

GRACE NOTES

NOVEMBER 2011

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. –ELW, Prayer for “Day of Thanksgiving”

Blessings. We are often told that we are to count our blessings. We even have an entire day coming up in which we give thanks for all of the many blessings that we have been given. But, what are we to do in those moments when we don't see blessings in our lives? What do we do when our lives seem to be devoid of blessing? It is an understatement to say that we live in a time of economic hardship. Many in our nation and in our community are struggling because of the economic instability in our world today. And, I would bet that there are also people within this very congregation who are struggling economically as well.

When one looks up the word bless or blessing in the dictionary, there are several different meanings for the word that show up. When we think of “blessing” we often think of this definition: “to confer prosperity or happiness upon.” Blessings = the material gifts that God bestows on us. This definition definitely fits the word, but it's not the only way to define it. The term can also be broadened to mean “protect, preserve,” to “hallow or consecrate,” “to invoke divine care for.” Blessings are not only those material or special gifts that God gives us, but also include God's daily care and protection for us in our lives. Perhaps it is the good health that we have or the relative safety that we all have in this nation.

We live in a time when most of us are forced to reevaluate what we need to live. Many of us must rethink our understanding of the term blessing. Yes, when we've thanked God for blessings in the past, we've always recognized God's continual care and protection; but, it was the material things that came to mind first. That way of thinking has now become difficult for many. How do we offer thanks and praise to God when so many are staring at unemployment or suffering?

When we, once again, gather on Thanksgiving to thank God for God's blessings, let us take some time to think about what those blessings are in our lives. Let us take some time to thank God for the things that we so often take for granted: perhaps its family, health, home, and/or employment. And, let us take some time to remember and reach out to those whose lives might be devoid of blessings. God might be calling you to be a source of blessing this Thanksgiving season. For the best blessings are the ones that we can share with others.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness...Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

-2 Corinthians 9:10, 15

-Pastor Josh Anderson

News from GLC Ministries

Fall Semi-Annual Meeting is November 13

All members of Grace are encouraged to attend the semi-annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, November 13 at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be served between the second service and the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

- Annual reports from staff and ministries
- Presentation and vote on proposed 2012 church budget
- Discussion and vote on proposed "A Strong Heritage for a Stronger Tomorrow" campaign

Annual reports and capital campaign information packets will be available prior to the meeting the weekends of November 5-6 and 12-13.

Worship and Music Ministry

Plans are being made for purchasing new acolyte robes to replace the current robes which are in poor condition. Some memorial money is designated for this purpose and the rest of the expense will come from W/M budgeted funds.

Evangelism Ministry

New members will be received on All Saints Sunday, November 6th. Evangelism will be working on the welcoming of our newest Grace members.

Finance Ministry

The proposed 2012 church budget has been completed and will be presented to the congregation for approval at the semi-annual meeting on November 13th. The budget will be available for your review as part of the Annual Report on November 5-6.

Ministry Night is November 8th

Parish Planning Council meets at 6:45pm

Ministries meet at 8:00pm

Grace Lutheran Parish Planning Council

Rhonda Olson, President

Jason Berghorst, President-Elect

Don Dinger, Vice-President

Sherri Thompson, Treasurer

Cary Radisewitz, Secretary

Greg Spath, Evangelism Ministry

Paula Lammert, Finance Ministry

Kenny Scheidt, Property Ministry

Jodi Rops, Learning Ministry

Marv Fuerstenberg, Parish Care Ministry

Kim Schmidt, Worship & Music Ministry

Curt Thorson, Stewardship Ministry

Leah Radisewitz, Young Peoples Ministry

Pastor Ron Nichols and Pastor Josh Enderson

Learning Ministry

Sunday School is off to a great start! Milestone Ministry events have begun and are going well. The all new WINGS program for elementary aged students began on October 26.

Parish Care Ministry

The possibility of introducing church mailboxes for each household at Grace is being investigated. The goal would be to improve communication and possibly reduce the amount of mail sent from the church in the future. A decision will be made soon.

