



October 2023

Grace Lutheran Church

Rummage/Bake Sale to Benefit Local Pet Groups

We will have a Rummage Sale/Bake Sale on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit local Rescue Groups. In addition, we will have an Art Show from Woodland school. Please join us for all around good fun and fellowship!! We will need volunteers to help with set-up, sorting, pricing, etc., and hanging the Art Show.

For the Rummage Sale, start thinking about and collecting things you can bring. A listing of suggested items and unacceptable items were posted in September with the volunteer signup sheets at the church entrances and on the Pet Fest website. Clean, gently used items are needed. No furniture; clothing; computers, printers, scanners, etc.; DVDs, old TVs, VCRs, etc., please.

Rummage Sale items can be brought to the church starting on Sunday, October 8 and placed around the wall in the Fellowship Hall. More information will be provided in the bulletins as we approach the event. For the Bake Sale, bakers, culinary artists, and everyone who enjoys making delicious goodies, we need your scrumptious delicacies! Some items could be baked ahead of time and refrigerated or frozen. Did you make jam, jelly, salsa, Piccadilly or pickles this year? Bet it would sell at the Bake Sale! Candy goes well too. All volunteers and food donations will be appreciated!

Since the Bake Sale starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, we won't have time to do much sorting and pricing on Saturday morning. Therefore, food items should be brought to the kitchen at church any time on Friday, October 13 or on Saturday, October 14 by 9 a.m. at the absolute latest. If you have questions, please contact Phil Stumbo at (865) 482-3048 or pstumbo@comcast.net.

Council Votes to Present New Pastor

The Council has voted unanimously to present the primary candidate that the Call Committee recommended to the congregation for a call. The name of the candidate is Pastor Rosalina Rivera.

Pastor Rosy will be at Grace for a "Meet & Greet" on Sunday, October 15, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All members of the congregation and staff are invited to attend to meet and talk with her.

There will be a congregational meeting following the 10 a.m. joint service on Sunday, October 29. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on calling Pastor Rosy to serve as pastor of this congregation and to approve the recommended compensation package.

More information will be forthcoming. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend both.



Special Plans for Grace's Reformation Celebration

As we enter the Fall season, we prepare for a most significant day in the life of Grace: Reformation. This year, occurring on October 29, the combined service will feature songs led by New Creation and Judy Goans' much-loved "Reformation: The Musical," a short theatrical depiction of Martin Luther and the events of his life that set the wheels of the Protestant Reformation in motion.

Last but definitely not least, Reformation will be celebrated with a special prelude by Ringspiration. For the Flower Festival in April, the group commissioned a new work by Roane County composer Samuel Beall. Entitled "Christ Is Hope," this work will be featured as a prelude on October 29. The message of the title itself can be a reminder of the message that Luther himself preached in declaring that faith and faith alone were the hope of humanity.



Guatemala Gathering September 14

Several Grace members turned out on the morning of September 14 to greet our visitors from Guatemala Diego Gill, third from left, Pastor Beatriz Castillo, center beside Pastor Paula, including from left Nancy Munro, Donna Gurecki, Gill, Donna Hogle, Pastor Beatriz, Pastor Paula, Vicki Quraishi, Pastor Sylvia Countess, Tim Lorenz, and Ruth Smiley (not pictured). The visitors are from our companion synod ILAG. They were visiting area churches to raise monies for the MILAGRO Women's Education Center in Guatemala.

Photo by Ruth Smiley

Pastor Paula Smith, Interim

Reminder to 'Be Faithful, Reliable, Helpful, Show Up'



Driving into Oak Ridge every Sunday morning, for me, is sheer delight. It's quiet, the earth is just waking up from a good night's sleep, and there is usually a bit of light mist somewhere along the way. I'm alone with my thoughts and have plenty of time to talk to God about what's happening in my life.

My drive is different every week. Sometimes I must stop for deer. One time there was a chicken trying to cross the road at a four way stop. I can see progress on houses being remodeled and buildings being built.

