# **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Gathering in grace, growing in faith, serving in love

August, 2021

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

When I came to Grace nearly 5 years ago, I learned that Grace is a Bible Camploving church. I never went to Bible Camp as a kid, and my former congregation had little history sending kids to Bible Camp, so my daughters had never been to camp either. But when we came to Grace, we quickly learned how important Bible Camp was to so many families here. And we learned how devoted Grace has been to supporting campers and helping send kids to Bible Camp. My younger daughter Scarlett just returned from Lutherdale Bible Camp after her 5<sup>th</sup> year. If

you're like me, you either didn't go to Bible Camp, or it's been many years. So , I recruited a "special correspondent" to share a bit about what Bible Camp is like these days. So this is a paraphrase of my Q & A with Scarlett.

#### Q: What is Bible camp?

A: It's a place and a time to get together with friends (mostly new), to worship, to play fun games, to sing songs, to tell stories, to do Bible studies, and to have fun with other awesome kids and counselors.

#### Q: What's worship like?

A: It's usually with all the campers around a campfire, but this year with

COVID, we mostly had worship in our villages (2 cabins working together - about 24 kids).

Usually each village helps to lead worship one night. We pick the songs and do a skit to tell the story of the

Bible verse of the day.

#### Q: What's your favorite camp song?

A: Alpha and Omega. J "He is the Alpha and Omega, The Beginning and the End, The Son of God, King of kings, Lord of lords, He's everything, Messiah, Jehovah, the Prince of Peace is He. The Son of Man, seed of Abraham, Second Person in the Trinity." J

#### **Q**: What were some of your favorite parts of the week?

A: Swimming in the lake. Riding on the pontoon boat and jumping off of it into the water. Raiding the kitchen for s'mores. Meeting new friends. We're already e-mailing now that we're home.

#### Q: What does Bible camp have now that it didn't have 40 years ago?

A: Air conditioning in most cabins! There's a ropes course for team-building. It's really hard, but fun. There's a climbing tower. I made it to the top this time, but I was scared to zip-line down. I'm going to do it next year. There's a water slide down the hill into the lake, which is really fun. There's a game called gaga ball that you didn't have when you were little. And no, we can't bring our cell phones along.

#### Q: Did you get homesick?

A: Yes, but my cabin friends and my counselor were supportive and helped me feel better when I got like that. Everybody's really nice, and they teach us to help each other.

#### Q: If others asked if they should go to Bible camp, what would you say?

A: Yes! The games are fun, worship is awesome, you learn more about God, and the food is good! I can't wait to go next year!

In Christ,

+Pastor Jennifer









### August Highlights:

Sunday, August 1st	9:00 Service & Broadcast
Sunday, August 8th	9:00 Service and Broadcast; 10:00 Outdoor Worship; 11:00 Grace Picnic
Sunday, August 15th	9:00 Service and Broadcast
Sunday, August 22nd	9:00 Service and Broadcast & 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship
Sunday, August 29th	9:00 Service & Broadcast

### **Outdoor Worship-***every other Sunday*



Not comfortable worshiping in the Sanctuary yet? Enjoy worshiping outdoors? Then join us for Outdoor Worship in Grace's parking lot at 10:00 a.m. on August 8 and 22. Come and worship from your car or bring lawn chairs to sit outside. Bulletins and communion kits will be provided for you. If the weather looks iffy, an

announcement will be made at the 9:00 broadcast and on Facebook about whether the outdoor service will happen.

### **Worship Broadcasts**

Sunday worship services are live broadcast on Charter channel 987 and on Grace's Facebook page. Sermons are posted on Grace's YouTube channel after Sunday worship, as well as on the Grace website.

### **Communion Practices**

We are now having Communion every week. During both indoor and worship, we're now passing out communion kits as worshipers enter, so you can consume them during worship at the same time.





## **Summer Sermon Series**

On June 20, we began exploring "stories of unraveling" throughout scripture. This 12 week series comes with art for each week, as well as a devotional journal for each Sunday's theme. Feel free to pick up an "Unraveled" Journal, outside the Sanctuary or in our Little Library. Make sure to watch our "unraveled" Art Project as it grows this month!

August 1st– Encouraging the Israelites in Exile to Plant Gardens & Build Houses August 8th– The Samaritan Woman at the Well August 15th– Doubting Thomas August 22nd– Moses' Mother Gives Moses Up August 29th– Job's Lament & Loss September 5th– Jesus Heals Legion, a Man Possessed by Demons

### Summer Book Study– 7 p.m. Mondays Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again

There's still time to join us for our summer book study, **Inspired: Slaying** Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans. This study is being held on Monday evenings at 7:00, both inperson at church and on Zoom. Even if you haven't read the book, you're welcome to join us.

