



GREET, GATHER,  
GROW AND GO  
IN GOD'S GRACE

# Peace † Grue

God's Country News

An ELCA Parish



## OCTOBER 2024



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### *All Saints Sunday*

*at both Grue and Peace,  
November 5, 2024*

*At each congregation we will  
remember those from our  
fellowship who have died in  
the past year, and those new saints  
received in baptism.*

*If there are others you would like to  
remember, who are not members of  
our parish, please add the names to  
the sign-up sheet posted at each*

**WE CELEBRATE...** these young  
persons who will be confirmed in  
faith on Sunday, October 27, 2024



*Beckett Johnson,  
Layne Johnson  
& Traeton Nelson*

The banquet honoring these young people will be on  
Oct. 20th, 5:00 p.m. photos and rehearsal with dinner  
at 6:00 p.m., at PEACE Church, GRUE serving.  
Those receiving invitations are strongly encouraged  
to RSVP by Oct. 6th to assist the serving group in  
preparing sufficient food.

Thank you!

The Rite of Confirmation on Oct. 29th is a wonderful  
time for all of us to renew and affirm our baptism  
promises and intentions.

Holy Communion will be celebrated.



Dear friends in Christ at Peace and Grue,

God gave the Israelites the Commandments to provide order, safety, and security providing boundaries and blessings. If we read further in the story we see that the Commandments didn't make the Israelites or us more moral or pious. They have never changed anyone's heart. At best, they revealed how immoral, impious and unfaithful we are.

St. Paul knew our salvation is not the result of obeying God's law. Paul pointed out that Abraham had trusted God and that God reckoned his faith as righteousness, nothing else required. The Commandments were not part of the equation.

The Commandments are not a checklist for our exist interview from this life or for a promotion to a higher heavenly calling after it. The law shows we don't have the understanding or strength to do God's will. We don't act rightly. We neglect our neighbor. We don't tend God's word. We don't rightly believe, that's a problem.

We have only to look to Christ's own words to see how deep this despair runs. In the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5), Jesus presents life's disasters and losses as the place God finds us. Then as if he knows how little stock we'll place in that promise, he goes on to destroy the illusion that our success mean anything. He pushes the demands of the law beyond anything we could possibly do. "You have heard that it was said....But I say to you...." Eventually Jesus listeners sink into despair and ask who could possibly be saved. Jesus responds that no one can-except God. Like blind Bartimaeus, we can only cry out ever louder, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

When Luther died, they found a scrap of paper on which he had written, "We are beggars. This is true." In two short sentences, Luther summed up the essence of our situation before God. We can only come with empty hands, hoping for mercy, yet knowing full well that a righteous God could never over look our sin. For Luther, progress in Christian living doesn't move forward or upward, it goes deeper, driving us to Christ and the promise of Christ, moving us from fear to love.

In his explanation of the Commandments, Luther held up God's law to show clearly that the gospel is fulfilled not through the old covenant that human beings broke with our faithless actions, but by God who takes on the entire burden apart from anything we do. Only then, when we face our beggarliness, do we see our own unrighteousness and God's mercy. Only then do we see our Creator as slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Only then do we see our neighbors no longer as competition or threat but as gift. Only then do we see our good works not as evidence in proving our case for salvation to God, but as an opportunity to serve others.

Luther never had a problem with Christians doing good works or striving to keep God's Commandments. He had a problem with our attempting to use our impotent efforts to keep the law as something we can use to justify ourselves. Luther had had his fill of that in his attempt to live a blameless life. He left all that behind, and saw that out of our failures comes faith as we turn to Christ. In that turning we can see the Commandments not just as boundaries but as blessings.

