



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

# Peace † Grue

God's Country News  
An ELCA Parish



## OCTOBER 2025



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**WE CELEBRATE...** these young persons who will be confirmed in faith on Sunday, October 26, 2025



*Noah Anderson,  
Jonas Johnson,  
Carter Johnson,  
Kinley Moen  
& Evan Rossum*

The banquet honoring these young people will be on Oct. 19th, 5:00 p.m. photos and rehearsal with dinner at 6:00 p.m., at PEACE Church, PEACE serving.

Those receiving invitations are strongly encouraged to RSVP by Oct. 4th to assist the serving group in preparing sufficient food.

Thank you!

The Rite of Confirmation on Oct. 26th is a wonderful time for all of us to renew and affirm our baptism promises and intentions.

Holy Communion will be celebrated.

### *All Saints Sunday*

*at both Grue and Peace,  
November 2, 2025*

*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 entrance of both Grue and Peace.*



A Word from Pastor Julie:  
Growing in Love and Service Together

October 2025

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*We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us.*  
Joseph Campbell

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of Peace-Grue Parish,

Blessings to you and all you hold dear as we enter the excitement of fall. School has started, including fall sports and activities, fall hunting has begun, and for those of you partake in Pumpkin Spice season, enjoy! (Personally not my thing, but I must confess that I am beyond thrilled that DQ introduced a Maple Cookie shake.) In addition to the usual September chores and projects at Casa Carlson this year, we are replacing our driveway which is long overdue. I am so looking forward to a fresh new surface devoid of cracks, crevices and patched over potholes and the accompanying weeds that take root. Thinking about this project got me thinking about the transformation we receive through Christ's dying for the sake of all Creation that eradicates the ugliness of sin within ourselves, turning us into a new Creation in Christ. Martin Luther describes this as "the Happy Exchange", in which we exchange our sins for all of the beauty, love, holiness, righteousness and eternal life that belongs to Christ. Christ is ours and we are Christ's!

What an amazing affirmation of how deeply God loves us, that Christ takes on our sins so that we may be reconciled to God through Christ's death and Resurrection. Good news indeed!!! But in that exchange, God expects us to not simply bask in the glory of our newly sainted selves. There is so much work to be done in our hurting world and God has equipped us to work together as individuals, and as community to help in whatever way we can, be it time, talent or treasure. Jesus, the Living Word of God has the power to set us free and to empower us to work for the healing of creation and our neighbors.

On those days where you feel like the current state of my poor, beaten up, pothole filled driveway, be reminded of how out of an unimaginable love for you God sent Christ to die for you, and through that "happy exchange" your sins will be swapped out for the glorious promise of eternal life. Lean into the hope that whatever pothole of life you are driving through at the moment, your path to eternity has been paved in the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

God's Peace to you and all you hold dear,

Pastor Julie

*<sup>17</sup> So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! <sup>18</sup> All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. <sup>19</sup> In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled to God!" <sup>21</sup> God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (Common English Bible)*

<h1>Reading's for October</h1> 	<p><b>October 5, 2025</b></p> <p>First Reading <a href="#">Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</a></p> <p>Psalm <a href="#">Psalm 37:1-9</a></p> <p>Second Reading <a href="#">2 Timothy 1:1-14</a></p> <p>Gospel <a href="#">Luke 17:5-10</a></p>	<p><b>October 19, 2025</b></p> <p>First Reading <a href="#">Genesis 32:22-31</a></p> <p>Psalm <a href="#">Psalm 121</a></p> <p>Second Reading <a href="#">2 Timothy 3:14—4:5</a></p> <p>Gospel <a href="#">Luke 18:1-8</a></p>
	<p><b>October 12, 2025</b></p> <p>First Reading <a href="#">2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c</a></p> <p>Psalm <a href="#">Psalm 111</a></p> <p>Second Reading <a href="#">2 Timothy 2:8-15</a></p> <p>Gospel <a href="#">Luke 17:11-19</a></p>	<p><b>October 26, 2025</b></p> <p>First Reading <a href="#">Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22</a></p> <p>Psalm <a href="#">Psalm 84:1-7</a></p> <p>Second Reading <a href="#">2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</a></p> <p>Gospel <a href="#">Luke 18:9-14</a></p>



