

## Grace Lutheran Church

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Office Open-  
Monday - Thursday 8-4  
(Main handicap doors  
unlocked)  
Friday Office Closed

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### Summer Sunday Worship

May 28<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
\*\*Worship area subject to change

### Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. FLC Service  
10:15 a.m. NICE 95.5 F.M. KBEK

### GLC Website:

[www.gracechurchmora.com](http://www.gracechurchmora.com)

Facebook: @moragrancelutheran

### Grace Google Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?tab=mc>

ELCA website: [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

NE MN website:

[www.nemnsynod.org](http://www.nemnsynod.org)



*Living a life of compassion for those in need.*

GLC

# Newsletter

## *A Prayer for the Month:*

*Almighty God, you who want  
compassion and justice to guide  
our lives, give us faith and courage  
to live and speak truth with love  
through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		8am - Office Open 7pm - Property	8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters 12pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 7pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study	8am - Office Open	Office Closed	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9am - Sanctuary Service	8am - Office Open 10am - Staff Check In 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - AI Anon	8am - Office Open	8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters 12pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 4:30pm - Pils Social 7pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study	8am - Office Open 9:30am - Day Camp @ Camp Ononita	Office Closed	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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# Pastor's Page

## Canadian smoke and the Holy Spirit

Some days this summer, the air has been nearly impossible to breathe. It has kept my wife on several occasions from doing her early morning run. (other things like hating running has kept me) Several days had the smell of ashes and charred forests hang around for days. Eventually, the westerly winds would blow the smoke away for a time; only to have it return. Like thick clouds and a post campfire, spirits are dampened. In scripture, God is pictured to be like wind. The Hebrew word is *Ruach* which we translate as breathe or wind. It is connected with life. To place your hand over your mouth and be able to feel *Ruach* (breathe). If there is no breathe, there is no life. I hate the feeling of not being able to breathe. I imagine drowning to be an awful way to go.

In Psalm 51, the author writes and we sing as part of the liturgy, "Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me." This summer on bad breathing days I have been singing this; "Take not your Holy Spirit from me." God's Holy Spirit is how I know I am still kicking. And it is what drives me to be humble. And grateful. Each day is a new experience of grace and life and we are called; no, challenged, to be engaged in the world. Celebrating its beauty for sure. But to also live as though life is to take our breathe away. In a good way. Be thankful this day for every breathe. It is God's Holy Spirit engaged in your soul.

See you in church,

Pastor Gary

# Ushers, Lectors and Communion Assistants

## 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service

### Aug 6<sup>th</sup>

Usher: Art & Lurette Kottke  
Lector: Kim Saulsbury  
Communion: Kim Saulsbury

### Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

Usher: Marshall and Jeanne McGrew  
Lector: Martha Gotfredson

### Aug 20<sup>th</sup>

Usher: Guy & Peggy Groshek  
Lector: Diane Runquist  
Communion: Diane Runquist

### Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

Usher: Dianne Fisher & Suzie Halverson  
Lector: Jan Falk

### Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

Usher: John & JoAnne Skillicorn  
Lector: Harry Blegen  
Communion: Harry Blegen

There was no  
Council Meeting or  
Worship and Music  
meeting in July, so  
no meeting minutes  
are in this  
Newsletter.

## Grace Hospitality Ministry

August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Dave and Betsy Van Burkleo
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Verona Gravich
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Marie and Rollie Fredrickson
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bob and Carol Kolodejchuk

## Altar Guild

**August**  
Dianne Fisher and Lurette Kottke

# BE A PRAYER Warrior



**Grace Lutheran Church PRAYER CONCERNS:** Natalie Matthewson, Phyllis Johnson,

Marlys Overson, Justine Isom, Chad Pranke, Beverly Fore, Roger Teich, Gerri Teich, Dana Fluegge, Diane Blegen, David Ulstrom, Darlene Armstrong, John Armstrong, Larry Rowley, Meagan Barrett Isom, Doug Price, Jody Burton, Cliff and Marla Williams and Pearl Peterson.

