



# Grace Notes



## September 2026 Newsletter of Grace and Glory Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM

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### Pastor's letter

*"But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation..." (2 Peter 3:14-15a)*

This week, Kristine and I were reminded about the joys and hardships of life. As our first ever great-nephew was born, soon afterward, a dear and treasured friend died. While we await the perfection that lies before us, life proves far from perfect. As Christians, we recognize that as Church we are living "in between." Jesus has won the victory over Sin, Death, and the Devil for us, but it does not always feel that way. The best is yet to come only when Jesus returns.

Meanwhile around us, people are hungry and alone. Others struggle, perhaps along with us, to make ends meet. For others of us, we are facing serious health concerns. And as we consider our congregation, like the majority of congregations in the US, we tend to be aging, struggling to meet budgets, smaller than we remember, and there is more work than sometimes seems possible for our merry band to address.

Yet, there's good news! Jesus meets us at our point of need. As we strived to feed our neighbors through Pasta with a Purpose, people who have never stepped inside our doors have anonymously been sending many pounds of it. They heard of the need and answered. As we prepare for our Pet Blessing, the Fluvanna County SPCA has expressed interest in participating in our event. When work seems too much for one person, people have been stepping forward to fill the breach or ideas on how to make the load lighter. Despite challenges, people have faithfully supported our congregation and welcomed in hope (not out of desperation) our increasing number of visitors. If we bless these visitors through their time with us, that might be exactly what God needs from us to help them on their way. If they stay, we can rejoice in that, too.

When I worked at a Native nonprofit, the director taught that the greatest assets any community has are its people and culture. A life of positive reciprocity and mutuality proves among our greatest blessings. As Christians, we truly are to understand the same, but faith also proves our greatest gift. I don't remember who shared this beautiful but simple prayer, but it is one I say for myself, our congregation, and for the sake of others almost every day. "God send us the people we need and send us to the people who need us." To provide our daily bread as individuals or a community, God will use us and others to provide.

As we wait for new opportunities, new members, or whatever good things that lie before us, we are only asked to strive while trusting in all of Jesus' promises for us. We need not be afraid. We don't have to focus on what we don't have. We can strive to be found at peace, because we are never alone, and God is always working for our welfare. Be patient, for God is doing a new thing.

*Pastor Lou Florio*

## **“God’s Work, Our Hands”**

This September, Labor Day and the ELCA's "God's work. Our hands" Sunday land close together on the calendar. Labor Day recognizes that all work, not just the prestigious kind, deserves honor. "God's work, our hands" makes a related but distinct claim: that our hands, doing our ordinary work, accomplish God's work in the world. It's Luther's doctrine of vocation in a bumper-sticker phrase. The milkmaid, the carpenter, the parent changing a diaper carry out God's plan as surely as anything we would call "holy" work.

In I Corinthians 12 Paul compares the church to a single human body, writing (verses 21-22): "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable." Indeed, Paul suggests that "God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it (verses 21-26)."

These comments are worth pondering as we move forward. Some roles are more noticeable than others, so it is important to consider who may not be noticed or receiving appreciation, though even the most prominent members of a congregation can feel overlooked or unappreciated. But no matter what contributions a member makes, Paul is not simply asking us to be polite about that person. He's saying the body doesn't work without them.

*Yours in Christ, Keith*

## **25th Anniversary of 9-11**

Most of us will never forget where we were when we learned of the attacks on 9-11 in 2001. Innocent lives ended, people still deeply grieve their losses, and still more people had their lives changed forever. In marking this solemn anniversary. As we mark the anniversary this year, please consider praying this short prayer together:

God of peace, bring peace to our hearts and peace to our world. Among many prone to violence, help us prove to be your agents of reconciliation and peace. We cast all our cares upon Jesus: We pray for the ongoing comfort of grieving families, strength for our first responders, and a world freed from hatred. May we never forget the lives lost and courage shown.

