



# NEWSLETTER

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## Grace Lutheran Church

### I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRACE VINE

#### Birthdays

9/06: Emily Ernest  
9/07: Faith Wright  
9/08: Byron Martin  
9/08: Darlene Lampe  
9/10: Michael  
Garoutte  
9/12: Dawne Votra  
9/12: Sharon Barlow  
9/27: Kimberly  
Juracek

#### Anniversaries

9/05: Trevor &  
Kimberly Juracek  
9/09: Paul & Barbara  
Martin



I came across a question this week about what advice I would have for someone who is trying to seek God's purpose for their life. That question really made me pause. "God's purpose for my life." What a big question. Maybe you've wondered that for yourself before. Maybe you're wondering that for yourself *now*. So, let's briefly address this question. I think what people really mean by asking the above question is, "What is God's *will* for my life?" Reframing the question this way helps us get a good handle on the question and allows us to answer more clearly.

The answer comes down to two things.

First, God's will is to save *you*. Yes, *you*. For this purpose, God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world – to save sinners. To save you. And through baptism, which unites you to Jesus' death and resurrection, you can know for certain that God **has** saved *you*! Your sins are forgiven, you are transferred from Satan's kingdom into Christ's kingdom, and death has no hold on you anymore. And by doing all of this for you through Christ, God restores you to a right relationship with Him. This is God's will for you. It is good news. It is promise. It is passively received by you. It is good. Praise God!

Second, God's will is for you to live within His plan for creation. We sometimes call this "the Law." This is usually where people begin when they ask the question about God's will. So, how do we sort this out? It all starts by reflecting on what relationships you are in. Are you a grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling, grandchild? Are you a friend or neighbor? Are you a boss or employee? I'll make it simple and tell you three of mine: Husband, father, and pastor. Once you answer this for yourself and know clearly what relationships you are in, you can then move on to sorting out how God wants you to live within those relationships. *Luther's Small Catechism* has in it a "Table of Duties" which briefly outlines Scripture passages which speak to what a person should do in various relationships. This is a great place to start sorting out how God would have you live in your various relationships. And this is also God's will for you. This part of God's will is actively done by you. It is a standard by which you live in your various relationships. And yet, this is also good. Praise God!

Much more could be said about this topic, especially when dealing with questions about how to sort out God's will in *changing* relationships (for example, moving from one town to another; going off to college, retiring, etc.) But I hope this gives you a good starting point. And we will continue to pray, "Thy will be done."

In Christ's Service, Pastor Heitshusen



## HAPPENINGS AT GRACE

## GAME NIGHTS



July 19, 2025

August 16,  
2025

The **Braille Workshop** meets each Monday at the Fellowship Hall in Trinity Lutheran School in Freistatt to make bibles for the blind. There are two groups, one of which meets in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The workshop recently had guests attend to watch and participate in the actual making of the books of the bible. The workshop also assembles Portals Of Prayer for the blind. The main office of the Lutheran Braille Workers is located in Yucaipa, California. Pictured to the left are members of both the morning and afternoon groups and the guests that came on August 11th.



## The Ordination and Installation of Pastor Daniel Heitshusen was held on Saturday, July 26, 2025.



Pictured above are area pastors and special guests who participated in the ordination and installation services.



Pastor Daniel Heitshusen with his father,  
Rev. Scott E. Heitshusen



Pastor Daniel Heitshusen with his wife,  
Rachel, and daughter, Hannah



## NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Grace hosted a Neighborhood Picnic on Saturday, August 16th. People living in the neighborhood were invited to come for hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies and cold drinks. Games were provided for the children. Members of Grace were also present. It was a chance for everyone to get to meet and visit with each other. The food was delicious.