**PEACE CHURCH  
ACOLYTE SCHEDULE 2025**

**October 2025**

10-05 Liam Hanson & Jaxon Hanson

10-12 Coffee Cup Sunday

10-19 Finn Thompson & Lola Thompson

Confirmation Sunday

10-26 Noah Anderson & Joey Johnson

# 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  
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  
 Deanna Martinson  
 Kelly Olson  
October 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Jackson Hanson  
 Don Vodegel  
 Skyler Drever  
 Oliver Drever  
October 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Mona Evavold  
 Kyle Fick  
 Payton Wagner  
October 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Joshua Goerdt  
October 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Bradley Anderson  
 Brandon Anderson  
 Jeff Hanson  
 Kip Nelson  
 Charles Holte

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>  
 Maggie Beving  
 Andrew Maier  
 Rayna Mikelson  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Lily Balgaard  
 Sharyn Brakken  
 Jonathan Fick  
 Jeff Evavold  
October 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Matt Peterson  
October 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Madison Bestul  
 Nolan Field  
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 31st  
 Abigail Spielman  
 Kenneth Spielman

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



*If I don't have your  
 birth date or if I have it listed in-  
 correctly please  
 e-mail or call me -  
 peace@prtcl.com /*

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Melissa R.

**Peace Sunday School Schedule Oct-Dec 2025**

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**Services 10:45 am / Sunday School 10:15 am**

October 5th	SS @10:15 - Rally Sunday
October 12th	SS @ 10:15
October 19th	No SS- MEA weekend
October 26th	SS @ 10:15 Reformation Sunday
November 2nd	SS @ 10:15
November 9th	SS @ 10:15
November 16th	SS @ 10:15
November 23rd	SS @ 10:15
November 30th	SS @ 10:15
December 7th	SS @ 10:15
December 14th	Christmas Program
December 21st	

**Grue Sunday School Schedule Oct - Dec 2025**

**Services 9:00 am / Sunday School 10:15 am**

October 5th	SS @ 10:15
October 12th	SS @ 10:15
October 19th	SS @ 10:15
October 26th	SS @ 10:15 Reformation Sunday
November 2nd	SS @ 10:15
November 9th	SS @ 10:15
November 16th	SS @ 10:15
November 23rd	SS @ 10:15
November 30th	SS @ 10:15
December 7th	SS @ 10:15
December 14th	SS @ 10:15
December 21st	Christmas Program, Potluck - 5:00, Program - 6:00 pm



**The Grue Sunday school will be collecting noisy change in October.  
Bring your change!!**

Clean out your vehicle and find all that lost money  
between your car seats !!  
Or the money on your dressers you find during fall cleaning.

9/17/25

The Grue Bible study met Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ashby Assisted Living Center at 1:30 pm with Bev attending, it's great she can join us.

Our lesson was lesson 13. A walk with a Resurrected Man. (John 21) Is it easier to forgive than forget?

Purpose: to demonstrate Christ's ability to use for his glory, no matter what our past failures have been. This was the last lesson in this study.

We have decided on a new book, End times, with 13 lessons. The books have been ordered and will be here soon. We will have an extra book, so if you wish you may join us. You are Welcome.

There was a benefit for Trever Schlosser on Sat. the 13<sup>th</sup>. Grue church donated a blue jean quilt, hoping it would help for a good neighbor.

(One who sleeps under a quilt is covered with Love.)

Fall is soon here. The apples are falling from the trees and the deer are enjoying their favorite treat.

Nature has brought out her paint brush and is going to give us a beautiful picture again this fall. The gardens are coming to the end of their season. The squash are ready and the pumpkins are in their glory, large and brilliant orange. Ready for Halloween and Thanksgiving. A bountiful harvest.

Praying that you all are well.

*One of the most difficult things is to give away is kindness, it is usually returned.*

God Bless.

Bea Runningen, Sec.

September 15, 2025

Thank you to Wayne and Brenda Risbrudt for organizing our worship volunteers for September and to Justin and Leslie Anderson for October. Both these months included extra help in the kitchen for potluck and the confirmation banquet; thank you to all that stepped up to the plate to help.

By the time you read this newsletter Val and Janet, along with ladies from Grue, will have attended the Synod Ladies Annual Gathering in Alexandria. These gatherings are always a time for reflection and spiritual renewal.

We want to remind everyone of the Christmas Market coming up on Saturday, December 6. In addition the Christmas bake sale, quilts and raffle and a craft table, we will be serving lunch, pulled turkey and beef barbeque sandwiches. TFC is donating the turkey and Sorenson Farms are donating the hamburger for the barbeque. A huge thank you to both. Our annual quilt drawing will be at 1 pm at the end of the Market.

