



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
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**Worship services: Sundays at 9am,
Tuesdays at 12:10pm**



CHURCH STAFF

Bill Beyer – Pastor (C: 262-674-4714)
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Our Mission: "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

Vision Statement: 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.

Welcome to Worship: We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

Communion Instruction: Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. ***Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free.*** If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

Offering: Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

Hearing Assistance Available: This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Nursery Available: We love to have children in worship with us. For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

PRELUDE (Organ):

1. Dudley Buck (1839-1909), "Andante Espressivo"
2. John Zundel (1815-1882), "Grand Fugue with Three Subjects"

WELCOME

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Organ): George E. Whiting (1842-1924), "Andante Tranquillo"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin....Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God...and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

(ELW 413)

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee,
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord... be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) O Lord God.....our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 119:33-40



L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C: Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

C: Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain. R

L: Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

C: Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

L: Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

C: Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me. R

SECOND READING Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

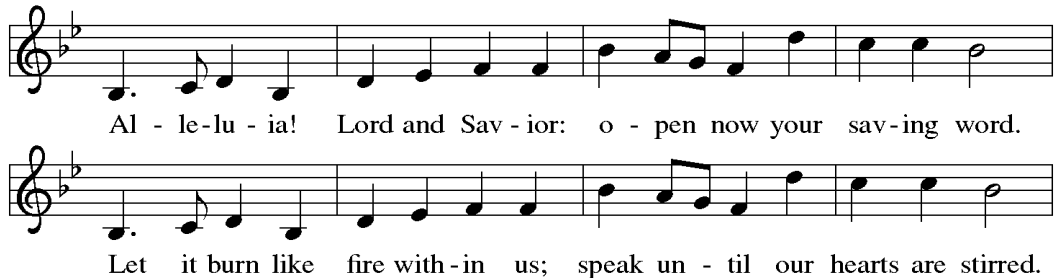
¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 10)





Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, chapter 18.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*The gospel is announced*)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

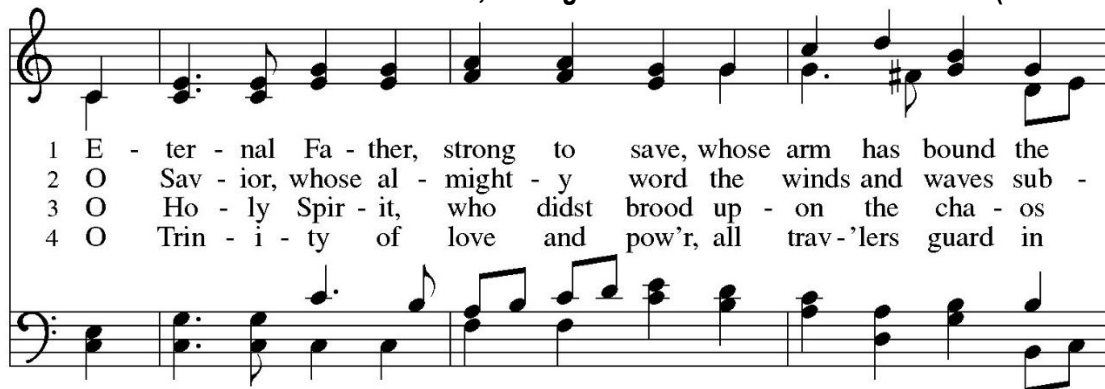
P: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

