



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gathering in grace, growing in faith, serving in love

August, 2019

Pastor's Ponderings



As happens every year, I'm looking at my calendar in utter disbelief. August already? Is it possible that we're already in the last full month of summer? Where did all the time go? It seems like summer days evaporate like water in the hot summer sun. There's so much fun stuff to keep us busy – festivals, reunions, vacations, camps, concerts, picnics, camping trips, visitors, games, and other opportunities. Along with warm weather, these are the many joys of summer.

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Didn't it used to feel like summer was a relaxing time, a time with less structure, fewer commitments, more time to rest? Has that changed? We often try to squeeze as much fun into the summer as we can, which means we're busier than ever, which leaves us perhaps as tired than we were during the rest of the programmed year.

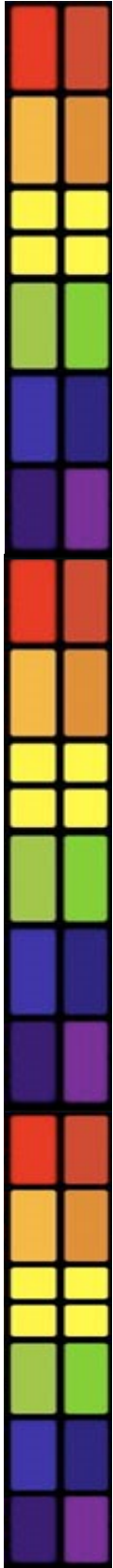
This summer, my kids have been so busy that it seems like they've been gone more than they've been home. And while all the activities are fun and rewarding ones, the girls have also been longing for some down time at home. Getting away is wonderful, but it can be draining. Maybe you've had the common experience of returning from a trip and feeling like you need a vacation from your vacation. There's something about the feeling of being home that can be refreshing and restorative after all the busyness of the summer.

And I'm not just talking about "home" as a place. I think home is a feeling – a feeling of warmth and belonging, a feeling of comfort and rest, a feeling of love and acceptance. When you're "home," you can be yourself. No need to act or pretend or to try to be something you're not.

Wherever we go, we are at "home" in God. God holds us, loves us, gives us rest and inspiration to be exactly who God created us to be. That's really what the practice of Sabbath is all about – letting go of the usual schedules and commitments and letting yourself sit with God for a while. Sabbath is about reconnecting with God and asking God to help you reconnect with yourself, with your loved ones, and with the world around you. It doesn't matter so much when your Sabbath is – whether it's a Sunday morning, a Wednesday evening, or any other time. It just matters that you come "home" to God, to rest, to recharge, to be encouraged and inspired.

Worship is a wonderful opportunity to dwell in God's "home," to take time away from our commitments, to spend time with God, to be fed and filled for the rest of the week. So as you enjoy the rest of this summer, I hope you find moments of Sabbath, times to rest in God's love. And remember that Grace is also a "home" for you to come and reconnect with God and the person God blessed you to be.

In Christ,
+ Pastor Jennifer



A Parade of Biblical Characters Series

This month, we'll continue our sermon series focusing on various people in the Bible. Want to know our worship schedule this month? Check this out! **Pick up a Devotional Book outside the office!**

August 11/14: Ezra



August 18/21: Jeremiah



August 25/28: Mary Magdalene



September 1/4: Barnabas



Church Picnic – August 11

The Church Picnic is coming soon! Join us for this special morning Sunday, August 11. Once again, we'll have coffee hour at 9:00, worship outside in the church yard at 10:00 a.m. (note the later worship time), with the picnic starting after 11:00. Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. Come join in the fun!

Healing Service- August 25 & 28

At the end of a busy summer, come take a few minutes of peace to reflect on your blessings, to pray for healing for yourself and for others, and to ask for continued wholeness. This Healing Service will include several interactive healing stations for you to participate in. Join us, either August 25 at 9:00 or August 28 at 5:30.



