelor of Arts in Sacred Music at Lenoir-Rhyne University, where he studied organ with Florence Jowers and conducting with Paul Weber. Brandon has spent the last two years as the Interim Organist and Director of Youth and Children's Bells at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale. While at Notre Dame, he was an organist at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus in addition to working with the various choral ensembles at the basilica. While at Lenoir-Rhyne, a small ELCA college in his native North Carolina, he was the music director at St. Paul Lutheran Church where he directed the adult and children's choirs and the handbell ensemble in addition to serving as organist. Brandon has also trained in organ building with both the Noack Organ Company of Georgetown, MA, and Taylor and Boody Organbuilders of Staunton, VA. Recently, Brandon performed

on the Piccolo Spoleto L'Organo Series in Charleston, SC, and accompanied the Phoenix Symphony Chorus on their performance of Duruflé's Requiem.

Grace Mission Planning 2019

*It is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work
for his good pleasure.*
Philippians 2:13

*As we seek to trust in God's provision and celebrate God's
goodness, I/my family will serve God through Grace in the
following ways:*

- I/we will uphold the congregation with our prayers,
presence, gifts and service.
- I/we intend to trust God by giving \$ _____
per month week year (please circle one)

Name(s): _____

Date: _____

Please return in worship on Sunday, November 4
or to the church office by Monday, November 5.

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In 2019, I/we have committed ourselves to

- upholding the congregation with our prayers,
presence, gifts, and service.
- giving \$ _____ per month week year.
(please circle one option)

Please keep this portion for your records.



Description:

Travel down the rabbit hole and join Alice, one of literature's most beloved heroines, in her madcap adventures. Featuring updated songs from Disney's thrilling animated motion picture, Disney's Alice in Wonderland JR. is a fast-paced take on the classic tale.

The ever-curious Alice's journey begins innocently enough as she chases the White Rabbit. Her adventures become increasingly more strange as she races the Dodo Bird, gets tied up with Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, raps with a bubble-blowing Caterpillar and beats the Queen of Hearts at her own game!

ALICE IN WONDERLAND at PHOENIX CENTER FOR THE ARTS - 3rd STREET/MORELAND

This will be another great production from the kids at Christian Youth Theater (CYT). If you are interested in attending one of their performances, you can purchase tickets through Evalyn for just \$12.00. Otherwise, they will be \$15.00 at the door.

Contact Evalyn at 602-740-3009, kenevy@aol.com or see her here at Grace!

Phoenix Center for the Arts
1202 N 3rd St, AZ 85004

Dates / Times:

Thursday, Oct 25th @ 7:00pm
Friday, Oct 26th @ 7:00pm
Saturday, Oct 27th @ 2:00pm
Saturday, Oct 27th @ 7:00pm
Sunday, Oct 28th @ 2:00pm

***Suggested Bible Readings
for October***

October 7 (Lectionary 27)

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm: Psalm 8

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

October 14 (Lectionary 28)

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

October 21 (Lectionary 29)

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

October 28 (Reformation Sunday)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Psalm 46

Gospel: John 8:31-36

October Birthdays

<i>October 4</i>	<i>Evalyn Ehlen</i>
<i>October 5</i>	<i>Gene Bell</i>
<i>October 5</i>	<i>Taylor Hokanson</i>
<i>October 21</i>	<i>Dorsette Riggins</i>
<i>October 22</i>	<i>Xavier Ramirez</i>
<i>October 25</i>	<i>Leslie Easterday</i>
<i>October 29</i>	<i>Tarvies Mayweather</i>
<i>October 31</i>	<i>Rose Morgan</i>



October Worship Assistants

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Preacher	Rev. Carl Mangold	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah
Greeters	Nancy Tickle	Kathy Spitler Bev Zannos	Barbara Buta	Bev Zannos Nancy Tickle
Reader	Solveig Muus	Fran Fry	Donna Martin	Brian Flatgard
Ushers	John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl	Julio Devora Jim Spitler	John Erickson Thomas Waterstradt	John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl
Sound Board	Joey Lay	Tim Gallen	Maria Ramirez	Daniel Ramirez
Crucifer	Lori Cecil	Solveig Muus	Lori Cecil	Solveig Muus
Bread Baker	Marjie Bell	Evalyn Ehlen	Nicole Gallen	Solveig Muus
8:30 Reader	Amy Poling	Wright Edler	Kristen Barrick	Kenda Khatter



