

# Grace Notes

October 2024

# **Child Beyond International**

### A Mission Visit and Mission Report

### A Little Background

All things considered, it Child Beyond International is a relatively new mission. The seeds were sown in 2013 with a vision. prayer, and a heart to do something significant for the Kingdom of God. After much planning, research, and additional prayer, in 2016 Child Beyond International (CBI) launched a children's home in Guatemala that was quickly filled with boys and girls rescued from abuse, neglect, and trauma. Today their children's home is among the most respected in Guatemala. They are currently providing 24-hour care to 20 children who need to heal from various kinds of trauma. Through the ministry of CBI, physical and emotional wounds are healed, children are loved. and Christ is shared. In addition to their children's home, CBI hosts and facilitates short-term mission trips where servants of Christ build homes, install water filtration systems, and host Vacation Bible Schools. It is a great ministry that is doing powerful work for the Kingdom of God.

### **An Exciting Opportunity**

Our congregation has been sending financial support to CBI since 2018, and we have seen our partnership in the Gospel grow through those years. As the relationship has strengthened, Pastor Andrew and I were invited to come to CBI for a visit. We will be traveling to Guatemala from October 7-11 to participate in CBI's Leaders Vision Tour. As part of this tour we will visit CBI's children's home, visit a family who has been gifted a home from CBI's home building ministry, and visit destitute areas where the need for rescue ministry is great. We will also build a cook stove and install a water purifier for a Guatemalan family, meet with local Guatemalan church leaders on critical needs for their ministries, and visit the recently acquired property where CBI plans to expand their rescue ministry for children. It is a full itinerary, and we are excited to continue to build our relationship with CBI.

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### **Show and Tell**

On October 13th, the Sunday after we return, Pastor Andrew and I will share a Mission Report from our visit with CBI. For the message on that Sunday, we will show pictures, tell stories, and do our best to communicate with you what God is doing through the ministry of CBI in Guatemala. We are excited to see what God is already doing there and what the Spirit will reveal to us during our visit. It is a Sunday you will not want to miss, and it would be a great Sunday to invite a friend. Hearing about what the Gospel of Jesus is doing in the lives of others through His church as they serve the Lord can be very powerful to someone who has doubts about God or the value of living out a life of faith.

### What's Next?

In Acts 1:8, Luke records Jesus telling His disciples, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." The mission of God is a global mission. One of the primary purposes for this trip is for Pastor Andrew and me to see if there are additional ways that Grace Lutheran can support God's work in Guatemala through CBI. As this relationship has strengthened, we have been considering leading a short-term mission trip to CBI as a way to faithfully serve Jesus, serve others, and spread the Gospel. Disciples of Jesus Worship God, Grow in Faith, and Engage in service, and this could be a great way for us to Engage as a congregation. Our school is our biggest mission outreach as a congregation. Through our school ministry we serve children, we provide an education, and we teach children and young people the eternal truths about Christ. Partnering with an international ministry that rescues and serves children fits perfectly with our identity. We hope to see this partnership continue to grow and mature and look forward to telling you all about it.

In Christ.

**Pastor Russ** 



### **Engaging with Engage**

At Grace, we seek to build disciples that Worship God, Grow in Faith, and Engage in Service.

Worshiping God is seen most clearly on Sunday mornings through our corporate worship together.

Growing in Faith happens throughout the week. Certainly some of it happens on Sundays, but it isn't limited to just Sunday mornings. Growing in Faith happens through study of God's Word with a community of believers. So while Growing in Faith is something that ultimately happens on a personal level as we each consider what God is doing, an important aspect of Growing in Faith is the community focus to it. We not only Worship God together, but we Grow in Faith together as well.

This leads us into Engaging in Service. Worshiping God has an upward focus to it. Growing in Faith has an inward focus to it. Engaging in Service has an outward focus to it. Engage is always Other-focused. Engage is Go-focused. Through Engage, we serve the people God has placed in our lives. Engage isn't simply gathering offerings for organizations, or collecting supplies to benefit the Other. Engage happens with the hands.

