Grace Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER 8, 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 SUNDAY

November 8, 2026

11/7 No Saturday Worship
11/8 8:00 am (No Communion)
11/8 10:30 am (Communion)

HYMNS

God of Our Fathers
Onward Christian Soldiers
Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Battle Hymn of the Republic

COMMUNION (10:30)

The Battle Belongs to the Lord
Crown Him with Many Crowns
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Christ Is the World's Redeemer

READINGS

Amos 5:18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

SoG = Songs of Grace | LSB = Lutheran Service Book

KIDS OF GRACE SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Kids age 4 – 4th Grade

Kids are dismissed during late service to the *"Kids of Grace"* area in the gym and return before the late service ends.

Kids age 3 and under welcome to stay with a parent or grandparent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

11/8/2026, 9:15 am

Infants–12th Grade Classes
Adult Bible Classes

- Pastor Knutson "Faith at Home" for Parents of young children (7th Grade Classroom)
- The Youngs (Boardroom) 1st & 2nd Thessalonians
- Pastor Woods (Fireside Room)

11/15/2026, 9:15 am

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11/22/2026, 9:15 am

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to sponsor flowers for the altar for a church weekend worship service? If interested, please call Karen at the church office.

The cost is **$40 per vase**. Checks should be made payable to **Grace Lutheran Church** and placed in an envelope marked *"Altar Flowers"* or noted on the memo line.

If you take the flowers home, please leave the green metal insert so it can be returned to the florist.

Voters' Assembly Meeting

Sunday, November 22

Fellowship Hall
after the late service

Luncheon and meeting. Please plan to attend and take part in making important decisions for our congregation.

Please Pray For

Members: for **Willard Schlesener**, **Greg Gatsos**, **Serene Loppnow**, **Lorna Hoeppner**, **Marty Hoeppner**, **Debbie Gleason**, **Frank Putirka**, **Sue Neathamer**, **Wayne Sheffler, Debbie Wirth, Marilyn Meeks**, **Ron Zwald**, **Audrey Scott**, **Andy Razor**, **Connie Beickman**, **Nona Bell**, **Bill Wirth**, **Mikelene Higgins**, **Tim Minich**, **Brandin Leffler**, **Jackie Rakes**, **Marc Deardorff**, **Carie Lamb**, **Harry Ross**.

Friends & Loved Ones: for **Melvin Jacobi** (dad of Jane Loppnow), **Diane Sowle and family** upon the passing of her cousin, **Mary Watson**; for **Peggy Snook** (friend of Becky Fetz), **Zoey Goodwine** (acquaintance of Becky Fetz), **Staci Harris** (mother of Samuel Bottom), **Mary "Dolores" McBeth** (mom of Debbie Wirth), **Flynn Acton** (3 month old son of a friend of Joe Franklin), **Jeff Neal** (son-in-law of David & Lyn Back), **Lando White** (friend of Debbie Gibson), **Kathy Litch** (Gwin Kahl's sister), **Jim Baumgart**, **Tracy Serbick** (friend of Danielle Delorme), **Maya Strehler** (1 year old great niece of Auggie Hinz), **Jackie Ralston** (sister of Doug Longest), **Carlotta McKnight** (friend of Luella Franks), **Juli Meyer** (sister-in-law of Sara (Loppnow) Scudder), **Jennifer Parr** (friend of Debbie Boyle & Chrissy Clifford), **Lisa Cottrell** (Barbara Sziklay's sister), **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), **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.



DONATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED HALLOWEEN CANDY NEEDED

The candy will be used for encouragement packets and for Christmas stockings for children.



Place candy in the container located under the mailslots in the hallway at church.

Thank you so much for your donations.
If you have any questions, please see Dolly Jenkins.

PARENTS' BIBLE STUDY

November 9, 2026 - 5:30 - 8:00 pm

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES INFANTS - 4TH GRADE

Join us for a Parent Bible Study at Mitzi Lyon's on 11/9 from 5:30-8:00. We will start the night with some dinner, then dive into some enlightening Bible study!
Need a babysitter? No problem—childcare is available upon request! Just give Mitzi a heads-up on who's coming so she can whip up enough food to feed the whole crew!

Mitzi Lyon, Children's Ministry Director
Mitzi.lyon@glcna.org | 812-207-4796



Game Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Church Fellowship Hall
beginning around Noon
(after late service)

If you want, please bring snacks to share

Stick around after late service on the 8th 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.