I'll have more to say about that next month,  
*Pastor Dan*

# Reading's for October



**(10-6)**  
**First Reading**  
 Genesis 2:18-24  
**Psalm**  
 Psalm 8  
**Second Reading**  
 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
**Gospel**  
 Mark 10:2-16

**(10-13)**  
**First Reading**  
 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
**Psalm**  
 Psalm 90:12-17  
**Second Reading**  
 Hebrews 4:12-16  
**Gospel**  
 Mark 10:17-31

**(10-20)**  
**First Reading**  
 Isaiah 53:4-12  
**Psalm**  
 Psalm 91:9-16 [10-13]  
**Second Reading**  
 Hebrews 5:1-10  
**Gospel**  
 Mark 10:35-45

**(10-27)**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**First Reading**  
 Jeremiah 31:31-34  
**Psalm**  
 Psalm 46  
**Second Reading**  
 Romans 3:19-28  
**Gospel**  
 John 8:31-36



## PEACE CHURCH ACOLYTE SCHEDULE 2024

**October 2024**

10-6 Evan Rossum & Liam Hanson

10-13 Coffee Cup Sunday

10-20 Beckett Johnson & AJ Olson

**Confirmation Sunday**

10-27 Noah Anderson & Isaiah Anderson

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



## Peace Women's Bible Study:

Tuesday, October 17th, 9:30 a.m.

@ Peace



## GRUE Women's

### Bible Study:

Tuesday, October  
17th, 1:30 p.m. @  
Ashby Living  
Center

October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Christopher McPike

October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Larry Purdon  
Mike Rossum

October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Kellen Dahlen  
Charles Holte

October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Jennifer Rasmussen

October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Cindy Ekdahl  
Ben Johnsrud  
Bridget Larson

October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Jarrod Adams  
Julie Dahlen

October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Ed Odens

Kelly Olson  
October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jackson Hanson  
Don Vodegel

Skyler Drever  
Oliver Drever  
October 11<sup>th</sup>

Mona Evavold  
Kyle Fick  
October 13<sup>th</sup>

Bradley Anderson  
Brandon Anderson  
Jeff Hanson  
Kip Nelson

October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Alisha Sethre

October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Cassandra Griep

October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Patty Van Santen

October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Andrew Maier

Rayna Mikelson  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Jeff Evavold  
Sharyn Graham

Lily Balgaard  
October 24<sup>th</sup>

Matt Peterson  
October 25<sup>th</sup>

Madison Bestul  
October 27

Scott Johnson  
October 28<sup>th</sup>

Cassandra Jordan  
October 29<sup>th</sup>

Jonathan Johnsrud  
October 30<sup>th</sup>

Gerry Evavold  
Wendy Merrick

October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Kenneth Spielman  
Abigail Spielman




*If I don't have your  
birth date or if I have it  
listed incorrectly please  
e-mail or call me -  
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Melissa R.

**God's Country  
News Articles  
are DUE by the  
15th of  
each MONTH**



<b><u>Peace</u> Sunday School Schedule Oct-Dec 2024</b>	
††††††††††† <b>Services 9:00AM / Sunday School 10:15 AM</b>	
October 6th	SS @ 10:15    1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Sunday School – Rally Day Blessing of backpacks 
October 13th	SS @ 10:15
October 20th	No SS   MEA
October 27th	SS @ 10:15    Reformation Sunday
November 3rd	SS @ 10:15
November 10th	SS @ 10:15
November 17th	SS @ 10:15    Practice for Christmas program begins
November 24th	No SS   Thanksgiving
December 1st	SS @ 10:15
December 8th	SS @ 10:15
December 15th	Christmas Program - during service

<b><u>Grue</u> Sunday School Schedule Sept - Dec 2024</b>	
<b>Services 10:45 am / Sunday School 9:30 am</b>	
September 15th	SS @ 9:30    1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Sunday School
September 22nd	NO SS - 150th Anniversary Celebration
September 29th	SS @ 9:30
October 6th	SS @ 9:30
October 13th	SS @ 9:30
October 20th	SS @ 9:30
October 27th	SS @ 9:30
November 3rd	SS @ 9:30
November 10th	SS @ 9:30
November 17th	SS @ 9:30
November 24th	SS @ 9:30
December 1st	SS @ 9:30
December 8th	SS @ 9:30
December 15th	SS @ 9:30
December 22nd	Christmas Program, Potluck - 5:00, Program - 6:00 pm

September 17, 2024

The Grue Women's Bible Study met at the Ashby Living Center on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

There was 4 present with Betty leading our lesson, Secrets of the Spirit (John 16:5-15), to realize the power of the holy Spirit that is available to us as we face the struggles and problems of life.

