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OFFICE HOURS

MON-THURS

11-3

Church & Home

OCTOBER 2026

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While grace is a large part of our faith, over the last week I heard a lot about grace in conversations. I read a lot about grace. I talked about grace. Grace seemed to be at the forefront of topics for me and around me.

A mentor of mine says, "Grace is God's undeserved love."

I was reading *Addiction and Grace* by Gerald G. May, MD. It is an older book but very relevant. May wrote, "Grace is the invincible advocate of freedom and the absolute expression of perfect love."

We in our human form do not know perfect love. We might think we do, or even hope that we do. But to experience the best-that-we-can-know kind of love comes to us through the grace of God. A gift to us. May added that grace "... is a gift that is often given in spite of our intentions and errors. At such times, when grace is so clearly given unrequested, uninvited, even undeserved, there can be no authentic response but gratitude and awe."

I wonder if we recognize grace when it is given to someone or given to us. We have all received grace upon grace from God. Saint Augustine said, "God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them."

Oops. We might not understand grace fully if we are consumed with too much stuff in our hands and our lives.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith." ~Ephesians 2:8

God has forgiven us of our wrongdoings. God has lifted us up when we were down. God loves us without condition. We are saved by God. There is no catch. There is no checklist we have to complete. There is no fine print. We are saved.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." ~ Ephesians 2:8

Grace is our most undeserved gift. But it is that – a gift from our maker. And we need to remember to gift ourselves a little grace.

We will inevitably mess up, but then we apologize and confess our sins. That is when we receive the perfect gift of grace.

When we stumble or fall, it is okay. When we make a mistake, learn from it. When we simply *just* make it through the day, enjoy it. When we accomplish even the smallest of goals we set, soak it in.

Well done, good and faithful servant. Make the effort to sit in peace and know that you have done well. Know that you have done good things.

Christ has no tally sheet of our hiccups. There is no free pass for so many right choices in a row. There is no express lane for doing good things.

We receive grace instead. It is the best do-over. It is the best eraser. It is the best new day.

It. Is. Grace.

"From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." ~John 1:16

Grace is a gift from God. A gift to each of us. Share it with others, but share it with yourself also.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Emily

We are praying FOR YOU ...

Contact church office to be
placed on the prayer list
Printed list in worship bulletin
Names read during services

Prayer Request

Pam Ames, Justin Durboraw, Glenda Feeney,
Janet Hare, Keaton Kloss, & Louise Steele.
Family & friends of Lowell Fenster

Prayer Emphasis for the month:
To give grace to someone.



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

November 22 • 10 am



October Birthdays



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| 4 – Cassandra McCarthy | 22 – Duane Hoschouer |
| 6 – Doug Wright | 25 – Dixie Francis |
| 13 – Beverly Sallee | 26 – Cecil Sallee |
| Jakob Ochsner | 27 – Wendy Staroska |
| 15 – Patty Whitney | 30 – Eva McCreery |
| 17 – Griffen Whitney | 31 – Eme McEntee |
| 21 – Dennis Lombardi | |



Gracious Living & Faithful Giving

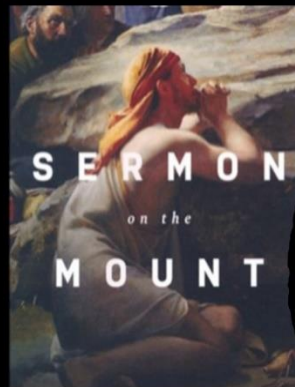
“Some give freely yet
grow all the richer”
Proverbs 11: 24



Stewardship 2026

October Anniversaries

- 10/06/1984 Larry & Paula Stobbs
10/11/1997 Ron & Chris Ochsner
10/23/1977 Scott & Cyndee Orr
10/25/1997 Mike & Kristi Leibhart



Adult Bible Study

- Tuesdays at 10 am
- Sept. 29 - Nov. 3

Register in the office



All Saints Sunday

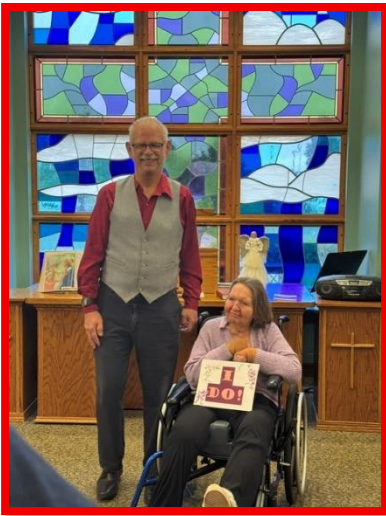
- Honor deceased
Saints with a candle
on Nov. 1
- Deadline is Oct. 27

Thanksmas offering



Designated to Grace
Ministries Food Pantry
& Episcopal Church for
Wednesday night
dinners.

