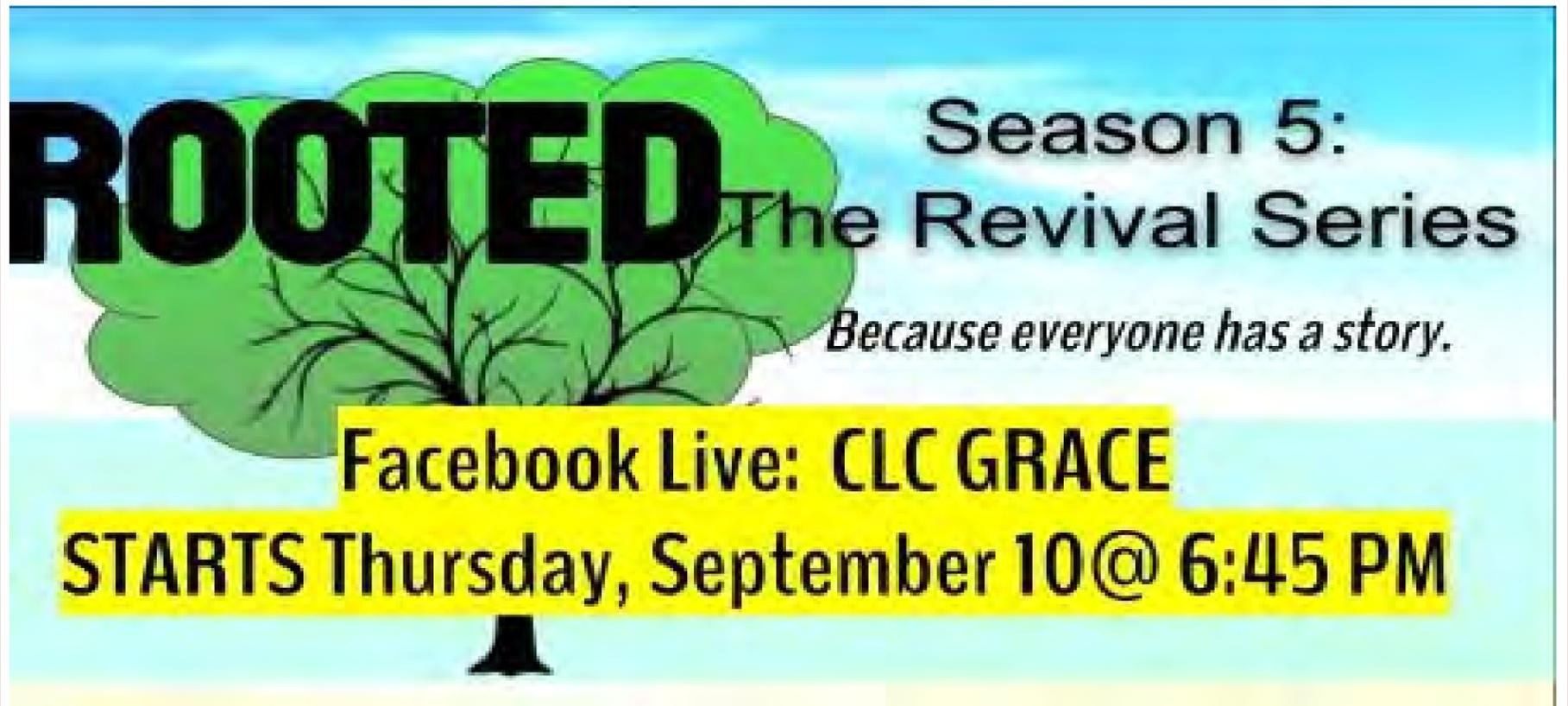


September's Grace



It's time to get "Rooted" again, especially in these uncertain days. Time to get "Rooted" in: God, community, heartfelt messages, personal testimonies, and tools to live a better life.

This series has its beginnings in the message Rob Ferguson gave back in April titled "Revival In America." His message traveled to over 50 countries on 6 continents, and was "viewed" over 300,000 times.

For this series we have already lined up eight speakers for September and October. Rob will lead us off with a message titled "Sodom and Gomorrah." We hope to continue the series into the winter months.