Bible Study- Psalm Extravaganza! Mondays Aug. 12, 19, 26

Join us, starting August 12 for a 3-week study on the Psalms. We'll study some of your favorite psalms and explore how they've contributed to the hymns of our worship. Can't make them all? Just join us whenever you're able - Monday, August 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 p. m.

Confirmation Orientation- September 4

Confirmation is coming soon! Please mark your calendars for upcoming orientations for parents and students. **Sept. 4 at 6:30 – 7th & 8th Graders and Parents** **Sept. 4 at 7:30 – 9th Graders and Parents**

August Volunteers

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Acolyte:	Carter & Clayton Stenjem	Nick Ellickson & Perry Thompson	Eli Key & Aiden Sperle	Malina & Marissa Schneider
Assisting Minister:	Jeff Gafner	Kelly Witte (10 a.m.)	Jen Hellberg	Shawn Koebke
Coffee Hour:	Sanctuary Choir	Pat Northey, Shelley Key (9 a.m.)	Teresa Neuenschwander, Jaci Brovont	Pam Muth, Shawn Koebke
Communion Set Up:	Ruth Circle	Chris & Tom Watson	Steve Geis & Jenny Horgan-Geis	Ruth Circle
Communion Servers:	Phil Vasby, Michael Rehak, Pira Mueller	Tom & Chris Watson, Amy Simdon	Sharon Erb, Marcia Klemp, Angie Williams	Patty Koeppel, Judy Heidebrecht, April Mickelson
Counting:	Angie Williams & Cindy Hartman	April Mickelson & Judy Heidebrecht	Mary Behling & Diane Russo	Amy Simdon & Patty Koeppel
Reader:	Tim Jeffers	Amy Simdon	Bill Reay	Bob Koepp
Ushers:	Jeff & Jane Spindler	Richard & Jean Scott	Gary & Sharon Haberkorn, Jeff Johnson family	Jim & Pat Hall

Guest Preacher from Lutheran World Relief

Every year, Lutherans like us put together quilts and a variety of kits to help people all over the world. Here at Grace, we ask you to help collect and assemble items for School Kits and Newborn Kits, among others. Lutheran World Relief sends those kits and quilts to people in need all over the world. Where do they go? How are they helpful? How can we continue to help people in need? Those are questions that will be addressed by our guest preacher on **Sunday, August 4**. Michael Johnson is a donor advisor for Lutheran World Relief and will share stories of how we are a part of LWF's mission in the world. Please join us August 4 to hear stories of our faith in action; stay after worship for a **Q & A session** with Michael!



Michael Johnson

Like to Mow?

Do you like to mow lawns? Grace is looking for a few folks to join the rotation of lawn-mowers for the rest of the summer and fall. We have a riding lawn mower you can use – we'd just like a few more volunteers. Interested? Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

High School Breakfast Volunteers needed!

On Wednesday, September 11th we are going to kick off the new school year for Cambridge High School with a **Blue Jay** themed Breakfast!

We are looking for individuals to help with the following shifts:

*6:30am-7:30am (food prep and set up)

*7:30-9:00am (serving and clean up)

Please contact Pastor Jennifer or the office if you are able to help.

August Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Janet Koepp	John Jensen
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lisa Gafner Tyler Johnson	Patti Tatlock Brian Wendricks		Eli Key Gerald Russo Donna Simdon	Virginia Becker Nathan Anderson	Valerie Anderson Alexis Holzhueter Kylie Nottestad	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Merlin Borchardt	John Nikolay		Karen Carpenter Justin Shanks	Sara Cerar	William Eggert Zachary Nelson	Craig Johnson Renee Tobias
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Laura Thompson	Lore Larson	Kyle Bennett Judy Brandt		Beverly Nottestad Stanley St. John	Barbara Gregory Ray Reine	Patricia Koeppl Amanda Punsel
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Ben Becker Darcy Holzhueter		Nancy Benson	Cheryl Kilburg	Traci Becker Lana Marlin	Lilly Cou tts	Chris Watson

