



GOOD NEWS

FROM THE GRACE VINE

October 2026

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Relationships + Growing Faith

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1

The death of loved ones is the hardest struggle in life. Remembering the person, recognizing the loss, and honoring the many emotions are important actions in working through grief. To do this in a community of people with prayer, remembering our baptism, hearing God's Word, and receiving Communion can provide profound healing and hope. All who have died in the past year, from November 1, 2025, to November 1, 2026, will be remembered at the "All Saints" worship on Saturday and Sunday, October 31 and November 1. We also have time to remember loved ones who have died in the past. Naming our grief and putting our loved ones into God's hands is a powerful act of our faith. (November 1st is All Saints Day or All Hallows Day (the night before is Hallows Evening or Halloween.) It is a twelve-hundred-year tradition in the church to remember those who have died and place them and our grief in God's hands.



We remember those who have died.
These names include members that have died and those whose funerals were conducted through the ministry of Grace Lutheran.

11/1/2025– 11/01/2026

Robert A. Setlak.....12/10/2025
Carmen A. Bellile..... 01/11/2026
Russell J. Hinsa.....01/28/2026
Colson J. Harper.....02/04/2026
Robert "Bob" Martinson.....01/09/2026
Debra Lynn Narloch.....06/06/2026
Mary Ruth Tesch.....07/01/2026
John M Henning.....07/14/2026
Duane Strauss.....09/13/2026



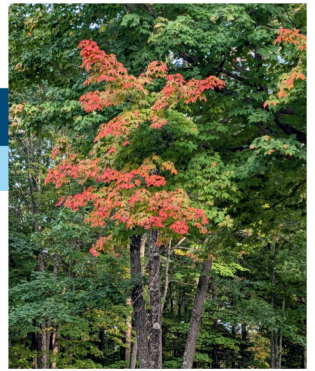
God's Work, Our Hands Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated or participated in helping to make "Ride with Kindness bags" for TAIV (Tomahawk Interfaith Volunteers). We made 50 bags and had supplies to donate as well.

Not only did Grace members get involved, but also our partners with Heidi Winters and S.I. Teamworks who added to this project. Here are some of our friends in action.

Important Dates To Remember

Saturday, October 3 - LWR Quilt Drop Off
Monday, October 5 - 7:45 am OWLS Trip To The Porcupine Mountains
11:00 am - Fall Bible Study (weekly)
Sunday, October 11 - 8:45 am - Grace Kids
Tuesday, October 13 - 11:30 am - Joyful noise Luncheon at Castaways
Friday October 16 - 9:15 am Worship at Riverview
10:30 am - Worship at Tomahawk Health
1:00 pm - Worship at Milestone
Saturday/Sunday October 24 & 25 Reformation Weekend
Saturday/Sunday October 31 & November 1 All Saints Day
See the website for a complete calendar of events.



There's a maple tree in our yard that has started showing signs of fall. The green leaves on one side are tinged bright red. It is interesting how leaves on a tree experience the sun and elements differently and they change at a different rate. Eventually all will be changing with the fall season.

The trees changing into fall colors reminds me of the changes we have in life. As we experience joys and challenges in life, we change too. Some of us react more strongly to change but all of us are affected by changes in our lives. We can't stop the changes of the seasons, and we cannot stop the changes of life. We can find meaning in the differences. We remember that the seasons will naturally occur, and with the endings, there is room for new life in the spring.

My retirement announcement has begun changes at Grace. There is the sadness of knowing that Mike and I will leave Grace in the spring. We will deeply miss the people of Grace. It is important, however, that the new minister that you call to Grace has space to develop relationships in the congregation. Just as Pastor Check and Pastor Susan came to Grace after leaving their rostered calls in other congregations, so I will find a new ELCA congregation to be a part of. It is a change that means an ending in my pastoral relationships, but it is necessary for healthy new life to emerge at Grace. Just as members said goodbye to Pastor Mark and Claudia and welcomed Mike and I, it is a season for Grace to prepare for new life in the future.

Our Church Council is already thinking and planning for Grace's future. They are meeting with the synod to discern the next steps for calling a new Pastor. Council is also redefining and rejuvenating ministries so that when I retire, Grace will carry on our mission of Praising God +Serving Others +Building Relationships +Growing Faith. If you have questions or ideas for Grace's future, please talk to a member of council.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV)

Blessings,

Pastor Julie



Discipleship Jubilee

In the Hebrew Bible, a Year of Jubilee happened every 50 years. This special year called for debts to be forgiven, slaves to be set free, and the land was returned to its original owners. It was a chance for people to be thankful for what God had given them and to share that abundance with others. It was a restart for people to move from challenges of the past and have a new beginning.