Thursday 09-10-20	Rob Ferguson
Thursday 09-17-20	RJ Garde
Thursday 09-24-20	Justin Willoughby
Thursday 10-01-20	Josh Hatcher
Thursday 10-08-20	Stefanie Cawley
Thursday 10-15-20	Shane Langianese
Thursday 10-22-20	Samantha Davis
Thursday 10-29-20	Dan Palmer

Our key Bible passage comes from the book of Revelation, chapter 12, verse 11: "And they (believers), overcame him (Satan), by the Blood of the Lamb (Jesus), and by the word of their testimony."

Due to current events, this series is anticipated to be Facebook Live only. However, if the opportunity arrives, we will bring back our preferred venue with an audience and food which some have called "Crosswalk for Adults" or "Dinner Church."

Stewardship Minute

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE (Part 2 of 2)

Breaking the Fear and Worry Cycle

Our thoughts impact emotions. We must choose to surrender our fear of the future each day. Otherwise, unrealistic expectations or “what-if” scenarios will cause you (or me) chronic anxiety. God is trustworthy and loves us beyond comprehension. He promises to work all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purposes. (Romans 8:28)

- ♦ List every resource you have and transfer ownership to God, recognizing you are simply a steward.
- ♦ Align your mind and heart with God, the owner of everything.
- ♦ Embrace God’s counsel from His Word for each decision.
- ♦ Use *His* instead of *my* to bring Christ’s Lordship into the details of your life.
In Hebrews, we read of those who surrendered their will and acted on faith in God. They were rewarded by Him – but not the world.
- ♦ *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.* (Hebrews 11:1-2 ESV)
- ♦ *And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.* (Hebrews 11:6 ESV)
- ♦ *And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.* (Hebrews 11:39-40 ESV)

So, regardless of how well you’ve planned for the future, you must trust God with it all one day at a time.

How to Trust God

- ♦ Seek God’s direction for your life – not someone else’s.
- ♦ Make a conscious act of trusting God. Make a material commitment to express your faith by becoming more generous.
- ♦ Be patient and develop an eternal perspective.
- ♦ Pray diligently for faith to trust Him more.

Practical Steps

- ♦ Set realistic goals
- ♦ Release the past
- ♦ Give to God first and increase your generosity
- ♦ Save more, spend less
- ♦ Establish an emergency fund – but cap it to avoid hoarding
- ♦ Pay off debt
- ♦ Write a will
- ♦ Plug into a church
- ♦ Seek Godly mentors

I pray that these simple steps are helpful to you and that they help to put your worries at ease. But most of all, I pray that as you grow to trust God more and more every day, you become deeply assured of the security that you have in Him. Trust Him to be your provider and protector through life’s uncertainties. God is faithful even if all the money is lost. Ultimately, your faith (confident trust in Him) will prove of greater worth than silver or gold. Chuck Bentley, Crown.org

Pastor's Pause

Proverbs 29:18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish ...”

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope all is going well with you. You are dear to my heart and I hope that you feel God's presence in times like this.

I know that our school system is struggling with this pandemic. Do we wear masks or not? How about wearing them during sports? Are parents allowed to attend sporting events, why not? The questions can be never ending. We can also ask questions about our state government. Are the restrictions too strict or too lenient?

There are so many questions and up in the air answers. I think that, yes, we need to take precautions when we are around a group of people. And yet, at the same time, we need to put our trust in God that He is taking care of us and helping us through this pandemic. We are not to be scared or run around as a chicken with its head cut off. Our trust is in God. It is in times such as this that God calls His people to turn to Him. It is in the Old Testament that God calls His people to gather and to worship and not turn to false gods.

God doesn't make these terrible things happen; they happen because we live in a fallen, sin-filled world. God does use these tragic events to draw us back to Him. He wants our eyes wide open, to see the direction that humankind has gone. Just look at the riots — this is one of many things that are happening in our society that is ungodly. It is time for a revival in our hearts and in our lives.

Long is the time that great Christian revivals have occurred. I think that now, smaller groups of revivals will happen both in our churches and in our communities. Martin Luther was asked what he would do if he knew the world would end tomorrow. His answer was to plant a tree. Our little works as witnesses for God may seem small, but with God, it is a huge outreach and ministry.

Now I don't want to put a fear bug in you or make you think there is a camera watching you every minute of your life, but I think we need to be aware of what is happening in our government, at least in some parts of our country.

So far in our area, not all of us feel the pinch of restraint that hairdressers and store owners feel. We as a church are able to continue worshipping as we desire. In other states, government has put pressure on the churches to close or to have only a few people in attendance. This is what the communists and Nazis did and are doing.