Young Peoples Ministry

Middle and High School youth groups have enjoyed large attendance at Romans and Christians game nights this fall. Voucher sales have been a major focus and sales have increased. A large number of Middle School students are signed up to attend the Synod Junior High Youth Gathering in Willmar in November. Fifteen students and two adults from Grace will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer.

Grace Lutheran Church Women November, 2011

Be joyful always; --- pray continually; --- give thanks in all circumstances,---

for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess 5:16-18

Our Fifty Plus Gathering, Oct 2, was a great evening of fellowship and fun for nearly 100 people. There were 28 hobbies/crafts displayed, each was something that was a joy for the exhibitor. The meal was delicious and the program was – fun! Dolly had her easy way of getting audience participation --- and music by Patty Nelson, Sandy Klosterbuer, Kira Graber, and the Grace Male Singers was so enjoyable. Many good comments and requests for more times like this, means that -- Anyone with good ideas can (get some help from GLCWomen, if you like, and) make it happen.

- ◆ Twenty phone cards have been purchased and will be sent through the Luverne Chamber of Commerce to deployed military personnel for Christmas.
- ◆ Gifts for our Confirmands this year are devotional books written by teens, for teens. Crosses from Thrivent were also included with these gifts.
- ◆ The Soup Supper is another great mission, with all proceeds to World Hunger.

Thanks to all who participate in any way...

- + It is time again to update our handbooks. The circle lists with telephone numbers will be reviewed. Please let Carol know if your number has changed or is incorrect.
- + For those who are not presently attending a circle, please know that you may join any circle any time, regardless of where your name has been placed. Just let Carol or Donna know..
- + Pray for guidance and insight as we move forward lifting up the name of Jesus Christ.

DATES TO REMEMBER

+Nov 3- MIA-- **Missions In Action** (dayofdoing)- 8:30 to 12:30

+Nov 8, EX BD **1:30 pm (note time)**

+Nov 10- GLCW – 2:00 P.M. Thanksgiving thoughts with Martha Fick. Esther Circle coordinating.

** Bring your Thanksgiving Offering! ½ will go to ELCA Disaster Fund; ½ to the Food Shelf

Living Justified, Growing Sanctified – Thanks be to God

Donna Dahlen

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS with Martha Fick

The Esther Circle invites all Grace Lutheran Women to join together on November 10th, at 2:00 PM to share "Thanksgiving thoughts with Martha Fick!"

Please bring your Thankofferings for the year. One half will go to the ELCA Disaster Fund and one half to the Rock County Food Shelf.

The congregation is welcome to join in this offering. Just put it in an envelope and mark it GLCW Thankoffering!

Thank You!

Missions in Action - Nov. 3, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Note: Because of Thanksgiving , circles will be meeting a week early, so we won't have MIA on the 17th.

A tote is set out for caps, mittens, scarves, etc. for SHARE until the first week of December. This is help for our Rock County residents.

Thanksgiving baskets will be delivered on November 15. Volunteers are needed to make the baskets and deliver them to our members. Members who receive them are: nursing home residents, homebound members, members who are 90 years and older, and other miscellaneous members. We will get together at 1:00 pm on November 15 to make the baskets and will deliver them as soon as we can after that. The more help we have, the faster it gets done so your help is very much appreciated.

Thank you! Ardie and Mary

Consider Giving a Christmas Gift to Grace

The Worship & Music Ministry invites you to consider giving one of the following gifts in memory of or in honor of loved ones this Christmas season:

* **Sanctuary Christmas Tree** – Our large Sanctuary Christmas tree is showing its age and a portion of the pre-lit lighting no longer works. We would like to purchase a new artificial tree that will be enjoyed during Advent and Christmas for years to come.

* **Outdoor Christmas Display** – In addition to the beautiful indoor decorations, this year we would like to add a lit outdoor Christmas display that can be enjoyed by those arriving at or just passing by the church throughout the Christmas season.

