

September 13, 2020

## The Weekly Grace Lutheran Messenger

You can join the service on Sunday at 10:30 am by going to <https://www.facebook.com/GraceSanAntonio/>.

### We keep in our prayers...

**Hospitalized, Recovering from Illness, or Death in the Family:** Carol Brown, John and Betina Goodale, Enedina Vasquez, family of Gabe Cooley, Cindy Carroll, and Rachel Wright

**Homebound Members:** Doris Lerich, Connie Gentile, Fred Hilgers, Bonnie Rios, Ralph Palafos, and Maurine Wallace.

**Birthdays:** Michael Mathis, Joe Martinez

### Grace's Stewardship

Last week's contributions: \$4,443

**Remember evening prayer at 7:00pm everyday.** Join other members of grace in prayer this simple prayer: *May the world be healed. May the world be at peace. May the world be filled with loving kindness. In the name of Jesus, Amen.*

### Welcome Pastor Bethany

At the called congregational meeting this past week we voted unanimously to call Pastor Bethany Hull Somers to be the next pastor of Grace. We are excited to have Pastor Bethany, Beau, Nyah, and Mimi join us on this new journey in our ministry together. Pastor Bethany will be starting in late October.

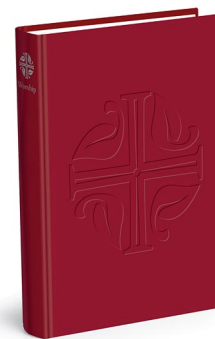
### Blessing of the Pets

Our pets are constant companions for us, and even more so during this time of pandemic. There is a custom of the church to bless our animals near the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Next Sunday, during our worship time, we will have a special service of blessing for our pets. To participate send a photo of you with your pet(s) to [mark@gracesa.org](mailto:mark@gracesa.org) and we will include it in our worship service. Then invite your pet to join us for worship on September 20 (as if they haven't already been worship with you).

### Evangelical Lutheran Worship – The “Cranberry” Hymnal

They are here! When we return to our Sanctuary for worship in a few weeks, a “new” hymnal will be waiting for us.

We still need help funding the purchase of the new hymnals. Each hymnal is \$25, and we need 100 hymnals to fill the pews. If you are able to help out, please email Mark at ([mark@gracesa.org](mailto:mark@gracesa.org)) or Mo at ([office@gracesa.org](mailto:office@gracesa.org)) with the number of hymnals you can fund at \$25 each. Payments can be sent to the church, or you can make them online at [gracesa.org/giving](http://gracesa.org/giving) (choose general donations, and designate hymnal in the Misc. donation box).



Grace musicians remember we would like to be able to purchase extra copies for the music room. Let us know if you are able to help with the music room set. In addition, any member who would like a personal copy for at home we can add it to the order.

## **RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 13th - 12:30pm - Church Parking Lot**

- Join us in the church parking lot on September 13th at 12:30pm for our Rally Day Kick-Off!
- Pack a lunch (or support your favorite small business) and join in a socially distant "picnic" in our cars in the church parking lot.
- After showing off your best masks, waving to everyone, and eating, we will separate out into caravan groups to do a driveby parade to members that are at home/homebound.
- If you feel called, decorate posters or dress-up to represent our theme: BIBLE HEROES! (This is not necessary and can be SIMPLE!)

Reach out to the Parish Education Chair, Ashley Fox, at [fox.ashe@gmail.com](mailto:fox.ashe@gmail.com) if you have questions/concerns.