OUR HOMEBOUND

Jon Bakken 309 Oriole Lane Cambridge, WI 53523
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Mary Ellen Smith 912 Monroe St., Apt. 11 Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
Shirley Engelstad 308 England St. Cambridge, WI 53523
Char Kenseth 555 W. Madison #5 Cambridge, WI 53523

Anniversaries

Tony & Mandi Buonincontro	8/5
Richard & Jean Scott	8/5
Steve & Jenny Geis	8/6
Timothy & Christine Bennett	8/8
Randy & April Mickelson	8/10
Cory & Brook Stenjem	8/13
Robert & Janet Koepp	8/14
John & Ann Adsit	8/15
Michael & Kelly Cunningham	8/19
Ben & Liz Becker	8/20
Jon & Pam Rieckmann	8/25
Joe & Wanda Pleshek	8/26
Theodore & Mary Kumbier	8/29



ITEMS NEEDED:

Currently we can use canned ravioli, ramen noodles, tuna, ketchup, cereal, mayo/Hellman's, Hearty soups. Also, nonfood items are really needed: shampoo, deodorant, baby wipes, and paper towel.



The Cambridge Foundation will be hosting the **MEAL AT LAKE RIPLEY PARK August 1st.**

Serving fresh fruit, seafood salad, rotini salad, coleslaw, relishes, ham and turkey sandwiches & dessert. Meal will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Communion & Kitchen duties: Ruth Circle

Altar Guild: Donna Punsel, Cheryl Allegretti, Ann Adsit

Outreach News & Social Justice

Lutheran World Relief School Bag Collection-Deadline: August 25

We are still collecting school kits that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to children throughout the world. A recent letter indicated a big need for the kits, so if you haven't had a chance to assemble one yet, we encourage you to do so. The cloth bags and a list of needed supplies can be found on a table in the fellowship hall. The deadline for returning the school bags is August 25th. Thank you for your support.

Who is Your Neighbor?

The following article was sent out from the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin in early July. We would like to share it with all of you.

Thank you to Hunger Advocacy Fellow Kelsey Johnson for her thoughts today!

Who is your neighbor? Jesus commands us to see and care for one another. In the Gospel story, Jesus leaves out the details of who exactly a neighbor is as intentionally ambiguous. The man's specific identity isn't important in this instance; all people are our neighbors. In the world, though, there are barriers we have created to acting out our command to being compassionate neighbors. When our federal law classifies some of our neighbors as "illegal" are they therefore undeserving of dignity, care, and safety? Or, is the response to meet our neighbors in the figurative ditch?

I recently participated in civil disobedience at the ICE detention center in Milwaukee. The ask was simple: show up, wait for the signal from the community organizers, stand in front of the garage door, block whatever vehicles try to enter or exit the facility. Oh, and possibly get arrested. I carry a lot of privilege as a white U.S. citizen. I do not have to worry about being detained for immigration-related issues, I don't know the trauma of family separation, I am not negatively racially profiled, and I do not have a long and complicated pathway to citizenship. No matter where you may stand on pathways to U.S. citizenship or borders, fundamentally we are called by God to care for our global neighbors. This includes absolutely all people, and means offering basic dignity and respect for the human beings navigating any part of the U.S. immigration system.

Jesus wasn't arrested because he was trying to earn social activist likes on Facebook, 1-up his friends at seminary, or be the edgiest preacher among his young adult friends. Jesus also didn't decide to avoid arrest by getting quiet when he was asked to by the empire. We have human systems to navigate. Some things I've been contemplating from my experience are: How do some human laws create walls to meeting our less privileged neighbor? How do we align our human laws with God's law to create a just and equal society? There are not easily answered questions over a Monday morning cup of coffee.

