



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gathering in Grace, growing in Faith, serving in Love

JUNE 2022

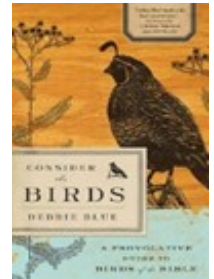
## Pastor's Ponderings



What do you love about summer? Beautiful weather? Fun with family and friends? Maybe fishing, camping or golfing. Maybe swimming, gardening, and enjoying nature. Traveling, boating, and outdoor movies are also favorites. Summer is such a wonderful time because many of us have more freedom to do fun things, and hopefully this summer will give us all a lot more health and freedom than we've had for the past 2 summers.

And I love the flexibility and freedom summer brings, to do some fun and different things at church. So as we go into this summer at Grace, we've got a little something for everybody – nature, movies, books, and fun!

In our Summer Sermon Series (starting June 19), we'll "consider the birds of the air" as Jesus suggests in Matthew 6. There are so many birds mentioned in the Bible, and we can learn a great deal from their qualities, as written in "Consider the Birds of the Air: A Provocative Guide to Birds of the Bible" by Debbie Blue. Whether you're a bird-lover or not, you'll learn about these biblical birds and discover how these important creatures proclaim God's Word and help us connect to our faith lives.



I love movies, and one of my favorites from the last year was Disney's "Encanto," a movie people of all ages have come to love. We're offering an Outdoor Movie Night at Grace on Sat. June 25 where we'll watch this wonderful movie on the lawn. Then on Sunday mornings after worship for the rest of the

summer, we'll be discussing the incredible characters from "Encanto" in an all-ages Bible study. This study will truly be fun for children, teens, adults, families – everybody!

And in July, we'll do a Monday night book discussion on the book, "Little Faith". Want us to order you a copy? Talk to Pastor Jennifer.

There's so much more information on these opportunities just inside. We hope you'll join us this summer for these fun and inspiring events.

In Christ,

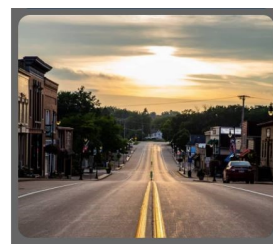
*+Pastor Jennifer*

## Grace Lutheran Rummage Sale August 5 and 6

This year Grace will be participating in the rummage sale along with all of Cambridge during Maxwell Street Days.

As you spring clean this year, please save any treasures you don't want (but some else would love) and bring them to the room designated in the church basement. We are looking for good quality items—please no TVs or electronics.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Tami Collin @ 920-728-8047.



## Nametags are Back!

We invite and encourage you to wear your nametag when you're in worship, so we can get to know one another better. Can't find your nametag? Leave a note in the Church Office, and we'll make you one.



### Pentecost – Wear Red!

**Pentecost Sunday is June 5.** As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, breathing life into the newborn Christian Church, we invite you to wear red to worship.

## Pastor Pribbenow's Retirement

After over 60 years in ordained ministry, Pastor Jerry Pribbenow is retiring later this month. Pastor Jerry served Grace from 1962-1966 and will retire from Central Lutheran Church in Edgerton on June 19, just short of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. All are invited to come celebrate Pastor Jerry's retirement on Sunday, **June 19 at 10:30 a.m.**

## Summer Sermon Series – “Consider the Birds”

There's something about watching birds that intrigues us. From the majestic eagle to tiny hummingbirds – birds capture our attention. The Bible mentions a number of birds, and many of them had great significance in the faith lives of God's people. And each of these creatures has important attributes that are meaningful to our lives off faith. So **starting on June 19**, we'll “Consider the Birds” in worship, inspired by Debbie Blue's book, of the same name. Like to take pictures of birds? If you've got pictures of the bird of the week, we'd love to include your pictures in our worship slideshow. Please feel free to send them to us – [gracelutherancambridgewi@gmail.com](mailto:gracelutherancambridgewi@gmail.com)

**June 5** – Pentecost

**June 12** – Holy Trinity Sunday with Pastor Richard Dowling

**June 19** – The Pigeon “Purity and Impurity”

**June 26** – The Vulture “Ugliness and Beauty”

**July 3** – The Eagle “Power and Vulnerability”

## Want to worship from home? Here's how!

Grace's Sunday services continue to be broadcast on Charter cable channel 987 Sundays at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 & 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Sunday services are also livestreamed on Grace's Facebook page. Just looking for sermons? Check out our YouTube Channel, which has dozens of past sermons with Bible readings.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdWxSntOyuupFnyLgxSU8aw>