It's funny that at this stage of life, in one of my vocations I am an associate pastor and the director of Engage, but in another vocation, I am engaged to my fiancée, Hannah. I'm a very engaged guy these days! When a couple becomes engaged, a ring is set on the hand. The hands are used. There's an action to becoming engaged. So too it is with Engaging in Service. While it is certainly good to collect offerings and supplies to benefit the Other, the clearest way for us to show the Other who Jesus is happens through action with our hands. Engage looks outward to serve the community.

It is unfortunate that so commonly in churches, Worship becomes something we relegate to only observing on Sunday, Engage takes the action of Sunday and translates it into Monday and Tuesday and the rest of the week. It is a living faith. Jesus doesn't call us only to a life of following him on Sunday, but to also Engage on Monday. Take this faith that God has given you, and watch the Holy Spirit use the gifts unique to you as you serve in Jesus' name.

On Sunday, Pastor Russ challenged us to do one act of kindness this week without recognizing it or letting other people know. I also challenge you to the same. Do an act of kindness for someone without recognizing it or letting others know.

As we continue to develop Engage, I ask that you prayerfully consider how God is working through your hands to serve the Other. I also ask that you pray for God's continued work here in Huntsville as we Engage in Service for the sake of the gospel.

-Pastor Andrew

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

#### **October 2024 Edition**

Grace Lutheran School has reached the end of the first quarter of the 2024-25 school year. The main event in September was the Fun Run, the major fundraiser for the PTL. During the week leading up to it, students were challenged to bring in pledges and donations, earning prizes for each challenge and goal met. On the Fun Run day, students from the CDC and School did laps to complete the running part of the Fun Run. That Friday was a warm one, with temperatures in the mid-90s, but the students did a great job despite the heat. The total amount raised was \$32,775.00 for the PTL to support the school and CDC. Thank you so much to those who sponsored a scholarship student so they could participate in the same way as their classmates! Over \$2000 was donated by congregation members to support individual students.







<u>Camp McDowell Trip:</u> The 6th graders participated in an Outdoor Education trip to Camp McDowell where they learned about the ecosystems of North Alabama.



After this busy September, everyone is looking forward to Fall Break and the start of the new quarter.

God's Blessings,

**Delaine Schiestel** 

# **CDC HAPPENINGS**

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Things are going great at the CDC! We are so ready for fall and all that it brings. We are patiently waiting for cooler temperatures. "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."
-James 5:7-8

In September, the CDC celebrated Labor Day by spending a day at home with our families. We held an event (Granola with Grands) to celebrate our grandparents, had speech screenings with Madison Speech, and participated in the Fun Run. We also kicked off a new devotional time for our CDC moms, hosted by Bekah Schmidt, called First Friday Fellowship. Please continue to pray it will be a blessing to our ministry as a whole, and a bridge between the CDC and church!

**Looking ahead:** In October, Spoiled Rotten Photography will be here to take fall pics of the kiddos. This is a great fundraiser for the CDC, as we receive a percentage of the picture purchases! Our Preschool 3 classes will be having a great big Harvest Fest and the entire CDC will have Costume Day at the end of the month! We can't wait for all the Fall Fun!

Thanks be to God!

Jessica McGuire







# **FUN RUN**













# **BIBLE PRESENTATION**





# **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT**







# **GROW - BIBLE STUDY TOPICS**

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### Bible Studies Topics - October 2024

### Sunday Morning Children and Youth

- Infant—Pre-K (Church Nursery) Creation and Covenant
- K—4th (Genesis Room) Creation and Covenant
- 5th and 6th Grade (School Library) Bible Characters: Jesus
- Confirmation (Room 106) Discipleship
- High School (Youth Room) Book of Acts

### Sunday Morning Communities

- Quarter Life Questers (Room 202) Culture Conversations
- Figuring It Out (Room 203) Living in the Daze of Deception
- Balancing Act (School Band Room) Mere Christianity
- Tug of War (Room 204) Digitized: Spiritual Implications of Technology
- Discovering Together (Room 209) Fruit of the Holy Spirit

### Sunday Morning Bible Studies

- From the Heart of Matthew (Cafeteria)
- Is Genesis History? (Assembly Room)
- Bible for Non-Native English Speakers (Room 208) Proverbs