There is one constant, though. When I pass Commonwealth Assisted Living, there is always a gentleman in the parking lot, either just parking his car, or he has been there a bit and is getting a wheelchair from the trunk of his car.

I know nothing about this man, and I've never driven by when he was bringing someone TO the car in the wheelchair, but I would like to imagine that he is picking up a companion to go to breakfast before worship, or simply picking someone up to take them to worship. At any rate, he is there every Sunday. Maybe I should mention that the man is elderly, but still manages every Sunday to park his car, get the wheelchair from his trunk and (in my mind) transport someone somewhere.

He is faithful. He is reliable. He is helpful. He shows up.

God in Christ does that for us every single day. How do we show gratitude? Do we offer a prayer of thanksgiving? Do we share with others what God has done for us? Do we come to worship in the actual sanctuary to be in community with others who are here to praise and give thanks for the fact that God shows up? If God shows up, shouldn't WE show up?

We all need someone in our lives like the gentleman that shows up with a wheelchair for his companion. We have that someone in Christ Jesus, who shows up for us through others. See you in church!

John 15:12-13 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

BOTH SERVICES ARE NOW IN THE SANCTUARY

9:00 a.m. Contemporary: In Person, Sanctuary

11:15 a.m. Traditional: In-Person, Sanctuary

Services on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHKKSX_JwSTrvl-LqdrbGIw

Grace Mission Statement
Love Jesus and help others love Him
through word and actions.

October 15 is Commitment Sunday — Our Chance to Share Abundance

Commitment Sunday will be on October 15. This is an opportunity for us to indicate what role we will play in God’s work at Grace next year. Our church commissions presented their ministries on Sunday, September 10, and letters have been sent to members noting discipleship opportunities that exist within each commission. Also enclosed is a Sharing God’s Abundance form for making a financial pledge for the work in 2024. A lot of activities including the welcoming of a new pastor are planned. Our responses to these ministries are very important to assure God’s Work at Grace happens in 2024. Each of us needs to prayerfully consider how we will participate. Please return pledges by placing them in the offering plate or returning them to the church office by October 15, Commitment Sunday.

Is There a Ukulele Out There Calling Your Name?

If you would like to learn to play this happy little instrument (so much easier than a guitar) or if you already play (maybe it’s been a while), getting together with some like-minded folks may be just the ticket for a fun way to make some music. It definitely helps if you like to sing, but strumming along is fun also.



I envision a monthly get-together beginning in late fall, day and time depending on preferences the group. Contact Judy Rosenberg at dodger32@comcast.net if you are brave enough to embark upon this musical adventure!



October Birthdays

Brener Moua	10/02
Mack Bailey	10/03
Brittany Moua	10/03
Harry Meyer III	10/07
Chuck Frew	10/07
Gloria Caton	10/08
Gabriella Bauman	10/13
Candy Yugo	10/17
Lana Haese	10/21
John Caton	10/26
Matthew Jallouk	10/26
Vicki Quraishi	10/29

Summer Trip

April Fritts, her friend Samantha, Betty Dagley, Christy Gipson, and Chris Parton took a trip to Cincinnati this summer making a stop at the Monet exhibit on display at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

October Love Offering Christmas Baskets

The President's Corner by Ron Goans, MD

Thoughts and Commentary on Psalm 100



Hello again! I have been reading Martin Luther's commentary on the psalms (¹) and thought you might enjoy his thoughts on Psalm 100. The 100th psalm calls on the entire world to be joyful, to praise, to give thanks, and to worship God.

When it comes to worshiping God, Psalm 100 claims that it's very appropriate to turn up the volume.

These five verses roar with praise, employing a series of imperative verbs: shout (verse 1), worship (verse 2), enter (verses 2, 4), praise (verse 4), bless (verse 4). Taken together, these commands compel the community to participate in liturgical activity together.