**Service Personnel:** Noah Wicklund, Christopher Unger, Chris Garbacz, Emmie Otto and all other active members

† **Our Sympathy and Prayers are extended to** Lynn and John Paulson; Jenna and Pete and their families with the passing of Lynn's Mother, Wilma May Turnbull, who passed away on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There will be a private family service. †



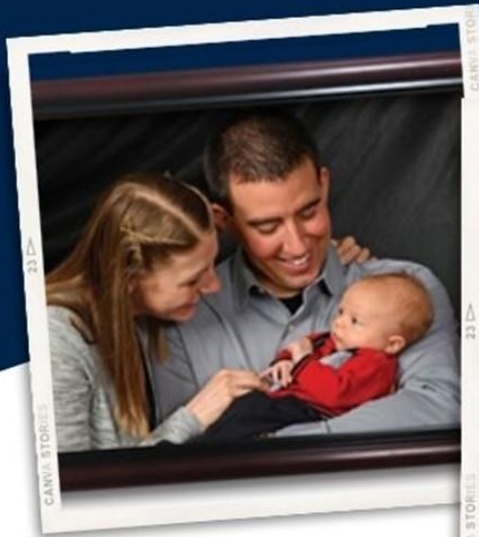
**THANK YOU ! THANK YOU !  
THANK YOU !**

Ray and Diane Knutson want to thank everyone who prayed for their daughter Chelsea's mission team's safety and success last week. It was a meaningful, life-changing trip for the team members and the people they served in two churches in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

The team returned home to the Denver area July 8.

Coming Soon!

# OUR NEW Directory!



*It's time for a new church pictorial directory. It won't be our directory without you! Look for more information to follow.*

**Schedules Opening  
Soon!**



Universal  
Church Directories

## SAVE THE DATES!

**(One date, that works best!)**

**Photo Dates Tuesday - Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code, Or go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button. Enter **mn349** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field. Note: The Church Code & Password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 time slots. The online scheduling option may not be available Saturday or Sunday because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church on selected weekends. **\*\* ONLINE scheduling will be open August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023- that is when the QR code will work. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**



# GLC Birthdays for *AUGUST* 2023



1. Ty Graves
2. Jennifer Berry
3. Sarah Berry
4. Leah Berry, Pam Johnstone, Dorothy Olsen
5. Jill Kent
6. Curtis Orstad
8. Jean Hawkins, Eric Olson
10. Pam Lane
11. Betty Evenson, Elizabeth Marohn, Austin Peterson
12. Carson Donaghue, Tom Roeschlein
13. Anna Weinreich, Easton Marohn
15. Edison Johnson, Madeline Rewitzer
18. Kevin Fore
19. Dale Hawkins
20. Thomas Berry, Charles McGovern
21. Richard Lane, Sawyer Schultz
22. Emma Douglas
23. Kim Brown, Rita Sundberg
24. Kathryn Anderson, Lorna Haasken, Lucas Olen
25. Robert Heggernes
26. Bonnie Boyer, Trevor Funk
28. Gavin Callander, Martha Gotfredson, Sarah Holmgren
31. Mary Kobberdahl, Richard Larson

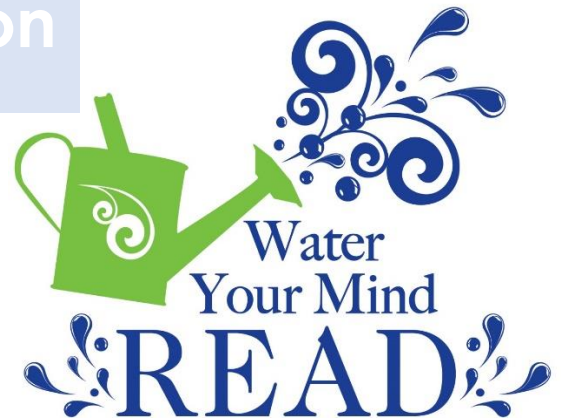
*If you are missing from  
the birthday list, please  
let the office know, we  
don't want to miss  
anyone. Blessings ☺*

# Living *Grace* Library Mission

August 2023

## Mission Statement:

The Grace Lutheran Library Mission will support all the members of Grace using the library resources to help them interpret what they read, see, and experience within the context of the Christian Gospel.



## *Kid's Books*

God's Promises for Boys by Jack Countryman & Amy Parker illustrated by Richard Watson. Selected Bible verses offering encouragement especially for young boys that one can rely on God's promises. The section headings include "God's Promises When....", "God's Promises About..", "God Wants You To...", "God's Promise of Help When..". "God's Promises about Making a Difference," "God's Promises about Jesus," "God's Promises for You."

## *Adult Fiction*

Hadley Beckett's Next Dish by Bethany Turner. A fun read for anyone who is a fan of cooking shows on TV. Two vastly distinctive style chef's, Maxwell Cavanagh and Hadley Beckett each have top rated shows on the Culinary Channel. An on-air temper tantrum gets Max fired and the only chance he has to redeem himself and to get back on TV is to work with Hadley. Can Max and Hadley learn to work together and learn to forgive?

