

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June, 2018

To Experience and Share the Story of Jesus Christ



Pastor's Ponderings

"This Changes Everything"

If you heard someone say, "This changes everything!" what would you guess that "this" is? I can think of several things that changed everything for me. Love and marriage changed everything for me – knowing that I had a partner who would always love me, who I could depend on. Children changed everything for me as well – the realization that I was entrusted with two small lives to care for, shape, and bless. Cancer changed everything again – since my husband's cancer diagnosis 8 years ago, I've looked at life, pain, and death differently, not only with my family, but in regards to myself and the people I'm called to serve as well. What changes everything for you?

"This Changes Everything" is the theme of the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. What's the "this" they're referring to? Our theme verse is Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." In one word, the "this" that changes everything is **grace**. Martin Luther had a great epiphany when reading this passage – the realization that God is all about **grace**. A pastor friend of mine once defined "grace" as "100% free undeserved gift." God gives us freedom, forgiveness, welcome, blessings, and salvation totally free of charge, as a gift that we could never earn or deserve. So as 8 of us brave the Texas heat, we will also bask in the joy of God's grace with 30,000 other youth and adult leaders from all over the country. I hope that experiencing God's grace anew will change us all in beautiful ways.

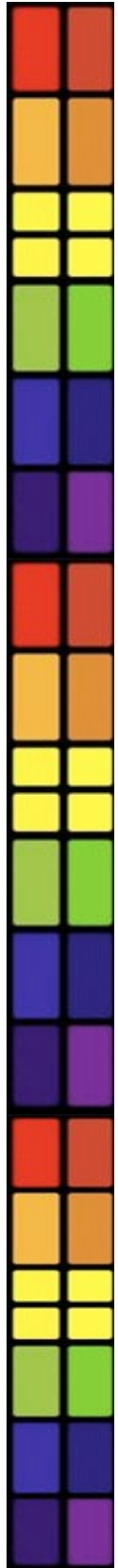
But what about you? God's life-changing grace isn't limited to the 8 people going to Houston. How can you encounter God's life-changing grace this month? A few ideas:

- Why should the youth get all the fun? This month, join us in studying the same passages and themes we'll focus on at the Youth Gathering "This Changes Everything" Facebook Bible Study. Each week, you'll read a Bible passage, and we'll discuss it on Grace's Facebook page. Not on Facebook? Find the weekly passages inside.
- Whether or not you've read the book, join us for the book study on June 3 at 10:30 a.m. on "Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved". God's grace can even be found in suffering. Come talk about how we can walk with others through their challenges.
- Come one, come all to the Care-nival! Vacation Bible School is for **everyone** again this year – kids, adults, parents, grandparents, friends, everyone! Come explore God's spectacular gifts of caring! June 18, 19, 20 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

May God's grace change you in wonderful and beautiful ways!

In Christ, + *Pastor Jennifer*

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“This Changes Everything” Bible Study

Join Youth Gathering participants in exploring these themes about how God changes everything. Join our Facebook bible study discussion on Grace’s Facebook page, or simply study these passages on your own.

June 3-9 God’s call changes everything: Exodus 3:1-16

June 10-16 God’s love changes everything: John 4:1-42

June 17-23 God’s grace changes everything Acts 8:26-40

June 24-30 God’s hope changes everything: Luke 24:13-25

July 1-8 Jesus changes everything: Mark 5:21-42

Grace Book Club

How do you react when you hear the phrase, “Everything happens for a reason”? Is it comforting? Irritating? Painful? Whatever your reaction, you will appreciate a new book called, Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I’ve Loved by Kate Bowler. This Duke professor once wrote a book on churches that preach what’s known as the “Prosperity Gospel.” Her new book is a memoir detailing her cancer journey and other difficult times in her life when hearing phrases like, “Everything happens for a reason” felt empty and hurtful. You’re invited to read this book for a book discussion on Sunday, **June 3 at 10:30 a.m.** But even if you don’t read the book, please feel free to come to the discussion. There are helpful tips at the back of the book about what to say and what not to say when talking to someone dealing with grief, disease, or other difficult situations.



Youth Gathering- Help Send Off Our Youth!

Believe it or not, the ELCA Youth Gathering Trip is this month! On June 25, 8 members of Grace will be traveling to Houston for the week-long trip – Nolan Adsit, Cole Bakken, Amelia Geis, Molly Hellberg, Kris Holmen, Dane Jensen, Tom Jensen, and Pastor Jennifer. Please join us in worship on Sunday, June 24 as we commission them and send them off with our prayers.

