
October In Touch with Grace



Where on Earth is

Pastor Karen

(part 2) ???

Dear family and friends of Grace,
After a two week hiatus at home, my next adventure brought my sister and I to Italy. Here I visited the holy city of Rome and the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, the fountains, the Pantheon, the piazzas, and so much more. Our tour led us through the entire country from Naples, Sorrento, Isle of Capri, the Amalfi Coast, and Assisi where St. Francis, a Celtic father, began his ministry. On to Verona with Shakespeare and Venice with its gondolas and St. Mark's Cathedral, to Lake Como and Lake Maggiore where Bellagio is located. Near the Alps we took a side trip into Switzerland then back to Milan, Florence, Pisa with its leaning tower, and San Gimignano, then back to Rome. My sister flies home and I go on to Munich with another colleague, Pastor Janel.

From Munich, we fly to London and a bit of England, then cross the channel to France, ending in the city of lights, Paris, with Notre Dame and so much more. I then fly on to Dublin for a Celtic tour of Ireland and Northern Ireland, then will end my travels in the south of France and the French Riviera studying art and music. I look forward to sharing my adventures with all of you when I return. Until then be safe and well.

Pastor Karen



Announcements

- If you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please contact Linda S. in our church office or our council president, Linda B. We have several pastors on hand ready to support and help.
- Confirmation kick off will be on Friday, November 11, at 8:30 p.m. for Moonlight Madness, an overnight activity filled with fun and adventure. Pastor Karen and our new intern, Becky Sliva, will take our youth on an unforgettable event with youth from several other congregations. Mark your calendars and prepare for an amazing time!
- Sunday School will continue in October led by Amanda Christie and Kelley Reed. All children are invited to join our Sunday School. Contact Amanda with questions and if you are willing to help with our wonderful children's ministry.
- Talk Points will return in October with a presentation on Sunday, October 16, with Rev. Kathryn Tiede, from Lutheran Social Services, and also on Sunday, October 23, with Rev. Julie Wright, who will speak about several initiatives from LSS. In November, we will hear about Families Together Preschool with Alexis Oberdorfer. Don't miss out on these exciting and informative opportunities!
- Pasta Party Dinner will be served on Reformation Sunday, October 30, after worship. Catered by Lake Elmo Inn and supporting our youth ministry, join us for a well loved tradition at Grace.

Sunday School!

What an exciting Rally Day and first day of Sunday School we had on September 11th. Our Youth kicked off the year with planting seed of faith, and we will watch how these seeds will grow through our lessons, songs and prayers each week. We have much to look forward to this year, and we can't wait to share it with all of you.

God planted a seed of faith in all of our hearts, so all we had to do is water it with prayers, fertilize it with the word of God, and cultivate it with lots of love. Faith is believing in God's word, and that he has a plan for us. Everyone who truly believes in God will show it by the way they live.



Fall Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, 9 - Noon. Come join the Property Management Team to beautify our church property for the season!



From the intern's Desk -

Becky's Blurp

Greetings to the good and faithful servants in the East Side Collaborative! I am counting my blessings getting to know each of your faith communities more, as I feel an overwhelming sense of welcome and warmth from each of you. How great it has been to work alongside extraordinary leadership in various ministries. I've appreciated involvement and leadership with worship, fellowship, bible study, circle groups, worship planning, retreat planning, working with Alley Shoppe, and community sharing. I see great work happening in and for our community in the way you love God and your neighbor. I look forward to walking alongside you more, delving deeper into relationships and learning here on the East Side!

I would like to invite any youth grades 6-9 to join me and about 30 other churches from around the twin cities for Moonlight Madness! What is Moonlight Madness? This is an over-night 'lock-out' where we ride a bus to four different locations throughout the night on **Friday, November 11, 2022**. We'll go to Augsburg Sports Complex for pizza, music, pick-up ball, etc.. After that we travel to Grand Slam for Laser Tag, games and other fun activities! Then, we watch a movie at a local theater! After that, we go bowling and are back home near 7am! Cost: \$65 Want to learn more? Click on the [registration form](https://forms.gle/Z5oULHb4XK5iK4W18) to read in detail or use the URL: <https://forms.gle/Z5oULHb4XK5iK4W18>



October Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month at Grace Lutheran Church for October is Covenant House. Since 1973 Covenant House has opened its doors to over 1.5 million young people experiencing homelessness and trafficking - one youth at a time. For over 50 years they have believed in youth and nurtured their promise, talents and courage.

