



Then all things will be given to you. | **Matthew 6:33**

Pondering Along the Way

Seek His Face

*“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his
wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek
the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and
his strength; seek his face always.”
(Psalm 105:1-4)*

A few years ago, Andie and I had the chance to go to South Dakota. It is a land that in its barren wilderness, there is a beauty that is hard to describe. While in South Dakota, we of course made the journey to see Mount Rushmore.

The four figures carved in stone on Mount Rushmore express the first 150 years of United States history. Why these four? The nation was guided by the vision and leadership of George Washington. Thomas Jefferson expanded our understanding of what it meant to be a nation, first in the Declaration of Independence and then in his vision of expanding our boundaries from coast to coast. Abraham Lincoln was not only a great leader, but he preserved the union while preserving the freedom and equality of all people. Theodore Roosevelt is the face most people have a hard time recalling when asked to recite from memory the four names of Mt. Rushmore. Theodore Roosevelt was the president who, at the turn of the twentieth century, saw the vision of America in the world community, as it moved from a rural republic to a world power.

Mount Rushmore represents one of the largest works of art on earth. Each face is 60 feet high. Compare that to the head on the Statue of Liberty which measures out at 17 feet tall. The nose of each president is 20 feet long and the mouth is 18 feet wide. If the entire body had been carved, the figures would have been 465 feet tall.

Looking at the faces of Mt. Rushmore creates a certain awe and wonder within a person, both in the work of art itself and in the memory of the four individuals it represents.

However, neither Mt. Rushmore, nor the faces it displays can come even close to inspiring me or changing my life as does the face of Jesus. These four men accomplished great things. But, who is like our God? Who has done the wonderful things that He has accomplished? This is the tone and attitude of the Psalmist as he writes Psalm 105. He is remembering all that God has done and is doing and his response is to say to all

*“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.”
(Psalm 105:4)*

“Seek His face always!” In our common fellowship, in our appreciation of the awesome world He has created and above all in His Word and Sacrament, let us seek His face continually. This is His will. This is His pleasure. This is how our heart, mind and soul are wired. Let us seek His face, not because of what we shall gain from it but rather for the sheer love and praise of Him. In the glorious moments of life, as well as the moments when God seems to be hiding, let us seek His face.

*“The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.”
(Psalm 14:2)*

To God Be The Glory

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Women's Bible Study Group will be meeting on **September 11th** and **September 25th** at **10:30am** in the church social hall. Our study this fall is “Women Of The Testament”. Choices made by 12 women and how they can influence us in 2025.

Open to all women. Bring a friend.

A time to strengthen our relationship with God and our sisters in Christ.

Any questions please contact:
Vicki Sander (814-465-3137) or
Laura Keesler (814-465-9388)

We are looking forward to seeing you in September!

*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)*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not published
on-line.

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

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**SEPTEMBER SERVICE
SCHEDULE:**

CHURCH COUNTERS:
Al & Amy Dexter

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Wendy Wright
Kathy Verbocy

READER:
Mary Paterniti

PRAYERS:
Michele Evers

Altar Flowers

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
814-362-3244.



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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Gifts of Grace Gift Card Program



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

NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER

September 7th, 2025 11:00AM

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

Questions? See Jackie Streb

FYI

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is **Brenda Alviti: 814-558-1829**

Council Meeting

Church Council meeting will be at 6:30pm **September 9th & October 7th, 2025** in the church social hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome!

Deacon's Meeting

The next Deacon's meeting will be at 6:00pm **September 3rd & October 1st, 2025** in the church social hall.

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 the church secretary to print it.

RECYCLING: Keep saving your nickel cans and nickel plastic bottles! Please leave them in the church social hall for pick-up. Thank you!
Remember: ***"With God all things are possible."***



Pumpkin Spice Muffins

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package spice cake mix
- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 9 ounces cinnamon chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans (Optional)

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line 18 muffin cups with paper liners.
2. Mix spice cake mix, pumpkin purée, and cinnamon chips together in a bowl until cake mix is completely moistened; add nuts and stir. Spoon the batter into prepared muffin cups to about 2/3 full.
3. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool in the pans for 10 minutes before removing to cool completely on a wire rack.

When you start mixing, you will think there aren't enough liquid ingredients to absorb the cake mix. Just keep mixing.



Happy Fall Everyone!

CLC is ready to start the school year strong! We have had really good attendance all summer, and the kids are all excited to continue with some of the fun things that we started a couple months ago (like Make-it snacks on Mondays).

We are praising God for all he has done this summer, and we hope you will join us in praying for continued impact on our community.

Below you will find some of the big things happening in the next few months, but keep a lookout for our events and updates on social media!!

September 9th – Movie Night

September 23rd – Retro Night

October 7th – Movie Night

October 31st – Trunk or Treat 2025 6pm – 8pm.

The theme is Christmas Movies

(Candy drive starts September 14th)

Stop by the church or the CLC to donate

November 18th – Movie Night

For those of you who don't know, Alexandra is expecting a baby boy in November. This means that we are looking for a lot of extra help at the CLC for the months of November – January so that we can remain open. If you have any interest in helping out even for one day during those 3 months, it would be incredibly helpful.

Please see Alexandra or Michaelah for more information on how to volunteer or help out in other ways during Alexandra's maternity leave.



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Join Us For Worship!

Sunday
10:00am Blended
9:00am Family Education

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The Web!*

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Grace Lutheran Ministries
(Live Streaming
Sundays 10am)*

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 1st
Labor Day

September 3rd
Deacon's Meeting 6pm

September 7th
Grandparent's Day

September 9th
Council Meeting 6:30pm

September 11th & 25th
Women's Bible Study 10:30am

September 11th
Patriot's Day

September 20th
Lion's Club Food Sale

September 22nd
First Day of Autumn



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 office.