I am not advocating for everyone to get arrested, but I am advocating for loving our neighbor; civil disobedience can be one component of that. Do you see your neighbor in the ditch?

August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1 5:30 Community Dinner	2	3
4 10 a.m. Worship-LWR Michael Johnson 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Q & A with Michael Johnson	5 9 a.m. Quilters	6	7 9 a.m. Ruth Circle Mary Christensen, hostess here at Grace 4:30 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Worship	8 9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle Cindy Hartman, hostess, here at Grace	9	10
11 9 a.m. Coffee Hour 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. games 11:15 a.m. CHURCH PICNIC	12 9 a.m. Quilters 7 p.m. Psalms Study 7 p.m. Finance Meeting	13 6 p.m. Grace Council Mtg. at Pastor Jennifer's home	14 5:30 p.m. Worship	15 Newsletter articles due today	16	17
18 9 a.m. Worship & Baptism 10 a.m. Fellowship	19 9 a.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Bell choir practice begins 7 p.m. Psalms Study	20 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Vacation Bible School	21 5:30 p.m. Worship	22	23	24
25 9 a.m. Worship- Healing Service/ Baptism 10 a.m. Fellowship <i>Please return your filled LWR school bags today. Thank you!</i>	26 9 a.m. Quilters 7 p.m. Psalms Study	27	28 5:30 p.m. Worship	29	30	31 9 a.m. Visitation for Borg Langhough; 11 a.m. Funeral Borghild Langhough



Grace's annual **Summer Picnic** will be **Sunday, August 11th. Come at 9 a.m. for Coffee Hour.**

We'll be providing the meat, condiments and beverages. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass and their lawn chairs, if they so choose. Grace chairs will be set out, as well.

The Sanctuary Choir will be singing and lawn games will be available for families and children. **Hope you will participate in worship at 10 a.m.,** followed by a yummy picnic!

Sunday School

Teresa Neuenschwander,
Christian Education Coordinator
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September 8th - Rally Day!

Parent Orientation and Registration

(Students will meet downstairs in 4th & 5th grade room, will meet their teachers & work on a fun project)

Vacation Bible School

THIS month!

Tuesday, August 20th

Camp Out, Getting S'more of Jesus

8am-5pm

Vacation Bible School, **Camp Out, Getting S'more of Jesus**, will be on Tuesday, August 20th from 8am-5pm. We have another fun filled day planned! We are focusing on how we can serve others – especially family, friends, and our community.! Questions: contact Teresa.

Mark your calendars for Rally Day- Sunday, September 8th!

The theme for 2019/2020 Sunday School year is

“Treemendous Faith - Growing In God’s Word”



How Will You Serve God?

Service Sundays

This year we are going to focus on how we can Work by serving and helping others. One Sunday a Sunday. On these Sundays, Sunday School, along with Jaci Brovot and GLOW, will spend the Sunday School hour learning about different groups in the area. We will also be collecting and putting together donation baskets and/or making projects for them. A few of the groups we will be supporting are: Jefferson County Humane Society, Active Duty Military, Home Again Assisted Living, and American Family Children's Hospital. Watch for our "Having A Servant's Heart" bulletin board for more information. Any questions... see Jaci or Teresa.

give back and do God's month will be a Service

Sunday School Important Dates

September 8th – Rally Day! Parent Orientation and Registration.

(Students will meet downstairs in 4th & 5th grade room, will meet their teachers & work on a fun project)

September 15th, 22nd, 29th – Regular Class

(Students will meet in the 4th & 5th grade room for 15 minutes of music)

5th Grade First Communion

***September 15th – 10:15-11:30 • 5th Grade First Communion Class with Pastor Jennifer**

(First, students will meet in the 4th & 5th grade room for 15 minutes of music, followed by 1st Communion Class)

***September 22nd, 29th – 10:15-11:30 • 5th Grade First Communion Class with Jill Jensen -will be engraving 1st Communion Chalice and baking bread**

