

# Walk with *Jesus*

Every day is a walk with Jesus. We Christians believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day during which we walk with Jesus. Some days we feel Jesus' presence. Some days we feel quite a distance from Jesus. We boldly proclaim that, regardless of how we feel, Jesus is there. Jesus walks with us every day.

As we who are Abounding Grace Lutheran Church consider our financial stewardship over the next few weeks, you will be asked to think about your use of money and possessions as a part of your walk with Jesus. This is most appropriate, because when Jesus walked this earth with his disciples, he often talked about money and possessions. If money was a part of Jesus' first walk on this earth, it should be a part of our walk with Jesus today.

We believe that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and manage. What we do with our money is very much a part of our relationship with our Lord. This will be our focus in the coming weeks.

For three consecutive Sundays we will read a bulletin insert and hear a talk in worship. For three weeks, we will each receive a letter from the congregation. All of these will focus on our walk with Jesus, and how money plays an important part in this walk.

Then, on Sunday, October 28th each member of Abounding Grace will have the opportunity to complete an estimate of giving card. On this card, each of us will indicate our plan for giving for the coming year. This will not only be a plan for giving to Abounding Grace Lutheran Church, it will also be a plan for how we will walk with Jesus in the coming year.

ABOUNDING GRACE ELCA DESIGNATED FUNDS	Balance as of							Balance as of
	7/31/2018	August	September	October	Offering	Expense	8/31/2018	
		Offering	Expense	Offering	Expense	Offering	Expense	
food Pantry	\$1,878.68	\$120.00	\$286.09					\$1,712.59
Property	\$637.91	\$1,000.00						\$1,637.91
Worship	\$1,564.52							\$1,564.52
Mortgage Reduction	\$40.00							\$40.00
Synod General Benevolence	\$0.00							\$0.00
Fellowship	\$167.95							\$167.95
Holiday Mission Coins	\$399.50							\$399.50
Quilters	\$286.31							\$286.31
Sunday Dollars	\$2,758.29							\$2,758.29
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$2,146.84							\$2,146.84
Designater Other	\$201.00							\$201.00
Memorial Fund	\$180.00	\$100.00						\$280.00
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$10,261.00</b>	<b>\$1,220.00</b>	<b>\$286.09</b>					<b>\$11,194.91</b>
mortgage balance	\$65,120.15							
	\$18,091.88							
check book balance	\$1,693.43							
savings account balance								
Mission Investment Fund CD	\$52,000.00							

**ABOUNDING GRACE-ELCA  
UNDESIGNATED FUNDS**

	August Actual	MIP	Favorable	%	Y T D Actual	7 months MIP	Favorable	%
<b>INCOME</b>								
Pledged Envelopes	7,605	8,738	(1133)		\$43,652	\$61,166	(\$17,514)	
Unpledged Offerings	310	284	\$26		\$1,811	\$1,987	(\$176)	
Loose Pew Offering	173	208	(\$35)		\$923	\$1,456	(\$533)	
Thrident Choice		6	(\$6)		\$27	\$42	(\$15)	
General Funds	1,262		\$1,262		\$11,499		\$11,499	
Facility Use Donations	600	595	\$5		\$3,953	\$4,165	(\$212)	
Other Income		6	(\$6)		\$17	\$42	(\$25)	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,950</b>	<b>9,837</b>	<b>\$113</b>		<b>\$61,882</b>	<b>\$68,858</b>	<b>(\$6,976)</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>								
Conferences		83	\$83		\$475	\$581	\$106	
Equipment Rental	\$274	91	(\$183)		\$791	\$637	(\$154)	
Office Supplies		41	\$41		\$304	\$287	(\$17)	
Postage & Delivery		15	\$15		\$50	\$105	\$55	
Licenses		9	\$9		\$20	\$63	\$43	
Bank Charges	\$12	5	(\$7)		\$139	\$35	(\$104)	
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>		<b>770</b>	<b>\$770</b>			<b>\$5,390</b>	<b>\$5,390</b>	
<b>EMPLOYEE EXPENSE</b>								
Pastor's Salary	\$1,574	1,574	\$0		\$11,018	\$11,018	\$0	
Pastor's Housing Allow.	\$1,934	1,934	\$0		\$13,538	\$13,538	\$0	
Pastor's Pension & Insurance	\$1,687	1,687	\$0		\$11,809	\$11,809	\$0	
Music Director	\$688	688	\$0		\$4,816	\$4,816	\$0	
Secretary	\$775	775	\$0		\$5,425	\$5,425	\$0	
Supply Pastor's								
Supply Musician's								
Payroll Taxes	\$111	111	\$0		\$777	\$777	\$0	
Workman Comp Insurance		57	\$57		(\$89)	\$399	\$488	