Please call Lynette Stehlik at 283-4556 by November 15 if you are interested in giving a memorial gift or for more information.

Authorization for Automatic Payment

I authorize Grace Lutheran Church of Luverne and the financial institution named below to initiate entries to my checking/savings account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution 3 days before my account is charged. I can have the amount of an erroneous charge immediately credited to my account up to 15 days following issuance of my financial institution statement or 60 days after posting, whichever occurs first.

Name: _____ Bank Name: _____

Address: _____ Routing Number: _____

_____ Account Number: _____

_____ Start Date: _____

Monthly Offering Amount: _____

Monthly Building Fund Amount: _____

Please attach a voided check or deposit slip and bring in or mail to Carol in the church office (Grace Lutheran Church, PO Box 624, Luverne, MN 56156) or enclose in your offering envelope and place it in the offering plate. Withdrawals will be made on the 15th of every month.

Children and Family

Stepping stones

Bringing an awareness of the presence of God to Children, Families and Congregation.

- Nov. 1st grade receive Small
13 Catechism @10:45 service
First graders are learning the 10 Commandments from the small catechism this year.
- Nov. 3rd graders Bible lesson #2 with
13 parents, Meet in Bride Room
9:30-10:30
- Nov 2nd and 4th grade receive daily
20 devotions @10:45 service.
Continue to learn God's word using kid friendly short daily devotions, read them as a family at dinner or bedtime and strive to make it a routine.

Wings

The first day of Wings was October 26. It's not too late to sign your child up for a great year of fun and learning God's word. Living Inside Out!

Sunday School

Attendance Age 3 – 5th grade

Rally Day = 117 student

Average month of October = 92

Offering month of October

\$60 sponsor a child in Guatemala

\$120 Grace Lutheran 50%

\$40 Backpack program 16%

\$40 Share 16%

\$40 Food Shelf 16%

Lessons:

Nov 6 Moses and the Burning Bush

Nov 13 Moses and the Plagues

Nov 20 The Passover

Nov 27 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dec 4 Christmas Program Practice

Dec 10 – Christmas Program Practice
Program @ 4:00pm

Pray With Your Children

by Mark Holmen



Perhaps you've never prayed with your children. But no matter how old they are, it's never too late to start. It helps to remember that prayer is simply a conversation with God.

Newspaper Prayer. Try this idea at the beginning of the day as you're eating breakfast. Have each family member take a portion of the newspaper and circle items that he or she feels need to be prayed for. Then ask family members to pray for the things they circled in the paper.

Highs and Lows. Ask your children what their "highs" were from the day, and then ask them about their "lows" from the day. Share your highs and lows as well, and then pray for them together.

Christmas Program Practice will be starting during Sunday school music. Please mark your calendars for the Children's Christmas Program
Dec 10th 4:00



NEW!!

Children's Library

Books, Music, and DVD's will be available to bring home. Try reading from a children's Bible or a chapter book with Christian values. Children's Library is located on 3rd floor next to the resource room. Donations of Christian books, DVD's, or Music CD's are welcome.

