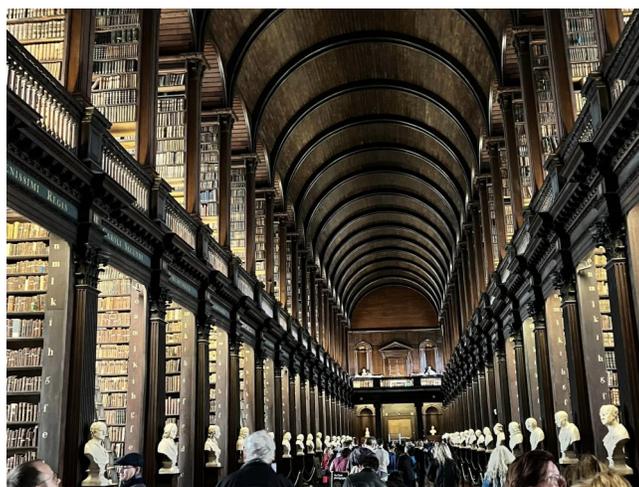

November In Touch with Grace



Where on Earth is
Pastor Karen
(part 3) ???



Ireland!



Announcements

- 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!
- Pasta Party Dinner was served on Reformation Sunday, October 30, after worship. Catered by Lake Elmo Inn and supporting our youth ministry. Thanks to all who joined us.
- Annual Meeting to elect new council and committees members and vote on the 2023 budget will be held on Sunday, November 13th after Worship at approximately 10:45 am. Please plan to be there.
- The Choral event “An afternoon with J.S. Bach” will be happening on Sunday, November 13th in the afternoon at 3:00 pm. Admission is a non-perishable food item for Merrick Food Shelf. Please come and enjoy the glorious sounds of some of Bach’s best-known Advent Cantata’s and hymns.
- The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be on Tuesday, November 22nd, at 7 PM at Grace. We will worship with the congregations of the East Side Collaborative as well as St. Pascal’s and Progressive Baptist Churches. There will be a joint choir and lots of gratitude and thanks for all of our many blessings! Please join us!
- Hill-Murray High School is doing “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” as their fall musical this year. Their FREE senior citizen Preview will be on November 11th at 4 M. No tickets required!
- Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th, this year and the Community Connections Committee is planning an Advent Event for that day including making ornaments for our tree in the Good Shepherd Lounge. Plan to come join us for Advent fun and goodies after worship that Sunday!

Sunday School!

The Sunday School kids are continuing to grow in their faith. This month we have focused on following God's commandments and how trusting in His word and promises can strengthen our roots.

Our youth are working already on the Sunday School Christmas program, to give you something “sweet”. Mark your calendars for December 11th.





From the intern's Desk -

Greetings to the good and faithful servants in the East Side Collaborative!

There is a chill in the air....The leaves are changing to beautiful vibrant colors and falling to our feet. In the fall, we are often reminded of the Book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 that shares ***There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...***

As God's creation shows us how to change gracefully, let us to lean into the callings stirring in us for change.

With November, knocking on our door, I get to walk alongside Grace in the learnings, happenings and Spirit movements. This is my final rotation in the process of learning about each of the faithful Eastside parish'. The meetings I've attended at Hope, Our Redeemer and Arlington Hills, highlight a passionate and compassionate group of individuals dedicated to their faith community and the community at large. The Lord continues blessings in every activity here on the Eastside. May you find peace in the changing of the seasons of the year as well as life.

LAST CHANCE for youth grades 6-9 to join me and about 30 other churches from around the twin cities for Moonlight Madness! This overnight 'lock-out' brings us 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, bowling and then back home near 7am! Cost: \$65 Want to learn more? Click on the [registration form](#) to read in detail or use the URL:

<https://forms.gle/Z5oULHb4XK5iK4W18> Email: beckybsliva@gmail.com



November Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month for November at Grace Lutheran Church is ELCA World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger creatively and courageously works toward a just world where all are fed.

