

WEEKLY GRACE NOTES

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to Grace

At the heart of Grace, in all that we say and do, is bring *God's Grace to life*. We are here to help! If you are visiting for the first time and have a need:

- Please introduce yourself to the Pastors, they would love to meet you.
- Please feel free to contact the church office for any information:
- 586-752-9800 or email: office@graceromeo.com

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we pray, and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve, prepare us for the coming of the Son of Man, forgiving us the things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us the good things we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

AS WE GATHER: Aug. 31 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Wounds that Heal

Not all wounds are bad. A skilled surgeon takes a sharp scalpel and cuts deep. The result of that wound is not harm, but healing. In the same way, we often say that words cut us to the heart. Words can wound. In this series, Jesus shares truths that are painful to hear and take to heart. However Jesus speaks painful words, He intends to provide the very healing we need.

OLD TESTAMENT
Proverbs 25:2-10

EPISTLE
Hebrews 13:1-17

PSALM
131

HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 14:1-14

PRAYERS for HEALING

Chris Graber
Gaye Vogt
Marilyn Fisher
Joe Winget
Janet LaLonde

PRAYERS For Our Shut-Ins

Chris Graber
Jayne Kasper
Sandra Kriewall
Janet LaLonde
Carolyn Smith
Joan Walz

WE PRAY FOR OUR

Military and their families
Our Congregational Leaders
Stephen Ministry
Kid's Hope Program
Student Ministry

**PRAYERS FOR OUR
CHURCH FAMILIES**

Patrick & Leann Miller
Patrick, Maxwell, & Alana

**PRAYERS FOR OUR
LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Lapeer Public Schools

**PRAYERS FOR OUR
LOCAL CHURCHES**

St. John Lutheran Church
Lapeer

PRAYERS FOR OUR PRESCHOOL

Jessica Scally, Preschool Director
Our Teachers:
Megan Sisco, Jessica Scally
& Teacher Assistants:
Kellie Compton & Melissa Dahl

Pastor and Pastoral Assist

Pastor Eric Majeski & Pastor Mike Phillips
Deacons: Robin Spaulding & Terry Bower

Director of Student Ministry:

Gus Aguinaga

Student Ministry Assistant

Audrey Fouts

Music Leader:

Gary Felts

Hand Bell Choir:

Martha Phillips

Sound Board & Recording Ministry:

Jeff Martin

Web Editor:

Gary LaLonde

Readers:

Sunday, Aug. 31

10am - Gus Aguinaga

Sunday, Sept. 7

830a - Pastor

11a - Alicia Winget

CONFIRMATION 2025/2026

Any student entering the Seventh or Eighth grade in the fall of 2025 is welcome to be part of our Grace Confirmation. Please contact the church office at:

586-752-9800 or email:

office@graceromeo.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins

Our Grace Family celebrates The Lord's Supper every Sunday, confessing that our Lord feeds us with His very body and blood for our forgiveness.

Please read carefully: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the Altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of Grace and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

FALL SCHEDULE

The Church Fall Schedule will begin **Sun. Sept. 7.**

Worship & Bible Study:

- ◆ 8:30am Worship
- ◆ 8:30-9:45am Coffee hour
- ◆ 9:45am Bible Study
- ◆ 11am Worship
- ◆ 7pm Monday Worship

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS

Please notify an Elder, Pastor Majeski or Pastor Mike before service, if you are in need of Gluten Free wafers. Thank you!

FAMILY LIFE CENTER BIBLE STUDY

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday Bible Study will meet again on **Sun. Sept. 7 at 9:45am.**
in the Family Life Center
as we explore 1 Corinthians

**NO MONDAY
WORSHIP ON
SEPT. 1
LABOR DAY**

**COFFEE HOUR BEGINS
NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 7**

Coffee hour will begin in the Gathering Room on Sun. Sept. 7. A sign up sheet to bring snacks along with instructions, is located on the counter in the Gathering room. If you have any questions, please contact the office: 586.752.9800 or email office@graceromeo.com

**TUESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**

- September 23rd, will be the startup date for the regular Tuesday morning Bible Study. Our topic of study,
- First Thessalonians, was written by the Apostle Paul around 50-51 A.D. making it the first of his epistles and thus, one of the earliest books of the New Testament.
- Following this short, four-week study, we will launch into a study of Exodus, which is quoted or referenced over 100 times in the New Testament. Please consider being a part of this dynamic group as we meet in the Sanctuary from: 9:30 to 11:15am.

HOUSE OF HOPE

On Sundays September 7 & 14, Robin and Cheryl Spaulding will be doing fundraising for the House of Hope.

The House of Hope, will be a new part of their present ministry, Morning Star Ministries. It will be a place of Recovery, Renewal, Restoration and Retreat where individuals and couples can receive care, healing and support around marriage, grief, trauma repair, addictions and burnout.

The House of Hope will be supported by the Tree of Hope, which recognizes donations made in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one who has passed away. Beautifully handcrafted leaves and cardinals can be personalized and displayed on the tree.

Businesses are also invited to sponsor a stone which will be placed at the base of the tree. Businesses are recognized by having their logo inscribed on the stone.

More information will be available before and after services on the dates listed above. Robin and Cheryl will also be available to answer any questions.

They would love to have you be a part of their ministry team!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!
It's Time to Ring the Handbells

Grace Handbells Choir is ready to resume practice and needs your help, WE HAVE OPENINGS FOR SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS.

