



# Good News of Grace



## June 2026

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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 16, 7pm - Pastor’s Patio Ponderings ~ Using AI in Bible Study ~**

With the rise of AI showing up everywhere, it is also showing up in scripture study. The ease and convenience are fast replacing real scholarship. Join us for a discussion on Artificial Intelligence in scripture study. See page 3 for full schedule.

#### **June 27, 10am - Fun Before the 4th**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 27, when Grace will again be participating in the Fun Before the 4th parade! We will be serving hot dogs, chips and water to parade attendees as we have done in the past.



#### **June 30, 7pm - Pastor’s Patio Ponderings ~ The Places We Go ~**

There are a few places where we spend a lot of time, home and work, to name just two. What are some of the other places we visit? “Thin places” are places we visit that seem to draw us closer to God. “Third places” are the places where we go the most other than home or work. “Sacred places” are those places set aside for the divine. How do we integrate these places into our lives? See page 3 for full schedule.



### 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**

### **Grace Lutheran Staff**

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**Education: Katy Koppa**

# Notes and Financial Updates

## A Note from the Pastor

It is upon us! The glorious season of summer. As many of you know, summer is my favorite time of the year. I am a fan of the heat and the humidity. I feel as if summer is a time of cleansing and renewal. Whatever is going on - we are going to sweat it out!

Summer is a chance for us to take a deep breath. Many of us have vacations planned. We might be heading to our cabins or retreats of other kinds. We take the opportunity to rest and reconnect with nature after a long cold winter.

I was recently reading the book *Nature and The Mind*, by Dr. Marc Berman. In this book Dr. Berman explains that being in nature is not only refreshing, but restoring. Looking at trees (green therapy) and looking at water (blue therapy) can not only refresh us, it can also heal us at the DNA level. A study cited in the book shows that having medical patients in a hospital room that faced trees was more therapeutic than in those rooms that faced the city or a parking lot.

It fascinates me that when we work in connection with our medical professionals, God gives us another part of our healing. The magnificent part about it is that it is literally right out your back door. Nature, creation, the cosmos, etc...whatever you might call it, is a part of what God has given us for healing and growth.

I want to encourage you to get outside this summer (and always) and avail yourself to the medicine that exists all around us. Allow the trees to do their work of healing and rebuilding your body at the cellular level. You will not regret it.

While you are availing yourself of this great gift of healing, also do not forget to engage in worship. For in worship we find healing as well. Worship allows us the opportunity to gather together and be with each other. In that connection we bring healing to each other and build stronger relationships.

So while we are engaging in much R and R in these summer months, don't forget to take time to worship. If you are traveling, please bring a bulletin back from the congregation that you visited. I enjoy looking at those. In all things,

give thanks to God for the healing and power we get in creation and in worship.

Peace,  
Pastor Bill

## Memorial Fund Activity for April

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$74</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$4,165</b>
	(Designated: \$2,890)
	(Available: \$1,275)

## Renovation Debt Reduction Status

Below is the status of the renovation debt reduction as of April 31, 2026. 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.

<b>Loan Balance:</b>	\$410,689
<b>Interest Paid:</b>	\$61,053
<b>Principal Paid:</b>	\$42,682
<b>Renovation/Debt Reduction Fund Balance:</b>	\$87,826

## Monthly Financial Health Update

April Operating Income:	\$23,789
April Operating Expenses:	\$27,599
Year to Date Bottom Line:	\$3,496

**If you would like to see the Treasurer's monthly report, please contact the office.**

## Scam Alert Reminder

Church members are being targeted by scammers impersonating pastors via text or email, claiming to be in a meeting and urgently requesting gift cards for needy people. Always verify requests directly with the staff and never send gift cards, wire money, or click suspicious links. Having Pastor Bill in your contact list will help to identify if he is actually the sender.

# Notes and Financial Updates

## Pastor's Patio Ponderings

The Pastor's Patio Pondering schedule for 2026 is here! This is Pastor Bill's 25th season doing PPP. We did make some changes this year. Wednesday has become an increasingly more difficult day to plan things. So, the PPP's this year will be on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. These are one night, one topic conversations. They occur in good weather on the Pastor's Patio, so please bring a lawn chair to sit in. Pastor has few chairs on his patio. Here is the schedule and the topics:

**June 16, 7pm: Using AI in Bible Study**  
See page 1.

**June 30, 7pm: The Places We Go**  
See page 1.

**July 14, 7pm: Terms and Conditions**  
In our community we throw words around that cause us to pause. In this discussion we will look at and define some of those terms. Terms such as; Justification, Sanctification, atonement, sacred, liturgy, and so many more. Bring your own with you!