We’re still looking for some financial support - it turns out youth like to eat regularly! Any donations would be welcome and deeply appreciated. The youth will share some of their Gathering experiences after they return. Stay tuned for the date.

We invite you to keep our group in your prayers that whole week, and check out Grace’s Facebook page to see pictures and posts from the Houston crew each day!

Celebrations of 125 Years of Grace

As we celebrate 125 years of Grace this year, we’ll be having some special events. Our main 125th Anniversary Celebration will be on **Sunday, October 21**. In addition, throughout the year, we’ll have several guest preachers you may remember. Mark your calendars for the following dates as we welcome back several of Grace’s former pastors, as well as our new bishop.

July 1– Pastor Jerry Pribbenow (1962-1966)

August 12– Pastor Johan Hinderlie (1976-1984)

October 21– Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld

November 11– Pastor Dan Dibbert (2009-2015)

June Volunteers

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Acolyte:	Gunnar & Aiden Sperle	Amanda Punsel & Eli Key	Nick Ellickson & Amanda Punsel	Julia Schneider & Emma Hellberg
Assisting Minister:	Jen Hellberg	Jeff Gafner	Andrya Coutts	Erik Olsen
Coffee Hour:	Sanctuary Choir	Pira Mueller & June Buchanan	Patty Koeppel & Rose Powers	Judy Heidebrecht Jenna Nelson
Communion Set Up:	Elizabeth Circle	Chris Watson	Steve & Jennifer Geis	Elizabeth Circle
Communion Servers:	Michael Rehak, Pira Mueller, Phil Vasby	Tom & Chris Watson, Val Anderson	Amy Simdon, Mary Behling, April Mickelson	Tim & Evy Jeffers, Sharon Erb
Counting:	Cindy Hartman & Angie Williams	April Mickelson & Judy Heidebrecht	Mary Behling & Diane Russo	Amy Simdon & Patty Koeppel
Reader:	Michael Rehak	Betty Reay	Ann Engelstad	Tim Jeffers
Ushers:	Angie & Justin Williams family	Wendricks family	Jim & Pat Hall	Bob & Janet Koepp

June Sermon Series – “Why is That in the Bible?”

The Bible is filled with famous stories and passages that serve as the foundation for our faith. But the Bible also contains strange stories and passages that make us wonder why they're there. This June, join us as we explore some of the stranger parts of the Bible – from odd Old Testament stories, to the sayings of Jesus that make us scratch our heads.

June 3: Genesis 38 – Judah & Tamar

June 10: Judges 13-16 – Samson

June 17: Song of Solomon

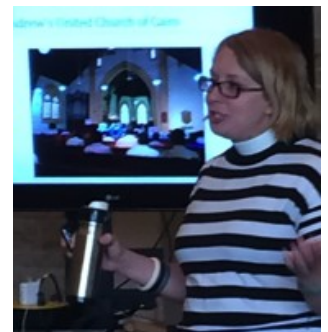
June 24 – Drama: “Weird Things Jesus Said”

Bake Sale!

Come to worship hungry on **June 24** and pick up some tasty treats from our Bake Sale after worship. The Bake Sale is our last-minute fundraiser for the Youth Gathering trip.

Save the Date~Wednesday, July 18 Meet Our Missionary!

Worship will be led by our missionary, Kirsten Fryer, on Wednesday, July 18th at 5:30 p.m. Come worship on Wednesday and be inspired by her





June Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Cade Nottestad	Trichelle Hoppman
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	David Anderson Jacob Gafner	Summer Hausz Janet Wanless Aiden Williams	Kent Karberg Gracie Korth Kenneth Muth Aurora Sullivan	Tyler Curtis	Fred Klemm	Shawn Koebke
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Andrya Coutts Lori Jensen	Patrick Mickelson	Liam Cerar Ava Williams	Kylee Koebernick	Karen Stenjem Kathleen Womble	Olive Nelson Crystal Schneider	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Jason Drotzer	Michael Cunningham		Virgil Kelter Jacob Nelson	Kelly Cunningham Jacqueline Shively		Rebecca Ciampa Brittany Eggert Gloria Frey
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Edison Geis Dane Jensen		Erik Olsen Taylor Wendricks		Meghan Bolger Theodore Kumbier	Jerald Gunnelson	Amanda Jensen Mary Ellen Smith

