

100th Anniversary Celebration



**Pastor Eddie Scheler
and his wife Tricia**



Pastor John Schubert

Pondering Along The Way

Generous Grace,

Our journey of 50 Days Ablaze is beginning. I am so thankful and blessed with the strong turnout for this journey. Thank you.

In our journey, one of the four mission responses that we will consider is “Give.” We live in tough economic times. Jobs are lost. Finances are tight. The future is uncertain. These are days that create anxiety and uncertainty.

There are many that are willing to offer their viewpoint as to why this is happening. Yet, the one view that we should concern ourselves with is that of God – what does He think? What might be God’s purpose in an economy like ours?

Biblically, I am led to see from the eyes and heart of God, four potential purposes for this recession. I am appreciative of John Piper whose writing has given me eyes to see this from God’s point of view.

1. It is His intent for this difficult time to expose any area of our life where we have placed our trust in something other than Himself.
2. It is His will that we awaken to the needs of so many in this world who live in far deeper poverty, year-round.
3. It is God’s intent, in the words of John Piper “... to relocate the roots of our joy in His grace rather in our goods, in His mercy rather than our money and in His worth rather than our wealth.”
4. It is the desire and plan of God to advance His kingdom – the proclaiming of Christ’s work and victory – at exactly a moment when worldly resources are least able to accomplish it. In doing this, God is glorified in accomplishing what everyone else thought impossible through the generosity of His Church.

The world is understandably tightening its belt. There is a place for a life of frugality and careful financial planning. There is also a place for a life of generosity. That place is in the presence of God who is Himself outrageously generous. He is the one who has called us to reflect His likeness and light to a world lost in the darkness and fear of sin.

Do you remember when Katrina hit, even the news stations commented on how the most effective, generous support was that which came from the local churches throughout the nation?

That was a dark moment in our country in which the light of the Gospel shone brilliantly. In the actions and service of the church, the world saw Jesus.

This is such a moment again. It is precisely at a time like this when our generosity will give witness to the generous love we know and enjoy from God, through Christ Jesus.

This is not just wishful thinking. This is the will of God. He expresses it this way.

II Corinthians 9:10-13 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

This is God's vision for His church – for us at Grace, here in Bradford. As we live generously, we reflect the image and likeness of Him who created us and has called us to be light and salt to the earth.

Living in this fashion is not always easy. Pressures and influences from the world around us would have us think otherwise. The values of the world are to think for yourself – because who else will? Hold tightly to what you have because you just do not know what tomorrow brings. This, however, is not the way of the cross. “Though He was rich, yet for our sake, He became poor....” We are called to a different life, a different drumbeat.

I humbly share this with you to ponder and pray over, trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide us and stir us as He will.

In Jesus,

Pastor Barry

50 Days Ablaze

If you have not already and would like to participate in the 4 week bible study groups for 50 Days Ablaze, please sign up in the welcome center or the office.

Study guides are available along with books. Let the office know if you need more copies.

*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)*

**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Birthdays not
published on-line.

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Bart Saunders
Greg Timmons
Kara Towner
Lisa Cox
Marlene Thompson

Sent By

Barb & Art Steinhauer
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Rick & Kay Wheaton
Rick & Kay Wheaton



Gifts of Grace Gift Card Program
(to Benefit Growing with Grace Preschool)

Order with payment must be
Submitted by noon on the
FIRST Sunday of each month.

NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER

November 3rd, 2024

**New participants: Tops Friendly
Markets and Big Lots!**

Questions? See Jackie Streb

OCTOBER SERVICE

SCHEDULE

**CHURCH
COUNTERS**

Kathy Verbocy
Jackie Streb

**ALTAR
COMMITTEE**

Stacia Roggenbaum
Karen Rakieski

READERS

Amy Dexter

PRAYERS

Michele Evers



Please remember our shut-ins:

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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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 the Church Office at 362-3244.

FYI

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is the **Church Secretary: 362-3244.**

Council Meeting

Church Council meeting will be at 6:30pm **November 12th, 2024** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome!

Deacon's Meeting

The next Deacon's meeting will be at 6:00pm **November 6th, 2024** in the Social Hall.

RECYCLING: Keep saving your nickel cans and nickel plastic bottles! Please leave them in the Social Hall for pick-up. Thank you!
Remember: "With God all things are possible." The total raised for 2023 was **\$5,144.63.**



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 in the manner you would like church secretary to print it.

Women's Bible Study

We will be meeting on October 10th and 24th at 10:30am in the church social hall.

All women are invited and is not limited to just Grace church members. So, bring a friend!

"Christian Disciplines" is our topic. Discipline may not be a very popular word but this study shows us the positive biblical emphasis on discipline that leads to freedom and joy in the Holy Spirit.

If you have any questions please contact:

Vicki Sander - 814-465-3137 or Laura Keesler - 814-465-9388.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



CLC'S ANNUAL
**TRUNK OR TREAT
2024**

OCTOBER 31ST 6PM-8PM

**Weird, Wacky,
& Wild**

ANIMALS

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE
clcdirector@agraceplace.org or (814) 362 - 1236

CLC'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!!

Here are some ways to enjoy the event.....

Donate

CANDY & CASH (SO WE CAN BUY MORE CANDY)

Accepted at the church office or CLC office during regular open hours



VOLUNTEER

We are looking for people to help out on the night of the event for parking lot patrol, Running games, kitchen duty, etc. CALL TO SIGN UP!

Dress Up & Show Up!

Wear your favorite costume, and join us for a night of
Free candy -- Free hot dogs -- Free family fun

CLC Grace Lutheran
79 Mechanic St

October 31st -- 6pm-8pm



Host a Trunk!

Have fun dressing up **AND** Decorate the trunk of your vehicle
as your favorite obscure animal.

You bring your own starter candy, and we refill throughout the night.

Setup starts at 5pm

WILD



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Join Us For Worship!

**Sunday
10:00am Blended**

9:00am Family Education

***We're On
The Web!***

www.agraceplace.org

Like us on Facebook:

Grace Lutheran Ministries

(Live Streaming Sundays 10am)

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

**October 10th, 24th
Women's Bible Study 10:30am**

**October 14th
Columbus Day**

**October 31st
Trunk of Treat
Halloween**



**Office Hours:
Monday: 10am-2pm
Tuesday: 10am-2pm
Thursday: 10am-2pm
Friday: 10am-2pm**

The Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter is published monthly. 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: glmoffice@agraceplace.org or leave them in the church