

# Good News of Grace



## September 2025

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

### September Highlights

#### **September 7 ~ God's Work, Our Hands**

Please consider signing up for one of our service projects planned for the upcoming "God's Work. Our Hands." event following worship on Sunday, September 7. Projects include the following:

- Chalking the hospital concrete
- Care kits for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge
- Making cookies for first responders

Signup sheets are on the communication desk.



#### **September 14, 10:15am ~ Rally Day**

Kids, join us after worship for the kick-off of our Sunday School program for the year. Watch Grace Notes, bulletins and emails for more information.

### **A Note from Pastor Bill**

And just like THAT! Summer is over and our program year is about to begin. It seems like the winter months drag on for a really long time, but just as we settle into summer, it is time for it to be over. While we may mourn the passing of the hot weather, this is also a time of excitement. The beginning of the program year is almost like a New Year's Day for me. The start of something new and exciting.

As many of you have noticed, our younger congregational members are growing fast. With that come new needs and wants for people in our congregation to educate and equip their

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### 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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**Music Coordinator: Brian Dearing**

**Nursery Attendant: Shonda Schaff**

**Custodian: Fred Lynk**

# Note from the Pastor and Other News

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children for life in our world. To that end education has become an important conversation in our congregation.

Since I became the pastor here, Cindy Karthaus has headed up our education program. She has been (and continues to be) amazing in her love and passion for the youth in our congregation. We owe huge thanks and a debt of gratitude to Cindy and her family (Steve and Gretchen) for their love and faithfulness to the educational goals of our congregational families.

This year we are blessed to have Katy Koppa step into the role of head of our educational ministry. Katy has been a member with us for a couple of years and brings an excitement and energy to our program. I am looking forward to seeing what she has in store for our community in the next couple of months.

It is important to note that while Katy is heading up the program, there is still a need for many hands. Katy will need help from all age groups in this parish. While you may not have kids in the program, Katy will be looking for people to help with games, snacks, set up, clean up, etc... There will be plenty of work to go around.

Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help. Even if you'd be willing to make a treat for Sunday School or help with doing shopping, your gifts are an essential part of our educational program. If you are, please let Katy know.

We will also be having more educational opportunities for adults this year. Along with Brian's Faith Formations on music, we will be having classes for our adults as well. Grab a cup of coffee and grow closer to God. What more could one ask?

So...here we go...another year of education. Another year of excitement. Another year to fulfill our commitment to the gospel.



## Renovation Debt Reduction Status

Below is the status of the renovation debt reduction as of July 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:** \$419,927

**Interest Paid:** \$49,229

**Principal Paid:** \$33,398

**Renovation/Debt Reduction**

**Fund Balance:** \$80,830

## Memorial Fund Activity for July

**Income:** \$1

**Expenditures:** \$0

**Balance:** \$7,803

(Designated: \$3,767)

(Available: \$4,036)

## 2025 Council Members

Ryan Bernard (President)

Janie Robbins (VP)

Kevin Sibley (Treasurer)

JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary)

Diana Koppa

David Rockwood

Geri Schesel

## Winter Craft Fair

The fair will be on November 15, 9am-2pm this year. We are looking for original handmade artwork or crafts. Direct sale consultants are also welcome, provided handmade products are included in sales as well. Booths available beginning at \$30/vendor.

For information and to register as a vendor, visit <https://bit.ly/GLTCF2025>

## Bible Study Update

The weekly bible study will start up again on Thursday, September 4th at noon, and every Thursday following. We will be discussing the upcoming Sunday scripture readings each week. Come and join the group!

# Birthdays and Other News

## September Worship Leaders

**9/7**

**Greeter:** JoAnn Holdmann  
**Reader:** Dawn Omernik  
**Wine:** Nancy Perez, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** The Rockwoods

**9/14 Rally Day**

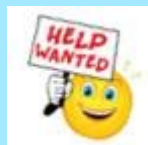
**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** JoAnn Holdmann  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD

**9/21**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Dawn Omernik  
**Wine:** JoAnn Holdmann, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** JoAnn Holdmann

**9/28**

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



## 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 **September 3 and 17**.

## New Members

On August 10, the following people were received as new members of the Grace family.

Russell & Cheri Biancuzzo

Wally Colegrove

Alice Laukert

Amy Ollman

Andrew & Julia Shannon,

Liam, Fintan, & Madeline



## September Birthdays

Name	Date
Diane Clemens	4
Jack Smiley	7
Grace Roeker	9
Steve Mussatti	13
Robin Koch	16
Joan Grothman	17
Corey Wolf	17
Nicholas Habermann	18
Izzy Koppa	18
Paul Goniou	19
Dylan Ellner	20
Courtney Meyer	21
Maren Stahle	21
Renee Boos	22
Emily Buczynski	22
Gerald Lohr	23
Nancy Spindler	25
Kathy Maciejewski	28
Andrew Shannon	28
Ross Sibley	28
Laura Petersen	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!*



## 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.

## Food Pantry

Donations to the All People's 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.

Thank you to everyone who has donated these much needed items!



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QR code

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

**Bible Study**  
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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God's work. Our hands.

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# September 2025

Grace Lutheran Church Holidays in United States

Sep 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Labor Day	2 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 3:30pm - Violin Lesson 6:30pm - Women's Choir 7:30pm - Men's Chorus	3 9am - Guest House 3:30pm - 4:30pm Violin 6:30pm - SBG Singers	4 12pm - Bible Study	5 Awe wedding Rehearsal	6 9am - SBG Band 3pm - Awe Wedding - Erin
7 God's Work, Our Hands 7:45am - Move Bell tables 8am - Bell Choir Warmup 8:15am - SBG Band 8:30am - All Singers and 9am - Worship ~ All 10:15am - Chancel Choir	8 2pm - Violin Lesson -	9 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. - 3:30pm - Violin Lesson 6:30pm - Council	10 3:30pm - 4:30pm Violin 6:30pm - Bell Choir	11 12pm - Bible Study	12	13
14 Rally Day - 8:15am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship ~ Chancel 10:15am - Chancel Choir 10:15am - Comm. Life	15 2pm - Violin Lesson -	16 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. - 3:30pm - Violin Lesson	17 9am - Guest House 3:30pm - 4:30pm Violin 6:30pm - SBG Vocals	18 12pm - Bible Study	19	20 9am - SBG Band
21 8:15am - SBG Warmup 9am - Worship - SBG Ban 10:15am - GG Team 10:15am - WAM Team	22 2pm - Violin Lesson -	23 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 3:30pm - Violin Lesson	24 3:30pm - 4:30pm Violin 6:30pm - Bell Choir	25 12pm - Bible Study	26	27
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