# A SUMMER OF ENCANTO

*The Madrigals are an extraordinary family who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia in a charmed place called the Encanto. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift -- except Mirabel. However, she soon may be the Madrigals last hope when she discovers that the magic surrounding the Encanto is now in danger.*

## GRACE MOVIE NIGHT

Looking forward to warm summer nights with friends and family? Join us for our first outdoor Grace Movie Night on Saturday, **June 25 at 8:00 p.m.** We'll watch the Disney movie "Encanto" in preparation for our "Encanto" Study on Sundays for the rest of the summer. This wonderful movie is great for children, teens, adults, and everybody! Bring some chairs or a blanket, and join us on the lawn for popcorn, drinks, and a fun evening watching "Encanto."

## ENCANTO STUDY

Sometimes movies can help us talk about faith in new ways. It may seem like the movie "Encanto" is just a sweet movie for kids. But in fact, "Encanto" raises a lot of interesting topics, including family relationships, gifts people bring, and the struggles we all face. Why don't we talk about Bruno, and what are the "Brunos" in our lives that we don't talk about?

Each **Sunday after worship, starting on June 26**, we'll explore a different "Encanto" character and discover how that person's gift connects to our lives of faith. This unusual and fun study will be interesting for people of all ages – a true family event with movie clips and music. Come each week or whenever you're able. We'll meet in the Sanctuary at 10:15, starting on Sunday, June 26. Haven't seen "Encanto" yet? Join us June 25 at 8:00 p.m. to watch it on the church lawn.

June 26 – Abuela (Grandmother)

July 3 – Dolores

July 10 – Mirabel

July 17 – Isabela

July 24 – Luisa

July 31 – Julieta

## July Book Discussion on "Little Faith" by Nickolas Butler

Butler is a Wisconsin author, and this novel follows Lyle and Peg Hovde, as they cope with the reappearance of their adult daughter and her son, who have been involved in an extremist church that causes them great concern. This book about friendship, faith, and community is written in 5 seasons. If you'd like to be part of this discussion on **Monday nights throughout July and August**, please feel free to buy the book. If you'd like us to buy it for you, please contact Pastor Jennifer.

# June Volunteers

**June 5** - Ushers: Gary & Sharon Haberkorn

Reader: Jim Leser

Communion Servers: Amy Simdon & Randy Luchterhand

Communion Set up: Lydia Circle-Wendy Lehr

Acolytes: Paxton Koehler & Gwen Olson

Coffee Hour Hosts: McCarty & St. John

**Assisting Minister: Shawn Whitman**

**June 12** - Ushers: Richard & Jean Scott

Reader: Jean Scott

Communion Servers: Kelly Witte & Tami Collin

Communion Set Up: Lydia Circle-Donna Punsel

Acolytes: Sammy & Gordie Grender

Coffee Hour Hosts: Albrecht & Schuler

**Assisting Minister: Jeff Gafner**

**June 19** - Ushers: Tim & Evy Jeffers

Reader: Tim Jeffers

Communion Servers: Rachel Drotzer & April Mickelson

Communion Set Up: Steve & Jenny Horgan-Geis

Acolytes: Landon Hill-Houk & Miranda Borchardt

Coffee Hour Hosts: Koepfel & Bieberitz

**Assisting Minister: Andrya Coutts**

**June 26** - Ushers: Jim & Kari Jermain

Reader: Shawn Whitman

Communion Servers: Shawn Whitman & Mary Behling

Communion Set Up: Lydia Circle-Cindy Hartman

Acolytes: Cash & Crew Cunningham

Coffee Hour Hosts: Erb & Luke Klemp

**Assisting Minister: Kelly Witte**

**Altar Guild** - Judy Taitt, Janet Koepf and Helen Karberg



## Thank You!

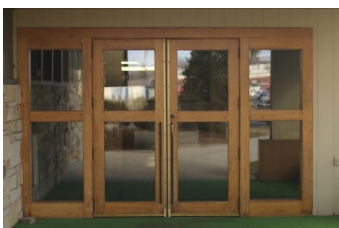
A big thank you to Donna Punsel, who has served on our Altar Guild for decades and is beginning her well-deserved retirement. Thank you, Donna!

