One definition of a parable is “an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.” The gospel for this coming Sunday is a parable about a vineyard, but we understand that the story is really about the call to accept and honor Christ as our master. Come on Sunday to worship Christ, the Son of God, the cornerstone who secures our lives.

Sunday, October 8th

9:00 - 10:00 am -- Fellowship

10:00 am - Worship

A stewardship luncheon follows worship, featuring a presentation of Grace Lutheran's 2018 budget in a narrative form. There will be special music. And food, of course. We will be finished in time for the Packer/Viking game! An optional tour of our building will be available following the luncheon and program, for those who have yet to see every nook and cranny.

October 15 is "Pledge Sunday" here at Grace Lutheran. As an act of worship, we'll place our pledge forms or "giving plans" for the financial support of our congregation's mission in a basket as we come forward to the Lord's Table. Following the service we'll have a chance to hear about how Grace may become an even more "dementia friendly" place. Lisa Wells, ADRC, will be our presenter in the Memorial Assembly.

Circle News

Elizabeth Circle will meet at the home of Suzette Peltier on Monday October 9th at 7:15 pm. (7474 Lakeview Dr in Altoona) We always have great fellowship, plus something yummy to eat. We will be doing the Bible study on the Apostles' Creed which is in the October gather magazine.

All women are invited! Please let Suzette or Barb Piper know if you plan to attend. Direct any questions to Barb.
Wednesday Text Study

Join Pastor Dean or Pastor Phil on Wednesdays at noon (bring a sack lunch) in the first floor lounge.


“Stock the Box Sunday” is October 15th

BRING A CAN OR TWO! Please join Church in Society/Mission Outreach in helping fill the "BLESSING BOX" with NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS: meals in a can with pop-top lids (soup, chili, stew, tuna etc) canned fruit in own juice, low-sodium canned vegetables, peanut butter and healthy snacks like granola bars and nuts, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, baby shampoo and wash, soap and body wash etc. We would like to do this "RALLY" the 3rd Sunday of each month to help keep the box "filled" for our neighbors. THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Let’s Do Lunch

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, about 10 Grace members enjoyed delicious food and camaraderie at the Cana Bistro at lunchtime. Join us next time we meet: Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 11:30 at Cana Bistro, Prairie Point.

Grace Hosts Birthday Party

You are Invited to Join the Fun!

Grace members will host the monthly Birthday Party at Syverson Lutheran Home on Wednesday, October 11th at 2:30 pm. Our entertainment will be provided by Kevin. He makes all those crazy balloon figures. He will do a bit of juggling as well and will interact with the residents. As HOSTS we will provide the cakes and help the aides serve the cake and ice cream. Sign up to provide a cake and/or to serve, on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will need 4 cakes (9 X 13 pans) and 1 angel food cake.

Quotes for the week:

“There is more beauty than our eyes can bear, precious things have been put into our hands and to do nothing to honor them is to do great harm.”

-- Marilynnne Robinson

“Your ‘Gloria’ lives within you. The greatest sin is not finding it, ignoring what God made possible in you.”

-- Abraham Verghese
As heirs of Grace, (Romans 8:17) we support and celebrate each other, seeking God’s creative presence in our neighborhood, city, and world.

As heirs of Grace, As ELCA members, we confess that we have an inheritance of grace given to us by the unconditional love of God in Christ Jesus. While we have known brokenness, finally it is God’s gracious Word that defines us. We are God’s people, justified by grace through faith, called to serve the world in faith’s fullness.

The knowledge of this divine gift has come to us in a specific place—Grace Lutheran Church. For over a century, Grace has played a decisive role in the larger church and in the city of Eau Claire. Situated in a University city, we have inherited a rich educational tradition of seeking to understand God’s presence in this world. We have a deep dedication to music and the visual arts, a hope-filled commitment to future generations, and a heart to serve the larger community by working with others on behalf of our most vulnerable neighbors, by fostering a spirituality of care for God’s good creation, and through the unique ministries of Grace Foundation. We are called by God to reinvest our precious inheritance in this new day.

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What has helped this community endure to this day is the mutual comfort and support Grace members have offered to each other. We hold fast to relationships that have sustained this community in difficult times. We value our caring ministries and our spiritual friendships, and we seek to strengthen our connections through worship, study, and prayer, through speaking and listening to each other, and by actively engaging those who cannot gather with us. We are thankful for the variety of gifts God has given our members and we celebrate how these gifts are offered to the world in daily life. We seek better ways to honor and employ the gifts of those who are physically unable to come to our building. They are not the Grace of the past, but a vital part of our present and future.

