

GRACE VINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church
November 2018

Fall Worship Hours

- 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

For Your Calendar...

Advent Organ Recitals: Fridays in December, 12:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Partner Card Signing: Tuesday,
December 11, 6:30 pm

Christmas Cantata (ONE SERVICE): Sunday, December
23, 11:00 am; Pancake Breakfast and Grace Time as usual

Christmas Eve Worship: Monday, December 24

5:00 pm Contemporary Worship in Hope Hall

7:00 pm Traditional Worship Prelude

7:30 pm Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

GLOW (Grace Lutheran on Wednesdays) Wednesdays, 5:15 pm-7:15 pm

GLOW continues every Wednesday at 5:15 pm. During November, we will explore forgiveness. Due to Thanksgiving Eve worship, there will be no GLOW on Wednesday, November 21. All other Wednesdays in November, all are welcome to share in the meal and study!

November Community Building Goal

Our community building goal for November is for 90% of everyone who calls Grace their church home to fill out a Time & Talent sheet for 2019. Sheets are available in the back of the sanctuary, on the Hope Hall stewardship bulletin board, in the November newsletter, and in the church office. A companion sheet is available that provides a brief description of the service opportunity along with its time commitment.

Annual CROPWalk

November 4 at 1:30 pm

People of faith will gather at Primera Iglesia United Methodist Church (701 S 1st Street, Phoenix). Funds will be designated for The Justa Center: justacenter.org. Please, come and raise funds and awareness of local and global hunger! For more information please speak with Pastor Sarah or visit: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/phoenixaz>.

Local First Fall Festival

November 3, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Hance Park

Local First Fall Festival Saturday, November 3, 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Hance Park On Saturday, November 3, people who love Phoenix and in particular downtown Phoenix will gather for the Local First Fall Festival in Hance Park. In addition to many other organizations and businesses, members of the Grace outreach team will be providing information to the community about Grace. In fact, Grace is a sponsor of the event! That day, our south parking lot will be utilized by festival vendors and our kitchen put to use for necessary water availability. We love our neighborhood! Feel free to stop by the festival!

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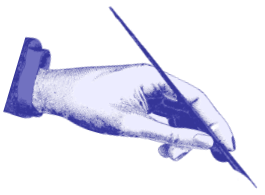
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By God's grace, we are in the city for good!





From Pastor Sarah's Pen

If God is for us, who is against us?...Who is to condemn?...Who will separate us from the love of

Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 8:31-39

The public theologian Rob Bell inspired me last week when a council member shared a reading from his book What We Talk About When We Talk About God. Bell reminds us that God is *for* us, and his words echo the Apostle Paul in Romans 8: “If God is for us, who is against us?...Who is to condemn?...Who will separate us from the love of Christ?” God is radically *for* us, and when God is *for* us, Paul writes, there is no one and nothing against us. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ.

It has taken me a long time to learn this lesson, so maybe you don't know it either: God has not set us on a cosmic scale weighing our failures and successes, discerning our worthiness or unworthiness. God is *for* us already. God is in our corner. God has got our back. Instead of constantly testing our faith or trying to outwit us, God is the One coaching us, lifting us up when we're down, carrying us through the most difficult of times. For those of us who have not known this kind of love in our human relationships, it is understandably difficult to comprehend that we need not strive after love but instead simply accept it.

I hope and pray that the Grace community embodies this love for one another. We will inevitably disagree about many and various details of church life and politics and the best way to do things, but at the end of the day, I hope and pray that we are *for* one another. Meaning: I see you. I appreciate you. I love you.

Being *for* one another is tricky. How can we be *for* others when we feel hurt or rejected by them? How can we be *for* others when they are aggressive or hostile?

Each of us have been hurt in our lives. Each of us have limitations. Each of us have insecurities. How we interact with people is often a measure of our own emotional health, not an indication of how we feel about the other person or the situation. When we feel at peace within ourselves, when we know that we are loved, we will likely respond to other people with kindness, compassion, and understanding. When we feel stressed or anxious or scared, we may respond to other people with hostility or suspicion—even if the person or situation does not warrant such a response.