More than 820 million people - that's about 11% of people in our world today - are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. ELCA World Hunger works with and through our congregations in the US, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas and other partners. ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

It is no coincidence that ELCA World Hunger is the November mission of the month as most of us celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends and indulge in fabulous meals, please remember that there are many people across the street and around the world that have little or nothing to eat.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this wonderful organization which strives to reach out in Christian love to God's people and provide for immediate food needs and to prepare for future availability. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. Thank you.

Music Notes from our Organist -

In October I was remiss in drawing attention to a very special celebration—the 150th birthday of the British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. In our hymnal he either wrote or arranged eleven of our hymns, including one of the most famous one for All Saints Day, "For All the Saints". Not only did he compose brilliant orchestral and choir music, but he wrote organ music such as his "Three Preludes on Welsh Hymns" which includes chorale preludes on the hymns "Bryn Calfaria", "Rhosymedre" and "Hyfrydol". In our hymnal the first is coupled with the words to "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor (#475)", the second to "Our Father by Whose Name All Parenthood is Known (#640)" and the third, probably the most familiar "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (#631)". One of his hobbies that heavily influenced his music was the love of folksongs. He traveled around the British Isles collecting them and then, in many cases, would add sacred lyrics to them. One example, #250 "Bless Be the God of Israel" we sang in mid- September; we sang #679 "For the Fruit of All Creation" as our offertory response during August.

Just as Copland (a November birthday) established the American sound, Vaughan Williams developed the British sound, influenced by those folk songs that he collected. Relevant to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II in September—Vaughan Williams wrote 2 pieces for her coronation in 1953: A setting of Psalm 100 for choir, orchestra, organ and congregation and a short acapella setting of Psalm 34, "O Taste and See" which was also sung at her funeral. Trivia: Vaughan Williams' mother was the great granddaughter of the founder of the Wedgewood ceramics company and niece of Charles Darwin.

FROM THE LIBRARY: Do you ever wonder: “How many People Visit This Library?” In a four-year period, 290 individuals signed or marked their visit to the library on the tablet in the library box. This tablet is always in the box awaiting your visit and/or comments. 290 visits in four years during a Covid-19 hiatus is a starting point to assess interest and use in the library. We’ll do another calculation in 2-4 years without the pandemic interruption!

The library changes weekly when new donations on varied subjects are gifted to us. Continue to mark your visit and offer your comments. AND...Thank you for all your donations and purchases! Here’s a few of the latest --

ART	<u>Art & Love (2) Anthology of Love Poetry</u>	Metropolitan Museum of Art
	<u>Christmas Story in Stained Glass</u>	Sonia Hallid
	<u>Faces of Poverty, Faces of Christ</u>	Mev Puleo, Photographer
BOOK CLUB READS	<u>Lightning Strike</u>	William Kent Krueger
FOOD	<u>Joy of Cooking</u>	Erma Rombauer
FICTION	<u>Mexico</u>	James Michener
	<u>Poirot Investigates</u>	Agatha Christie
	<u>The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet’s Nest</u>	Stieg Larsson
	<u>Enter a Murderer</u>	Mgao Marsh
	<u>A Man Lay Dead</u>	Mgao Marsh
	<u>The Nursing Home Murder</u>	Mgao Marsh
	<u>Becoming</u>	Michelle Obama
	<u>The Emigrants Book 1 of Emigrant Novels</u>	Vilhelm Moberg
NONFICTION	<u>No Ordinary Time (FDR & Eleanor Roosevelt, The Home Front in WWII)</u>	Doris Kearns Goodwin
MUSIC	<u>Best of Broadway</u>	Alan Lerner, Jule Styne
	<u>Mozart Compendium</u>	H.J. Carroll
	<u>Desert Songs</u>	from the Psalms
REFERENCE	<u>Tutankhamun</u>	Zahi Hawas
	<u>Undeafated (The life of Hubert Humphrey)</u>	Muriel Humphrey
	<u>The World of the American Indian</u>	National Geographic Society
SPIRITUAL	<u>Reclaiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World</u>	John Shelby Spong
	<u>Holy Bible RSV & Saint Biblia</u>	
YOUTH	<u>Why Do Flowers Face the Sun</u>	Dk Publishing Book
	<u>Because of Winn-Dixie</u>	Kate Dicamillo

Grace Book Club Meeting - Thursday, November 3 at 7 pm

From the President -



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Gifts of Abundance

We are blessed at Grace Lutheran Church. We are reminded of this with the changing of the seasons, with the harvest of gardens and fields, with the fellowship and worship within this congregation. We receive these gifts in abundance!

