



The Gloria Dei Grapevine



The *Gloria Dei Grapevine* is the monthly newsletter of Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact us.

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Please Join Us

- ◆ **Sunday Morning Worship** at 9:00am
- ◆ **Communion** on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month
- ◆ **Adult, Teen, & Children's Sunday School** at 10:00am, September thru May
- ◆ **Adult Bible Study** - every Thursday at 9:00am
- ◆ **Youth Group** (6th-12th grade) First Saturday of the month, 6-9pm. Contact Laura or Allen Mortimer for more information.
- ◆ **Lutheran Pioneers** (K-8th grade) Meets twice monthly September thru May.

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Grace Is Unfathomable and Graspable

Whether we like to admit it or not, there are limits to the human ability to comprehend. For example, scientists and mathematicians hotly debate how many stars are in our own galaxy. Depending on the model they use, the total could be between 100 billion and 400 billion. That's a huge difference! And yet, both estimates are such big numbers that we lack the ability to visualize such a vast array of stars in any sort of comprehensible way.

Of course, there is someone who both knows and understands those numbers. He's the one who created each of those stars to begin with: our gracious Father in heaven. He can count those stars, and he can even detail the number of molecules in each one. That which is beyond human comprehension is still child's play in the mind of the infinite, all-powerful Creator. Perhaps thoughts like these are what prompted the

apostle Paul to comment to the Christians in Corinth that no human being could really comprehend the mind and grace of God (1 Corinthians 2:7-11).

God's grace is completely unfathomable to me. God continues to love me despite my sin? God, in his perfection, took on my sinfulness and, instead of declaring me guilty, declared me righteous? God wants to spend eternity with me, the worst of sinners? Such is God's grace, and who can understand it?!

That doesn't mean that God's grace is inaccessible to us. God chose to reveal his grace to make it something we can hold on to with rock-solid certainty. He took his unfathomable grace and wrapped it around his Son, Jesus. That's God's gospel message. We hold on to Christ not by our power to think or reason but by the power of the Spirit, who

Serving in September

September 7

Ushers: Rocky Bessolo, Mitchell Bessolo, Marshall Bessolo

Communion Set Up: Moore

Communion Assistants: Rod Davies

Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

Cleaners: Allar

September 14

Ushers: Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer, Justin Lawrence

Power Point Assistant: Kaylee Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Straub & Luisier

Cleaners: Moore

September 21

Ushers: Eric Metz, Paul Allar, Jim Sharich

Communion Set Up: Moore

Communion Assistants: Wayne Pennell

Power Point Assistant: Marshall Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Counters: Mortimer & Metz

Cleaners: Bessolo

September 28

Ushers: Jim Luisier, Joe King, Kent Kerwin

Power Point Assistant: Calvin Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Neuwirth & Moore

Cleaners: Mortimer



Serving in October

October 5

Ushers: Mark Moore, Harold Fox, Tom Furnner

Communion Set Up: Sharich

Communion Assistants: Jim Luisier

Power Point Assistant: Owen Straub

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Mortimer & Major

Cleaners: Reinke

October 12

Ushers: Eric Bessolo, Rocky Bessolo, Mitchell Bessolo

Power Point Assistant: Kaylee Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

Cleaners: Gresock

October 19

Ushers: Marshall Bessolo, Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer

Communion Set Up: Sharich

Communion Assistants: Gary Richmond

Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub

Livestream Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Counters: Straub & Luisier

Cleaners: Major

October 26

Ushers: Justin Lawrence, Eric Metz, Paul Allar

Power Point Assistant: Mitchell Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Mortimer & Metz

Cleaners: Allar



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gives us faith to grasp God's grace.

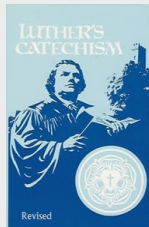
Certainly, Paul is not lying to the Colossian congregation when he says, *"In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and **truly understood God's grace**"* (1:6).

