

The Means of Grace

November 20, 2022



King Charles the Great, or better known as Charlemagne, was perhaps the greatest Christian ruler of the early Middle Ages. After his death a mighty funeral procession left his castle for the great cathedral of Aachen, the cathedral which he himself had built. When the royal casket arrived, with all the pomp and circumstance fit for a king, it was met by the local bishop who barred himself behind the massive cathedral doors. "Who comes?" the Bishop called out, as was the custom.

"Charlemagne, Lord and King of the Holy Roman Empire," proclaimed the Emperor's proud herald.

"Him I know not," the Bishop replied. After a moment the herald knocked on the door again.

"Who comes?" the church Bishop asked again.

The herald, a bit shaken, replied, "Charles the Great, a good and honest man of the earth."

"Him I know not," the Bishop said again.

There was an uneasy stir in the funeral procession and for a third time the herald knocked on the door and the Bishop asked again, "Who comes?"

The herald, now completely crushed, responded, "Charles, a lowly sinner, who begs the gift of Christ."

To which the Bishop responded, "Enter now Charles! For your soul has received the gift of life through Christ our Lord!"

Bloodlines are important. With the right blood comes great privilege while you are alive, but that privilege immediately ends and means absolutely nothing once your heart stops beating and the blood stops flowing through your veins. Even for kings. Royal blood can only take you so far.

I would imagine that most of us do not have royal blood but I know that all of us have something far greater. *Holy Blood*. The blood of Jesus, God's Son, which purifies us from all sin. (1 John 1:7) You see, that's where human blood falls short... regardless of our bloodline. Regardless of our lineage. Regardless of who our parents were. **"For we were sinful from that time that our parents conceived us... ad we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."** (Psalm 51:5 and Romans 3:23)

Quite simply, what is imperfect cannot be in the presence of that which is perfect. What is unholy cannot be in the presence of that which is holy. Jesus said, **"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven... make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' 'But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'"** (Matthew 7:21-23, Luke 13:23-27) "Him I know not,"

So how does God know you? Well, we know that it's not because of gold or silver. It's not because of your net worth. It's not because of anything you have accomplished on earth. It's not because of any degree or award. It's not because of who we are descended from. It's not because of whose blood runs in or veins but rather it's only because of whose blood covers our lives! Jesus' blood doesn't make us royal... it makes us *holy*! Jesus' blood makes us members of God's family and heir of heaven.



THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Sunday November 20, 2022 –End Times 3/ Christ the King

Flowers: Sue Lewallen
8:00 AM Confirmation Class
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship
11:00 AM Bible Study

Monday November 21, 2022

6:00 PM Crossover Basketball

Tuesday November 22, 2022

8:00 AM Catechism Class
6:00 PM Elders

Wednesday November 23 2022 THANKSGIVING BREAK-NO SCHOOL

6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Study

Thursday November 24, 2022 THANKSGIVING BREAK-NO SCHOOL

9:30 AM THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Friday November 25, 2022 THANKSGIVING BREAK-NO SCHOOL

Saturday November 26, 2022

8:00 AM Worship Preparation
10:00 AM BIC

Sunday November 27, 2022 – ADVENT 1

Flowers:
Comm.Prep Marilyn Baer
8:00 AM Confirmation Class
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship
11:00 AM Bible Study



Todd Hafner, Tyler Hafner's brother, who has been hospitalized with pneumonia after his recent bout with long term COVID.

Phil & Margaret Janisch on the birth of their baby girl this past week. Naomi Hope Janisch was born on November 16th.

Michelle Glasheen and family, as her grandmother Adele was recently taken to be with the Lord.



Grace & Amazing Grace

LET'S COME TO WORSHIP AND

Giving Thanks

CHURCH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Together

WORSHIP THE LORD

Thanksgiving Day Morning Worship at Grace Church at 9:30 AM

*Let's begin our Thanksgiving Day by giving thanks to the Lord together.
We know everyone has plans, but we hope you will take the first hour of
your celebration to join in worship with us at Grace from 9:30 – 10:30 am.*

7610 NE Fremont Street, Portland, OR

What's Happening @Grace

Vacant Home Demolition – UPDATE ON BIDS

A quick summary of what was asked and how they responded:

We asked PMG to provide a revised quote for demolition and abatement of the outer two houses only (2320 and 2340 SE 92nd) and to also put in a line item for the cost to demolish the garages. (We are able to demolish the middle house.) We have emphasized our interest in saving money wherever possible, and they did bump down everything by a few hundred dollars vs the original quote. The new numbers are as follows:

2320 SE 92nd

Abatement: \$5,204

Demolition: \$24,640 * garage not included

Total Cost: \$29,844

2340 SE 92nd

Abatement: \$8,150

Demolition: \$25,851 * garage not included

Total Cost: \$34,001

Additional cost if we want them to demolish the two garages: \$1,512

Total cost for both outer houses and garages: \$65,357

Regarding the timeline, they estimate starting work in the second half of October. They said it takes about 10 days to hear back on permits after they file them.

Since these bids do not include things like utility shutoff / capping; concrete driveway removal; new fencing; fire damage tree removal we will be asking for special gifts from the congregation to complete this important project.



Weekly Mowing!

Please consider signing up for fall lawn care. The lawn at church needs to be cut every week. Thanks to Ed Gillespie, Roger Schrab, the Juan & Sue Garcia and everyone else who has helped over the summer. We could use more help this fall!



Weekly Cleaning!

Please consider signing up for fall church cleaning. The church building needs to be cleaned each week. Thanks to everyone who has helped clean over the summer! Special thanks to the ladies of our Mary & Martha who spent a day cleaning and organizing.

Weekly Fellowship Food & Drinks

After worship refreshments & fellowship! Please consider signing up to host on a Sunday by providing coffee, drinks and food. Thanks to everyone who has helped over the summer!



Weekly Altar Flowers

Please consider signing up for bring altar flowers. We need flowers every week!

Mission to The Children Christmas Project 2022

We Mission to the Children (MTTC) exists to make disciples for Christ and is solely supported by the thoughtful donations from individuals, congregations and church groups, and works in cooperation with approved mission humanitarian aid and gospel outreach to 12 villages they minister to in Sonora, Mexico. We are so happy to be able to support their efforts again this year!



In the past we have asked for wrapped gifts. This year will

be much different. We will be collecting to provide Family Gift Boxes for the village Christmas Posada celebrations to include the following items: Spanish - Picture Bible Stories, coloring books and colors, a stuffed animal, a soccer ball and socks. Each box totaling about \$55.00. We hope to provide up to 25 of these Family Gift boxes.

We have ordered 25 of these Spanish - Picture Bible Story books from NPC that will be sent directly to Tucson next week. With the other needed items, we would be collecting the funds and ordering from Amazon to have them sent directly to Tucson. There, the congregations will be assembling the boxes to have ready to be sent to Mexico for the Christmas Posadas in the villages.

We are asking Grace School families as well as our church members to consider making a donation of \$15. This will go towards the items listed above.

The deadline for the school children will be **Friday, NOVEMBER 18**



The deadline for the church members will be,
Sunday, NOVEMBER 20

Thank you so much for your continued support to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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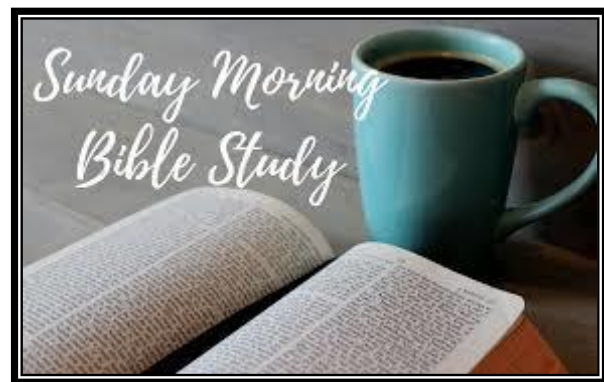
Sunday Confirmation Class at 8:00 AM

We are beginning our Confirmation Classes for student who are not able to attend during the week at GLS. An email was sent out last week to gauge interest and find a time that would work. We have decided to offer Confirmation Class on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM before morning worship. This class is especially for 7th - 9th graders but younger students are also welcome to attend. Classes begin next Sunday, October 23rd at 8:00 AM.



Sunday Morning Bible Class at 11:00 AM

Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday mornings and join your friends at Grace as we dig deeper in to God's word and discuss our faith. It's a great time to join the study! We have just begun our study of the New Testament Gospels. Come learn together about the Jesus and his glory!



