



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
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**Worship services: Sundays at 9am,
Tuesdays at 12:10pm**



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Our Mission: "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

Vision Statement: At Grace, we strive to Guide and nurture all individuals to be Resilient, Accepting Children of God rooted in the Enrichment of God's word.

Welcome to Worship: We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

Communion Instruction: Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. ***Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free.*** If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

Offering: Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

Hearing Assistance Available: This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Nursery Available: We love to have children in worship with us. For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

♦ = The congregation is invited to stand)

PRELUDE (Bell Choir) Douglas E. Wagner, from *Songs for Praise and Worship* (2006)

1. He Is Lord
2. Worthy Is Christ (Digno es Jesús)
3. What a Mighty God We Serve

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Bell Choir) Gabriele Fauré (1845-1924), “Pie Jesu” from *Requiem* (1890; 1997, arr. by William H. Mathis)

♦ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Please stand*)

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin....Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God...and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

♦ **GREETING** (*Please stand*)

P: The grace of our Lord... be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

♦ **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Please stand*)

P: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) O God.....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



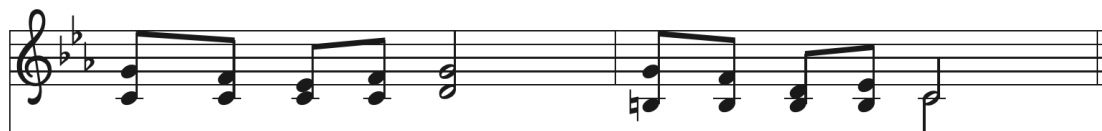
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.

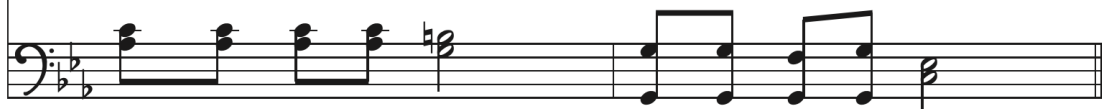


Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el.

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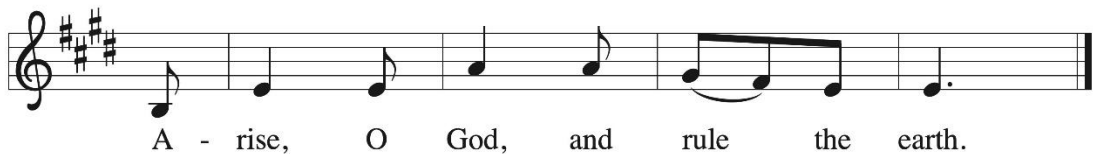
FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 82

Refrain:



L: God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

C: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"

L: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

C: rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked. R

L: They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

L: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' "

C: Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own. R

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:29—12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and

flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

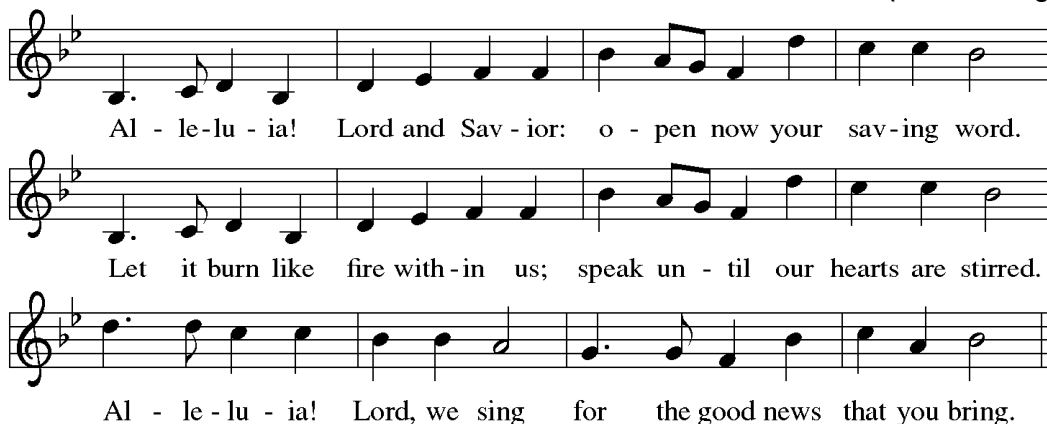
^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

♦ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW Setting 10)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

♦ GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

P: The holy gospel, according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*The gospel is announced*)

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There

will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

♦ HYMN OF THE DAY *By Gracious Powers*

(ELW 626)