No Ocean Too Wide by Carrie Turansky. This novel is based on historical events. Between the years of 1869 to 1939, many British orphans were sent to Canada to work on farms or as household servants. It turns out that not all the children sent to Canada were orphans and the promise of a better life was not always true. In this novel set in 1909, a poor widow, Edna McAlister becomes ill, and her 3 youngest children are placed into an orphan's home before their older sister, Laura, learns of their fate. Laura has been in service at an estate an hour from London. Laura and the heir to the estate, Andrew Fraasier, form an unlikely partnership as she tries to reunite her family. Sometimes the only thing to cling to are the words from Isaiah "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God."

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." John 1:14*



**Living Grace Library is open whenever the church is open. Come in anytime.**  
Please remember to return your finished books. The book you may have forgotten to return may be just the book someone else is patiently waiting to read. Thank you.



# GLC Card Makers

Friends!

Please join *Pam Lane, Linda Johnson* and Friends for a day of card making!

- Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>
- 1:00 P.M. ~ West Narthex
- Please bring adhesive if you have it.

All are welcome.

*Cards for sale*  
*\$2.00 each*

Please place money in the envelope and place under the office window. All proceeds go to support the youth of GLC. Thank you, Kindly!



# Grace Fall Harvest

# BAZAAR

By now the flower and vegetable gardens are growing and blooming. Soon the fruits will be ripening. Please remember the fall bazaar when you are making your jams, jellies, pickles, sauerkraut, and salsas. These are popular items sold at the HARVEST SWEETS SHOP. Strawberry, raspberry, chokecherry, gooseberry and pepper jellies or jams are always big sellers. So too are dill, sweet, bread and butter pickles and all kinds of salsas. Hopefully some of you will have extra produce such as squash, potatoes, apples and flower bulbs to donate to the GARDEN OF GRACE.

Again this year we are asking for your help in making and donating craft items. We need a variety of craft items, "year around" items as well as seasonal. Use your imagination and get crafting!

The annual GRACE FALL BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023. In the past, the congregation has responded very generously with their time and talents. The money raised at the past Bazaars has been used for a variety of needs and projects here at Grace as well as various special needs in the community. We hope all of you will get involved using your talents and abilities in order to continue the success of the Bazaar. If you would like to get more involved with the Bazaar, please come to the Bazaar planning meetings which will begin in September. Please call Lynette Skolte at 1 320 279 2164 to receive notices of our meetings. Consider how you could be more involved in this very worthwhile endeavor.

## **A Grace Fall Bazaar Update**

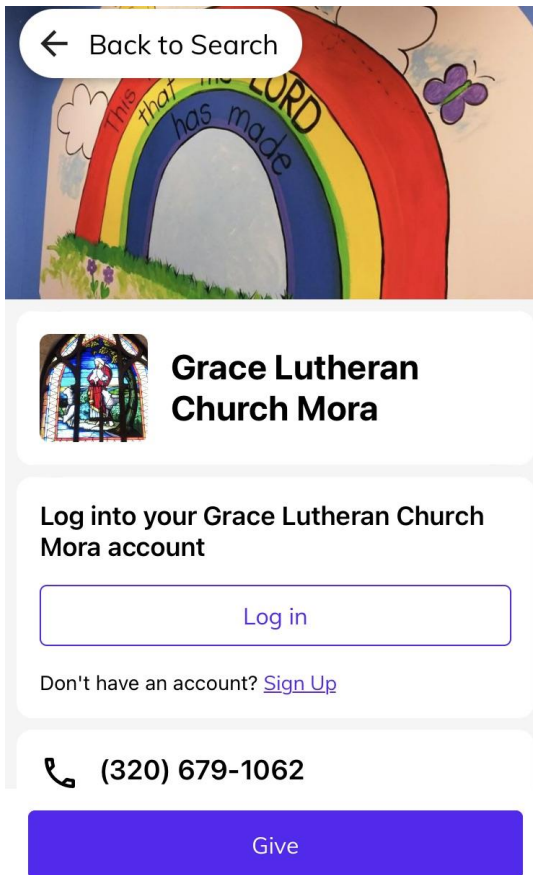
# WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

## VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP OPTION:

If you would like to have the app right on your phone for easy use please follow these steps under your app store on your phone:

1. Search Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement
2. Download app onto phone
3. Open the app.
4. Set up an account or sign in if you already have an account
5. The first time you use it, you'll need to **search Grace Lutheran Church Mora**. It should show our Icon (stained glass window) and address. Choose as your church. You should only need to do this once.
6. Click GIVE
7. Click the down arrow to see the options
8. Choose whatever you would like to give to.
9. Enter amount, select frequency, type in the designation (what it's for) and click Give now
10. Review the summary and submit
11. You will receive an email receipt of your payment

**Thank you for your continued support of Grace Lutheran Church and our ministries!  
We are the church together; and together we are strong and faithful!**



APP ICON for:  
Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement



When you search **Grace Lutheran Church Mora**, this is what you should see on the Vanco Mobile Faith App.