November Birthdays



- Nov 1: Roseanne Olson, Nathan Overgaard, Mackenzie Petersen
- Nov 2: Richard Engstrom
- Nov 3: Erika Read
- Nov 4: Alice Bradt, Dave Deragisch, Rachel Helle, Harley Wendland
- Nov 5: Noah Abrahamson
- Nov 6: Rich Dreckman, Casey Sehr, Amy VerSteege
- Nov 7: Brad Hustoft, Sierra Schmuck, Arvid Thoreson
- Nov 8: Madison Dass, Kinser Klosterbuer, Brenna Reker
- Nov 9: Betty Mulder
- Nov 10: Gordie Aanenson, Sara Altman, Trisha Goembel, Don Moeller
- Nov 11: Jim Harner
- Nov 12: Virgene Bullis
- Nov 13: Brent Dinger, Richard Hoven, Jonathan Kurtz
- Nov 14: Julia Hoogland, Jennifer Tofteland
- Nov 15: Jadynd Anderson, Genna Rolfs, Pam Schneekloth, Mel Viessman
- Nov 16: Savanna Bremer, Brady Dinger, Hal Paulson, Louise Rogness, Lynette Stehlik, Sage Viessman
- Nov 17: Timothy Eisma, Tom Kopp, Betty Lauck, Melissa Sandbulte
- Nov 18: Jayona Bowman, Gordie Hansen, Tony Sandbulte
- Nov 19: Sylvia Eisma
- Nov 20: Hailey Hamann, Margaret Hoh, Hayden Kruse, Heidi Sehr, Dana Swanson
- Nov 21: Curt Bloemendaal, Jan Rud
- Nov 22: David Brandt, Bill Thompson
- Nov 24: David Barber, Judy DeGroot, Natalie Morgan, Kevin Read, Allison Schandelmeier, Deb Schandelmeier
- Nov 25: Lisa Lundgren, Oliver Mead, Frank Mongold, Bart Thielbar, Jayden Thorson, Sage VerSteege
- Nov 26: Gary Madtson, Jim Remme, Carol Svingen
- Nov 27: Blaycie Remme, Dylan Thorson, Cedar Viessman
- Nov 28: Lisa DeBoer, Rebecca Ellefson, Jackie Gyberg, Erling Tofteland
- Nov 29: Kurt Kester
- Nov 30: Doris Fried, Kayleigh Newport

Radio Sponsors - November

- Nov 6: In memory of Don Odland from Mary & family
- Nov 13: In memory of Nellie Remme from Gale
- Nov 20: In memory of Abner & Ellamae Josendahl from family and friends
- Nov 27: Open - To sponsor call 283-4431 - cost is \$75.00.



Pastoral Acts



Funerals 10/11 Esther Paulson

Confirmation 10/30

Paige Adams, Amanda Barnhart,
Erica DeBoer, Kira Graber, Tessa Gyberg,
Hailey Hamann, Zane Hiller,
Christopher Hoogland, Jada Hoven,
Sarah Kanninen, Samantha Kramer,
Mitchell Leuthold, Kendall Meyer, Ashley Olson,
Gunnar Olson, Cody Rofshus, Nikki Severson,
Hailey Sommer, Savanna Thielbar,
Sydney Thielbar, Brent Thompson,
Anna Tofteland, Cole Walgrave



Next Generation Ministries

Special Dates to Remember:

- Saturday, November, 5 Barn Dance, Meet at 5:00 at the church. Grades 7-12
- Regional Synod Gathering for Junior Highs who are signed up—November 19 & 20

PUFFIN SALES forms are due back to Dustin by WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9th!

- Have a happy Thanksgiving, we have much to be Thankful for!

1 Timothy 5: 12-13 “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.”

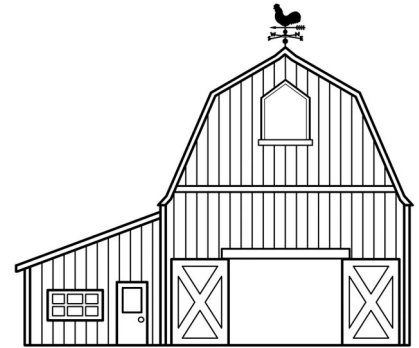


Confirmation Suppers In Need of Volunteers

There are still many dates available to sign up for to help serve our youth supper on Wednesday nights. Meals should be able to feed roughly 25 students as they come to church hungry after school and sports. Sign up is located on my office door at church!

Barn Dance! - November 5

Get your boots on and polish your belt buckle! We are planning a fun night of food, fun, music, and fellowship! Meet at the church at 5:00 PM to ride out to the farm. Roasting hot dogs and s’mores, sitting by a bonfire, or dancing it up in a beautiful and authentic renovated barn on the Reker Farm! This is for grades 7-12. All are welcome and friends are too. Please RSVP to Dustin by email, facebook, or in person by Wednesday, Nov. 2.