<b>MORTGAGE</b>	<b>\$1,424</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,392</b>	<b>\$9,968</b>	<b>(\$1,424)</b>
Bookkeeper				\$50		(\$50)
<b>PROGRAMS</b>						<b>\$4,333</b>
Adult Education		12	\$12		\$84	\$84
Education-Kids Program						
Evangelism		5	\$5	\$89	\$35	(\$54)
Fellowship		5	\$5		\$35	\$35
Social Ministry						
Stewardship		33	\$33	\$265	\$231	(\$34)
Worship	\$139	167	\$28	\$267	\$1,169	\$902
<b>PROPERTY</b>						
Alarm System	\$40	41	\$1	\$300	\$287	(\$13)
Custodial Supplies		30	\$30	\$377	\$210	(\$167)
Insurance		448	\$448	\$2,406	\$3,136	\$730
Repairs & Maintenance	\$483	500	\$17	\$2,879	\$3,500	\$621
Telephone	\$306	316	\$10	\$2,144	\$2,212	\$68
Electric	\$1,523	775	(\$748)	\$5,779	\$5,425	(\$354)
Natural Gas	\$68	142	\$74	\$1,226	\$994	(\$232)
Water & Sewer	\$61	66	\$5	\$381	\$462	\$81
Trash Removal	\$179	142	(\$37)	\$899	\$994	\$95
Other		5	\$5	(\$92)	\$40	\$132
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,278</b>	<b>11,951</b>	<b>\$673</b>	<b>\$77,455</b>	<b>\$83,662</b>	<b>\$6,207</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$1,326)</b>	<b>(\$2,114)</b>	<b>\$788</b>	<b>(\$15,573)</b>	<b>(\$14,804)</b>	<b>(\$769)</b>

Notes

# October 2018 Sign Up Sheet

	Oct 7	Oct 14	Oct 21	Oct 28 Reformation
Altar	Jay Froehlich	Jay Froehlich	Jay Froehlich	Jay Froehlich
Greeter				
Reader	Sheryl Felde	Cheryl Emtman	Shirley Williamson	Vickie Luthro
Prayers	Sheryl Felde	Cheryl Emtman	Shirley Williamson	Vickie Luthro
Communion Assistant	Destiny Vasquez	Vern Victorson	Destiny Vasquez	Ken Luthro
Acolyte	Penelope Vasquez		Penelope Vasquez	Penelope Vasquez

**USHERS-** Jack and Sharon Garner

**COUNTERS-** Walter Brewer, Jack Garner

# OCTOBER 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

**THE QUILTERS HAVE RETURNED FROM THEIR SUMMER BREAK.** Everyone is welcome to meet in Fellowship Hall at 9am to help make quilts for those in our community who are in need. Both guys and gals can participate and if you need some training we are more than happy to show you how! Some of the organizations who benefit from this outreach are the VA, Siloam Compassion Church, Lutheran Social Services, San Juan Bautista and Aviva Children's Services. At this time **the Quilters are in need of cotton fabric and are gratefully accepting donations.** Please see Marge Smith or Jan Mummert for further information.

**OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR COUNCIL MEETING FOR THIS MONTH.** Starting at 7pm in the Conference Room we will be discussing ongoing issues, finances and up-coming events. Everyone is invited to attend. If you have something you would like discussed, please let Pastor Keith or Jay know so they can add it to the agenda.

**OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> THE LUNCH BUNCH GATHERS** – For more information please contact Sheryl Felde 885-5325.

**OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA RETURN** at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall after their summer break. This group meets once a month for a bible study and to support one another as well as special projects of the church. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

**OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> IS REFORMATION SUNDAY AND OUR BIRTHDAY!**

## ON-GOING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY to**

10/2 Jan Mummert

10/13 Paul Stum

10/17 Maybelle Armier, Alice Yaskanich

10/28 Stefan Myslicki

10/30 Betty Hetler

10/31 Beth Smith

### **HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY to**

10/8 Paul and Sharon Surhoff

**WE ARE SAVING BOTTLE CAPS**- any type, color or size of plastic bottle caps will work. They are being sent to a shelter in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico to help pay for housing and diagnostics for cancer patients. This program came to our attention through one of our local Girl Scout troops. It is such an easy donation to make, we all have plastic tops of one sort or another in our daily lives, a small commodity that can make a big difference to someone else. Please consider putting yours in the bowl in the Narthex instead of a trash bin.

