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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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ALTAR GUILD: Sunshine Jacobs

READERS: 9am – Gary Rusinko;

11am – Sunshine Jacobs

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 9am – Gary Rusinko;

11am – Sunshine Jacobs, Kathy Van Loo

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 Rusinko

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 OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES to date
October 31, 2025	\$142,791	\$112,150	(\$30,641)	\$156,871	(\$44,721)

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. 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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS FOR THIS WEEK are given in honor of Aunt Jean's 86th birthday, by Kassie, Sasha, Selah and Leon Ernst.

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL between services, for refreshments and fellowship from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. **Our hosts this week are Kassie, Sasha, Selah and Leon Ernst.** 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.

ADVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The Worship and Music committee is in need of volunteers to help with the lighting of the Advent Wreath each week. Individuals, couples, and/or families are all welcome! We need people at both services, for December 7th, 14th, & 21st. If you're interested in helping, please contact Karen Bradley at kcbradley16@aol.com or text her at 561-685-1371. All ages are welcome to participate - and if you helped last year, you are welcome to do so again.

HELP 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

SAVE THE DATE! 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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE is Tuesday by 9:00 a.m. Please email announcements to Lisa at 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.

MUSIC LESSONS EXPRESS WILL HOLD THEIR WINTER RECITAL next Sunday, December 7th at here at Grace. There will be three recital times that day, 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. We encourage you to come and support these talented and hardworking students, and enjoy their music, as well! **The recital is free.**

BLESSING OF QUILTS will take place during both services on Sunday, December 14. Quilts, handmade by Grace members, are being donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that builds beds for kids in need, many of whom may otherwise be sleeping on the floor. If you'd like to be a part of **OUR QUILTING GROUP**, they gather on the third Thursday of each month, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Our next gathering is this Thursday, December 18. We'd love to welcome new members!

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 December 15.

MANNA ON MERIDIAN'S NEXT DISTRIBUTION DAY is Saturday, December 20. Volunteers are welcome! If questions, contact Penny Rusinko, 507-213-7246 or 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.

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:

Tom Hudson, Dorene Cash, Lory Maddox, Pat Yeager, Dennis Jackson, Dave Grant, Buddy Dewar, Jamie Lee McDavid, Bev Vertuno, Debra Nelsen, Corey Warrington, 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; Tom Hudson's great-nephew; Donald Bufkin and wife; Lisa and Jackie James; Linda and Bill Sloan; Mark and Sarah Springer; Ron and Susan Crolla; the family of Ann Hingst; the family of Sunda McDonald; the family of Carol Schroeder.

For Leon County and all areas of drought; 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 and Pastor Jenn; 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.