

Highlights and

Worship Themes

October 2nd - **“Where Can I Go From Your Presence?”** How can I look at my life differently when I know that God is with me wherever I go? How does this change the expectations I have for my life?

October 9th - **“What Can I Do With The Faith I Have?”** This is about our personal calling to put our faith to work by taking God’s grace into the world. How is God calling you?

October 16th - **“How Do We Go In Peace To Serve The Lord?”** Worshiping God is about more than having God’s peace and forgiveness for myself. How does being at peace with God affect the way I interact with others?

October 23rd - COMMITMENT SUNDAY **“What Do I Have To Celebrate?”** We celebrate the good God brings into our lives and consider how God brings good things to others.

October 30th - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY Fifteen young people will be confirmed in their faith at the 10:30 worship service. It’s part of the way we recognize how God is reforming and reshaping the whole Church.



The Grace Connection is a way for the family of Grace to keep in touch and offer encouragement to those who are away at college or in the military. If you know someone who needs this encouragement, contact the Church office to make sure we have their name and their correct address. If you are interested in sending a “care package” to someone, take note of the sign up opportunities or call the Church office to put your name on that list.

Mission Trip Application Time Extended The Mission Trip planning team has decided to extend the time when you can apply to be part of the Mission Team going to Guatemala. If you’re still considering the possibility, please turn in your application no later than October 12th. Right now, there are fourteen people ready to put their faith to work in Guatemala. You are welcome to join them. Applications can be found on the Grace website or on the Ministry Opportunity Table.

Help Those In Need. . . Locally & Globally!

Grace will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the Food Pantry as well as bath size bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief starting October 16th. Monetary donations to help pay for shipping the soap and quilts will also be accepted. All donations will be needed by Friday, November 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Harper at 423-2330. Thank you for caring!

C.S. LEWIS' THE *Screwtape* LETTERS

It's the October book of the month for Book Club. It is a short book, though some find it a bit of a doozy to get through. The plot is a series of correspondence from one demon to another, as one tries to lure and keep a man ("the patient") away from faith and what is life-giving and good. C.S. Lewis himself shared that readers either love it or hate it - Either perspective makes for great discussion. So, plan to join the Book Club on October 12th, 5:30pm, by the Grace fireplace. (If you're looking for a copy or a more in-depth guide for reading it, contact Tammy or Stacy in the office.)



Grace University has started off with a bang! These classes are adult learning opportunities that feature our very own members as faculty, each sharing with us their gifts and vocations. Thanks to Brian Hennessy and Connie Eisch for teaching and all who participated in September! Up next for October -

October 5th - Aging Gracefully: Caring for Aging Parents and Yourself with Kathy Bohman

Not sure your parent should still be driving? Daily living tasks becoming difficult for you? This class talks about the practical side to aging, such as exercises that help maintain mobility, tips to assist in daily tasks, and signs when further assistance may be needed. Whether for you or for those you love, come learn how we can help our bodies age gracefully and safely.

October 19th – Parenting Teenagers: the Joys and the Trials with Pastor Kent, Anne Lee, and Tim Leverance.

While teens are trying to establish themselves as independent human beings, parents are trying to keep up with the many changes they see in their children while teaching responsibility and suggesting a more balanced life. This class will share insights on being the parent of a teenager. Led by parents who survived!

These take place 6:45-7:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. Remember, no registration or advance notice is required. Simply show up to any or all that are of interest. Feel free to invite others too – All are welcome at Grace University! For questions or sharing of ideas, talk to Pastor Kristi or Joanne.