Thank you to Teresa Magnusson the quilt will be on display in the Church Narthex soon and tickets are available from Ione Quam and Linda Bahnson. We are hopeful everyone will sell or purchase at least 2 books of tickets. Remember this is our largest fundraiser of the year to fund our mission projects, including college campus ministry, VBS and supporting our young people attending bible camps.

Thank you to Don and Joann Vodegel for generously giving a Thrivent card to our church to be used for Silent Auction items for Trever Schlosser benefit. The quilters donated a quilt and we used the balance of the funds to purchase a large mum plant and 2 gift boxes of oils and balsamic vinegar from The Minnesota Olive Oil Company in Glenwood.

The monthly quilt winner at Second Chance Thrift was Paul Fresonke from Dalton. Next month is a fall themed lap quilt with a cozy flannel back.

Anyone wanting to help the quilting ladies, we meet the first and third Wednesdays at 9 am for tying quilts and fellowship.

All are welcome to join us

If you are unable to join us, however, and would like to help, let us know if you can wash and iron new sheets that are used for the quilt backs.

God's Blessings to all:

Val Fick  
WELCA Co-President



# GRUE COUNCIL NEWS

Grue Council Meeting September 10th, 2025

In attendance: Sonia Heibel, Darlane Miller, June Bjornson, Melissa Runningen, Char Woldahl, Randy Koefod, Bob Torgrimson & Pastor Julie Carlson.

Absent: Gwen Lillemon

Devotions:

Additions to Agenda:

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

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

Pastor's Report: Attached for review.

Old Business:

- revisited the ideas of getting rid or repurposing the old piano. TABLED
- Outlets in the kitchen, update, plugins checked and the one under serving bar is not connected, he put cover over it

New Business:

- Carpet cleaning - Narthex & walkway down church isle.
- Marquee plaques, giving back the Westman's
- Edit - Church Use Fees & Policies for funerals & events, make changes and adjust for each church.
- Luther Crest Annual meeting - Sonia & Annah can't go. Anyone interested in going?
- Joint services for Labor Day & Memorial Day - No.

Next council meeting is October 5th after services

Motion to adjourn meeting. M/S/C

Closed with the Lord's prayer

Submitted by Dar Miller

September 14th, 2025

No Peace council meeting in Sept. moved to October 12th, 2025

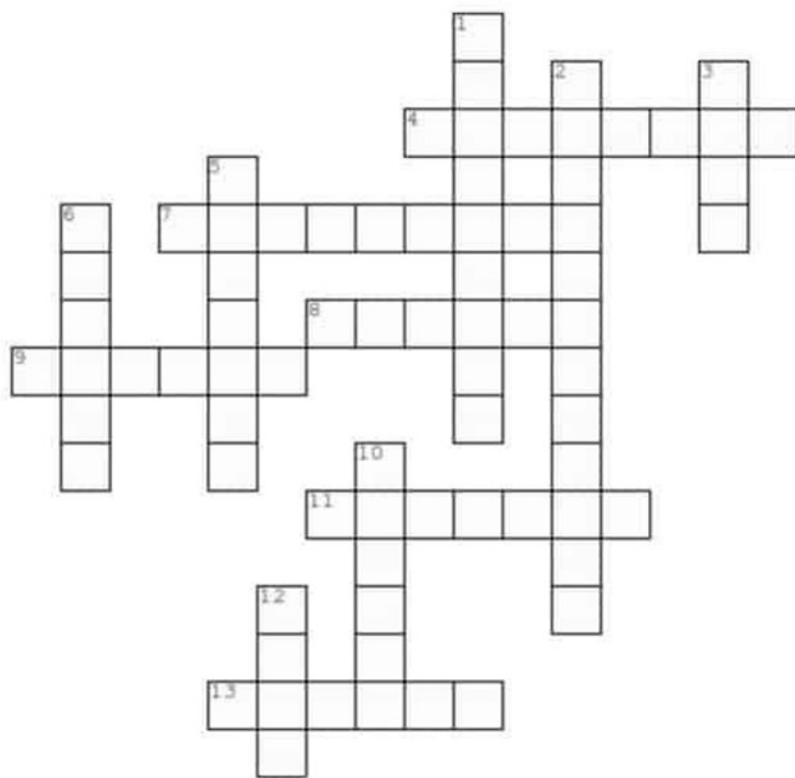




I lift up my eyes to  
the mountains— where  
does my help come  
from? My help comes  
from the LORD, the  
maker of heaven and  
earth.