We shouldn't be surprised that we can understand God's grace because, despite his vastness, our God is good at making the infinite into something we can understand—Jesus. We can't truly comprehend the vastness of his gracious love, but by his Spirit, we can understand that he put his love into action for the sole purpose of rescuing us from the eternal consequences of sin. Only God's grace, and his grace alone, can remain beyond the depths of human mental capacity and still be held on to by little children so that they—and we—can know with certainty that we are his now and forever.

God's grace is amazing. It is both unfathomable and graspable. It is the message we proudly and confidently proclaim week after week. It is the message that you need to hear week after week.

Confirmation Class

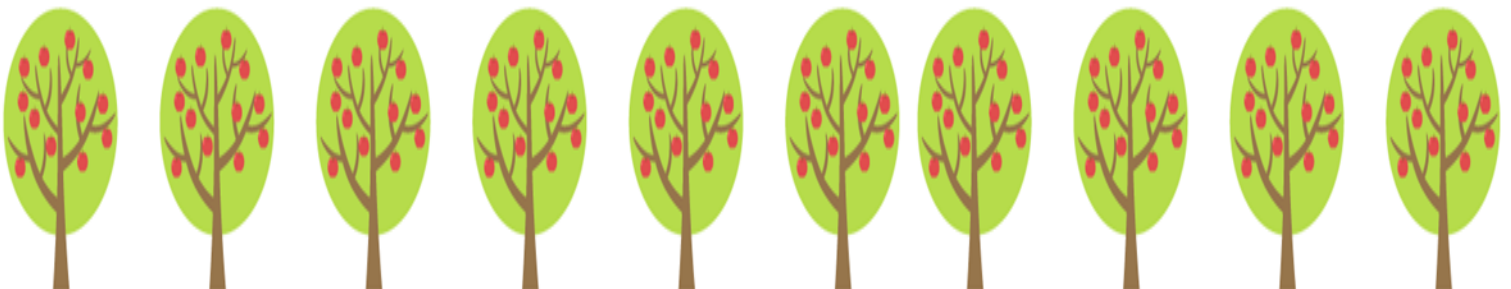
Confirmation class will begin on September 8, at 6:30pm. If you have a child that will be entering 7th or 8th grade this fall, and have not spoken to Pastor Hacker, please contact him as soon as possible.



Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Join us on Saturday, September 20, at 8:00am
for the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.





SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND SUNDAY TEEN & ADULT BIBLE CLASS BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

"God wants me to be happy!" "God helps those who help themselves!" How many times have you heard these sayings in secular culture or even from a professing Christian? Despite their catchy, positive appeal, these sayings and others like them have dangerous implications for Christian theology, and even for those who call themselves Christians. In this Bible study we will explain how these inaccurate beliefs distort people's relationship with God and offer loving, Bible-based corrections that we can use in response. This Bible study includes 10 lessons to help us respond to false teachings about God and defend what the Bible teaches.