### Bible Studies During the Week

- Digging Deeper (Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Assembly Room) Revelation
- Women's Bible Study (Monday at 1:00 PM in the Church Library) Justification and Sanctification by Good News Magazine
- Women's Bible Study (Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Church Library) Promised Rest by Michelle Diercks
- Men's Bible Study (2nd Saturday at 7:30 AM in the School Cafeteria) Facing Disaster Like a Man
- Ladies of Grace Circles (3rd Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Church Library and Choir Room) Topic Varies

# **OUTREACH CONNECTIONS**

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### LOCAL MISSION ENGAGE CONNECTIONS

Grace Lutheran has developed a relationship with McDonnell Elementary School (4010 Binderton Place, Huntsville, AL 35805). We have been advocates for the school and open to responding to needs as they are shared with us. We are still stocking their Little Library with children's books. The library has been moved nearer to the school building as it was knocked down twice recently. We have a need for children's books, activity books, and basic school supplies. You can support this project by contributing gently used children's books or providing such items as commercially wrapped individual snacks (examples: Cheez-It crackers, Lance sandwich crackers, Rice Krispy or granola bars). Books and school supplies along with food supplies may be placed in the chest in the church narthex. Thanks for your generous support as you respond in the love of Jesus.



**First Stop** encounters the homeless where they are, connects them to critical services and support, and empowers them toward independent sustainable living. So far this year, the First Stop team has successfully assisted 53 individuals from homelessness to independent, sustainable living. These are 53 people who are no longer living on the street but are sleeping in the safety and comfort of their own homes.

First Stop relies on volunteer support to provide hot meals twice a day at the temporary facility location – 2820 Governors Drive.

#### Volunteer Tips for providing meals:

- Meals should serve 80-100 people. Prepare food for 80 people! 3-4 servers are needed to serve the meal.
- Provide food that is already prepared and only needs to be heated. No cooking, please.
- We serve Breakfast and Lunch, Monday through Friday. Breakfast meals are to delivered to **First Stop** by 7:45 AM and lunch meals by no later than 11:15 AM.
- Breakfast is served from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM.
- Lunch is served from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

For more information, contact Karen Davidson!



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### **ACTS Ministry**

**ACTS** (<u>A</u>ctively <u>C</u>aring, <u>T</u>enderly <u>S</u>erving) Ministry has been redefined. We have a new email address which is **ACTS@gracelutheran-hsv.org** that can be used to volunteer to support **ACTS** activities or to request specific help/support. Please respond to let us know how you desire to participate and help this ministry on an occasional basis.

We now have five coordinators in place to support the ACTS Ministry via Grace Lutheran:

- **Pam Lowe** (Hospitality Meal trains, potlucks, etc.)
- Mairlyn Johnson (Cards Those ill or recovering/birthdays, etc.)
- **Donna Behnken** (Visits/Calls Friendly calls, friendly visits)
- **Bill Duncan** (Transportation Pickups and appointments)
- Rusty Graves (House/Yard Work Technology help, lawn, repairs)

If you know of someone who can benefit, or if you have a particular need for yourself, let us know the need by calling the church office. Call and ask for extension **347** to leave your message. If calling after hours, please select option 7 and you can leave a voicemail.

### **Volunteer Support:**

- Sending cards to homebound and those on our care list.
- Checking in by phone with individuals on our care list.
- Visiting those in need, primarily our homebound.
- Providing meals Case by case, but normally for an illness or coping with a health condition.
- Errand/driving support Pick up a prescription or groceries, take someone to a medical appointment.
- Helping someone with a technology equipment issue.
- Miscellaneous Mowing a yard, shrubbery care, cleaning up a kitchen, or whatever a family member might need.

#### Help Request:

- I would appreciate a friendly visit.
- I have a need for meals.
- I need help with someone to pick up items (i.e. groceries or prescription).
- I need help to get to a medical appointment.
- I need help with upkeep of my lawn/shrubbery.
- I need help with technology use and equipment.
- I need help with a repair in my home (list):

It is our intent to share needs as they arise with the ACTS Ministry volunteers. You choose which activity you want to respond to and help!