Throughout history, this psalm has been employed to summon the Christian community together in praise. One famous arrangement of the hymn written on Psalm 100 is Ralph Vaughan Williams' version of "The Old One Hundredth Psalm Tune." Here is a URL to this famous hymn as performed at Westminster Abbey: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=us2O62TTqYA>

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generation
NRSV

A Prayer by Martin Luther

Spirit of grace and of prayer that proceeds from the Father and the Son, grant us Your power, and intercede for us ... that in spirit and in truth we may give thanks to our Savior Jesus Christ for His love and truth.

Amen.

¹Luther, Martin. Reading the Psalms with Luther (p. 224). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.

'Kick It Up A Notch!' is Her New Slogan

Judy Goans, Worshipping

With thanks to Emeril Legasse and a Disney video, the title of this article is my new slogan for planning worship. Thank you to all who participate by singing or playing in one of Grace's choirs, serving as readers, liturgists, crucifers, or acolytes, playing instruments, or acting in plays. Thank you to all who help record and upload our services, serve in the Altar Guild or Flower Guild, put together our bulletins, take communion or flowers to members who can't attend, and see that our worship space is clean. Thanks also to those who are helping to kick it up a notch by signing up to join those who help put on our worship services!

One of our initiatives has been to encourage greater participation in our worship services. I truly appreciate everyone who has stepped up to volunteer or help our new volunteers. At right, Lorelei Frey and Stacy Garrick are jointly serving as crucifers.

This year we will plan activities for people who would like a bit of no-stress practice before volunteering. Skills to practice might include blessings, healing prayers and anointing, and being an acolyte or crucifer. If there's interest, we may offer an opportunity for members to plan their own funeral services. Let me know if there's a topic you would like covered.

Look out for opportunities, which will be included in our announcements.

Photo by Kevin Frey



We need liturgists to serve in the traditional service. Liturgists do not have to sing the Kyrie or chant the Psalm.

'Our Hands' Sunday Yields 17 School Kits for LWR

Fifteen members of Grace got together on "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, September 17, to assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Ingrid and Heidi Busch made the bags and members brought school supplies to put into the bags. Each school kit consists of four 70-page notebooks, one 2.5 in. eraser, five black or blue ink pens, five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, one 30cm ruler, one pair of blunt scissors, one pencil sharpener, and one box of 16 or 24 crayons.



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Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief school kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases, adults.

Learning leads to a better life for them, their families, and their communities.

Donna Gurecki

Photos by Stan Long



Upcoming Events

October 14 – Rummage and Bale Sale Fundraiser for local pet rescues from 9 a.m.– 1 p.m.

October 15 – Commitment Sunday; Meet and Greet Pastor Rosey, 2-4 p.m.

October 19-22– Via De Cristo

October 29 – Trunk or Treat

October 29 – Reformation Sunday– 10 a.m. contemporary service with a Reformation Play; Special Called Congregational Meeting, after worship service

November 5 – All Saints Sunday

November 12 – Thanksgiving potluck @ 5 p.m.

November 18 — Thanksgiving Food Baskets

November 26 – Christ The King Sunday

December 2 – Hanging of The Greens – Lunch provided by Nurturing

December 16 — Christmas Food Baskets and Angel Tree distribution

December 17 – Christmas Cantata- 10 a.m. service

Advent: December 6, 13, 20

December 24 – NO Morning Worship; 4 p.m. service with Children's Pageant and 9 p.m. candlelight service

December 31 – Lessons & Carols

Scholarships: Applications are now being accepted for both the Raaen and Becky Ball Scholarships. Ask the church office for an application. Applications must be returned to the office no later than **October 6** to be considered.

The Administering Commission will review the applications and recommend those eligible for financial aid to Council for approval. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Administering Commission.



Nurturing Commission Provides Learning Opportunities, Fellowship Events and Stephen Ministers to Grace

by Candy Yugo



The Nurturing Commission is committed to providing opportunities for learning by our children, youth, and adult members of our congregation. Currently, we have organized three Sunday school classes. Our children's Sunday school class is led by Candy Yugo, Joanne Daly, Kim Lorenz and Janet Rawl. We use Sparks curriculum. Our youth class is led by Donna Gurecki, Rick Rawl and Steve Johnson. Our Adult class is led by Betty Anne Domm and Lisa Sipes. Our adults have started a Bible study called "Follow" by Andy Stanley.