GRIEFSHARE®

SUNDAYS

at church, 1:00-3:00 pm

November 8 - Fearful & Overwhelmed
November 15 - Anger
November 22 - Regrets
November 29 - No Class

WISHING YOU COMFORT AND PEACE AS YOU NAVIGATE THROUGH YOUR GRIEF.

Quilt Tacking

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Church Fireside Room

10:00 - Noon

No experience needed. Please bring scissors.
Everyone is welcome!

Since the last quilt tacking in October, four lap quilts were given to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Elizabethtown for their ministry to an assisted living center.

JOIN US FOR DEVOTIONS, COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

Blood Drive

Thursday, November 19
1:00 - 6:00 pm

Grace Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall/Gym

To Make an Appointment

1. Go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter code: *GraceLutheranNA*
2. call 1-800-733-2767

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
DURING LATE SERVICE

We will welcome all the new individuals and families that have joined membership since March 2026, including those joining us from the current Pastor's Class.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Small Reception in Fireside Room after late service. Plan to stop by and introduce yourselves!

Thanksgiving Baskets



On Saturday, November 21, the Caring/Discipleship Team will be giving out 30 baskets to families that have signed up and are in need. We are accepting donations of green beans, evaporated milk, peas, corn, pumpkin pie mix, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, gravy, sweet potatoes, mac and cheese.

Monetary donations
Please mark for:
"Thanksgiving Baskets"



If you, or someone you know, need a basket, please call Karen in the church office ASAP.

Help Us Support a Family in Need

One of our church families is facing a significant financial hardship and could use our support. We are seeking to raise **$5,000** to help meet urgent needs and provide much-needed support during this challenging time.

Every gift, no matter what the amount, will make a meaningful difference. Please prayerfully consider contributing. Together, we can make a lasting impact and remind this family they are not alone.

Please designate your contribution as **"Family in Need."**

Lutheran Witness 2027

It's time to renew or begin your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness*, the monthly magazine of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

- **Cost**: $25 for the year (same as last year)
- **Deadline**: NOVEMBER 10
- **To Subscribe**:
  - Call Karen **944-1267**
  - Email: secretary@glcna.org or
  - Leave a note on her desk.

Please make checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church** and place them in an envelope clearly marked **"Lutheran Witness Subscription."**

Christmas Gifts for Kids!

Again this year, we will be providing gifts for children in our church and community.

Church Members: If you are a church member in need of assistance this Christmas season, please contact Karen in the church office **(812) 944-1267** or **secretary@glcna.org**. We are accepting names now.

Community Families: We will begin accepting names from the community on November 17.

How You Can Help: Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to **Grace Lutheran** and write **"Kids Gifts"** in the memo line. *Thank you for helping us share Christ's love and joy with children and families this Christmas season.*

Orphan Grain Train Update

On Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 12 volunteers from Grace visited Orphan Grain Train in Jonesville, IN for a workday. We brought with us items for scrub buckets that Orphan Grain Train distributes to flood and disaster victims. We helped fill their scrub bucket bin. At Orphan Grain we sorted boxes and bags full of clothing and put them in marked bins. Thank you to those who contributed items for the scrub buckets and thank you to Pastor Woods for driving the church bus. Pictures of the trip are on the LWML bulletin board next to the church mail slots. Karl Kuehner supported the project with a Thrivent Action Team.

The mission of Orphan Grain Train is: *In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near.* To find out more information about Orphan Grain Train visit their website at *ogt.org.*





St. John's Lutheran Church

1505 St. John's Church Road, Lanesville, IN 47136

Annual Supper & Bazaar

Saturday, November 14, 2026
from 4:00–7:00 p.m.

FOOD, HOMEMADE CRAFTS
BAKED GOODS

Meat: Rolled oysters | Fried chicken
Sides: Dressing, chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, homemade pie or dessert, green beans, coleslaw, cranberry relish. Choice of one meat with all sides. (Second helpings available on sides.)

Carry-out available.

TRUSTEES CORNER

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

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.

Fireside Room Project Update
The next project on our list is the Fireside Room. The ceiling will be thoroughly cleaned, and the room will receive a fresh coat of paint. We look forward to giving this well-used space a bright, renewed look.

Church Bathroom Renovation Project
We will discuss further at the next Voters' Assembly November 22

Thanks to the congregation for your support, generosity, and prayers as we strive to be faithful caretakers of the facilities God has blessed us with.

Children's Ministry "Good Samaritan" Project

On **Dec. 9 & 13** the children will be learning how to be a "Good Samaritan." They will be putting together 100 snack bags for Ronald McDonald House.