Offering envelopes are available to use as well, at both usher podiums.

# SCAN to DONATE VANCO ONLINE GIVING



You may also put offering  
in offering plate or mail to:

301 Forest Ave. E. Mora,  
MN 55051

## 30-June-23 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	(5,607.32)
Deposits *	32,830.78
Checks written *	(29,673.01)
Ending balance	(2,449.55)

\* includes amount to and **FROM** savings



Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You can set up your donations on our website, [www.gracechurchmora.com](http://www.gracechurchmora.com) or scan the QR code above with a downloadable free QRC Scanner app on your electronic device and follow the onscreen instructions.

## To set up your electronic donation on our website:

- 1) Go to [www.gracechurchmora.com](http://www.gracechurchmora.com)
- 2) Click on the More tab, then click the Give tab, then scroll down to click on Give online, once you click Give online, it brings you to Vanco a Secure Site.
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to schedule your one time or recurring contribution.

*Thank you, kindly, for all the ways you give to Grace.*

Coins for...



# Noisy Offering



## GLC Blessing Box



In January of 2012, the Social Justice Ministry approached the church council for approval of a concept we called Noisy Offering. The idea was to raise funds for non-profit causes in our community in a manner that would be easy and fun. We asked those who would choose to participate to make noise with coins they might have in their pocket. The first Noisy Offering was \$163.00 for the Good Samaritan Fund, and in the first year \$2,649.62 was raised!

A few coins add up quickly!

**Grace is a very generous church family! We are so grateful for all the ways you share your time, talents and resources!**

# Noisy Offering

For the month of **August**, the **NOISY Offering** will be donated to the **GLC Blessing Box**. If you would like to get Noisy with **Grace**, bring your change on the **Second Sunday of the month!**



**Blessing Box-** Take what you need. Leave what you can. Above all be blessed and help others to be BLESSED. The GLC Blessing Box is located at the East side entrance. There is a donation drop off bin in the main Narthex under the bulletin board. The Blessing Box truly helps locals, daily, with basic items like toothpaste, cereal, pop top cans of food (as most do not have a can opener) and bonus items like socks, underware, sunscreen and bug spray. Thank you for being a Blessing to those in need.

# School Supply Drive!

#2 Pencils

Pencil Cases

Colored Pencils

Crayons

Glue

Good Scissors

Erasers

College and Wide Rule Notebooks

Friends of GLC!

We are asking for "Back to School" donations to help our community members! When you are out and about shopping and if the Holy Spirit nudges you to pick up a few school supplies we will happily put them to good use! Collection starts now through September 3<sup>rd</sup>! There is a red bin under the office window for donations!

Thank you, Kindly!



Donations  
accepted,  
Now-  
September  
3<sup>rd</sup>!  
Thank you!

# Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Check out CYF Ministry on FACEBOOK! Grace Lutheran Children Youth and Family (private group)  
or on-line: [www.gracechurchmora.com](http://www.gracechurchmora.com)

Join us for the last **Summer Sunday School** on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Check it out!! There is a new children's worship bag area in the Sanctuary!** During the summer the back pew will have worship friendly activities for kids to build their own busy bag. Choose a few materials and take them to wherever your family wants to sit. Please return everything to the back pew at the end of the service.



**Rally Sunday** is right around the corner! Join us on **September 10<sup>th</sup>** for a celebration of "Created to Be!" at the 9:30 service. We will explore how we have been created to be children of God and created DO God's work!

**WE STILL NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR!** This does not require an every Sunday commitment! If we can have a team of 4-5 adults/youth then it would be 1-2 Sundays a month. Please contact Kelly if you feel the call to serve in this way. Grace has a growing Sunday School that needs adult leaders so please prayerfully consider it!