Recently, a friend told me a story about his neighbor who, in response to an invitation to a neighborhood gathering, got angry and told him never to contact her again. Confused by the hostility of his neighbor, my friend wondered: Why get mad about an invitation to a neighborhood gathering? Ironically, the neighbor's response angered my friend; he told me this story twice over the course of two weeks. He clearly had not gotten over it. What did I do wrong? my friend wondered aloud to me. Now, I don't know this neighbor, but I suggested the neighbor was having a bad day and that my friend should in no way take offense.

Being *for* one another means that we treat one another with compassion, considering that we might not have the full story when someone responds to us in a manner that seems unwarranted. Being *for* one another involves taking good care of ourselves and increasing our own self-awareness about our triggers and stressors so that we don't inappropriately lash out on those who are just trying to be good neighbors or church family.

God is *for* us. As the body of Christ, may we be *for* one another: seeing, appreciating, and loving one another even when we may mistakes and get flummoxed by our insecurities. Because God is *for* us, we can rest assured that we are seen, appreciated, and loved by God—just as we are.

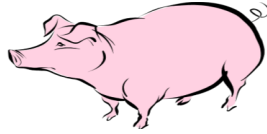
With love for each one of you,
Pastor Sarah

CALL (Confirmation Among Local Lutherans) Sundays, November 11 & 25, 12:45 pm Shepherd of the Valley 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. To learn more, go to <http://phoenixconfirmation.weebly.com/>.

Wilbur Emphasis

During the month of November, Wilbur the pig will receive donations for Grace Buddies. For this ministry, we have partnered with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest to provide a monthly morning of fun for adopted children. Grace will host Grace Buddies on the first Saturday of each month in our basement. Monetary donations this month will be utilized for pizza, snacks & other consumables for this wonderful work we are doing in the community. Thank you!



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

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!

Faith Formation Update

Greetings from the Faith Formation Ministry Team. This month debuts our newest partnership program, Grace Buddies. Our partnership with LSS-SW/ Foster Families is a huge blessing for all concerned and has led us to this new opportunity to host children in foster care for a morning of fun, activity and pizza! We could use a couple of rocking chairs, in case you are searching for a way to contribute. Cash donations are also always welcome. If you are interested in learning more or are considering becoming a volunteer...please speak with Margie Betz or Pastor Sarah.

Grace Time continues between the services in the North Room every Sunday. Bible study, life discussion, fellowship: it's all there. The ministry team meets on November 11 in the North Room at 12:15 pm. This is the very best way to get an overview of this ministry team and find your place in it. Don't forget to sign up for fellowship snacks after second service in Hope Hall and keep your ears open for updates of hospitality events in November. Special thanks to Evalyn Ehlen and our 2 Lindas (Erickson and Schwall) who keep this fellowship time alive and well!

See you in church,
Fran Fry, Council Liaison

Youth & Young Adult Parking Lot Fundraiser Saturday, November 3, 9:00 am

Youth and young adults: we will be raising funds for next summer's mission trip and Campfirmation on Saturday, November 3 for the Local First Fall Festival. Please let Loraine Ark or Pastor Sarah know if you plan to help.

Traditional Worship Planning Thursday, November 29, 10:00 am

Did you know that a small group chooses the hymns we sing at traditional worship? Together, we pray, read the gospel appointed for each day, and discuss how to best lift up the theme of the gospel through the hymns we select. If you are interested in participating in this process, we will meet next on Thursday, November 29 at 10:00 am in the Choir Room.