Our next lesson is Lesson 7, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Peace in a time of trouble ( John 16: 16-33). To equip us to handle crisis situations for which we have no explanation or answers,

We closed our lesson and decided to meet at the church to vacuum the floors to get ready for our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Everything was looking good. It's going be a wonderful time.

We had beautiful live flowers on our tables for the Celebration, they always add that warm happy feeling wherever they are, thank you Becca Lillemon.

We thank Peace Welca & Frank N. for working in the kitchen and serving in the dining room & in the Narthex, it left us free to visit with our friends and neighbors, who attended it made a big difference, thank you again.

There will be a business meeting at our next meeting on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, planning for next year, bring your ideas.

We will be getting together to plan the meal for the Confirmation banquet with Grue serving this, always a goodtime.

Give God whatever grief or sorrow you are carrying. Open yourself to the Spirits Peace.

Smile it makes all things better, its very contagious, maybe everybody will come down with it

(what a picture)



Bea Runningen, Sec.

God Bless



September 23, 2024

Thank you to Wayne and Brenda Risbrudt for organizing our worship volunteers for September and to Justin and Leslie Anderson for October. We truly appreciate these leaders as it takes several phone calls and a lot of time. When our monthly leaders call and ask for help with worship, it is hopeful you consider this a positive way to help your church and your community.

At the time of writing this article, everyone is busy thinking about and preparing for the Bazaar which is scheduled for Saturday, September 21. This is the fundraiser that provides funds for camps, Sunday School, VBS and charitable contributions and WELCA usually always adds to the church budget at the end of the year. Thank you to everyone that helps in any way to make the Fall Bazaar a success, it takes a lot of hands.

The Synod WELCA gathering this year is at Christ the King Church in Moorhead, unfortunately the same day as our Bazaar so we will not have representation, however, we did donate a very nice Fall Kitchen Basket for their Silent Auction. Thank you to Sharon Hermanson for sewing the pumpkin apron and Nancy Purdon for the hotpad holder for the basket. The theme of the basket was pumpkins and apples.

Our local conference is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Parkers Prairie with registration starting at 8:15 and the program at 9. The program will be presented by Reese Ellison a health educator. I will be out of town and unable to attend. Call Cindy Vorland and she will register everyone going and WELCA will pay the registration fee of \$15 for ladies attending from Peace.

One other date to remember is our Annual Advent Tea scheduled for Saturday, November 23. It starts at 9 am and we are finished between 10:30 and 11 so we can support Grue at the Harvest Dinner.

Thank you to ladies that were able to help serve the Anniversary Dinner for Grue's 150th Celebration.

Thank you to everyone that helped make our Fall Bazaar and Stew Feed a success. Attendance was light, however, we raised almost \$4,000. Thank you again to Lynette Rohloff for her generosity in donating the quilt for the raffle, the lucky ticket holder this year is Teresa Ohren and Jenna Koep won the Minnesota basketball.

A huge thank you to Thrivent and our members that used their cards for the Bazaar. It must certainly enhance the dollars we have at the end of the year for our charitable donations and our support for camps, VBS and Sunday School.

May God Bless all of you

Val Fick, WELCA Co-President



# GRUE COUNCIL NEWS

Grue Council Meeting September 11th, 2024

In attendance: Randy Koefod, Darlane Miller, June Bjornson, Melissa Runningen, Sharon Hermanson, Sonia Heibel & Bob Torgimson.

Absent: Char Woldahl, Gwen Lillemon and Pastor Dan. (He was at the Confirmation orientation)

Devotions: John 6- Jesus is the bread of life devotion from Christ in our Home.

Additions to Agenda: Harvest Meal  
Plunkett's Pest Control to spray church for bugs.

Secretary's Report: read and approved. M/S/C

Treasure's Report: reviewed and approved. M/S/C

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan has been invited to attend Our Savior's Lutheran church in Milroy for their 125th celebration. He served there as his 1st call. He will be off Sunday, September 29th.

Old Business:

Kitchen remodel is wrapping up.

Church Marque: the new sign is up and they will be completing the rest of the work on it.

Steeple Louvers: The louvers have been replaced.

New Business:

Harvest Meal is scheduled for November 23rd from 11:00am - 3:00pm.

Serving Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, squash and cranberry sauce.

