

Grace at a Glance (September 2019)



Member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

We're on a Mission--Come Join Us!

*On a mission to **commit** to Christ...*

*On a mission to **grow** in our faith...*

*On a mission to **reach** out to others...*

Keeping Up with the Calendar:

- Sept 1:** Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15 a.m.
- Sept 4: ALPHA at 5:30 p.m.
- Sept 8:** RALLY SUNDAE! (*Fellowship-Ice Cream Sundaes*)
Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:15 a.m. (TIME CHANGE)
Presenting 3rd and 7th grade Bibles and Annual Baptism remembrance.
High School Youth Group after worship!
CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING at 6:00 p.m.
(Students please attend with your parents)
Middle School Youth Group immediately after.
- Sept. 9: Prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Women's Evening Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
Men's Fellowship Group at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 10: Women of Grace Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 11: ALPHA at 5:30
- Sept. 15:** Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.
Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
Confirmation classes – 7th & 8th grade at 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 17: Mission Trip meeting
- Sept. 18: ALPHA at 5:30
- Sept. 19: Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 20: Man Camp at Forest Springs 20th – 22nd
- Sept. 22:** Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship at 10:15 a.m. (*Pastor Jeff Tarras*)
High School Youth Group after worship!
Confirmation classes – 7th & 8th grade at 6:00 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 23: Prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Women's Evening Bible study at 7:00 p.m.
Men's Fellowship Group at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 25: Alpha Training at 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 29:** Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:15 a.m.
Confirmation classes – 7th & 8th grade at 6:00 p.m.

(Church Office closed on Fridays)

Grace Lutheran Church and Child Care Center

(a congregation of LCMC, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

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Grace Lutheran Website:
www.gracemarshfield.org

LCMC –People on a mission

The vision of the LCMC is that every church would be:

- 1) People of Prayer**
- 2) Mission Minded**
- 3) Connected to One Another**
- 4) Trained and Equipped for Ministry.**

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Keeping Up with the Council:

Council Minutes - August 15, 2019

6:30 p.m. Call Meeting to Order

Present: Dan Behling, Marlene Broeske, Dave Denowski, Pastor Tim Hinrichs, Jon Lovelace, Josh Meisner, Norm Saracoff

Absent: Jim Good, Stacy Melbinger, Breanna Vandehey Prayer by Dave Denowski

6:35 Discussion/Plan

- Discussed Chapter 14 “Designing a Seeker-Sensitive Service” of Rick Warren’s book, The Purpose Driven Church
- Read Chapter 15 “Selecting Your Music” for September meeting
- Prayer concerns, pray for each other

7:15 Secretary’s Minutes

7:18 Treasurer’s Report

- Savings is depleting quickly
- Giving is not keeping up with normal expenses, much less additional costs of building repairs
- \$5000 was transferred from savings to general fund for PR and bills.
- Dave Denowski made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report; Norm Saracoff seconded it. Motion passed.

7:30 Pastor’s Report

- 2 baptisms
- Attendance is up a little from last month
- Alpha is moving ahead, starting September 4th. Church leaders should attend.
- Outreach letters were sent to 430 addresses in our community
- Confirmation class will be held on Sundays from 6-7pm. We have three 7th grade and three 8th grade students.
- Every other week, after confirmation, youth group will meet, led by Mackenzie Behling
- Planning the adult class – “Hot Potatoes”
- Overflow – partner with Nasonville Elementary School. Pastor will reach out to the school and ask how we can help/support them.