1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,
2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,
3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming
4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us
5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,



and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,
still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;
with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,
the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,
so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,



we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,
oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,
we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling
we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through
we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,



and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.
out of so good and so be - loved a hand.
and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.
and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Confident in God's presence....through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **C: Amen.**

◆ **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** (*Please stand*)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty...join their unending hymn: ***Holy, Holy, Holy*** (ELW Setting 10)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy God, holy and mighty....we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cupall our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful one....sharing your bounty with all the world.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Holy and benevolent God....the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

◆ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Please stand*)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

(ELW Setting 10)



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG *Come, Let Us Eat*

(ELW 491)

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
 in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
 rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
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SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Blessed Be God, Who Chose You***(ELW 215)**

Bless - ed be God, who chose you in Christ.

Live in love as Christ loved us.

The image shows two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and contains the melody for the first line of the song. The second staff also has a treble clef and contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of abundance.....our Lord. **C: Amen.**

◆ BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

◆ SENDING SONG *Rise Up, O Saints of God!***(ELW 669)**

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

The image shows three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is a treble clef with a vocal line. The second staff is a bass clef with a bass line. The third staff is a treble clef with a vocal line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

♦ **DISMISSAL** (*Please stand*)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (Bell Choir and Organ): Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), "Now Thank We All Our God" (from Cantata No. 49; adapted and arranged for handbells by Douglas E. Wagner in 1997 from the 1959 Virgil Fox arrangement for organ)

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Music Notes:

The **Bell** Choir provides a second “Summer Music Sunday” this year. The **Prelude** comprises arrangements of modern “praise songs” by Doug Wagner. Mr. Wagner (b. 1952) spent 30 years as a secondary school music teacher and administrator before turning full-time to composing and editing, having produced over 2,400 titles that have sold more than 14 million copies to date. The **Last Prelude** is a sublime transcription of the lovely “Pie Jesu” from Gabriel Fauré’s Requiem. The **Postlude** is one of J.S. Bach’s settings of “Nun danket alle Gott.” In this version, the bells have the chorale in harmony, while the organ plays an exuberant accompaniment.

Next week: The Men’s Chorus warms up at 8:15am and sings for worship at 9:00am.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>This Sunday Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Next Sunday Worship Leaders</u>
Greeter: TBD	Greeter: TBD
Reader: JoAnn Holdmann	Reader: TBD
Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, Nancy Perez	Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, TBD
Usher: TBD	Usher: TBD
Comm. Set Up: Bev Leidel	Comm. Set Up: TBD
Coffee Fellowship: Kucharskis	Coffee Fellowship: TBD

This week at Grace

- Sun 8/17 8am Bell Choir Warmup
9:00am Worship – Bell Choir Rings
- Tue 8/19 11am Violin Lessons
12:10pm Devotional Worship
6:30pm Council Meeting
- Wed 8/20 9am Guest House Sandwiches
12pm Violin Lessons
6:30pm SBG Vocalists Only Rehearsal *****First Rehearsal of 2025-26 Program Year*****
- Sat 8/23 9am SBG Band Practice *****First Rehearsal of 2025-26 Program Year*****
- Sun 8/24 8:15am Men's Chorus Warmup
9:00am Worship ~ Men's Chorus Sings

Grace's Welcome Statement: Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.



Upcoming Hymn Sing: Sunday, August 31 is a Hymn Sing Sunday. If you would like to suggest a hymn, please stop at the hymnal table in the narthex where you can write your favorite titles on a slip of paper. Drop your choice in the basket, hymns will be drawn and then printed in the bulletin for August 31.

God's Work, Our Hands: Mark your calendars for September 7, *God's Work, Our Hands* Sunday. Please consider signing up for one of the service projects planned for that day. Signup sheets are on the communication desk.



Care Kit Project: For an upcoming *God's Work, Our Hands* service project, donations of the following items are being requested by September 7. Please drop off anything you are able to donate in the narthex. Thank you!

Hot Hands hand warmers, KIND bars, deodorant, winter hats, winter gloves, non-aerosol sunscreen, camping toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Group Discussions: Please consider signing up for one of the group discussions (See dates below). Signup sheets are on the communication desk.

Sunday, August 17 10:15am at Church

Tuesday, August 19 1:30pm at Church

Wednesday, August 20 6:30pm (at the home of Pam Johnson)

Thursday, August 21 10:30am at Church

Sunday, August 24 10:15am at Church

Tuesday, August 26 6:30pm (at the home of Ruth and Charlie Marks)

Keep in mind if these dates do not work for you, please call the pastor to set up an individual meeting.

