



Good News of Grace



July 2025

Grace Lutheran Church
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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

Pastor's Patio Ponderings

July 2 - 7pm ~ What is the ELCA? How can denominations be helpful? Why are there so many different kinds of Lutherans? What kind of Lutheran are we? What is a 'predecessor church body'? Where do my offerings go? What does the ELCA believe and practice?



July 16 - 7pm ~ What is God's Will? How does the Bible guide us through turbulent times? So many times when things happen, people will respond, "Well, it must be God's will." Handy excuse or biblical reality?

July 30 - 7pm ~ The Revelation of John or "What is heaven"? - The Revelation of John (the final book of the Bible) gives us some amazing views of heaven. Is this what we can expect? What about all those people who "went to heaven" and came back?

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

A Note from Pastor Bill

"...and it came to pass." (KJV - Luke 2:1)

I very rarely use the King James Version of scripture anymore. Having been raised on that translation, I am very familiar with it and the language that it uses. This passage has always been one of my favorites.

Now, you might look at that and say, "Well, where is the rest of it? This is just the beginning of the passage. There must be more to it?"

Nope, this is it. This is the reality of God in scriptural form. It came to pass. It did not come to stay. When life gets hard and we get burdened down by the trials and tribulations that

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A Note from Pastor Bill (cont'd) and Other News

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come our way, it is important for us to remind ourselves that these trials are not here to stay. They will pass.

More and more people are starting to get burdened by the things going on in their lives. Every Sunday more and more people's names are being lifted up in prayer for illness, job transfers, and emotional struggles of all kinds. While we rest in the midst of all this, it is important to remind yourself that those situations are not here to stay, they have come...to pass...to move on.

When I was a child, my parents always had a Christmas in July party. Their friends would all get together and have a Christmas party in July...Hawaiian shirts and all. Their desire was to remind themselves of the love and celebration we have in the Christmas story.

This July we can also step back and remind ourselves of this reality from the Christmas story...It came to pass. While our trials and tribulations have passed, what will never pass is the love and the grace of God shown us at Christmas and continuing to this day.

Final Pastor's Patio Ponderings

The final Pastor's Patio Ponderings gathering is on August 13 at 6:30pm and the topic of discussion is *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.

August Outdoor Worship

Mark your calendars for **August 10 at 10am** when we will have our outdoor worship. Note the change in time for this service. There will be a 9am devotional service in the sanctuary for those that cannot or prefer not to sit outside. Watch Grace Notes and the blue sheets for more details.

Renovation Debt Reduction Status

Below is the status of the renovation debt reduction as of May 31, 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:	\$421,939
Interest Paid:	\$46,510
Principal Paid:	\$31,426
Renovation/Debt Reduction Fund Balance:	\$83,151

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 May

Income:	\$1
Expenditures:	\$0
Balance:	\$7,801
	(Designated: \$3,767)
	(Available: \$4,034)

Holy Baptism

On Sunday, June 1, we welcomed **William Erik Campbell** to the Grace family through holy baptism. William is the son of Erika and Chris and the baby brother to Nathan. Blessings and congratulations to the Campbell family!



Birthdays and Other News

July Worship Leaders

7/6

Greeter: TBD
Reader: Dawn Omernik
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD
Coffee Fellowship: TBD

7/13

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

7/20

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Comm. Setup: TBD

7/26

Greeter: TBD
Reader: Dawn Omernik
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD
Coffee Fellowship: TBD



July Birthdays

Name	Date
Joyce Winghart	1
Karen Karthausen	2
David Schanke	2
Cameron Hamm	3
Sherry Siebers	4
Tom Martin	5
Ally Darga	6
Ben Lindsay	6
Judy Button	7
Wesley Kline	7
Lola Johnson	8
Lori Rauth	10
Courtney Kihslinger	12
Helen Mutz	12
Ryan Biggin	14
Brianna Petersen	14
Rich Koch	15
Kevin Mussatti	15
Karen Glanert	17
Miles Wendling	17
DawnMark Bacon-Johnson	18
Scott Besag	18
Jerry Karthausen	20
Helga Ickert	21
Cindy Karthausen	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!



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 **July 2 and 16**.



Food Pantry Update



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.

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Online Giving Option
Open your phone's camera
app and hold over the
QR 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 Guide and nurture all individuals to be Resilient, Accepting Children of God rooted in the Enrichment of God's word."



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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 this link
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4CA4A72EA1F85-worship>
or the QR code to the right
- 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 volunteers during the summer months!

July 2025

Grace Lutheran Church | Holidays in United States

Jul 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		11am - Violin Lesson 12:10pm - Devotional	9am - Guest House 7pm - PPP - What is the		Independence Day	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9am - Worship ~ Hymn 10:15am - Community		12:10pm - Devotional 6:30pm - Council				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:15am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship	2:30pm - Violin Lesson -	11am - Violin Lesson 12:10pm - Devotional	9am - Guest House 7pm - PPP - What is			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9am - Worship 10:15am - GG Team 10:15am - WAM Team	2:30pm - Violin Lesson -	11am - Violin Lesson 12:10pm - Devotional				9am - SBG Band Practice
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9am - Worship ~ SBG	2:30pm - Violin Lesson -	11am - Violin Lesson 12:10pm - Devotional	7pm - PPP - What is			