OUR HOMEBOUND

Jon Bakken
309 Oriole Lane
Cambridge, WI 53523

Geraldine Rattmann
2629 Highland Drive
Cambridge, WI 53523

Anniversaries

Dale & Marcia Klemp	6/3
Robert & Judith Pratt	6/4
Thomas & Donna Punsel	6/6
Keith & Barbara Johnston	6/7
Ron & Olive Nelson	6/7
Joe & Jana Evans	6/8
Robert & Kathy Cunningham	6/11
Jason & Alicia Koehler	6/12
Justin & Angela Williams	6/16
Steve & Diane Robb	6/20
Daniel & Linda Korth	6/23
Jeff & Jane Spindler	6/23
Tom & Chris Watson	6/23
Richard & Margie Drotzer	6/24
Jim & Pat Hall	6/28
Todd & Karen Paxson	6/29

**Our Missionary Speaks:
Valuing Sustainability**

"Walking and working together, we seek to accompany our companions. Accompaniment is defined as walking together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality."
- ELCA Global Mission model for mission



ELCA Global Mission--which includes over 200 missionaries serving in 40 countries, as well as the Global Mission staff in

Chicago--strives to share God's love and participate in God's mission sustainably: To ensure local ministries last for a long time, we seek to embed mission in ongoing relationships and communities. When people ask what I love most about Egypt and the work I do, I always answer "the people." And under that answer are the stories of those people, the stories that I have had the honor of sharing, and the ones that might be known by only God alone. But it is always about relationships, about taking the time to sit together, drink Nescafe, and talk. Yes, it does drive me crazy sometimes, but I mostly love that time is relative here. The most important person is the person you are with, and if that means that the person you are supposed to meet has to wait, so be it. That the person I am sitting with is paying attention and is committed to being with me at that moment is a beautiful image of how I understand God to work in the world. The funny thing about our work is that we are always hoping we won't have to do it anymore. We hope that a day will come when St. Andrew's Refugee Services will close because there will no longer be refugees. But until that day, we continue to do work that lifts up the importance of listening to one another, learning together, and building relationships that cross all of the divides that humans are so good at building up. We will continue to work at building up strong, communities.

~Kirsten Fryer, Egypt



A new look at St Andrew's! After many years of "temporary" school classrooms, we are so excited to have a beautiful new building with five classrooms, a private consultation room, and two new bathrooms at St. Andrew's. (Cairo)



CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

The Cambridge Food Pantry is in the need of: cereal, ketchup, sugar, crackers, ravioli, Hamburger Helper, paper towels, toilet paper, size large Depends.

Thank you!



Thursday, June 7

The United Community Bank will be hosting this month's Community Dinner **at the United Community Bank parking lot**-dining outside- 221 W. Main Street. If it's stormy Day the meal will be served at Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Drive. They will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon, pie and ice cream from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:30 GLOW On the Run Wedding- Deanne Herrling & Nik Leese
3 7:30 Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. Worship-New Member Reception 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 Middle School Group 10:15 a.m. Choir practice 10:30 a.m. Book Study 3 p.m. South Pacific Kick Off Meeting	4 9 a.m. Quilters	5	6 9 a.m. Ruth Circle, hostess Barb Gregory 4:30 Outreach Meeting 5:30 p.m. Worship	7 5:30 p.m. Community Dinner	8	9
10 9 a.m. Worship	11 9 a.m. Quilters	12 7 p.m. Grace Council Meting	13 5:30 p.m. Worship	14 1:00 p.m. Health Ministry Meeting @ Mary Gjermo's home	15 Newsletter articles due today	16 9 a.m. CD Players Letter Stuffing Event
17 <i>Father's Day</i> 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting	18 9 a.m. Quilters 5 p.m. Vacation Bible School	19 5 p.m. Vacation Bible School	20 5 p.m. Vacation Bible School 7:30 p.m. Worship	21 11:30 a.m. Lydia Circle, Wendy Lehr, hostess	22	23 GLOW- 9:30 Farmers Market/Lunch and hike in Madison
24 9 a.m. Worship and Youth Send Off 10 a.m. Fellowship	25 YOUTH GATHERING TRIP 9 a.m. Quilters Meals on Wheels today through July 6	26 YOUTH GATHERING TRIP	27 YOUTH GATHERING TRIP 5:30 p.m. Worship	28 YOUTH GATHERING TRIP	29 YOUTH GATHERING TRIP	30 YOUTH GATHERING TRIP 9:30 a.m. GLOW On the Run

Meals on Wheels Volunteers needed for June 26– July 6

Please call Marlene Hussey if you can help (608) 513-6461. Thank you!