Winterfest Float

This year we are planning on having a float in the Winterfest parade on Saturday December 3rd. The 8th graders and parents will be responsible for coming up with an idea and also with the assembly and operation of the float. Please call, or email Dustin at 605-212-8244 or dustiantoine22@gmail.com to let him know that you are able and willing to help. Thank you!

National Youth Gathering

Right now we have 16 youth signed up to go to New Orleans next summer. The good news is that the gathering did not fill up so you still have an opportunity to go. There is financial help available if you need it! Contact Dustin if you would like more information about this.

**PRAY
UNTIL SOMETHING
HAPPENS**

Joshua 1:9 “ Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Self improvement through Home Improvement



Members of Parish Care recently organized a Home Improvement Project for Virgene Bullis. Virgene volunteers regularly and graciously gives of her time with many projects here at Grace and in the community. She was humbled by our request to come and paint her house, "It's always been easier for me to give than receive", she said. On Saturday, October 1st over 30 people; many members of Grace, but also neighbors and friends came to begin the process. Don Bosshart, teacher and painter extraordinaire helped get the project going by being an informal Director of Operations. At one point we had 10 ladders up against the house and people of all ages scraping and preparing it to be primed. Around 1 pm other volunteers prepared a lunch, there was laughter and sharing while everyone enjoyed the beautiful fall day. By 4:00 pm we had the house primed, and the garage scraped. On the following Monday, volunteers came and helped paint, finishing the house before sundown. Truly remarkable.

Too often we see something that needs to be done and we consider it, only to let the idea go because we don't know how to get it started or even if it could happen. This project was God directed, and it exceeded all expectations. After phone calls to members of Grace the project began to take hold; painters went over and measured the house estimating the amount of paint needed, someone knew someone who had a paint sprayer, another sent flyers to all the neighbors on the block, a hardware store provided the paint and primer at discount prices, people brought ladders, and other supplies, father's and mother's with young children showed up and worked together, people brought pop, water, BBQ's, chocolate cake and other treats. Before long it was evident that this project was intended to touch many more lives than just Virgene's. Relationships were established between generations, watching and sharing while they scraped and painted. Children became part of an intricate process, from start to finish, of reaching out to help another achieve something that alone would be impossible. We all felt the wonder and power of a faith community. It really was overwhelming. But it doesn't stop there. Individuals have sent monetary donations that along with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will cover the cost of the primer, paint and supplies. The ripple effect just continues on and on.

Taking the hand of God and walking in faith is powerful beyond measure. We learned first hand that it is in giving that we receive. Lets keep paying it forward. A gracious "*Thank you*" to all who took part in making this project a reality.



The Executive Ministry Board wishes to thank Kay Franklin for making her home available for our use over the last several months. Interim Pastor David Sorenson used this housing during his service to Grace and Pastor Joshua Enderson used this housing prior to the purchase of his own home. By allowing Grace to use Kay's housing this allowed both pastors to live close to the church and saved Grace any additional costs for housing.

Thank you, Kay, for your partnership in ministry and the use of your home.

Proposed Capital Campaign Projects

Grace Lutheran Church

A Strong Heritage for a Stronger Tomorrow

The projects included in this packet are being considered for a proposed capital campaign. The purpose of this packet is to inform you of the options that are being considered and why they are being considered. We also hope this will be a basis for discussion at the upcoming congregational events.

The capital campaign plans are a result of more than four years of research, discussion, prayer, and recommendations by various groups and ministries that have studied the needs of our congregation. For the past 8 months, Grace leadership has been involved in gathering feedback and estimating costs of possible projects.

The projects can be divided into three categories: 1) retirement of the current building debt 2) repair and/or replacement of current property needs 3) enhancements/additions to our building and grounds that will enhance our ministry.

The goal of all of these proposals is to build on the *strong heritage* of Grace Lutheran by enhancing and improving our building, property, music, and worship in a way that will create a *stronger tomorrow* for our congregation and its ministry!