Please join us in prayer as together we seek to care to serve one another sharing the love of Jesus!

**CONNECT CARD** – You are encouraged to invite a friend, neighbor, or work colleague to visit our church's website at <a href="www.gracelutheran-hsv.org">www.gracelutheran-hsv.org</a> and complete a **CONNECT CARD**. The link is located on the lower part of the homepage. Persons completing the **CONNECT CARD** are added to our MailChimp list and receive the weekly e-mail from Pastor Russ with a link to our livestream worship service.

**Serving Persons Via Facebook**: Visit the **Grace Lutheran Ministries** — **Church & School** page on Facebook. Go to the page and "**LIKE**" the page (in the top section at the bottom left side of the cover page — not below the posted comment). Liking the Grace Lutheran page helps us to get information to your Facebook account!

# **CONNECTION GROUPS**

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### **ARE YOU CONNECTED?**

Connection Groups (formerly called interest groups) are a means of "building bridges" to connect with others (unchurched or dechurched) in your neighborhood or our community. It's about building a group around a similar interest (hobby, craft, fun activity, sport, or just about anything else under the sun). The goal is to help connect persons to Christ, the church, and the community. Dream the possibilities and then explore the opportunity to set up a group that meets at least on a bi-weekly basis. Of course, you can choose to take breaks in the schedule as needed for holidays/summer vacation, etc. Grace Lutheran's vision is to grow in being passionate servants. Organizing or leading a connection group is a means of being a passionate servant. Have you ever thought that you can be instrumental in connecting others around interests as a means of serving God?

Want to start your own group? Contact Kathryn Bradshaw or the church office. Not in a group? We encourage you to join one of our existing groups.

# Here is a listing of the current Connection Groups (Continued on next page)



**The Christian Book Club** meets in the church library at 10:00 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday**, **October 8th**, and we will be discussing *Unintended Witness* (Book 2) by D.L. Wood. Our next read is *The Executioner's Redemption* by Reverend Timothy Carter. If interested in attending, contact Karen Crout or the Church Office with any questions.

Can't come to the Book Club? Books from our reading selections are also available in the church library. When you enter the library, go to the bookcase on the opposite wall (to the left of the window). You will find the books on the bottom two shelves There is a sign indicating that these are Book Club books. **Feel free to take any of the books!** 

**The Sew 'n Sews** meet on Mondays from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in the Genesis Room.

Our current projects include quilts, pillowcases, walker totes, and many other items for various charities.

**No special skills needed! Come and join us!** Contact Harriett Kicklighter or the church office for more information.



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**A Bridge Group** meets once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday except in November and December (meeting instead on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). This is party bridge – just for fun and friendship. If interested, contact Mary Jane Reumann or the church office for more information.

**Friday Afternoon Golf** is organized by Dennis Sierk and Phil Nelson. Time and place: The par 3 course at Hampton Cove every Friday afternoon. For more information, contact Dennis or Phil. Please note the following rules:

- 1. No score keeping.
- 2. If you don't like your shot, take another one.
- 3. If you don't like your lie, move it.
- 4. Refreshments in the clubhouse, afterward.





INTERESTED IN A LWML SMALL GROUP?

Peace Circle
3rd Tuesday | 9am | Genesis Room
Contact: pamjons1@bellsouth.net

Hope Circle
3rd Tuesday | 9am | Church Library
Contact: crout@juno.com

MITES COLLECTED ON 5TH SUNDAYS IN THE NARTHEX

### **SAINTS ALIVE**

#### **October 2024 Edition**

**Saints Alive** is an adult organization within Grace Lutheran Ministries. The group is open to Grace Lutheran members and their friends. The organization hosts two activities each month on the first and third Wednesdays. September brings new activities for the group. Please consider joining us for one or both of the September outings. Always sign up on the sheets on the narthex easel. There is a little change for the sign-up sheets going forward. There will be two sheets, one will be for those riding the bus and the other for those who are planning to drive themselves. This just makes it easier for us to keep track of when the bus is full.

October continues to be a busy time for the Saints Alive folks. We have two activities planned, on October 2nd and October 16th.