(First, students will meet in the 4th & 5th grade room for 15 minutes of music, followed by 1st Communion Class)

October 6th – 10:15-11:30 • 5th Grade First Communion Class (Parents and Students) with Pastor Jennifer. *(First, students will meet in the 4th & 5th grade room for 15 minutes of music, followed by 1st Communion Class)

***October 13th – 5th Grade First Communion during service**

Middle School & High School

Jaci Brovont, Youth Coordinator

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Youth News



We are looking for a **male and a female chaperone** to accompany us on our high school **mission trip to Milwaukee from June 14th-June 19th, 2020**. Ideal candidates will be willing to be active with fundraising and ready for a lot of high energy fun! If you are interested, please contact Jaci!

Reserve your child's spot on the 2020 mission trip with a \$50 deposit. We will be fundraising to attempt to cover all other costs. Trip informational meeting is on Wednesday, September 11th @ 7:30pm.

- * **First day of Middle School GLOW: Sunday, September 15th**
- * **First day of High School GLOW: Wednesday, September 11th** (this will also be the night of our high school mission trip informational meeting).

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It was the summer after my freshman year of high school and a friend casually talked about how he was heading out to Colorado for a week with his church- which happened to be St. Stephens ELCA church in Monona. He mentioned to my friend Alex and I that there were two spots available if we were interested. A week away from parents and chores? Absolutely, sign us up! What I didn't realize as I made plans to take this trip, was that it would change the course of my entire life. We set out to Cortez, CO. A town of about 8,000 people in the southwest corner of the state. I met some incredible people on that trip. We were divided into two teams. My friends headed off to a Native American reservation to do repair work and some painting projects. I would be sent to a Native American widow's ranch, who I fondly came to know as Grandma Jon. She was well into her eighties and we had little in common, but the bond was immediate. While we worked on small projects she had around her house, she shared photos and told me stories of her life on the ranch where we were working. She made such an impact on my life. We were able to go a traditional Powwow in Cortez and then travel to Crested Butte and go white water rafting, shop around in the small mountain town, and enjoy so many other recreational activities that I had never experienced before. My time with Grandma Jon is what has always stood out. We stayed in contact through letters until I received a letter from her daughter after I had just had my first child. She had passed away, but her daughter wanted me to know how special our relationship had been to her mother.



Jaci, Grandma Jon, youth member

Youth mission work is so close to my heart and I would love to share this experience with your children next summer in Milwaukee. I know that there is a lot of work to be done in that area to help with food security, and if we can be a small part of that, I know that it will not only change the lives of the people we are serving, but also the kids who took that opportunity to go into a less fortunate neighborhood and give their time.

Please contact me and jcb8184@gmail.com or 608-217-2453 if your child is interested in attending our 2020 Youth Mission Trip to Milwaukee.

Please attend our informational meeting on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:30pm for more information.

Blessings, Jaci

Grace Lutheran High School Mission Trip

June 14th-19th, 2020

Milwaukee, WI

\$50 Deposit

Total Cost per student: \$359
Cost includes All: Lodging, Food, Activities, & Transportation

Deposit: \$50 due on October 15th, 2019
Fundraising for remainder of trip in the fall!

TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

Wednesday, September 11th @ 7:30pm

Please contact Jaci with any questions

(608) 217-2453 jcb8184@gmail.com

Space is limited! Register early!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Steve Geis at 10:00 a.m. Attendance: Steve Geis, Kris Tobias, Shawn Koebke, Amanda Kosanda, Jean Scott, Amy Simdon, Erik Olsen, Lori Jensen, and Bryan Holmen; Also present Dale Klemp and Tom Kosanda. Absent: Janet Koepp and Tim Neuenschwander.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Repair/Patch of Beams and adjacent soffit boards

- ◆ Motion by Amanda Kosanda, seconded by Bryan Holmen to retain structural engineer to look at beams and where roof has been affected.
- ◆ Motion carried unanimously.
- ◆ Motion by Bryan Holmen, seconded by Lori Jensen to schedule work to be done on the 2-beam repair option, pending final financial approval by Treasure Tim Neuenschwander. Motion carried unanimously.
- ◆ Motion by Jean Scott, seconded by Amanda Kosanda to request a quote on gutter covers. Motion carried unanimously.
- ◆ Motion by Amy Simdon, seconded by Erik Olsen to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously, adjournment time 10:25 a.m.