Psalm 121

# Fall Crossword



**Acorns    Corn    Harvest    Scarecrow    Pumpkin    Orange**  
**Autumn    Rake    Halloween    Thanksgiving    Hashanah    Leaves**  
**Rodent**

## Across

4. Jewish Holiday, Rosh \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. Scary Holiday  
 8. Fall from oak trees  
 9. Change colors  
 11. For carving and pie  
 13. Color

## Down

1. Used to frighten birds  
 2. Feast Holiday  
 3. Tool to clean the grass of leaves  
 5. Marks the end of the growing season  
 6. Squirrel  
 10. Another name for Fall  
 12. Grows on stalks

## 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  
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 C Y A O O P I Q O N H T X F W J Z Y P E  
 L C X F E A L T K O E U W Z E S U P P B  
 R D E F I D C W K O Q M Z Q R B F Z U S  
 D R Q R J O V Z O Y W N C J G R K N E U




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.*

*Also if you would no longer like to receive the newsletter please let us know.*

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you have sent in before no need to send in again unless there is a change. Thank you*

**God's People in Service**  
**OCTOBER 2025**  
**Peace † Grue Lutheran Parish**

GRUE 9:00 a.m. Worship	October 5 Green Holy Communion	October 12 Green	October 19 Green	October 26 Red REFORMATION SUNDAY Holy Communion
Ushers	Blaine & Missy Barry / Randy & Tammy Koefod / Gerry Evavold			
Reader	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Servers				
Music	Denise Juven	Cindy Vorland	Denise Juven	Denise Juven
PEACE 10:45 a.m. Worship	October 5 Green Holy Communion	October 12 Green Coffee Cup Sunday	October 19 Green	October 26 Red REFORMATION SUNDAY CONFIRMATION SUNDAY Holy Communion
Music	Brenda Risbrudt	Brenda Risbrudt	Contemporary	Brenda Risbrudt
Ushers	Larry & Nancy Purdon	.....	Larry & Nancy Purdon	Troy & Teresa Langlie
Readers	Justin Anderson	Jody Dahlen	Justin Anderson	Justin Anderson
Psalm Reader				
Acolytes	Liam Hanson Jaxon Hanson	.....	Finn Thompson Lola Thompson	Noah Anderson Joey Johnson
Communion Helper (set up, serve, clean)	Brenda Johnson Justin & Leslie Anderson	.....	.....	Confirmands Justin & Leslie Anderson
Cookie Servers	Leslie Anderson	Leslie Anderson	Leslie Anderson	Confirmation Cake Leslie Anderson

**Serving Team Peace Lutheran Month of October 2025**  
**Chairpersons: Justin & Leslie Anderson**

\*Ushers are reminded to pick up bulletins and trash and replace hymnals in racks prior to leaving the sanctuary.

**MAKE SURE THE LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF AND ALL  
DOORS ARE LOCKED!**

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Interim Pastor Julie Carlson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>WORSHIP TIMES</u> GRUE SERVICE 9AM – SS at 10:15am PEACE SERVICE 10:45AM – SS at 10:15am 			1 Confirmation 5:30pm- 6:30pm	2	3	4 Luther Crest Annual Meeting 10am @ Luther Crest
5 Grue service 9am, SS 10:15am Grue Council after church Peace service 10:45 am, Rally Day SS 10:15	6	7	8 Confirmation 5:30pm- 6:30pm	9	10 Ray Dahlen Prayer ser- vice 3 pm, visitation 4-7 pm	11 Ray Dahlen Funeral 11 am at Peace Burial at Pelican Lake Cemetery
12 Grue service 9am, SS 10:15am Peace service 10:45 am, Coffee Cup Sunday SS 10:15 Peace Council meeting at 10	13	14	15 <u>NO</u> Confirmation MEA	16	17	18 Luther Crest 25th Anniversary Quilt Extravaganza 11am-6pm at the Carlos Creek Winery
19 Grue service 9am, SS 10:15am Peace service 10:45 am, No SS <b>** Confirmation Banquet pictures &amp; rehearsal 5pm w/ Dinner at 6:00 p.m. PEACE Hosting</b>	20	21 Peace Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Grue Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	22 Confirmation 5:30pm- 6:30pm	23	24	25
26 Confirmation Reformation Sunday Grue service 9am, SS 10:15am Peace service 10:45 am, SS 10:15	27	28	29 Confirmation 5:30pm- 6:30pm	30	31	

**Hello,  
Please take a look!  
Thanks**



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