

GRACE NOTES OCTOBER 2024

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Prayer for Kings By Pastor Dennis Norby

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4.

Who among us needs prayer? Without question the answer is all of us. The Apostle Paul writes to Timothy so that he might better understand the primary place of prayer in the life of a Christian. We see that priority in Paul using the phrase, “first of all.” There could be many things that Paul might mention instead of prayer, but he focuses on prayer. Prayer is described in these verses with four different words which are given to show the wide range of areas included in prayer.

Prayer is a submission to the will of God. In prayer, believers recognize that God is far stronger, wiser, and loving than we are, and we ought to turn to Him alone for the needs that we have. Prayer is not a declaration that we believe that God is ignorant or uncaring about the situations that we face. It is a realization that God desires to hear from us about the people and situations that are concerning us. Prayer is the cry of a broken-hearted, needy person, who knows that God will gladly listen to the needs of His children.

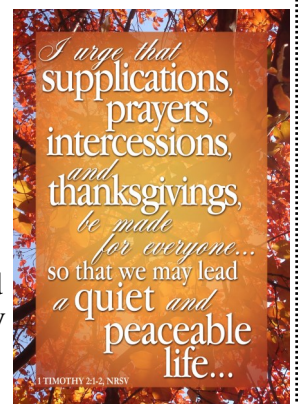
So bring before the King of Kings your supplications. Do you desire justice? Mercy? Forgiveness? Bring those things to God and remember what his Word declares about them. This is certainly something we should think about in connection with our upcoming elections. We, in our country, have the opportunity to elect individuals to positions in federal, state, and local elections. These are people that will make decisions about matters great and small. These people will employ their own worldviews and principles as they discuss and decide matters on a daily basis. May God mercifully grant that godly and wise people may enter into public offices for the good of our state and country. Paul tells Timothy that kings, the leaders of the nations, should be brought before the Lord in

prayer. This is a good reminder for us today. We should turn to our gracious God and ask that the Lord be with the leaders who are in office whether we voted for them or not. Our leaders are under all sorts of pressure to make plans and decisions that will have a lasting impact on the lives of the people. May God direct them to serve in their offices in a faithful, honest, and wise manner.

We are encouraged to pray for our daily bread in the Lord’s Prayer so pray for the everyday concerns that you encounter. When Paul speaks of intercessions in these verses, we are learning that we are to act on behalf of others. Have you heard of someone suffering? Is someone straying from God’s Word and fellowship? Pray for them. The fourth word that Paul uses is the word, “thanksgivings.” We should notice that this word is plural. We have many things to be thankful for in our lives.

Paul gives a purpose for our prayers as well, “that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” In the previous chapter, Paul had noted that there were those who had shipwrecked their faith. They had turned away from God and His Word. Paul’s desire is that through good and honorable leadership there might be peace in the land and opportunity through that to continue in the teaching and preaching of God’s Word so that people might be led to repentance and receive the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ.

Prayer, as Paul describes it in these verses, is pleasing to God because He desires that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. So let us pray that God might provide to us leaders in our land and in our churches so that we can have opportunities to share the message of the Gospel with those who have not heard it. May the Lord provide opportunities for us to proclaim again and again the great mercy of God to those who have wandered away from the faith and lead them to repentance. We pray heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Amen.



Grace Free Lutheran
Council Meeting
Thursday, October 3, 2024
Deacons Meet 6:30pm
Boards Meet 7pm
Council Meets 8pm



**Grace Quarterly Congregational
Meeting October 6, 2024**



There will be a potluck fellowship
meal following the worship service.
The meeting will begin at
approximately 12:30pm.

*Complete Council meeting minutes and monthly
financial report are available in the copy room.*

Financial Summary

As of 9/30/2024

General Fund=\$55,148.12
Building Improvement Fund=\$39,256.83
(Sign=\$897.78; Parking Lot=\$14,859.05;
Exterior Maintenance=\$3,500.00; Roof=\$20,000.00)
Scholarship Fund=\$726.80
Seminary Fund=\$0.00
General Fund CD (1)=\$42,218.99
General Fund CD (2)=\$31,666.34
General Fund CD (3)=\$25,000
Parking Lot Fund CD=\$37,667.92
Roof Fund CD=\$66,685.08
Exterior Maintenance Fund CD=\$60,000
Building Fund CD=\$25,000



Zion's Schedule

Sundays

9am Divine Worship
10am Fellowship

WMF

Monday, October 21 @ 7pm



Zion Fall Auction

Thursday, October 24, 7pm
Pie and coffee will be served.

*Ladies, please bring two pies and
something for the auction.*



*****Bid on this quilt at the Zion Fall Auction!

October is
Pastor Appreciation Month.

Thank You


Pastor Dennis & Samantha
for your service to
our congregations.




Grace Youth News

Registration Deadlines

Up Close Registration - Oct. 2nd
Apologetics Registration - Oct. 23rd
FLY Registration - Nov. 21st




Game Time



Yard Games, Board Games,
Competition, Laughs, and Fun!
We will confirm location via text.
Sunday, October 20th
from 2- 5 p.m.

