



Grace Lutheran Church

AUGUST 30, 2026

Grace News and Tidbits

YOU ARE WELCOME! WORSHIP WITH US!

Grace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

To **ANSWER** the CALL of our Savior.

To **CONNECT** with people in their everyday lives.

To **ADVANCE** the Gospel through God's Word and fellowship.

To **LEND** ourselves in service, so that we may become instruments.
that **LEAD** others to salvation.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday/Sunday

8/29 5:00 pm (No Communion)

8/30 8:00 am (No Communion)

8/30 10:30 am (No Communion)

HYMNS

LSB 856 *O Christ, Who Called the Twelve*
The Power of the Cross

LSB 718 *Jesus, Lead Thou On*

LSB 922 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

READINGS

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21;

Matthew 16:21-28.

Saturday/Sunday

9/5 5:00 pm (No Communion)

9/6 8:00 am (Communion)

9/6 10:30 am (No Communion)

Saturday/Sunday

9/12 5:00 pm (Communion)

9/13 8:00 am (No Communion)

9/13 10:30 am (Communion)

(Elders' BBQ after late service) 😊

SoG = Songs of Grace | LSB = Lutheran Service Book

SUNDAY SCHOOL

8/30/2026, 9:15 am

Infants – 12th Grade classes

Adult Bible Classes

- Pastor Knutson (Fireside Room)
- The Youngs (Boardroom)
- Pastor Woods' Bible class not meeting 8/30, 9/6. Please feel free to join one of the other adult Bible classes.

9/6/2026, 9:15 am

No Sunday School Infants – 12th

Adult Bible Classes

- Pastor Knutson (Fireside Room)
- The Youngs (Boardroom)
- Pastor Woods' Bible class not meeting 9/6. Please feel free to join one of the other adult Bible classes.



ALTAR FLOWERS

You are invited to sponsor **altar flowers** for any worship weekend in honor of a birthday, anniversary, loved one's memory, or simply to the **Glory of God**.

To reserve a date, please call or e-mail Karen in the church office.

The cost is **\$40 per vase**. Checks should be made payable to *Grace Lutheran Church*. Please place your payment in an envelope marked **"Altar Flowers"** or note it on the memo line of your check.

If you take the flowers home, please leave the **green metal insert**—these are returned to the florist.



Please Pray For:

Members: for Sheryl Overton and family mourning the passing of dad, Bill Davis; for Jim Furber, Brian Weldon, Louella Aker, Debbie Gleason, Marilyn Clark, Dave Conner, Chandra Isaac, Lorna Hoeppner, Maria Hobbs, Connie Beickman, Nona Bell, Frank Putirka, Bob & Carol Fischer, Jane Lakes, Bill Wirth, Wayne Sheffler, Mikelene Higgins, Andy Razor, Jane Ellenbrand, Bev Popp, Tony Ahlbrand, Tim Minich, Brandin Leffler, Renate Burrell, Jackie Rakes, Brenda Snyder, Marty Hoeppner, Marc Deardorff, Carie Lamb, Harry Ross.

Friends & Loved Ones: for Hannah Hosp (daughter-in-law of Carlee Hosp), Gene (great nephew of Greg Gatsos), Juli Meyer (sister-in-law of Sara (Loppnow) Scudder), Jason Walker (brother of Jane Wehmiller), Tammy Rieckers (aunt of Jennifer Benner), Marie Heine (daughter of Karen Hougland), Sharon Faulkner (mother-in-law of Tamera Faulkner), Sam Horton (cousin of Raymond Horton), Gary Manning (friend of Donna Baird), Larry Shevlin (Wendy Shevlin's brother), Jennifer Parr (friend of Debbie Boyle & Chrissy Clifford), Roger Rieckers (uncle of Jennifer Benner), Archer Julian (newborn great grandson of Luella Franks); Tucker Wathen (Brenda Alford's grandson), Lisa Cottrell (Barbara Sziklay's sister), Dale Moolhuysen (friend of Doug & Joan Longest), Deb Pillivant (friend of Barbara Sziklay), Stephen Korner (Knut's brother), Charlotte Crockett (Rose Ebling's mom), Amy Sander (friend of Kathy Hicks), Keith & Kathy Brown (brother & sister-in-law of Rick Fetz), Mary Watson (cousin of Diane Sowle), Rick Shafer (Colleen Garber's brother).