## **August 2nd - FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN and BUNKER BEACH WATER PARK! 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

Adult drivers/leaders are needed for every 3 youth per the FMSC guidelines. Contact Kelly is interested, we have room for a few more

Meet at Grace at 7:45am - travel to FMSC.

Packing from 9-10:45.

Picnic Lunch/travel/arrive at Bunker Beach by 12pm.

Enjoy the water park till 3pm

Depart by 3:15 and home by 4:15.

\$19 for Bunker Beach admission plus money for snacks (optional)

Suggested donation for FMSC - \$10

Pack a picnic lunch!

## Children Youth and Family OPEN HOUSE!!

Grace is hosting a free meal on open house night! August 30<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm. Stop by before or after going to the school open houses for a **FREE MEAL**, activities and information about the Children Youth and Family Programs for preschool-senior high.



### Confirmation Kick-off party at the Brandts!



Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm for all 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders participating in Confirmation! 2042 Highland Circle Dr. Mora. We will have a fun scavenger hunt then supper and swimming! Bad weather back up date will be Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. More info will be sent directly to confirmation families in early August.

## The Synod Journey to the ELCA National Youth Gathering is in NEW ORLEANS July 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2024!!

So far we have a group of 13 youth and 3 adults from grace and Calvary planning to attend the Gathering! If your youth (grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> in the fall) is interested please contact Kelly ASAP – we may be able to add to the group for a limited time in August. Be watching for ways that you can support the youth as they start their year long Journey to the Gathering!



### CYF August Calendar At- a- Glance

August 2<sup>nd</sup> – FMSC and Bunker Beach Water Park (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social Fundraiser for Camperships! 4:30-6:30

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Summer Sunday School and Confirmation Kick off Pool Party at Brandts! (bad weather back-up date: Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> – Free Meal CYF Open House! 5pm-7pm

Grace Lutheran's Children Youth and Family Ministry is a Christ centered program with the purpose of building disciples for Jesus by supporting and partnering with parents in fulfilling their baptismal promises. By God's Grace we seek to provide meaningful faith formation experiences for all ages. For more information regarding Children, Youth and Family Ministry please contact Kelly Kehr (320-336-8028) or [kellykehr01@gmail.com](mailto:kellykehr01@gmail.com)







# Grace Lutheran's

## Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social Fundraiser for Camperships!

Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

4:30-6:30

Pies and other donations will be needed!  
Watch for sign-up sheets in JULY!

Camperships are used to help cover cost of faith formation experiences for children, youth and adults throughout the year!

# Local Outreach



214 Railroad Ave, Mora (north entrance)  
679.5513

[morafoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:morafoodpantry@gmail.com)

Open:  
Tuesday's and Friday's 9:30 A.M.- Noon  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 5-6 P.M.



Free MEAL! EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

Emmanuel Baptist~ 536 Union ST. S, Mora  
Monday's 4:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.



Domestic Violence- Refuge Network

Pearl (800)933-6914

24-Hour Crisis Hotline **(800) 338-SAFE (7233)**



A Place For You – Homeless Shelter

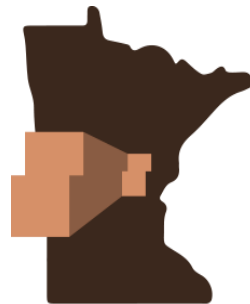
(320) 438-7070

220 3rd Ave SE, Pine City, MN



Bridge to Benefits  
American Red Cross  
Salvation Army  
Adult Mental Health Initiative

679-1800  
1.800.832.6082



905 E. Forest Ave, Suite 150- Mora  
320.679.3650 1.877.599.4808

**KANABEC  
COUNTY**

*Minnesota*



**Catholic Charities Senior Dining/Meals on Wheels**

Please contact LaShawn –  
Meals on Wheels Coordinator with any  
questions 320-679-4029



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**Summer Sunday Worship**

May 28<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

**\*\*Worship area subject to change**



## September 2023 Newsletter deadline is August 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you are the lead person of a Bible Study or Ministry, starting back up this fall, PLEASE make sure to get your first meeting date announcement in the NEWSLETTER, with the correct date and time you will be starting, so all can be in the know! We don't want to forget any group! Thank you, kindly!



Would you like to sponsor FLOWERS on the ALTAR? If so, the sign-up sheet is in the main Narthex. It is always nice to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one by sharing Flowers on the Altar.



If you would like to sponsor a NICE 95.5 F.M. KBK Church Service Radio Broadcast on Sunday Morning, please sign up in the main Narthex or contact Leah in the office! \$150.00



## WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!!

We need adult teachers to help with our preschool-1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

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