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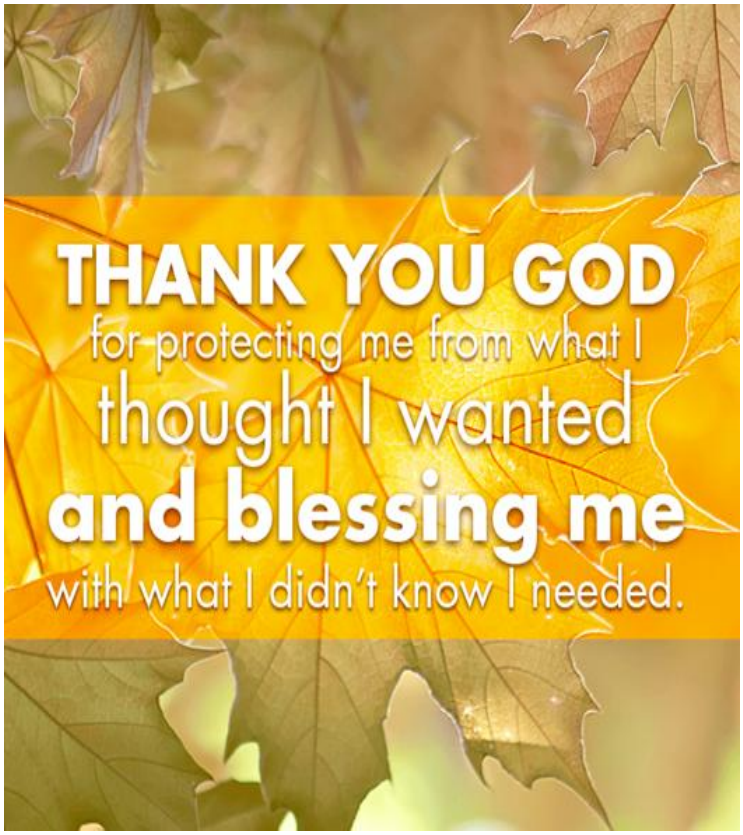

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Pastor David's Message

Would you be really thankful in your circumstances? If you knew what it is like to be poor?

First, take the furniture out of your house, most of the poor do not have furniture. If any, it would be a table, and chair. A bed would be considered a luxury.
Second, throw out your clothes, only keep the oldest suit or dress that you have. The head of the house hold may keep the only pair of shoes.
Third, shut off the running water, turn off your Hydro, most of the world's poor do not enjoy these amenities.
Fourth, take your family and move into the back toolshed. It would be a change in square footage, but most of the world's poor live in quarters that are smaller than your one car garage.
Fifth, Get rid of your newspapers and magazines, you are now illiterate, because most of the world's poor cannot read.
Sixth, your bankbooks, stock certificates, pension plans are now useless. You are now the proud owner of a cash hoard of $5. This is what the poor have to live on and buy their next meal.
Seventh, chop off 25 to 30 years of your life. Most of the world's poor have no options to good health care. (Adapted from the article "what is enough" In context)

When you read this, one cannot conceive how individuals or a whole family may live like this, and consider this to be normal. As we celebrate thanksgiving this year, there is a multitude of blessings that we can be thankful for. I know these 7 points will be on my mind as I share a thanksgiving meal with my family. Often we can feel down, or depressed. We at times struggle to find some peace and happiness even in the midst of having our basic needs and daily bread met. Being poor is not a place where one would enjoy, yet you would maybe find more grateful people among the poor then the ones who have abundance. It is all

about prospective isn't it, in how we look at life and the gifts we receive. Prospective or view are interesting words. It's how we look at things that make all the difference. The other day I was driving in the car and we saw a bald eagle. Some in the vehicle could see it, others could not. If we had changed seats then others would have saw a different picture all together. It was all a matter of prospective and angle of view that they took upon themselves. Jesus asks us at times to change our prospective and to seek out what the kingdom of God is calling us to see and do. That is why he shares with us in Matthew 22:37-39(NIV) *37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* When we look and analyze that last commandment, Jesus is shifting us to another prospective or view that we maybe did not realize. To be honest, most in this country do not know what it is like to be the poorest of the poor. When I preached on these seven points in how to be poor, I had a number of people who told me that they lived under these certain circumstances and conditions. Each had a different story to tell. I appreciated these stories, just as I appreciated the story of my own mother telling me that she had to walk barefoot to school as a child because of the poverty she and others endured during the Second World War.

So, it is all about prospective and putting your feet in other people's shoes even if they don't have them at times. Be Thankful that we live in a Beautiful Country like Canada. Be Thankful that we have a church were we can be generous and leave our shoes at the front door to donate to the ones who have none. Remember what St. Paul's says*: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; 1Thessalonians 5:18 NIV.* Thankful in all circumstances.