7:35 Team Reports:

- GLCCC (Josh Meissner) –
 - Positive turn-around! Initially borrowed \$3,000, but since have been able to make payroll with funds generated by the business.
 - Attendance is up
 - 4K funding is coming soon
- Adult Education Teams (Jon Lovelace) –
- Building and Maintenance Teams (James Good)
 - We received one insurance payment
 - Outside is done, except for landscaping and recovery of the memorial garden
 - Still need rain gutter on the north side
 - Next focus will be on the interior
- Youth and Family Education Teams (Breanna Vandehey and Stacey Melbinger)
 - Sunday School committee formed and met
 - SS will start 2nd Sunday in September, with an ice cream social
- Mission and Outreach Teams (Norm Saracoff and Dan Behling)
 - Overflow will help a woman move in Marshfield, including helping with first month’s rent costs, August 31
 - Man Camp sign up is open, any man interested in attending should sign up!
- Stewardship and Finance Teams (Randy Schier, Marlene Broeske) No report.
- Worship Teams (Dave Denowski) Prayer team has been busy.
 - Prayer chain has been busy!
 - Headset mic failed, Pastor ordered a new one

8:00 Old Business

- Donation of Frasier Firs (Richard Seehafer).
Mackenzie is willing to mobilize the youth as a fundraiser for youth-specific activities
- Monitor on balcony

8:10 New Business

- September Mission of the Month will be Alpha. October Mission of the Month will be 89Q Christian Radio Station. November and December Mission of the Month will be determined later. Bring ideas to September meeting.
- Check out the redesigned Website!

8:20 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Dan Behling; seconded by Jon Lovelace. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Keeping Up with the Family:



Jay and Lisa Olson	09/05/1992
Seth and Rachael Weichelt	09/08/2012
Jason and Linda Bulgrin	09/11/1999
Carol and Freddie Hahm	09/14/1968
Bill and Shari Mitchell	09/16/1989
Isaac and Stephanie Weichelt	09/27/1997

Stacey Schmitz	09/03
Ben Schlinsog	09/04
Ember Zupanc	09/06
Cindy Dix	09/09
Caley Leggate	09/09
Aaron Post	09/09
Hayden Jansen	09/12
Charlie Burt	09/13
Allison Mitchell	09/13
Justin VanDeHey	09/17
Mason Weichelt	09/17
Richard Seehafer	09/19
Elik Staab	09/20
Marlene Broeske	09/21
Tevyn Lang	09/24
Shane Westerhausen	09/26
Dave Denowski	09/28
Mark Peckham	09/29
Misty Staab	09/29
Yvonne Klatt	09/30

Grace Lutheran Prayer List:

1 Timothy 2 -- "I, Paul, urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth...I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing."

Pray for:

- GLCCC financial situation
- Repairs on our church building

Pray for our Church Ministries:

- Sunday School teachers and students
- Women's Bible Studies
- Men's Discipleship Group
- Childcare Center
- Youth Group
- Confirmation Class Students

Pray for those who are homebound/in nursing homes:

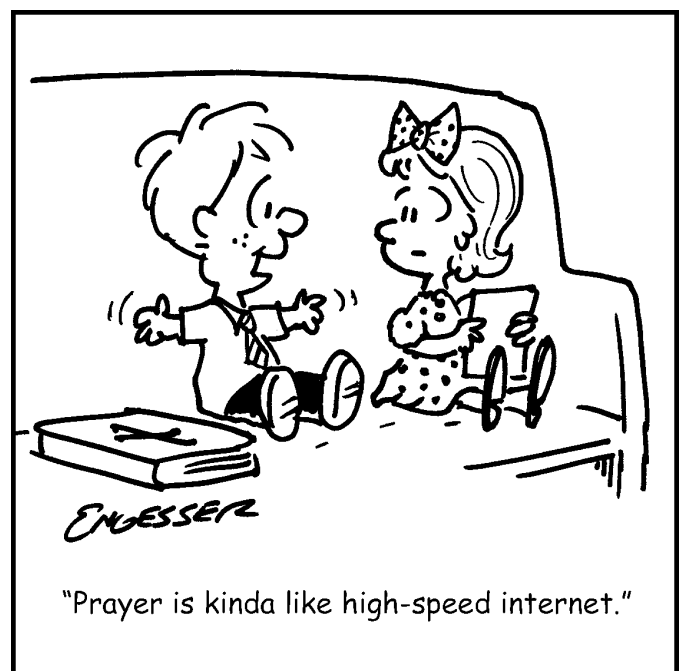
- Irlene Wagner (at Wells Nature View/Apple Ave.)
- Dorothy Riedel (at Aster House)
- Yvonne Klatt (at Atrium Post Acute Care)

