

Welcome to worship at Oak Grove Lutheran Church

Our Vision Statement

Oak Grove Lutheran Church is a congregation called by God,
blessed with new life in Christ and led by God's Spirit.

In response to what God has done for us, we hold this vision for Oak Grove:

- ❖ We will learn and grow in our relationship with God, both as individuals and as a congregation.
- ❖ We will be a warm and accepting community, reflecting and proclaiming God's gracious love in a spirit of celebration.
- ❖ We will compassionately address the hurts and hopes of the community and world around us.

Oak Grove Lutheran Church sits on traditional lands of the Dakota people.
We acknowledge, with gratitude, the many blessings we receive from this land.

Children are always welcome in worship. Activity bags are available
in the library or ask an usher for help in locating them.

Restrooms: Located downstairs near the fellowship lounge.

Hearing devices: Personal hearing devices are available through the ushers.

Worship Leaders for this week, September 8

Scripture Reader: Michele Myroniuk

Communion Servers: Bev Hummel, Carolyn Aura, Becky Hanson

Worship Leaders for next week, September 15

Scripture Reader: Dan Curry

Communion Servers: Margie Risch and Carol Swenson

Media - Facebook Live: Les & Becky Hanson, Julie, Curt and Elisa Tvette,
Pam Krause, Kathie Curry, and Carol Tveite



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Adventure Bible Presentation

To honor our baptismal promise as a congregation and as parents to place the Bible, the Holy Scriptures, in the hands of our children; we do this Faith Milestone at today’s service during the children’s sermon time. Third grader NyAina Radison will be receiving the Adventure Bible that is filled with helpful book introductions and informational side notes.

Rally Day Fun Under the Sun – TODAY - September 8!

Immediately after today’s service, it’s time for food, fellowship and fun. **Highlights include:**

Food - Hot off the grill burgers, brats and hot dogs – with soft drinks, ice cream treats and popcorn. It’ll be a feast!

Dessert Walk - Keep walking while the music is playing. When the music stops, a number will be drawn and you may win a delicious sweet treat.

Magic Show - Fast hands and a trick of the eye will keep you amused at the magic show from Tricky Troy. **Balloon Animals!** Our balloon artist will delight with some incredible creations twisted into amazing shapes right on the spot.

Bottle Blast - Draw a card and win that item, which could be anything from a soft drink to shampoo. It’s all in the luck of the draw!

Little Blue’s Traveling Zoo – Furry friends will be visiting to amuse kids of all ages.

Wine and Craft Beer Pull for Adults - For a \$10 donation, you can take a chance on winning a bottle of wine or pack of craft beer.

Oak Grove Silent Auction – filled with unique items ranging from handmade treasures to event tickets and gift cards to dining establishments. Down in the Fellowship Hall.

Funds raised will benefit Camp Wapo and VEAP.

Office Manager Position

We have begun our search for the Office Manager and would like your help.

The position is 24 hours a week (generally Monday through Thursday from 9-3)

You can find a job description on the counter in the office.

Please share with people you think might be interested. Thank you for your help.

Contact Pastor Lee or Julie Tvette if you have questions.

You are invited to Celebrate Tapestry’s 10th Anniversary NEXT Sunday, September 15!

Please join in the 10 year celebration right here at Oak Grove!

***Start with a Mexican lunch held in our Fellowship Hall from 11:30-12:30** – the menu will include Taquitos and Elote (Mexican corn) and refreshments. ***The fun continues on the South Lawn from Noon-1:00** with music, dancers, popcorn, ice cream treats and more.

***Then at 1:00 there will be an outside worship service** Music by the Tapestry Band!

Backpack Blessing—Sunday, September 15

It's Back to School Time!

We would like to send all students from Oak Grove Lutheran back to school with lots of prayer and many blessings! Invite your friends and all the teachers you know to church on September 15 for a backpack or briefcase blessing during worship.

Congregational Meetings – September 22 and October 6

Your congregation needs the input of each of you as we seek to write a mission statement and core values statement for Oak Grove Lutheran. The results of the Congregational Assessment Tool, indicate that you as a congregation are yearning for direction.

These statements can help!

A **mission statement** defines the church’s identity and purpose in a single sentence. A good mission statement creates unity around a common purpose. A mission statement should be clear, concise, and memorable. A **vision statement** is typically a few sentences that describe what the church hopes to become or achieve.

A **core values statement** captures the five to seven things that a congregation holds dearly and deeply. This statement describes the behaviors that will ideally achieve mission, purpose and vision.

Your input is vital in working on these statements! We hope to complete this work through two one hour congregational gatherings after worship on **September 22 and October 6**.

As you have responded in the past, I trust and pray that you will respond to this need!

Two Ministry Opportunities

Here are a couple of new ministry opportunities that I hope you will consider:

1. **Lay Eucharistic Minister** A Lay Eucharistic Minister (eucharistic means “thanksgiving” and it is another name for Holy Communion) will share with the pastor in the privilege of visiting homebound individuals and bringing them Holy Communion every other month. Pastor Lee will continue to visit the homebound on the other months. Please let Pastor Lee know if you are interested and willing to serve God in this way. Contact him at church, or by email: pastorlee@oakgrovelutheran.org, or by cell phone 763-567-9843.

In early October, we will have an orientation session.

2. **Assisting Minister** - The Assisting Minister will share parts of the service with the pastor such as: singing or speaking the Kyrie, leading the confession of faith, sharing the prayers of intercession (you do not need to compose these), leading the offering prayer and prayer after communion and the dismissal. The role of assisting minister lifts up our understanding that we are all called to ministry- both lay and clergy. Please contact Pastor Lee if you are interested and willing to serve God in this way. There will be an orientation session for those interested.