GOD BEYOND MEASURE

#### August Reading Schedule:

August 2: The Debate-Wisdom Stories August 9: The Beast–Resistance Stories August 16: The Water – Gospel Stories

August 23: The Sea-Fish Stories

August 30: The Letter–Church Stories

#### Zoom Link:

2022 ELCA

YOUTH GATHERING

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89367677894?pwd=bFVYRVY5VG10VC9FTTBsRFdCVzF6dz09

(finally!) be the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Students currently going into grades 8-12 are eligible to participate in the Gathering – July 23-28, 2022. Interested or want more information? Bring a parent and attend an informational Gathering meeting on Sunday August 1 at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesday August 4 at 7:00 p.m

Attention High Schoolers! Next summer will

### **Confirmation Corner**

Fall is almost upon us! Confirmation for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin in September. Orientation for students and parents will be Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. More information will come in the mail later this month.

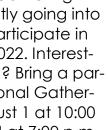
### **Judy Brandt Celebration of Life**

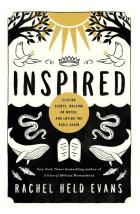
Saturday, August 21 Deerfield High School 1-4 p.m.

### **Grace Summer Office Hours**

Grace office hours 9:00 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. There are additional office hours, but those will vary more. Please contact us if you'd like to make an appointment. Contact information is on pg.12

Join us for some outdoor gabbing! We're not back to coffee hour chats yet, so feel free to join us for some fellowship time **Tuesday** mornings at 10:30 in the back church parking lot. It's just a great time to chat and catch up with others from Grace.







## A Message From Bishop Joy

Eight years ago, this month, I participated in the Komen 3 Day in Boston to raise money for Breast Cancer research. At the time, my friend and fellow survivor, Valerie and I were celebrating our 7<sup>th</sup> year of survivorship. We were also walking in memory of our friends who had passed away.

~ Day 1: The first 20 miles were grueling. Perhaps especially so for me because I had knee surgery 4 weeks earlier and no time to train. I had blisters galore.



~Day 2: The next 20 miles, were slightly less grueling. The blisters grew larger, but I somehow learned to shut off the pain enough to walk the distance between rest stops. I focused on the scenery, the kindness of neighbors along the way who put out encouraging signs and engaged in conversation with people from around the country.

~Day 3: The final 20 miles, were the longest of all. We walked and we walked. Finally, we walked into Boston. It was breathtaking. We came to the end. We celebrated with our tennis shoes in the area and a rally cry of the funds that had been raised. Some may have said this is where the 3 day journey ended. That was not true.

Later that night a bus took me to my hotel. I remember with dismay that my room was far, far away from the registration desk. My feet were badly blistered. I could hardly navigate to get myself to the room. I could not wait to lie down. A hotel mattress never felt so glorious. I flew home the next morning and remember the agony of trying to walk through the airports. I was physically exhausted and emotionally spent. It would take me many years to integrate all that happened in those 3 days.

Perhaps this is also how some of us feel as this pandemic drags on.

~Day 1/Phase 1 was grueling. It was quarantine. We were not prepared. It came up quickly and we had no training to properly prepare us.

~Day 2/Phase 2 began and we somehow learned to deal with it. We all pivoted. We adapted. We found things to distract us. We also learned a lot of new things. Some of it was very, very good.

~Day 3/Phase 3 is the longest of all. We have been walking in this pandemic a long time. Vaccines arrived. Masks have mostly come off. Many have celebrated the end. Some have said that the pandemic is over. This is not the truth. The truth is that we are tired. The pandemic is not over. Cases are rising. The toll and the meaning of the pandemic on our lives, in our churches, and for our communities, is not even known yet. It will take us many years to integrate and understand all that has happened in these days.

However, friends in Christ. We are not alone! We are people of promise and hope. We have a God of unfailing love to walk each step with us and to renew us.

