

Good News of Grace



August 2025

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

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August Highlights

August 6 ~ 6-8pm Ice Cream Social

The Ice Cream Social will be on Wednesday, August 6 from 6-8pm. Entertainment will be provided by "New Revue Duo." If it rains, we will be in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and friends!



August 10 ~ 10am Outdoor Worship

The 10am outdoor worship service will be on the lawn, followed by a potluck lunch. There is a potluck signup sheet for salads, sides and desserts on the welcome desk.

Please note that you may attend a 15-minute Devotional service at 9am, much like the Tuesday service if you are not able to attend the 10am outdoor service.

August 13 ~ 6:30pm Pastor's Patio Ponderings

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.



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. (est. 2011)

Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9am
Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

Education:

Bible Study on Thursday at 12pm

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Requests and Information

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 following link or the QR code in the bulletin

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4CA4A 72EA1F85-worship

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 https://www.OFHRRW.org. Registration is free, but donations are encouraged and go toward the overall event goal of raising \$165,000.



Renovation Debt Reduction Status

Below is the status of the renovation debt reduction as of June 30, 2025. Please note the Renovation Debt Reduction Fund balance is the amount collected for the renovation and is used to pay renovation expenses and loan payments as needed.

Loan Balance: \$420,956 Interest Paid: \$47,873 Principal Paid: \$32,409

Renovation/Debt Reduction

Fund Balance: \$82,581

2025 Council Members

Ryan Bernard (President)
Janie Robbins (VP)
Kevin Sibley (Treasurer)
JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary)
Diana Koppa
David Rockwood
Geri Schesel

Memorial Fund Activity for June

Income: \$1
Expenditures: \$0
Balance: \$7,802
(Designated: \$3,767)
(Available: \$4,035)

God's Work, Our Hands

Mark your calendars for September 7, "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. Watch Grace Notes and bulletins for more details on this event!



Birthdays and Other News

August Worship Leaders

8/3 Greeter: TBD Reader: Izzy Koppa

Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, Nancy Perez

Usher: TBD

Communion Setup: Anna Martin **Coffee Fellowship:** Gieschens

<u>8/10</u>

Greeter: TBD Reader: Katy Koppa Wine: TBD, TBD

Usher: TBD

Communion Setup: JoAnn Holdmann

<u>8/17</u>

Greeter: TBD

Reader: JoAnn Holdmann

Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, Nancy Perez

Usher: TBD

Comm. Setup: Kucharskis

8/24

Greeter: TBD

Reader: Pam Johnson

Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, TBD

Usher: TBD

Communion Setup: TBD Coffee Fellowship: TBD

8/31

Greeter: TBD Reader: TBD Wine: TBD, TBD Usher: TBD

Communion Setup: TBD Coffee Fellowship: TBD



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 on **August 6 and 20**.



August Birthdays

| Name | Date |
|----------------------|------|
| Dan Umhoefer | 2 |
| Gail Larson | 4 |
| Dawn Luebke | 4 |
| Delaine Jacobs | 5 |
| Paeton Umhoefer | 5 |
| Trey Johnson | 6 |
| Leo Balistreri | 7 |
| Suzanne LaCrosse | 7 |
| Mary Gieschen | 10 |
| JoAnn Holdmann | 15 |
| Cheryl Aschauer Baum | 17 |
| Julie Nutter | 17 |
| Elsbeth Bruhnke | 19 |
| Jack Kamarainen | 20 |
| Courtney Krogstad | 25 |
| Jake Zeller | 26 |
| Skip Blick | 27 |
| Theo Lindsay | 29 |

If you have a birthday this month and your name is not listed, we apologize. Please call the church office so that we update our records.

Thank you!



Food Pantry Update

Donations to the All People's food pantry are appreciated more than ever as the need continues to increase.

Usual items appreciated include pancake mix, syrup, tuna, tuna helper, spam, baked beans, spaghetti, canned pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly,



hamburger helper, canned greens. Hygiene items needed include deodorant, toothpaste, single toothbrush, lip balm, body lotion (4-8oz), dental floss.

You may drop food and hygiene items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.



Online Giving Option
Open your phone's camera
app and hold over the
OR code

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Worship with Holy Communion: Sundays at 9am Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

Bible Study (Starts again in September): Thursdays at 12pm

"At Grace, we strive to <u>G</u>uide and nurture all individuals to be <u>R</u>esilient, <u>A</u>ccepting <u>C</u>hildren of God rooted in the <u>Enrichment of God's word."</u>



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work, Our hands.

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August 2025

Aug 2025 (Central Time - Chicago 16 23 30 9 9am - SBG Band Practice 9am - SBG Band ∞ 15 22 59 2 Fri 4 21 31 4 Thu 13 30 20 27 9 က 6pm - Ice Cream Social 6:30pm - SBG Singers 12pm - Violin Lessons 9am - Guest House 9am - Guest House 6:30pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - PPP -19 2 29 7 11am - Violin Lesson 11am - Violin Lesson 11am - Violin Lesson 11am - Violin Lesson 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 6:30pm - Council Tue 28 Grace Lutheran Church Holidays in United States 10 17 31 27 က 8am - Bell Choir Warmup 9am - Devotional Service 10am - Outdoor Worship 8:15am - Men's Chorus 9am - Worship ~ Hymn 9am - Worship ~ Men's 10:15am - Comm. Life 8:15am - Piano/Organ New Member Sunday 9am - Worship ~ Bell 9am - Worship ~