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The God who gathers us together also sends us out to the world. As our hearts are opened to God’s grace during our times together, we then go out to bear witness to God’s grace in the larger community. At times we work to bring about God’s will in the place where we live; at other times we call attention to how God is already blessing and shaping life in our community. We seek to recognize and understand the flowing together of our reinvested inheritance with Eau Claire’s educational, artistic, youthful, and compassionate spirit. As a congregation, we use our individual and shared resources of time, talents, treasures, and building to serve this holy confluence. We rejoice in the wondrous things God is doing in the heart of our neighborhood and city.

Feed My People Matching Grant
In celebration of Feed My People’s 35th Anniversary, a group of six community supporters have committed to triple all gifts given through 10/31/17, up to $35,000. Please send gifts directly to: Feed My People, 2610 Alpine Road, Eau Claire WI 54703. For more information call 715-835-9415
Downtown’s Newest Landmark Comes to Life

After years of planning and fundraising, and months of construction, the Phoenix Park Bridge is ready to glow! Join us on Thursday, October 12th for the public unveiling of The River Lights at Phoenix Park. Watch as the lights come on for the first time right at 7pm, and enjoy a walk around the park and across the bridge.

The Master Singers Concert

The Master Singers, Gary R. Schwartzhoff, conductor with narrator Brian Maki, will open their Silver Anniversary Season on Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 pm with America, My Home 2017: Remembered at Lake Street United Methodist Church in Eau Claire.

The concert will include choral scores by six commissioned composers during their history including Eric Barnum, Dan Forrest, Elaine Hagenberg, Zachary Moore, James Mulholland and Andrew Steffen. In addition, the concert will feature two scores focusing on Alzheimer’s Disease (When Memory Fades by Eric Nelson) and Suicide Prevention (Please Stay by Jake Runestad).

There will be a free will offering taken during the concert with funds going to the Dementia Choir and the Wellness Shack in Eau Claire. Tickets are available at Festival Foods in Eau Claire, First Congregational UCC in Eau Claire and at www.themastersingers.net

FREE Foot and Nail Care Clinic

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Continuing Education will offer Free Foot and nail care clinics for community members. These clinics are offered two times a year – in April and October. During the clinic nurses will assess your foot and nail health and determine areas that need attention. Appointments range from 20 to 60 minutes depending on the level of care required. Registered nurses will perform foot and nail care services as part of a certification program. The clinic will be supervised by a nurse practitioner certified in foot and nail care.

Next sessions: Wednesday October 18, Thursday October 19, Friday October 20, 2017 Time: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Location: Grace Lutheran Church, 202 West Grand Avenue (near the Courthouse) Eau Claire, WI 54703. Call 715-836-3636 for an appointment

Manna Ministry: If you have been making meals recently, your dishes may have been returned. They can be found in the parlors kitchen. Thank you!
More Upcoming Events
ADRC Dementia Training - Leadership/Staff -- October 10
ADRC Dementia Training -- October 15
Church Council -- October 17
Grace Outdoor Cleanup -- October 21
American Guild of Organists Halloween Concert -- October 27
Crafters Bazaar -- October 28
Joint Reformation Service at Immaculate Conception -- October 29
Synod Resource Center Book Reading at Grace -- November 4

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view the video at
http://www.grace-church.org/

Or visit our Facebook page at
https://www.facebook.com/pg/gracelutheranaeuclaire/posts

Church Office Hours
The church office is open Monday - Thursday from 10 AM to 2 PM, with modifications made over holidays. Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls, assist with mailings, and greet visitors. If you can help please contact the office at 715.832.9713 or e-mail Lacy at info@grace-church.org

Bulletin information deadline will be Wednesdays at 12 NOON. Send via email at info@grace-church.org  Please put “Bulletin Info” in the subject line.

Grace at a Glance newsletter information deadline is Wednesday at noon. Please send to bellhog76@gmail.com

Important Notice for all mail delivery - PO Box 965, zip 54702

To change your personal information in the church database, e-mail Lacy at info@grace-church.org, or call 715-832-9713 during office hours.

Grace Sunday Service - Delayed Broadcasts
Radio Service:  Sunday at 8:30 am on WAYY 790
Televised Service:  Sunday at 10:30 am on WQOW Ch 18, Cable 9 (618HD); Thursday at 1:30 pm on Cable Ch. 993 (Chip Val CTV Pub Ed)

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