Lesson 1. *God wants me to be happy!*

Lesson 2. *There are many ways in God's presence!*

Lesson 3. *God has grown soft on sin!*

Lesson 4. *God helps those who help themselves!*

Lesson 5. *God has made death a natural part of life!*

Lesson 6. *A God of Love would not send people to hell!*

Lesson 7. *It doesn't matter how God made the world!*

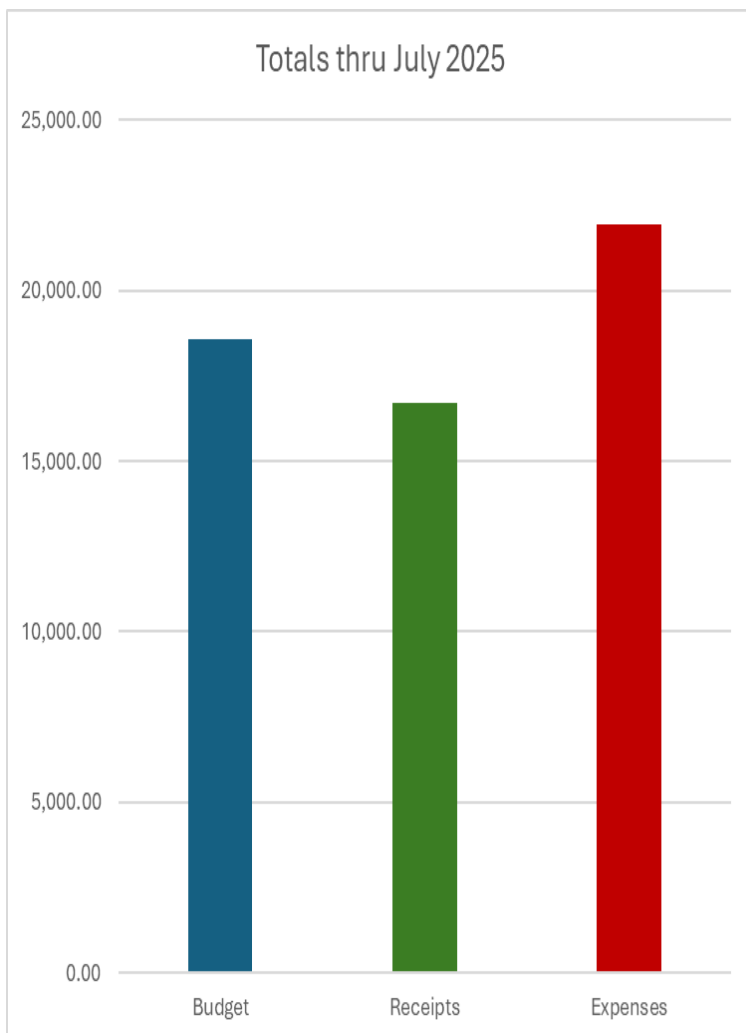
Lesson 8. *God is distant and disinterested in what happens!*

Lesson 9. *I don't need the Bible or worship to have a relationship with God!*

Lesson 10. *God does not judge anyone and neither should you!*

Please remember that faith comes from hearing the message and that message is the Word of God. Please join us for your own spiritual good, and for those around you!

The FAWN Exploratory Committee for an association school will hold its next meeting on Saturday, September 13, at 11:00am at Shepherd of the Lakes church to discuss a draft proposal to proceed with the plan. Members of all five churches are encouraged to attend this important meeting!



General Fund is 35,530.68

Budget	Receipts	Expenses
18,575.21	16,711.25	21,933.72



Mark Your
Calendars...



Please bring a dish or two to share
and join us on September 7, after
the service for our Fall Kick Off Pot
Luck Brunch and our Talent/No
Talent Show

Adult, teen and children's Sunday School
Classes will begin the following week,
September 14.

Hope to see you there!



Choir Practice



will begin Monday, September 8.

Choir meets on Mondays at 7pm. If you are in-
terested in joining please see Nathan Cort. We're
always looking for more voices!



Birthdays in September

- 9/02 Jordan Thomason
- 9/02 Vanessa Kanignunta
- 9/03 Justin Lawrence
- 9/05 Savannah Kanignunta
- 9/08 Daniel Tiede
- 9/08 Charlotte Tiede
- 9/08 Maria Bessolo
- 9/10 Norman Lawrence
- 9/11 Wayne Pennell
- 9/11 Layne Craft
- 9/13 Gene Gunther
- 9/16 Everett Lawrence
- 9/17 John Neuwirth
- 9/18 Whitney Nielsen
- 9/22 Jacob Davis
- 9/23 Brady Stevenson
- 9/27 Rocky Bessolo
- 9/28 Jane Peterson

Anniversaries in September

- 9/01 Melody & Pat Tesler
- 9/03 Pat & Tom Furnner
- 9/21 Becky & Michael Richmond
- 9/23 Tricia & Eric Guffey
- 9/24 Julie & Ben McGowen