If you, a member of your family, or friends wish to speak to someone in light of the anniversary and what difficult feelings it might rekindle, please trust that Pastor Lou is willing to make time to speak to you or them. He has special training in the spiritual care of trauma.

## **Virginia Synod's EPIC is Back**

EPIC (Effective Practices for Innovative Congregations) is designed to provide educational opportunities to strengthen leaders for their ministry in the congregation and in the world. The workshop series is moving online for 2026-2027. Starting on Monday, September 21, the Virginia Synod will offer a series of monthly Zoom workshops designed to support the ministry of local congregations. Each workshop runs from 7 PM to 8:15 PM and is free.

Here's the schedule for the 2026 online EPIC workshops:

- September 21 at 7 PM: What Records Should We Keep?
- October 19 at 7 PM: Planned Giving
- November 16 at 7 PM: Treasurer's Workshop - End of Year Preparations

Links to register are on the Virginia Synod website. Please note, each workshop requires you to complete a separate registration to receive the correct zoom.

## **Leadership Meeting August 20, 2026**

**Present:** Pastor Lou, Keith Weimer, Paul Crowther, Mike Montgomery, Lynn Wirth, Beth Jenkins

**Excused:** Darlene Baugh, Richard Rognlie

**Devotion:** Presented by Paul; We walk by faith; Keep my steps steady according to your promise. Psalm 119:129-136

**Time for Sharing:** Prayers for post surgery healing of Cindy's mother; also, the importance of notifying Pastor if sudden illness causes someone to leave worship service unexpectedly and requires assistance.

**Approval of June 18, 2026 minutes:** After a correction to indicate Pastor Meredith Williams' full name and title, the corrected minutes were approved.

### **Finance Report:**

Representing the Finance Team, Paul summarized the financial position and expense activity of the church. Regarding some recent large expenses, Pastor Lou expressed faith that we can rely on God to guide us when faced with important decisions.

Bob Candea joined the meeting to lead discussion on our present alarm system and plans to upgrade and/or switch servicing company. An updated price quote will be requested from a new company being considered.

Bob Candea also discussed difficulties recruiting assistance with property management. He identified the key areas that require monitoring and the necessity to enlist members who can share in some of the responsibility of caring for our building and grounds.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Lou provided his report to the Leadership Team via email. Pastor discussed his activity of the past month, which included meeting with several local organizations. He added that he will be away for vacation Monday Sept 28 thru Tuesday Oct 6. A copy of Pastor's report can be found posted in the narthex.

**President's Report:** Keith Weimer shared that Darlene Baugh has asked to be excused from the Leadership Team as family plans will cause her to be away for much of the Fall. Leadership Team will be seeking to fill her position for the remainder of the term.

### **Old Business:**

Participation in the meal assistance effort organized by the Fluvanna Leaders for Race Diversity will be postponed to a later date when our calendar is more open.

Leadership agreed not to change our bylaws that determine member eligibility for voting on church matters. Rather, we should ensure that members who are ineligible for any reason are identified and given adequate time to address those factors that would restore their voting eligibility prior to upcoming congregational votes. Additionally, Pastor suggested we find an easy way for ushers to track worship attendance, which is one of the factors affecting voter eligibility.

### **Church Register Records:**

The LT is still seeking information about a parish register--a book of membership--that should have existed in Ken Albright's time as Pastor. If you know anything about this book, please reach out to Pastor Florio. If we are unable to locate the book, we should still be able to update our current membership roll from teller sheets and other office lists of members.

### **New Business:**

For those interested, planning is underway to obtain professional training in CPR and AED use (automated external defibrillator). We would likely need to meet a minimum class size for this training. Paula Tomko is spearheading this effort.

Preparation for our Sept. 12th Pie Auction continues, and in addition to baking pies, will require getting the church ready for the event. Volunteers needed.

Note that our Blessing of the Animals has been rescheduled to September 26 due to Pastor Lou's vacation.