It was Dietrich Bonhoeffer who said that we have to be watchful that the government doesn't force us away from our God and our worship. I feel that in some parts of our country this is happening. Jesus tells His followers to be watchful of the happenings around us. We are to keep our eyes wide open.

Now, what have I been doing for C.E. (continuing education)? I was given a gift which is R.C. Sproul's "Teaching Collection". R.C. Sproul is from the Presbyterian Church background. He is very good and I respect his teachings even though there is one area that I strongly disagree with him. I may use his videos to teach a Bible class during the week since I am unable to do so on Sundays. I will be teaching the High School Confirmation Class (which I am very excited about). High Schoolers tend to have a better grasp on this subject than Middle Schoolers.

I am also reading a book by Tom Nelson, Works Matters, Connection Sunday Worship to Monday Work. I enjoy this time of C.E. which enables me to grow deeper in thought and in the understanding of God. I try to use what I learn during my studies to help better minister to the church. This way as a pastor, I don't become boring (hopefully) or at least try not to be dull.

Blessing in Christ,

Pastor Bill

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30 NIV)*

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not published on-line.



ALTAR COMMITTEE

**Amy Stoltz &
Karen Rakieski**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sep. 6 -
Sep. 13 -
Sep. 20 -
Sep. 27 -

Growing with Grace August Update

PPP- 24 weeks

- 🌸 Discussions are taking place in govt. that may allow anyone who asked for less than \$125,000 (which we are well under) will just sign a document stating that funds were used as directed. Not passed yet, but a possibility.
All documentation will have to be kept for 6 years (presumed by officials).

Planning for school year

- 🌸 Plan for now is that schools are going to go by the colors “green=FT school/ yellow= 2 days in school/ 3 days at home/ red= cyber school”
- 🌸 If students are in yellow- they will likely be able to attend Grace, but if we go back to red, we may be closed again as well.
- 🌸 Spoken to public school administrators about supplies **JUST IN CASE**
- 🌸 I have spoken to DHS/Certification about legality of having school age kids doing cyber school here.
Clarification may be coming that **will not allow us** to do so, unless we are in yellow or red phase “without a department of education license”- I will keep council posted.

Meeting with a childcare lawyer

- 🌸 Safeguarding against lawsuits from families and employees
Clarification on FMLA/ Family First Act regarding Covid

Many college students will be with us throughout the year due to circumstances.

- 🌸 Great for GWG consistency/sad for them missing out on campus experiences/learning!
Still looking for some part time workers (per usual at the start of the school year)
12:00-5:30 (Floater- cleaner/teacher helper)
3:30-5:30 (School-Age Teacher- get kids off of the bus/free play)



Council Meeting

The Church Council meeting is **Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30pm** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome to attend the monthly Council Meetings! There is also a suggestion box in the Welcome Center.



Please remember our shut-ins

The Pastor and the Deacons try to ensure that each person gets visitation and Communion at least once a month. BUT, a card, a phone call or a brief visit brightens the day for our brothers and sisters who can no longer attend services regularly. Cards and a list of our shut-ins are available in the Social Hall.

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Marsha Denning

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362-6429

Debbie Kelly

The Pavilion at BRMC
200 Pleasant St.

Donna Lannen

24 Shep Run Rd.
596-0286

Judy Signor

28 Brookline Court
779-1066

Special Prayer

The Pastor and the Deacons invite you to come to the altar to have your needs or the needs of a loved one addressed in individual prayer. Prayer will be offered immediately following each service on the **first weekend of every month**, but always feel free to ask for prayer at any time.



Love Letters

Do you know someone with a serious or terminal illness who may not have the support they need or a church family to support them? The Pastor and the Deacons would like to reach out to them with the love of Christ to help them with their spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Please contact one of the Deacons with the name and address of the person in need so a letter can be sent to them.



Deacons are: **Michele Evers, Robb Evers, Mary Paterniti, Jim Roggenbaum, Stacia Roggenbaum, Wally Sander, Barb Steinhauer, Kathy Verbocy and Kay Wheaton.**

Deadlines for Weekly Slides, Bulletin Items

Just a reminder that the deadline to have items placed in the weekly bulletin is Wednesday morning and the deadline for slides is Thursday morning. Please write the information up in the manner you would like church secretary **Dianne Deloe** to print it.

Recipe Corner

Hashbrown Breakfast Casserole

20 ounces shredded hash browns, thawed
1 pound sausage cooked, crumbled and drained
¼ cup onion finely diced
½ red bell pepper diced
½ green bell pepper diced
8 eggs
1 can evaporated milk, 12 ounces, **OR** 1 ⅓ cups milk
½ teaspoon Italian seasoning or your favorite herbs/spices (optional)
salt & pepper to taste
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese



Preheat oven to 350°F (if baking immediately).