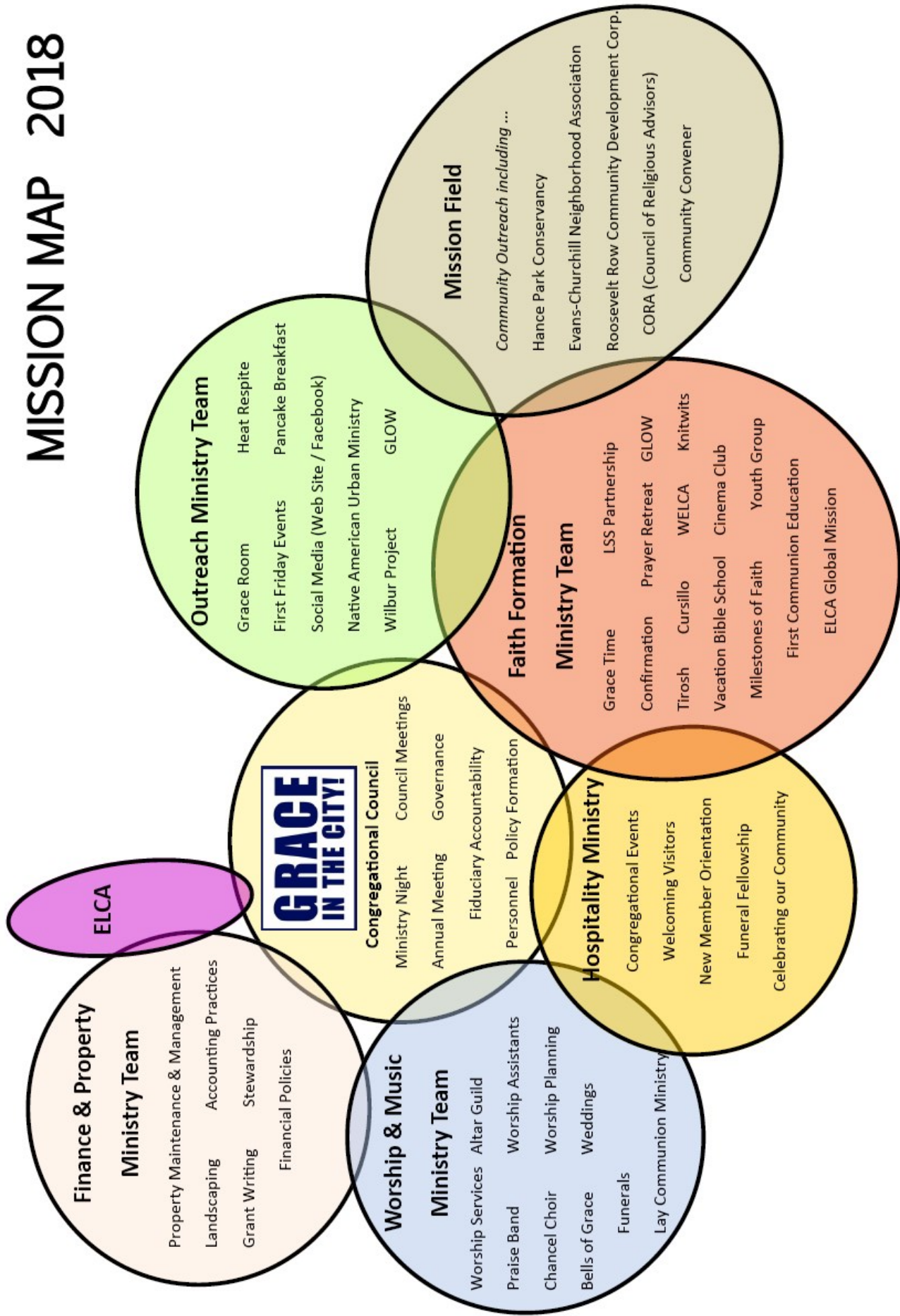
Grace Time for Children Ages 3-11 Children's Storytime Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am Basement Classroom

All children ages 3-11 are welcome during Grace Time to participate in Children's Storytime in the freshly decorated church basement. Crafts and activities will help children connect with the Bible stories and with other Grace members! If you have questions, please speak with Linda Schwall.

Grace Time for Youth & Young Adults Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am Basement Youth Room

Youth and young adults are encouraged to participate in Grace Time on Sundays at 9:45 am in the basement youth room. Less a Bible study and more a space to create community, Grace Time for youth and young adults will help form faith and relationships—with God and others.

MISSION MAP 2018



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 \$_____

Grace Mission Planning 2019

In 2019, I/we have committed ourselves to

- upholding the congregation with our prayers,
presence, gifts, and service.



2019 Young Adult Exchange between The Grand Canyon Synod & L'Eglise Luthérienne du Senegal

January 10-21, 2019 and July 2019



Why?

