



Good News of Grace



September 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."

September Highlights

September 10, 12pm ~ Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study will start up again on September 10th at noon, with the same format as in the past. Plan on meeting in the Luther Room. If you have any questions or comments, please see Dan Driewer or Skip Blick.

September 13, 9am ~ Rally Day

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13, for "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. Watch Grace Notes and the bulletin for more details.



A Note from the Pastor

I was walking in Walgreens the other day and I saw the school supplies being sold. My initial thought was, "School supplies, already?" It was only then I realized that it was late August and before long the younger members and older learners in our congregation will be heading back to school. I also had a bit of a heart palpitation when I realized that the children entering kindergarten this year will be the graduating class of 2040. That's TWENTY FORTY!

When I was a child I was always excited about this time of year. It meant we would go shopping for some new things. It was always fun to pick

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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

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A Note from the Pastor (Cont'd) & Financial Updates

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out a new lunch box (my favorite was my Kung Fu lunch box). Some of you may even remember the excitement of getting a new pencil box. They had different kinds each year. Some of my classmates even used a cigar box. And of course the pencils, crayons, and rulers that were going to be used throughout the year.

By the end of the year, the pencils had been sharpened down to the eraser. The ruler more than likely was broken and chipped probably around February. I would go through my box of crayons wondering how I had ended up with three 'midnight blue' in my box when the box only came with one. The pencil box bravely completed the year and breathed a sigh of relief when the final bell had rung.

All things that are new will become old. Things will wear out and need to be replaced. Sometimes things can be made "like new," but alas we know that things wear out.

But...

The book of Lamentations is not often a book you hear a lot about. Some of that book can be weighty in its presentation and theology. However, in Chapter 3:22-23 we read, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." That passage reminds us that no matter what happens, every single day of our lives God's mercy, God's grace, and God's faithfulness are new and ready for us to claim.

While our congregation, our families, and our communities begin this program year, we are reminded time and time again that God is faithful. And if God is faithful, we can always depend on God. This is not only part of our baptismal promise, it is the sure reality that God gives us life and grace and mercy.



Memorial Fund Activity for July

Income:	\$0
Expenditures:	<u>\$0</u>
Balance:	\$4,028
	(Designated: \$1,531)
	(Available: \$2,497)

Renovation Debt Reduction Status

Below is the status of the renovation debt reduction as of **July 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.

Loan Balance:	\$407,536
Interest Paid:	\$64,943
Principal Paid:	\$45,828
Renovation/Debt Reduction Fund Balance:	\$84,715

Monthly Financial Health Update

July Operating Income:	\$19,248
July Operating Expenses:	\$22,692
Year to Date Bottom Line:	-\$4,754

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.

September Worship Leaders, Birthdays, and More

September Worship Leaders

9/6

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: Nancy Perez, Geri Schesel
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: Sheri Besag
Coffee Fellowship: TBD

9/13

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

9/20

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

9/27

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

Food Pantry Update

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.



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 2 and 16**.



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!



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.

Synod RIC Pride Worship

The Milwaukee Synod RIC Ministry Team's "Celebrating Our Diversity as God's Children" 2026 Pride worship service will be at **6pm on Thursday, October 8th**, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. If anyone is interested in singing in the Pride worship service choir, or providing snacks for the fellowship time following the service, please email Chuck Ellingson at chuckgmsric@gmail.com.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Bible Study
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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God's work. Our hands.

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Grace Lutheran Church Sandy's Calendar

Sep 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 6:30pm - Women's Choir 7:30pm - Men's Chorus	2 9am - Guest House 3:30pm - Violin Lessons 6:30pm - SBG Singers	3	4	5 9am - SBG Band Practice
6 Hymn Sing 9am - Worship 10:15am - Chancel Choir 10:15am - Comm. Life	7 Labor Day	8 12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 6:30pm - Council	9 3:30pm - Violin Lessons 6:30pm - Bell Choir	10 12pm - Bible Study	11	12
13 God's Work, Our Hands Rally Day 9am - Worship - All Choir 10:15am - Chancel Choir	14 1:30pm - Violin Lessons	15 12:10pm - Dev. Svc.	16 9am - Guest House 3:30pm - Violin Lessons 6:30pm - SBG Singers	17 12pm - Bible Study	18	19 9am - SBG Band Practice
20 8:15am - SBG Band 9am - Worship - SBG Ban 10:15am - Faith 10:15am - GG Team	21 1:30pm - Violin Lessons	22 12:10pm - Dev. Svc.	23 3:30pm - Violin Lessons 6:30pm - Bell Choir	24 12pm - Bible Study	25	26
27 8am - Bell Choir Warmup 9am - Worship 10:15am - Blood Pressure	28 1:30pm - Violin Lessons	29 12:10pm - Dev. Svc.	30 3:30pm - Violin Lessons 6:30pm - Bell Choir	1	2	3