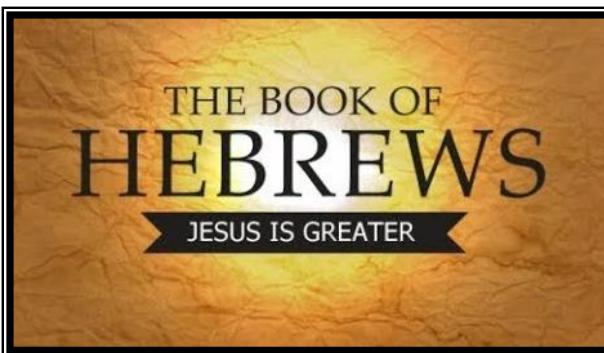
Saturday Men's Bible Study

We are planning to beginning a men's bible study on **Saturday, December 3rd**. To begin with, once a month we will plan to meet for bible study and breakfast. Please let Pastor Bitter know if you'd be interested in attending or helping organize!



Wednesday Google Meet Bible Study 6:00 pm

Join the study on Wednesday! Every Wednesday a link will be emailed to you... just click the link and join the study at 6:00 PM. In the letter to the Hebrews Jesus reminds us that he will never leave us or forsake us because he loves us.



The logo features the text "MEN'S BREAKFAST & Bible Study" in a bold, sans-serif font. "MEN'S" is in white on a dark blue background. "BREAKFAST" is in dark blue on a yellow rectangular background. "& Bible Study" is in white, with "Bible" in yellow, on a dark blue background.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & Bible Study

7:00 AM - SATURDAY

DECEMBER 3rd, 2022

Grace Church

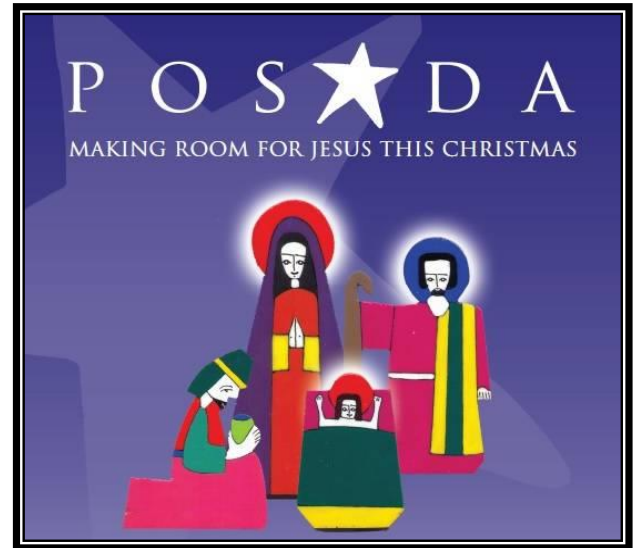
We will provide donuts / bagels / coffee if you'd like something more substantial for breakfast your welcome to bring your own!

Please join us and begin your day / weekend being fed with the God's Word at breakfast. All ages welcome. Men are encouraged to bring their sons and / or friends. We will plan to meet from 7-8 AM.

Saturday, December 10th 4:30 PM Grace School

What's a Posada? It's a traditional Mexican celebration re-enacting Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay where the baby Jesus can be born!

What will happen? We will be following two people dressed up as Mary & Joseph riding a real donkey around the school knocking on the doors asking for a place to stay. At each door Mary & Joseph will be turned away until the last door...



“Enter! Enter!” Will be the response and then the celebration will begin! Inside children will break Piñatas and all of us will enjoy a Mexican supper of tamales, churros and more!

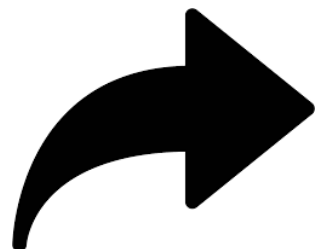


For Everyone! A great opportunity for families to prepare for Christmas in a new way. Last year the snow made for a wonderful evening and a very special Posada. Each year brings something new to the event!

Children are invited to come dressed up as angels and shepherd if they wish. We hope you and your whole family can join us for a very special Saturday, Dec 11th at 4:30 PM at Grace School!



WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please contact Juan Garcia at (281) 650-9245 if you would like to help plan or contribute to this special event! Please consider a special gift to help fund this event! In coming weeks please look for opportunities to sign up to help in various ways.