On **October 2nd** the Saints Alive members will go to **Wills Creek Vineyards & Winery** in Attalla. We will hear about wine processing, take a tour, and enjoy a wine tasting. Following the activities, we will eat lunch at the winery, enjoying a hearty baked potato bar with assorted protein, dairy, and vegetable toppings in addition to fresh fruit salads. The potato bar cost is \$15 plus tax and tips.

Following lunch we will go to **Noccalula Falls** and the **Noccalula Princess Statue** near Gadsden. We will stroll along the paved paths and the foot bridge where we will see the statue and the falls. As we stroll on we will come to the **Frios Gourmet Popsicle** stand where we can enjoy dessert.

The bus will leave church at **8:45 AM** and will arrive back at church around 3:30 PM. Kathryn Kervin is the coordinator for the trip.





On **October 16th** the Saints Alive will visit **Constitution Hall Park** (formerly Village). The Park has opened again for guided tours of the main attractions, and we will have our own tour at **10:00 AM**. We will be whisked back to 1819 when Alabama became the 22nd state and our ancestors made the dream of statehood a reality. The only building large enough to accommodate the delegation was a vacant cabinet shop in the center of town. John Boardman's print shop, Clement Comer Clay's law office, the Federal Land Surveyor's office, a post office, and Sheriff Stephen Neal's residence surrounded that cabinet shop. A blacksmith shop also occupies the grounds, although it was located several blocks away in 1819. We will tour all of these buildings and see some demonstrations. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Following the tour, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. The bus will leave Grace at **9:40 AM**. Bob Wank is the contact person for the trip.



November is right around the corner! On **November 6th**, the Saints will visit **Bel Mont Mansion** in Tuscumbia. Bel Mont is one of Alabama's crowning architectural achievements, one of a few Palladian-style houses in the Deep South. We'll see clues suggesting the influence of Thomas Jefferson. Admission is \$6.00 for seniors & military. We will then visit the **Key Underwood Coon Dog Memorial Graveyard**, the only cemetery of its kind in the world. We will go to a local restaurant, yet to be determined, for lunch. Sabina Wank is the contact person for this trip.

We look forward to having folks join us for the fun, information, and fellowship of these activities. For any questions, contact Donna Behnken.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

### October 2024 Edition



# Tidings of Comfort and Joy? Facing the holidays after bereavement By Merle Trich

When you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may dread the holiday season. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligations leave you anxious and overwhelmed. Your sadness can seem unbearable. You may wish you could skip these next two months and go straight to the routine of next year, but you can't. What can you do to lessen your stress and loneliness?

Holidays can trigger tough emotions. Learning what emotions are normal and to be expected when facing the holidays without your loved one can help you not feel helpless if these emotions are triggered. People who have already experienced a past loss and have been through a holiday season can provide an idea of typical emotions and triggers and provide much-needed comfort and support.

Creating a holiday plan will help provide a little control when you feel out of control. Decide ahead of time what invitations you will accept, what decorating you will do, and which traditions to maintain. Some traditions will be too difficult without your loved one, but there may be new traditions you can start.

Communicating your specific concerns and needs with family and friends can be helpful. People in grief are often tempted to put on a mask and pretend things are fine, especially over the holidays.

So where can you find out what emotions to expect over the holidays, how to create a healthy plan, and how to communicate with family and friends in these coming weeks? Right here at Grace Lutheran Church!

On Sunday, October 20th from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM we will be offering a GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar. This seminar will provide practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. You'll hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. You'll receive a Holiday Survival Guide with practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises, Q & As, and journaling ideas for daily survival through the holiday season. You'll meet with other grieving people who have an understanding of what you're going through. They won't judge you or force you to share, but will accept you where you are and will offer comfort and support.

To register or find out more about GriefShare Surviving the Holidays, visit this <u>website</u>, call or email Dexter or Joyce McClure, or stop by the information table in the narthex after each of the church services through Oct. 20th.

May God prepare hearts to receive this seminar and provide comfort and healing to those who are grieving.