Council hosted a Town Hall meeting to ask the congregation what they liked about Grace, what they thought we could do better, and what ideas people had about the Budget 2023 discussion. We appreciated hearing your feedback and thoughts. A summary of the discussion is provided. Grace members are passionate about the church. It is home, family, community, preaching and teaching about God's messages. We need to do more outreach and more in reach. We need more volunteers or determine what services we need to pay for including outreach and marketing. We need to focus more on our youth. We appreciate our staff, our outstanding music, the beautiful building, and the community, continuity, compassion, comfort, and commitment. Grace is family. In October and November, we are providing information regarding Stewardship. Stewardship includes time, talents, and resources. These are gifts that God gives us to use to His service. Commitment Sunday will be November 13 when you can provide a card with your prayerfully considered contribution to Grace for 2023. Also included is a Time and Talent Sheet to fill out so we know what areas you are interested in volunteering. We are God's hands in doing service.

The Annual Meeting for Grace will be on November 13 following the service. Please come ready to discuss the future of Grace. We will vote on new leadership and the budget for 2023. Thank you.

Blessings.

Linda Baer, President



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Grace Lutheran Church Town Hall Meeting

October 9, 2022

What do you like about Grace?	What can we do better?	What ideas do you have about the Budget 2023?
Where I come to worship God each Sunday, preaching God's message	Do Home Visitations, more in reach. Every member contact—begin with announcing Bach Concert	We seem to talk about cutting for savings. Let's get more income!
Family, friends, people, support, socializing	Improve access to balcony	Start building & property maintenance fund (line on envelopes to change when mortgage is paid off)
Diversity, look more beyond our doors	Improve structural integrity	Moderate pay increases are important
Importance of ministry	Fix Sound System	Leave mortgage alone
Worship, place that is home	Teaching ministry--- begin Talk Points	Marketing firm to help assess to do better outreach.
People, friendly, best friends, long term friends	Get more people involved, more participation, who has what skills? Get more volunteers.	Send all 12 months of envelopes at once. Does this save in postage?
Community, continuity, comfort, commitment	Include kids in the church service, include children's message, Get more Youth involved	Build a line item for outreach & marketing
Beautiful building, location	Work on ideas about consolidation with neighboring churches	
Music - joy! Music staff	More outreach, develop a plan	
Mission support, mission of the month	Use resources we have	
Raising kids in the faith...it takes a village	Increase marketing; get an expert to help, pay for services we need	

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!

Thanks to all who donated T-shirts during October! We received many, many items for Lutheran Social Services. They will certainly appreciate all of it when we deliver it to them the beginning of this month!



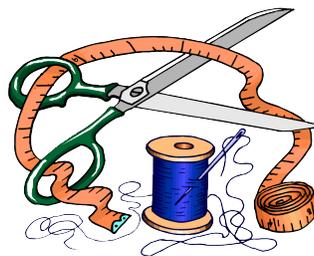
Mission 2022 Lutheran World Relief Collections:

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 because of Thanksgiving, we will only meet on November 12 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 Dale Goski, Ernie Satren, Wyatt Wood, Butch Nelson, Jake Kemen, and all 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.