Pray for our church leaders:

- Our Church Council and Pastor Tim
- Pastor Mark Vander-Tuig, Service Coordinator for LCMC and the Board of Trustees of LCMC

Pray for people serving our country:

- Governor Tony Evers, President Trump, Vice-President Pence and other leaders
- All those in military service



Keeping Up with the Financials:

Financial Snapshot of Grace (August 31, 2019)

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse” says the Lord. (Malachi 3:10)

YTD Budget (Income)	\$ 97,983.97	General Fund \$ 2,314.83
YTD Contributions	\$ 75,395.88	Bills waiting \$ 1,619.60
YTD Expenses	\$ 95,007.65	plus August 31 payroll
Savings Total is now	\$ 26,438.44	\$20,226.48 ServiceMaster waiting on insurance claim



August Contributions to funds. (*Needed for Budget \$ 12,500.00/month)

DATE	Bldg	*General	Misc. Bene.	Overflow	Savings
Aug 1-3	25.00	1375.00			
Aug 4-10	30.00	2751.35	91.25	10.00	65.00
Aug 11-17	1177.00	1066.00	30.00	10.00	65.00
Aug 18-24	10.00	1317.00	331.00	10.00	65.00
Aug 25-31	160.00	578.00	30.00	10.00	65.00
Totals	1402.00	7087.35	482.25	40.00	260.00

ALPHA IS COMING!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

ALPHA will begin on Wednesday, September 4th and will run every Wednesday through Nov. 20th here at Grace. (Free Daycare available!)



We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view; wherever they are in the world.

What you can expect from ALPHA. Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm, come to Grace Lutheran Church, drop off your kids with our trusted childcare team and enjoy a catered meal. We will have time for great food, even better conversation, and talks that make you think. Every week we focus on another question about God, faith, and Christianity. Give it a shot! It’s not a “churchy” event but meant for people who don’t ever go to church and also for those who grew up going to church. Alpha deals with real life!

Try it just once...there is no obligation to return but what do you have to lose?

ALPHA is our September mission of the month!

Keeping Up with the Ministries:

September Worship Assistants

Serving at Grace	Sept. 1- Holy Comm.	Sept. 8
Musician	Callie Schmidt, Larry G.	Worship Team
Reader	Mackenzie Behling	Stacy/Riley Melbinger
Greeters	Jeff/Marjean Weichelt	Jake/Linda Bulgrin Family
Offering Ushers	Dave /Stacey Schmitz	Carol Hahm, Bethany West
Acolytes	Mindy Dix	Aleigha Hainz Dawson Meissner
Treats	Marjean Weichelt Corrine Dix	Linda Bulgrin Don and Nikki Lang
Nursery Church	Sheri Denowski	Trisha Heggebo
Bulletin Folder	Laura Aschebrook	Heidi Post
Counters	Carmen Good Donald Lang	Laura Aschebrook Josh Meissner
Sound Technician	Joe Gilbertson	Dave Denowski
Prayer Team	Renata Hinrichs Stacey Schmitz	Bobbie/Norm Saracoff
Deacon	Linda Gilbertson	Don Lang



Thank you to everyone volunteering to assist with worship this month!

If you see a blank space and wish to help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the gathering space.

