



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 (Organ/Piano Duets, Pam Johnson - piano): from Tedd Smith (1927-2023; arr.) and Don Hustad (1918-2013; arr.), *Easy Piano-Organ Duets* (1971)

1. Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – Tune: Nettleton
2. Faith of Our Fathers – Tune: St. Catherine
3. O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee – Tune: Maryton
4. Lead Me to Calvary – Tune: Duncannon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Organ/Piano Duets, Pam Johnson - piano) Tedd Smith (1927-2023; arr.) and Don Hustad (1918-2013; arr.), “Tell Me the Old, Old Story” from *Easy Piano-Organ Duets* (1971) – Tune: Old, Old Story

♦ **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*) Benevolent God.....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

(ACS 1004)

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en-dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma-tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,

tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;

pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 corresponding to the three lines of the first system. The second system continues the melody and lyrics, and the third system concludes the piece with a final cadence.

FIRST READING *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23*

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one

who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

PSALM Psalm 49:1-12

Refrain:



L: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

C: you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

L: My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

C: I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp. R

L: Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

C: the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?

L: One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

C: for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,

L: in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

C: For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

L: Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

C: Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish. R

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge


according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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 12:13-21

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

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

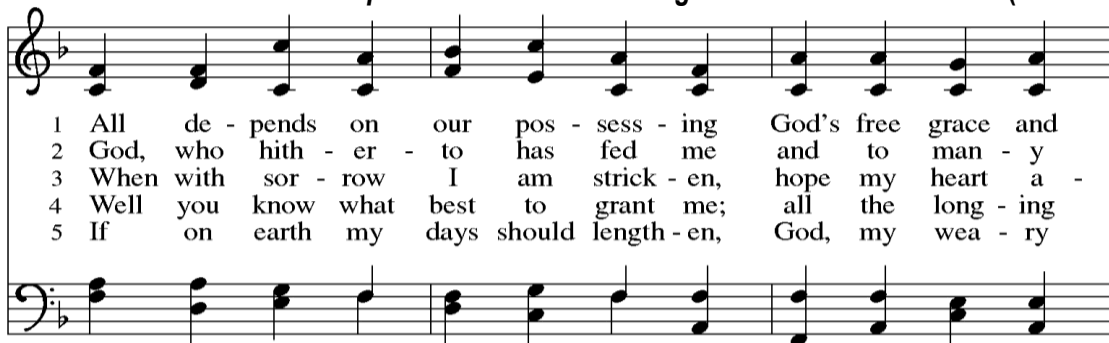
¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

SERMON

♦ HYMN OF THE DAY *All Depends on Our Possessing*

(ELW 589)



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y
 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -
 4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.
 new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.
 hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are
 God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly
 To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing
 I shall doubt your wis - dom nev - er; as you will, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
 I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to you my way.
 way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in your grace.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness....the name of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

♦ EUCHARISTIC 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 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

(ELW 686)



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
- 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

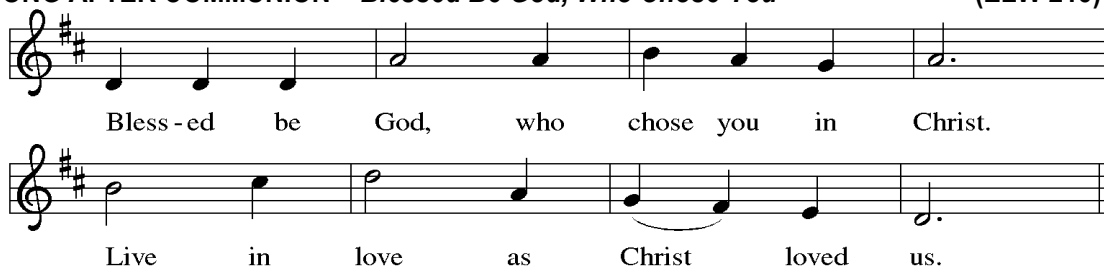


all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
 what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.



SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Blessed Be God, Who Chose You*

(ELW 215)



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 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

(ELW 583)

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun-tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



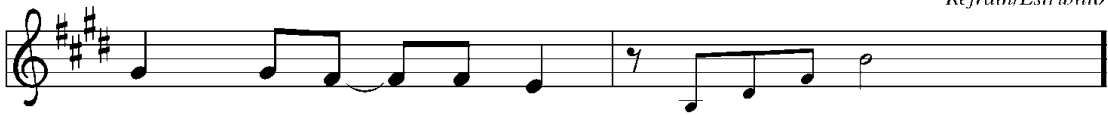
1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - su - gra - da a tí, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu_a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

◆ **DISMISSAL** (*Please stand*)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (Organ/Piano Duets, Pam Johnson - piano): Tedd Smith (1927-2023; arr.) and Don Hustad (1918-2013; arr.), "Onward, Christian Soldiers" from *Easy Piano-Organ Duets* (1971) – Tune: St. Gertrude

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Music Notes:

The **Hymn of the Day** was written by an anonymous German hymnwriter around 1673. The tune, “Alles ist an Gottes segnen,” was composed by Johann Löhner (1645-1705). Orphaned at an early age, he went to live with his sister and studied organ with her husband, who also taught Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) of “Kanon in D” fame.

