



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

CHURCH STAFF

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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 (Piano)

1. Lloyd Larson (arr.), "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
2. Faye López (arr.), "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
3. Lloyd Larson (arr.), "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

WELCOME

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Piano): Penny Rodriguez (arr.), "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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 *Almighty God, Your Word is Cast*

(ELW 516)

1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,

now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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*) Faithful God....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

PSALM Psalm 86:11-17



Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth.

L: Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C: I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore. R

L: For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

C: The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

L: But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

C: Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me. R

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

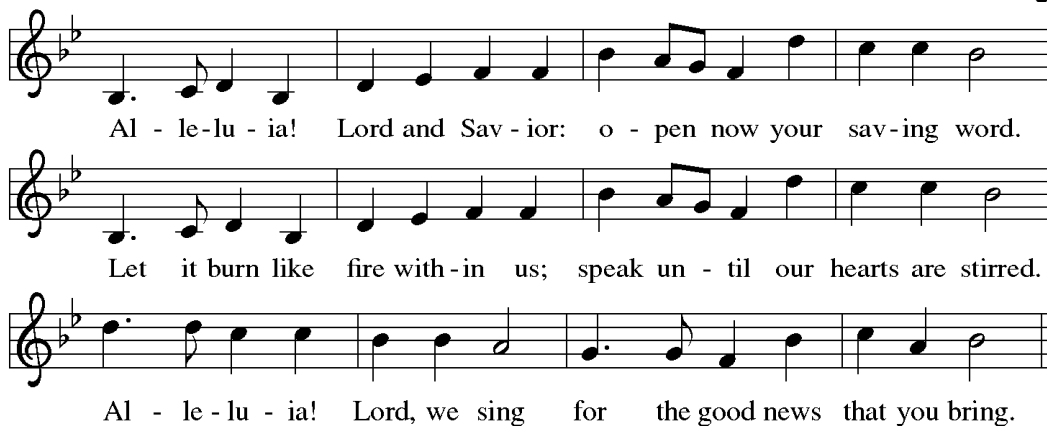
¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, chapter 13.

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

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'

²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the

reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

SERMON





1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

P: Grateful for your abundant provision.....grace of Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION SONG

(ELW Setting 10)



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG *Blessed Assurance*

(ELW 638)



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



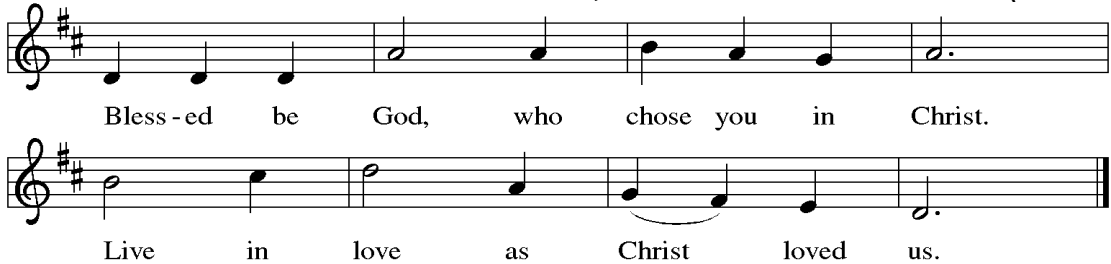


this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
 with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (Piano): John Carter (arr.), "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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Music Notes:

The **Prelude** comprises piano arrangements of familiar tunes by two living American composers. Lloyd Larson holds a BA from Anderson University (1976) and a MCM from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1979) and has more than 1,500 published compositions and arrangements. Faye López is a composer, arranger, pianist, and musician dedicated to writing and performing both Christian and secular works. Her passion is to create music for personal and corporate worship. She has a bachelor's degree in sacred music and a master's degree in piano performance from Bob Jones University.

As the **Last Prelude**, we hear Penny Rodriguez's arrangement of the familiar hymn tune, St. Columba. She began playing piano as a child of six, the daughter of missionary parents in the jungles of Peru. She attended Moody Bible Institute and American Conservatory. She lives in Indianapolis, IN.