Happy Thanksgiving, Pastor David Wunderlich

Confirmation Notice To Be announced Students who turned 12 in 2026, or are older, may be eligible for our Confirmation program. Please call Pastor David at 250.769.5685 for information.

SEPTEMBER YOUTH EVENT: Coming Friday September 11th 7 :00 PM Pastor David will be meeting with the youth for a fun filled youth event here at Grace. For more information TEXT Pastor David at 250.317.6502

OCTOBER FAMILY EVENT: Coming October 30th at 7PM Come out to enjoy a fun filled games night. Parents and Youth are welcome. For more information TEXT Pastor David at 250.317.6502

COMPASSION CORNER

Pray for everyone in our church family who mourns. Pray for those healing including Kelly McLennon, Nedra Schuler, ,Alma Pasker, Kris Gering, Maria Heise, Jim Szabo, Louise Shopland, Gerald Schuler, Emily Hughes Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner and Lorraine Wentland. ***"He himself bore our sins…by His wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24.***

SECRET SISTERS UPDATE:

We had another successful sewing week at the church.
8 ladies attended almost every day.

We achieved our goal of 25 bags for our Christmas Gift project as well as 15 additional bags.

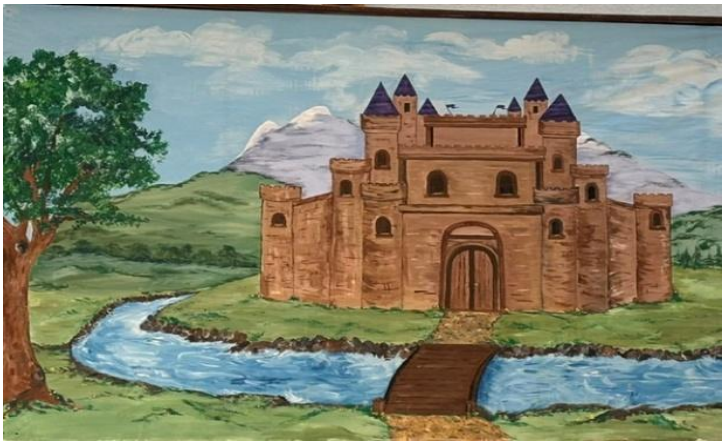
A goal of gift bags has been started to be given to children attending the Christmas Eve services.

A lot of preplanning by Krystyna Logan, Laura Paterson and Marilyn Donison contributed to a successful week. All materials were donated.

Community Outreach purchased a new sewing machine which allowed ladies without a sewing machine to also join and try out

their sewing skills.
It was a great week of visiting, good lunches and getting to know everyone better.

Thanks to all who attended and we continue to look forward to your input, ideas and skills!



VBS CASTLE OF COURAGE 2026!!

Our VBS theme for 2026 was “Be Strong & Courageous, do not be Afraid” Joshua 1:9. We based all our activities, dramas, lessons & projects on a medieval Castle of Courage, learning that God will be with us in the good and not so good times.

16 children & 2 babies attended our camp this year and what a group they were - such enthusiasm! The music was amazing (thanks Deni & Sam).

Day 1 we learned about Joshua continuing Moses mission to lead the Israelites into the promised land, but how were they to get across the Jordan River? God made a path for them! The children made a scroll for art and did jousting and sword fights like knights of old. Thanks for making the swords Aaron.

Day 2 David killed Goliath, with God as his protector. He chose 5 stones from the riverbank, put them in his pouch and then using his slingshot & one of those stones he was able to kill the giant! As an art project we made leather pouches and painted 5 small stones to put inside.

Day 3 found us learning about Jesus’ courage facing his death to bear our sins. We made wooden shields, like the knights of old might have carried into battle. The designs were drawn from our lessons @ VBS.

We finished off our camp with a catapult built by Aaron - the kids had a great time firing squish-balls at their friends & the Pastors. To end our 2026 VBS we feasted on hotdogs & goodies prepared by our kitchen staff lead byRisa

Thanks to our teachers, helpers and Pastors for all their hard work…a great time was had by all.

Congregational Life

Christian Education

Sundays

10:15AM to 10:45AM:Sunday School. Our Sunday School meets except during school holidays. Sunday school will resume on Sunday, September 1th, 2026.

Mondays

Starting September 21st at 7PM

Zoom bible study: All are welcome to join with Rev. Jim and Lilias Statham every Monday night via zoom commencing with a review of how to read The Revelation to John and then picking up at Rev. 2:8.

Tuesdays

1:00PM: Pastor David's Group Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, October 6that 1pm in the fellowship hall.

Wednesdays

Starting September 16th 2026.9:30AM: Ladies Bible Study :A group of ladies meets with Lilias Statham on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00AM. If you want more information, please call Lilias at 250.767.0153.

