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

SEPTEMBER 3

Final 9:30AM Service

SEPTEMBER 10

Rally Sunday!
8:30am Traditional Service
Prayer Group 9:35am
JAM 9:40am
10:45am Contemporary
Service

SEPTEMBER 13

EPIC Youth Kickoff West Side Beach 5:30pm-7pm

Choir starts! 7pm

SEPTEMBER 19

7th Grade Faith Milestone Class 6pm

SEPTEMBER 24

7th Grade Faith Milestone Presentations

COMING IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER 7

Confirmation Stole Making 10am

OCTOBER 15

Confirmation 10:45am Service



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For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven Ecclesiastes 3:1

Greetings Grace Family!

As Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, there is indeed a season for every activity under heaven. As this beautiful Wisconsin summer comes to a close, we all are naturally turning our attention to our collective fall activities. As I write this letter, the High School football season is well under way and many people already have a hopeful eye on what promises to be an exciting year for a young Packer's roster!

Here at Grace, we are gearing things up for another amazing year for our students. We had an incredibly powerful VBS back in July and now we are gearing up for another year of J.A.M (formally known as Sunday School) that will be filled with energy and excitement! I can't wait to see how God will transform and shape the lives of our little ones! Our Youth Group will kick things off with a beach party at the west side beach and this year we will be focusing on our relationship with God, other believers and how we can bring that into the world.

Also, for the past several months, our Stewardship committee has been working diligently on a plan to bring small groups into our Grace community. Look forward to learning more about what those specific groups will look like and also what lessons we will all be focusing on as a Church body. Small groups are one of the best ways for us to get God into our homes, community, and everyday lives. You'll get more information about small groups on Rally Sunday!!

There is indeed a time and a season for everything. And although our focus should never turn away from God, there are times and seasons when we should put extra time and effort into our relationship and companionship with our Creator and Savior. That time is now. Be sure to join us for Rally Sunday on September 10th!

In His grace,

Pastor Gary

	OFFICIAL ACTS—AUGUST 2023			
<u>Date</u>	Service (includes designated	Attendance I giving)	Offerings Received	
August 6	9:30am Online Giving	106	\$5,058.15 \$ 983.00	
August 13	9:30am Online Giving	91	\$8,775.37 \$ 793.00	
August 20	9:30am Online Giving	113	\$3,548.19 \$ 818.00	
August 27	9:30am Online Giving	106	\$4,725.71 \$ 563.00	

FINANCIAL REPORT

Operations Checkbook (GENERAL OFFERING) - Month of AUG	GUST 2023
Beginning Balance 6/30/2023	+\$ 4,814.41
Deposits Operating Fund	+ \$19,709.40
Disbursements Operating Fund	\$23, 146.95
Ending Balance 07/31/2023	+\$ 1,376.86
Mortgage Loan Balance 8/07/2023	\$50,272.91
Monthly payment of principal	\$ 1,735.37
Monthly payment of interest	\$ 146.63
Additional principal	\$ 378.00

Church Giving 101

General Fund: This refers to the cash fund that is used to operate the daily operations and activities of the church. Congregation members typically tithe (give) to the general fund. Envelopes are provided to individuals who would like them. We also offer online giving options. Each congregation member will receive a statement at the end of the year for their taxes.

<u>Designated Giving:</u> This refers to <u>extra</u> money given in addition to tithing that congregation members <u>designate</u> toward a certain fund or activity that they would like to support. For example: Kingdom Come, Operation Christmas Child, VBS, etc. We will highlight several of these funds throughout the next months so you can better understand what each fund represents.

- Banner Fund: Money is directed toward this fund to offset the costs of the banners that are displayed throughout the church for various church seasons.
- Flower Fund: This fund is used to send flowers to individuals who are ill, have lost loved ones or to celebrate life milestones.
- <u>Community Outreach Fund</u>: This fund was established to help offset costs for our monthly soup luncheon, our outdoor movie night, Trunk or Treat or other events we use to reach the community.

Grace Lutheran Council Minutes Grace Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes August 21, 2023 @ 7:00PM

Meeting was called to order by President Jared Alfson at 7:06pm.