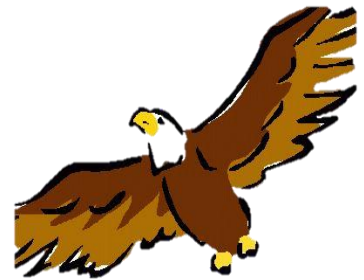
Collected Nov. 29-Dec. 30



**Carroll & Jackie Miller
Renewed their vows!**

Evelyn and Avery both received the first S.O.A.R.I.N.G. Eagle Achievement Award of the year at Eisenhower. The Boys Town skill they were awarded for was...

"Following Directions."



Many "thanks" to our dear, caring Church family for all the many thoughtful, uplifting cards & calls coming my way as I continue to recover from such an unexpected event concerning my health. I can "feel" your love & hugs in every word and without a doubt it really, warms my heart & brings Gods presence so very near!!

Love to all,
Janet Hare

Grace Ministries Food Pantry

October 2026

August Figures:

Households assisted in August: 146

Individuals in those households: 476

Pounds of food given in August: 11,128

Households with children under 18: 115

Pre-filled bags given out. 329 (just a portion of the food we give out)

Emergency customers: 14

Donations:

Noon Rotary Club

Joyce Kohler

Nancy Kemptar

Jeanie Thies

JoAnne Greene

First Presbyterian Church's Fill the Backpack Drive

Pacific Place Apartments

Sherry Steinke

Anonymous



Co-Directors :

Tammy Miller 530-8406

Francine McKenzie 530-0436

Leigh Henline 530-2601

Thank you friends at First Presbyterian Church for the 200 pounds of food we received from the 'Fill the Backpacks' drive! Very much appreciated! And from Blanket Sunday, thank you to whomever donated the two lovely quilts. Our awesome Customer Aides at the Pantry will know JUST who to ask if a quilt is needed. That is why they are THE BEST! August was a very busy month at the Pantry. Our volunteers and leaders are tired. We use about 300 volunteer hours each month to do what we do.

It has been quite difficult to get food from Food Bank for the Heartland in Omaha, but we were able to get about 1,289 pounds on September 15th. That is not a lot of food for us, as busy as we have been. We received some skillet helper mixes, canned apricots and pears, pancake mix, frozen catfish fillets, mac and cheese, chicken in a pouch, and canned corn. Quantities on each of those items was small, meaning a good deal of that 'new' food was gone within a week or so. As of the writing of this Church and Home article for October, we have nothing in our shopping cart at the food bank.

Fresh Foods Westfield has continued to deliver our purchases each week. We cannot say enough positive words about the team at Fresh Foods! They work with us to get us the lowest prices they can. Sometimes we have to wait for a few weeks for particular item as not everything is readily available. We are able to use the points from our own purchases to get some of our gallon-size milks at no charge. That is a BIG help to our checkbook, as most weeks, we are writing a check for \$1000-\$2000 for food.

Last month I reported that North Platte's Hope Esperanza had opened up a Food Pantry for five-day-a-week service. As of this writing, they are now down to just two days a week, Monday from 10am-12:30 pm, and Thursday from 2pm-5pm.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Grace Ministries Food Pantry operates at 114 East C St.

PHONE NUMBER : 308-520-7458 (Answering during operating hours only)

We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1-3pm, except holidays.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Sunday School 9:15am 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org Communion	5 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts	6 Bible study 10:00am	7 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC Downtime in devotions 12:15pm	8 PW Morning Spirits 10:00am PW Evening Spirits 6:00pm	9	10
11 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org Bell Choir	12 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts	13 Bible study 10:00am	14 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC Downtime in devotions 12:15pm	15	16	17
18 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org	19 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts Committee Night 6:30pm	20 Bible study 10:00am	21 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC Downtime in devotions 12:15pm	22	23	24
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In Church Worship Service on Sundays at 10am