Thank you to Jill Jensen for decorating the Sanctuary so beautifully for the Easter season.

Thanks to all who put so much energy and passion into our Ministry Fair last month. It was wonderful to see how much we do together as people of Grace!

# JUNE CALENDAR

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tues      | Wed  | Thurs     | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|---|-----------|--|-----------|---|--|
| <b>29</b><br>9 am <b>Worship SERVICE</b> -<br>Also on Cable Channel<br>987 & Facebook                                   | <b>30</b><br>MEMORIAL DAY<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>9:30 am <b>Quilters</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>1</b><br>9 am <b>Ruth Circle</b><br><br>11 am <b>Outreach Committee mtg</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>                                   |
| <b>5</b><br>9 am <b>Worship SERVICE</b> -<br>Also on Cable Channel<br>987 & Facebook                                    | <b>6</b><br>9:30 am <b>Quilters</b>                                   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>9:30 am <b>Lydia Circle</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>                                  |
| <b>12</b><br>9 am <b>Worship SERVICE</b> -<br>Also on Cable Channel<br>987 & Facebook                                   | <b>13</b><br>Newsletter articles due<br>9:30 am <b>Quilters</b>       | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>                                  |
| <b>19</b><br>FATHER'S DAY<br>9 am <b>Worship SERVICE</b> -<br>Also on Cable Channel<br>987 & Facebook                   | <b>20</b><br>9:30 am <b>Quilters</b>                                  | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>11 am<br><b>Margaret Anderson Memorial</b> | <b>25</b><br>8pm <b>Family Movie Night</b> |
| <b>26</b><br>9 am <b>Worship SERVICE</b> -<br>Also on Cable Channel<br>987 & Facebook<br><br>10 am <b>Encanto Study</b> | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>                                   |

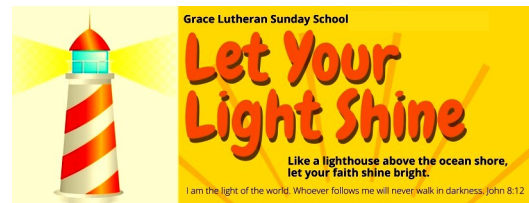


## Grace Office Hours

The Church Office is open from 9:00 am – noon, Monday through Friday. There are additional hours, but those vary. Please contact us if you'd like to make an appointment. (608) 423-3135 or [gracelutherancambridgwi@gmail.com](mailto:gracelutherancambridgwi@gmail.com)



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## Sunday School...It's A Wrap!

Sunday School kids celebrated a successful year with "Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes" and games!



Parents, you are welcome to take your student's Milestones projects home. You can find them on the desk in Teresa's office.



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## Congrats Graduate!

Elijah Lee, Lake Mills High School Class of 2022

Elijah is excited to continue his education, as well as his baseball career, at UW Whitewater.



## Outreach and Social Justice

First, another big "Thank you" for supporting our 2022 Lenten Challenge for Afghanistan! This is the tenth consecutive year that Grace met or exceeded our goal of \$2000. This year you generously donated \$2770. Past challenges included farm animals, community wells, hunger, refugees, hurricane relief, ambulance bikes and health kits.

Secondly, Outreach has decided to switch the Baby Care Kits project back to the summer months. You may bring in your donations during June and July; look for a collection site near the entrance of fellowship hall. Specific information about donations is below; please take note of the Guidelines. If you wish to donate to the purchase of cloth diapers, please write a check to Grace, and include Baby Kits in the Memo line.

Finally, we are planning for the School Kit drive in August. Please look for more info to come.

We hope you can help with one or both projects. The Baby Care Kits will be boxed and sent to Lutheran World Relief in September to be distributed around the world. Thank you for helping those less fortunate than we!

