



## RUTH VOLL CIRCLE PIES



As in the past, the ladies will be making and selling pies before Thanksgiving. However, things will be done a little different this year. They will be taking orders and will be offering already-baked pumpkin pies as well as apple pies. The apple pies will be frozen unless specified that you want it baked. The price remains at \$10.00 per pie and will be available for pick-up at the church before and after service on Sunday, November 21st. Please contact Lynn Kilian by November 7th with your order. Her contact information is as follows: Phone: 651-315-1647; e-mail: lkilian311@yahoo.com. There will also be an order form on the table in the Narthex on Sunday, October 10th and November 7th.

As in other years, there is a need for help in making the pies as our ladies are aging. Please join us in the church kitchen on Saturday, November 20th at 9:00 a.m.

**Wed., October 27th**

*RUTH VOLL CIRCLE*

1:00 p.m.

Due to the parking lot installation, the meeting will take place at the front commons area at Kingsley Shores in Lakeville.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Due to the construction work being done to our parking lot in October, the Administrative Board has decided to continue with on-line services through October 31st. The office will continue to be open on *Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

We are fortunate to be having the **DAKOTA BRASS** playing for our in-service at Grace UMC on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

They have played for a number of years at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel for Easter and Memorial Sunday Services, for the Dakota County Fair, and for churches and retirement homes in the area. Their repertoire includes Classical, blues, patriotic, pop, marches, Dixieland and religious music.

Come join us and be serenaded.



### ZOOM Administrative Board Meeting

Monday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85332589567?pwd=cG43NmpwTG9YUzNzS3JzRXFQRUZKQT09>

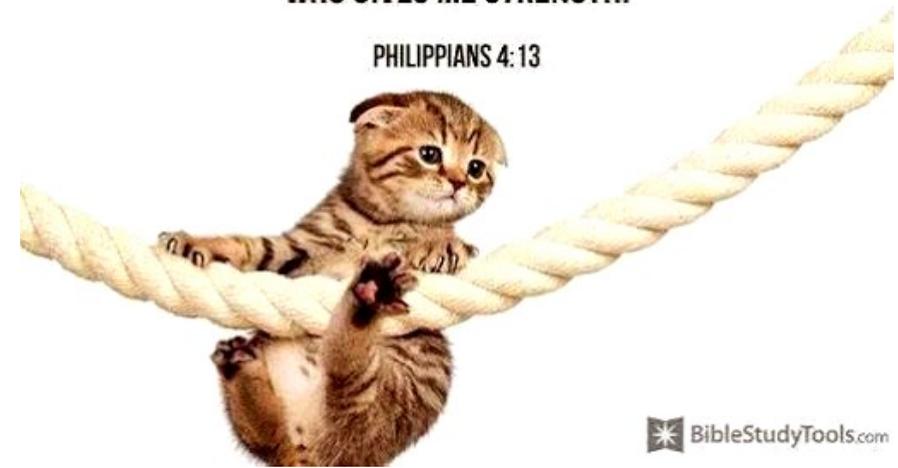
# Grace Notes

October 2021

## HANG IN THERE. GOD'S GOT THIS.

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST  
WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



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## Grace United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ*

**PLEASE NOTE:** For everyone's safety, if you are attending Sunday's service, please plan on wearing a mask. Also note that the coffee and treat fellowship time will follow the service.

Movie Night will not be meeting in October.



**Thursday, October 21st ~ 6:30—8:30 p.m.**

Due to the parking lot installation, the meeting will take place at the home of Beryl Carland in Apple Valley.

*Guests and New Members Are Welcome! A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson*

## Holiday Giving



'Tis the season! As in past years, Grace church is participating in 360 Communities holiday gift drive. Due to Covid, they are again requesting gift cards only. They will be collected throughout the month of October, for a November delivery. Gift cards can be brought to IN-PERSON church on October 10th. A basket will be located on the table in the narthex for these cards. They may also be mailed to the church (must be received by Sunday, October 31st) or dropped off at the home of Anne-Marie Dunbar. Anne-Marie is also willing to pick them up from your home (within a reasonable distance from church).

The following are requests from the Armful of Love coordinators:

- Please ensure gift cards clearly state the value (written in Sharpie is great if otherwise not noted)
- Please attach a gift receipt to each individual card (make copies of receipt as needed so each card has a receipt)
- Physical cards work best, rather than e-gift print outs

Thank you for sharing the joy for the upcoming holiday season.

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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

# Pastor's Post

It is almost unbelievable to me that I am writing this note to you with a summer and the beginning of fall in the rear-view mirror! Sitting here in my office looking out the window, what once was just the first floor skeleton of a new apartment building when I arrived is now a four-story frame of an 111 unit complex! Wow! And although at times this emerging building in our parking lot has felt intrusive, it's mostly been impressive to see something new emerge at such a rapid rate. Much has been deconstructed simultaneously as something new is being constructed!

And I could not help but see this as a spiritual message for us as a church community: We are a people under construction. Much of our life and identity as a church has been deconstructed over these past couple of years through COVID, Racial Awakening, Toxic Political Division, and now Construction and Parking Lot Obstruction. And it's an experience laden with pain and grief, anger and anxiety. With this deconstruction has come a rendering of our hearts and spirits: Who are we? Where is Christ asking us to follow him next? Questions that I believe can only find direction and clarity from the **decision to be courageous!** The world often defines courage as an act of strength, heroism, or bravery. But the spiritual path with Christ as our companion understands courage much differently. To be courageous people of faith is to embrace the path of deconstruction. To follow Jesus is to be willing to open ourselves up to becoming clay in the potters hands; to see God in the chaos lovingly molding something new out of the grief and heartache of our past.

*Grace Church, we sit on the precipice with the Holy Spirit as she boldly yearns to construct something anew from our hearts, bodies, and building spaces; as she yearns to build a new church body that seeks to be agents of Christ's healing in a broken world. This is why for the month of October, we will begin exploring through worship what it means for us to be "Courageous" followers of Jesus through the lens of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Together we will learn how courage begins in gratitude and vulnerability and helps us face challenging and new situations.*

I sit here looking at the construction all around, wondering in curiosity and prayer. I invite you to wonder with me: "God, who will be our neighbors? What will be their stories? What will be their needs? How can we be their neighbors of grace? How can we become the church you need us to be for a broken and hurting world?"

### **OCTOBER SERMON SERIES: "Courageous"**

October 10th (in-person): Courage to be Gracious | Scripture: Philippians 1:2-12  
October 17th (digital): Courage to be Vulnerable | Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11  
11:00 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour  
October 24th (digital): Courage to be Last | Scripture: Philippians 2:1-5  
11:00 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour  
October 31st (digital): Courage to be First | Scripture: Philippians 3:10-16  
11:00 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour

In Courage,  
Pastor Amanda