



Good News of Grace



June 2023

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.”

June Highlights

June 11 - 9am Graduate Recognition Sunday

Join us at worship on June 11 as we celebrate and recognize our high school graduates. Be sure to stop by during coffee fellowship to offer your congratulations and have some coffee and treats.



June 11 - 1pm Brewer Game Outing

Don't forget to sign up for the Brewer game outing. (See page 2 for details.)



Called to Serve

When Pastor Bill was installed as our “new” pastor in 2014, a prominent banner used that day proclaimed “CALLED TO SERVE”. That banner now welcomes all who come to Grace for worship, affirming that we are all called as people of God to serve - to serve in the ministry of Grace; to serve the lost, lonely, and hurting among us; to serve God’s creation and all of our neighbors.

Service comes in many shapes and sizes. Prayer is an essential service for the church to function as the Body of Christ in Thiensville and Mequon and beyond. Making sandwiches for Guest House, and bringing food for homeless families in Ozaukee county are ways to respond when Christ says, “I was hungry.” Working with various teams to guide and enrich the ministries of Grace takes willingness and dedication; maybe God is calling you to serve in that way.

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Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9am

Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

Education:

Bible Study on Thursday 12pm

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.

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Called to Serve and Other Notes

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The Holy Spirit brings us together and opens opportunities to help with music, communion assistants, ushers and more.

How is God calling you? We know the many ways that His call has been answered by Grace's members. What if God is calling you in a new way? Is the spirit leading you to explore a different service than you have done before? Jesus called the disciples to serve in biblical times. God calls men and women to serve as pastors in modern times. Today the Holy Spirit is reaching out, calling people of Grace to serve in ministries that bring acceptance, healing and peace to our broken world.

John Stockbridge

"Called to Serve" Sabbatical Report

Members of Grace,

When you read this we will have completed one month of Pastor Bill's Sabbatical. I thank God for His guidance in the three months of planning and throughout May.

During May, we have experienced two supply pastors. Stacy Rauen volunteered to take the important responsibility of arranging for the supply pastors. The pastors were chosen with Pastor Bill's guidance. The synod has a roster of retired pastors who are willing to serve as supply pastor. The two pastors who have led worship have given us an opportunity to experience different preaching styles. We can look forward to a third supply pastor leading worship.

The call to serve has been answered by many of the members of the congregation. There continues to be a need for greeters, lectionary readers and communion assistants. One of the tasks that the sabbatical team prioritized was the welcoming of visitors. The first step was to establish a dedicated visitor center which allowed visitors to see where to go for information. The church council was asked to serve as shepherds of the visitors. Each Sunday a council member is at the visitor center to greet visitors, orient them to Grace and introduce them to another member. Disposable name tags are now at the visitor center. These name tags will help members and supply pastors recognize and be able to address the

visitor by name. We want to continue to be a welcoming church to everyone who comes to Grace.

The summer months bring less rehearsals for our musical groups. Thanks to Brian Dearing and all the choir members for their faithful service preparing for and singing in our Sunday worship. Grace is blessed with all their musical talent.

The plan to address special needs that arose during May worked exactly as it was supposed to work. A member moved to a high level of care and didn't want visitation right now. Sandy received the call and the member paired with her was notified to wait until further notice for visitation. The team prays that this will continue for the next two months. We are pleased that members are continuing to attend worship and faithfully continue their financial contributions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any member of the sabbatical team.

Pam Stockbridge

Sabbatical Team - If you have questions regarding Pr. Bill's sabbatical, you may contact one of the members on this team.

Pam Stockbridge (Chair)	Cindy Karthaus
Dan Driewer	Ben Lindsay
Pam Johnson	Stacy Rauen

Grace Brewer Game Outing!



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Grace is again sponsoring an outing at American Family Field. The date selected is Sunday, June 11 at 1pm against the Oakland Athletics. 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. Those under 18 only need to pay \$20 for the tickets. Children under 2 are free. Please sign up as soon as possible so we know how many tickets are needed. Payment would be appreciated at that time. Those interested can sign up at the welcome desk or can contact Terry Young. (414) 573-9563 tyoung5@wi.rr.com

Birthdays & Other News

June Worship Leaders

6/4

Greeter: TBD
Reader: Pam Johnson
Wine: Nancy Perez, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD

6/11 (No communion)

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Usher: TBD

6/18

Greeter: Sandy Smith
Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Comm. Setup: Delaine Jacobs

6/25 (No communion)

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD



Guest House Sandwiches

We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month, on the first and third Wednesdays, at **8:30am**. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesdays, **June 7 and 21**.



RIC Annual Worship & Parade

The annual synod Reconciling in Christ team's pride worship is on Thursday, June 1 at 6:30pm. A pre-party is at 6pm and social time following worship at Ascension Lutheran Church (1236 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee). Visit MilwaukeeSynod.org under *Events* for more details.

You may also sign up at the welcome desk to walk with Grace members and the synod RIC team in the Milwaukee Pride parade. The parade will begin at 2pm on June 4 at 2nd St in Walker's Point between Greenfield Ave & Seeboth St.

June Birthdays

Name	Date
Dawn Omernik-Nimmer	1
Bev Leidel	3
Dan Driewer	5
Tommy Martin	5
June Koller	6
Tarie Umhoefer	7
Lindsey Miller	11
Braden Scheithauer	11
Maygie May	13
Stacy Rauen	13
Charlie Ferguson	16
Maggie Ferguson	16
Linda Perez	16
John Liegeois	17
Diane Omdahl	17
Sandy Smith	17
Richard Ellner	18
Kyle Scheithauer	18
Chris Campbell	19
Jeanne Stauss	19
Christa Buchweitz	20
Theresa Umhoefer	20
Karen Petersen	21
Calvin Wolf	21
Sara Kamarainen	22
Ryan Bernard	22
Mitchel Stone	22
Maxwell Stone	22
Beth Beck	27
Matthew Petersen	29
Marcia Seehusen	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!



All Peoples Church Food Pantry

At this time the pantry food supply is still very low; so for the foreseeable future we hope to collect non-perishable food and hygiene items again. When you shop for your family, please pick up an extra item for the pantry. Thank you!

Memorial Fund Activity for April

Income:	\$101
Expenditures:	\$0
Balance:	\$10,420
	(Designated: \$3,682)
	(Available: \$6,738)

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Education:
Bible Study - Thursdays:12pm



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June Calendar

Recurring Events

Sundays

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

Mondays

- 5:30pm Northshore Quilters (3rd Mon.)
- 6:30pm Scouts (4th Mon. each month)

Tuesdays

- 12:10pm Devotional Svc.
- 6pm Council (3rd Tue.)
- 6:30pm Scouts

Wednesdays

- 9am Guest House Sandwiches, F.H. (1st and 3rd Wed.)
- 6pm Band Practice, Sanctuary
- 6pm Girl Scouts (3rd Wed.)

Thursdays

- 12pm Bible Study - Library

Other Events & Meetings

June 3 (Saturday)

- 9am All choir groups rehearse

June 4 (Gospel Sunday)

- 9am All Groups participate in worship
- 10:15am Faith Formation/ Brian Dearing

June 11 (Sunday)

- 9am Graduate Sunday

June 11 (Sunday)

- 1pm Brewer Game Outing



Mark your calendars for July 1, when Grace will again be participating in the *Fun Before the 4th* parade! We will be serving hot dogs to parade attendees as we have done in the past. Watch Grace Notes and the bulletin for details on how you can help!