To grow the relationship between the **Grand Canyon Synod (GCS)** and the **L'Eglise Luthérienne du Senegal (ELS)**, our companion church in West Africa!. We are committed to walking alongside each other as siblings in faith.

What?

The **Grand Canyon Synod will host 5 young adults from Senegal** January 10-21. We will share about our culture, our church, our community and our faith. Then in July, **5 young adults from the GCS will visit the ELS in Senegal** and be immersed in culture, the church, communities, and faith.

Who?

Young Adults in our synod **ages 18-35** who have a desire to deepen faith, learn about the Senegalese culture, and grow in understanding of the global church relationship.

When?

Young Adults from **Senegal will be in the US in January 10-21** and the **young adults from American will go to Senegal in July** (dates to be determined based on airfare prices).

Cost?

The trip is **expected to cost \$2000 per person. The Synod will provide \$500** towards airfare for each participant. Host families/communities will provide housing, most meals, and local transportation.

Interested?

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, **hosting/or going** please contact Pastor Karn S. Carroll (pastorkarn@oslconline.org) or Julie Gerrish (julie.gerrish@gmail.com).



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

*Singing Holden Evening Prayer & Giving Thanks
for God's Goodness*

Followed by pie & dessert fellowship
Non-perishable food items will be received
for Mount of Olives Food Closet.

Wednesday, November 21, 6:30 pm
Grace Lutheran Church
1124 N 3rd Street

Grace Lutheran Ministry Team Volunteers for Service in 2019

Name _____ E-Mail _____
Home Address (if applicable) _____
Adult Youth Best Phone _____

Please take a few minutes to indicate the areas in which you are willing to help. The Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church is the call given to each one of us.

Worship & Music Ministry:

- Usher
- Greeter at Worship
- Communion Server
- Scripture Reader (8:30 or 11:00)
- Acolyte (3rd grade up to adult))
- Cross bearer (5th grade up to adult)
- Adult Choir
- Bell Player (4th grade or older)
- Instrumental: _____(Instrument)
- Praise Band vocal
- Altar Guild
 - Set-up & Clean-up for communion
 - Deliver flowers to sick or homebound
 - Clean pews, re-stock envelope racks
- Serve on the Worship & Music Team**

Faith Formation Ministry:

- Plan and facilitate Grace Time
- Teach Vacation Bible School
- Be a helper in Vacation Bible School
- Plan cross-generational events
- Drive for youth events
- Help with youth-driven service projects, mission trips, fundraisers, and fun events
- Prayer Email Chain/Phone Chain
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Participate in Women of the ELCA
- Participate in Bible Study AM PM
- Participate in annual Emmanuel Pines Fall Retreat (Friday-Sunday)
- Wednesday "GLOW" Program-Participant
- Serve on Faith Formation Ministry Team**

Congregational Life/Hospitality Ministry:

- Welcome Cart
- First-time visitor follow-up, calls, etc.
- Provide snacks/treats for hospitality events
- Help set-up/clean-up for events
- Serve on the Hospitality Ministry Team**

Outreach Ministry:

- Neighborhood "Pancake Breakfast" server
- GLOW Cook
- GLOW Kitchen Helper
- GLOW program creation
- Creative Adventures:
 - Design posters, brochures, etc.
 - Work in the Church Office assisting the Administrative Assistant
- Volunteer in the GRACE Room (Hygiene/clothing room) Mondays, 9-11 am
- Volunteer during Summer Heat Respite
- ASU Campus ministry
- I am willing to help plan projects
- CROPWalk Team Captain
- Serve on the Outreach Ministry Team**

Property/Finance/Support Ministry:

- General clean-up
- Write grants for projects and programs
- Serve as a Counter
- Landscaping/grounds clean-up
- Facility maintenance & repair
- Plan Annual Stewardship Emphasis & On-Going Stewardship Education
- Serve on the Property/Finance Ministry Team**
- Serve on Congregational Council**

Other gifts/talents I'd like to share:

November Birthdays

Suggested Bible Readings for November

November 4 (All Saints Day)

First Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Psalm: Psalm 24

Gospel: John 11:32-44

November 11 (Lectionary 32)