Next meeting Sept. 17 @ 7pm via ZOOM

Closing prayer offered by Pastor Lou.

*Submitted by Paul Crowther*

## **Bible Study anyone?**

Our lectionary Bible study has been growing. We've been joined by folks from within and without the walls of our congregation. Why not give it a try yourself! No preparation is necessary. Currently, we gather on Wednesdays at 7 pm on Zoom. We talk about the upcoming Gospel to help us prepare for worship.

## **1050 Pounds and Counting!**

It is hard to believe, but the finish line for Pasta with a Purpose is in sight on September 13 (note the new date). And as we approach it, Grace and Glory has collected over half a ton of pasta and related items for our hungry neighbors. That's right! Over a thousand pounds of pasta have been collected! We are pleased to report that others have seen our social media posts, and seeing the need, several generous donations from friends or anonymously have been sent to us. As you consider how you might help us further bust our 1000-pound goal and go beyond it, share about our efforts. Speak to your neighbors and see if they can help within just a box or jar. It adds up quickly. Could we collect a ton? As a reminder, if you can't make it to Grace & Glory due to travel or any other issue, nonperishable items may always be shipped through Amazon or another vendor to our office at 683 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra, VA 22963. Need help shopping for or delivering your desired donation? Let us know! As a reminder, all donations benefit our local food pantry right here in Fluvanna County. If we place in the top three participating congregations (pound per average worshipper), they will receive an additional gift of \$250 from the Virginia Synod.



## **Summer Book Study**

Well, it is time to think about a get together to discuss our book, Face to Face: A Novel of the Reformation, by Amy Montravadi. During the gathering, we will flesh out some historic and theological details, hear and discuss any questions, and listen to your critiques. Whether you liked it, hated it, or never even finished it, Pastor Lou hopes you will consider joining us! For those that told Pastor Lou that they are reading the book, check your email for a survey to help us identify where, when, and how we will gather. Didn't have time to read the book? You are invited too! We will post an invitation on social media because even just hearing about the book might prove helpful in better understanding our shared Lutheran identity - for both good and ill, because Martin Luther was far from perfect as this fictional book tried to make clear.

## **Season of Creation**

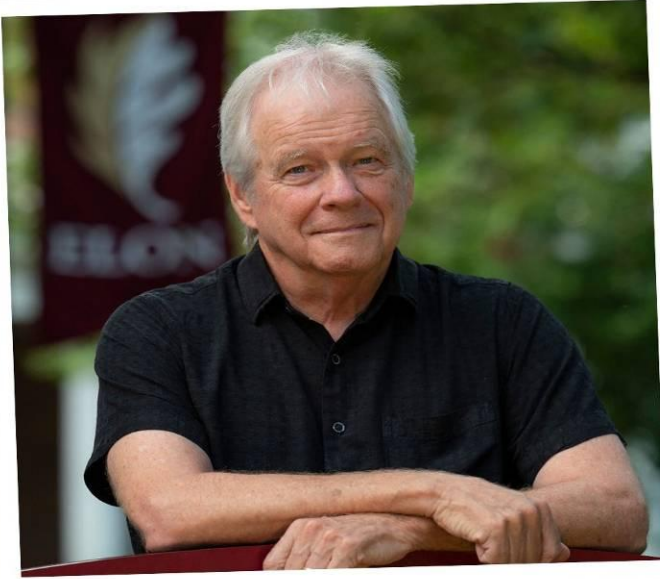
The Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical observance held from September 1 to October 4, the Feast Day of Francis of Assisi. Christians worldwide, including members of the ELCA, unite during this period to pray, reflect, and take action to protect the environment and care for the earth.

September 1 begins the season as the World Day of Prayer for Creation, initiated by the Orthodox Church in 1989. Inspired by Ezekiel 47:9-12, the theme for this year's Season of Creation (Sept. 1st-Oct. 4th) is "Living Water." The passage portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognizing ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together. See our upcoming social media to learn more.

