



The Call of *Grace*

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear family and friends of Grace,

I pray that you have come through Hurricane Sally well – or that you are at least on the road to recovery. Before I write anything further, I again want you to know that if you (or your neighbors!) have recovery needs, we will be having teams from both our own Southern District Disaster Response Team and the South Wisconsin District Disaster Response Team here to help you. You need only let the church office know.

Have you perhaps asked yourself what is God up to with all the issues that we are facing these days? What's going on with 2020?

I believe God is **shaking** our nation and His Church on purpose.

Why would He do that? Because we have fallen far from Him. He is calling us to repent. He is calling us to get serious about reading our Bibles. He is calling us to get serious about prayer.

The United States has largely abandoned God. Since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, through 2017 we have murdered 61,628,584 babies. That's almost 62 MILLION! To give you an idea of how horrible this is, US deaths in all of World War II totaled 1,076,000. In fact – since America was founded in 1776, the United States has been in 81 wars, with a total US death count of 2.85 Million. That's all 81 wars we've been in combined. Abortion has killed more than 30 times that number in only 47 years.

We tolerate ***all kinds*** of sinful behavior in our land, and we actually encourage it, applaud it, condone it and teach it in our schools.

I think God has had enough. He is only going to allow us to mock Him and disregard His Laws for so long.

The things we are experiencing now are a clarion call to repent of our sinful ways and return to Him. And where does that start? Right here among us in the Church. It is not "Them" we point to as needing to repent – it is ***us***.

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The time to confess sin is now. The time to turn away from all our false gods and our worship of comfort is now. The time to put away our stubborn (dare I even say lazy?) ways of not reading and studying God's Word is now. The time to stop saying we do not know how to pray – or that we could never pray out loud – is now. The time to stop making excuses about why we cannot go to church is now.

God has told us what to do in times like these – and He has told us what He would do if we did. He said to His people (including us) in 2 Chronicles 7:14 *“If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”* Read that verse again, slowly.

The time for lukewarm Christianity and lukewarm faith needs to be over.

Friends, in Christ, WE HAVE THE VICTORY! God's Word tells us that we are more than conquerors! It's time we started acting, and living, thinking and talking like we do/are! God has not abandoned us!

It was for such a time as this that God brought you to faith! You are not alive at this point in history by accident! God wanted you and I alive here and now so that we could lead the charge.

Let us then renounce sin. Let us then take up the shield of faith. Let us take up the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. Let us then live in VICTORY as we chart all these unknown waters of 2020 and beyond! And let us be bold and winsome in our faith and love ALL whom God allows to cross our paths.

May God grant us all the fullness of His Holy Spirit's power as we move from day to day in this time of shaking and may He receive all the glory, now and forever.

See you in church!

Joining Jesus on His Mission,

- *Pastor Huesmann*



Flowers & Candles for October



October 11 – Joan & Dave Cassens
In Memory of Wade Neels



October 18 – Fisher Family
In Honor of Chris Fisher's Birthday

October Calendar

Calendar Key:

S=Sanctuary N=Narthex FH=Fellowship Hall
 WC=Welcome Center CB=Community Building Y=Youth
 K=Kitchen OC=Office Conference LS=Lord's Supper
 SC= Sanctuary Conference PK= PreK Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:30am Backpack	2 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	3 Moore GLC (at Moore House)
4 8:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Contemporary Service 5:30 AA Mtg. CB	5 7:00am AA Mtg CB 5:30pm Christian Yoga FH 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	6 1:15pm Pre-K Board Mtg OC 6:00pm Men's BSF CB	7 7:00am AA Mtg CB	8 10:30am Backpack	9 7:00am AA Mtg CB 7:00pm AA Meeting CB	10 8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast FH
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Backpack Ministry

The Weekend Backpack food ministry is in full swing filling and delivering food bags to Holm Elementary. We have started with 36 bags but we can deliver up to 50 per week. Due to COVID we are not allowed to deliver to the classrooms, the guidance counselor takes delivery and is making sure that they are delivered to the students. Thank you to all that have donated time and money to this ministry. We are still in need of money to meet our goal of delivering 50 bags a week. Please consider sponsoring a student for the rest of the year. For \$11.00 a month (October-May) we can make sure that a student will receive food each weekend. Any donation is appreciated and as always continue to pray for these students and their families.



Holm Elementary School suffered a lot of water damage and teachers are having to replace their supplies. They have specific need for 1 and 1/2 inch binders (black preferred), colored pencils, rulers, crayons, spiral notebooks, books-all reading levels and lined paper, tissue and hand sanitizer. If dropped off at the church or community building the supplies will be delivered to Holm.

Thank You,

Sharon D'Ambra



AMAZING GRACE

Christian Preschool

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God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

So far, we have experienced no problems with the pandemic and pray that God continues to bless us with healthy families, staff and children. As we continue on this “new normal” walk through the preschool year, we are finally able to start chapel time with the children. It is always such a fun time to see the children’s faces light up with the joy of Jesus as they learn how to pray, listen to stories from the Bible and sing songs related to our stories.

All of our programs this year will have a different twist to them. We plan to video them and share through our Facebook page when they occur. Our first fun filled day is our Fall festival at the end of October. Stay tuned and look for photos of this busy day. Thanks to all of you who pray for Grace’s preschool ministry and, also, those who continue to provide extra cleaning supplies for this challenging year.



Join us Tuesday
morning& from
10:00 until 12:00 P.M.

October Birthdays

Triston Pitts 10/3
Ed Hansen 10/4
Sheryl Sabanosh 10/5
Joshua Flick 10/6
Marcie Whitney 10/6
Susan Hansen 10/7
Dave Hartranft 10/9
Jon Navarro 10/12
Marcia Brazil 10/12
Jerry Spraggins 10/13
Amy Onkka 10/15
Jody Evans 10/15
Rhea DeAnda 10/16
Dan Klug 10/19
Chris Fisher 10/22
Jorgen Balogh 10/22
Nancy McKnight 10/22
Savanna Windrow 10/24
Emily Dietly 10/26
Lynne Gough 10/26
Peggy Kaba 10/27



October Anniversaries

John & Margot Steiger 10/05
Jason & DeAnna Windrow 10/10
Tim & Molly Linck 10/15