



# Good News of Grace



## July 2024

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

### July Highlights

#### **July 3, 17, and 31 - 7pm Pastor’s Patio Ponderings**

Please bring a chair with you to this summer educational program. See page 4 for details on topics for each session.

#### **July 14 - 1pm Nationals vs Brewer Game**

The Community Life team is sponsoring an outing at American Family Field. The date selected is Sunday, July 14 at 1pm against the Washington Nationals. We were able to meet the minimum number of tickets needed to qualify for a group outing and those tickets have been purchased, but we can take additional requests for tickets up to the date of the game. The cost for each adult is \$40, which includes a ticket for the game, the tailgate space, all food and drink at the tailgate, and transportation to the game. The cost for those under 18 is only \$20. Children under 2 are free. Friends of church members are very welcome. Payment would be appreciated at the time of the signup. Those interested can sign up at the communication desk or can contact Terry Young. [(414) 573-9563 [tyoung5@wi.rr.com](mailto:tyoung5@wi.rr.com)]

### A Note from Pastor Bill

The constitution of our congregation states that “scripture is the authoritative source and norm of (our) proclamation, faith, and life.” Those are some really great words. They mean that we will always look to scripture for guidance in how we live out the faith we have. God’s word will be a light unto our feet and our path.

And yet...do we truly see the scriptures this way? How many of us actually pick up our Bible on a regular basis and read it, study it, and yes,  
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### Worship and Education

#### Worship Schedule:

**Sunday at 9am**

**Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm**

#### Education:

**Bible Study resumes in September**

### 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)

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# News and Notes

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even question it? One of my pastoral colleagues used to go on home visits and when the visit was complete they would ask the host for their Bible so they could read a passage for them. They said, that often, they would disappear for a long time before finally returning with a Bible. While I would never do that with parishioners, it does raise the question, where is your Bible?

As a student of the scriptures for well on five decades now, I always find it interesting when people say to me, "I know what the Bible says. I read it once." There is no possible way you can read the Bible once and grasp its nuances. This book is complicated. This book is creative. This book is unique. In my life it would be similar to picking up a book on quantum physics, reading the words and proudly proclaiming that I am now a quantum physicist.



Many of us, when looking for a professional, will do our due-diligence. If you were about to have surgery, would you just ask anyone to do the surgery? Nah...you'd probably get a referral from your doctor, ask a friend, or check their records with the state. One wants to make sure that their health is in the right hands.

Yet with our faith, we do not exhibit the same due-diligence. We gather biblical, spiritual, and faith advice and direction from any page on the internet that has a flashy operating system. We hear someone on the radio who will tell us what our itching ears want to hear. Or we will watch a program from a person in a huge stadium and think they MUST have it all together. Not necessarily.

Paul tells us to question everything. (I Thess 5:21) And that includes what we hear and read in the scriptures. The life of faith is vital. There is a reason God does not save us by our intelligence, but by the amazing grace we live in. We cannot always trust our intelligence. But as you read the scriptures, if you question something, reach out and see how others view it. Examine it from reliable sources that have knowledge of the scriptures and how they work.

We show ourselves to be responsible students of the scriptures when we put the work in to understand what we are reading.

When we learn the context of the scriptures we see what God is truly calling us to understand. And when we truly see God in the scriptures our lives and our world are changed.

## 2024 Mutual Ministry Team Members

Below are the current 2024 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 262-227-8841  
Theresa Umhoefer 262-227-8840  
Matt Junker 262-242-1023  
Pam Stockbridge 262-366-0162

## 2024 Council Members

Below are the 2024 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Beth Buczynski (President) 208-946-9140  
Pam Stockbridge (VP) 262-366-0162  
Jen Bartz (Treasurer) 414-550-5231  
JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary) 262-290-1609  
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Steve Mussatti – 414-218-0755  
Janie Robbins – 262-646-4628  
David Rockwood – 857-445-1883  
Kevin Sibley – 920-207-9312

## 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 Wednesdays, **July 3 and 17**.



# Birthdays and Other News

## Worship Volunteers

**7/7**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Linda Finnigan  
**Wine:** Nancy Perez, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD, TBD

**7/14**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Pam Johnson  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD



**7/21**

**Greeter:** Sandy Smith  
**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD



**7/28**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD

Sign up  
online here

## July Birthdays

Name	Date
Joyce Winghart	1
Karen Karthaus	2
David Schanke	2
Cameron Hamm	3
Karen Bonell	4
Tom Martin	5
Ally Darga	6
Ben Lindsay	6
Judy Button	7
Wesley Kline	7
Shirley Warber	7
Lola Johnson	8
Lori Rauth	10
Rachel Laabs	12
Helen Mutz	12
Ryan Biggin	14
Brianna Petersen	14
Kevin Mussatti	15
Karen Glanert	17
Miles Wendling	17
DawnMark Bacon-Johnson	18
Jerry Karthaus	20
Helga Ickert	21
Cindy Karthaus	21
Erich Stahle	22
Pam Johnson	23
Sarah Radiske	23
Holly Tischner	24
Jaxson Knuth	26
Marilyn DeMore	28
Elwood Stoker	28
Belle Wendling	28
Sarah Wendling	28
Parker Krogstad	31

*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!*



## Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Monday, August 19 from 6-8pm for the Ice Cream Social here at Grace.



## Memorial Fund Activity for May

**Income:** \$200  
**Expenditures:** \$0  
**Balance:** \$4,400  
 (Designated: \$4,362)  
 (Available: \$38)

## Community Life Team Meeting

Just a reminder that there is a Community Life Team meeting on Sunday, July 7 following worship.

## In Memoriam

We rejoice and mourn that Alice Neitzel entered the church triumphant on June 2. Please hold Alice's family in your prayers during this difficult time.



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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

**Education:**  
Bible study resumes in September on Thursdays at 12pm



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**July Calendar**

**Recurring Events**

**Sundays**

**9am Worship/Comm.**  
10:15am Community Life Team (1st Sun.)

**Tuesdays**

**12:10pm Devotional Service**  
6pm Council (2nd Tuesday)

**Wednesdays**

9am Guest House Sandwiches, F. Hall  
(1st and 3rd Wednesday)

**Other Events & Meetings**

**Jul 3 (Wednesday)**

7pm PPP - Biblical translations

**Jul 4-5 (Thursday, Friday) - Office Closed**

**Jul 17 (Wednesday)**

7pm PPP - What the Bible says about grief

**Jul 21 (Sunday)**

10:15am WAM Team Meeting

**Jul 31 (Wednesday)**

7pm PPP - Ask the Pastor

**Pastor's Patio Ponderings (PPP)**

Pastor's Patio Ponderings is our summer educational program. These are one night, one topic discussions that focus on a variety of areas of interest spiritually. Each event will be at 7pm on the Pastor's Patio or in the worship building if the weather is not cooperating. Please bring a chair with you as the pastor has only limited seating for others. Here is the remaining schedule for 2024:

- **July 3:** Biblical translations and how they function. What version of the scriptures is the best? What is the difference between a translation and a paraphrase? How important is scriptural translation?
- **July 17:** What does the Bible say about grief. All of us experience grief. What is the perspective of scripture on this topic in our lives.
- **July 31:** Ask the Pastor. Got a question? Here's your chance to ask the pastor. Be bold! This topic always sparks great conversations of faith.

