



Looking Ahead

- **Sep 14** LWR Bags due back to church
- **Sep 21** **Outdoor Worship & Block Party!**
- **Sep 23** ImpactLife Blood Drive
- **Sep 26** Sudlow Evacuation Drill (Parking Lot)
- **Sep 28** Pet Blessing
- **Sep 28** Pet Food Collection
- **Sep 29-30** Prs at Theological Conf
- **October 4** NAMI Walk
- **October 5** Coffee with Pilar (tentative)
- **October 7** Polling Location at Grace
- **October 5 & 12** Quilt Display
- **October 12** Coffee with Council (tentative)
- **October 13** Pray & Play
- **October 26** Reformation Sunday
- **October 31** Trunk or Treat
- **October 31** Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner
- **November 2** All Saints Sunday
- **November 4** Polling Location at Grace
- **November 7** Pray & Play



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FALL BLOCK PARTY *4th Annual!*

Sunday, September 21

10:30am Outdoor Worship

11:30am-1:30pm Food & Fun

Join us at our fourth annual Neighborhood Block Party hosted by our Outreach & Welcome Team. Enjoy outdoor worship followed by food, games, music, & fun!

Lunch (free-will offering) will be walking tacos, we'll have a bouncy house, plenty of activities, and time to visit with our neighbors and each other.

Pet Blessing and Pet Food Collection



Sunday, Sept 28

Pet Blessing: You are invited to bring your furry and scaly friends for a

Blessing of the Animals! You can bring your pets to worship in the sanctuary with you. Please be mindful of their ability to play well with others. You can also bring a photo of your pet or kids may want to bring a stuffed animal.

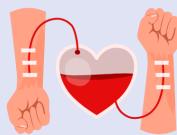
Pet Food Collection: Parish Life is collecting pet supplies for *Rescued in Silvis*. They will also take treats, cat litter, toys, & donations! Bring your items to worship Sept 28. Questions? Contact Hollie Swain 563-650-3213.

Block Party Volunteers: Sign ups for volunteers were emailed and texted last week - please use that link to see what's still needed and to sign up and/or talk with Pr. Kirsten.

ImpactLife Blood Drive



Tuesday, September 23 | 2:00-5:30pm



Every day, patients who need blood are in crisis and you can help by volunteering to donate. Grace members made four blood donations during August, bringing the year-to-date total to 73.

A reminder for those scheduled to donate at our next in-house drive: the date is **TUESDAY**, September 23, (Not Thursday) 2:00-5:30pm. Contact Mark Jepson at 563-508-9091 or majepson55@netscape.net or go to bloodcenter.org to register to donate.



NAMI Saturday, October 4

8am Pre-walk Activities | **9am** Opening Ceremony | **9:30-11:30am** Walk!
Bend XPO Amphitheater (922 Mississippi Pkwy, East Moline)

Please join friends from Grace and Saint Mark's at the NAMI Walk! We all know SOMEONE whose family has been affected by mental illness, even if we don't talk about it, and the NAMI walk raises awareness and funds for mental health education. Families need support! We also hope to continue reducing the stigma that still surrounds persons with mental health challenges. To register to walk and/or donate funds go to: namiwalks.org/teams/77681. If you need a ride, or have any questions, contact Jane Rock at janesingerrock@gmail.com or call/text 563-340-8022.

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Sunday, September 14

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, September 15

Pray & Play 8:30am-4pm

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
6:00pm Sweet Arts Club - Kitchen

Tuesday, September 16

9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH
1:30pm Social Ministry Meeting
7:00pm The Anxious Generation Study

Wednesday, September 17

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group - Vanderveer
5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH
6:00pm Confirmation @ St. James
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 18

11:00am Story of Paul Bible Study

Friday, September 19

11:00am Council/Committee Reports Due

Saturday, September 20

8:30am Page Turners - Offsite
1:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, September 21

10:30am Outdoor Worship
11:30am Block Party Activities!

