#### Calendar Events



Please continue to watch for updates on our website, email and Facebook. Feel free to contact the office with any questions 920-848-2177.

> MAY 6 Men's Breakfast 8AM

#### MAY 7

Semi Annual Meeting following 2nd Service

Taste of Grace following Semi Annual Meeting

**MAY 9** Women of Grace 6:30PM

**MAY 14** Mother's Day Last day of IAM (Note this is correct date. Wrong on Calendar)

MAY17 Last Night of **Confirmation & EPIC** Youth

**MAY 21 Baccalaureate Service** 10:45am

**MAY 28** Summer Schedule Starts One Service at 9:30AM

> **MAY 29** Memorial Day **OFFICE CLOSED**





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Oconto Falls, WI 54154

*After his suffering and death, he appeared to them.* In many ways Jesus proved that he was alive. *He appeared to them over a period of 40 days.* During that time he spoke about God's kingdom. Acts 1:3 NIRV

Greetings to you Grace family!

And may I say to you once again (at least once again) HAPPY EASTER!! And of course, I'd like to follow that with "HE IS RISEN" and "HE IS RISEN INDEED"

It seems there's never a dull moment when it comes to living in Wisconsin! Amen?

A lovely snowfall on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May makes Oconto Falls look like we're living in a snow globe when we all would be rather planting flowers and vegetables!

God will constantly surprise us with unexpected moments like these but in the grand scheme of things. He lays out for us a predictable and consistent timetable to worship and experience His presence and His power.

In human terms, we often refer to the 100 days of summer. During this time people are traveling more and enjoying outdoor activities so we focus on safety a little more during that time. With that idea in mind, God lays out seasons for us to focus on the many aspects that make up our relationship with Him.

Most followers of Christ are aware of the 40 days of Lent that lead us right into our celebration on Easter Sunday. But what we might not realize is that Easter isn't confined to one single Sunday, rather, it's a fifty-day season that goes all the way to Pentecost Sunday. Jesus was on the earth for forty of those fifty days, during which time He appeared to His followers multiple times.

This year, Pentecost Sunday is on May 28th. That means we have the entire month of May ahead of us to celebrate this Easter season! So during this next month, please use your time to concentrate and focus on your relationship with our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Happy Easter!

Pastor Gary

OFFICIAL ACTS—APRIL 2023				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u> (includes designated giv	<u>Attendance</u> ving)	Offerings Received	
Apr 2	8:30am	91	\$ 5,100.01	
	10:45am	80		
	Online Giving		\$ 723.00	
Apr 6	7:00PM	68		
	Maundy Thursday			
Apr 7	7:00PM	72		
	Good Friday			
Apr 9	Easter Sunday			
	8:30am	217	\$6,997.53	
	10:45am	147		
	Online Giving		\$1,073.00	
Apr 16	8:30am	80	\$3,739.94	
	10:45am	58		
	Online Giving		\$ 723.00	
Apr 23	8:30am	74	\$2,302.50	
	10:45am	100		
	Online Giving		\$ 693.00	
Apr 30	9:30AM	143		
	Combined Fellowship Service		\$ 3,506.00	

#### **Financial Report**

Operations Checkbook (GENERAL OFFERING) - Month of A	PRIL 2023
Beginning Balance 3/31/2023	+\$14,117.21
Deposits Operating Fund	+22,504.98
Disbursements Operating Fund	–21,218.67
Ending Balance 04/30/2023	+15 <i>,</i> 403.52
Mortgage Loan Balance 4/07/2023 Monthly payment of principal Monthly payment of interest Additional principal	\$ 1,710.59 \$ 171.41

Pianists and organists for both services! Paid position!

IN SEARCH OF...

#### Grace Lutheran Council Minutes Grace Lutheran Council Minutes March 20, 2023 @ 7:00PM

Meeting was called to order by President, Jared Alfson at 7:07pm.