2021 POSADA SIGN UP SHEET

	Donation	Donation	Needed Donation
Ice & Water			\$15
Drinks			\$40
Fruit (Oranges & Apples)			\$40
Plates			\$40
Cups			\$20
Plasticware & Napkins			\$20
Tamales			\$375
Taquitos			\$225
Salsa			\$25
Rice & Beans			\$165
Churros			\$150
Gym decorations			\$50
Luminarias (paper bags with sand and candle)			\$60
4 piñatas			\$150
Candy			\$100
Toys			\$100
Paper bags for candy and fruit			\$0
Donkey			\$200
Hay for the donkey			\$30

2021 POSADA SIGN UP SHEET

	Volunteer Name	Volunteer Name	Volunteer Name	Volunteer Name
Set pulley for Piñata				
Piñata set up and help holding it up				
Table/Chairs set up				
Joseph				
Mary				
Donkey rental				
Get hay for the donkey				
Cup Candles for procession				
Gym decorations lights, tables, doors				
5 Food Servers/Kitchen helpers				
Luminarias set up				
2 guitar players - 1 inside & 1 outside				
2 lead singers 1 inside & 1 outside				
Gym decorations lights, tables, doors				
Cleanning and take down afterwards				

Grace Lutheran Church & School



Posada Celebration

DEC 10 Saturday | 4:30-6:00 PM

What to expect:

- Dinner - Mary & Joseph - Miniature donkey - Piñata - Candy - Fun

Address: 2252 SE 92nd Ave. Portland, OR

Phone: 503.777.8628

Email: glsoffice@grace-wels.net

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION!

The
Mary Martha
Group





SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEW TIME! 11:00 AM

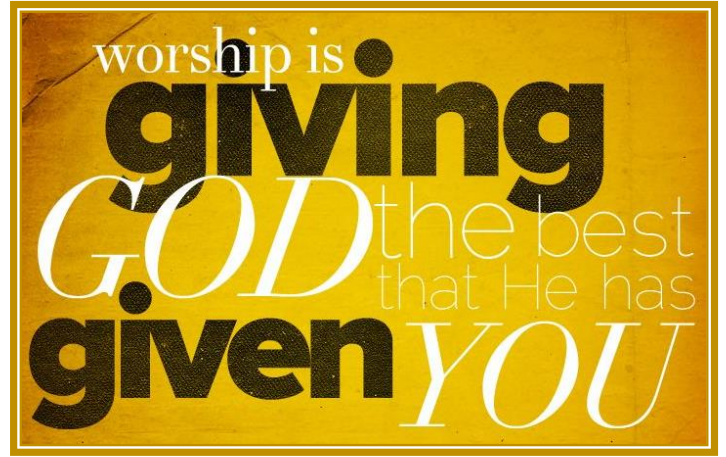
Please plan on joining us after worship on Sundays for Bible Class and Sunday for every age!

Following worship each Sunday we will continue to offer our refreshments & fellowship AND we will be adding to our opportunity for fellowship by offering Bible Class and Sunday School from 11:00 – 11:45. Please, plan to join us!

Sunday School will be offered for kids Preschool – 8th. Bible Study will be offered for teens and adults.

If you are interested in helping teach... please contact Pastor Bitter or Craig Baker.