We also have just finished a Summer Bible Study called "Messy People." It is our intention to continue having Bible studies.

Nurturing is also the commission that hosts several fellowship events throughout the year. We had a Women's tea in February, a Spring picnic at Frozen Head in April, an Easter brunch on Easter morning, Confirmation brunch for Sheni Weber, and a congregational picnic in August. We plan to host the Thanksgiving dinner in November and serve lunch in Advent to those decorating the church.

Our commission also hosts receptions for the families of members of the congregation who have passed away.

Nurturing provides the Stephen Ministry program for those who need care. We are a dedicated commission that provides learning opportunities and care for the members of Grace's congregation.

Fill Grace's Gratitude Board this November!

Everyone is invited to bring a tangible item that they are Grateful for this year. Please attach your chosen item to the Gratitude Board located on the ramp outside of the kitchen. If your treasured item is too precious, too big, or too expensive to display, take a picture of it and post.

We filled the House with friends, family and Grace members in April! Let's fill the Gratitude Board with our thanksgiving blessings in November.



October Happenings

Sunday School (Christian Education) for children and youth meet at 10:00 a.m. in Jacob's Ladder room. If you have any questions about youth Christian Education, please contact Donna Gurecki (865-599-1238).

The adult Sunday School class will be using this Bible study for the next two months. What does it mean to answer Jesus' request: "Follow me?" In this eight-session video-based Bible study, Andy Stanley will take us on a journey through the Gospels as he traces Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow. Jesus says, "Join us and you will change." He doesn't expect us to be perfect. He just wants us to walk with him. The study will begin September 24 and will be facilitated by Lisa Sipes and Betty Anne Domm. The class meets in Room 101 at 10 a.m every Sunday. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to join this Bible study, please pick up a book on the table in the classroom or just come to class!

Is there interest in a CPR class?? Please let Donna Gurecki know if you would be interested in a class.

Looking to spend time outdoors? And get some exercise? – Since volunteers do our lawn maintenance, we need a group of volunteers to share the responsibility. The objective is to have a group large enough that no one needs to mow more than once every other month. All the equipment and fuel that is needed is available at the church or you can bring your own equipment. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the back entrance to the Church where you can indicate your willingness to mow on a specific week. Or contact Rick Rawl of the Property Task force (call 865-919-3230 and leave a voicemail if necessary or email rickrawl@comcast.net) and he will coordinate scheduling and answer any questions you have.

The prayer shawls are now located in the Narthex credenza.

Help for Lutherans in Ukraine: Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis Response (ELCA.org/disaster). The ELCA is sending aide to our sister Lutheran churches in Ukraine and several neighboring countries. You can help!

Blanket Workshop: makes blankets for distribution to Lutheran World Relief. Meetings are on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in, or just stop by to see what is happening. Sewing skills are not required.

Our Ukrainian families of Tanya Alfimova and Olya Kvach are deeply appreciative both of the financial help they've received recently from Grace and also of work from several families doing house cleaning (they are terrific!) and clearing out. They are booked up with work now! Contact Nancy Munro (nbmunro318@icloud.com or 865-483-6811) for more information.

Community for All Abilities
Access Oak Ridge: Creating Community For All Abilities will be held on **Saturday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oak Ridge Civic Center and Senior Center.** The event is free and we are inviting people to come from surrounding communities to learn and enjoy a day of activities, information, music, food, art, games, and prizes.

Here is a [Program Schedule](#) listing the current list of demonstrators, speakers, and activities. A list of the 40 vendors with information about recreation, employment, finances, youth activities, rehabilitation and therapy services, and more will be posted soon.

They are in desperate need of 20-30 volunteers. You can do a two hour shift or the whole four hours.

Also, Grace is providing some sandwiches to this event, which is being handled by Crista Froeling.