In recent weeks, Grace members have had the opportunity to take part in guided tours and attend a special potluck/forum in order to learn about the proposed projects, ask questions, and provide their feedback. One more opportunity for you to hear the presentation, take a tour, and share your opinions will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

The proposed Capital Campaign will be presented to the congregation for discussion and a vote during the Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 13 at 12:30pm. A congregational lunch will be served between second service and the meeting at 11:45am that day. Please join us for both events!

This campaign and the projects it funds would be an exciting and important investment in our congregation's future...please join the discussions and decisions!

Please contact any member of the Executive Ministry with questions or comments. Members are Rhonda Olson, Jason Berghorst, Don Dinger, Sherri Thompson, Cary Radisewitz, Pastor Ron and Pastor Josh.

Grace Lutheran Church Pipe Organ Needs

- **Currently the pipe organ is not functioning as it was built to and in the same way it used to.**
 - * **There are keys and notes that do not play**
 - * **The swell shades no longer open. Volume variations are very limited**
 - * **The blower motor is very loud, altering the sound**
 - * **Sound is “trapped” in the organ chambers behind the fabric because the swells are not functioning properly.**
 - * **Notes sometime “stick” and continue to sound when not being played.**
- **A number of pipe organ mechanical functions need have been identified**
 - * **The swell motors need to be rewired and rebuilt**
 - * **The electrical system between the console and pipes need to be replaced**
 - * **The console needs to be refurbished and modernized**
 - * **The outdated mechanical relay needs to be replaced with a solid state relay and combination.**
- **Modernization of the pipe organ functions would improve performance and ease of playing**
 - * **Multiple memory levels would allow saved hymns to continue to play at the push of a button while organist takes communion, etc**
 - * **Individualized settings for different organist preferences could be set**
- **A modern and fully-functioning pipe organ will improve Grace’s ability to recruit and hire future organists.**
- **Currently our pipe organ is valued at over \$500,000. It is our church’s most valuable single property investment and very little repair or updating has been completed in the 48 years since it was installed.**
- **A pipe organ is an important part of the tradition of Lutheran church worship and music. It enhances our signing and worship of God in ways no other instrument fully can.**
- **While not all services require or desire the use of a pipe organ, not having a functioning organ (and using only piano for all services, weddings, and funerals) is not a realistic or desirable option for many of our members now or in the future.**
- **Our pipe organ must be reliable and functioning for funerals, weddings, and special worship services. The current needs and conditions listed above put its reliability in serious question.**