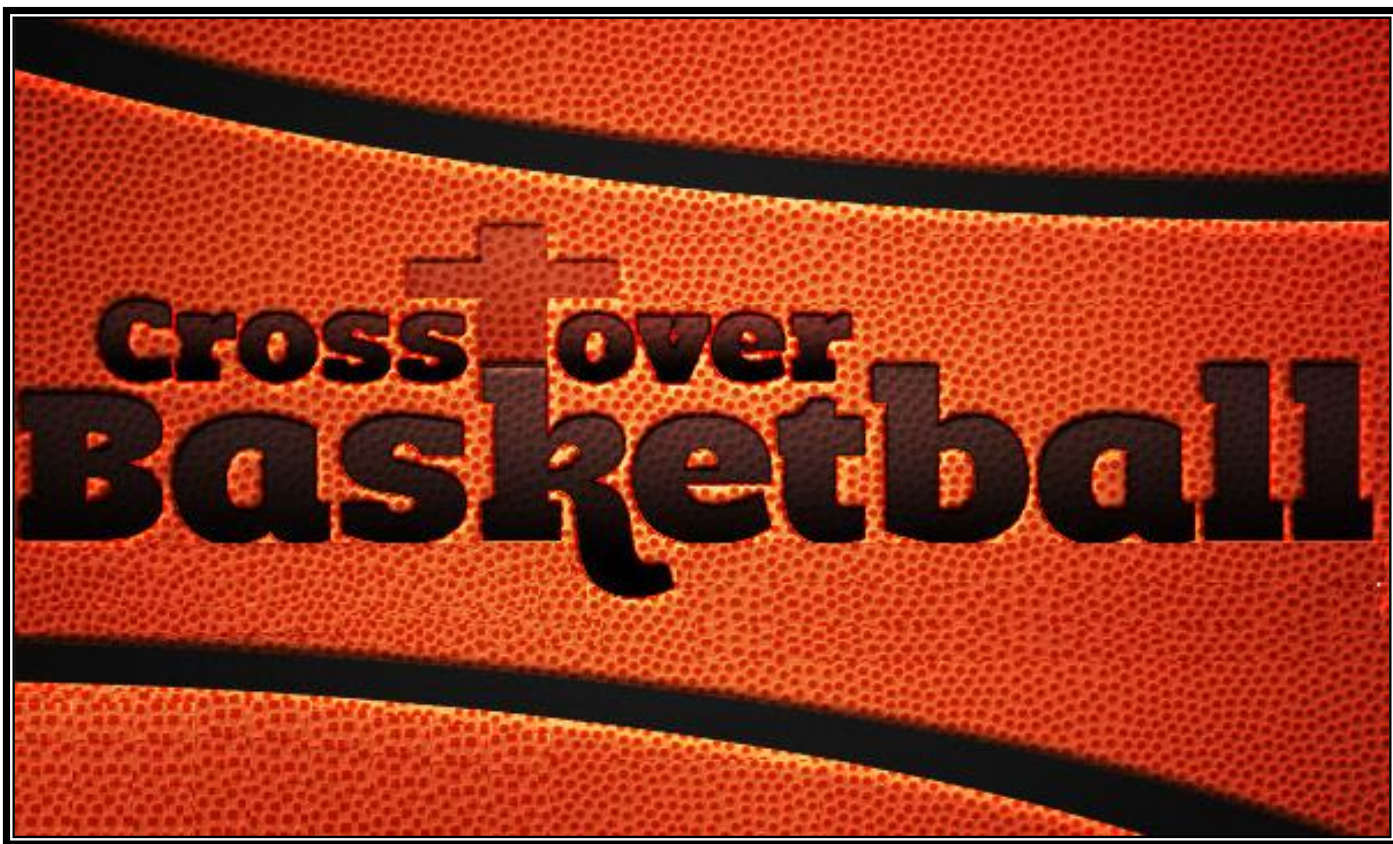
OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OUR BEST



We are asking you to prayerfully consider how you can give your best to the Lord to support the gospel ministry at Grace.

- The 2022-2023 budget was approved.
- In order to have a balanced budget an 20% increase in giving was approved.
- All GLS teachers were given raises in salary in our plan to meet or exceed synod code in the next 3 years.
- An increase in fundraising efforts in the next year will be necessary to meet the budget.
- We are prayerful asking our Lord to move his people's hearts to meet a special gifts goal of 50K.
- Efforts to better promote the school were discussed and plan to remove the dilapidated houses next to the school is underway. There will be special giving opportunities to make this possible as well.
- New signage on the back of the school is now visible from 205 to better promote the school. Members are encouraged to make a special gift for this as well.





We would like to start our “Cross-over” Basketball nights again at our gym at Grace School again.

If you, or a group, would like to help organize, plan and carry out these basketball evenings please contact Pastor Bitter.

All you need to do is come and open the gym!

This event is for adults – high school age or older.

Bringing your friends.

Get some exercise.

Dunk on someone.

Have fun.

Live your faith.