Prayers for Our Military: Shane McNamara (stepson of Ruth McNamara), Lukas Faith (Air Force, son of Jeff & Sara), Stephen Hougland (National Guard, Mississippi), Thomas Kendall & Michael Kendall (Army, sons of Patrick & Ruthie), Alona Warren (Marines, California, daughter of Diana & Mark), Megan Harbol (Army, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), Orrin Harbol (Army, husband of Megan), Will Mersmann (Navy, acquaintance of Becky Fetz), Lauren Mitchell (Navy, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), Jonah Windell (Navy, grandson of Larry & Donna Oexman), Samuel Franks (Army, grandson of Luella Franks).

PRAYER LIST UPDATES NEEDED

If you have a friend or loved one listed on our Sunday prayer list or in the weekly Prayer Letter, we'd love to hear how they are doing. Whether there is an encouraging update to share, a new request for prayer, or it's time to remove a name, your updates help us pray more meaningfully. **Please reach out to Karen in the church office** by **phone or email** her at secretary@glcna.org.

Pastor's Class Begins 9/20



Something for everyone in this class. An instruction course for non-members to become members. Seekers course for those drawn to Christianity and a refresher course for members.

SCHEDULE

Boardroom, 1:00-3:00 pm, nine weeks

9/20 & 9/27: Ten Commandments | 10/4 -10/18: Apostles' Creed | 10/25: Office of the Keys | 11/1: Baptism | 11/8: Holy Communion | 11/15: The Lord's Prayer

New Member Sunday

November 15 during the late service with a reception to welcome new members.



PARENT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

"Faith at Home" - Sundays, 9:15 am

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13 AT CHURCH

Parents of young children are invited to join **Faith at Home**, a Bible study focused on raising children in the Christian faith and building Christ-centered habits at home.

Location: 7th Grade Classroom (Youth Hall)

Leader: Pastor Knutson

Childcare available

Infants through age 3 meet in the Sunshine Room, and ages 4 thru 4th grade meet in the Kids of Grace Space in the Fellowship Hall.

"Study of Genesis"- 2nd Monday of month

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14



Parents of children from birth through 4th grade are invited to a monthly Bible study at Mitzi's home. Evenings begin with dinner, followed by Bible study. This year we will continue our study of Genesis.

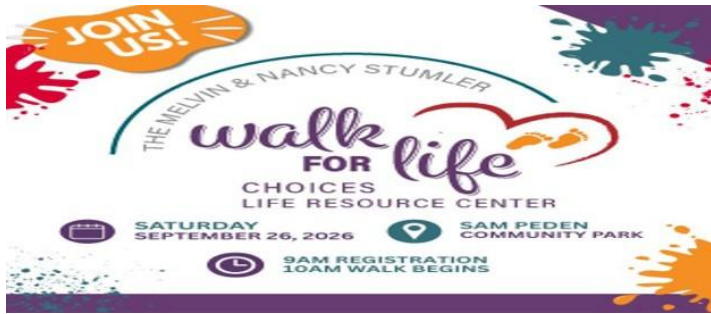
Location: Mitzi Lyon's home from 5:30 - 8:00

Leader: Mitzi Lyon, Director of Children's Ministry

Childcare is available upon request.

It is important that you text 812-207-4796 so we have enough food and childcare!

**Show Your Support for Choices Life
Resource Center and Join Grace
Lutheran's Women in Mission
Walking Team and Participate
in the Walk for Life!**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

Sam Peden Community Park

3307 Grant Line Road, New Albany

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Walk Begins: 10:00 a.m.

This event supports Choices Life Resource Center, but you do not need to donate to walk. Choices does ask that everyone register ahead of time so they can plan appropriately for lunch.

Brochures with additional information are available at the Welcome Center at church.

Ways to Register:

- Scan the QR code on the flyer or brochure
- Mail the registration form found in the brochure.
- Or, the **easiest option**: Write your information on the sign-up sheet outside the church office; **Sue Boyd will register for you.**

Please submit registration information by **Wednesday, September 23**. You will receive an email confirming your registration.

