



Good News of Grace



August 2023

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

August Highlights

August 6 - 9am Pr. Bill Beyer Preaches!!

August 6 - 10am "Welcome Back" Potluck

Join us after worship to welcome Pr. Bill back from his time of rest and learning with some food and fellowship! There is a signup sheet on the welcome desk to bring a dish.

August 9 - 6pm I Scream, You Scream!

Let's all scream for the Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 9 from 6pm-8pm. Entertainment will be provided by String-A-Long. If it rains, we will be in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and friends!



Called to Serve

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6

As we conclude the sabbatical period and prepare to welcome back Pastor Bill, we should also reflect on the past three months of congregational service and leadership. Thank you to all of our teams, readers, liturgists, coffee servers, greeters, musicians, ushers, communion servers, guest speakers and so many others who answered the call to serve during sabbatical. The many members of our church body utilized their individual gifts to ensure that worship and fellowship continued even in our pastor's absence.

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Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9am

Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

Education:

Bible Study on Thursday 12pm

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.

Grace Lutheran Staff

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Called to Serve and Other Notes

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Take a moment to reflect on the past few months. What worked well? What might we do differently? Did you step outside your comfort zone to volunteer in a new capacity? What areas of service might you want to continue even after the sabbatical concludes?

If we use our gifts to serve others, we are "faithful stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10.) In this way, each of us can embody Grace to one another, our community, and the world. It is my hope that even after we welcome back Pastor Bill, Grace Lutheran Church will continue to foster an abundant culture of service.

Ben Lindsay, Sabbatical Team Member

Final "Called to Serve" **Sabbatical Report**

We have reached the end of the Sabbatical but in reality we have also reached the start.

Motivated by the beautiful banner, the sabbatical team decided to name this time the Called to Serve Sabbatical. Wow was that accurate! When members were called to serve, they answered the call. Before members were called to serve, they volunteered to serve. During the three months that Pastor Bill was off studying, we had 18 members who had not previously taken an active part in serving on a Sunday morning, answering the call and serving as greeters, ushers, readers, liturgist, visitor shepherds, provide the message for a service and more. That number doesn't include the members who continued to answer the call as they had before the sabbatical nor the people who answered the call for tasks outside of the Sunday service. The sabbatical goal to grow the leadership of Grace was successful!

When the team started the planning in late January, we had a list of about a dozen things that Pastor Bill does for which we would need to plan to get covered. As the planning continued, each week our list grew with things he had done! We thought that we had a daunting task ahead of us to get everything covered and knew that the six of us could not do it all even though Pastor Bill, one person, had been doing it all. Through God's guidance and lots of prayers, the wonderful congregational members took

parts of the jobs. Our tasks got smaller as our members' participation grew.

I believe we are also at the start because each one of us needs to continue to answer the call to serve. We need to remember which team can answer our question rather than turn to Pastor Bill for the answer. We will continue to joyfully serve on Sundays where it is appropriate.

As I mentioned in the devotion I did, we can do the easy tasks and Pastor Bill can do the theological and thorny difficult tasks. We do have to help with one of Pastor Bill's tasks. When a member needs a call from Pastor Bill, the member's task is to let him know. Then he will be able to complete the task of providing for the special need. We can't do all the tasks and Pastor Bill can't do all the tasks. Together we can do all the work that will make Grace a loving, accepting, caring, theologically sound church for everyone in this hurting world.

I personally am thankful for each one of you who answered the call. For those who said to me that they were sorry that they couldn't be more active, you were active answering your call with your attendance, prayers and more by your words of encouragement to the team. It was a privilege for me to answer the call to serve as chair of the sabbatical team. I was humbled by the kind words about the work of the team and by the trust that Pastor Bill put in the team when he stated that he was not part of team and planning since he would not be here during the sabbatical.

The sabbatical was successful because of each one of you!

Pam Stockbridge, Sabbatical Chair

Sabbatical Team

Thank you to these people who planned and prepared the congregation for the last three months during Pr. Bill's sabbatical.

Pam Stockbridge (Chair)

Dan Driewer

Pam Johnson

Cindy Karthaus

Ben Lindsay

Stacy Rauen

THANK
YOU!

Birthdays & Other News

August Worship Leaders

8/6

Greeter: Sandy Smith
Reader: Holly Grassin-Kremmel
Wine: Nancy Perez, Tricia Baackes
Usher: Elliot Nimmer
Communion Setup: TBD

8/13

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD

8/20

Greeter: TBD
Reader: JoAnn Holdmann
Wine: Pam Johnson, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: JoAnn Holdmann

8/27

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD



August Birthdays

Name	Date
Dan Umhoefer	2
Gail Larson	4
Dawn Luebke	4
Delaine Jacobs	5
Paeton Umhoefer	5
Trey Johnson	6
Leo Balistreri	7
Suzanne LaCrosse	7
Mary Gieschen	10
JoAnn Holdmann	15
Cheryl Aschauer Baum	17
Julie Nutter	17
Elsbeth Bruhnke	19
John Richmond	19
Jack Kamarainen	20
Dustin Habermann	23
Courtney Krogstad	25
Janette Altschaf	26
Jake Zeller	26
Skip Blick	27
Darren Miller	27
Theo Lindsay	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 to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesdays, **August 2 and 16**.



Please consider donating blood on August 10! Please visit <https://bit.ly/DonateBloodatGrace> (case sensitive) to schedule your donation time (1pm-6pm). Thank you for helping save lives!

All Peoples Church Food Pantry

At this time the pantry food supply is still very low; so for the foreseeable future we hope to collect non-perishable food and hygiene items again. When you shop for your family, please pick up an extra item for the pantry. Thank you!



Memorial Fund Activity for June

Income: \$0
Expenditures: \$3,050
Balance: \$7,370
 (Designated: \$3,667)
 (Available: \$3,703)

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QR code

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Education:
Bible Study - Thursdays:12pm



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August Calendar

Recurring Events

Sundays

9am Worship/Comm.

Mondays

5:30pm Northshore Quilters (3rd Mon.)
6:30pm Scouts (4th Mon. each month)

Tuesdays

12:10pm Devotional Service
6pm Council (3rd Tue.)
6:30pm Scouts

Wednesdays

9am Guest House Sandwiches, F.H.
(1st and 3rd Wed.)
6pm Band Practice, Sanctuary
6pm Girl Scouts (3rd Wed.)

Thursdays

12pm Bible Study - Library

Other Events & Meetings

August 6 (Sunday)

10am "Welcome Back" Potluck

August 9 (Wednesday)

6pm Ice Cream Social

August 10 (Thursday)

1pm-6pm Blood Drive

August 13 (Sunday)

10:15am Community Life Team Meeting