**Present:** Andy Shamburek, Grace Shamburek, Jeff Schullo, Jennifer Lyng, Kent Lyng, Allie McDonald, Jared Alfson, Melanie Rice, Lyle Nichols, Ellen Pritzlaff, Dave Borisch, Andy Mercier, Gary Olson

Absent: Brooke Siolka

Guest: Holli Kussow

Opening Prayer by Jared Alfson and Devotion by Pastor Gary

**Secretary's Report:** Correction needs to be made to the attendees list from the 3/20/23 meeting – Pastor Gary was present. A motion was made by Andy Mercier and seconded by Kent Lyng to approve the March 2023 minutes with the correction.

**Treasurer's Report:** Andy Shamburek provided a paper report detailing a net ordinary income of \$6,319.53 and a net loss of \$768. Grace Shamburek made a motion to approve the report and Dave Borisch seconded it.

#### Old Business

• Attendance and Feedback – Jared shared the pieces of feedback he received from his message given at the 3/22 service. We will continue to discuss and implement ways to encourage the community to come worship with us.

#### **New Business**

• **Retrospective on Lent & Holy Week** – Jellybean JAM was a hit! We agreed to scheduling additional greeters for major holiday services.

• Spring Semi-Annual Meeting – The date is set for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Nominating Committee Update:** Jeff Schullo, Ellen Pritzlaff & Allie McDonald will be running for a second term in their positions. The Parish Education and Public Relations positions will be open.

• Sunshine Funds disbursement – Ellen Pritzlaff made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the Sunshine Fund to support Katie Zak family and her family. Lyle Nichols seconded the motion.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 30, 2023 Fellowship Sunday (9:30 service) & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Milestone Presentation
- May 7, 2023 Semi-Annual Meeting follow by Taste of Grace
- May 14, 2023 Mother's Day
- May 21, 2023 Baccalaureate Sunday (10:45 Service)
- May 28, 2023 Last Sunday before Pastor's sabbatical starts. Summer schedule starts this day.
- May 29, 2023 Memorial Day office closed

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Evangelism** – Jeff Schullo shared that he is grateful for all the help that the For God's Glory program is receiving. The group is considering "Turn to God" as the slogan for new yard signs.

**Parish Education** – Pastor Gary reported on behalf of Brooke Siolka that we will need to have a parent meeting before JAM starts next school year. We need at least 4 volunteers every Sunday to help J.A.M run smoothly each week.

**Parish Fellowship** – Andy Mercier reported that he will get a cake for Baccalaureate Sunday.

**Property & Maintenance** – Kent Lyng reported that we will schedule some spring-cleaning days. There are several projects that to be worked on including lawn cleanup, landscaping, painting trim outside and cleaning windows. The video projector has been repaired. The new portable TV has been replaced. The sound system speakers in the hearth room and nursery have been repaired. We will need a new outdoor maintenance person as Brad Langlay will be stepping away from the position. This is a paid position.

**Public Relations** – Jennifer Lyng reported that we missed the deadline to sponsor the Oconto County Tuesday Night Famer's Market. The float for the Memorial Day parade will be Toy Story/God's Story themed. We will need help for the parade! There will be a sign-up sheet.

Stewardship – Ellen Pritzlaff reported no update at this time.

**Youth Ministry** – Grace Shamburek reported that EPIC Youth will be hosting the Taste of Grace on May 7<sup>th</sup>, following the annual meeting. Thank you to all who helped during Lent so that the youth could still meet on Wednesdays and those that helped with the meal on 3/29/23.

**Worship & Music** – Lyle Nichols reported that the group is still working to organize hymnals by donor/ memoriam name. The Easter Cantata was well attended especially at the Sunday performance. We will need to replace the communion cloths soon. We still need pianists and organists!

Endowment - Melanie Rice reported no update at this time.

Long Range Planning – Dave Borisch reported no update at this time.

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Gary asked us to keep in mind how we can support each other and the ministries. He also asked us to look for opportunities to welcome guests.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Mercier and seconded by Allie McDonald.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted, Allie McDonald Council Secretary





Looking for help for the Memorial Day Parade on May 29th. Looking for kids to ride the float and adults to help pass out handouts and fun items along the parade route. Theme will be Toy Story. If able to help, contact Jennifer Lyng.