Next meeting, August 13 at Pastor Jennifer's at 6 p.m.

-Report submitted by Shawn Koebke, Council Secretary

Monday quilters made and donated the quilt and the smaller pieces (table runner, wall hanging and placemats) for Lutherdale's 33rd Annual Fest Quilt Auction. The live auction is Saturday August 10th 8 A.M.-4 P.M. at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn. Quilt preview and fish fry is Friday August 9th 4 p.m. -7 p.m.



Pictured: Janet Koepp, Jean Scott, Tiana Borchardt, Jackie Shively and Barb Gregory with Pira Mueller as photographer. Not in photo: Cheryl Mittelstedt and Karen Nelson.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School, **Camp Out, Getting S'more of Jesus**, was held on Tuesday, July 23rd and fun was had by all! Youth that attended were: Piper & Alex Brovont; Cash & Crew Cunningham; Ashton & Brady Thayer; Mason & Paige Neuenschwander; and Ava & Aiden Williams. We focused on how we can serve others—especially family, friends and our community. We read a play about baby Moses and how his sister, Miriam, watched over him to make sure he was safe. We also read the Bible story about how Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish that a little boy shared with him. We did crafts and played games to go along with each of these stories.



In the afternoon we painted birdhouses, had water fun, did an obstacle course, had a campfire and made s'mores. We also visited the police station, library and local businesses and handed out carnations and cookies to thank them for their service and everything that they do for our community.

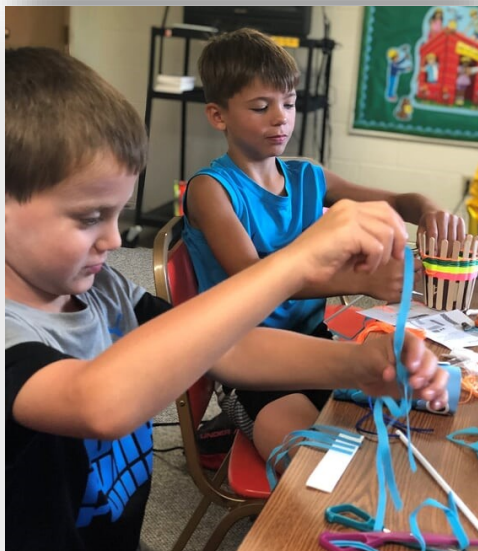
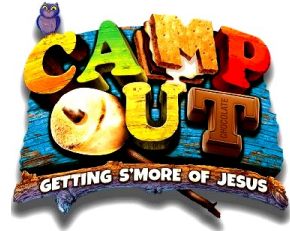
It was a busy day filled with learning and fun. We couldn't have asked for a better group of kids to spend the day with!

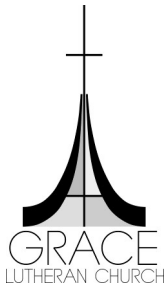
We would also like to take this time to thank our volunteers. It wouldn't have been possible without your help. We'd like to thank Pira Mueller & Michael Rehak for making us lunch, while Molly Hellberg, Jade Kenseth, and Sawyer & Calli Lawson helped us throughout the day with projects, set up and clean up. Thanks as well to Virginia Becker for always stepping in and helping wherever needed.

*Teresa Neuenschwander
Jaci Brovont*



Camp Out,
Tuesday, July 23rd
Getting S'more of Jesus
8am-5pm





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