OCTOBER 2018

Grace Lutheran Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-9:00 am Grace Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	2-5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir- Hope Hall	3-8:30 am Staff Meeting 5:15 pm GLOW- Hope Hall	4- 5:30 pm Bells of Grace- Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision- Hope Hall 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice- Choir Room Office Closed	5- 6:00 pm First Friday Concert- Sanctuary Grace Annual Prayer Retreat- Prescott Lester's Sabbath	6- Grace Annual Prayer Retreat- Prescott
7- 7:30 am Community Breakfast- Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship- Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time-North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship- Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fellowship- Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ - Sanctuary	8-9:00 am Grace Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	9-5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir- Hope Hall 6:00 pm Quarterly Pizza & Ministry Night- North room & Sanctuary	10-8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Knit Wits- North room 5:15 pm GLOW- Hope Hall	11- 5:30 pm Bells of Grace- Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision- Hope Hall 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice- Choir Room Office Closed	12- 10:00 am Rental Group-Sanctuary Lester's Sabbath	13- 9:00 am- Rental Group- Basement 9:00 am Rental Group-Sanctuary 10:00 am NAUM- Hope Hall 5:00 Grace Cinema Club
14- 7:30 am Community Breakfast- Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship- Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time-North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship- Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fellowship- Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ - Sanctuary 12:45 pm CALL-Trinity 3:00 pm Rental Group- Hope Hall	15-9:00 am Grace Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	16-5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir- Hope Hall Pastor Sarah @ Synod Boundary Training	17-8:30 am Staff Meeting 5:15 pm GLOW- Hope Hall	18- 5:30 pm Bells of Grace- Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision- Hope Hall 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice- Choir Room Office Closed	19- Lester's Sabbath	20- 10:00 am Oasis Church Meal Rainbows Festival- Heritage Square
21- 7:30 am Community Breakfast- Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship- Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time-North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship- Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fellowship- Hope Hall 12:15 pm Faith Formation/ Grace Buddies-North room 12:45 pm New Life in Christ - Sanctuary Rainbows Festival- Heritage Square	22-9:00 am Grace Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	23-5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir- Hope Hall 6:30 pm Council Meeting-North room	24- 5:15 pm GLOW- Hope Hall	25- 1:30 pm Grace Buddies: Trauma Training-Basement 5:30 pm Bells of Grace- Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision- Hope Hall 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice- Choir Room Office Closed	26- Lester's Sabbath	27- 10:00 am NAUM-Hope Hall
28- 7:30 am Community Breakfast- Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship- Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time-North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship- Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fellowship- Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ - Sanctuary 12:45 pm CALL-Trinity	29-9:00 am Grace Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	30-5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir- Hope Hall	31-8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Knit Wits- North room 5:15 pm GLOW- Hope Hall			



PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Partnership with Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City West

Grace has partnered with Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West since at least 2000. After Grace had been hosting the community pancake breakfast for some time, Grace received questions on Sunday mornings and during the week about the availability of certain resources such as blankets, hygiene supplies, and backpacks from pancake breakfast guests. At the same time, members of the congregation and other congregations who partnered with Grace on the pancake breakfast would ask: Could someone use (whatever the person had to give)? The idea of the Grace Room was born, and Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West was the primary partner in starting it. For the last 18 years, alongside Grace volunteers, Lord of Life volunteers have sought out, sorted, and distributed donations to the community. In addition, we receive food donations on a regular basis that we use for GLOW. Lord of Life has gifted us with our commercial stoves, our commercial freezer, and our ice machine. Each summer, Lord of Life typically provides sack lunches for two entire weeks of heat respite, totaling approximately 2,000 sack lunches (200 per day). Members of Lord of Life have participated in our outreach team meetings and regularly give monetary donations toward our outreach ministry. We give thanks to God for Lord of Life’s steadfast partnership, for their generous gifts, and for their loving spirits!

Tithe.ly: A New Online Giving Option

The ELCA has reached a preferred vendor agreement with Tithe.ly, a company that offers online tools to enhance financial giving to ELCA congregation and ministries. Through Tithe.ly, donation forms are integrated into the congregation’s website instead of sending donors to third-party sites. Donors have the option to make one-time or recurring gifts to provide more consistent giving.

Here at Grace, we are participating in Tithe.ly to reduce the cost of online giving. To sign up, go to www.graceinthecity.com/donate. On the donations page of our website, you click on either one of the “give” buttons and then fill out the online form with either your credit card or bank account information.

This program is similar to PayPal but less expensive and used only by churches. Thank you for giving to Grace!

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Director	Haley Meier

Grace Lutheran Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 am-12:00 pm

MISSION MAP 2018