Plunkett's Pest Control- council passed to have the church sprayed inside and outside before the 150th celebration. M/S/C.

The council voted to make a contribution of \$300.00 to Tammy Koefod to help with expenses toward her treatments. M/S/C.

Next council meeting is October 9th at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting. M/S/C

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Hermanson  
Council Secretary

*The grass withers & the flowers fade, but the WORD of our GOD stands FOREVER. Isaiah 40:8*



Peace Church Council Minutes

September 8, 2024

Members present: Tim Cunningham, Gene Jensen, Duane Spielman, Pastor Dan Hermanson, Jody Dahlen, and Brenda Johnson

Secretary's report: M/S/C to accept as written

Treasurer's report: M/S/C to accept as written

Pastor's report: 21 visits, 4 meetings, and 1 event; Pastor asked that pulpit supply be contacted for September 29th to allow him to attend the 125th anniversary celebration of church that he served in previously. Melissa will be asked to coordinate.

Committee reports:

Education: No report

Christian Growth: No report

Worship: No report

Property and Maintenance: No report.

Old Business:

Elroy Anderson Endowment Fund: Tim transferred \$100,000 to a short-term CD that will earn 4.74% interest.

New Business:

None

M/S/C to adjourn

Next Church Council Meeting will be Sunday, October 6th at 10:00.

Jody Dahlen

Church Council Secretary

## Peace Lutheran Church Youth/Sunday School Announcement

We, the education committee and Sunday school teachers, invite all youth & families to come to church Sunday mornings from 9:00AM - 10:30AM during the Sunday School season. We are excited to introduce a new format that will begin Sunday, October 6th designed to combine & enrich the Worship time, Fellowship time, and Youth/Sunday School experience!

### 9:00 - 9:50 AM- Worship Service, including Youth Gospel Activity

- What is a Youth Gospel Activity? What this means is that Sunday School will \*start\* during the worship service with receiving the message from Pastor Dan. Each worship service the youth will have a special gospel activity to do to create an interactive experience as they listen.
- Youth are invited to sit together in the balcony with Sunday School teachers or with their family anywhere in the church.
- All supplies needed to complete the Youth Gospel Activity will be kept in the balcony from week to week.
- Q & A :
  - Parent: Can my youth attend if I am unable to?
  - Yes! There will be a Sunday School Teacher(s) available to be with youth from 9:00AM-10:30AM.

### *Immediately following worship*

### 10:00 - 10:30 AM - Fellowship time, including Youth Activity/Craft inspired by the Gospel

**Youth:** will enjoy fellowship together in the Sunday School room with goodies and an activity &/or craft inspired by the gospel from the worship service.

- Please note- in preparation for the Christmas Program, we may decide to extend this time to allow for additional practice; if needed.

**Congregation:** are invited down to enjoy coffee & goodies in the fellowship room. Parents, we invite you to enjoy this time while your youth enjoys their activities.

**Total time- approx. 1 hr 30 minutes**

**The value of sharing time together in Worship & Fellowship- PRICELESS!**

**Note: When the worship service time changes the schedule will be:**

**10:10- 10:40 AM - Fellowship time, including Youth Activity/Craft inspired by the Gospel**

**10:45 - 11:35 AM- Worship Service, including Youth Gospel Activity**

We look forward to seeing you this fall!



**Girls and boys in Grades K-5 are invited to join Cub Scouts!**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024, from 6:00-7:00 pm at Thorson-Larson Park, Ashby**

Can't make the event or have questions, contact Jeremy Anderson at 320-808-3855  
or [jea@dte-ls.com](mailto:jea@dte-ls.com)



To find a unit near you, go to [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org) or scan this QR Code to join Pack 3345

**Ask us about Financial Assistance so all can enjoy our Adventures!**

# Fall Word Search

C U W V B F K S Q S W H A R V E S T H G  
 O Y S M A N T A T O U U O G K R P M L E  
 A C F D F O O T B A L L W B T Q W O Z B  
 S E E Z Z A G E R Y N T U E N I B E X R  
 W J P N X T B U W A A P P L E C I D E R  
 E A U O A H U D C N U T U U U N C T A Q  
 A P R V S A U U R K K P P Z M H R B C T  
 T P L E A N N O J Y S R P C U P A G I C  
 E L E M J K C A D B E F W K E U K Y M K  
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 Q Q E R S I Q A W F E Y E M U W E Q J O  
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 C Y A O O P I Q O N H T X F W J Z Y P E  
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CORN  
 AUTUMN  
 BONFIRE  
 BOOTS  
 OCTOBER  
 RAKE