Let's give a big Thank You to the Council members who served this past year: Ingrid Busch, April Fritts, Jackie Rylander, Judy Rosenberg. Plus a big Thank You to everyone on the Council for all that they do! The installation of new council members will be at both services this Sunday.

New council members are: Valerie Hansen, Mike Lorenz, Nick Martin, Kevin Frey (alternate), re-elected— Ron Goans and Mike Nicol.



OLSE Spanish Class

Our Spanish class is indefinitely on hold until more students are interested. Please contact Nancy Munro if you would like to get involved in such a class.

ESOL Classes Grow

Time to celebrate! Grace's evening beginner class, taught by Dorothy DeVan, recently welcomed students from *Nicaragua and Cuba, our 35th and 36th countries served*, respectively. We are grateful to Pr. Sylvia Countess who assists with that class, taking the early beginners to work in a nearby room, especially when a very large number attend. Eunice Search's morning beginner classes have also steadily grown since the beginning of the year, especially since schools have reconvened for the fall term. The advanced ESOL class, taught by Betty Anne Domm and Kay Brookshire, which meets on Friday mornings has also grown recently. It doubled from two to four students, all from Ukraine.

Coffee Fellowship, Anyone? A group of volunteers has stepped up to do coffee fellowship time for the 9 a.m. service and we have a volunteer for the 4th Sunday of the month for 11:15. Thank you to all who have come forward! Would 3 or 4 more late service folks be willing to be in a rotation for that service?

Set up involves preparing a tray of goodies (cookies or the like) and making coffee, plus setting all out, plus cups and coffee accompaniments for people to avail themselves on Sunday morning. The tray can be done a day or more ahead and placed in the refrigerator. We can provide training in how to make coffee in the kitchen's drip coffee maker using pre-measured coffee packets. Proclaiming will provide cookies. If someone wants to bake or buy and furnish a goody, just let Christy Gipson know in advance when you're going to bring something for a Sunday morning. Cleanup is pretty self-evident—emptying and rinsing the carafes and freezing leftover cookies or goodies, plus putting cups and coffee accompaniments away.

Our aim is to have a rotation, so no one serves more than once a month. Please let Nancy Munro (nbmunro318@icloud.com) know if you can help with the late service team.

The Grace Food Pantry needs your help, because funds are running low. Many thanks to those who have donated either money or food recently. Please make a generous donation, earmarked for the Food Pantry, so that we can continue this important ministry.

VIA DE CRISTO Retreat OCT. 19-22, 2023

Would you like to experience God's amazing Grace?

Have time away to immerse yourself in His love?

Laugh, sing and fellowship with other Christians?

Then the upcoming Via de Cristo weekend is the place for you.

For more info contact Janet or Rick Rawl, Crista Froeling, Stacey Garrick, Valerie Hansen, Lorraine Huynh, Ruth Smiley or Betty Anne Domm among others. We'd love to share our experiences with you.



**September
Congregational
Meeting**

At right, Outgoing Council President Ron Goans led the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sept. 24. Donna Hoglund talked about the Nominating Committee, the Budget Committee and the Call Committee, and Chuck Thompson reminded everyone about the importance of Commitment Sunday, which will be October 15.

Photos by Pat Hope



CONGREGATION ELECTS NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

By Donna Hoglund

At its semi-annual congregational meeting on September 24, the congregation elected new members to the Church Council. Ron Goans and Mike Nicol were re-elected to serve a two-year term. Valerie Hansen, Mike Lorenz, and Nick Martin were elected to a two-year term. Kevin Frey was elected as an alternate for a one-year term. The new term begins October 1. The newly elected members were installed on October 1.

The projected budget for 2024 was presented to help members understand what funds are needed to carry out the ministries that Grace currently has and the importance of pledging so the Budget Task Force can know what the income will be in order to prepare a proposed budget for 2024.

**Trunk or Treat—
October 29**

Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. We need folks to volunteer to bring a decorated “trunk” filled with treats. Last year was a blast!