Supported by the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches, ELCA worshipping communities are encouraged to celebrate a new festival during our lectionary year. "Creation in Christ" will be celebrated annually on September 1 or the Sunday following. Please join us on Sunday, September 6, for our first observance.



Save the Date



***With God on Our Side:  
Christian Nationalism  
and the Threat to  
American Democracy***

Presenter: Professor Jeffrey Pugh  
Grace & Glory Lutheran Church  
683 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra, VA  
Thursday, September 24, 2026  
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Join us September 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at *Grace & Glory Lutheran Church* in Palmyra, Virginia for a special presentation by Professor Jeffrey Pugh entitled ***With God on Our Side: Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy***

Professor Pugh will examine the rise of Christian Nationalism and its impact on America's political landscape. He will look at the historical background of this movement in American civil religion and the more recent manifestations of Christian Nationalism in such movements as Christian Reconstruction, Dominionism, and other right wing religious-political groups.

Jeffrey C. Pugh is Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at Elon University, author of seven books and numerous articles on the intersections of faith and politics, religion and science, and the creation of apocalyptic imagination. He joined Elon's faculty in 1986 after earning his Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and a master's degree and doctorate in theological and religious studies from Drew University Graduate School in Madison, New Jersey.

**Blood Drive Ministry Success!**

The American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 3rd, was our best blood drive to date. The community truly responded to the need the American Red Cross was currently experiencing. We had almost 100% of our scheduled appointments showed up to donate, with 7 being first time donors! We only had 3 deferrals and collected 35 units to be used to help save lives. Of the 34 donors, only two were Grace & Glory members so this truly is a community event when we host it. I appreciate everyone who helps make it possible for us to host this in the sanctuary. I often hear comments from people about how peaceful it seems to donate blood in this space and also many comment on how beautiful our church is from these community visitors. Our next blood drive is on October 5th from 2-6. It isn't too early to sign-up and to share our event with your community. We had 5 of our donors make a Power Red donation in August which counts as multiple units but also requires a greater length of time between donations. These folks won't be able to donate until our December drive, so we continue to need to cultivate more donors. I also will be looking for volunteers to come help reassemble the sanctuary - with a few volunteers from 6:45 to 7:15 we can be done and ready for services.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Paula Tomko*

## **Lay Ministry Academy**

The Lay Ministry Academy of the Virginia Synod seeks to respond to the new and varied ways that worship and ministry are happening in our congregations and in other worship settings. Lay Ministry Academy offers to those discerning a call to these ministries a community, and the education, training, support, supervision, authorization, and continuing education to enable them to serve in the VA Synod as a Commissioned Lay Minister. Commissioned Lay Ministers may serve as lay preachers or Synod Authorized Ministers or in other ministries.

The 2027 LMA Cohort will be the first to experience a new partnership with Luther Seminary's School of Lay Ministry. Most of their classes will be online with additional in person retreats along the way. The process will take 18 months and will still include the interview and essay components. In many ways, this process will parallel the process for candidates for rostered ministers where the synod primarily holds discernment and the seminary primarily holds learning. This will be done in partnership with the North Carolina Synod Advanced Lay Ministry program.

The applications for the next Lay Ministry Cohort are now open. Applications and all supporting materials are due on September 20. Questions can be sent to Pastor Colleen Hetrick at [hetrick@vasynod.org](mailto:hetrick@vasynod.org) or visit the Virginia Synod's website.

### **Social Justice and Outreach Planning Meeting Set for Wed., Sept. 16, 2026 at 1:00**

We're meeting with Pastor Lou to discuss the needs of our community and what we can do to help meet them. Pastor will share his past experiences in meeting community needs and discuss possible approaches for our church. Please attend in person at the church. For any questions, call Colleen Sterner at 510-872-9089.

