



## WEEKLY SEEDS OF GRACE

*From Grace Lutheran Church*

### From Pastor Ron

#### **God's Own**

Just like the label Newman's Own we are God's Own. We are claimed by God in Baptism. In Isaiah 41 God says, "You are my servant, I have chosen you. Do not be afraid, I will help you." These are great words of comfort. Also see in these words how we are attached to God. In 1 Corinthians 6, St Paul reminds us that we are not our own, we are bought with a price; give glory to God. Yes, we think of ourselves as independent, but in reality we are not. We are interdependent. We depend upon others to farm and bring food to the store and the store workers. We take turns giving and receiving care during our lifetime. In all that we are and do we are God's own. All we are and have comes from God. God is the only one upon whom we are truly dependent. As a result we give God praise and thanks. As God gives all things to us including Christ in love, we give generously to others. Perhaps, the main way we do this is through our gifts on Sunday morning. In return God blesses us as we bless each other. Here is a summary thought: we are here to be there.

### AAMPARO—

#### Accompanying Migrant Children

AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors and Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Organization. In Spanish, "amparo" means protection or refuge) is a commitment by the ELCA to accompany vulnerable migrant children and their families while in the United States, and where possible, help support them during the immigration process.

If you would like more information, there will be a conference at St. John's Lutheran in Lodi Saturday, October 20th, 2018, from 9:00am-3:00pm. For more information on the conference, please see the brochures on the table in the narthex, or contact the church office.



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**We pray for the grieving:** Schmahl family, Emerson family, Stonesifer family.

**We pray for the following:** Nancy Schultz, Sharon Kluball, Donna Hayward, Patricia Barker, Janell Vincent, Richard Wamsat, Virginia Tenborg, Tom Barlow, Terry Hannula, Sid Tetley, Joan Meininger, Virginia Jensen, Shigeko Salisbury, Darol Valder, Berdie Petrick, and all our extended family and friends.

**We pray for missions:** Lauren Achen, serving in Cambodia, as well as all missionaries serving as ambassadors of the ELCA.

## Bible Study/Small Groups

Below are our opportunities for fellowship and studies here at Grace. Please plan on joining us at one of the options listed below. We'll see you there!

- After-service Bible Class on James, starting approx. at 10:15am
- 2nd Mondays of the Month at 11:00am at Grace
- 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 11:00am -12:30pm at Grace. You are encouraged to bring a sack lunch—NEW!
- 4th Thursdays of the month at 12:00pm at Pat Barker's. Lunch will be provided—NEW!

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## Rise Against Hunger Reminder

If you have not contributed to the Rise Against Hunger fundraiser please do so by Oct. 14. We have raised \$745 of our \$1,000 goal. Many thanks to all who donated! Go to [stjameslincoln.org](http://stjameslincoln.org) to donate by this Sunday.

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### Worship at Grace:

9:00am—Sunday Worship

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