**July 28, 7pm: Conversation Potluck**  
I had a couple of topics that were brought my way that I thought deserved a little conversation. These topics will include; Divine Time versus Our Time, How beliefs change over time, Marriage involving more than one faith, the lost books of the Bible, etc... These conversations give us a lot to talk about in our faith.



## Congratulations Graduates!

**Matthew Peterson** ~ Grandson of Karen Petersen and son of Catherine Petersen, graduating from Cedarburg High School.

**Maddie Green** ~ Granddaughter of Pam and John Stockbridge, graduating from Michigan State University, College of Education.

**Elliot Nimmer** ~ Graduating from UW Stevens Point, College of Natural Resources with a bachelors degree (hydrology major, soil science minor, wetland science certificate, with highest honors).

**Leah Holdmann** ~ Granddaughter of JoAnn Holdmann, graduating from UW - Eau Clair, with a degree in Elementary Education.



## Bike Blessing

On May 17th, our Sunday School kids decorated their bikes before receiving a blessing during worship.



# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 10am - Belle City - Fire 2pm - Violin Lesson -	2 11am - Violin Lessons 12:10pm - Dev. Svc.	3 9am - Guest House 3:30pm - Violin Lessons	4	5 10am - Savadil Visitation 11am - Savadil Mem. Svc.	6
7 Gospel Sunday 9am - Worship - All 10:15am - Comm. Life	8	9 12:10pm - NO Dev. Svc. 6:30pm - Council	10 3:30pm - Violin Lessons	11	12	13
14 8:15am - Women's Choir 9am - Worship - Women's	15	16 11am - Violin Lessons 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 7pm - PPP - All in Bible	17 9am - Guest House 11am - Violin Lessons 3:30pm - Violin Lessons	18	19	20
21 8:15am - SBG Band 9am - Worship - SBG Band 10:15am - GG Team	22 6pm - Endowment	23 11am - Violin Lessons 12:10pm - Dev. Svc.	24 11am - Violin Lessons 3:30pm - Violin Lessons	25	26	27 10am - Fun Before the 4th
28 9am - Worship	29	30 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 7pm - PPP - Places We	1	2	3	4

# Worship Leaders, Birthdays and Other News

## June Worship Leaders

**6/7**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Michelle Hogan  
**Wine:** JoAnn Holdmann, Michelle Hogan  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD

**6/14**

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

**6/21**

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

**6/28**

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



## June Birthdays

Name	Date
Dawn Omernik	1
Bev Leidel	3
Dan Driewer	5
Tarie Umhoefer	7
Emmett Jodat	11
Wally Colegrove	12
Stacy Rauen	13
Charlie Ferguson	16
Maggie Ferguson	16
Luna Rockwood	16
John Liegeois	17
Sandy Smith	17
Rich Ellner	18
Chris Campbell	19
Jeanne Stauss	19
Alice Blank	20
Christa Buchweitz	20
Theresa Umhoefer	20
Karen Petersen	21
Calvin Wolf	21
Sara Kamarainen	22
Ryan Bernard	22
Mitchell Stone	22
Maxwell Stone	22
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!*



## 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 enjoy fellowship on **June 3 and 17**.



Donations to the food pantry are appreciated more than ever as the need continues to increase. You can place food and hygiene items in the bins outside the Luther room.



## Family Promise Needs

The Ozaukee County shelter is in need of items listed below. If you would like to contribute, donations can be placed in the bin by the Luther room in the narthex.

Current needs: gas gift cards, full size mattress pads, toothpaste, 13-gallon garbage bags, Lysol disinfectant spray, toilet bowl cleaner, paper towel, toilet paper.

## Grace Membership

If you have been visiting Grace either in person or online, and are interested in becoming a member, please let Pastor Bill know, email ([padmin@grace53092.org](mailto:padmin@grace53092.org)) or call the office (262-242-1174).

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

**Bible Study**  
Starts again in September on  
Thursdays at 12pm

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*“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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