This event is supported by **Alleson Sisson's Thrivent Action Team**.

Together, We Walk for Life.

Together, We Make a Difference.

If you have questions, please contact **Sue Boyd**.

Workday

**Orphan Grain Train - Jonesville, IN
Tuesday, October 6**



We will depart from the church at 9:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. **Pastor Woods** will be driving the church bus, and lunch will be provided by **Grace's Lutheran Women in Mission**. If you have questions, please contact **Sue Boyd**.

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. There is room for **24 on the bus**.

All are welcome to join us in sorting clothing, packing boxes, and labeling items for shipment. The tasks are simple, and stools are available for those who prefer to sit. The facility is clean, air-conditioned, and offers water and soft drinks for volunteers.

Scrub Bucket Supply Collection for Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train has asked for Grace's assistance in collecting supplies for their **Scrub Buckets**, which are distributed to flood and storm victims. A donation bucket will be placed in the hallway across from the mail slots.

Requested Items:

- Liquid cleaner (e.g., Pine-Sol)
- Powdered cleaner (Comet or equivalent)
- Window cleaner (Windex or equivalent)
- Spray bottle, Scrub brush, Large sponge
- Heavy-duty latex or vinyl gloves
- Handy wipes
- Large roll of paper towels
- Dustpan and brush
- Heavy-duty straw or floor broom
- Durable rag-style mop

You do not need to purchase every item — any contribution is appreciated. This project is supported by **Karl Kuehner's Thrivent Action Team**. Orphan Grain Train is a registered service organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.



Game Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6



Church Fellowship Hall
beginning around Noon (after late service)

If you want, please bring snacks to share

Stick around after late service on the 6th and play some games with us.
All ages welcome. Some play Euchre, but other card games, board games are
all a part of "Game Day".

QUESTIONS ABOUT GAME DAY CAN BE DIRECTED TO NIK KAHL AT 502-693-2318.



CHURCH ANNUAL



ELDERS' BBQ



Sunday, September 13

Elders are cooking and providing all the
food. Bring a friend!

*everyone
welcome!*



Fellowship Hall



After late service - Noonish



BUNCO SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

Prizes for 1st, 2nd,
3rd, and Last
Place

Have Fun
With
Friends!



House Rules will be provided.



Sandwiches, chips, drinks
provided by the Women of Grace.

JOIN US

Noon - 2:00
Church Fireside Room



**SIGN UP ON THE SHEET
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.**



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RESERVE YOUR SPOTS TODAY:

Saturday, 9/26 from 8:30 - 11:00

Church Fireside Room

Saturday, 10/24 from 8:30 - 11:00

Church Fireside Room



**COFFEE
AND
DONUTS**



**WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU!**

Please call Perry Krause at **812-987-5898** or email perrykrause@gmail.com.

WELCOME TO OUR

GRACE ON WEDNESDAYS



Classes for age 4 through Adult

Growing in Faith Together!



Supper
5:30-6:00



Classes
6:00-7:30



September 16, 2026 - April 28, 2027

Schedule for 2026

- September 16, 23, 30
- October 7 no class
- October 14, 21, 28
- November 4, 11, 18
- November 25, no class

In December we have Advent worship at 7:00
so supper is at 5:15-5:45 and classes are from 5:45 - 6:45.

- December 2, 9, 16
- December 23, 30, no classes

Age 4 - 4th grade - Gym "Kids of Grace" space
5th & 6th Grades - Jr. High Room
7th Grade - Youth Wing - Pastor Knutson
8th Grade - Boardroom - Pastor Woods
9th - 12th - Sr. High Room
Adult class - Fireside Room - Larry Young



Dessert Donations for Grace on Wednesday's meals.
Brownies, cookies, cupcakes, pies, cakes (8x13), etc. in any amount
would be appreciated. We serve 75+ people. **THANK YOU!**

TRUSTEES

"And whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."
— Colossians 3:23

CORNER
The Trustees remain committed to maintaining and improving our church facilities so they can continue serving the needs of our congregation and community. We are grateful for your prayers, support, and faithful stewardship as we plan future improvements and complete ongoing projects.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Restroom Renovation Project

The voters' assembly has tabled the restroom renovation project until further discussion at the next voters' assembly. Thank you for your prayers and support as we discern the best path forward.