In 34 cities across 6 counties more than 2000 young people sleep in a Covenant House bed each night. No one is ever turned away without support of some kind. Services and programs are available at no cost.

Covenant House meets immediate need for food, clothing, safety as well as medical and mental healthcare. Covenant House helps young people experiencing homelessness to advance their goals and achieve sustainable independence with education, job readiness and career pathway programs.

Covenant House envisions and works toward a world where every young person has a safe place to sleep and the love, respect and support they deserve and need to survive.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this program which offers hope and support and safety to young people who are experiencing homelessness. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. Thank you.

Music Notes from our Organist -

When you have been involved in church music as long as I have, you eagerly get up at 5 in the morning to hear the beautiful music for a very special funeral. And special it was, with very significant music being especially chosen and written for this occasion.

William Croft was the Chapel Royal organist who originally wrote the Sentences used in Queen Elizabeth's service for the burial of Anne in 1714. Henry Purcell's "Thou Knowest, Lord" was also not only for Anne's funeral, but was one of the Sentences sung at Queen Elizabeth's. These were sung while the coffin was being brought up the aisle to the altar.

If you watched the funeral as I did, you might have recognized the first hymn sung. "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord is Ended" is #569 in our hymnal. The other two hymns you might have thought you knew them by their titles - "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling", but they were sung to different tunes more commonly sung in England. "The Lord's My Shepherd" was also sung at her wedding. If you watched the Committal Service, the second service of the day, you would have recognized hymn #757 "All My Hope on God Is Founded" and hymn #645 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation".

What was really exciting was hearing 2 works especially commissioned for this event, the first by Judith Weir, the Master of the Queen's Music and the second by Sir James MacMillan. The shortest choral piece was a work commissioned years ago for the Queen's ordination in 1953, "O Taste and See How Gracious the Lord Is" composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Why am I writing about this service beyond my enthusiasm for the music? Because everyone of us can mold our last celebration, by writing down what we would like for our own funerals. Each of us has special music, hymns, verses, writings that are meaningful to us. At the time of a funeral, families are inundated with so many things to remember and do in a short period of time. It would be so helpful to have your thoughts on what should be included in that parting service. Stay tuned for an update about this.

FROM THE LIBRARY:

Recent additions to our libraries are listed

REFERENCE (lower shelf right side when facing the library)

<u>Alhambra</u> (Islamic history)	Desmond Stewart
<u>Chateau of the Loire</u>	Christopher Hibbert
<u>The Hague</u> (Netherlands history)	Mark Greenberg
<u>Kyoto</u> (Japanese ancient capital)	Edwin Bayard
<u>The Forbidden City</u> (China's inner sanctum)	Roderick MacFarquhar
<u>The Kremlin</u> (citadel built in 1856 in Moscow)	Abraham Ascher
<u>Notre-Dame de Paris</u> (8 centuries old)	Richard & Clara Winston
<u>Machu Piccu</u> (lost city of the Incas)	John Hemming

FICTION

<u>The Other Side of the Mountain</u>	Sidney Sheldon
<u>To Gather the Wind</u>	Jodie & Brock Thoen
<u>A Faint of Cold Fear</u>	Karin Slaughter
<u>Fatal Remedies</u>	Donna Leon
<u>The Island of Sea Women</u>	Lisa See
<u>The Women In The Castle</u> (Lives of 3 women in WWII)	Jessica Shattuck
<u>Fifty on Fifty</u>	Bonnie Miller, Rubin
(reflections from 50-21st century women)	
<u>The Paris Apartment</u>	Lucy Foley
<u>Send For Me</u>	Lauren Fox

BOOK CLUB READS

<u>The Sun Does Shine</u>	Anthony Ray Hinton
(Memoir: How I Found Freedom on Death Row)	
<u>Sooley</u>	John Grisham

Grace Book Club Meeting - Thursday, October 6 at 7 pm



From the President -



October brings our season of renewal and reformation. We need to ponder who we are as Grace and Christians today and how we intend to move forward. We are God's Grace on the East Side. To move boldly into 2023, Council is launching the **GLC Stewardship Campaign 2022**. **We need to collectively consider how we invest our time and talents to move boldly into this next year.**

The Council has developed the GLC Stewardship Campaign for 2022. You will be hearing from people about why they value Grace Lutheran Church and the difference the church makes for their lives. Please consider why you value Grace and what a difference it makes in your life.