May this God of hope and peace strengthen and keep you this day, this week, and always! - Bishop Joy

## **August Grace Volunteers**

August 1st- Greeter/Usher: Pat & Al Northey Reader: Shawn Koebke

August 8th- 9 a.m. Greeters/Ushers: Dale & Marcia Klemp Reader: Marcia Klemp 10 a.m. Outdoor worship: Sharon Erb, Kelly Witte, Tami Collin

August 11th Greeters/Ushers: Keith & Barbara Johnston Reader: April Mickelson

August 18th-9 a.m. Greeters/Ushers: Bill & Betty ReayReader: Bill Reay10 a.m. Outdoor worship: Jeff & Jane Spindler, Randy & Char Luchterhand

August 22nd- 9 a.m. Greeters/Ushers: Bob & Janet Koepp Reader: Bob Koepp

# **August Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9 a.m. Worship SERVICE-Also on Cable Channel 987 & Facebook 10 a.m. Youth Gathering Meeting	2 9:30 a.m. Quilters 7 p.m. "Inspired" Book Study	3 10:30 a.m. <b>Grace</b> <b>Gab</b>	4 9 a.m. Ruth Circle at Grace 7 p.m. Youth Gathering Meeting	5	6	7
8 9 a.m. Worship SERVICE-Also on Cable Channel 987 & Facebook 10:00-10:45 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service 11:00 Church Picnic	9 9:00 a.m. Quilters 7 p.m. "Inspired" Book Study	10 <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Grace Council Mtg.	Donations for Cambridge School supplies due	12 9 a.m. Lydia Circle at Grace	13	14
<ul> <li>15</li> <li>9 a.m. Worship SERVICE-Also on</li> <li>Cable Channel 987 &amp; Facebook</li> <li>7 p.m. Stewardship Committee</li> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	16 9:30 a.m. Quilters 7 p.m. "Inspired" Book Study	17 10:30 a.m. <b>Grace</b> Gab	18	19	20	21 Judy Brandt Cele- bration of Life 1-4
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## **Church Picnic– August 8th**

Grace's annual Church Picnic is back! Join us for **outdoor worship** on **August 8 at 10:00** a.m. and stick around for fellowship and a picnic at **11:00**.

The picnic will be held, rain or shine!

Please bring your own chair/blanket to use for both church and the picnic.

We will provide: hot dogs, brats, buns & condiments, plates, napkins,

& utensils and beverages (water, lemonade, & coffee).

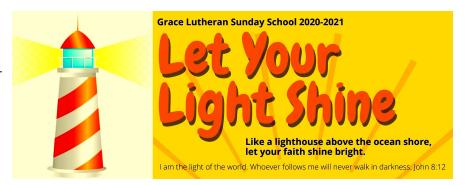
Please bring a dish to share (suggested guidelines):

Surname starts with A-I, please bring a casserole/hot dish/main dish; J-Q, a salad/side dish, & R-Z, a dessert.

There also will be some **games** for the children/the young at heart... We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Sunday School**

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Hi Sunday School Families!

I hope everyone is having a great summer! I've been busy working on this year's Sunday School Calendar. I've missed all the students and can't wait to see them in September when we will be back in-person!

If you would like to sign your child up for Sunday School, please let me know by email <u>teresa478@hotmail.com</u>.

If they were enrolled last year they will automatically be enrolled. Any questions please let me know. Thank You!

### September 12th– First Day of Sunday School! WELCOME BACK!

- ⇒ Meet your teachers and we will work on a class project
- $\Rightarrow$  There will be a short 15-minute parent meeting at 10:15

### September 19<sup>th</sup> , 26<sup>th</sup>– Regular Class

5th Grade

## September 26th- 10:15-11:30

10:15-11:30 • 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion Class (Parents and Students) with Pastor Jennifer

October 3<sup>rd</sup>- 10:15-11:45 • 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion Class engraving chalices with Jill Jensen

October 10<sup>th</sup>- 10:15-11:45 • 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion Class make Communion Bread with Jill Jensen

October 17<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion during 9 a.m. service