Winter Craft Fair: The fair will be on November 15, 9am-2pm this year. Looking for original handmade artwork or crafts. Direct sale consultants are also welcome, provided handmade products are included in sales as well. Booths available beginning at \$30/vendor.

For information and to register as a vendor, visit <https://bit.ly/GLTCF2025>

Outreach For Hope: Outreach for Hope supports Greater Milwaukee Synod congregations and ministries serving low-income urban areas through grants, supply drives, and partnerships with suburban churches. The OFH 2025 Family Ride Run Walk fundraiser will be on September 27. If you are interested in participating, or just want to make a donation, you may do so at OFHRRW.org. Registration is free, but donations are encouraged and go toward the overall event goal of raising \$165,000.



Guest House Sandwiches: We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month – on the first and third Wednesdays at 9am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on **August 20.**

Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church): Donations to the food pantry are appreciated more than ever as the need continues to increase. You may drop food and hygiene items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.



Music program starts again for the 2025-26 season: Music is very important in worship, and Grace Lutheran has a long tradition of music of various styles led by volunteers from the congregation. Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Do you think you'd like to try? Well, "All God's Chillun Got a Place in the Choir"! There's a spot for you. You don't have to be a "trained" musician or a "star" – you just have to be open to learning and want to participate.

- **Saved By Grace**, our praise band, rehearses as a full band every other Saturday at 9:00am starting August 21. In addition, the Vocalists in the Band also rehearse at 6:30pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month starting August 20. New singers and instrumentalists are welcome!
- Our **Bell Choir** rehearses at 6:30pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month starting August 27. New ringers are welcome! (You only have to play four bells – not at the same time – and be able to count to six!)
- The **Chancel Choir**, our mixed voice ensemble, is open to both men and women of any age from college students to retirees. The music is satisfying but not too difficult. The Chancel Choir rehearses after worship (or after Faith Formation if there is one) on the first two Sundays of each month starting September 7.
- Our **Women's Choir**, open to women of any age from college students to retirees, rehearses only once a month at 6:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month starting September 2.
- Finally, last but certainly not least, the **Men's Chorus**, open to men of any age from college students to retirees, rehearses only once a month at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month (right after the Women's Choir) starting September 2.

Mutual Ministry Team Members: Below are the current Mutual Ministry Team members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders. The MMC is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff.

Dan Umhoefer Theresa Umhoefer
Matt Junker Pam Stockbridge

2025 Council: Below are the 2025 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Ryan Bernard (President): 920-418-5235 Janie Robbins (VP): 262-646-4628 Kevin Sibley (Treasurer): 262-302-8182 JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary): 262-290-1609	Diana Koppa: 414-254-9983 David Rockwood: 262-389-4045 Geri Schesel: 262-227-9251
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Worship Volunteers: Calling all readers, wine servers, ushers, greeters, communion setup folks and coffee fellowship helpers! There is a hard copy of the SignupGenius form on the communication desk for those that find it easier to sign up on their way in or out of church. The link sent out in the Grace Notes is still active and available, and this QR code can also be used to connect to the Signup Genius. Emails and phone calls are always welcome as well. Thank you for all your help!



Sunday Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed: We're looking for friendly faces to help with coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings. It's an easy but important ministry towards hospitality. There is a great guideline to follow and support is provided!! Just set up coffee, bring a few treats, one always gluten free, and help create a warm, welcoming space for connection after worship. If interested, please sign up using one of the following options:

- Communication desk signup sheet
- Online with SignupGenius using the link in the Grace Notes or the QR code here
- Call the office and let Sandy know
- You can also reach out to: Mary Gieschen ~ 262-573-8317, Jen Bartz ~ 414-550-5231, Theresa Umhoefer ~ 262-227-8840



We really need help during the summer months!

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays this week: Cheryl Aschauer Baum - 8/17, Julie Nutter - 8/17, Elsbeth Bruhnke - 8/19, Jack Kamarainen - 8/20, Madeline Shannon – 8/20, Alice Laukert – 8/21

Anniversaries: Ben Lindsay & Courtney Meyer - 8/20, Kevin & Heather Sibley - 8/21

Prayers: Chevelle Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), Lana (Janie Robbins's cousin), Andy Roehrborn (cousin of Matt Junker) Liane Callow (Pr. Bill's Sister), Debbie (friend of Dawn Omernik), Rick Chu (Veronica Junker's uncle), Drew Liegeios, John Haut (friend of Matt Junker), Warren Hamby (Michelle Hogan's dad), Roman, Jerry Karthaus, DawnMark Bacon-Johnson.