The **Postlude** is by John Carter, a "drastically altered" version of the famous Ode to Joy from Beethoven's 9th Symphony. Carter was born in 1930 in Nashville, TN and holds a Master of Music degree from Peabody College. He and his wife, Mary Kay Beall, collaborate in Music Ministry. He is a well-known composer of music for choir and keyboard, known for his versatile style and creativity.

The **Hymn of the Day** is by Henry Alford (1810-1871), an Anglican priest like his father, who ultimately became dean of Canterbury Cathedral where he founded a choral oratorio society. He was a parish priest, Greek scholar, organist, composer and writer of eighteen hymns. The tune, "St George's, Windsor," is by George J. Elvey (1816-1893), organist at St. George's, Windsor for forty-seven years. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1871,

Next week: Saved by Grace warms up at 8:15am and leads music for worship at 9:00am.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Worship Leaders

Reader: Paul Gieschen

Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, Nancy Perez

Usher: TBD

Comm. Set Up: Sheri Besag

Greeter: Marilyn DeMore

Coffee Fellowship: TBD

Next Sunday Worship Leaders

Reader: JoAnn Holdmann

Wine: TBD, TBD

Usher: TBD

Comm. Set Up: JoAnn Holdmann

Greeter: TBD

Coffee Fellowship: TBD

This week at Grace

Sun 7/19 8:15am Pam Johnson (substitute) Warmup
9:00am Worship ~ Pam Johnson leads music for worship
10:15am Grateful Giving Team Meeting

Tue 7/21 11am Violin Lessons
12:10pm Devotional Service

Wed 7/22 11am Violin Lessons

Sat 7/25 9am SBG Band Practice

Sun 7/26 8:15am SBG Band Warmup
9:00am Worship ~ SBG Band Sings

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.

Growing In Grace Request: Large cardboard boxes are needed for a future project. Please consider donating any boxes large enough for a child to sit in.



Blood Drive: The next Versiti blood drive is on Thursday, August 6 in Fellowship Hall. There are slots available from 1 - 6pm. Call 877-232-4376 or use the QR code here and enter the Grace zip code 53092.



Help Needed: DawnMark Bacon-Johnson will be playing the drums at the Washington County Pride Celebration on August 9th and he is looking for some help. He needs someone to help transport his drum set from his home to the event in Saukville, and then back to his home. If you have a vehicle that can handle a drum set, or if you would be able to help drive a rented vehicle and load/unload the drum set, please see DawnMark.

Summer Mowing: The Property Team is still looking for people to help on the mowing team. A sign-up sheet is available at the information desk. Contact Ryan Bernard for further information.



Faith Nursing Program: We will be starting a Faith Nursing program as of July 2026. The program will start with monthly blood pressure clinics to be held on the fourth Sunday of the month after services in the parlor. We are also looking for health care workers who are interested in helping with the program. If you have questions, you can contact Scott Besag at sbesag@yahoo.com.

Pastor's Patio Ponderings (PPP): The final PPP discussion will be on **July 28, at 7pm**. The topic is **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 belief's 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.



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:



- 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

Pastor Bill Email Change: Please make a note that Pastor Bill is switching his email to prbgrace@protonmail.com for future email correspondence effective immediately.

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 the office (padmin@grace53092.org) or call the office (262-242-1174).

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.



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



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 **August 5 & 19.**

Growing in Grace: Families involved in our children's education ministry, don't forget to check our ministry website for updates on events, Education classes, and volunteer opportunities! You can also email Katy Koppa for updates at kathrynkoppa@gmail.com. Call 877-232-2376 or use the QR code here.



Prayers: **Chevelle** Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), **Andy** Roehrborn (cousin of Matt Junker), **Debbie** (friend of Dawn Omernik), **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), **Holly** Grassin-Kremmel, **Joyce** Winghart, **Sandy** Smith, **Bill** Luebke, **Karen** Krogstad (Courtney Krogstad's mother-in-law), **Javier** Rodriguez, **Madalynne** Baum, **Russ** Biancuzzo, **DawnMark** Bacon-Johnson, **Bryce**, **Antonio**.

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays: Jerry Karthauser - 7/20, Helga Ickert - 7/21, Cindy Karthauser - 7/21, Erich Stahle - 7/22, Pam Johnson - 7/23, Sarah Radiske - 7/23, Holly Tischner - 7/24

Anniversaries: None this week.