We meet on **Thursdays**, beginning, **Sept. 18** from: **6:30-8:00pm**.

Requirements: All ages Middle School age & older. Must know right hand from left hand. Must be able to recognize the colors green, pink, yellow. Must be able to count to four.

No previous musical experience is necessary; we will teach you what you need to know.

Please contact Martha Phillips, Director, via phone: **586.212.9396** or email: **phillips_art@hotmail.com**, with questions.

TODDLER TIME

Toddler time will be where Parents or caregivers will participate in activities with their child. Activities include: music, sensory, story time and more!

WEEKLY ON MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 10-11am

Starting **Monday, September 15**
& **Wednesday, September 17**

\$5 per family

Contact Jessica Scally
to register

prechool@graceromeo.com

Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to donate items, there are copies of the items needed list on the "Information Wall". Please leave donated items in the box on the bench in the foyer.

Contact Diane Beecher if you have questions. 586.752.0947 Thank you.



The next Gleaners
is scheduled for:

Monday, September 15

Distribution Times:

from **12:30 - 1:30pm**

Please contact Lori Voss for more
info: 586.623.1554

**PRAYERS FOR THE
CHURCH**

Monday, September 8

from: 10a - 11a.

SHUT IN OUTREACH

Chris Graber

Serene Garden Assisted Living
1839 S. Almont Ave.
Imlay City, MI 48444
Birthday: March 17

Sandra Kriewall

59056 Golden Oak Ct.
Washington, MI 48094
Birthday: January 30

Eileen Hopp

Wellbridge of Romeo
375 S. Main St. Rm: 504
Romeo, 48065
586.531.1809
Birthday: June 30

Janet LaLonde

68688 Villa Dr.
Washington Twp., MI 48095
586.255.3906
Birthday: July 2

Carolyn Smith

Orchard Grove Senior Living
Legacy Building
71150 Orchard Crossing Lane Apt. 607-A
Romeo, MI 48065
Birthday: March 31

Joan Walz

Bayview Gardens
628 East Main Street, Apt. 26
Sebewaing, MI 48759
Birthday: September 6

Jayne Kasper

Orchard Grove Senior Living
Legacy Building
71150 Orchard Crossing Lane, Rm. 609
Romeo, MI 48065
Birthday: January 26

BUDGET SUMMARY THROUGH: Aug. 18, 2025

Total income:

\$459,366.09

Total expenses:

\$430,973.80

Copies of the budget can be found in a folder located in the organizer on counter in the office.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

"Come Away My Beloved"

Women's Fall Retreat

October 17-19, 2025

"Abide in My Peace"

Registration forms are on the Announcement Wall or visit: morn-ingstarministries.net for more information and/or to register.

August Birthdays

Rebecca Golembiewski	08/31
Craig Hilliker	08/31

September Birthdays

Bethany Falker	09/01
Tyler King	09/01
Jaxson Speers	09/01
Brandon Thomas	09/01
Mattea Mill	09/02
Rob Voss	09/02
Paul Klosterman	09/03
Aiden Foley	09/04
Estella Golen	09/04
Richard Nehr	09/04
Ryan Reindel	09/04
Hailey LeFauvre	09/05
Josephine Mill	09/05
Ross Putman	09/05
Barry Hay	09/06
Paul Muller	09/06
Pastor Mike Phillips	09/06
Charlotte Thornton	09/06
Ryan Ross	09/08
Benjamin Antonelli	09/09
Alyssa Fouts	09/09
Mitchell Fouts	09/09
Renee Majeski	09/10

Jessica Tignanelli	09/10
Roger Campbell	09/11
Amber Mavis	09/11
Jonathan Todd	09/11
Charles Madewell	09/12
Patrick Miller	09/12
Kevin Hendricks	09/13
Gary Felts	09/14
Madisyn Sawitzky	09/14
Chad Steir	09/14
Colt Boone	09/15
Ella Goodsell	09/15

Marrisa Maris	09/15
Joshua Monicatti	09/15
Charlotte Pollack	09/15
David Kriss	09/16
Kenzie Cochran	09/17
Brenda Faulker	09/17
Jack Bernard	09/18
Christopher Bohm	09/18
Caris Majeski	09/19
Wendy Poe	09/19
Lily Zwiez	09/20
Drew Monty	09/22
Douglas Noch	09/22
Jan Schwartz	09/22
Bruce Putman	09/23
Isabella Sarver	09/23
Joseph Sarver	09/23
Gary LaLonde	09/24
Christopher Rondo	09/24
Hannah LeFeuvre	09/25
Jessie Okoniewski	09/25
Lorraine Young	09/26
Sierra Okoniewski	09/27
Amelia Edwards	09/28
Katelyn Larson	09/29
Corbin Boone	09/30

September Anniversaries

John & Amy McCatty	09/01
Terry & Michelle Upleger	09/02
James & Cherie Maus	09/06
Douglas & Michelle Noch	09/06
Douglas & Emily Sproat	09/07
Rodolfo Nyitray & Joy Manthey	09/09
Brett & Kaitlyn Sobolewski	09/10
Mark & Katie Ventimiglia	09/15
James & Margaret Groth	09/16
Paul & Samantha Putman	09/16
Gus & Amalia Aguinaga	09/20
Brad & Janice Schwartz	09/21

SERMON NOTES

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