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE LCM-UofA FALL BANQUET**- This is for their 2018 annual fundraiser on Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2018 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1200 N. Campbell Ave, Tucson. The 5:30 Banquet and Program will feature a delicious catered meal, student testimonies, musical performances and several raffles. Your donation can be made as an individual for \$30, a family for \$60, a congregational table for 5 for \$150 or a congregational table for 8 for \$240. Please make your reservation no later than October 24 to Pastor Ron Rude at 623-7575 or [rrude47@yahoo.com](mailto:rrude47@yahoo.com) or you can mail your check to Lutheran Campus Ministry 715 N. Park Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719. (Please make your checks payable to Lutheran Campus Ministry). For more information you can also contact Vern Victorson at 518-928-3726.

**DO YOU NEED FREEZER PACKS?** Pastor Keith has an abundance of freezer packs (used to keep food cold) and is looking to re-home some of them. If you are interested, please see him or give him a call at 780-9207.

**IF YOU NEED A RIDE FOR ANY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU!**

**PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR DIRECTORY-**

**1) Pastor Martha and Paul Stum**

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**2) Steve and Nancy Drew**

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**3) Erin Engelhart**

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**WE WANT YOUR INPUT/ THOUGHTS/ OPINION** on how we are doing with our Sunday Service. On the podium in the Narthex by the guest book we have put some simple feedback forms for your convenience. Signatures after you fill them out would be great (just in case we need clarification) but not a requirement. The forms go to Pastor Keith (in person or slot #50 in the mailboxes) and are not made public. Please give us both positive and negative feedback. Your opinion is important!

**DO YOU EVER HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE READINGS?** The Thursday Bible Study at 11:30 led by Pastor Keith, is a deeper study of the following Sunday's readings and usually last 60- 90 minutes. It an excellent way to learn the history and context of the readings as well gaining a more meaningful look into what it is that our Lord is trying to teach us. For more information, please call the church office.

**PRAYER CHAIN-** Our church has a Prayer Chain. Anyone with a prayer request, please call **Shirley Berner at 885-4892**. Also, anyone that is interested in helping on the Prayer Chain please contact Shirley to lighten the load. **If you have someone on the list that should be taken off or someone to add, please contact Shirley Berner and Jay Froehlich in the office.**

**SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TABLE** – Who doesn't like to have a chance to sit down with a cup of hot coffee (or tea), a sweet treat, and for a little while, just chat? It could be with a friend you've known for a long time or someone you just met. It's a nice feeling, isn't it? Well that's what we try to provide right after each Sunday service. Here's a place to talk about the sermon or the music. Here's a time to discuss an event that just occurred or will be coming up soon. You may think that you're just giving yourself a little refreshment time, but don't forget the person you greet with conversation. Could it be that person needed somebody to share their thoughts with as well? Could it be you're a blessing to someone and you never knew it? By the way, that's alright, God knew, and it's called... loving your neighbor.



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

John Stum (son of Paul & Martha Stum), Audrey Neymeyer (granddaughter of Cheryl Emtman), Clay Hardwick (grandson of Jane Dunfee), Jessica & Tom Lauwers, James Simpson (from Aspire), Levi Thompson (grandson of Dave Kitner).

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR ABOUNDING GRACE AND OUR FRIENDS**

Cheryl Emtman, Sarah Williams (niece of Cheryl Emtman), Jeannie Van Sickle (daughter of Mark Westlake), Robert Lloyd, Ron Briggs (friend of Cheryl Emtman), Eric Leland, Peter Leveratt (brother of Carol Leveratt), Alice Yaskanich, Kathie Josephs, Betty Hetler, Mark Westlake, Susan Martinez, Walter Brewer, David Glarborg (son of Estelle Glarborg), Police Officer Mike Duffrin, Don and Nancy (brother-in-law and sister of Kathy Peters), Will Trembley (son of Artesia Runge), Linda Pederson-Montoya, Anthony Huggins, Rich Weber (father of Ashley Judd), Michelle Benedict (niece of Roland and Shirley Berner), Marion McGrew, Joyce O'Leary, Claudine Williams, Vickie Luthro, Karen Paye.

