



“Let us not become

*W*ear^y in doing *G*ood,

For at the proper time we will

*R*ea^p a *H*arvest

if we do not
give up.”

Galatians 6:9



Pondering Along the Way

"O, GIVE THANKS"

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

As a youngster, I attended a Lutheran elementary school. As we found our seats in the lunchroom, we all recited together a table grace - "Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let this food by You be blessed." After attending that school for eight years, I still remember that table grace. At the end of the lunch time, we returned grace by joining in unison and praying - "Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever." Besides the food we prayed over, we learned an important lesson on giving thanks.

Later this month, we will join fellow Americans in celebrating Thanksgiving Day. Giving thanks in all circumstances is part of our calling as God's people. Let us remember to give thanks for our family. Not just those who gather around that Thanksgiving table but also those family members from whom we are separated by miles. Those people living in other states or those family members who may not be able to join us for the festivities. Family members who we only get to visit on an occasional basis. Individuals that we share memories with. Those people whom we hold in our hearts because they mean so much to us - they are family. We give thanks to God for our family; aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, husbands, wives. Individuals with whom we grew up with, individuals we nurtured as they grew up in our homes. Thank You, dear Lord, for all the members of our families.

Let us remember to be thankful for all the medical advances that minister to our health. There are the medications that we take on a daily basis. Then there are the tests that we occasionally undergo and the labs that help to keep track of our medical well-being. In our day and age, doctors have more advances available to them so they can help us stay in relatively good health. Thank You, Lord, for the health I have and for the medical care that is available to me, it is a true blessing.

Thank You, Lord, for those people I call my friends. People who share the good times and the not so good occasions with us. None of us live in a vacuum, we are social beings and our friends fill so many aspects of our lives. We can count on them through thick and thin and know that they are a source of help when we need them.

O Lord, I am thankful for a roof over my head where I have a nice soft bed. Have we ever thanked the good Lord for a house we call home, for the place where we are safe and secure. Unfortunately, there are places in our world where strife and war have left so many people, both young and old, without the place they used to be able to call their home. With another winter approaching the warmth of our homes are blessings beyond measure.

As God's people, we are blessed in countless ways. And in our hearts lives life's greatest treasure. It is impossible to keep track of all the blessings God has showered upon us. Through His grace each day we call to mind the great love our God has shown to each of us in His Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Without God's presence, without His grace, Thanksgiving Day would have lost its true meaning. On Thanksgiving Day and on every day of the year we remember to thank and praise God for ALL His blessings remembering the words of the doxology.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Amen.

Pastor Jerry Lefebber

Home Prayers for Our Grace Family - October

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Should our thanks be limited to one day a year? How can it be when we are showered with blessings every moment of our lives?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 - "The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Philippians 4:4-7 - "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and mind through Christ Jesus."

How do we respond to God's promises?

Our Heavenly Father makes all our days good ones through the salvation He brings to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. You have been with us as the family of Grace every day. You gave us two shepherds to lead and support us. This could have been a time of despair, but our members answered the call - You have equipped them. Our family is growing. We have so much to be thankful for. All glory belongs to You. Amen.

("Thanksgiving All Year Long" Alice Schuman - LWML)

Gratitude should not be a passing incident, But a continuing attitude!

Psalms 100:4 - "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations."

Father, I thank You. My heart is overflowing with gratitude, You have blessed me in so many ways, and I am anxious to praise You wherever I go. Hymns of thanksgiving ride up in my heart, and I cannot keep from speaking them out loud. I find myself telling others how much You meant to me - how much You have brought to my life. Thank You, Lord, for Your goodness and receive my praise today. Amen.

("Everyday Prayers For Everyday Cares For Women" - Honor Books)

A list of some of our blessings-

Pastor Barry and Pastor LeFeber

Coordinator for Community Life Center - Johnna Watters

Our Call Committee doing the search for a new pastor

Children's Church led by Karen Frank

Continuing all our church services and Bible Studies

Staying in the Word and receiving Communion

Our care for those with physical, emotional and spiritual concerns

Many prayers of healing already answered

Remember those who are homebound or recovering from illness with a call, card or visit

Marsha Denning

Judy Signor

Charlotte Reinhardt

Jerry Craver

Betty Jean Austin

John Thompson

Glenn Bunce

Janelle Dexter

Jim Randolph

Bob Kelly

Jackie Streb

Jim & Dana DiBlasi

Donna Lannen

*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)*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not published
on-line

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Sent By



**NOVEMBER SERVICE
SCHEDULE**

CHURCH COUNTERS:

Laura Keesler
Kathy Verbocy

ALTAR COMMITTEE:

Wendy Wright
Karen Rakieski

READER: Gayle Gallmann

PRAYERS: Jerry Craver

PRAYER CHAIN

Praying for God’s people is
A personal gift and means of
reaching out to those in our
lives. Grace is a praying
church which reaches out
to lift up God’s children.

The Prayer Chain
provides reaching these needs.

If you would like to be part
of this mission at Grace,
please contact:
Jan Swanson: 814-362-3640

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 **11AM** on the
FIRST Sunday of each month.

NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER

Nov. 1st , 2026

**New participants: Tops Friendly
Markets**

Questions? See **Kathy Verbocy**



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 6pm
November 10th, 2026 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
November 3rd, 2026 in the
church social hall.

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."***



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.

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.





The Women's Bible Study Group will meet November 12th at 10:30am in the church social hall.

Our study is "Evangelism - A Way of Life". The real challenge before us is how to arouse their curiosity in the Gospel.

Only 1 session this month due to Thanksgiving. We will resume on December 10th.

Any questions call Vicki Sander: 814-465-3137 or
Laura Keesler: 814-465-9388



THANK YOU

Pastor Keurulainen and Pastor leFeber express their thanks to Kay Wheaton and all those who helped host the Pastors' Appreciation Dinner. It was a great event! Also thank you to all the congregation for their generous gift.

2026 CHRISTMAS CHEER BAGS & CHURCH DECORATING

We would like to prepare bags to bring some cheer and let people know we are thinking about them. Our nursing home residents are included with appropriate items. Donated items need to be brought in by Sunday, November 22nd. A list will be placed in the welcome center along with a sign-up sheet and box to put items in. We suggest – individual wrapped food items that are nonperishable, personal care items, anything that you think would put a smile on someone's face. Some fresh fruit will be supplied close to the day we prepare the boxes.

We plan to decorate the church and prepare boxes on **Saturday, November 28th @ 9:00am.** Any questions please contact Amy Coffman 814-596-3873.



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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

NOVEMBER 3RD
Deacon's Meeting 6pm

NOVEMBER 10TH
Council Meeting 6pm

NOVEMBER 11TH
Veteran's Day

NOVEMBER 12TH
Women's Bible Study 10:30am

NOVEMBER 25TH, 26TH, 27TH
CLC CLOSED

NOVEMBER 26TH
THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 26TH & 27TH
OFFICE CLOSED

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 10am-2pm
Wednesday: 10am-2pm
Friday: 10am-2pm

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