#### 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 — led by Dave Harjala — Room #206 Hot Topic – Hebrews - led by Chuck Christiansen – Rm #203

#### Today's Sunday School theme: Jesus sets us free

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36

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

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

On Friday, September 7 we will begin a new topic, "Creation, New Creation." The cost of the study guide will be between \$8-\$9. For more information and/or to order a guide, contact Mary Schultz at 947-0334 or email at <u>schultzmaryann@yahoo.com</u>. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9-10:30.

#### **Financial Peace University**

Beginning this Thursday, 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 <u>www.daveramsey.com/fpu</u>. You can also talk to Kristen Reinke for more information.

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Greetings from the Grace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML). Our 1st quarterly meeting is Saturday, September 8. We will have a program about Ancestry. 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 this Thursday, 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 organization.

Birthdays this week...8/26 Aubrey Elseroad, LouAnn Hanvey, Megan Kabela, David Poker; 8/27 Vicky Czupka, Sandy Heath, Linda Mahan, Kelly McPherson, Sam Smithey; 8/28 Fred Haase, Keira Shafer (12); 8/29 Ruby Roettger; 8/30 Lynette Duncan, Ray Maier; 8/31 Sherry Colwell, Frieda Guthrie, Abigail Kabela (8); 9/1 Paige Howe, Fisher Smith (10)

Anniversaries this week...8/27 Dave & Sandie Harjala (52), Sandy & Randy Heath (35); 9/1 Gary & Joretta Schneider (62)



**Community.** It's a word we often hear, but what does it really mean? And why is it so important to your spiritual life? You can't grow spiritually unless you're connected relationally. God designed us that way. He wants to use other people to grow us and he wants to use us to grow other people.

Starting in early September, the congregation-wide Small Group focus will be on the conversation guide **Community: Starting Well in Your Small Group**. In this 8 session, video-based study, Grace Small Groups will explore how building deep relationships with the people in your small group and serving in the larger community around you will grow your faith. You'll learn why your unique story matters...to God and to the people you do life with.

To join a small group, please fill out the interest survey online at <u>www.visitgrace.org/grace-groups/</u> or email Kristen Reinke, Small Groups Coordinator, at <u>smallgroups@visitgrace.org</u>

# 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?

Dr. Kevin Kragenbrink 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.

Begins September 9, 2018 at 9:30 am in <u>Room 206</u>

Save the Date!!...Saturday, October 6 from 10 am – 12 noon with lunch to follow SERVE Seminar led by guest Pastor Lane Reuter and Pastor Rich. We will focus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of our Vision: Connect – Grow – Serve and how members of Grace can be empowered to have an impact in the name of Jesus Christ. Childcare will be provided.

#### Grace Adult Choir rehearsals will be moving to Wednesday evenings at 7:30

We will begin again on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. If you love to sing, come join us!! What's cool about Wednesdays is that you can come to Grace for dinner (starting at 5:15), go to the 6:30 service/Bible study and then head up to the balcony/choir room to sing for a bit. Today, in between services, we will have a table set up with information about all our choirs (kids & adults) and our bell choirs. Stop by to check it out and get more information. We would love to meet you! Any questions, call Deb Wolfe at 760-703-1617.

If you joined Grace recently, you probably did not get a wooden wall cross. These crosses are made by Everett Bloom and he just finished a new group. If you would like one, please contact the church office to get yours at 691-2823 or email glc@visitgrace.org.

Register for Parents Day Out Beginning in 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 <u>nursery@visitgrace.org</u> for more information.

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry to Begin Again

For all ladies of Grace Lutheran Church or even men with an interest.....the Prayer Shawl meetings for 2018/2019 will be starting up again beginning the first Monday after Labor Day, September 10th at 10 am in the lobby of the Family Life Center. This ministry means a lot to the ladies who have been making and praying over these shawls and also to the recipients who get the shawls. They are blessed at our Altar by Pastor Rich and are given away free to anyone you may know that needs prayer or comfort for any reason. We supply the yarn so all it costs to join in making them is your time and talent. Anyone who can knit, crochet or has an interest in learning how, is invited to join in with us. If you have a friend, bring them along, all are welcome. Hope to see you there. Our new leader for this year is Carol Haase. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask her or any of our other wonderful ladies

#### 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!

#### Menu for Wednesday, August 29 – Supper begins at 5:15 pm Teriyaki chicken, twice baked potatoes, salad & dessert \$4 per adult, \$2 per child, \$10 maximum per family

++++++Serving at	<b>Our Worship Service</b>	s Today+++++
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	8:00 am Traditional	9:30 am Blended
er:	Paul Guthrie	Craig Emerson
ship Assistant:	Jim Stoddard	Dave Harjala
r:	Helen Horlbeck and Cydne Albers	
der:	Steve Jergesen	Rene' Mackley
lyte:	Trent Pyles	Cate Turner
eters	Mary Belle Early, Mary Schultz	Chris Emerson
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## WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Our Church Activities for This Week of August 26, 2018**

Today Monday Tuesday	8:00am 9:30am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 6:30pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary Blended Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for Children & Adult Bible Studies Contemporary Worship, FLC Adult Bible Studies Unstuck, Grief Class
Wednesday	5:15pm	Supper begins, Family Life Center
	6:30pm	Bible Study, Sanctuary
	6:30pm	Confirmation Orientation for 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grades
	6:30pm	HS Youth, Middle School Youth & JOY Groups
Thursday	7:00am	Mens Bible Study
	6:30pm	Financial Peace University
Friday		Grace Family Retreat begins at Fontana
Saturday		Grace Family Retreat at Fontana
Sunday	8:00am	Traditional Worship Service . 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

With glad rejoicing we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today at the 9:30 service for Justice Marie and Saoirse Mae Clough. Justice and Saoirse are the daughters of Brian and Mona Clough and were born January 25, 2018. Their godparents are Krista Clough, Sidney Davis and Tara Davis. Welcome to the family of God Justice and Saoirse!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Students & Parents This Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm If your student is in this grade, please plan to attend this important meeting. Confirmation class will begin Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Travis with any questions.

#### Last Sunday to get a Pictorial Directory

If you had your picture taken and haven't picked up your church directory, it should be in your church mailbox. A few extras remain if you would like one. Pick that up at the Information Desk today.