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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

### MINISTERS: All the people of God

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**READER:** 9am – Janet McPherson;

11am – Don Blancett

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** 9am – N/A; 11am – N/A

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Janet Blair, Randi Buehner, Kevin Lundgen

**GREETERS:** Karen Bradley, Kassie, Leon & Selah Ernst, Nick Gandy, Mary Grant, Dean & Kathy Gatzlaff, Marilyn Harper, Maria & Priscilla Heidorn, Deborah Kojis, Pam Morris, Debra & Jim Nelsen, George Ohlin, Kelly Wenum

**USHERS:** Dean Gatzlaff, Sunshine Jacobs, Brent Kallestad, Kathy Van Loo, Debra & Jim Nelsen, George Ohlin

**A/V TEAM:** Sara Allen, Janet Blair, Elisa Casey, Dr. Leslie Heffner, Penny Rusink

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL FUND AMENDED SPENDING PLAN					
For the month ending on:	AMENDED SPENDING PLAN to date	INCOME / OFFERINGS RECEIVED to date	SPENDING PLAN OVERAGE/ (DEFICIT) to date	EXPENDITURES to date	RECEIPTS (UNDER) EXPENDITURES to date
September 30, 2025	\$113,452	\$92,881	(\$20,571)	\$126,234	(\$33,353)

**IF YOU HAVE BENEVOLENCE FOR GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, or support for one of our community partners, please feel free to place your gift in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. You can also give online via our website: [www.gracelutheran.faith](http://www.gracelutheran.faith). If you use the unique PayPal link on our website, there is no cost to you or Grace to use PayPal Giving.

**WE OFFER TWO WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAY**, a 9 a.m. Contemporary & an 11 a.m. Traditional

**SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING** to Pastor Gary Rusinko and to Karen Bradley for leading our worship services while Pastor Jenn is away today. Pastor Gary will lead our 9:00 a.m. worship service and Karen lead the 11:00 a.m. service.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS FOR THIS WEEK** are given to the glory of God by Peggy Stevens.

**JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** between services, for refreshments and fellowship from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. **We have no host volunteer this week so refreshments will be provided by our Fellowship Committee.** To choose a date to host refreshments, please sign up on the chart in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to participate in hosting. If questions, contact Mary Grant 609-602-0155 or [grantmlcic@hotmail.com](mailto:grantmlcic@hotmail.com).

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE** is Tuesday by 9:00 a.m. Please email announcements to Lisa at [graceluthch@earthlink.net](mailto:graceluthch@earthlink.net).

**TEXTALK** meets Tuesdays, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. We discuss the lessons from the previous Sunday's worship service. Please join us in person or online. An email with the Zoom link is sent Tuesday a.m.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PROJECT POSTPONED** until the spring. Additional information will be forthcoming.

**NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING** is Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**MANNA ON MERIDIAN'S NEXT DISTRIBUTION DAY** is Saturday, November 15. Volunteers are welcome! If questions, contact Penny Rusinko, 507-213-7246 or [gprusinko@gmail.com](mailto:gprusinko@gmail.com). Thank you for your generous donations of tuna. Manna also currently needs canned corn, green beans and black beans; 11oz – 15oz boxes of cereal; and new or used brown paper grocery bags. Place these in the bin next to the tuna bucket in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE MEN'S GROUP MEETS** every third Monday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Next meeting is November 17.

**OUR QUILTING GROUP** gathers on the third Thursday of each month, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Our next gathering is November 20. We'd love to welcome new members!

**FIRST FRIDAY CLEANUP, DATE CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER.** We'll meet on the third Friday again this month – November 21, from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Please come out and join us, the weather has become more pleasant and we would love to have help preparing for the holidays.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

**DECORATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** at Grace on Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome – it's fun for all ages! Have questions? Contact Judy Blancett at [djblancett@comcast.net](mailto:djblancett@comcast.net)

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC SUNDAY** is December 21, at our 11:00 a.m. service. Our 9:00 a.m. service will happen as usual, and will have a seasonal reading in place of a sermon.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Prayer requests should be sent to Lisa in the church office for inclusion on this list. All requests run for four weeks at a time. If a name should continue to be on the list after that time, please contact Lisa again to continue the request for another four weeks. Thank you!*

***This week at Grace, please remember in prayer:***

Dennis Jackson, Dave Grant, Buddy Dewar, Jamie Lee McDavid, Bev Vertuno, Debra Nelsen, Corey Warrington, Mason Frese, Skip Frey, Jerry Taber, PJ May, Jim Banks, Nancy Banks, Reed Kallestad, Joe McRory, Annabelle Grace, Chris Szymanski, Virginia Dix, Amanda Littlefield, Scott Littlefield, Kyle Lewis, Gene O.; Donald Bufkin and wife; Sunda McDonald and Leslie Heffner's Mom; Lisa and Jackie James; Linda and Bill Sloan; Mark and Sarah Springer; Ron and Susan Crolla; the family of Carol Schroeder; the family and friends of Daniel McCall.

Global Refuge, Lutheran Services in America, and other organizations that are working to help families who are here legally, and all those who receive support and services from them; the people of Cuba; the people of Haiti; the people of Ukraine; the people of Grace Lutheran Church and our Congregational Council; St. Stephen Lutheran Church and Pastor Tom Holdcraft; the Florida-Bahamas Synod and our Bishop, Pedro Suarez; the ELCA; and our Presiding Bishop, Yehiel Curry.

***Please also lift up:***

All the people of the Middle East, in particular the people of Israel, Gaza and Iran, and our service women and service men in that region, that they would remain safe from harm. World leaders, that they may lead by example, and seek paths of peace, justice and mercy. Our own government, that they may be moved to stand up for the needy, the neglected and the oppressed. Give them courage to speak truth to power, and to be strong, compassionate leaders for all people.

Victims of gun violence; victims of hate crimes. The sick, suffering and dying; the homeless and the hungry; military personnel and their families; first responders; those who are incarcerated; all those whose needs are known only to God.