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Sivesind

### **The following are included in each Baby Care Kit:**

- two lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- one jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap TWO pairs of socks
- one hand towel, dark color recommended
- two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- two diaper pins or large safety pins



### **Guidelines for Baby Care Kits**

- Please include sizes between 6 and 24 months. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows.
- Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits.
- Gently used, clean clothing and blankets (no stains or tears) may be substituted for new ones. It is especially important that the items be in excellent condition, as used clothing is increasingly difficult to get through customs in many countries.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2022, Via Zoom from Home

(Minutes below not approved until next Council meeting)

**Call to Order and Attendance.** Meeting called to order by President Kris Tobias at 7:02p.m. **Present:** Kris Tobias, Shawn Whitman, Tim Neuenschwander, Kelly Witte, Bill Becker, Jim Jermain, April Mickelson, Bill Reay, and Pastor Jennifer Jelinek. **Absent:** Mary Behling, Ann Engelstad, Jen Hellberg

**Devotions.** Kelly Witte shared her faith story and Pastor Jennifer offered a prayer to start the meeting.

**Approval of March Minutes.** Kelly Witte moved to approve the Minutes, Bill Reay seconded the motion, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Approval of Agenda.** Jim Jermain moved to approve, Bill Reay seconded the motion, and the Agenda was unanimously approved as set.

**Correspondence.** Pastor Jennifer shared that while on a college campus visit she and her daughter met with our oldest member of the church. They shared communion, visited, and brought back two lovely boxes of donations for the quilters of Grace.

**Treasurer's Report.** Tim Neuenschwander provided his reports and summary. He noted that April General Giving remaining strong, and Special Giving was up with Lenten Challenge raising nearly \$3,000.00 and other occurring activities. Expenses were essentially flat month-over-month, with a small net income of \$96.72 for the month. While not a significantly large number we still remained in the black. Overall thru April we currently have a total net income of \$32,064.56. Finally, he stated that a Finance Committee meeting has been set for May 22, 2022 following the church service. Interested volunteers are welcome to attend. Jen Hellberg moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Kelly Witte seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Pastor's Report.** Pastor Jennifer will be on vacation June 6<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Richard Dowling formally out of Rockdale Lutheran Church will be assisting Grace during this time. The new ukulele group met for the first time and will continue to meet approximately two times a month. Pastor presented an opportunity for the church to provide a location for student recital from this year's piano instruction. Pastor will be present as her daughter is one of the student's. New members were welcomed in May. Synod Assembly met for the first time in person since 2019 because of the pandemic.



**Committee Reports.** Jim Jermain (Hospitality) Mother's Day carnations from Piggly were handed out and they remaining flowers were taken to a local nursing home. Next event planning will be for Father's Day. There may be some new members joining the committee after the Ministry Fair. Kitchen volunteers continue to sign up. Shawn Whitman (Evangelism) reported new membership opportunity. April Mickelson (Outreach) reported that they raised \$2,700 during the Lenten challenge as well as \$200.00 for Ukraine. The next drive will be for baby care kits during June and July. Bill Reay (Property) reported that there have been no meetings recently, a few new members signed up to volunteer at Ministry Fair.

**Old Business. (a) Covid Updates and Protocols.** Signage seems to be working and things are just being monitored at this time. Continue to keep offering plates at the rear of the church. Communion will continue at the rail, stations, and communion kits. **(b) AED Training.** The training session was cancelled due to the death of a fire department officer and will be rescheduled. **(c) Fellowship Hall Lighting Project.** Pastor Jennifer talked to an electrician about installing better lighting over the quilting tables and he will be getting some ideas together since there is no attic space for wiring and a bid to us soon. **(d) Sanctuary Windows.** Finance Committee will be meeting for first time and this will be on their agenda. Pastor reached out to Jill Jensen, it was suggested that we get a mock up of our design and potentially get a model. **(e) Energy Costs.** Jim Jermain reported that we could buy adjustable thermostats to replace the old and Dale Klemp would install at no cost. He is going to move forward with this process. **(f) Ministry Fair.** General satisfaction expressed by entire council, looking forward to continuing this event.

**New Business.** Due to Pastor being on vacation in June, the next Council meeting will be July 12, 2022.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, Jim Jermain moved to adjourn the meeting, April Mickelson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Next meeting will be July 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.** The meeting was adjourned, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Report submitted by Kelly Witte, Vice President.



**God's work.**  
**Our hands.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



## Member Death

Jules Brovont – April 25, 2022

## Margaret Anderson Memorial Service

Margaret Anderson's Memorial Service will now be a graveside service at Lake Ripley Cemetery on **Friday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m.** We give thanks for Margaret's life, for everything she shared with this congregation, and for her new life in Christ.

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