

October/November 2022

HERALD OF GRACE



Gnaden Lutherischen Kirche
SAMSTAG, OKTOBER 1, 2022
11AM – 6 PM
Prost Familie und Freunde!

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THINGS TO KNOW FOR OKTOBERFEST



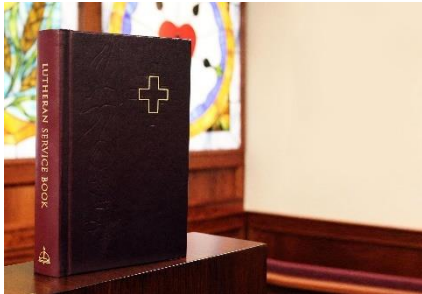
- Admission is free! No cover charges. Also, no pre-sale ticket is required to enjoy the fun! Tickets can be purchased for food and beverage.
- Don't forget your pre-sale meal ticket if you have one- must be in hand to redeem.
- Pre-sale meal ticket provides for a platter only. Tickets need to be purchased for all other items (drinks, pretzel, etc.)
- Pre-sale ticket food is only guaranteed until 3 pm.
- The desserts are sponsored by our LWML. All desserts are purchased with CASH ONLY, no tickets accepted by LWML.
- All ticket sales are final and cannot be exchanged or returned for cash.
- Overflow parking in back lot or street.
- Don't forget picture ID. Bartenders will card *everyone* requesting alcohol and over 21 bracelets will be distributed at the bar.
- No outside food or drink except for those with dietary restrictions. Hot dogs will be available as an alternative to the bratwurst.

- Absolutely no outside alcohol allowed on premises and all alcoholic beverages must remain inside the tent.
- There will be a raffle with a variety of wonderful prizes to include authentic German ornaments, an authentic German mini cuckoo clock, handmade quilts, beer and wine baskets (with the famously “sold-out” Grace beer mugs) and more! You will have the opportunity to place your raffle tickets in a bucket for each individual item. Items will be raffled off from approximately 1:00 – 3:00.
- Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- Winners must be present to win.
- Must be over 21 for prizes containing alcohol.
- All profits will support Grace Lutheran ministries.



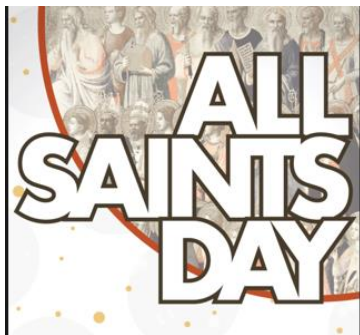
UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES AT GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church's
155th Anniversary Service
With District President Eric Johnson
October 2, 2022 @ 10:00



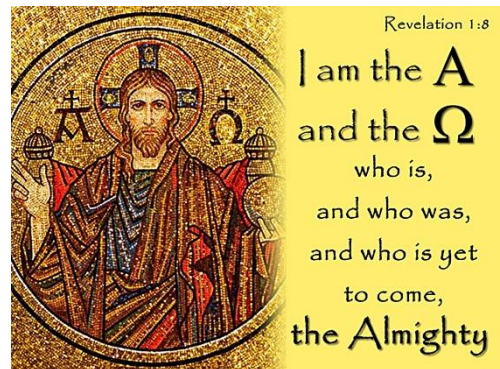
Reformation Hymn Meditation
October 23, 2022 @ 10:00

Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2022 @ 10:00



All Saints Sunday
November 6, 2022 @ 10:00

Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 20, 2022 @ 10:00



Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, Nov 23, 2022 @ 6:00

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. -Acts 4:12

On October 2nd, we at Grace celebrate 155 years. We are only 20 years younger than our Synod, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, which we also celebrate 175 years. In the late 1830s, a group of about 700 faithful Lutherans left Saxony in Germany. They sailed to America on 5 ships seeking religious freedom. One of the ships with 55 souls on board, *The Amalia*, was lost at sea. It's likely they sank in a storm or were the victims of pirates.