As the church moves out of the isolation and concerns from Covid, we are happy to be worshipping together again. While we are back in the sanctuary, our budget has not been strong this year. We are continuing to run behind in our expenses to income. Please prayerfully review your giving this year and your planned commitment for 2023.

We plan to have a discussion with the congregation in a **Town Meeting on October 9**. Please plan on attending after services for an open discussion about what you think about our budget planning for 2023. We look forward to hearing about your ideas and thoughts for moving forward.

A Time & Talent Sheet will be in the In Touch in November so you can sign up for committees, choirs, and church activities. You are the volunteers who make outreach for the church work. Again, we are God's Grace on the East Side.

Commitment Sunday will be November 13. You will have the opportunity to bring your commitment card to church on that Sunday to commit to GLC's mission and ministries.

Mark your calendar on November 13 for the GLC Congregation Meeting where we will vote on the budget and elect new leadership.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the Council, the Committees and the Mission of GLC.

Linda Baer

Town Hall Meeting on 2023 Budget

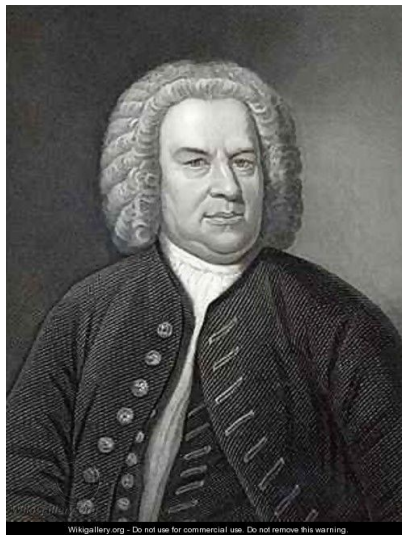
October 9, 2022

Please plan to join the Council at a Town Meeting on October 9, 2022, following the church service. We invite you to a discussion about the development of the 2023 budget. We need to hear from you.



October 30th is Reformation Sunday! We will have our annual Pasta Party (Spaghetti Dinner) after worship on that day. Tickets will be available the 2 Sundays prior. It will again be provided by the Lake Elmo Inn so warm up your taste buds and plan to join us!!

The Bach Event that was postponed from this summer has been rescheduled for November 13th at Grace. Rehearsals will continue on Tuesday, October 4th and 18th at 7 pm in the Sanctuary at Grace. Let's try this again. Come join us!



Community Connections - ongoing projects!!

Internal, Local and Global

The Community Connections Committee is currently collecting items for the baby kits for Lutheran World Relief and 2 other ongoing projects. The lists are in the library.

Also, please be aware that Sandy Abernathy will take old flags and make sure they are disposed of properly. These can also be left in the library. Thank you!

The Month of October we will be collecting T-shirts of any size or type for LSS. They have requested these instead of the usual socks that we collect. They prefer new items. Bring as you are able and place in the grey bin in the Good Shepherd Lounge. Thank you!!



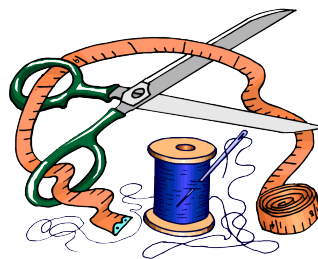
Mission 2022 Lutheran World Relief Collections:

Quilts, baby care kits (Note: soap size accepted for baby care kits is 3.5 and 4 oz gentle soap; soap in each kit has to total 8 or 9 oz). Other on-going collections at Grace - used eye glasses and cancelled stamps. Please find the small collection baskets on the bottom library shelf. Thank you!



