



# Good News of Grace



## September 2024

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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 1, 9am ~ Hymn Sing**

Join us for worship when we sing favorite hymns chosen by members of the congregation.

#### **September 8, 9am ~ God’s Work. Our Hands.**

Join us on September 8 following worship for “God’s Work. Our Hands” activities.



#### **September 22, 9am ~ New Member Welcome**

We will receive new members during the September 22 worship service.

#### **September 22, 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**

We have made it through winter. We have made it through spring. We have made it through summer. And here we are at the gateway to fall. Children are getting their new back packs ready and breaking in new shoes as school is ready to begin. It seems almost unbelievable to think that it is September already.

September marks the beginning of our program year at Grace as well. Sunday School will be underway soon. The choirs are already dusting off their music and preparing to enrich and support our ministry. This time of year is always exciting as we look at new programs and

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### Worship and Education

#### Worship Schedule:

**Sunday at 9am**

**Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm**

#### Education:

**Bible Study on Thursday at 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. (est. 2011)

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**Custodian: Fred Lynk**

# A Note from Pastor Bill and Other News

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ways to communicate and educate ourselves on the scriptures.

To that end, I would like to offer some opportunities for learning this fall and into the new year. Scripture studies, topical discussions, and general conversation with each other are all ways in which we draw closer to God and each other.

The question I have is "what do you want to learn about?" Pastors can create studies on a wide variety of topics, but if the people in the congregation are not interested, then that can make it more complicated.

One class we will be offering in the fall is a discussion on the book "The Pursuit of God" by A.W. Tozer. (I do have copies in my office if you are interested in a preview.) This book was one I read back in my college days and it provided much food for thought. I thought it might be interesting to have a discussion on it here at Grace.

Other than that, I am happy to provide studies that interest this congregation. Please let me know what topics or books of the Bible you might enjoy studying. I am happy to put together resources for discussion and fellowship.

Also, keep in mind that Dan Driewer is also continuing the Thursday noon study on the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sundays. If you are free at noon on Thursdays, they meet in the Library for coffee and scripture. This is a great way to prepare yourself for the week's coming worship.

This is one of the purposes of this congregation...to grow in the Word of God. We do that by actively engaging ourselves in the discussion and study of scripture and topics that affect our faith and life. Let me know how I can help in that journey for you.



## Community Life Team Meeting

Just a reminder that the next Community Life team meeting is September 1, following worship.

## 2024 Council Members

Below are the 2024 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Beth Buczynski (President)  
Pam Stockbridge (VP)  
Jen Bartz (Treasurer)  
JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary)  
Ryan Bernard  
Steve Mussatti  
Janie Robbins  
David Rockwood  
Kevin Sibley

## All Peoples "Food Update" Article

From All Peoples Newsletter

Hello Partners,

The pantry has been seeing 95ish guests per week and since we put out an APB (all points bulletin 10-12 weeks ago) the response from our partners has been an awe-inspiring 10-12 weeks!!! You have responded to the needs of our community in a big way. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!!

Between our Isaiah 55 pantry, garden/gathering table (produce, bakery, dairy), St. Vincent DePaul (hot meals inside, 5 nights/wk), and Tikkun Ha-Ir/Veggie Chop Shop (gleaning produce and veggies from 4 or 5 MKE County farmers markets each week, Jul. - Oct, with food going to daycares and school programs) our building is feeding over 2,000 guests per week!

None of this could happen without your generous support!!! However, we are glad to be able to do this but we should all be appalled that there are so many folks struggling to make ends meet! This is the richest country in the world and it is sad so many are in this predicament.

I thank God for each one of you and pray we can keep feeding our guests!

Brian  
Food Dude

# Birthdays and Other News

## Worship Volunteers

**9/1**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Linda Finnigan  
**Wine:** Geri Schesel, Beth Buczynski  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** Beth Buczynski  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD, TBD

**9/8**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Pam Johnson  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD, TBD



**9/15**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD, TBD



**9/22**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD, TBD

Sign up  
online here

**9/29**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD, TBD

## Food Pantry Update

Donations to the food pantry are appreciated more than ever as the need has increased tremendously. They continue to express their gratitude for all donations.

You can drop food and hygiene items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.



## 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
Emily Buczynski	22
Gerald Lohr	23
Ione Ashworth	25
Nancy Spindler	25
Kathy Maciejewski	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!*



## Holy Baptism

We welcomed Nelson Alden, Alice Elizabeth and Jason Alden Blank to God's family through Holy Baptism at the August 4 service.

Nelson and Alice are the son and daughter of Wendy and Jason Blank. Congratulations and blessings to the Blank family!



## 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, **September 4 and 18.**



## Memorial Fund Activity for August

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$151</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$7,851</b>
	(Designated: \$7,711)
	(Available: \$140)

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

**Education:**  
Thursday Bible Study at 12pm



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**September Calendar**

**Recurring Events**

**Sundays**

9am Worship/Comm.  
10:15am Community Life Team (1st Sun.)

**Tuesdays**

12:10pm Devotional Service  
6:30pm Council (2nd Tuesday)

**Wednesdays**

9am Guest House Sandwiches, F. Hall  
(1st and 3rd Wednesday)

**Thursdays**

12pm Bible Study

**Other Events & Meetings**

**Sep 1 (Sunday)**

9am Hymn Sing

**Sep 2 (Monday)**

Office Closed - Labor Day

**Sep 8(Sunday)**

10am God's Work. Our Hands.

**Sep 22 (Sunday ~ Rally Day)**

9am Welcome New Members  
10:15am First Day of Sunday School

**Congregation Meeting Update**

The congregation meeting to vote on the phase 2 boiler work was held during the worship service on Sunday, August 18. The vote was unanimous in favor of the project.