Undaunted, the surviving members of the group arrived in New Orleans and went up the river settling near St. Louis, Missouri. There they found religious freedom. On April 26, 1847, they helped organize the denomination that Grace in Mobile is a part of: The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. From such humble beginnings, the Synod is blessed today with nearly 2 million members. The Synod is a world leader among Confessional Lutherans that teach and confess that The Holy Bible is entirely God's Word. Law and Gospel. Word and Sacrament. Grace Alone. Faith Alone. Scripture Alone. In Christ Alone. You can learn much more about the Synod's history and how the Synod marks this milestone at: lcms.org/175

The Book of Acts says, "*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.*" Commenting on this verse, Synod President Matthew Harrison wrote: "For 175 years, the LCMS has believed, taught and confessed Jesus Christ as the only way to the Father. He alone is the atonement for sins"... As we celebrate and give thanks to God this fall for our Church Anniversary, Reformation observation, All Saints' Festival and our National Day of Thanksgiving, we praise God for His faithfulness and pray for His strength to proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified until He returns.

Happy Anniversary to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod!

And Happy Anniversary to all of us at Grace!

Pastor Wayne J. Miller



From The President's Desk

I'm sure you have all heard the expression "when it rains, it pours"! Mobile is one of the rainiest cities in the United States and the walls in Foundation Hall (basement) can relate and have seen enough of that water! As you will read in a more formal message on the next page, we have a major project that will begin soon to address a lot of water related issues inside and outside of our building. Decisions on spending money on repairs are not made lightly and when this project is complete our beautiful church will have a wonderful, needed, and well-deserved facelift.

It is also "pouring" lots of activities around Grace. Bible study on Tuesdays at 11 continues, as well as Bible study Sunday mornings at 9. Choir on Wednesdays. LWML meets the first Wednesday of each month. Oktoberfest on October 1. Our 155th anniversary celebration on October 2. Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23, and Christmas Eve service on December 24. Movie nights in December. Also, don't forget Lacey's Mission projects. Always fun to see what she has on the calendar next.

Here's to favorable weather for all our church events and if not, God always provides us with umbrellas, raincoats, and smiles on our faces!

May God lift you up – saved by grace!

Debbie Milling

Pardon Our Dust - Renewing His House

Our focus over the next few years is two-fold. One focus is to expand the mission of Grace Lutheran Church by building a multi-purpose building just east of the sanctuary and the other is renewing our current facilities to keep them functioning well and preserving this beautiful church.

Although a new multipurpose building continues to be the goal of this congregation, we cannot forget that one of the ongoing challenges for our congregation is also maintaining our current Church Building.

Our sanctuary was built in 1953 and constantly requires upkeep. As you may have noticed, the basement walls have been deteriorating quite rapidly the last few years and the church stone and exterior is in need of maintenance. The basement window frames and mortar have been eaten away from age and water. The tropical environment where we live brings in a lot of moisture to the building.

Our current Church Council voted unanimously to take the following action:

- Repair all stained-glass windows and frames in the basement area.
- Repair stonework around the basement windows.
- Epoxy of exterior openings around lintels, window frames and cracks around stonework including front steps.
- Concrete joints to be sealed.
- Repair exterior stucco back wall of sanctuary.
- Replastering and painting areas of basement damaged by moisture.
- Pressure wash and waterproof entire exterior masonry of the church.

The approximate cost of this project is \$64,500. We have enough funds from the Capital Building Fund which is only for the current church building, some from the unrestricted designated fund, and some from our general fund. No money is being used from the New Building Fund. The project will begin after October 2 and take approximately a few months to complete. During this project, certain areas downstairs may not be accessible at times. The sanctuary will not be affected, and our church calendar remains the same.

We are moving forward on this maintenance project because it is necessary to preserve and improve what we already have, however, this does deplete our Capital Building Fund which needs our consideration for giving in the future. There are two things that are expensive for church ministry: pastors and buildings. We desire to keep both. With inflation rising and the age of our sanctuary, improvements and maintenance will be a top priority for our congregation, but Pastor has assured with faith and confidence that God will provide.