### **Pet Blessing!**

Bring your well-controlled pet with paws, wings, hooves, or those that creep and crawl along the earth or swim to our annual Pet Blessing. This special event will be offered on Saturday, September 26, at 10 am, and the entire county (and beyond) is invited. If you have a child that wants to participate but has no pet, stuffed animals can also be blessed for their enjoyment and use. If your pet doesn't travel well, bring a picture, and we will bless your feisty family member from afar. Don't have a pet? Join us anyway!

Together, we will give thanks to God and bless our animal friends, for God created them all. And this year, Fluvanna County SPCA has been invited as our special guest. We hope they will share a bit about their "creation care" efforts with us. Consider bringing Milk-Bone Crunchy Original Beef Flavored Medium Dog Treats (10-lb box), Milk-Bone Original Beef Flavored Crunchy Large Dog Treats (10-lb box), Friskies Extra Gravy Pate with Turkey in Savory Gravy Canned Cat Food, 5.5-oz can (case of 24), or Fancy Feast Kitten Classic Pate Tender Poultry & Fish Variety Pack Canned Wet Cat Food (3-oz, case of 24) to donate that day. Or order from their online Wishlist to have something sent to them directly. Visit: [fspca.org/shelterwishlist](https://fspca.org/shelterwishlist).

### **Pie Auction, 9/12**

We still need several additional volunteers for our Pie Auction on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. We need more pie bakers, help with set-up & clean-up, a cashier, a bid recorder, a greeter & more. All open positions are listed on the sign-up sheet posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. All proceeds from the Pie Auction support the Fluvanna Food Pantry. Bring five boxes of any pasta item, jars of sauce, or other non-perishable food item, and receive 5% off your bid! Please contact Stephanie Wirth with any questions at [wirthstephanie@hotmail.com](mailto:wirthstephanie@hotmail.com).

### **September's Birthdays**

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Rachael Huddle | 1  |
| Tamara Brown   | 8  |
| Sammy Brown    | 14 |

## Women at Grace & Glory Bible Study

Our Bible study this month will take place at the church at **11 am on Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>**.

We shall be doing the third session of “I am worthy” in the summer issue of the *Gather* magazine published by the ELCA. It brings into focus beautifully the concept that is so important for us to understand – Christian life is not something we can do alone; it is something that happens by **abiding in Jesus, and abiding in community**. We are a community with a wide variety of abilities, all of which are needed for the functioning of the community, “for the common good.” We very much need each other. There was a beautiful mutuality in the early church, where everyone supports each other. The reign of God could be seen as **an enormous potluck** where everyone brings what they can and everyone takes what they need, so that everyone is filled. The **songs we sing** pull us into community, into one body, united in melodies, words, and breath. Singing music from around the world reminds us that we are not separate, but part of each other. **Stories** are a great way to teach and help us make sense of concepts. This

Bible study has chosen some good stories for us to enjoy in fellowship with one another. So very much hope that you can join us!

Submitted by Helen Ida Moyer

### All Lutheran Women's Retreat

Speaking of stories, the theme for this year's All Lutheran Women's Retreat is

### Sacred Stories Sacred Lives.

It will be held Thursday to Saturday **November 5-7** at the Drury Hotel in **Glen Allen**.

Through storytelling, guided reflection, and gentle conversation, **Beth Dunwody** will help participants recognize the sacred in the ordinary and reclaim their own narratives as sources of healing, courage, and connection. Whether you come seeking renewal, clarity, or companionship on the journey, this retreat offers space to listen – to your story, to others, and to the still, small voice of the Holy within. This retreat is **open to ALL women** and is held every other year, giving women from four different branches of the Lutheran faith as well as other faiths the opportunity to gather in fellowship. **Registration Deadline is Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>** and is \$175 to cover all Retreat events from Thursday evening to Saturday closing worship, and lunch Friday.

**Another option** is the Friday only registration for \$100 to cover Friday's sessions and lunch.

Please let Helen Ida know if that would be a possibility for you so that we could perhaps **carpool**. Hope that we might get a good representation from our area! For more information see the leaflet about it posted on the kiosk in the narthex.