Monday, September 22

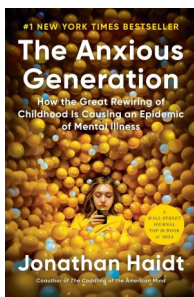
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12:00pm Men's Lunch Group



The Anxious Generation Book Study

Tuesdays, 7:00pm | Led by Pastor Kirsten

In *The Anxious Generation*, social psychologist Jonathan Haidt lays out the facts about the epidemic of teen mental illness, and investigates the nature of childhood, including why children need play and independent exploration to mature into competent, thriving adults. Anyone is welcome at anytime, and this study is open to the community, so please invite your friends and family! Sign up online at bit.ly/GraceAnxGen or contact Pr. Kirsten at 563-322-0769 or pastorkirsten@gracewelcomesyou.org.



Story of Paul Bible Study

Thursdays, 11:00am | Led by Pastor Stephanie

Have you ever been curious about the man who had two names? He wrote a bunch of letters and has one of the most redemptive stories in the New Testament. Discover how Paul went from someone who persecuted Christians to being one of the most significant early church leaders. Please contact the office at 563-322-0769 or office@gracewelcomesyou.org if you are interested. There is a participant book with only a few pages of reading for each session. You can purchase the book at Grace for \$15.

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: September 16, 9:00am in the narthex This year we will be studying the Parables, and in September, after our Bible Study, we will also be checking and packing up the LWR personal care kits and school bags. All are welcome to join us! Contact Joyce Marinaccio 563-343-3404 or gsgopher50@gmail.com.

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: Sept 17 Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact: Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: September 20 We meet at 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required). **September Book:** *A World Without America (What would your life be like if the American Revolution had failed?)* by Ted Stewart **Host:** Luanne Taylor 563-370-1747 **Location:** Vibrant Coffee House (Middle Rd & Belmont Rd, Bettendorf)

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: October 14 & 15 | 9am-Noon

Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Contact Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.

Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).

Men's Lunch

The Men's Lunch meets at noon every Wednesday at Vanderveer Park. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

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Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

14th Sunday

After Pentecost

September 14, 2025 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Please complete an attendance card - located in the pews or at the usher's table.

*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold.**

Prelude

Earth and All Stars..... David Johnson/Setting: Kevin Hildebrand

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Make My Heart Clean*

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stubborn people. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Earth and All Stars! ELW 731

