

### Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 am Today

Harvey Booher – “Gospel as Revealed in the Old Testament” – FLC Lobby  
Young Adults – Brian Kaul – Room 206  
Joel Roettger – 1 Peter – FLC Classroom 113  
Mark Anderson – The Large Catechism -- FLC 111  
Guys in the Garage – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter – FLC Classroom 115  
Middle School Bible Study —Youth Room

### Sunday School Classes at 11 am Today

Bible 101 — Esther: The rest of the story... – led by Dave Harjala — Room #206  
Hot Topic – Hebrews -- led by Chuck Christiansen – Rm #203

**Today's Sunday School theme: God uses His power to help us.**

**“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10**

**Talk to a child today and share this verse with them!**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) TOMORROW at 9:30 am

We kick off another year of MOPS tomorrow! This group is for mothers of preschoolers & pregnant women to get together and discuss common joys, concerns and to fellowship. We have classes for the children during this time as well. Join us!

### Children's Ministries – Help Wanted

We still need two 5<sup>th</sup> grade co-teachers. Also help with Children's church during the 11 am service on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Requirement: Teach our children the love of Jesus!

### Financial Peace University

Every Thursday, beginning August 30 – ending October 25 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Free childcare. 100% rebate to those who successfully complete the course. Sign up at [www.daveramsey.com/fpu](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu). You can also talk to Kristen Reinke for more information.

### New Study for the Friday Morning Women's Bible Study

On Friday, September 7 we will begin a new topic, “Creation, New Creation.” Subjects include: God of creation, Creation of man and woman, Caring for Creation and more. The cost of the study guide will be between \$8 and \$9. For more information and/or to order a guide, contact Mary Schultz at 947-0334 or email at [schultzmaryann@yahoo.com](mailto:schultzmaryann@yahoo.com). We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9-10:30 am.

**Time to Register for Parents Day Out Beginning in September  
It runs from Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Ages are from 13 weeks – 5 years (not in Kindergarten). Email Brenda Gaddis at [nursery@visitgrace.org](mailto:nursery@visitgrace.org) for more information.**



### SHINE, a girl's only afternoon and lunch starts TODAY!

The theme “SHINE” comes from Matthew 5:16, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” We'll meet today after the 11 am service at Ashley's apartment to decide as a group the frequency and time we will meet in the future. ALL GIRLS ARE WELCOME- so please bring friends! Parents (and students if you drive) I'm asking that for this first lunch, you get your student to and from my apartment. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know! I am so excited to see how God works in and through this ministry!

Ashley Myers



*And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. Acts 2:46*  
Do you have questions about Small Groups, and how they fit into what Scripture calls ‘the fellowship of the believers’? Believers in the early church needed to connect and so do we! Come chat with some friendly future Small Group leaders near the Welcome Desk in front of the Family Life Center between worship services to hear how they're looking to have fun in getting connected this fall!

If you just need help finding a group, email our Small Groups Coordinator, Kristen Reinke, at [smallgroups@visitgrace.org](mailto:smallgroups@visitgrace.org). As you provide her your contact information along with needs and preferences, she can get you in a group that fits you. Needs and preferences include your availability (day and time), whether you need childcare, ideal geographical area, preference for all male/female/mixed group, etc, and anything else you think she needs to know for good placement.

Small Groups will begin with the congregation-wide study ‘Community: Starting Well in Your Small Group’ the first two weeks of September!



Greetings from the Grace Lutheran Women in Mission...We are usually referred to as the LWML. But we are women in mission to serve the Lord and Grace Lutheran women.

We are all busy so this year our meetings will be held quarterly. Our first meeting is Saturday, September 8. We will have a program about ancestry and how to find out more ourselves. Ancestry was important in the Bible and interesting to us today to find out more about the people in our line.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 10 am–12 Noon. Coffee will be available. If you need child care, please call or text Sandie Harjala at 865-201-2244 by August 30<sup>th</sup>. Come to fellowship, share God's work in our lives and hear about the wonderful ways you can be part of this worthy organization.