Apologetics Conference



The Youth Group is invited to the
Apologetics Conference in Eden
Prairie, MN. Nov. 8-10
Cost is \$59. plus your meals.
We will depart Friday morning and
return Sunday afternoon.
Details will be finalized after
registration due October 23rd.

Youth Board


Youth Board Meeting -
October 2nd - 6 p.m.



October 17-18

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October 17-18 is Junior/Senior
preview day at AFLBC. All
Juniors and Seniors are encouraged
to attend this event. Register by
October 2nd so we can get
drivers & accommodations organized.



Youth Sunday

Sunday, October 27
9 a.m. Service @ Zion
10:30 a.m. Service @ Grace

We will be going through
the service
October 18th & 25th.

FLY - 2025

FLY will be held June 30 -
July 5 in Estes Park, CO.
We will depart June 29.
See Tom for further
information. All 7-12th
graders are welcome.
Deadline is Nov. 21.

Children's Ministry News

Sunday School 9:00 am

"Answers for Kids" (prek- 6th grade)
Wednesdays- 7:00 PM
Reformation Party October 30

October 20—

Alpha Sunday School sing for special
music during the worship service

***Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes due
November 17.



Sunday
October 6, 2024
2:30-3:30 pm
2024

Every year since 1987, on the first Sunday of October, Life Chains form in cities nationwide to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for life.

Valley City will join over 1500 cities in the U.S. and Canada for Life Chain 2023, which will be held Sunday, **October 6, 2024**, from **2:30 to 3:30 PM**.

Life Chain **IS NOT** political or confrontational. Life Chain **IS** a silent prayer vigil by Christians to communicate their opposition to abortion. Participants prayerfully display uniform signs which state the truth about abortion. It is an opportunity for local churches to unite in prayer and stand up for the rights of the unborn. Everyone who believes in the protection of unborn children and their mothers is invited to participate.

Bring your whole family! Rain or Shine!

~ Water, lawn chairs, & strollers are welcome

~ Signs will be provided

~ Participants stand 20--50 feet apart and pray.

*** Receive your signs at the corner of W. Main Street and 10th St. SW (across from Pizza Ranch) or just east of the flood wall across from Bank Forward.

2 Chronicles 7:14 ~ "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

- 1 Alex Ketterer (Eric)
- 6 Andrew Hokana (Brandon)
- 8 Libbie Perleberg
- 10 Alton Himmerick
- 11 Dennis Norby
- 13 Terry Sorensen
Axel Miller (Matt)
- 14 Carina Roehrich
- 15 Madi Meester
- 17 Brent Peterson
- 19 Gracia Rolf (Walter)
Macy Schlaht
- 22 Shantell Schlaht
LaDeen Knutson
- 23 Eldwyn Van Bruggen
Sara Morehouse
Preston Dahl (Mardy)
- 24 Adam Shanenko (Erik)
- 25 Adyson Hannig (Darin)
Connie Retterath
- 26 Sylvia Neros (Shane)
- 28 Grant Christensen
- 29 Evie Grotberg (Ezra)
- 30 Brynleigh Milbrandt (Tom)
Della Richman



Missionaries

- 2 Anastasia Lee (John)
- 6 Becky Abel
- 9 Elizabeth Wagner
(Josh)
- 18 Paul Abel

The ladies' Thursday morning Bible study will resume on October 10 at 10:00 AM at the church. We will be studying "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado. If you are interested in joining this 6 week study, contact Val Reinsel at 814-715-3022.

Women's Bible Study
Thursdays at 10am

WMF Bible Study
Monday, October 21, 7pm

Faith Circle
Tuesday, October 22, 11am

Men's Prayer
Saturdays at 7am





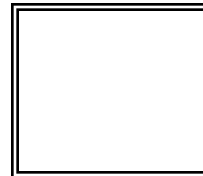
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Confirmation 6pm Answers For Kids 7pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Bible Study 7pm	3 Deacons Meet 6:30pm Boards Meet 7pm Council Meets 8pm	4	5 Men's Prayer 7am
	6 Sunday School 9am Fellowship 10am Divine Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Potluck Quarterly Meeting 12:30pm	7	8	9 Confirmation 6pm Answers For Kids 7pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Bible Study 7pm	10 Women's Bible Study 10am	11 Men's Prayer 7am
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	20 Sunday School 9am Fellowship 10am Divine Worship 10:30am Youth Game Time 2-5pm	21 WMF Bible Study 7pm	22 Faith Circle 11am	23 Confirmation 6pm Answers For Kids 7pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Bible Study 7pm	24 Women's Bible Study 10am	25 Men's Prayer 7am
	27 Sunday School 9am Fellowship 10am Youth Sunday Divine Worship 10:30am	28	29	30 Confirmation 6pm Answers For Kids Reformation Party 7pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Bible Study 7pm	31 Women's Bible Study 10am 	



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Sundays at Grace

Sunday School 9:00 AM
Divine Worship 10:30 AM

Sundays at Zion

Divine Worship 9:00 AM
Fellowship 10:00 AM

Sundays: Lift High the Cross KOVC (1490) 10 AM KSJB(600) 8 AM
Watch Live! Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM at www.gracefree.com/watch-online

Church office hours are 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Mon-Fri

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