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Order of Service - Printed Order of Service

FM 90.5 or Grace Lutheran Church Blairstown - Facebook

Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

Supporting the Ministry of Grace is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as our Facebook and website so you can give online.

As We Gather: We are blessed with many freedoms in this country. We have freedom of speech. We have freedom of religion, with the freedom to assemble. We live in the "land of the free and the home of the brave." It is easy to rely on our citizenship for proof of our freedom. In that way, we are like the Jewish people at the time of Jesus. They relied on their Abrahamic lineage for freedom, recalling the covenant God made with Abraham and his descendants. While these national freedoms are great blessings, in the Holy Gospel, Jesus points out that for true freedom, one must be free from slavery to sin. Only in Christ is anyone truly free. That also is the message of the Reformation, not by works, but by Christ is there freedom from sin, death and the power of the devil.

Mission of the Month... goes to missionaries, Chuck and Karen Tessaro. See their newsletter on the bulletin board in the entry. We support them as we follow God's desire that we... "Go therefore and make disciples of ALL NATIONS..." Matthew 28:19.

Greeting Cards for every occasion are on the table in the NE corner of the entry with an assortment for you to purchase for \$.50 each. Proceeds will be used for mission purposes. Check them out!

Thank you Pastor Heren for leading worship and Bible Study today! We truly appreciate your sharing of the Gospel to us while Pastor Schanbacher recuperates!

It's That Time Again - Stewardship Surveys! It takes all of us to support this ministry here in Blairstown at Grace. That doesn't just mean your money! Each of us have talents and gifts to use throughout the year to share the Gospel and keep Grace a welcoming and caring part of the community! Please prayerfully consider filling out a "Stewardship Survey" for each person in your family. Forms may be found either in your mailbox or on the table in the entryway. Please return these forms by November 16th.

Hy-Vee receipts are a way of supporting the children of the Benton Community Norway school. The school can turn these in for needed school supplies. A labeled box is located in the entryway.

Trunk or Treat is coming! We will be offering an evening of fun for the family on October 31st. There will definitely be treats for the children and we will also plan to offer a spot for fellowship, food (hot dogs, chips, etc.), snacks and a drink for all who come. Mark your calendar for Halloween night from 5-7pm held in the church entryway. If you would like to set up the back of your vehicle in the church parking lot to offer treats to the children we would appreciate it! Costumes are optional... but please no scary stuff!

Has the World Gone Crazy? With everything from violence, to civil unrest, to wars around the world it seems like we are bombarded with disturbing news we are not quite sure how to process. We would like to offer a time to sit down with each other and talk. Pastor will help to facilitate this event. Join us on November 12th from 7:00 - 8:30 for fellowship, support and Christian conversation. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Pianist needed at Keystone Care Center. Every Sunday at 1pm local pastors lead worship for the residents. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in playing from time to time please contact Amy at the care center.