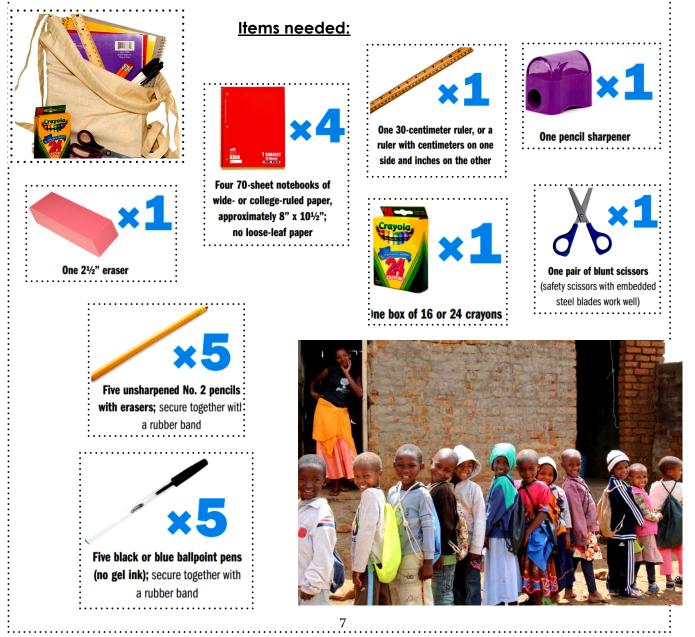
## **Outreach & Social Justice News**

Many thanks to <u>everyone</u> who contributed to our LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Personal Care Kits drive. We were able to send \$500 for immediate use, and have 56 kits ready to send with our other kits and quilts in the September boxcar. Our next project will be **School Kits**, so be on the lookout for school supply sales! We have been blessed with so much; it is wonderful to see the generosity of this congregation to help others who are less fortunate.

Are you ready for school bells to ring again? The Outreach Committee will be starting to collect school supplies for our school kits beginning August 1st and **ending September 10th.** 

#### Bags will be available to pick up at church starting July 25th.

School kits provide a chance for kids to attend school whose parents would not be able to send then because they cannot supply them with what they need to attend school. So, thank you for your generosity!



# **Missionary News**

#### Link to full newsletter-

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#### June, 2021

Because of the intensity of the Coronavirus pandemic in Europe, we decided to temporarily relocate to the USA in mid-February. This was a very hard decision for us to make for many reasons, but it turned out to be a good one for our family. Some of the factors that caused us to make this decision included our inability to access a vaccine because of our status as noncitizens, the difficulty of living as a family of three in a dense urban apartment with the required isolation of national lock-downs, and the exhaustion from living through a pandemic for the past year in another language & culture. Our heart goes out to those who continue to endure difficult circumstances without the ability to significantly change them.

After the online and telephone goodbye-for-nows with colleagues and friends, the first stop on our journey to the USA was Wisconsin. Here we were able to quarantine safely, as well as qualify for one of the vaccines.



We were also able to spend time with Zach's side of the family. Once we were fully vaccinated, we then relocated to Western Washington. Rachel and Zach have their ELCA rostered status in Western Washington, as well lots of family and friends.

As you can probably imagine, to move around so much during a time of national and international crisis has been very challenging. We are so grateful for all of the support we've received from our colleagues and friends in Hungary, Europe, and the ELCA.

We're also so appreciative of our family and friends who have offered us hospitality along the way. We look forward to returning to Budapest in mid-July. Please continue to pray for us as we will again be on the move during the pandemic.

While this has been an extremely challenging past year—and especially few months—for our family, we know that so many have—and continue—to experience so much more hardship and loss because of the pandemic and its network effects. We pray for all of those who have experienced loss or increased need, and we also work to advocate for a more just allocation of resources on a local & global scale.

BELOW: DOROTHY'S FIRST VISIT TO THE OCEAN



Thank you for supporting my service project for the Road Home Dane County. Shauna Thayer and I also hosted a Facebook fundraiser where people could donate and 100% of the proceeds went to the charity to help homeless families. We raised \$485 with 16 generous donors. - Josie Punsel

## **Drivers Needed!**

CART, Cambridge Area Resource Team, is looking for part time volunteer drivers to take residents to appointments a few times a month. Fort Atkinson & Dean Clinic East are the most popular rides. Must have a driver's license and insurance. Please call 608-423-1423 for more information.



The Cambridge Food Pantry is open for client shopping on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00. Volunteers are needed for Monday evenings and Monday afternoon Food Pantry stocking and delivery help. If you are interested, please contact the food pantry at 608-423-8142 or foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us. Cambridge Food Pantry Wish List-

\*Body Wash \*Shampoo and Conditioner

\*Pickles/Olives \*Chips and Cookies

\*Spam

There is a drop box outside the food pantry doors (lower level of the Nikolay Middle School) if you wish to make a non-perishable item. For any perishable item donation, please contact the food pantry directly to make arrangements.