Proposed Capital Campaign Projects – Grace Lutheran Church – November 2011

Current Building Loan Retirement				
Project	Estimated Cost	Proposed Funds Available	Reasons for Project	Mission and Ministry Enhancement Opportunities
Retirement of current building loan debt	\$78,000	\$40,000	1. Consolidation of debt 2. Reduced interest rates 3. \$28,000+ will remain in ELCA mission Investment Fund savings.	* Simplified Stewardship regarding debt payment * More dollars available for ministry * First Fruits gifts will go here first
Repair and Replacement of Current Property Needs				
Proposed Project	Estimated Cost	Approximate Funds Available	Reasons for Project	Mission and Ministry Enhancement Opportunities
Sanctuary roof replacement	\$158,000	\$580	1. Flat roof is leaking into sanctuary 2. Current poor pitched roof appearance 3. Currently little or no insulation 4. Both roof portions done together	*Repairing leaks will improve our Sanctuary and worship experiences *Improved appearance will be more welcoming to visitors and members
Replacement of 58 original 1956 windows	\$83,000		1. Many windows not functioning 2. Original 1956 windows inefficient 3. Existing window trims need to be painted often; poor appearance now	*Improved energy efficiency will save money for use in other ministry * Sunday School rooms will be more comfortable and welcoming
Organ repair and modernization	\$95,000	\$360	Please see Pipe Organ Needs sheet on previous page	*Worship and congregational singing will be improved and enhanced. *Tradition of Lutheran worship and strong music maintained/enhanced
Replacement of original 1956 boiler	\$67,500		1. Current boiler is the original heating system....55 years old. 2. Boiler is very inefficient. New technologies will result in up to 30% energy savings; zone heating, etc.	*Up to \$7,000 per year in saved energy costs could be available for use in other ministries and mission. * Much better stewardship of our resources and God's creation.
Replacement of damaged concrete throughout property	\$35,000		1. Concrete is broken, uneven, and dangerous in a number of places. 2. New concrete will be much safer.	*New concrete will be safer, more attractive, and more welcoming to members and guests.
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Proposed Project	Estimated Cost	Approximate Funds Available	Reasons for Project	Mission and Ministry Enhancement Opportunities
Replacement of West Sanctuary Entrance	\$12,000		1. New ventilation/outtake infrastructure needed with heating system. 2. Modern doors/windows will be more energy efficient	*Improved appearance will be more attractive and welcoming to guests and members. *energy efficiency saves money to be used for other ministries
Replacement of Chapel carpet	\$1,900		1. Carpet is old, worn, and in need of replacement. 2. Chapel was not included in 1998 updating.	*Use of chapel for prayer, small worship services, weddings, funerals, etc will be improved with updated carpeting.
Sacristy Updating and remodeling	\$2,500		1. Sacristy has water damage due to ceiling leaks.	*Preparation for Holy Communion will be improved for volunteers.
Outdoor electrical and lighting updating	\$20,000		1. Church exterior is currently not well lit. Additional lighting will improve safety of people and security of our property. 2. Electricity in church garage currently comes through neighbor's line/utility bill.	* Improved exterior lighting shows visitors and non-members the pride we have in our faith, our building, and our congregation. Lit bell tower statement to all drivers on Hwy 75.
Kitchen water heater replacement	\$2,900		1. Currently not sufficient hot water in the kitchen and south end of building.	*Serving at funerals, family, and fellowship events will be improved
Landscaping updating and improvements	\$15,000		1. Needs to be replaced to repair drainage issues and keep water out of basement and elevator shaft.	*Solving water problems will allow resources to be spent on ministry instead of clean-up and repair.
Replacement of current church sign	\$25,000		1. Current sign needs to be physically updated and changed by hand. 2. Limited information can be shared. 3. Difficult to provide most current or updated information.	*Church sign is still the primary outreach and welcome to visitors. * Digital sign will share much more information and promote many more activities to welcome guests.
Replacement of damaged ceiling tiles	\$5,000		1. Tiles damaged by leaking roof in Sanctuary need to be replaced.	*Improved appearance of our worship space in a "high traffic" area
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Proposed Facility Enhancement and Improvement Projects				
Projects	Estimated Cost	Approximate Funds Available	Reasons for Project	Mission and Ministry Enhancement Opportunities
Sanctuary Multimedia Enhancements (projection & sound)	\$46,000	\$13,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worship participation and experience will be enhanced for many 2. Additional opportunities for preaching and teaching in worship 3. Needed for growth of contemporary worship opportunities 	<p>*Worship will be more welcoming, easier to participate in, and more attractive to guests and members of younger generations.</p> <p>*Attention to worship and content will be greatly enhanced.</p>
Organ Enhancement Addition of exposed pipes	\$45,000	\$40,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completing the organ and utilizing the Organ Fund resources at the same time the organ is repaired makes sense financially and property wise. 2. Exposing pipes will increase sound, improve congregational singing, and add additional beauty to chancel area 3. Nearly all of the funds necessary for this project are already raised 	<p>* Utilizing current memorial gifts to enhance our shared worship life is responsible stewardship of the gifts Grace has already been given.</p> <p>*Improved organ performance will improve our worship of God during services, funerals, weddings, etc.</p>
Lawn irrigation installation	\$10,000	\$5,000 (donated labor)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lawn watering options are currently limited to manpower available to setup, move, and remove sprinklers. 2. Built-in watering system will allow for improved condition of our church grounds. 	<p>*Properly watering our lawns will provide a more attractive and inviting facility.</p> <p>* Well-maintained grounds demonstrate to the community the pride we have in our church.</p>