Brown sausage and drain fat. Combine eggs, evaporated milk, salt & pepper, and Italian seasoning in a bowl. Whisk until smooth. Set aside ½ cup cheese for the topping. Place remaining ingredients in a buttered 9x13 baking pan. Pour egg mixture over the mixture and top with remaining cheese. Cover and refrigerate overnight if desired. Bake 55-65 minutes or until cooked through.

Recipe Notes:

If casserole is refrigerated overnight, remove from fridge 30 minutes before baking. It may require an extra 10-15 minutes cook time.

Buckeye Fudge

Peanut Butter Layer:

1 cup butter
1 cup creamy peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 ½ cups powdered sugar

Chocolate Layer:

7 ounces sweetened condensed milk
1 ½ cups dark or semi-sweet
chocolate chips
2 tablespoons butter



DIRECTIONS for the microwave:

Peanut Butter Layer – Combine the peanut butter, butter and vanilla in a glass bowl and melt in the microwave for 90 seconds. Stir to combine, it should come together very quickly and be smooth and creamy. Slowly add the powdered sugar a cup or so at a time. Stir to combine thoroughly. Grease an 8-9 inch pan with butter or line with parchment. Transfer the peanut butter fudge mixture to the pan and press into the pan.

Chocolate Layer – Combine the milk, the chocolate and the butter in a medium size glass bowl and heat in the microwave for 90 seconds. Stir to combine and heat another 15 seconds if needed. Stir until smooth. Pour over the peanut butter fudge.

Let cool on the counter for at least 4 hours before cutting, or chill in the refrigerator. Slice into bite size servings and store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to a week. Enjoy!

DIRECTIONS for the stove-top:

Peanut Butter Layer – Combine the peanut butter, butter and vanilla in a medium size saucepan over medium low heat. Stir to combine, it should come together very quickly and be smooth and creamy. Remove the pan from the heat and slowly add the powdered sugar a cup or so at a time. Stir to combine thoroughly. Grease an 8-9 inch pan with butter or line with parchment. Transfer the peanut butter fudge mixture to the pan and press into the pan.

Chocolate Layer – Combine the milk, the chocolate and the butter in a medium size glass bowl over a simmering pan of water and allow it to slowly melt while stirring occasionally. Once it has fully melted, stir until smooth. Pour over the peanut butter fudge.

Let cool on the counter for at least 4 hours before cutting, or chill in the refrigerator. Slice into bite size servings and store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to a week. Enjoy!



GIFTS OF GRACE GIFT CARD PROGRAM (to Benefit Growing with Grace Preschool)

Orders with payment must be submitted
by 10:00am on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month

**NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH**

Questions?
Contact Jackie Streb

Gift card orders with payment can be dropped off at the church office Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The orders can be put into the safe (on the wall outside Dianne's office), or handed to Dianne or Pastor. All orders with payment must be in the church safe by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 6th.

Grace Memorials / Altar Flowers

Prayerfully consider donating to the Grace Memorial fund when you wish to make a memorial donation. When you donate to the Memorial Fund, a card is sent to the family of the person that you are remembering.

Also, you may sign up for Altar Flowers on the chart posted in the Social Hall. This can be in memory of a loved one or friend or to commemorate a special event.

To make a donation you may use one of the envelopes in the Welcome Center and place in the collection plate, the safe or call **Sharon Long at 368-6711 or the Church Office at 362-3244.**



Church Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday - 7:30am to 1:30pm





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Join Us For Worship!

**Friday
6:30pm Crosswalk
Youth Worship at the CLC**

**Sunday
10:00am Blended**

**Adult Education
9:00am**

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Growing with Grace
Christian Preschool***

**CURRENT AND
UPCOMING EVENTS
AT GRACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

September 2

***Deacons Meeting
6:00pm***

September 6

***Gift Card Orders
Due by 10:00am***

September 7

***Labor Day Holiday
Church Office &
GwG Closed***

September 8

***Council Meeting
6:30pm***

September 10, 17 & 24

“Rooted”

***Facebook Live: CLC Grace
6:45pm***

The Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter is published monthly. Submissions for newsletters can be left for the newsletter team in the church office. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please e-mail them to: newsletter@agraceplace.org or leave them in the church office.