The **Piano/Organ** duet music is by Don Hustad (organ) and Tedd Smith (piano), who were musicians who served in the Billy Graham Crusades. Hustad has his doctorate from Northwestern University and was the recipient of the FRCO certification from the Royal College of Organists in London. Smith, Canadian by birth, trained at the Royal Conservatory of Music, the University of North Carolina and Catholic University, Washington, D.C. Please be sure to take a moment after worship to thank Pam for sharing her music with us this morning.

Next week: Led this week by Steve Karthaus, Saved by Grace warms up at 8:15am and leads music for 9:00am worship.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>This Sunday Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Next Sunday Worship Leaders</u>
Greeter: TBD	Greeter: TBD
Reader: Izzy Koppa	Reader: Katy Koppa
Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, Nancy Perez	Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD	Usher: TBD
Comm. Set Up: Anna Martin	Comm. Set Up: JoAnn Holdmann
Coffee Fellowship: Gieschens	Coffee Fellowship: Potluck Lunch

This week at Grace

- Sun 8/3 8:15am Pam/Organ Duets Warmup
9:00am Worship – Piano/Organ Duets during worship
10:15am Community Life Team Meeting
- Tue 8/5 11am Violin Lessons
12:10pm Devotional Worship
- Wed 8/6 9am Guest House Sandwiches
12pm Violin Lessons
6pm Ice Cream Social
- Sat 8/9 SBG Band Practice
- Sun 8/10 8:15am SBG Band Warmup
9:00am Devotional Service
10am Outdoor Worship and potluck lunch

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.

Ice Cream Social: The Ice Cream Social will be on August 6, from 6-8pm, so mark your calendars! This year you can enjoy your cool treats while listening to the music of *New Revue Duo*.

Newsletter: If you receive a hardcopy of the newsletter, please stop by the communication desk and pick up your August copy. Members with no email address will automatically receive a hardcopy.

Family Assistance Need: We received some information this week that there is a family in need in our community. They have been having some difficulties with housing and are in need of some support. If you would like to contribute to this cause, we have placed a giving tile on our giving page on the web site (<https://www.grace53092.org>). You can also use the QR code on your bulletin for this need and others. If you are not able to give in that way, please place a special gift in the offering plate and mark it “family assistance donation”. Thank you for your help.

Update on August Outdoor Worship Service: On **August 10** we will be having our outdoor worship service followed by a potluck lunch. Details for August 10 worship:

9am Devotional service ~ there will be a 15-minute devotional service, much like the Tuesday service, for those that don't want to or can't attend the outdoor worship.

10am - Outdoor worship with music and communion will take place on the lawn. Chairs will be provided.

Potluck lunch following the 10am service. There is a potluck signup sheet on the welcome desk. In the event of inclement weather, the 10am worship and lunch will be moved inside.



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.

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!



SignupGenius

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



SignupGenius

We really need help during the summer months!



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 6 and 20.**

Update to 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.



All Peoples
Church

“Lend a Hand” board. This board contains small tasks that need to be done around the building from time to time. Perhaps you have some time on a rainy afternoon? Perhaps you are waiting for a loved one to get out of a meeting? Perhaps you're bored and want to do an act of service? This board will help you find jobs around the church that help make this place looking great from day to day. Just take a task off the board if you plan on doing it and when the task is complete, place the card in the offering plate. This will help us to know things are done. Let us know if you see anything around the building that we can add to this list and have a great time keeping Grace clean and in good shape.

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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Pastor's Patio Ponderings: Pastor's Patio Ponderings is our summer educational opportunity at Grace Lutheran. It is a one night/one topic discussion that happens on the pastor's patio. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in the gathering area at the church. Please bring a lawn chair and be prepared for some interesting discussion. The final session is:

August 13 @ 6:30pm - Confirmation Class Questions - Each week we ask our confirmation students to do sermon notes. On these sheets they can ask questions about the worship or the scriptures. These questions have been so thought provoking we wanted to share them with the rest of the congregation. Come hear what the younger members of our congregation ask, and bring some of your own questions as well.

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays this week: Gail Larson - 8/4, Dawn Luebke - 8/4, Delaine Jacobs – 8/5,
Trey Johnson, 8/6, Suzanne LaCrosse - 8/7, Leo Balistreri - 8/7

Anniversaries: David & Samantha Rockwood – 8/6, Terry & Kathy Young - 8/8

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.

Calendar & Church Functions Survey

Goal: The goal of this survey is to determine how church members are learning about church functions throughout the month.

Which methods do you learn about church functions (Check all that apply):

- Email "Good News"
- Bulletin Insert (Blue Sheet)
- Welcome Desk TV
- Welcome Desk Flyers
- Announcements During Church Service
- Grace Lutheran's Facebook Page
- Church Signage
- Word of Mouth
- Other Sources: _____

What other ways could be helpful for learning about church functions (Check all that apply):

- Physical Calendar (3' x 4' Poster or Whiteboard)
- Email Blasts
- Digital Calendar Invites (Save the Date)
- Updated layout for existing method: _____
- Others: _____

What Church functions most interest you (Check all that apply):

- Church Meetings (Council, Community Life, etc.)
- Sunday School
- Choir Rehearsals (Bells, Praise Band, Men/Women's, Chancel)
- Choir Service Schedule
- Church Events (Community Life, Potluck, Holiday Events, Cookie Sale, Volunteer Opportunities)
- Non-Church Related Functions (Boy Scouts, Funerals, Weddings)
- Others: _____

Please fill out this form and return to the box on the Welcome Center table.

Thank you,

Grace Lutheran Church Council