#### Women of Grace Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023

**Treasurer's Report**: Review of group finances since last meeting. Last account balance was \$2,101.85. Didn't receive the financial report last time. We did receive \$300 from the Sutrick funeral. Jennifer Lyng spent \$152.66 for Easter & Meadowlands craft supplies.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**King & Country Concert:** Concert was fantastic and thanks to everyone that attended. Will be sending \$100 and a card to the driver. **Update:** After the meeting while working on providing payment, our driver and a separate group of passengers were in the middle of a drive-by shooting stand-off which resulted in significant bus damage. Jennifer Lyng reached out over email to the concert and usual business meeting attendees informing them of the circumstance. Also, opening discussion in case the group wanted to increase the amount due to not being charged a bus rental fee and the amazing service, plus support for the repair costs and loss of business. The group consensus was a \$500 payment.

**April Fun Activity:** Sandal craft supplies were bought from Oriental Trading. Reminder that the craft event is this Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at Meadowlands.

**Easter Kids Celebration:** Kids had an absolute blast and the activity format went great, definite repeat. Had about 28 kids in between services. Planned for about 48 goody bags and after passing out extras for 2<sup>nd</sup> service kids that missed, had about 5 bags left.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mother's Day:** Sounds like they are trying to get the kids to sing. The group decided to hand out carnations again (Jennifer Lyng will talk to Melanie to order). Nancy Brye will make mini bookmark tags with a nice message to also hand out.

**May Fun Activity:** We discussed options for the May Fun Activity and due to Memorial Day week being hard to meet with holiday travel and the week before not being very available, that led to the week of our business meeting. With multiple people missing out on February's Pizza Party at S&S Hometown, we will be looking at S&S again for May's meeting.

**Leadership Change:** Jennifer Lyng is stepping down from leading the Women's group. Women should think before next month's meeting and if interested contact Jennifer and she will show you what to do over the next couple months' meetings. She will cover through the Summer for the Rummage Sale, and we hope to make the full switch when we kick off again in September.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Meadowlands Craft Activity – Thursday, April 13th @ 2:30 pm Fellowship Sunday – Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, One combined service at 9:30 am with 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Milestone Semi-Annual Meeting & Taste of Grace – Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Meeting after 2<sup>th</sup> Service, Taste of Grace to follow May Business Meeting – May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm Mother's Day – May 14th



#### Rummage Sale at Grace

We will again be hosting a church rummage sale here at Grace in August. Please feel free to start bringing in items.

#### (NO ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE PLEASE)

Items should be placed downstairs in the Women of Grace storage room. It is in the hallway with the kids handprints made into flowers.



- 1– Tami Wall
- 2- Robert Vorpahl
- 3– Abigail Alfson Georgia Blom
- Taryn Shallow
- 4– Stella Bailey
- 5– Mark Stanek
- 7– Jake Krieser Alli Remic
- 8– Carol Krieser Tylor Wold
- 10– Ava Magee Kim Pritzlaff Nikki Tolzman
- 11– Natalie Klitzka
- 12– Ellen Pritzlaff
- 13– Sarah Schindel

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- 14– Angie Magnin
- 16– Ted Merwin
- 17– Blake Thomson
- 18– Laura Zielinski
- 19– Michelle Heimke
- 20– Karen Haines
- 22– Braxton Rajkovich
- 24– Emma Alfson Jodi Fry
- 26– Mark Brye
- 27– Kris Seidel
- 29– Judy Ama Randy Lierman Barbara Nickel Ruth Wolford
- 30– Jeff Jarvey
- 31– Sharon VanDenHeuvel



#### **GRACE MEMBERS**

- Carol Burns Dorothy Ellner Barb Merwin Lorraine Murphy Randy Nelson Barb Nickel Diane Peitersen Leanne Riste Julia Schullo Aidan Spillane Al Sutrick/Family Bob Thomson Betsy Voermans Don Voermans Mary Vowinkel
- Health concerns Strength/healing Alzheimer's Strength/healing Macular degeneration Health concerns Strength/healing Cancer treatment Strength/healing Army @ Ft. Bliss Loss of Jane Health concerns Healing after hip surgery Health concerns Strength & healing