THANKSGIVING  
 HARVEST  
 LEAVES  
 CARNIVAL  
 APPLES  
 APPLE CIDER

PUMPKIN  
 FOOTBALL  
 SWEATER  
 NOVEMBER  
 SEPTEMBER  
 SUNFLOWER





*We would like to update our congregation's addresses so that we will have them correct in our church directory and also for the newsletter, please fill out the form, and mail it to Peace/Grue Parish at PO Box 157, Ashby MN 56309 or email to [peace@prtel.com](mailto:peace@prtel.com) or put in the mail slot in the Parish Office Manager's office door.*

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMANENT OR SUMMER ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBERS** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*For the People who leave for the winter - please update you addresses,  
 when you leave and when you return.*

**WINTER ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_


**DATE YOU LEAVE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE YOU RETURN** \_\_\_\_\_

God's People in Service October 2024 Peace † Grue Lutheran				
GRUE 10:45 a.m. Late Service	October 6 Green Holy Communion	October 13 Green	October 20 Green Welcome Sally Tolifson	October 27 Red Holy Communion Reformation Sunday
Janitors/Ushers	Blaine & Missy Barry, Gerry Evavold and Harold & Mabeth Jensen			
Reader	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Music	Denise Juven	Cindy Vorland	Contemporary	Denise Juven
PEACE 9:00 a.m. Early Service	October 6 Green Holy Communion	October 13 Green Coffee Cup Sunday	October 20 Green Welcome Sally Tolifson	October 27 Red Holy Communion Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday
Music	Brenda Risbrudt	Brenda Risbrudt	Cindy Vorland	Brenda Risbrudt
Ushers	Troy & Teresa Langlie		Terry & Teresa Ohren	George & Sharon Nelson
Readers	Jeremy Anderson	Carol Koefod	Justin Anderson	Justin Anderson
Acolytes	Evan Rossum Liam Hanson		Beckett Johnson AJ Olson	Noah Anderson Isaiah Anderson
Psalms Reader	Evan Rossum	Carol Koefod	Beckett Johnson	Noah Anderson
Communion Helper (set up, serve, clean)	George & Sharon Nelson/ Teresa Ohren			Justin & Leslie Anderson Val Fick
Cookie Servers	Sharon Nelson Teresa Ohren	Leslie Anderson	Teresa Ohren	Confirmation Cake <u>Justin &amp; Leslie Anderson</u>
Peace Lutheran, Month of October Chairpersons: Justin & Leslie Anderson *Ushers are reminded to pick up bulletins and trash and replace hymnals in racks prior to leaving the sanctuary. <b><u>MAKE SURE THE LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF AND ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED!</u></b>				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PEACE Church service 9:00 am, SS 10:15 am GRUE Church service 10:45 am, SS 9:30 am  PQ - Peace Quilting, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed., at 9:00 am		1	2 PQ  Confirmation 5:30 - 6:30 PM	3	4	5
6 PEACE service 9:00 a.m. SS 10:15 a.m. GRUE service 10:45 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. 	7	8	9  Confirmation 5:30 - 6:30 PM  Grue Council @ 7pm	10	11	12
13 PEACE service 9:00 a.m. SS 10:15 a.m. Peace council @ 10 GRUE service 10:45 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m.	14	15  Peace Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  GRUE Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	16 PQ  MEA- No Confirmation	17	18	19
20 Welcome Sally Tolifson PEACE service 9:00 a.m. SS 10:15 a.m. GRUE service 10:45 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Banquet 5:00 pm at Peace	21	22	23  Confirmation 5:30 - 6:30 PM	24	25	26
27 Confirmation Reformation Sunday PEACE service 9:00 a.m. SS 10:15 a.m. GRUE service 10:45 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m.	28	29	30  Confirmation 5:30 - 6:30 PM	31  Halloween	Pastor on Vacation 15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	





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