Parking Lot Paving

The voters' assembly has approved the church parking lot paving project, and work will move forward. Paving is scheduled for **September 28 - October 9**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for volunteer families who would consider caring for small areas around the church and helping maintain them. More information will follow.

CHURCH WORKDAY: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 8:00 A.M. TO NOON

The Trustees thank the congregation for the continued support, generosity, and prayers as we strive to be faithful caretakers of the facilities God has blessed with.

Growing in Faith, Building Our Future, Together.



CONGREGATION PLANNING SESSION

September 27 | Noon to 2:00 PM

Lunch Provided

Join us as we come together to share our vision and help shape the future of Grace Lutheran Church: During this planning session, we will discuss our goals and priorities for the next 1, 3, 5 years and beyond. A Time & Talent Survey will be launched, both online and printed copies available in your mailbox on September 27. Your input is vital as we seek to strengthen our ministry and plan for the future.



GRANT WRITER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Grace Lutheran Church is seeking individuals with experience in grant writing to help pursue grant opportunities that support our ministries and future projects. If you have grant writing experience, we would love to hear from you. For more information, please contact Perry Krause at perrylkrause@gmail.com.



MUMS FOR SALE

Grace Lutheran Preschool is offering beautiful fall mums! Order forms and payments are due by Friday, September 13. (Note: the order form has September 4 for the deadline, but it should say September 13.) Add a splash of fall color to your home while helping support our preschool program. Questions? Contact Karen Satori or the Preschool Office at 812-941-1912.



Pickup: Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 9/22 or
Wednesday, 9/23 from
11:30 to 4:00.



Recipes Still Needed by September 30 for the Grace Lutheran Cookbook.

To submit go to www.typensave.com | Username: GLCNA | Password: popcorn949, or you may pick up a form outside the church office. Please place these in Debbie Boyle Gibson or Diana VonStrohe's mail slot at church. The goal is to have the cookbooks by the end of the year.

100

100 Years of Grace

When Grace was first established, there were 44 communicant members and 14 unconfirmed children according to the records we have. We are trying to locate family members of the Charter members that are still members of Grace. The research is rough and we need help completing it. The information, as we have it, is in the Narthex. If you have additional information, please add. If you have questions, contact Debbie Boyle Gibson at 502-541-5059.



Officers & Team Members Installation Sunday, September 13

During both Sunday services on 9/13, the installation of officers and team members will take place. If you are an officer or on a team for the new election year, please come forward during the installation. Thank you for your dedication and service. We are grateful for your leadership as we step into a new year of ministry together.



Commissioning of Teachers, Administrators, and Staff of the Preschool, Sunday School, and Grace on Wednesdays

Join us during worship services on September 19 & 20 as we commission and bless all those serving in our children's and midweek ministries. Let us celebrate their dedication and pray for a fruitful year ahead!



Blood drive St. John's Lutheran Church

For your opportunity to help save lives, make an appointment now to give at the upcoming blood drive at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1505 St. John's Church Road, Lanesville, Indiana, on Monday, September 21 From 4:00 - 8:00 in St. John's Lutheran School Cafeteria. To register go to: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StJohnsLutheranChurchIN> or visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



Attention Women:

You are invited to join the Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) group studying Romans on Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at Middletown U.M.C. at 11902 Old Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY. For those that participated or remember, Grace hosted a BSF group here many years ago—this is the same program. Visit www.bsfindernational.org. Click "Find a BSF Group", Select "in-person" then click Next. Enter your zip code, Select "Women", then click "Search". Choose the church location you want and click "Request to join." Sign in or create a new account. After submitting your request, wait for a BSF team member to contact you and place you in a class.



