



Grace Notes

September 2026

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A Word from Our Priest

My brothers and sisters,

I bring you greetings in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and ✠ of the Holy Spirit.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem II Samuel 11:1 NRSV

We remember this biblical account because of what occurs next. He takes notice of this beautiful married woman named Bathsheba. In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David remained in Jerusalem. How would this account be read if David had done what kings did in the spring of the year?

Before we savagely beat up David, we need to question ourselves. Have our decisions and actions been in concert with the appropriate requirements of our vocational or occupational positions? David at this time abandoned his responsibility. Have we abandoned our responsibility?

David was given the duty to govern Israel and to oversee the proper worship of Israel. In this case he did not accomplish his task. He did not go out to protect his citizens and he committed murder. I would submit to you my brothers and sisters that we too have erred. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. We cannot say that we love and worship God if we do not love our neighbor.

Nathan confronts David. David does not make any excuses for his sins but immediately acknowledges his sins. Please read Psalm 51 for this is David's reply to God for his sins.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness. I John 1:8-9 NRSV

When we consider the actions or inactions to our brothers and sisters which we know to be in contradiction to God's law and we do nothing, how do we justify this? *Did we stay in Jerusalem?*

Grace, you have taken the lead to continue the work to become the "beloved community." This is hard work. However, this is what God calls us to do. We are called not only to proclaim with our lips but to demonstrate by our actions.

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S. ✠



Mark your Calendars Now!

Casanova Community Picnic
with Live Music & Bounce House for the Kids!

Sunday, September 13th at 12:30pm
Grace Parish Hall 5108 Weston Rd
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Drinks & barbecue provided.
Suggest you bring a chair.

September Calendar Events

- Sept 1 Bible Study, 1pm Betsy Anderson's
Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall
Sept 2 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall
Sept 4 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am
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Sept 6 Sunday Service, 10am St Luke's  
Sept 8 Bible Study, 1pm Betsy Anderson's  
Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall  
Sept 9 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall  
Sept 11 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am  
Sept 12 Sew What? 9:30am, St Luke's  
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Sept 13 Sunday Service, 10am at St Luke's
Sept 15 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall
Bible Study, 1pm Betsy Anderson's
Sept 16 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
Sept 18 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am
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Sept 20 Sunday Service 10am St Luke's  
Sept 22 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall  
Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's  
Sept 23 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall  
Sept 25 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am  
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Sept 27 Sunday Service, 10am St Luke's
Sept 29 Bible Study at 1pm, Betsy Anderson's
Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 3:30pm, the Parish Hall
Sept 30 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Shelly Shipe	2 Sept
Amy Fields	5 Sept
Diane Gulick	13 Sept
Bennett Warren	16 Sept
Nathan Moline	17 Sept
Melanie Lemmel McKee	18 Sept
Andy Butler	26 Sept



September Sew What Project:

We're finishing a group of patriotic quilt tops. Our goal is 15 tops that will go to a Veterans' group planning honor 45 Vietnam vets at a special ceremony in November.



Sew What will meet at St Luke's, Saturday, Sept 12, from 930am to noonish. See you then!

Treasurer's Report: June and July

Income in the months of June and July was \$16,610.22 (budget \$18,288.50); expenditures totaled \$18,279.02 (budget \$18,288.50), resulting in a loss for the two months of \$1,668.80.

The book value of the Endowment Fund is \$76,596.52. Market value as of July 31 was \$100,053.76, a gain of \$20.57 for the months of June and July.

Please continue to pray for Grace Church that it will grow spiritually, financially and numerically. If you have any questions about this report or any financial matter, please contact me.

Judy Ball, Treasurer.

Community Picnic 2026 ~ September 13th



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Something for Everyone – Be There!

This year we have the added attraction of a bounce house to the annual picnic festivities along with the wonderful live music courtesy of Bryan Jacobs and his cast of musician friends. Grab the kiddos, bring your appetites and enthusiasm for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship. All are welcome! You do not need to be a member of Grace to attend.

Prayer List Requests ~ We are Here for You

If you know of someone facing illness, surgery, grief or other major life challenges and would us to include them in our prayer list, we certainly can do that. Please contact Barbara Jacobs by text (540) 222-5385 or email easternviewdesigns@gmail.com



"Prayer means that God's miracle-working power is always a possible solution to whatever challenge stands before us." ~ Stephen Kendrick