**East Tennessee Zone Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Retreat**

All ladies are invited to attend the LWML retreat to be held September 21-23 at beautiful Eagle Rock Camp in Tallassee, Tennessee. Membership in LWML is not required. The retreat begins is 3 pm Friday until 10 am Sunday. Registration fee is \$135. The theme is “The Armor of God” and will include Bible study, free time, crafts, fun and fellowship. Please contact LWML president, Sandie Harjala with any questions or for more information. Registration forms are on the LWML bulletin board (down the hall from the coffee area). Registration deadline is September 7<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you!

**German Fest at First Lutheran Church & School this Saturday, August 25....11 am – 8 pm  
This is a celebration of our German heritage, an outreach and a fundraiser for the school.**

**Menu for Wednesday, August 22 – Supper begins at 5:15 pm  
Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, veggies & dessert  
\$4 per adult, \$2 per child, \$10 maximum per family**

**NEW Class Begins September 9, 2018 at 9:30 am, Room 206 – Religion in American Culture**

How much of what we believe and hold dear in our church life is driven by theology or faith and how much is culture and tradition?

Kevin Kragebrink and Erin (Schultz) Pederson are launching a new Adult class on Sunday mornings to explore **religion in American culture** and how it has developed over time to bring us to the culture we live in today. Culture Matters! We see it around us all the time, but we don’t often think about it and we seldom ask how it got to be the way it is. But culture impacts everything we believe, what we say, what we do, who and what we value, what we see as normal and proper. Culture today is different in so many ways from what it was only a generation ago. And it is vastly different from what it was in the era when our country was founded. Religion and faith have played a major role in the development of our culture and still do.

Dr. Kevin Kragebrink is a former pastor and former university professor. He holds the PhD in history from Auburn University and the MA in Religion from Pepperdine University. Kevin is a student of religion in American culture and has taught courses on culture and religion as well as the history of religion at Troy University, Auburn University and the University of California. He has also led adult study classes on religion in American culture in churches in California, Alabama and Tennessee. Contact Kevin or Erin for more information – email [kevin@cpsleadership.com](mailto:kevin@cpsleadership.com) phone (865) 804-1556.

**+++++Serving at Our Worship Services Today+++++**

Elder:	8:00 am Traditional	9:30 am Blended
Worship Assistant:	Paul Guthrie	Craig Emerson
Altar:	Jim Stoddard	Steve Peterson
Reader:	Amy Johnson and Maggie Geithman.....	Kristin Kennedy
Acolyte:	Jim Stoddard	Adelaide Scraggs
Greeters:	Davis Masters	Joretta Schneider
Ushers:	Cheryl Herbold, Roslyn Turner	Gary Schneider
	Ted and Ben Murphy	



**WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Our Church Activities for This Week of August 19, 2018**

Today	8:00am	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
	9:30am	Blended Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
	9:30am	Sunday School for Children & Adult Bible Studies
	11:00am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion, FLC
	11:00am	Adult Bible Studies
	12:30pm	SHINE for Girls, Meet at Ashley’s
	5:00pm	We Care Grace Group at Mings
Monday	9:30am	MOPS, Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Elders Meeting
	6:30pm	Unstuck, Grief Class
Tuesday	1:00pm	Quilting, FLC Lobby
Wednesday	5:15pm	Supper begins, Family Life Center
	6:30pm	Bible Study, Sanctuary
	6:30pm	HS Youth, Middle School Youth & JOY Groups
Thursday	7:00am	Mens Bible Study
	1:00pm	God is Faithful Grace Group
Friday	9:00am	Women’s Bible Study
Saturday		
Sunday	8:00am	Traditional Worship. Sanctuary
	9:30am	Blended Worship, Sanctuary
	9:30am	Sunday School for Children & Adult Bible Studies
	11:00am	Contemporary Worship, FLC
	11:00am	Adult Bible Studies

**With glad rejoicing we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today at the 9:30 service for Benjamin Ryan McCay. Benjamin is the son of Michael and Morgan McCay and was born June 6, 2018. His godparents are Cathy and Phil Brandt. Welcome to family of God here at Grace Benjamin!**

**Grace Photo Directory Distribution**

There is a directory for each family that had their picture taken. We also have some extra directories that will be distributed on a first come/first serve basis (one per family). If we run out, we will take names and order additional copies. Pick up yours in the Family Life Center lobby.