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm: Psalm 146

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

November 18 (Lectionary 33)

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: Psalm 16

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

November 25 (Christ the King)

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm: Psalm 93

Gospel: John 18:33-37

<i>November 3</i>	<i>Eva Lara</i>
<i>November 3</i>	<i>Linda Schwall</i>
<i>November 4</i>	<i>Daryl Scherrer</i>
<i>November 6</i>	<i>Kevin Erdmann</i>
<i>November 8</i>	<i>Andrea Sigala</i>
<i>November 10</i>	<i>Ursula Osborn</i>
<i>November 12</i>	<i>Alec Khatler</i>
<i>November 15</i>	<i>Stephanie McDougall –Niemi</i>
<i>November 19</i>	<i>Holly Koch</i>
<i>November 20</i>	<i>Sarah Stadler</i>
<i>November 22</i>	<i>Calvin Davis</i>
<i>November 22</i>	<i>Don Loos</i>
<i>November 29</i>	<i>Debbie Scheller</i>
<i>November 30</i>	<i>Bev Zannos</i>

November Worship Assistants

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Preacher	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah
Greeters	Lori Cecil Clark Olson	Julio Devora Brenda Baird	Kathy Spitler Margie Bell	Bev Zannos Nancy Tickle
Reader	Judy Baker	Marlene Haller	Clark Olson	Donna Martin
Ushers	John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl	Renee Waterstradt Thomas Waterstradt	Gene Bell Dorothy Ziehl	John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl
Sound Board	Joey Lay	Tim Gallen	Maria Ramirez	Daniel Ramirez
Crucifer	Sue Thun	Lori Cecil	Solveig Muus	Sue Thun
Bread Baker	Marjie Bell	Evalyn Ehlen	Nicole Gallen	Solveig Muus
8:30 Reader	Wright Edler	Kenda Khatler	Amy Poling	Margie Betz



NOVEMBER 2018

Grace Lutheran Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1- 5:30 pm Bells of Grace- Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision- Hope Hall 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice- Choir Room Office Closed	2- Lester's Sabbath	3- Grace Buddies-Basement
4- 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 1:30 pm CROPWalk Check-In- Primera Iglesia	5-9:00 am Grace Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	6- 5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir- Hope Hall	7-8:30 am Staff Meeting	8- 5:30 pm Bells of Grace- Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision- Hope Hall 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice- Choir Room Office Closed	9- Lester's Sabbath	10- 10:00 am NAUM- Hope Hall 3:30 pm Trunk Space- Hope Hall 5:00 pm Grace Cinema Club
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PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Partnership with All Saints Lutheran Church

Grace has partnered with All Saints Lutheran Church in north Phoenix since at least 2012. Each synod of the ELCA is broken up into smaller conferences, and Grace and All Saints belong to the same Capital Conference. Congregations in the same conference come together for periodic synodical meetings, and the WELCA groups from the conference work together on programs. In addition, the pastors from the conference meet on a monthly basis in order to share resources, ideas, and support, so we have partnered with All Saints in the various ways that the conference has worked together. Specifically, youth from All Saints joined Grace youth for a number of years when we put together Christmas gift bags for pancake breakfast guests. All Saints' confirmation class traditionally attends our contemporary worship service once a year to expose their youth to a different form of worship (All Saints only worships in a traditional format). All Saints participates in Campfirmation just as Grace does. The past couple years, the men's group from All Saints has come to serve the pancake breakfast. For three weeks this past summer, the food pantry at All Saints donated their leftover produce and meat to us for our heat respite program. As well, All Saints provides generous financial support for heat respite each summer. Grace claims a unique connection to All Saints. While in seminary, Pastor Shari Bernau served as a pastoral intern here; GLOW is her legacy as she began the program as her internship project. After Pastor Shari graduated from seminary, she went to serve All Saints for 10 years as associate pastor. For all these various reasons, we give thanks to God for All Saint's partnership!

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.

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Director	Brian Flatgard
Director	Marty Dusenberry
Director	Sheila Petry
Director	Haley Meier

Grace Lutheran Church Office Hours

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