SHARING ABUNDANCE STORIES – DISCOVERING GIFTS

Meaning and Purpose Found After Loss

Ruth Smiley



After the death of my husband, Doug, last year I felt emotions of sorrow, loss, and aloneness. Then there was the feeling that I no longer had meaning and purpose in life. Gradually, I found comfort through church services, grief support, and meaningful activities at Grace. I felt the love of God.

I benefitted from being a part of the Grace Writers group. A few years ago, I began writing my memoirs, and I would read portions at meetings of Grace Writers. The feedback I received encouraged me.

Then I had put the **writing** aside—procrastination I suppose.

After my husband's death, I turned to writing again. I even tried writing poetry, and this led me to writing "Trekking Poles Who Grieve." The writing was therapeutic for me in expressing the loss of my hiking companion.

This year I wrote about a childhood memory of my Dad, titled "A Day to Remember," and I entered it in Grace Writers nonfiction category of their annual writing contest. I was surprised and honored to win first place!

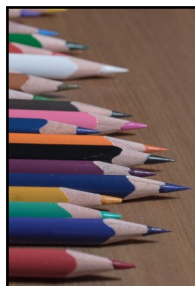
Grace Wants Stories About Sharing Abundance

As part of the emphasis on sharing abundance, the Stewarding Commission is looking for stories about how God has provided abundance in your life, especially in the context of the ministries of Grace Lutheran Church.

This was the push I needed to return to writing my memoirs. I have now finished the first draft, and my friend, Charlotte Crawford, has agreed to take care of details in getting it published.

Now I have regained my meaning and purpose in life. In writing my life story, I leave a gift for my son, my granddaughters, my great-grandsons, and generations to come.

I am grateful to Pat Hope and to Grace Writers. She kept us going through the pandemic. I have gained an abundance of support and blessings through Grace Writers.



Grace Writers Returns to In-Person Meetings

Grace Writers resumed in-person meetings Sept. 4 and on the first Monday of the month for the rest of the year. If you are writing non-fiction (essays, articles, memoir, children's writing, etc..) or Fiction (novels, science fiction, mystery, children's books) come and share some of your work with us.

Come join us in Room 101 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on October 2. The theme for October is "Fear." Contact Pat Hope for more info.

Poetry Pie will meet October 30.

Office help needed for Monday, October 9 from 9am-2pm

Please let Pam know if you can help out. Thanks!

Children's Message

At right, Margaret Cumberland talks about how seeds are sowed during a recent Children's Message while Pravin Ajmeri listens to her explanation.

Photo by Pat Hope



DEAR PR. PAULS
AND GRACE CONGREGATION

THANK YOU FOR RECEIVING US
IN YOUR CHURCH!

WE WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOUR
DIFFERENT MINISTRIES AS THE
ENGLISH CLASSES AND THE FOOD
PANTRY.

YOU ARE DOING GOD'S WORK!

BLESSINGS,

[Signature]
P. Beatriz Castillo
FROM ILAG

[Signature]
Diego Gu


My name is
LAURA INNELDA CHEN YAT
I am 14 years old

I live in the community Roc-ja Pasacuc, Cobán, Alta Verapaz.

I am in the **MILAGRO** house because I want to learn to be an integral woman, with knowledge and skills that cannot be learned in a normal school.

In my future, I see myself as a successful woman, who is very brave and sure of myself.

My dream is to become a doctor and to help people get better.



MILAGRO is a school for the education and training for the future leadership of young Mayan women from rural villages in Guatemala.

Donations in support may be made through The Catholic Church of Guatemala.

Thank You from our Guatemalan Visitors

Reminder: Minimize Fragrances

It is estimated that at least 15% of the population has fragrance sensitivities resulting in migraines, breathing problems, nausea, or other unpleasant health effects. Grace has some folks with these problems and we never know when a visitor may also. For the sake of our members and for hospitality to visitors, Grace has a policy of asking all not to wear perfumes or other fragrances to worship or other activities. Thank you!