Sunday, 8/30

Samantha Bottom

Aiyanna Hilton

Monday, 8/31

John Buckel

Tuesday, 9/1

Kelsey Short

Wednesday, 9/2

Kathy Farmer

Jeff Romer

Jack Lilly

Thursday, 9/3

Dennis Gleason

Becky Kischnick

Victoria Lee

Hanna Gresham

Friday, 9/4

Debbie Chapman

Robb Matzke

Saturday, 9/5

Joyce Schoch

Pam Shelton

Sunday, 9/6

Carolyn Ewing

Barbara Kaminsky

Ann Goodlett

Matt Hinz

Lydia Edelen



Sunday, 8/30

Mike & Bonnie Nale

Monday, 8/31

Josh & Danielle Woods

Wednesday, 9/2

Brad & Cathy Hussung

Thursday, 9/3

Nathan & Cadence Elbert

Sunday, 9/6

Darrell & Sandy Brumett



If you get a chance to drive by church at night, take a glance at our cross in the front church yard that lights up at night.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

AUGUST 30, SUNDAY

Worship, 8:00 (No Communion)

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
- Infants – age 3 & Parents Nursery Class (Sunshine Rm.)
- Age 4 – 4th Grade (Gym-Kids of Grace area)
- Jr. High (Jr. High Youth Room)
- Sr. High (Sr. High Youth Room)
- Pastor Woods' Bible class not meeting 8/30, 9/6 (You are welcome to attend the other adult classes).
- Pastor Knutson Bible Class (Fireside Room)
- The Youngs' Bible Class (Boardroom)
- **Worship, 10:30 am (No Communion)**

AUGUST 31, MONDAY

- Scouts, 6:00 pm (Gym, Fireside, Boardroom)

SEPTEMBER 1, TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 2, WEDNESDAY

- Bible Class *The Bible's Silent Years* (Boardroom), 10:30
- Fireside Room reserved, 5:00-9:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 3, THURSDAY

- Thursday's Saints Bible Class, 10:30 am (Fireside)

SEPTEMBER 4, FRIDAY

- Fireside Room reserved, 5:30-8:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 5, SATURDAY

- Worship, 5:00 pm (**No Communion**)

SEPTEMBER 6, SUNDAY

- **Worship, 8:00 (Communion)**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
- **No Classes for infants – 12th grade (RESUMES 9/13)**
- Pastor Knutson's Bible Class (Fireside Room)
- The Youngs' Bible Class (Boardroom)
- Pastor Woods' Bible class not meeting 9/6 (You are welcome to attend the other adult classes).
- **Worship, 10:30 am (No Communion)**

The weekend of September 5/6 is church's **"Bring Your Can to Church Sunday"** to replenish items in our Food Pantry, so that we can provide food to those in need in our congregation and community. In the month of August, we were able to help 16 families. If you are able, please bring a bag or two of food next weekend. Please make sure to place perishable things in the Food Pantry freezer.

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Click the map to the right of screen and take the 360° tour of our church.



The **Grace News & Tidbits** and **Pastor Woods' Weekly Devotion** available via e-mail. If you would like to receive either or both by e-mail, please call Karen at the church office, 812-944-1267 or e-mail her at secretary@glcna.org and let her know. (Please check spam/junk folders and make church a safe sender in your e-mail settings, so we are not blocked by your e-mail.)



BEWARE OF SCAM MESSAGES

If you receive a message that looks like it is from a church member or staff—especially one of the pastors—please confirm with that person before opening or responding. There are a lot of scams going around, and we want everyone to stay safe.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are hospitalized or have a change of address or just something that needs pastoral care, please call the office, or let the pastors know directly. Since hospital and nursing facilities are not allowed to disclose patient information of any kind, they do not call the church. If you cannot call the church or one of the pastors yourself, please ask someone to do so for you. The pastors would be grateful to hear from you or family when care is needed. We want to be there with you at such important times.

WAYS TO GIVE to GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mail or place in offering plate at church or give online at www.glcna.org.

Weekly Attendance Report

Saturday, 8/22	5:00 pm	70
Sunday, 8/23	8:00 am	66
Sunday, 8/23	10:30 am	159

Budget Needed weekly: \$17,003.00.

Sunday, Aug 23 Total: \$13,059.16	
\$5,511.00	Envelopes
\$ 370.00	Loose Plate
\$5,017.16	Vanco
\$2,160.00	Other General Fund

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Saturdays, 5:00 pm

Sundays

8:00 & 10:30 am

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