Confirmation: please contact Pastor David at 250.317.6502

Serving Others

Volunteer at the Kelowna Gospel Mission

251 Leon Ave, Kelowna, BC

On the 4th Tuesday of every month a team from Grace Lutheran goes to the Kelowna Gospel Mission. They help in the kitchen with lunch and dinner preparation. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Corinn Lutz at 250.869.8092 or email: timcorlutz@gmail.com

Rides to Church

Do you **need a ride** to Sunday services or special congregational events? Would you be **willing to give someone a ride** to Sunday services or special events?

Call the office at 250.769.5685 and we will match those who need a ride and those willing to give a ride.

Serving in Worship

Praise Band:

Praise Band leads the congregation in song at the 9:00AM Contemporary service.

Full Of Grace:

Full Of Grace leads the congregation in song at the 11:00AM traditional service starting back in September.

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

Meetings will be held every second Wednesday moving forward. Our next meetings are September 9th and 23rd & Wednesday October 14th and 28th at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall .

Grace Choir

Join the Four-Part Choir at Grace Lutheran Church – 1162 Hudson Rd. West Kelowna, BC. Love to sing? Come be part of our four-part choir! We rehearse Thursdays at 7:00 to 8:00 PM (September through May) and sing during worship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. All voices are welcome—no auditions needed. For more information contact Deni Skutshek at deskutshek@gmail.com
Come share your gift of music in a warm, loving community!

Sound Booth

Are you interested in working with the team that run the sound booth? Please contact our church office an 250.769.5685 and Christine will put you in touch with a member of our tech team.

Fellowship

Grace Coffee Social: Sundays at 10:00AM Everyone is Welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall and meet your Grace neighbours!

Men's Breakfast: Grace men gather at 8:30AM for breakfast at Grace Lutheran in the Fellowship Hall the second Saturday of the month**. Our next breakfast Saturday, September 12th October 10,November 14th**

Council and Committee Meetings

Next Church Council: Tuesday September 22nd, at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall .The October council meeting TBA.

Worship & Music Committee: The next Music and worship meeting will be Tuesday September 1st at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Ursula Sommerfeld 250.470.9817 or Linda McCall 250.808.6480

Next Event To Be Announced

SEPTEMBER 2026 ~

Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lakeview Lodge PD 2PM	2 2PM Brookhaven PD	3	4	5
6 **Pentecost 13** 9:00AM Contemporary w/Holy Communion 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	7 Labour Day Office Closed 7pm Spectrum Singers	8	9 Healing and Prayer Meeting 7pm	10	11 Youth Event 7PM	12 8:30AM Men's Breakfast
New Membership Sunday ! 13 **Pentecost 14** 9:00AM Contemporary with *New Membership Sunday Service* 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional with *New Membership Sunday Service*	14 7pm Spectrum Singers Pastor David away Till September 28th	15 7PM KCMS Orchestra practice	16 2PM Brookhaven 11AM FOG	17 7PM Choir Practice	18	19 1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service
Rev. Jim Statham 20 **Pentecost 15** 9:00AM Contemporary 10:00AM Coffee Social 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	21 7pm Spectrum Singers	22 7PM KCMS Orchestra practice 7PM Council meeting	23 Ladies Bible Study 9:30AM Healing and Prayer Meeting 7pm	24 7PM Choir Practice	25	26
Pastor Emeritus Ed Skutshek 27 **Pentecost 16** 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional	28 7pm Spectrum Singers Pastor David Back	29 7PM KCMS Orchestra practice	30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30AM National Truth and Reconciliation Office closed	7PM Choir Practice		

OCTOBER 2026 ~

Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 **Pentecost 17** 9:00AM Contemporary w/Holy Communion 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	5 7pm Spectrum Singers	6 1PM Adult Bible Study 7PM KCMS Orchestra practice	7 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2PM Brookhaven PD	8 7PM Choir Practice	9	10 8:30AM Men's Breakfast
11 **Pentecost 18** 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional	12 *Thanksgiving Office Closed* 7pm Spectrum Singers	13 1PM Adult Bible Study 7PM KCMS Orchestra practice	14 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 7PM Healing & Prayer Meeting	15 7PM Choir Practice	16	17 1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service
18 **Pentecost 19** 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	19 7pm Spectrum Singers	20 1PM Adult Bible Study 7PM KCMS Orchestra practice	21 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2PM Brookhaven FOG	22 7PM Choir Practice	23	24
25 **Reformation Sunday** 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 11:00AM Traditional	26 7pm Spectrum Singers	27 1PM Adult Bible Study 7PM KCMS Orchestra practice	28 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study Healing & Prayer Meeting 7PM	29 7PM Choir Practice	30 Youth Event 7PM	31 9AM-3PM Spectrum Singers retreat