Thankful for Community Generosity and Church Family



5100 Hixson Pike
Hixson Tennessee 37343

4.26.23

Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry:

We would like to present you this check in the amount of \$1812.43 in which we raised by selling Giving Cards in December. We chose to support your food pantry this year. We hope that this will be able to help lots of people in need in our community. Our mission is spreading joy, enriching lives, and serving others and we take this very seriously. Please let us know how we can ever help in the future and that you for serving our community.

Thanks,

Amanda Galbraith
Regional Manager
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865-654-7665

Kroger Donation to Food Pantry

30-May-2022 to 28-Aug-2022

20

Households

\$ 94.40

Total Donations

Thank You to Grace Church Family

I am so incredibly grateful and blessed to have been part of Grace Lutheran Church's family. It is hard to believe I've lived in East Tennessee for seven years and joined Grace in January of 2016. As I reflect on who I was, I am without a doubt a better, stronger version of myself now. You have given me my life back! For this I thank you. With you I have found true friendships which you don't find everyday. Even though I've been through heartaches and hardships while living in Oak Ridge, I will think of myself lucky for all the good things I experienced with you at Grace. I will be forever grateful and will hold a special place in my heart for you at Grace Lutheran Church.

Teresa Mustaffa

More Donations to be Thankful For

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

This is the quarterly notification to inform you that AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to the charity you've selected, **Lutheran World Relief**, in the amount of **\$2,435.25** as a result of qualifying purchases made by you and other customers between April 1st - June 30th.

Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com or using the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned ON, everyday purchases make an impact. So far, AmazonSmile has donated:

- **\$58,285.63** to Lutheran World Relief*
- **Over \$377 million** to US charities
- **Over \$422 million** to charities worldwide

Visit your AmazonSmile impact page to track donations generated or change your charity.

**Kroger Donation to
Boy Scouts**

**30-May-2023
to 28-Aug-
2023**

10

Households

\$ 58.63

**Total
Donations**


TORCH
P.O. Box 5448
Oak Ridge, TN 37831



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
131 W Gettysburg Ave
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Dear Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous \$240.00 donation that you made on 4/21/2023. Every act of your generosity helps us further our mission to end homelessness in Anderson County, TN. In fact, your gift helps a family get into housing in a time of financial crisis. You are a hero! We know there are many worthy organizations to which you can choose to give and are humbled that you have chosen TORCH to trust with your treasure.

Because we are a registered 501(c)3 organization, your donation is completely tax deductible. Please keep this for your tax records to claim your deduction. Again, we thank you for your support in helping to make the world a better place by ensuring everyone has a safe place to sleep at night in your community.

With Sincere Thanks,

TORCH

Torch and the families we work with truly appreciate your kindness. Thank you - Cassidy Whalen

Executive Director: Andy O'Quinn
Case Managers: Cheri Guymon, Allison Morgan, Amber Stanley
Board of Directors: Sheila Michel, Ellen Smith, Judith Liby, Martha Hobson, Robin Johnson, Cindy Johnson, Mason Guymon, Susan McGetrick, Chris Tackett, Eleanor Wistrom, Brenda Hamel
Intake Specialist: Hollie Adams
Communications & Exec. Dir. Assistant: Cassidy Whalen

No goods or services were received by the donor in exchange for this contribution.

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Condolences

Jessie Hiserote
 September 30
 Janie Hiserote's mother

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Want to win a gift card? Find the three pumpkins.

In October, our thoughts turn to fall and pumpkin spice, the perfect time to carve a jack-o-lantern. See if you can find the three pumpkins in this issue.

Please send the page numbers where you find them to Pat Hope (thetwohopes@aol.com) by Oct. 31. Only email or text messages (865-310-0722) accepted. Prize to be awarded in Nov.

The one pictured here doesn't count.

The three coffee cups in Sept. were on Pages 4, 12, and 15.

Congratulations to past winners:

Betty Anne Domm — Sept. Coffee Cups

Pastor Paula — August Hot Dogs

NO CONTEST IN JULY

Anne Douglas — June Caps

Rhonda Ashburn — May Hearts

Janet Rawl — April Eggs

Donna Hogle — March Clocks

Paula Smith — February Hearts