Please consider donating Items needed for this project

All donations needed by Sunday, 12/6

ITEMS NEEDED:

Protein Snack
Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers, Beef Sticks.

Salty Snack
Snack Mix, Goldfish, Pretzels.

Sweet Treat
Rice Krispie, Cookie, Granola Bar, Bowl Fruit /Apple sauce Squeeze.

Small bottle of Water.



Signs of Christmas

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 20

10:30 am

Below are practices for the program. Please plan to attend.

NOVEMBER PRACTICES

Sunday, 11/8 at 9:15 am
Wednesday, 11/11 at 6:00 pm
Sunday, November 15 at 9:15 am
Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00 pm
Sunday, November 22 at 9:15 am

DECEMBER PRACTICES

Wednesday, December 2 at 5:45 pm
Sunday, December 6 at 9:15 am
Wednesday, December 9 at 5:45 pm
Sunday, December 13 at 9:15 am
Saturday, December 19 from 10:00-11:30
Sunday, December 20 at 9:15 am

Please let me know if your child plans to be a part of the Christmas Program.
- Mitzi Lyon, Director of Children's Ministry

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Sunday, 11/8

John Alexander

Henry Schmidt

Tuesday, 11/10

Lindsay Swearingen

Rylan Lamb

Kyle Deardorff

Wednesday, 11/11

Mike Kummer

Chris Jenkins

Regan Ralston

Asa Swearingen

Adlee Jones

Thursday, 11/12

Matthew Wernert

Landon Alexander

Friday, 11/13

Angela Spangle

Saturday, 11/14

Bill Goebel

Jeff Faith

Sunday, 11/15

Angela Lawson

Amelia Mayfield

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday, 11/8

Qing & Hannah Luo

Sunday, 11/15

Gary & Jill McLellen



CALENDAR

Sunday, November 8 – Sunday, November 15, 2026

NOVEMBER 8, SUNDAY Kids Church (10:30)

LOVE OFFERING for THANKSGIVING BASKETS

- **Worship, 8:00 (No Communion)**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
  - Age 4 – 4th grade practice for Christmas program
  - Infants – 12th grade classes
  - Pastor Knutson's Class for Parents of young children (meets in 7th Grade Classroom)
  - The Youngs' Bible Class (Boardroom)
  - Pastor Woods' Bible class (Fireside Room)
- **Worship, 10:30 am (Communion)**
- Game Day after late service (Fellowship Hall/Gym)
- Pastor's Class, 1:00 (Boardroom)
- GriefShare Class, 1:00 pm (Fireside Room)

NOVEMBER 9, MONDAY

- Class for Parents of infants-4th grade @ Mitzi's, 5:30 pm
- Scouts, 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER 10, TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 11, WEDNESDAY

Age 4 – 4th grade practice for Christmas Program during Grace on Wednesdays

- Grace on Wednesday Classes
  Supper: 5:30 Classes: 6:00-7:30
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER 12, THURSDAY

- Thursday Saints Bible Class, 10:30 (Fireside Room)
- Golden Saints Pitch-in Luncheon, Noon (Fireside Room)
- Fireside Room reserved, 5:00-8:00

NOVEMBER 13, FRIDAY

- LifeWise Class, Fellowship Hall, 10:00-10:40
- Fireside Room reserved, 5:30-8:00 pm

NOVEMBER 14, SATURDAY

- **Worship, 5:00 pm (Communion)**

NOVEMBER 15, SUNDAY

LOVE OFFERING for THANKSGIVING BASKETS

New Member Sunday (10:30)

Worship, 8:00 (Communion)

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- **Worship, 10:30 am (No Communion)**
- New Members Meet & Greet after late service, Fireside Room
- Pastor's Class (Boardroom), 1:00
- GriefShare Class, 1:00 pm (Fireside Room)

Grace Lutheran Church is Connected

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Services, Events, Ministries, Grace News and More!
Facebook
Like us and follow for up-to-date news and tidbits.
360-degree Tour
On Google, type *Grace Lutheran Church New Albany, Indiana*.
Click the map to the right of screen and take the 360^0 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, 10/31	5:00 pm	43
Sunday, 11/1	8:00 am	94
Sunday, 11/1	10:30 am	121

Budget Needed weekly: $17,003.00.

Sunday, November 1 Total: $16,376.62

$ 8467.00	Envelopes
$ 556.00	Loose Plate
$ 4363.01	Vanco
$ 2981.61	Other

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Worship with Us

Saturdays, 5:00 pm
Sundays
8:00 & 10:30 am

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