Summary of Proposed Capital Campaign for Grace Lutheran Church

Project Category	Estimated Costs	Approximate Funds Available	Estimated Total Need
Building Loan Retirement	\$78,000	\$40,000 from savings available	\$38,000
Repair/Replacement of Property Needs	\$522,800	\$940 available in memorials	\$521,860
Facility Enhancement/Improvement Projects	\$101,000	\$58,000 available in memorials	\$43,000
Cost of conducting Capital Campaign	\$11,000		\$11,000
TOTALS	\$712,800	\$98,940	\$613,860



November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9:00 Staff	<i>2</i> 7:00 Men's Study 3:15 WINGS 6:15 Worship 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Conf Gr 6-9	<i>3</i> 8:30 Missions in Action 4:30 Book Study	<i>4</i> 3:00 Telecast of Sunday Worship Ch 3 (Knology)	<i>5</i> 5:00 Gr 7-12 Barn Dance (see youth page) 5:30 Wor/Comm
<i>6</i> 8:15 Wor/Comm 9:15 Coffee 9:30 SS & Adult Sty 10:45 Wor/Comm/ New Members Noon New Member Luncheon	<i>7</i> 9:00 Bible Study 10 & 4 Telecast Ch. 3 (Knology)	<i>8</i> 9:00 Staff Neetubg 1:30 GLCW Ex Bd 6:45 Parish Planning Council 8:00 Ministries	<i>9</i> 7:00 Men's Study 3:15 WINGS 6:15 Wor/Comm 7:00 Conf Gr 6-9	<i>10</i> Noon - Past Presidents @ The Coffee Haus 4:30 Book Study 6:00 Ride & Dine 7:00 Exaltation Worship Team	<i>11</i> 3:00 Telecast	<i>12</i> 5:30 Worship
<i>13</i> 8:15 Worship 9:15 Coffee 9:30 SS & Adult Sty 10:45 Worship/1st Gr Stepping Stones 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Annual Meeting of the Congregation	<i>14</i> 9:00 bible Study 10 & 4 Telecast 6:30 Vibes 7:40 Echoes	<i>15</i> 9:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Assemble & Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets	<i>16</i> 7:00 Men's Study 3:15 WINGS 6:15 Worship 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Conf Gr 6-9 8:15 Bread of Life Worship Team	<i>17</i> CIRCLES 4:30 Book Study	<i>18</i> 3:00 Telecast	<i>19</i> Jr Hi Youth to Wilmar Youth Gathering 5:30 Wor/Comm
<i>20</i> 8:15 Wor/Comm 9:15 Coffee 9:30 SS & Adult Sty 10:45 Wor/Comm/2nd & 4th Gr Stepping Stones 7:00 Ecumenical Thanksgiving @ St. Catherines Catholic	<i>21</i> GRACE NOTES DEADLINE 9:00 Bible Study 10 & 4 Telecast 6:30 Vibes 7:40 Echoes	<i>22</i> 9:00 Staff Meeting	<i>23</i> 7:00 Men's Study No WINGS, Confirmation or Choir	<i>24</i> Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	<i>25</i> 3:00 Telecast	<i>26</i> 5:30 Worship
<i>27</i> 8:15 Worship 9:15 Coffee 9:30 Adult Study No Sunday School 10:45 Worship	<i>28</i> 9:00 Bible Study 10 & 4 Telecast 6:30 Vibes	<i>29</i> 9:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 MJB Comm 2:30 Pop Cr Comm 3:30 Vets Comm	<i>30</i> 7:00 Men's Study 9:00 Assemble GRACE NOTES 3:15 WINGS 6:15 Worship 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Conf Gr 6-9			

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*God Bless Everyone, Virgene Bullis*