Daily Bible Readings for September



Date	Old Testament	Psalms	Proverbs	New Testament
1-Sep	Is. 45,46	57	1	Luke 24
2-Sep	Is. 47,48	58	2	John 1
3-Sep	Is. 49,50	59	3	John 2
4-Sep	Is. 51,52	60	4	John 3
5-Sep	Is. 53-55	61	5	John 4
6-Sep	Is. 56,57	62	6	John 5
7-Sep	Is. 58,59	63	7	John 6
8-Sep	Is. 60,61	64	8	John 7
9-Sep	Is. 62-64	65	9	John 8
10-Sep	Is. 65	66	10	John 9
11-Sep	Is. 66	67	11	John 10
12-Sep	Micah 1-4	68:1-18	12	John 11
13-Sep	Micah 5-7	68: 19-35	13	John 12
14-Sep	Habakkuk	69: 1-15	14	John 13
15-Sep	Zephaniah	69: 16-36	15	John 14,15
16-Sep	Jer. 1,2	70	16	John 16,17
17-Sep	Jer. 3	71: 1-16	17	John 18
18-Sep	Jer. 4,5	71: 17-24	18	John 19
19-Sep	Jer. 6,7	72	19	John 20,21
20-Sep	Jer. 8,9	73: 1-14	20	Acts 1
21-Sep	Jer. 10,11	73: 15-28	21	Acts 2
22-Sep	Jer. 12,13	74: 1-11	22	Acts 3
23-Sep	Jer. 14,15	74: 12-23	23	Acts 4
24-Sep	Jer. 16,17	75	24	Acts 5
25-Sep	Jer. 18-20	76	25	Acts 6
26-Sep	Jer. 21,22	77	26	Acts 7
27-Sep	Jer. 23,24	78: 1-20	27	Acts 8
28-Sep	Jer. 25	78: 21-33	28	Acts 9
29-Sep	Jer. 26,27	78: 34-55	29	Acts 10
30-Sep	Jer. 28,29	78: 56-72	30,31	Acts 11

More Ways to Serve and Grow in GOD'S WORD ...

Fellowship

Spend a few minutes between worship and Sunday School enjoying some refreshments and getting to know your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. **We always need people to volunteer to serve.** There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a minute to sign up today!

Donation Sunday

On the first Sunday of each month the Ladies Guild asks that you to bring in donations of paper products, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, coffee, creamer, sugar, hand soap, dish soap, plastic silverware, kitchen supplies, batteries, Kleenex, etc. If you don't want to bring in a donation, they ask that you help by making a monetary donation to the Ladies Guild that can then be used to purchase needed items.



General Help

We can always use more people helping on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Please email Val Hoppe if you feel you can help out in any of these areas:

- * Ushers
- * Communion Set Up
- * Power Point Assistants
- * Live Streaming (speak with Allen Mortimer)
- * Counters
- * Cleaners



SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 9:00 am - Worship  Pentecost 12	1 Cleaners for September 7: Allar 	2	3	4 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class 6:30pm—Council Meeting	5	6 6:00—Youth Group
7 *Donation Sunday* 9:00 am - Worship with Communion 10:00 am - Fall Kick Off Pot Luck & Talent/No Talent Show Pentecost 13	8 Cleaners for September 14: Moore 6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice	9	10	11 9:00 am - Thursday Timeout- Grand Blanc K-9 Unit Demonstration	12	13 11:00 am - FAWN Exploratory Committee Meeting at Shepherd of the Lakes
14 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Adult & Children's Sunday School LWMS Free Will Offering Pentecost 14	15 Cleaners for September 21: Bessolo 6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice	16	17	18 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class	19	20 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
21 9:00 am - Worship with Communion 10:00 am - Adult & Children's Sunday School LWMS Free Will Offering Pentecost 15	22 Cleaners for September 28: Mortimer 6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice	23	24 6:30pm—Elders Meeting	25 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class	26	27
28 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Adult & Children's Sunday School Pentecost 16	29 Cleaners for October 5: Reinke 6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice	30	1	2 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class 6:30pm—Council Meeting	3	4 6:00—Youth Group