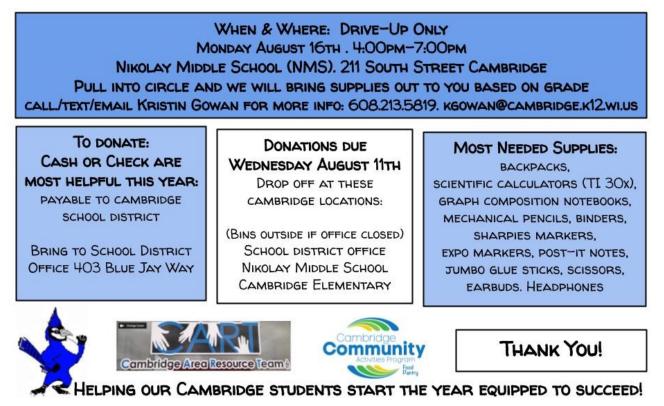
Monetary donations are always appreciated.

Thank you Grace Lutheran for your continued support of the food pantry & the Cambridge community!

# FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FOR CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES

(NO CLOTHING OR MEAL THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19)



### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 15, 2021 Via Zoom from Home (Minutes below aren't approved until next month's meeting)

Call to Order- Special meeting called to order by President Steve Geis at 7:31 p.m.

**Attendance-** Steve Geis, Amanda Kosanda, Tom Kosanda, Mary Behling, Shawn Whitman, Kris Tobias, Tim Neuenschwander, Ann Engelstad, and Pastor Jennifer Jelinek. Absent: Jean Scott, Kari Jermain, and Jennifer Hellberg

**Picnic Plans-** Hospitality has set the church picnic for August 8, 2021. They have asked about setting up food and possibly allowing seating inside the church. After discussing many factors, it was agreed that the picnic should basically all remain outside unless weather or other circumstances cause reconsideration.

**Communion-** Currently, communion is offered every other week. Pastor asked about offering it every week going forward and it was agreed to do so starting July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Bank signatures for Line of Credit-** Tim Neuenschwander said the signers for the Line of Credit were apparently not specifically addressed when we updated signers for other banking purposes. He moved to name Diane Russo, Ann Engelstad, and Jean Scott as signers and also to renew the Line of Credit. Kris Tobias seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Community Dinner-** Cambridge Community Activity Program contacted Virginia Becker this week to see if the church will host the community dinner in November as we have in the past. We agreed that we will do so. Steve Geis will contact Tony Buonincontro to see if he will be the main cook again, but if he is unable or unwilling to do so, we will still host the dinner in November.

**Financial Information-** Tim Neuenschwander stated that he has reviewed the financials for June and there is nothing that can't wait until the regular meeting in August.

**Adjournment-** There being no further business for the special meeting, Tim Neuenschwander made a motion to adjourn. Kris Tobias seconded the motion and it was approved. The next regular meeting will be August 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Report submitted by Mary Behling, Council Secretary



This photo was taken out the office window today: Wendy's weeding!

Please thank Wendy Lehr when you see her, as she spends hours in our flower and tree beds keeping them looking lovely, all without fanfare, recognition, or letting us know she is the "elf" out there in the heat beautifying our campus.

Thank you, Wendy!

### OUR HOMEBOUND

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### **Greetings from the Evangelism Committee**

The gospels tell us of the miracle of Jesus walking on the stormy water to reach the disciples in their battered boat. They are frightened for their lives and circumstances, they are doubting their faith. We may find ourselves in this scene, or know of others in our church, our families, or our community facing struggles of circumstance and faith. In the story, Jesus provides a sign unto us.

His miracle gets our attention and we see His behavior and His actions towards others in a way that we might learn. If we try to reach out to others and are rejected – then we respond with grace and walk to them when we see their need, or reach out when they ask, or just join them in the boat and offer love.

Jesus taught us a great lesson in evangelism. When we act on the behalf of others out of grace, we can make profound changes in their lives. We do not need to walk on water for those around us to see our actions and hear our words spoken with kindness and conviction. They may not act immediately, but they will know our hearts and will think about our message. We can call upon the Holy Spirit to guide us and to reach them. We can seek people here at Grace that would love to share the techniques they have found best to reach others.

Jesus reached the hearts of the disciples. Peter Simon affirmed their faith, saying (John 6:67) "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

- Shawn Whitman



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Our 35th Annual Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction is Saturday, August 14, 2021.

The live auction will begin at 10:00 AM. Come enjoy the beauty, workmanship, and creativity of the 200+ quilts expected in this year's auction with your friends, neighbors, and families. More details about the event, special quilt viewing opportunities and PreFest details are on our website.

Lutherdale is grateful for the continued support of quilters. Thanks to many quilters, donors, volunteers, loyal friends and Thrivent, Lutherdale's Fest Quilt Auction raises funds that help young people experience the life-changing outdoor ministry of Lutherdale.

#### Quilts donated for 2021 are available for viewing on our new website NOW!



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