#### FAMILY/FRIENDS OF GRACE

Annie Boehmer Janice Bloemer Ashleigh Mercier Bordelais Liam Britzke C.J. Edwards Kim (Capelle) Fischer **Rick Fries Cody Fries** Angela Heim Larry & Barb Hillyer **Bryant Hodkiewicz** Carol Hostrawser Cathy Kaster David Majeski Greg Meilahn David Nelson Brett Nichols Sharon Raatz Rollyn Radke Amira Rynish **David Schefdore** Bob Schindel Mary Thompson Ruth Trudell Gail Venne Carol Weber Amv Winkler Katie Zak

Sight loss - diabetes Breast cancer & dementia Breast cancer MPGN-Disease of kidneys Brain cancer Health concerns Heart problems Continued healing Health concerns Healing & support Cancer treatment Health concerns Rare progressive dementia Continued strength/healing Liver transplant Awaiting new kidney Strength/healing Health concerns Health concerns Leukemia Dialvsis Health concerns Cancer treatment Healing & recovery Cancer treatment Healing & recovery **Cancer recovery** Continued growth/healing

### **Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates**

Jacob Belongia Amber Haines Carleigh Kaczmarek Savannah Long Alissa Stanek

David and Deb Kowenstrot

Adam and Sharon Fischer

Jeff and Jacki Wolford

Emil Ir. and Eva Groth

Kim and Ken Fischer

**Terry and Jane Radke** 

**Tim and Cara Peterson** 

Walter and Nancy Weiss



Elsie Desterheft Reed Hosking Logan Kramer Aspen Magee Kody Vorpahl

**Rylin Beckett** 

Manecke

Baptized April 23, 2023

Parents:

Austin and Rylee Manecke

Help us congratulate and pray for them at the Baccalaureate Service on May 21st at 10:45AM. See you there! Howy can we Please email grace@graceocontofalls.org or call the office at 920-848-2177.

## **GRACE MEETINGS & SCHEDULES**

#### MAY - JULY COMMUNION DUTIES

<u>May 7:</u> SET UP 8:30: Rosemary Lyng CLEAN UP 8:30: Rosemary Lyng CLEAN UP 10:45: Shamburek Family

May 21: SET UP 8:30: Pam Langlay CLEAN UP 8:30: Pam Langlay CLEAN UP 10:45: Sue Mogged

<u>June 4:</u> SET UP 9:30: Jenny Mercier CLEAN UP 9:30: Joy Schmidt / Nancy Weiss

June 18: SET UP 9:30: Sue Mogged CLEAN UP 9:30: Sue Mogged

July 2: SET UP 9:30: Holli Kussow CLEAN UP 9:30: Holli Kussow

July 16: SET UP 9:30: Rosemary Lyng CLEAN UP 9:30: Rosemary Lyng

July 30: SET UP 9:30: Pam Langlay CLEAN UP 9:30: Pam Langlay

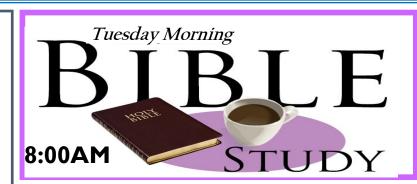
#### <u>MAY-AUGUST COMMUNION BREAD</u> <u>SCHEDULE</u>

MAY 7: Rosemary Lyng MAY 21: Pam Langlay JUNE 4: Kelly Haselhuhn JUNE 18: Sue Mogged JULY 2: Susan Krumrei JULY 16: Rosemary Lyng JULY 30: Pam Langlay AUGUST 6: Kelly Haselhuhn AUGUST 20: Sue Mogged

## Semi Annual Meeting

May 7th following the 2nd service. Meeting will be streamed online. We need 50 for a quorum so please attend or tune in online if you can't attend in person.

Stay after for Taste of Grace!