Submitted by Helen Ida Moyer

### Men's Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast on Saturday, September 12th, at 9:00 AM at Tangerines Kitchen, 32 Mill Creek Dr. #102, Charlottesville. Please RSVP to Denny Avers at [denny@avers.net](mailto:denny@avers.net) or 434-989-9273.

### Women's Breakfast

All women are welcome to join us for breakfast on Saturday, September 19th, at 9:00 AM at Tangerines Kitchen, 32 Mill Creek Dr. #102, Charlottesville. RSVP to Louise Jargowsky at [loujsky@gmail.com](mailto:loujsky@gmail.com) or 434-589-3826

## **A Happy Building Means Happier People**

On Sunday, August 23, I shared an important Temple Talk about the care of our building and grounds. When the building was newer and (during COVID when it wasn't used frequently), the problems that arose were ably handled by one other person caring for inside the building, and I handled Lawn Care. Since Bob Hill's departure, I have been trying to cover both areas. This effort is more than one person (Me) should be trying to address.

With the building starting to show its wear, the areas of responsibility need to be simplified, and work redistributed to keep both the building and all its people happier and healthier. I have recommended a breakdown of responsibilities to be divided as follows, and our Leadership Team has agreed:

- A. HVAC & Electrical - Heating, Air Conditioning, Circuit Breakers, wall switches, emergency lighting repairs, etc.
- B. Building Maintenance - Plumbing, carpets, tile, painting, lighting, etc. (including picnic pavilion)
- C. Alarm Systems and Security - Systems Maintenance, Emergency lighting, Monthly checkoff list etc.
- D. Lawn Care - Mowing, trimming, parking lot maintenance, lawn equipment maintenance, etc.

Areas A, B, and C usually involve about 3 to 5 hours per month depending on what problems arise and what areas need some standard maintenance. If all goes well, you might not have much to do at all!

I still wish to coordinate and serve with lawn and property care, Area D. This usually involves about 60 work hours a month during the growing season and about 5 hours a month during the winter. I have been handling this even before the building was built, and with the help I am getting from Beth, George, Mike, Julie, and Joel, I am glad to oversee this area into the future.

The above division of labor would prevent a large burden being placed on any one individual. When something needs standard maintenance such as painting, maybe gather a few members, get a few cans of paint, order some pizza, and bring in some refreshments to make it fun. The same goes for carpet cleaning. If there are electrical or plumbing problems, we have members skilled in those issues that one can contact. As needs arise, the person responsible for any area of concern may need to call outside professionals for help. With HVAC and power, do so after checking to make sure it's not just a circuit breaker or thermostat control. We aren't expecting you to have all the skills or time necessary, but oversight and coordination over these areas is a huge help.

The care and appearance of our property is not just about safety and function. It isn't just about our comfort, although that's important. This helps us welcome guests and perhaps future members. It shows that we care about what God has given us, and that we care about their comfort. It is a form of hospitality.

I'm inviting you to help us better care for our building as we would our own homes. We also wish to care for our faithful volunteers. This would prove a great help to me and Grace & Glory. Even just helping with one item one time as people are available helps us all. Please contact me if you have any questions about volunteering or ideas on how to care for our church home better.

Sincerely, *Robert Candea*

### **OWLS Luncheon**

The September OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) Out to Lunch Bunch outing will be on Tuesday, September 1st at noon at Made in Asia at Zion Crossroads. The address is 36 Market Street. It is just to the west of Walmart. Contact Linda Beaudoin if you plan to attend. 434-589-2654, or 434-808-3800, or [lmbeaudoin@aol.com](mailto:lmbeaudoin@aol.com).



Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Luncheon for WEDNESDAY, December 2nd, at Rhett's Bar & Grill. (Note date change). More information to follow in a few months.