Intergenerational Programming

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 18, 19, 20

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Ladies, gentlemen, and children of all ages!



Join us for dinner at 5:00, followed by learning activities and games.

We'll explore the Greatest Love on Earth!



Middle School EVENTS

Saturday, June 2nd **GLOW** on the run (we're running at Picnic Point in Madison) meet at 9:30am @ Grace

Sunday, June 3rd Last **GLOW** meeting after worship for the school year

Saturday, June 16th **NO GLOW** RUN (Jaci out of town)

Saturday, June 23rd Farmers Market/Lunch downtown & hike on the lakeshore path- meet at 9:30. **GLOW** runners will start their run @ 8:30am before we head out

Saturday, June 30th **GLOW** on the run (location TBD) meet @ Grace at 9:30am

Communion & Kitchen duties: Ruth Circle
Altar Guild: Mary Christensen & Judy Taitt

Outreach News

Caring for God's Creation: On April 24th, Bob Lindmeier shared his presentation Climate Change with information about scientific findings as to the causes of global warming and the impact both globally and locally. He also gave some very concrete suggestions for positive change that individuals can use as well as what needs to be addressed on a national and international scale. About 60 people from the Cambridge community were in attendance.

Personal Care Kits: The focus on assembling these kits ended at Pentecost. A total of 50 kits were donated! Thank you so much for your contributions. Please note that we welcome any kits at any time during the year, so if you still have supplies you want to bring, just let me know or drop them off at church with a note. Pira (423-9556). There are still plenty of toothbrushes available to start your kit(s). Please inquire at the church office.

Stewardship

Ministry Moments at Grace~ Jail Ministry

There was a lot of quacking and giggling going on during the "**Duckie Decathlon**" on May 6th. This fundraiser for MAJM was held indoors due to rain, but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 14 teams who participated. Neither did it dampen their generosity to support this ministry with \$230! Fun was had by young and older team members alike and a "Second Annual Duckie Decathlon" has been suggested. The teams with the highest scores were Marissa & David Kilburg (76), Ava & Angie Williams (69) and Jack Johnson & Gary Haberkorn (64). Many thanks go to the Outreach Committee for their help in organizing and staffing this event, as well as Pete Grunwald, Dale Klemp and Michael Rehak for help with set-up.



Other ways to support the Jail Ministry:

Supplies:

- Reading glasses (especially 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00)
- Composition notebooks - without spiral binding
- Coloring pencils
- Postage

Prayer Shawls: The idea is to make it possible for each lady to use a shawl during worship service and present it to her as a gift upon her release.

Food: Each week the Chaplains use delicious breads to serve at communion. If you like to bake and prepare some banana bread or coffee cake, your gift would be much appreciated.

Support Group Meals: Weekly support groups meet at Bethel Lutheran in Madison from 1-4pm, about 6 women on Tuesdays and about 15 men on Wednesdays. Interested in cooking or baking?

Snacks for Staff: Chaplains serve the incarcerated as well as the staff at the Dane County Jail. Periodically, MAJM provides snacks for staff, such as cookies and other treats as a Thank You.

Please contact me (Pira 423-9556 or mondkalb@charter.net), if you would like to help out with any way. More information about MAJM is available online @ madisonjailministry.org.



**JUNE 9, 2018
SOUTH-CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN
STEEPLE TO STEEPLE RIDE FOR HUNGER**

RIDE STARTS AND STOPS AT ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (FITCBURG)

Registration is Open! http://www.scsw-elca.org/hunger_ride.aspx

Last year, the ride raised over \$4,000 for ELCA World Hunger. We hope to continue the success of this ride so that all who are hungry are fed!

When you support ELCA World Hunger, you are supporting life-giving work of providing microloans to start businesses, animal husbandry, clean water through the building of water wells and so much more. Put this date on your calendar and let's all ride together to end hunger!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2018, 2018- pending approval

Meeting called to order by President Pat Hall at 7:03 pm. Attendance: Pat Hall, Lisa Sperle, Bryan Holmen, Steve Geis, Mary Behling, Amy Simdon, Lori Jensen, Jean Scott, Janet Koepp, and Shawn Koebke. Excused: Tony Buonincontro. Pastor Jennifer Jelinek also present.