6:00 PM Sundays & Mondays

Boards & Committees at Grace

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 Thad Bitter – Pastor
 Justin Eternick – Principal



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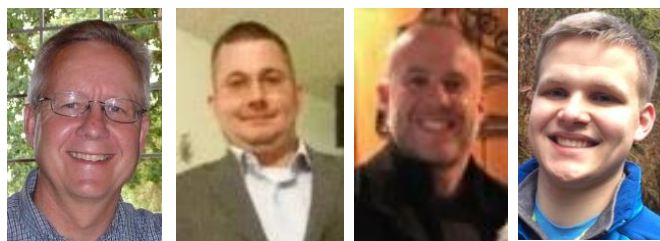
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 Faye Rutstein – LWMS Representative
 Pastor Bitter



Trustees

Ed Gillespie
 Brian Boyer
 Matt Ginnow
 Kyle Leitzke



DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF END TIMES 3 CHRIST THE KING 2022

Sunday Genesis 49:8-10

- Judah is the prophetic name of the Messiah .Matthew 2:6; Rev. 5:5.
- How do these verses of Genesis –8, 9 - picture the Messiah as a human, a servant?
- How is the Messiah also pictured as a King? V. 10
- How did Jesus serve as our conquering King? Cor. 15:50-58; Rev. 17:14; 19:15.
- What does this mean to us today?

Monday Genesis 49:11-12

- What amazing event in Jesus' life is pictured here?
- What are parts of that event which are truly amazing?
- What event does the blood of grapes picture?
- How does washing with blood picture something truly amazing? Isaiah .1:8; Daniel 7:9.
- This can picture only one things and that is _____ Is. 53.

Tuesday Colossians 1:13-17

- From what has Christ delivered us? What precious gift is ours forever?
- What powerful descriptive words and phrases does Paul use 15-16
- Describe the significance of v. 17 for us, who is greater than Jesus?
- Read 1 John 4:4-8.

Wednesday Colossians 1:18-20

- What are the characteristics which make Jesus preeminent or “number 1”?
- What percentages of Jesus is true God? Whom has he reconciled to himself?
- How did he make peace with all of mankind? Romans 5:10; 2 Cor. 5:18.

Thursday Luke 23:35

- Look at the previous words to describe and understand the scene set forth.
- How did Jesus “save others”? Had Jesus proven who he is many times? Matthew 9:35; John 11. Who did Jesus show himself to be?
- Why then was Jesus hanging on a cross? Rom. 3:22-24; Cor. 5:18-20. 24.
- Do you believe this? He was not there for himself but for us?

Friday Luke 23:36-38

- How does this scene picture the world in which we live?
- How does the sign over Jesus really speak the truth about Him? Jn 18:33-37' Luke 4:42-44; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 3:16-18
- Why was Jesus on the cross? Hebrews 13:19-21.

Saturday Luke 23:39-43

- Who was on the crosses on either side of Jesus? How did each relate to Jesus by what he said?
- What did one say in his rebuke of his partner in crime?
- What did Jesus promise the criminal who was repentant?
- What similar promise is made from the Gospel to all who repent? Acts 2:37-39.

Grace Lutheran Church – November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 AM Conf. Cl.	2 8:00 AM Conf. Cl. 9:00 AM Chapel 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	3 8:00 AM Conf. Cl. 3:30 PM Worship Com	4 8:00 AM Conf. Cl.	5 Worship Prep
		8 8:00 AM Conf. Cl.	9 8:00 AM Conf. Cl. 9:00 AM Chapel 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	10 8:00 AM Conf. Cl.	11 8:00 AM Conf. Cl.	12 Worship Prep
6 End Time 1 – Last Judgment 8:00 Confirmation 8:30 Choir 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Family Bible Hr.				No School Parent Teacher Conference		
13 End Time 2 – Saints Triumph 8:00 Confirmation 8:30 Choir 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Family Bible Hr.	14 3:30 PM Staff Mtg.	15 8:00 AM Conf. Cl. g. 10:00 AM Mary & Mar	16 8:00 AM Conf. Cl. 9:00 AM Chapel 6:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	17 8:00 AM Conf. Cl. 10:00 AM Circuit Mt 6:30 PM Council / BOE	18 8:00 AM Conf. Cl.	19 Worship Prep
20 End Time 3 – Christ the King 8:00 Confirmation 8:30 Choir 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Family Bible Hr.	21	22 8:00 AM Conf. Cl. 6:00 PM Elders	23	24 9:30 AM Thanksgiving Worship at GLC	25	26 Worship Prep
27 Advent 1 8:00 Confirmation 8:30 Choir 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Family Bible Hr.	28	29	30 6:00 PM Midweek Advent	Thanksgiving Break – No School		