### Grace and Gory Financial Report for June

| <u>JUNE 2026</u>       |          | <u>YTD JUNE 2026</u>   |           |
|------------------------|----------|------------------------|-----------|
| INCOME:                |          | INCOME:                |           |
| General                | \$9,934  | General                | \$102,140 |
| Building               | \$601    | Building               | \$6,505   |
| Memorial               | \$0      | Memorial               | \$135     |
| Designated             | \$798    | Designated             | \$4,190   |
| <u>Total Donations</u> | \$11,334 | <u>Total Donations</u> | \$112,970 |
| Other                  | \$569    | Other                  | \$2,999   |
| <u>Total</u>           | \$11,903 | <u>Total</u>           | \$115,969 |
| EXPENSES:              |          | EXPENSES:              |           |
| General                | \$15,156 | General                | \$89,350  |
| Building               | \$2,659  | Building               | \$15,954  |
| Memorial               | \$0      | Memorial               | \$0       |
| Designated             | \$264    | Designated             | \$8,169   |
| <u>Total</u>           | \$18,079 | <u>Total</u>           | \$113,473 |
| GENERAL CHANGE         | -\$4,653 | GENERAL CHANGE         | \$15,789  |
| BUILDING CHANGE        | -\$2,058 | BUILDING CHANGE        | -\$9,449  |

### Grace and Gory Financial Report for July

| <u>JULY 2026</u>       |          | <u>YTD JULY 2026</u>   |           |
|------------------------|----------|------------------------|-----------|
| INCOME:                |          | INCOME:                |           |
| General                | \$13,389 | General                | \$115,530 |
| Building               | \$670    | Building               | \$7,175   |
| Memorial               | \$20     | Memorial               | \$155     |
| Designated             | \$545    | Designated             | \$4,736   |
| <u>Total Donations</u> | \$14,624 | <u>Total Donations</u> | \$127,596 |
| Other                  | \$420    | Other                  | \$3,418   |
| <u>Total</u>           | \$15,044 | <u>Total</u>           | \$131,014 |
| EXPENSES:              |          | EXPENSES:              |           |
| General                | \$12,973 | General                | \$102,323 |
| Building               | \$2,659  | Building               | \$18,613  |
| Memorial               | \$0      | Memorial               | \$0       |
| Designated             | \$488    | Designated             | \$8,658   |
| <u>Total</u>           | \$16,120 | <u>Total</u>           | \$129,594 |
| GENERAL CHANGE         | \$836    | GENERAL CHANGE         | \$16,625  |
| BUILDING CHANGE        | -\$1,989 | BUILDING CHANGE        | -\$11,438 |

### Grace Note Submission

Please remember to submit your information for the October issue of Grace Note by Thursday, **September 24, 2026** to LeRoy Moyer at [DuckyOaks@gmail.com](mailto:DuckyOaks@gmail.com).

|                           | <b>September 6</b>                 | <b>September 13</b>           | <b>September 20</b>          | <b>September 27</b>         | <b>October 4</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Minister</b>           | Lou Florio                         | Lou Florio                    | Lou Florio                   | Lou Florio                  | Lou Florio       |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> | Richard Rognlie                    | Keith Weimer                  | Paula Tomko                  | Kevin Davidson              | TBD              |
| <b>Usher</b>              | Carol Parsons                      | Louise Jargowsky              | Jan Crowther                 | Paul Crowther               | TBD              |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Pat McCloud                        | Bob Candea                    | Colleen and Chris Sterner    | Joel Dwyer                  | Linda Bolling    |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>        | Diana Dreisigaker                  | Carol Parsons                 | Vikki McCloud                | Terry Weese                 | Julie Dwyer      |
| <b>Tellers</b>            | Paula Tomko<br>Mary Louise Rognlie | Vikki McCloud<br>Keith Weimer | Paul Crowther<br>Pat McCloud | Jan Crowther<br>Terry Weese | TBD              |

### **Sunday Helpers**

We all give thanks to our faithful Sunday helpers who provide our music, set up the altar and other worship aids, provide our sound system, and count our offerings and to those who organize and secure our readers and worship assistants, greeters and ushers, hospitality providers, sound system providers, and tellers. Please volunteer to help with the service.