In the month of October, we will be celebrating a Discipleship Jubilee at Grace. It is our chance to thank God for all we are given and to explore where we can share those abundant gifts. It is also a chance to reset the past. To let go of the things that have kept us from loving and serving God with our whole heart. To move past faults and failures and see a new beginning in our lives of faith.

We will be learning more about what it means to be a disciple. Being in relationship and learning from our Lord is a major part of being a follower of Jesus. Our relationship with Jesus means that we initiate intentional time and communication to develop that relationship. One of the ways that can help us deepen our relationship with Jesus and others is through faith practices. With the Holy Spirit's help, faith practices are intentional actions where we seek to connect and deepen our relationship with our Triune God.

We will be taking a break from our Narrative lectionary to engage in our focus of discipleship and our faith practices of Worship, Serve, Give, Invite, Encourage, Study, and Pray. We will also look at how our mission of Praising God + Serving Others + Building Relationships + Growing Faith coordinates with discipleship and faith practices.

As Jesus said to his first followers, "Come and see!"



THANK YOU GRACE QUILTERS, PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY & GLOW YOUTH

This year Grace's talented quilters completed 123 quilts for LWR. The above pictures show the quilts with the quilts displayed in church. The LWR School Kits and the prayer shawls are also displayed and ready to be blessed in church on September 26 & 27. GLOW (Grace Lutheran On Wednesday) youth helped assemble the school kits.

THANK YOU

Once again our congregation stepped forward to support the LWR School kit program. Our goal was 100 complete bags and we surpassed this goal again. Thank you to everyone who supported this annual project. Thank you to those who purchased supplies, donated money, sewed bags and prayed for the children in need. These bags are shipped to countries around the world and they allow children to attend school when otherwise they might not have been able to. Please continue to pray for these children.

OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING: OUR SISTER'S HOUSE

Temporary Homeless Shelter for Women, Men and Children. Our mission is temporary housing and living essentials to those in need, in a safe environment that fosters a sense of self-worth, promotes self-sufficiency and strives for independent living. We provide immediate temporary housing to individuals and families: to offer assistance in attaining employment and finding permanent housing, further education, helping residents get needed medical care or counseling, and to raise awareness about homelessness in Lincoln County. Contact Information: 715-224-3520

Patti Gaedtke Grace's New Kitchen Coordinator

Patti Gaedtke, our new Kitchen Coordinator, has been a member of Grace since 1992, and has had the honor of serving in many different ministries over that time. Just a few of those include Director of Children's Ministries and Church Council. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education from The University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, and is married to Mark. Together, they have eight children, fifteen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She is extremely excited to begin this new season of service in her walk with The Lord and making connections with others through this Grace ministry.





We had a nice trip to Stevens Point for our September event. We visited the Sculpture Park where we wandered through a forest and viewed many interesting and varied works of art. As with all art they were definitely subject to individual interpretation and stimulated conversation. We paused there for Pastor Check's devotion and then proceeded to the Hilltop Pub & Grub for a very noisy lunch! We had an informative tour of the Stevens Point Brewery to end our day.

On October 5 we will try to catch some fall color in Porcupine Mountains State Park. (The OWLS will meet at church at 7:45 am.) We will start at Lake of the Clouds where there is an overlook with a great view. We will have our lunch (bring your own) at a picnic area along Lake Superior. Then we will proceed to the Presque Isle River Waterfalls on the far western edge of the park. We can walk along the Presque Isle River to take in 3 waterfalls as it flows into Lake Superior. There are many steps to navigate, but the views are awesome. After crossing a suspension bridge you can get right down to the Lake Superior shore. As we head home we will stop somewhere in Minocqua for dinner. We should be home between 6:30 and 7. The rain date for this outing is October 12. Please join us.

On November 12 we will take a break from our travels and enjoy a potluck lunch at noon at the church. Bring your favorite game to play after lunch.

We will celebrate the holidays on December 8 at a performance of The Texas Tenors at the Grand Theater. The show title is Deep in the Heart of Christmas. Join us for a concert of beloved Christmas classics. Tickets are \$56. We will need you to sign up by October 18 for this event so we can order the tickets.

We will have a planning meeting on January 14 to develop plans for 2027.

As always we invite you to join us, everyone is welcome.



In Loving Memory

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of Duane Strauss who died on Sunday, Sept. 13th. May they be comforted in the hope of eternal life.

Coordinator for the December Cookie Walk Needed!

Do you have a passion for food, people and raising funds for a special cause? If you can answer 'YES' to these questions, you're exactly who we are looking for!!

Some of the duties associated with the coordinator position include, but are not limited to overseeing pricing, assigning and training people in various duties of setup, pricing, receiving funds, and clean up. The position also oversees decorating as well as the actual Cookie Walk itself on Saturday. Other duties include assigning and training people on various tasks and making sure the necessary signage is done to advertise the event.