Our property not only has structure issues that absolutely need attention, but we also talked about the desire to have positive impressions of who we are as people of God. Perception matters for our family here at Grace and our guests. The care and work that goes into renewing God's house will be a blessing for Grace and hopefully for another 155 years and more that the Lord allows. Thank you for all who work and contribute to the care of God's house.

If you have any specific questions about this project contact David Arnett, Head Trustee.

Debbie Milling, Congregational President and The Council of Grace Lutheran Church



NOVEMBER 23, 2022

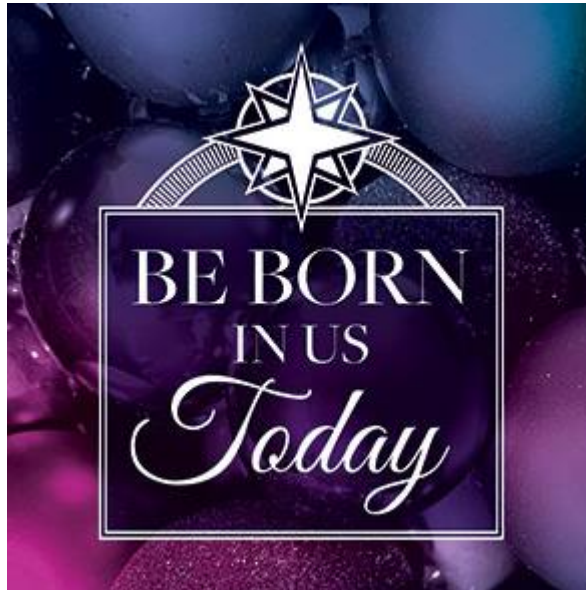
6:00 PM

Please join us on Wednesday Evening, Thanksgiving Eve, for a worship service with Holy Communion. We are accepting both non-perishable food donations and grocery store gift cards this year during the service. These donations will support The Waterfront Rescue Mission. While non-perishable food donations are good, please consider grocery store gift cards too as our local food bank can best supply their own needs. Any donations brought, please keep in the pew with you until given instruction. Thank you for giving thanks and giving to others in need.

Happy Thanksgiving from Grace!

“We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring; we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.”

-We Praise You, O God LSB 785



*Our 2022 Advent Theme is “**BE BORN IN US TODAY**”. As this calendar year ends and as the church year begins, we are reminded that Christ is born in us spiritually today and every day. He enters into us daily to strengthen and support us, save us and renew us. We are changed by his presence within us and by God’s grace we become more Christlike.*

1st Sunday in Advent, November 27 • Be Born in Us Today Bringing Blessing

2nd Sunday in Advent, December 4 • Be Born in Us Today Bringing Renewal

3rd Sunday in Advent, December 11 • Be Born in Us Today Bringing Guidance

4th Sunday in Advent, December 18 • Be Born in Us Today Bringing Power

Christmas Eve, December 24 • Be Born in Us Today Bringing Light

Christmas Day, December 25 • Be Born in Us Today Bringing Salvation

Our Advent Season at Grace will include:

Daily Advent Devotionals (one per member distributed November 20th-27th)

4-Part Sunday Morning Bible Study during Sundays in Advent (In-Person)

Children’s Sticker Book

Christ in Film Movie Nights



Choir Schedule for Fall 2022

Adult Choir, Wednesday at 5:45

Handbell Choir, Wednesday at 6:45

Choir and Handbell Rehearsals: Sept 21, 28 and Oct 5, 12, 26

NO REHEARSALS on Oct 19

Choir and Handbell Rehearsals: November 16 and 30

NO REHEARSALS on Nov 2, 9, 23

Choir and Handbell Rehearsals: Dec 7, 14, 21

NO REHEARSALS on Dec 28 & Jan 4



Now that most directories have been distributed, extras can be purchased for \$10.

Thank you for all of those who were involved and participated in the photo directory!