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### Community Choir Opportunity

A choral group is being formed with the goal of taking a couple of Saturdays and Sunday afternoons during the holiday season to sing at various places in the community. The tentative dates for performances will be November 30th and December 1st, 8th, and 14th. Rehearsals will be held on **Thursdays** at **7:00 PM** in the Genesis Room, beginning on **October 3rd.** All are welcome! Please reach out to Roberta Rodgers with any questions.



### Fifth Sunday Mite Box & Eyeglasses Collection

The usual Fifth Sunday Mite Box collection will be done in celebration of Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday on October 6th. This special collection will help jumpstart our new year to fund the 10 Mission Grants of the Ladies of Grace. Those 10 Mission Grants include 3 Grace members who are attending LCMS Concordia institutions, 2 local ministries, 2 national ministries, and 3 international ministries. Your mite box donations truly make a difference as Lutheran Women in Mission work to "extend His kingdom." Please make checks payable to "Ladies of Grace." We will also be collecting new and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries as well.

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#### From the Heart of Matthew

Explore the Gospel according to Matthew from the heart of Saint Matthew, an Apostle from Capernaum. Travel with Matthew through the Holy Land to experience the life of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Encounter angels, leaders, believers, a prophet and many others. Learn from the King, witness miracles, hear prophecy, and feel Jesus' suffering for us. Through Matthew's writings, know the love, hope and joy that the Son of God brings to His people. Join Ron Olsen on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM in the cafeteria, beginning on October 6th.



Mountain Lakes Zone Gulf States District

### LWML Zone Rally

The Ladies of Grace are excited to attend the Mountain Lakes Zone Fall Rally to be held on October 12th from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Faith Lutheran in Madison with the theme "Be The Light," based on 2 Corinthians 4:4. Registration is \$15 and can be done by contacting Rita Lange by October 1st. There will be a "Gifts from the Heart" collection benefiting North Alabama Crisis Center at the Rally. We will be led in Bible Study and will have elections for our 2024-26 Zone Officers. Grace's own, Lynn Harmon, served on the Nominating Committee for the 2022-24 biennium. If you would prefer to ride the Grace bus to Faith, please contact Rita to be added to the list—limited to 14 ladies. The bus will leave Grace's parking lot at 8:00 AM.

### **Combined Youth Event**

We are joining together with the youth groups from Faith Lutheran in Madison and Ascension in Huntsville on **Sunday, October 13th** from **4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend. We will meet in the Youth Room at Grace for an afternoon of games, snacks, and fellowship. See you there!



### National Youth Gathering Registration Deadline

Every three years, the LCMS Youth join together for the National Youth Gathering. Next summer, we will head to New Orleans on **July 19-23**. All youth currently in grades 8 - 12 are welcome to attend. Register to attend <a href="here">here</a>. The registration deadline for this event is **October 15th**. Contact Jen Roettjer with any questions.



### Everything You Need to Know about High School

Parenting has many challenges, and those challenges change as our kids continue to grow. In order to help support you in your parenting journey, Grace will be hosting an evening for parents of Junior High kids on October 15th at 6:30 PM in the Assembly Room. We will discuss topics such as social media, driving, extra-curricular activities, and more. Even if you are a year or two away from entering the next stage, our panel of experienced parents and teachers will pass along their observations and advice to help prepare you as your children enter into the next phase of life.

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### Grieving a Loss? Know Someone Who Is?

"Surviving the Holidays" will provide encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season. Join us for this GriefShare seminar at Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 20th from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Register <u>here</u> or contact Dexter or Joyce McClure with any questions.



### GraceLand Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to all who have been supporting the GraceLand Capital Campaign since it began in April. During September we collected about \$15,000.00 which brings the total collected for the campaign through the end of September to almost \$210,000.00! The more of the principal of our loan that we pay down during this period puts us in a better position to begin executing the stages of the Master Plan, which the committee will be working on in the months ahead. You can give online or by check with GraceLand Capital

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# JOIN US FOR WORSHIP Sundays

#### 8:00 AM

Blended Worship
1st & 2nd Sundays of the Month

Traditional Worship 3rd & 4th Sundays of the Month

#### 10:45 AM

Contemporary Worship Every Sunday

#### Communion

Check Us Out Online! www.gracelutheran-hsv.org

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