## **A NOTE FROM THRIVENT**



Dear Friends:

As we pray for those who have been affected by Hurricane Florence, Thrivent – a membership organization of Christians – is mobilizing its financial resources and members to help those in need. Thrivent members and others who want to help with the recovery efforts are encouraged to visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) to learn more about our organization's commitment to match individual personal donations and other ways in which people can help. We thank you and your church for continuing to keep those who suffer in your prayers and support them as you're financially or physically able. Your commitment to living generously is appreciated.

- **Donate.** Make a personal donation. Thrivent will match individual personal donations – up to \$1 million – made through [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) to assist specific disaster relief organizations. \* Eligible members can also direct Choice Dollars®.
- **Volunteer.** Thrivent members can share their time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a volunteer Thrivent Action Team.

Visit the [Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com](#) for details on these opportunities.

## **A NOTE FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES-**

### **Stand in support of refugees**

Yesterday, the administration announced its intentions to set the annual admissions ceiling for refugees at 30,000 – the lowest ceiling in the history of U.S. refugee resettlement. The global crisis continues with more than 24 people a minute forced to flee violence or persecution in their home countries.

At the same time, the chances for refugees to find safety and new lives in the U.S. shrinks. Refugee arrivals have slowed to a crawl. This year, with less than one month left in the federal fiscal year, the U.S. has welcomed less than half of the 45,000 ceiling, including only 63 Syrians, although almost 14 million of them and counting have fled their homes.

We are heartbroken especially for our refugee neighbors here in Arizona that do not know when they will see their family members again. We call on Congress and the Administration to challenge this determination in defense of American values and the thousands of Americans who expect more from this great country. And we ask you to stand with us.

### **How You Can Help**

\***Advocate** - subscribe to our advocacy list to receive information about how you can protect refugee resettlement. Email [jkitts@lss-sw.org](mailto:jkitts@lss-sw.org) to subscribe.

\***Volunteer** - view our volunteer needs on our website.

\***Donate** - your gift toward our operational goal helps us respond to all aspects of our mission, including self-sufficiency programs for refugees already in Arizona.

**THE PEACE CANDLE** – Our church carries on a tradition that began in Russia, of lighting a candle each week on our altar as a symbol of our prayer for peace in our world. We invite visitors from other congregations to take a Peace Candle along with the literature of its history to your home church to continue the tradition. If you would like to take the Peace Candle to your home church please mention it to the Pastor or an Usher and we will be happy to “pass it on.”

## **A MESSAGE REGARDING OUR FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS ACCOUNT**

**YOUR ORGANIZATION NUMBER HAS  
CHANGED.  
NEW NUMBER IS UM269**

Dear Abounding Grace ELCA (UM269),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We have recently upgraded our system, and as a result your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number. We recommend communicating this new number to your members, and updating any marketing materials with this change. Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. The previous number will continue to be associated with your organization, however, it will not be visible to your members when enrolling.

The upgrade process created a delay in the delivery of the last quarter statement. We apologize for the delay, and assure you that future quarterly statements will be delivered in a timely manner.

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

**01-Jun-2018 to 31-  
Aug-2018**

**20**

**Households**

**\$ 58.43**

**Total Donations**

# October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <b>Worship 9:30am</b> <i>-Food Share</i> <i>-Home</i>	8 <b>7pm</b> <b>Council</b>	9	10	11	12 <b>Noon Lunch</b> <b>Bunch</b>	13
14 <b>Worship 9:30am</b> <i>-Ask Pastor</i>	15	16 <b>12:30</b> <b>Women of</b> <b>the ELCA</b>	17	18	19	20
21 <b>Worship 9:30am</b> <i>-10:30</i> <i>Healing Service</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <b>Worship 9:30am</b> <b>REFORMATION</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <i>-Celebration</i> <i>-Happy Birthday</i> <i>Abounding Grace</i> <i>-Pledges Due</i>	29	30 <b>10:00</b> <b>Primavera</b>	31 <b>Happy</b> <b>Halloween!</b>			

**Monday**  
Office closed  
Overeaters Anonymous 7:00

**Tuesday**  
Office closed  
Scouts Girl 4pm; Daisy & Cub 6:45  
Flute Circle 7:00

**Wednesday**  
Food Pantry 9-11:30  
Boy Scouts 6:45

**Thursday**  
Quilters 9-11:30  
Bible Study 11:30-12:30  
Food Pantry 9-11:30  
Top Dog 6:00  
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00

**Friday**  
Food Pantry 9-11:30  
Dancing Dogs 5-7:00

**Saturday**  
Siloam Compassion 3-6pm

**Sunday**  
Siloam Compassion 2-8pm