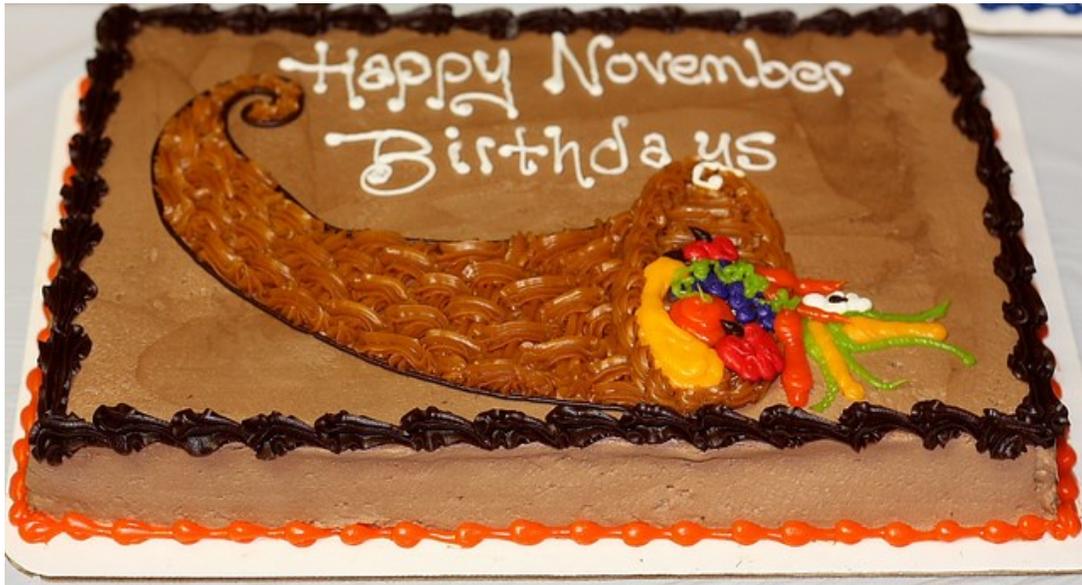
Please call the office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Give QR



Financial Snapshot for GLC-2022

	<u>September Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
General Fund	\$15,641.83	\$203,020.37	\$217,724.94
Expenses	\$26,011.61	\$248,627.32	\$272,232.81
Deficit/Overage	- \$ 10,369.78	-\$45,606.95	-\$54,507.87



- 2 Jeffrey Oberlander
- 5 Peter Wickert
- 8 Barbara Hegge
Kelly Humphrey
- 9 Linda Sackreiter
- 10 Carol Matson
Raymond Parsons
- 12 Cynthia Martinson
- 14 Judy Nelson
- 15 Inez Albrecht
- 16 Emma Geister
- 20 Mary Ettl
- 22 Erin Wintheiser
- 23 Byron Meyer
- 26 Grady Westling
- 27 Elvira Grundman
Carley Knutson Kinney



Worship Leaders for November 2022 -

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Preaching</u>
6	Pastor Karen Williams	Alexis Oberdorfer from LSS
13	Becky Sliva, Pastoral Intern	Pastor Karen Williams
20	Becky Slive, Pastoral Intern	Pastor Karen Williams
22	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service	Becky Sliva preaching
27	Becky Sliva, Pastoral Intern	Pastor Karen Williams

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
6	Team A - Norm Walby, Larry Carlson, Ron House, Ron Swenson, Roger McClure
13	Team B- Norm Walby, Rick Major, Julie Major
20	Team C - Brian Jackson, Thomas & Violet Rose, Jonathan & Lydia Rose
22	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service ?
27	Team D- Norm Walby, Randy Nikula, Jonathan Williams, Joshua Williams

<u>Date</u>	<u>Money Counters</u> - (we could use some additional volunteers on our counting teams)
6	Amanda Christie team
13	Monique McClure-Hegge team
20	Kate Pray team
27	Amanda Christie team



Look Who Got Together at Fellowship in October!!

Our eldest members, Elivira Grundman (almost 98) and Dorothy Mohwinkel (99), had an interesting 'meet and greet' at one of our Fellowship hours following worship in October with our youngest member, Adalynn Carol Oberlander (almost 2 month old) daughter of Jeff and Johanna Oberlander !! Adalynn wasn't as excited as we were, but some day we're sure she'll appreciate this picture.



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Jan Steingas—Triple G's

Connie Smeby—Joyous Juniors



Veteran's Day is Nov. 11th