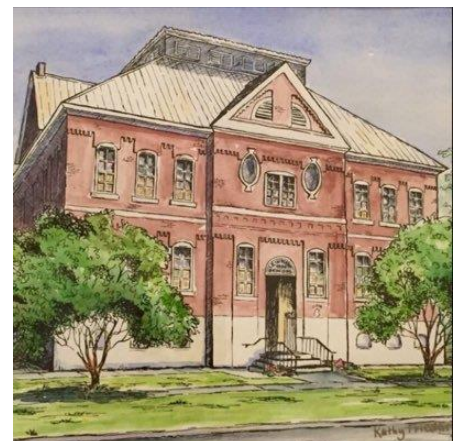


This is a reminder that the LWML meets
the first Wednesdays of the month at 10:00:

October 5
November 2



We, the administration, faculty and staff of Leinkauf Elementary School, would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the betterment of our school. Thank you, Grace!





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Pledge Cards for planning our 2023 Ministry Budget and a special letter from our Stewardship Chair will be sent in October.

Please fill out the pledge card and mail to the church office, or place it in the collection plate, or give it to Tom Hankins or Jeff Griffin. We need the pledges back ASAP and no later than **October 30** so we may begin to work on the 2023 church operating budget.

Thank you for your service and support of your church. May the love and peace of Christ be with you.

Heike Crane, Stewardship Chair

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES/OFFICAL ACTS

Total Membership: 238

Received into Membership:

By Baptism:

- Ms. Nicey Turton, August 1, 2022
- Ms. Kaitlyn Wood, August 1, 2022
- Mr. Travis Middleton, August 15, 2022

Transfer from Other LCMS:

- Mr. Bob (Mary Ann) West

By Profession of Faith:

- Mrs. Nancy (David) Arnett, Irvington, AL
- Mr. and Mrs. David and Christy LeGros, Mobile, AL
Daltry and Dylan
- Mr. and Mrs. Guy and Daphne Marcum, Mobile, AL
- Mrs. Lauren (Luke) Mueller, Mobile, AL

Removed from Membership:

By Death:

- Mr. Clarence Imsand
July 3, 1931- July 30, 2022
Funeral at Grace Lutheran Church August 5, 2022
Christian Burial at Mobile Memorial Gardens, Mobile, AL

By Transfer to Other LCMS:

- Linda Schnaser, September 15, 2022

Other Official Acts:

Funeral:

- Michael Loewen, Jr. (non-member)
March 30, 1970-July 29, 2022
Funeral at Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home August 9, 2022
Christian Burial at Mobile Memorial Gardens, Mobile, AL



October Birthdays

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1- Carol Mitchell | 19 – William Shreve |
| 2 - Jennifer Salley | 21- Brigitte Middleton |
| 4- Caleb Butler | 25- Neil Unger |
| 5- Brenna Moody | 26- Jenny Haynes |
| 6- Lyn Gordon | 27- Eric Burleigh |
| -Daphne Marcum | - Fred Cyr |
| 7- Hawii Mekonnen | - Christy LeGros |
| -Karen Neiden | 28- Collin Arnett |
| 11- Andrew Eiland | - Maureen Arnett |
| 12- Jim Cannon | - Steve Watkins |
| - Parker Wilder | 30- Lisa Middleton |
| 13- Donald Weiss | -Ryleigh Adlington |
| - Ronald Weiss | |
| 17- Shari Jacobson | |

October Wedding Anniversaries

- 16- Mark and Andrea Bryant
- 16- Derrick and Stacey Griffin
- 22- Jeremy and Devon Addison
- 25- Ryan and Laura Adlington
- 28- Lisa and Mark Burnett



November Birthdays

3- Rhett Abbott

4- Timothy Mueller

10- Addison Miller

11- Daniel Arnett

12- Jen Mangino

17- John Sutton

20- Victoria Kringel

23- Rose Mueller

24- Amber Hubbard

- Daltry LeGros

25- Nancy Arnett

26- Karin Cotè

- Amy Gehlken Barker

29- Grady Luttmann

- Molly Wilson

November Wedding Anniversaries

4- Pastor Wayne and Ashley Miller

9- Justin and Sabrina Abbott

14- Jon and Victoria Kringel

19- Jeff and Stacey Graham

27- Luke and Lauren Mueller