Action items: Motion by Lisa Sperle, seconded by Lori Jensen to approve April Council minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Amy Simdon to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor's report: Fundraising for Youth Gathering doing OK; they will sell concessions at Touch-A-Touch this weekend; Confirmation classes are drawing to a close; May 20 Graduate recognition during worship, it is also Pentecost Sunday so encouraged to wear red and to wear clothes appropriate for "church clean-up" day; Rev. Johan Hinderlie will preach on August 12.

Old Business: Synod Assembly Report: Shawn, Bryan and Pastor Jennifer shared the highlights including that the new Bishop Elect is Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld. How to read financial reports: tabled until next meeting. Sanctuary Remodeling Update: Michael Rehak gave an update on the progress of the project; Sanctuary Remodeling fundraising team will be meeting Thursday May 10. 125th Anniversary of Grace Lutheran: Celebration will be on October 21 and the newly elect Bishop has been requested to speak. Mission Statement: Steve, Pastor Jennifer, and Janet Koepp will meet to brainstorm ideas for changes. Approve Job Descriptions: Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Mary Behling to hold approval of job descriptions until June 12 meeting. Motion defeated 4:5. Motion by Lori Jensen, seconded by Lisa Sperle to approve job description with edits. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Cannon Ball Run: Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Jean Scott to approve a \$100 donation to the Cannon Ball Run. Motion carried unanimously. "Green Team": Steve Geis will set up a committee to work ideas. Lutheran Campus Ministry – decided to donate money directly to speakers when they visit

Discussion Items: Operations Manual Updates needed by Pat Hall as soon as possible. Next Council Meeting – June 12th at 7:00 p.m. here at GLC. Devotions/snacks by Shawn Koebke. Council chose not to meet in July so next meeting August 14 at Pastor Jennifer's home for supper and Council meeting. Grace annual picnic (previously Barn Worship) will be held here at Grace – August 5, 10:00 a.m. service.

Correspondence: None Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Bryan Holmen to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment time 8:19 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer. Report submitted by Shawn Koebke. 05/09/18

Capital Fund Drive

Great news! One of our newest members, Tim Neuenschwander, has volunteered to chair the Capital Fund Appeal to pay for the Sanctuary Remodeling Project! This will save the congregation \$9,500!!

Tim has worked on several other campaigns for the Chamber of Commerce in McFarland and other non-profits. Tim will need lots of people to help with this task. Since "many hands make light work", please give him your hand and step up to help. Thank you so much, Tim!

Congratulations, 2018 College Grads & Their Families!



Cambridge High School

Nickolas G. Adsit
Ashlyn Nicolle Bolger
Joriann Clary
Jason Richard Drotzer
Alethea Ruth Holden
Erin Lynn Rieckmann
Shealyn McKenzie Robb

College

Amelia J. Adsit (daughter of Ann & John Adsit)

Criminal Justice major, Psychology minor, Spanish minor from UW Platteville. Amelia will go to the Police Academy at Southwest Tech in Fennimore this summer.

Alison Mickelson (daughter of April & Randy Mickelson)

Bachelor of Science in Animal Science (also Pre-Veterinary, Equine Emphasis, and a minor in Chemistry) from UW River Falls. Alison plans on attending Pennsylvania State to pursue a Masters Degree.

Anna Nikolay (daughter of Karen & Bernie Nikolay)

University of Wisconsin Madison
BSE Elementary and Special Education

David Jensen (son of Lori & John Jensen)

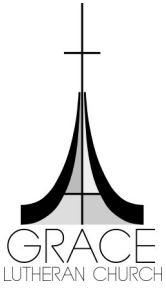
St. Norbert College, Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Communications & Media/Spanish Minor
David will be pursuing work in Madison.

Katelyn Evans (daughter of Jana & Joe Evans)

Associate's degree in Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement from Madison College. Katelyn will be pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Stephanie Sharpee (daughter of Dede Herrling)

UW La Crosse – School of Liberal Studies
Major in Communication Studies with a Minor in
Broadcasting and Digital Media. Stephanie is applying for internships in Public Relations and currently has a part-time position.



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