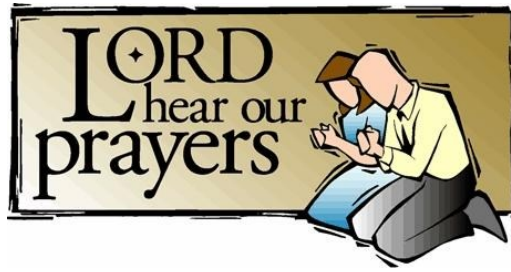
Quilt Days- We meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. This month that means October 9th and 23rd at 10 am in the Tower rooms. New helpers are always welcome!

Plan to join us this month and use your hands and time for a good cause!



Miles of Pennies The large collection jar in the library is always accepting donations toward helping the LSS fund for helping homeless Youth in St. Paul. Our goal is \$250.00 for 2022. So far we have collected \$165. Thank you to everyone who participates in this important mission. Your generous donations of pennies and coins are appreciated. *Let's exceed our goal in 2022!*

Sunday Coffee Hour Pick a Sunday to serve coffee and treats following worship. Open to all committees, individuals, groups. Sign-up clipboard is on the table inside the South Tower Room. Any questions, call Linda in the church office. Thanks for your help.



We lift our prayers to God in times of thanksgiving and times of need, in times of joy and times of sorrow. Today, we especially pray for Wyatt Wood, Phyllis Acker, Carol Sprau, Butch Nelson, Jake Kemen, and those we name in our hearts.

(Many of these people have long term situations so if we discontinue listing them specifically please continue to pray for their healing.)

How to donate :

There is always the offering plate on Sundays or snail mail. Our address: 1730 Old Hudson Road, St. Paul, 55106.

To donate electronically: You can schedule a transfer of funds with your own bank if they have bill pay available and it will come automatically on the date you choose.

Otherwise, you can go to our website (www.gracelutheranstpaul.org) and click on the GIVE page. This site is secure for financial transactions through Vanco which is the Simply Giving program. At the GIVE page you can go through the steps as directed and give whatever amount you wish to several different categories (general, mortgage, etc.) This works best on the Firefox or Edge browsers. This does get to us electronically in a very timely manner. If you are comfortable using the QR, it will take you directly to the GIVE page on the website.

Please call the office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Give QR



Financial Snapshot for GLC-2022

	<u>August Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
General Fund	\$13,876.93	\$187,378.54	\$193,533.28
Expenses	\$26,392.85	\$222,615.71	\$241,984.72
Deficit/Overage	- \$ 12,515.92	-\$35,237.17	-\$48,451.44



- 3 Kimberly Childs
- 4 John Klein
- 6 Kathleen Hollar
- 14 Lawrence Carlson
- 15 Sandra Groth
- 16 Dan Goebel
- 17 Adam Revier
- 18 Lydia Rose
- 19 David Miller
 - Joel Nikula
 - Karin Nikula
- 22 Holly Nikula
- 24 Linda Gorton
- 26 Christopher Williams
- 27 Joseph Wintheiser
 - Megan Wintheiser
- 29 Lauren Alleman
 - Sharon Jack



Worship Leaders for October 2022 -

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Preaching</u>
2	Patty Young	Rev. Jenny Sung
9	Jan Steingas	Rev. Jenny Sung
16	Ron House	Rev. Kathryn Tiede
23	Christopher Jurewitsch	Rev. Julie Wright
30	Char House	Rev. Roger Allmendinger

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
2	Team D - Norm Walby, Randy Nikula, Jonathan Williams, Josh Williams
9	Team E- Jeff Oberlander, Anne Oberlander, Peter Wickert, John Klein
16	Team F - Peter Hultgren, Linda Denson, Rich Castle
23	Team G- Brian Jackson, Patty Young, Chris Wintheiser, Kris Wintheiser, Gary Petersen
30	Team H- Karen Nikula, Bob Golder, Youth

<u>Date</u>	<u>Money Counters</u> - (we could use some additional volunteers on our counting teams)
2	Monique McClure-Hegge team
9	Kate Pray team
16	Amanda Christie team
23	Monique McClure-Hegge team
30	Kate Pray team



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Reformation Sunday is
October 30th!



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Jan Steingas—Triple G's

Connie Smeby—Joyous Juniors