Serving at Grace	Sept. 15- Holy Comm.	Sept. 22 – Pastor Tarras	Sept. 29
Musician	Worship Team	Callie Schmidt, Larry G	Worship Team
Reader	Sheri/Josh Meissner	Todd Cattanach	Mike Lawyer
Greeters	Cam/Stacy Melbinger Family	Laura Aschebrook	Roger/Dorothy Sanger
Offering Ushers	Stacy Melbinger Mary Harris	Bobbie / Norm Saracoff	Roger/Dorothy Sanger
Acolytes	Sam Heiman Tyler Heiman	Ottillie Jansen McKayla Johannson	Taiya Lang Tessah Lang
Treats	Bobbie Saracoff Marie/Todd Cattanach	Sheri Meissner Roberts Johannson	Roger/Dorothy Sanger Dave/Stacey Schmitz
Nursery Church	Tiffany Halan	Stina Jansen	Sheri Meissner
Bulletin Folder	Don and Nikki Lang	Cindy Dix	Todd/Marie Cattanach
Counters	Mary Harris Sheri Denowski	Stacy Melbinger Breanna VanDeHey	Marlene Broske Lauren Schara
Sound Technician		Justin VanDeHey	Dan Behling
Prayer Team	Sheri Denowski Mike Layer	Renata Hinrichs Dave Schmitz	Bobbie/Norm Saracoff
Deacon	Dan Behling	Todd/Marie Cattanach	Jim/Carmen Good



Keeping Up with the News:

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE! Begins “Rally Sundaes” September 8th!

Annual Baptism Remembrance, 3rd and 7th graders receiving Bibles
(Ice cream will be served in the gathering space after worship.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.



5th and 6th grade will meet in the Pastor’s office.

Small ones meet in the conference room.

Adult Ed meet in the sanctuary.



Worship at 10:15 a.m.

CLASSES
for Adults

Sept. 8th -- Special Adult Sunday School Class – Dave Schmitz was recently on a mission trip on the Amazon River. He will be sharing with us through words and photos all about his experiences there. This is something you won’t want to miss!

YOUTH GROUPS - Beginning September 8th, the youth groups will be meeting **every other Sunday**.

High School Youth Group (Freshman through Seniors) will meet immediately after worship in the conference room.

Middle School Youth Group (6, 7 and 8th graders) will meet at 7:00 p.m. after Confirmation classes.

Mackenzie Behling is our Youth Group Advisor. She can be reached at 715-615-2187 or inspiredbravery@gmail.com



PRAYER FELLOWSHIP: Everyone is invited every other Monday at 6:30 for a time of prayer together in the conference room. We meet half hour before men’s and women’s Bible study. This is a time to share burdens, pray, or simply sit in silence. You will not be expected to pray out loud if you are not comfortable with that. Everyone is welcome to come just as they are and be blessed by the intimate presence of God.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” (James 5:16)

Grace on-line

Recently we have been able to upload sermons from our worship services at Grace. Just access our web page: www.gracemarshfield.org then click on “news/sermons” at the top of the page. Click the “sermons” box and choose from several messages. Be encouraged and challenged!

Grace Council Officers

President ~ Josh Meissner	715-683-8017	Vice-President ~ Dan Behling	715-383-6933
Treasurer ~ Breanna Vandehey	715-383-3135	Secretary ~ Marlene Broeske	715-384-6790

Council Members

Jim Good	715-676-3932		
Jon Lovelace	715-660-6160	Dave Denowski	715-207-1286
Norm Saracoff	715-743-3499	Stacy Melbinger	715-937-5252

Keeping Up with the News:

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico -- February 15-21, 2020

¡Dios le ama! That's God loves you! in Spanish, which is the main language in Puerto Rico. We are traveling to Puerto Rico to work with a local congregation in cleaning up their community after the devastation from past hurricanes. Meeting this need for their community will give us the opportunity to share our faith with the people there. Even if you aren't interested in the physical labor part of this mission, please still consider coming along. There will be tasks for everyone – playing with children, talking with adults, sharing a smile and God's love with everyone we meet.

Also, being immersed in serving God for an entire week in a place where we are out of our comfort zone will promote unity in our group and will help to deepen our own faith.

Get a close up view of God's kingdom at work in Puerto Rico. We will be meeting in mid-September to discuss details of the trip and to book our flights.

Prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to join us. Contact Sheri (715-819-3321) or Dave (715-207-1286) with questions or to be added to the group.

We will have a meeting about our Mission Trip on Tuesday, Sept 17 at 6:30 PM at the church. Please mark it on your calendars!

Cub scouts at Grace!

We at Grace are chartering a new Cub Scouts pack for the Nasonville area! If you know of any children from kindergarten to fifth grade who might be interested, see Pastor Tim or Karla. Applications are available in our office for both scouts and adult leaders. Let's get the word out and see the pack grow.