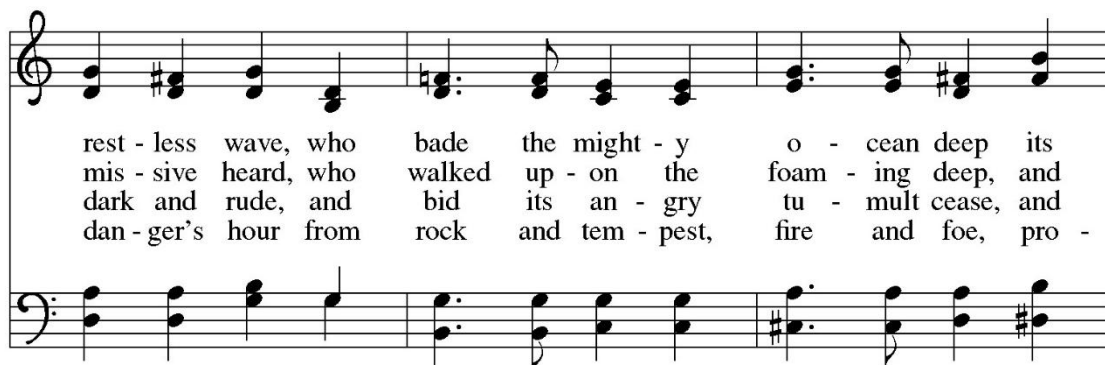


HYMN OF THE DAY *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

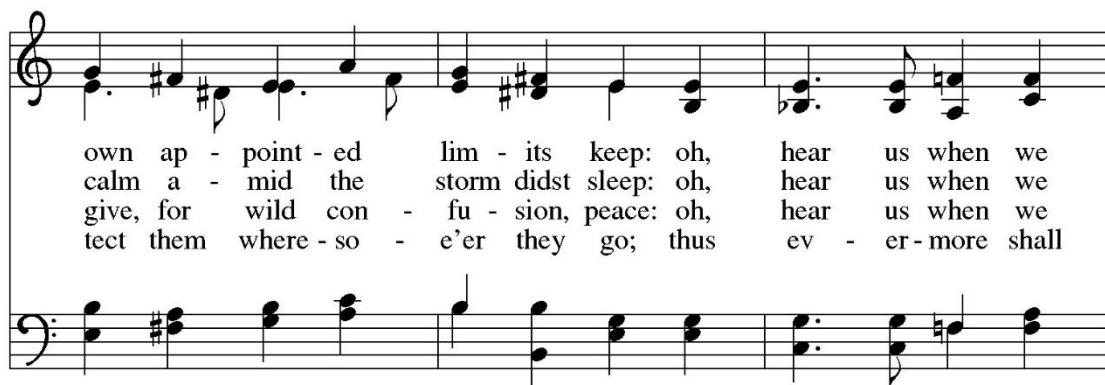
(ELW 756)



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant the prayers we have offered....in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty...join their unending hymn: ***Holy, Holy, Holy* (ELW Setting 10)**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy God, you alone are holywith every breath. **C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness.....into the future. **C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son....with us now. **C: We thank you, O God.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed we proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit.... without end. **C: Amen.**

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(ELW Setting 10)

COMMUNION SONG *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

(ELW 671)

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1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang-ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain
 Shine on on me, shine on on me:
 Shine on on me, shine on on me:

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Blessed Be God, Who Chose You* (ELW 215)

Bless - ed be God, who chose you in Christ.
 Live in love as Christ loved us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, almighty God ...for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (Organ): Horatio W. Parker (1863-1919), "Postlude"

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Text: Reginald Heber, Music: John B. Dykes; *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, Text: William Whiting, Music: MELITA John B. Dykes; *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Text: Edward Perronet, Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, Music: Oliver Holden. PUBLIC DOMAIN.

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Music Notes:

The organ music comprises pieces from A Century of American Organ Music 1776-1876, Volume 3 compiled and edited by Barbara Owen (1933-2024). Ms. Owen earned degrees from Westminster Choir College (Bachelor of Music) and Boston University (Master of Musicology), served for 40 years as Director of Music at the First Religious Society of Newburyport, Mass and was a founder of the Organ Historical Society. The **Prelude** comprises two pieces, one by Dudley Buck and one by John Zundel. Buck studied with noted teachers in Leipzig, Dresden and Paris before serving as an organist in his native Hartford, CT, as well as in Chicago, Boston and Brooklyn. Zundel was born in Wurttemberg, Germany and studied violin with Molique and organ with Rinck. After serving as organist in St. Peterburg, he came to New York where he was organist of Henry Ward Beecher's famed Plymouth Church in Brooklyn. The **Last Prelude** is by Buck's successor at North Church, Hartford, George Elbridge Whiting, where he founded the Beethoven society. The **Postlude** is by Horatio Parker, who studied at New England Conservatory and in Munich with Rheinberger. He was professor of music at Yale.

The **Hymn of the Day** was written by William Whiting (1825-1878) in 1860 for one of his students who was about to sail to America. It is known as the sailor's hymn and is inscribed over the chancel of the Naval Academy chapel at Annapolis, MD. It was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's favorite hymn, sung at his funeral in 1945. It was played by the Navy Band when John F. Kennedy's body was carried up the steps of the Capitol building to lie in state in 1963. (source: Paul Westermeyer, *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 2010)

Next week: The 2026-27 Program Year opens with Rally Day, Thank You Sunday, and God's Work, Our Hands Sunday! Don't miss it. Everybody in the Grace Lutheran Music Program participates: Bells warm up at 8:00am, Saved by Grace Band and Singers warm up at 8:15am, and all the singers (Men's Chorus, Women's Choir and Chancel Choir) warm up along with selected members of the Bell Choir at 8:30am. All those groups participate in 9:00am worship to start the year off with a "bang"! Chancel Choir rehearses after worship at 10:15am. It'll be a great day.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Worship Leaders

Reader: Bev Leidel

Wine: Nancy Perez, Geri Schesel

Usher: TBD

Comm. Set Up: Sheri Besag

Greeter: Marilyn DeMore

Coffee Fellowship: TBD

Next Sunday Worship Leaders

Reader: JoAnn Holdmann

Wine: Nancy Perez, TBD

Usher: TBD

Comm. Set Up: TBD

Greeter: TBD

Coffee Fellowship: TBD

This week at Grace

Sun 9/6 9:00am Worship ~ Hymn Sing for worship

10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal *** **First Rehearsal of 2026-27**

Program Year***

10:15am Community Life Team Meeting

Mon 9/7 Office Closed ~ Labor Day

Tue 9/8 12:10pm Devotional Service

Wed 9/9 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thu 9/10 12pm Bible Study

Sun 9/13 Rally Day ~ God's Work, Our Hands

8am Bell Choir Warm-up

8:15am Saved by Grace Band Warm-up

8:30am All Singer + Bell Choir Warm-up

9:00am Worship ~ Bell Choir, SBG Band and All Singers provide music for worship

10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:15am Confirmation Family Meeting

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.