May 9, 2023 6:30PM All women welcome!

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

May 15, 2023 Worship & Music Meeting 6PM Council Meeting 7PM



UPCOMING DATE! Free Luncheon / Social

Tuesday, May 9 D Grace Serving 11:30AM-1:30PM

## **GRACE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



2024

Grace Lutheran Church Directory Photos

It's time for a new church directory! Family and individual photos will be taken by Kallies Photography for the directory on November 5th, 8th, 11th and 12th of 2023. A sign-up with specific times will be available starting in September. There is no charge for directory photos, however, photo packages will be available for purchase just in time for Christmas. Directories should be available early in 2024.

### **Bibles for 2023 Graduates**

Each of our graduates will be gifted a Ryrie Study Bible as their final Faith Milestone at Grace. The cost of each bible is \$60.00. If you are interested in sponsoring a Bible, please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran and indicate "Bible Sponsorship" in the memo/notes line of the check.



The Bibles will be presented to our graduates at our Baccalaureate Service on May 21, 2023. Thank you!



If you know of someone in need of a home visit, please contact the office at 920-848-2177 or email grace@graceocontofalls.org



MAY 28 - SEPTEMBER 3

## PASTORAL SABBATICAL

Pastor Gary will taking a one month sabbatical in June. We are grateful for his leadership and wish him rest and relaxation and time with his family. Please contact the office for any needs during his time off. Thank you!

We are half-way through the calendar year to Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child, November 13-20,2023.





Look for a mini-style show of donated items at the beginning of each service on Mother's Day. The purpose is to show our appreciation to those of you who will recognize donations you have already made, and to inspire all of us to shop for deals. Every item you donate goes into the shoeboxes packed here at Grace. 100% of every monetary gift helps send shoeboxes around the world. Our goal this year is 320 boxes!

Thank you, Grace Lutheran for all you do. If you see a deal on anything that would make a child happy, snatch it up!



# Service Duty Schedule MAY/JUNE

### **MAY SERVICES**

#### May 7 - Communion 8:30AM Service

Ushers: Kent Lyng & Wally Krueger Lay Reader: Sally Krueger Communion Set Up: Rosemary Lyng Communion Assistant: Barb & Jeff Schullo Communion Clean Up: Rosemary Lyng <u>10:45AM Service</u> Ushers: Shamburek Family Lay Reader: Faith Shamburek Communion Assistant: Donna & Jerry Heim Communion Clean Up: Shamburek Family

#### <u>May 14</u>

8:30AM Service Ushers: Don & Sharon Van Ark Lay Reader: Josh Wendt 10:45AM Service Ushers: Jeff & Allie McDonald Lay Reader: Allie McDonald

#### May 21 - Communion BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY 8:30AM Service

Ushers: Beth Lehner & Pat Spillane Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols Communion Set Up: Pam Langlay Communion Clean Up: Pam Langlay Communion Assistant: Brad and Pam Langlay <u>10:45AM Service</u>

Ushers: Jerry & Vicky Fischer Lay Reader: Sue Mogged Communion Assistant: Paul & Sue Mogged Communion Clean Up: Paul & Sue Mogged

#### May 28-SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Kent Lyng & Wally Krueger Lay Reader: Sally Krueger

## JUNE Summer Schedule 9:30 Services

June 4 - Communion 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Don & Sharon Van Ark Lay Reader: Randy Nelson Communion Set Up: Jenny Mercier Communion Assistant: Andy & Jenny Mercier Communion Clean Up: Joy Schmidt/Nancy Weiss

#### <u>June 11</u>

9:30AM Service Ushers: Jerry & Vicki Fischer Lay Reader: Josh Wendt

#### June 18 - Communion 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Pam & Brad Langlay Lay Reader: Pam Langlay Communion Set Up: Sue Mogged Communion Assistant: Paul & Sue Mogged Communion Clean Up: Sue Mogged

#### <u>June 25</u>

**9:30AM Service** Ushers: Jeff & Allie McDonald Lay Reader: Allie McDonald