Man Camp

Hello men! Man camp is coming at Camp Forest Springs. Those of you who attended last fall know how great this event is: lots of meat, great speakers, outdoor events for men, campfire, etc, etc. This weekend is built for men to be encouraged and have a great time together. We will be staying in a cabin together or two cabins depending on how many men we have registered. Event begins Friday, Sept. 20 and goes through lunch on Sept. 22nd. The cost is \$151 which covers food, lodging, and all events.

For more information: <https://forestsprings.us/events/specialty/man-camp>

Each of you must register on-line at

<https://mycircuitree.com/ForestSprings/Registration/EventSelection.aspx?Filter=EventID|435>

Choose "standard cabin adult age 13 and older" > Enter attendee information

Choose "Grace Lutheran Church" under "men's groups" You will be asked to pay \$25 deposit.

If you have any questions call me and I can walk you through it. Hope you consider coming with us!

Pastor Tim

Rummage Sale Fundraiser on behalf of ABIDE Together

(an outreach ministry for Special Needs Adults, sponsored by North Ridge Church)

Sale Dates: Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7 – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Marshfield Mall

Contact: Cindy Lee, 715-384-2588 or leecottage@charter.net for donation pick up's or volunteer your help.

Proceeds will help support Abide Together's Fall Dance, Winter Indoor Game Night, Spring Prom, among other events. For more information on Abide Special Needs Ministry, visit Face book page

<https://www.facebook.com/abidetogethernrc/>

Keeping Up with the Pastor:

HOT POTATOES! This fall we are going to be passing around a bunch of hot potatoes at Grace! What do I mean by that? Well, we are going to take a deep dive into subjects that just are rarely talked about in church and yet are so much a part of everyday life today. What does God's Word say, if anything about these hot potatoes?



Every Sunday, both in our adult Sunday School class and during the worship service, we will explore topics seemingly too hot to touch. What might that be? Politics and government, homosexuality, entertainment, money and wealth, suicide, sports, sexual purity, social media, anger. I can barely keep my fingers on the keys as I type these, they are so hot. But we need not fear because God's Word is our source of truth and direction and peace. We all have our opinions, but let's try to discover what God thinks about these things.

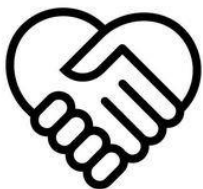
So I would encourage you to not only come on Sunday morning worship services, but also come to our more in depth discussion and Bible study before the service as our Adult class digs further.

Once again, I want to share with you one of the most exciting projects we've led at Grace in a long time and that is ALPHA. Don't write off Alpha as another program of the church or another mid-week service. Alpha is very different and I would truly encourage you to give it a chance – especially if you're someone who has been at Grace for many years. Alpha is a great way to refresh your faith, refresh relationships and simply to have a great time around the table.



We will meet for a free catered meal every Wednesday starting on September 4th at 5:30 with free childcare. Just sit back and relax. Enjoy the evening and the conversation around the table. Alpha is for everyone!

One last thing – being a member of Grace means that we are committed to serve one another in the congregation. *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”* (1 Pet. 4:10) Right now, there are a few opportunities for service if this might be something you would be willing to do. We are looking for **DEACONS** who would serve on the rotation - assisting us in preparation for the worship service and closing things down after the service. I'm so thankful to Linda, Jim & Carmen, Jon, Dan, Laura, Don, Marie and Todd for serving so faithfully. But we could use a couple more to help in the rotation. We also are in need of people who are willing to serve on the **TECH TEAM** to man the computer and sound system in the balcony. There are only a few willing to help right now. And finally, if you love nursery age children, it would be wonderful to have your help in the **NURSERY** which is in need of more help to watch over those littlest ones during the sermon time. Would you be willing to help? If any of these interest you, let me or one of the leaders know! Or if there is some other way you feel led to serve, we can plug you in. This is not a place to be a couch potato but to serve as God has enabled us. It brings great joy!



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