- 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

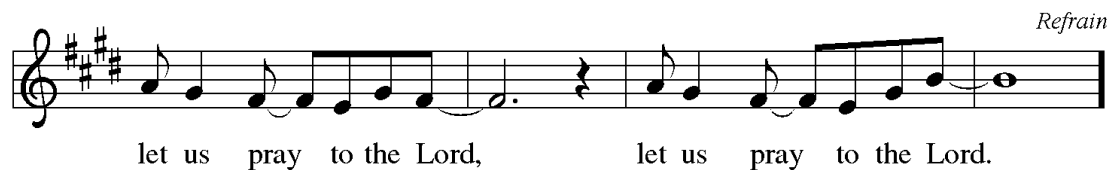
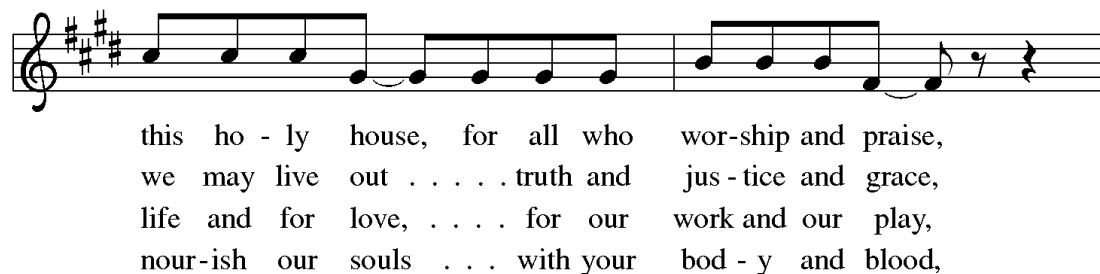
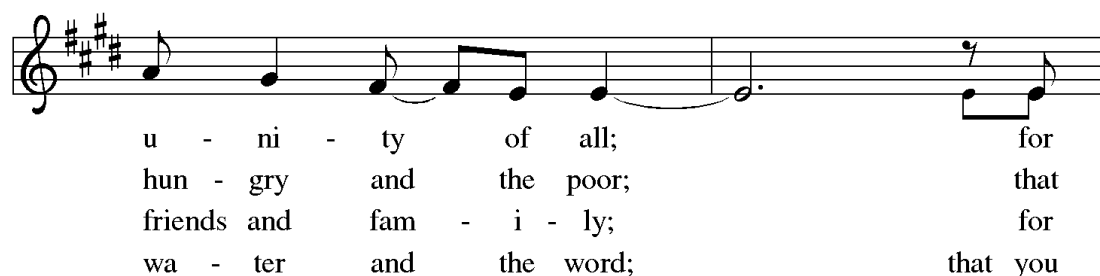
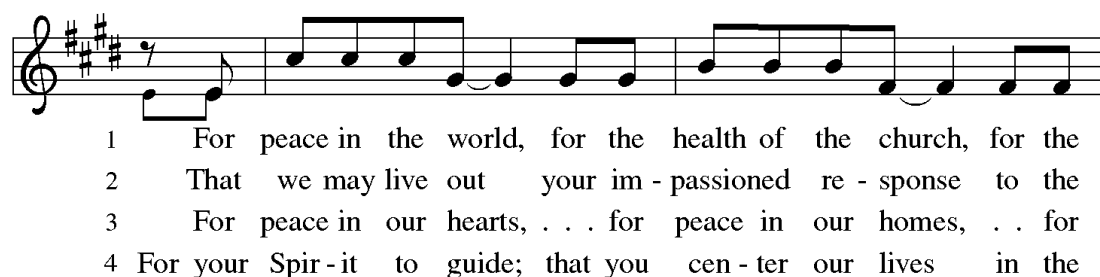
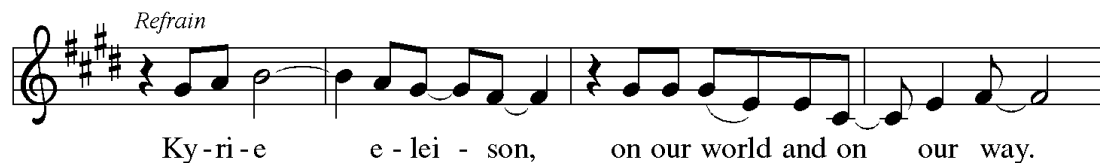
- 2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison, On Our World and On Our Way ELW p. 184



Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast..... ELW p. 187

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God among us, **we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Let the People of God Go Singing Ken Medema

Let the people of God go singing all around the earth.

*Let the people of God sing the music
of peace and freedom all around the earth.*

*Let the people of God sing till everyone
hears the music all around the world.*

Let the people of God go singing all around the earth.

Children's Message

First Reading | Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

**The Lord takes up the weak out of the
dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,**

enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

**The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a
joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?..... ELW p. 188

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading* | Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So, he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Break Now the Bread of Life..... ELW 515

- 1 Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.
- 2 Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!
- 3 You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

Apostles' Creed

Let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray. Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Call to Offering

Let us bring our gifts as faithful stewards so that lives may be changed, needs may be met, and the kingdom of God realized. We give generously and cheerfully as an act of grateful praise.

Offering Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat written and setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

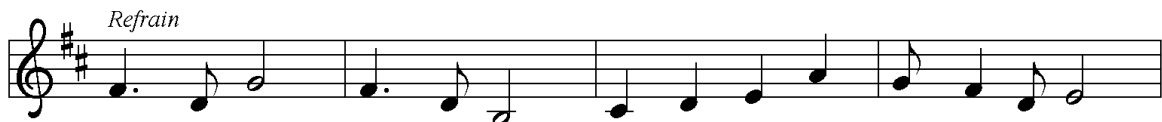
Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.


Communion Hymn

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup ELW 492


Refrain




Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
 Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young
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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ELW 551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name

to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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Sending

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude in A Minor Johann Simon, ed. Wayne Wold



Junior Bible Study | Today: Noah's Ark

Junior Bible Study is offered for children after the children's sermon during worship at both services. We will return from our time together before communion begins. Once again, we will use The Story as our guide for our learning. We will learn the familiar Bible Stories through these books, felt board, games, and crafts. We hope your children can join us!

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

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Altar Guild	Mike Keller
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