Julie Dentler will work with you to help lead this event. Contact the Grace Office at 715) 453-4066 or gracetomahawkoffice@gmail.com.

We need your help to keep this very special annual event alive!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We give thanks to God for all rostered ministers in our synod; for their words that bring comfort and challenge, for their families that surround them with support and love, and for their lives that bear witness to Christ's presence for so many.

We would like to recognize Grace's Pastors and their years of experience:

- Pastor Julie Sinkula-8 years
- Pastor Kathy Tulman-17 years
- Pastor Emeritus Gerald Check-63 years
- Pastor Emeritus Susan Christian-22 years.

Thank you for your dedication to Grace Lutheran Church.

Reformation Day

October 31 is a day when Lutheran churches and many other churches all around the world celebrate when we remember Martin Luther and a time in history called Reformation. The Reformation started over 500 years ago! Martin Luther was a Roman Catholic monk and teacher who lived in Germany. On October 31, 1517, he posted a list of 95 things he wanted to debate with others about rules or teachings that aren't in the Bible.

When Luther studied the Bible, he discovered that Christians are saved by grace. It is the grace of God that saves us, not anything that we can do or anything that we can buy. Many people during Luther's time thought that they could be saved by their actions. Luther's 95 Theses challenged the current practices of the church by claiming that we are saved through Jesus' death on the cross and through the gift of faith.

Reformation Day is important in the life of the Christian church because the Reformation changed the church forever. Martin Luther made a lot of changes in the church; he is the reason that the religious tradition called "Lutherans" began. There are millions of Lutherans in the world today.

You are invited to wear red to worship that weekend for the Holy Spirit that inspired Luther to help reform the Church and continues to reform us now.

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Lutheran World Relief

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$1,055.54. I am so grateful for your generous support of Lutheran World Relief! It is because of caring congregations like yours that Lutheran World Relief has been able to serve our hurting world for 80 years, and it is because of your compassion that our ministry together will continue helping children and families who need it most.

I pray that one day, our work together will no longer be needed. I pray that one day, all our neighbors near and far will live in a world free of poverty, injustice and suffering. Until that day, I am grateful to count on your church to answer the call to help people in their time of need. It is no exaggeration to say your generosity truly saves lives and makes a brighter future possible.

Yours always in Christ,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard

Preseident and CEO

September 10, 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

Full Council meeting minutes can be found in the binder in the gathering space.

- 1) Discussion on lowering the amount of Church Council members from 11 to 9; this wouldn't require a Constitution change.
 - 2) Executive Council will meet with Pastor Nate Gaurke – Associate to the Bishop, Director for Transition. Purpose of meeting will be to get direction on preparing for Pastor Julie's retirement.
 - 3) Revised Fellowship Committee Ministry description was approved
 - 4) Carpet will be removed from upstairs of Grace House
 - 5) Information on the Stewardship Committee Meeting was shared and the plans for the Discipleship Jubilee, which will be five weeks starting end of September and the whole month of October with emphasis on Grace's mission statement ~
- Week 1: What it means to be a disciple,
 Week 2: Praising God
 Week 3: Serving Others
 Week 4: Building Relationships
 Week 5: Growing Faith

MEET THE COUNCIL: SHERRY CLEMENTS

I am a life-long member of Grace; married to Dar Clements, daughter of Marie Knipfer. Our now-adult children, Dan and Tony, were baptized and confirmed at Grace.

Like Dixie Erickson, I sang with the Colanhi Singers when I was in high school and am still passionate about Contemporary Christian music. So many of these uplifting songs are based on bible verses, and it is hard for me to choose a favorite verse.

As a Council member, I am honored to serve the family of Grace and am always open to hear members input about our ministry here at Grace to Praise God, Serve Others, Build Relationships, and Grow Faith. With Pastor Julie's announced retirement, I look forward to working with the people of this wonderful congregation to determine our path forward together. Let's work to continue the rich tradition of Grace's commitment and service to our God!



AUGUST 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	29,834	31,084	(1,250)
Year to Date Receipts vs. Spending	219,640	246,288	(26,649)
Mortgage Loan Balance			93,562
Special Offering - Lekubu Creche Sponsors			1,029

AA/Alanon Meetings

Grace Lutheran

- AA and Alanon: Saturday. 9:00 am

Grace Community House

- AA: Sunday 10:10 am
- AA: Friday 7:30 pm (open)
- AA: Wednesday 12:10 pm

St. Paul's (12 E. Wisconsin Ave.)

- AA and Alanon: Monday 7:00 pm

If you have a problem with alcohol or if someone you know suffers from the disease, AA (for the alcoholic) or Alanon (for family or friend of alcoholic) could be your lifeline. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of both these groups. If you would like to speak with someone personally, the church office, 453-4066, or Pastor can put you in touch with an AA or Alanon member.

All communications will be confidential.

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