Confirmation Meeting (9/13): Pastor Bill will have a confirmation meeting next Sunday, Rally Day, for families of confirmation age members (7th, 8th and 9th grades) following worship. Please plan to be there if your child plans to attend confirmation sessions.

God's Work. Our Hands: The Growing in Grace kids invite you to help them with "God's Work, Our Hands" projects by donating items to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Please drop off any items you wish to donate by September 13 in the narthex. Only new, unopened, unexpired items, please. Copies of this list are available on the communication desk.



Faith Formation with Pastor Bill: Pastor Bill will be offering a Faith Formation Series entitled "Understanding the Old Testament." It will run for five Sundays (9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, and 10/25). The class will begin after worship and after you've had a chance to get a coffee. These five weeks will provide an introduction to the Old Testament that will help you to open that section of the scriptures and make some sense of it. Bibles will be provided, but having your own could be beneficial. If you have any questions please check with Pastor Bill.

Attention Crafters! Here is a great opportunity to work on your latest project(s) while being inspired by other crafters. Please gather your projects, supplies and needed drop cloths and enjoy a day of creativity here at Grace Lutheran Church.



Monday, September 28, 2026

10am-2pm

Break for lunch 11:30-12:30

- Hot lunch available through ADRC ~ Cafe 60 (suggested \$5 donation). Reservation must be made by Monday, September 21.
- OR
- Bring your own lunch.

Any questions, or to make luncheon reservations, please contact Alice Laukert at 262-242-1546.

Bible Study: Thursday Bible Study will start up again on Thursday 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.



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, 1236 S Layton Blvd (aka S 27th St), Milwaukee. If anyone is interest in singing in the Pride worship service choir, please email Chuck Ellingson at chuckgmsric@gmail.com. Also, if anyone would like to attend the Pride worship service and provide baked goods, fruits, veggies, water, or anything else for the fellowship time following the Pride worship service, please email Chuck.



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 with one another on **September 16**.

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Information: 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:



SignUpGenius

- Communication desk signup sheet
- Online with SignupGenius using the link in the Grace Notes or the QR code here
- Call the office and let Sandy know
- Theresa and Jen will also be reaching out by phone as well
- You can also reach out to: Jen Bartz ~ 414-550-5231, Theresa Umhoefer ~ 262-227-8840

Worship Volunteers: Calling all readers, wine servers, ushers, greeters, communion setup folks and coffee fellowship helpers! There is a hard copy of the SignupGenius form on the communication desk for those that find it easier to sign up on their way in or out of church. The link sent out in the Grace Notes is still active and available, and this QR code can also be used to connect to the Signup Genius. Emails and phone calls are always welcome as well. Thank you for all your help!



SignUpGenius

Food/Item Donations: Please note that at this time we are only collecting items for Family Promise and the All Peoples Church Pantry. Below are the items needed for these organizations. The Mr. Bob's collection will return in the fall.

Family Promise Needs: The Ozaukee County shelter is currently 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 towels, toilet paper.



Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church): You may drop food and hygiene items off in the bins by Luther room. Items needed include: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal, Canned Pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli), Tuna, Tuna Helper, Spam, Canned Beef Stew, Baked Beans, Pasta, Canned Pasta Sauce, White rice (1lb bags or instant), Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Hamburger Helper, Canned Greens (Collard, Mixed, Turnip, Mustard), Toothpaste, Deodorant.

Prayers: **Chevelle** Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), **Andy** Roehrborn (cousin of Matt Junker), **Rick** Chu (Veronica Junker's uncle), **Jerry** Karthauser, **Judy** Schwartz (friend of Delaine Jacobs), **David** Rauth, **Tucker** Kucharski, **Judy** Hogan (Ken Hogan's mother), **Wendy** (friend of Geri Schesel), **Ron** (friend of Diane Omdahl), **Joyce** Winghart, **Sandy** Smith, **Bill** Luebke, **Karen** Krogstad (Courtney Krogstad's mother-in-law), **Javier** Rodriguez, **Madalynne** Baum, **Russ** Biancuzzo, **DawnMark** Bacon-Johnson, **Diane** Schumann, **Caroline** Lindberg (Niece of Holly Tischer).

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays: Jack Smiley - 9/7, Grace Roeker - 9/9

Anniversaries: Jamie and Lara Awe – 9/6