#### Ushers

Carol Parsons – (540) 748 0062

#### Assisting Ministers

Paula Tomko – (434) 960-2983

#### Altar Guild/Greeters

Julie Dwyer – (434) 981-5613

#### Tellers

Paula Tomko – (434) 960-2983

If you have signed up for a duty and find that you cannot make it for some reason, please arrange to find a replacement.

### **Bulletin, Office, and Calendar Requests**

E-mail Cindy Anderson in the church office at [admin@graceandglory.org](mailto:admin@graceandglory.org), or call her at (434) 589-2217 to:

1. Have an announcement included in the Sunday bulletin
2. Schedule the office meeting spaces
3. Have an activity or meeting included on the church calendar. The calendar is posted on our website ([www.graceandglory.church](http://www.graceandglory.church)).

### **Prayer List Requests**

You may submit prayer requests to Cindy Anderson at [admin@graceandglory.org](mailto:admin@graceandglory.org). They will be included on the list for 4 weeks. You may resubmit a request to keep them on for an additional 4 weeks.

### **Grace and Glory Website**

The website, [www.graceandglory.church](http://www.graceandglory.church), includes a great deal of information that is updated regularly.

# September 2026

| Sunday                                                                                        | Monday                                                                            | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                 | Thursday                                                                               | Friday                    | Saturday                                                           |
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|                                                                                               |                                                                                   | 1<br>12pm OWLS<br>Monthly meeting | 2<br>9am Cindy in Office  | 3                                                                                      | 4<br>9am Cindy in Office  | 5                                                                  |
| 6<br>10am WORSHIP -<br>Sanctuary, FB Live                                                     | 7<br>9am Cindy in Office                                                          | 8                                 | 9<br>9am Cindy in Office  | 10                                                                                     | 11<br>9am Cindy in Office | 12<br>9am Men's breakfast<br>Tangerines Kitchen<br>3pm Pie Auction |
| 13<br>10am WORSHIP -<br>Pavilion                                                              | 14<br>9am Cindy in Office<br>11am LWR Quilters<br>2pm Shepherds<br>Meeting        | 15                                | 16<br>9am Cindy in Office | 17<br>7pm Leadership<br>Team                                                           | 18<br>9am Cindy in Office | 19<br>9am Women's<br>Breakfast<br>Tangerines Kitchen               |
| 20<br>10am WORSHIP -<br>Sanctuary, FB Live<br>11am Coffee and<br>Social Hour after<br>service | 21<br>9am Cindy in Office<br>11am WAGG Bible<br>Study                             | 22                                | 23<br>9am Cindy in Office | 24<br>Grace Notes<br>Submissions Due<br>Today<br>1:30pm Professor<br>Pugh Presentation | 25<br>9am Cindy in Office | 26<br>10am Blessing of the<br>Animals                              |
| 27<br>10am WORSHIP -<br>Sanctuary, FB Live                                                    | 28<br>9am Cindy in Office<br>11am LWR Quilters<br><br>Pastor Lou out thru<br>10/7 | 29                                | 30<br>9am Cindy in Office |                                                                                        |                           |                                                                    |

**Indoor services: Masks and social distancing are optional.** Remember: The most up-to-date information and details about events listed is available on our website calendar at [www.graceandglory.church](http://www.graceandglory.church) . If you have a need for the office or additional information that should be included on the calendar, please send the information to the church office at [admin@graceandglory.org](mailto:admin@graceandglory.org), or call and leave a message at 434-589-2217.



# Grace & Glory

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday Worship at 10 AM**  
**Grace & Glory Sanctuary**  
**on Facebook Live**

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