Present: Jared Alfson, Allie McDonald, Melanie Rice, Kent Lyng, Grace Shamburek, Heidi Anderson, Ellen Pritzlaff, Andy Shamburek, Andy Mercier, Lyle Nichols, Jeff Schullo, Jerry Riste, Pastor Gary Olson

Guests: Holli Kussow, Jennifer Lyng, Becky Pytak

Opening Prayer by Lyle Nichols & Devotion by Pastor Gary Olson

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lyle Nichols and seconded by Heidi Anderson to approve the July 2023 minutes without any corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Shamburek provided a paper report detailing a net operating loss of \$7,500. We are operating off our cash reserve and counting on increased giving in the fall and winter. Grace Shamburek made a motion to approve the report and Jerry Riste seconded it.

Old Business - none

New Business

Becky Pytak spoke to the council on behalf of the prayer group. She would like to include prayer cards in the pews for people to take. The group will come up with different prayers. Lyle Nichols made a motion to spend up to \$600 to create a prayer book library and Andy Mercier seconded it. The goal will be to have it set it up in the narthex.

Upcoming Events

We switch back to 2 services on Sunday, September 10th and celebrate Rally Sunday and the start of our 23-24 J.A.M. year! We'll have extra people in church and it's the kind of Sunday that we want to take advantage of from the perspective of each of our committees. We will have the backpack blessing. Andy Mercier made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to purchase the Power of the Praying Parent books for our JAM and Epic Youth families. Becky Pytak will work with Holli to order the books.

Plans

We're at the start of our budget prep for the November semi-annual meeting. Jared has encouraged the committees to send their plans out to the council so that we can look them over and see where there are opportunities to work together with other committees. Andy Shamburek has passed out budget sheets for each committee.

Upcoming Events:

- September 10: Rally Sunday (two services and JAM starts)
- September 13: EPIC Youth Kickoff
- September 24: 7th Grade Faith Milestone (Teen Bibles)
- October 15: Confirmation

Committee Reports

- 1. **Evangelism** Jeff Schullo reported the new Turn to God yard signs are available. For God's Glory hosted 53 people this month. The group is working to coordinate a popcorn and movie night in late September/early October.
- 2. Parish Education Heidi Anderson reported VBS was well attended. She will be soliciting feedback from the volunteers to see if any improvements can be made. J.A.M. will begin on 9/10. Registration is open! Heidi is working to improve the volunteer schedule as of 8/21 we only have 1 volunteer signed up.

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- 3. Parish Fellowship Andy Mercier will continue with coffee and treats after our church services.
- 4. Property & Maintenance Kent Lyng would like to those that assisted with adding mulch to some of the landscaping and adding wood chips to the playground area. One of the air conditioning units for the sanctuary froze up during VBS. The problem was corrected the next day and it is working fine now. We are updating the work plan for next year along with budget proposals.
- 5. Public Relations Jennifer Lyng reported no update at this time.
- **6. Stewardship** –Ellen Pritzlaff reported that we are still planning for the directory update in November. We will lock down the dates with Mike Kallies from MK Photography.
- **7.** Youth Ministry Grace Shamburek updated the group on the following dates for EPIC Youth:
 - 9/13 kick-off at the west side beach 5:30-7:00 PM
 - 9/20 parent meeting @ 6:30 PM to discuss expectations, dinner schedule, etc.
 - **9/27 –** start of regular services **5:30 pm** 7th-8th grade meal / **6:00 pm** 7th-8th confirmation class / 9th-12th grade meal / **6:30-8 pm** 7th-12th grade EPIC Youth Group
- 8. Worship & Music Lyle Nichols reported that we are in need of organists and pianists. He discussed the need to increase the stipend of the current musicians. Heidi Anderson made a motion to increase the organist compensation to \$100/Sunday (for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays and \$75 for the 4th Sunday of the month) and the drummer and pianist stipend to \$25 each/Sunday. Melanie Rice seconded the motion. This will begin 9/1/23 and will be effective for the 2024 fiscal year.
- **9. Endowment –** Melanie Rice reported no update at this time.
- **10. Long Range Planning –** Jerry Riste reported that he is working on a 1/5/10 year plan and will include safety updates.
- 11. Pastor's Report Pastor Gary asked the council/committee members to spend time outside of our meetings to help other members.

Allie McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Heidi Anderson seconded it.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allie McDonald

WAYS YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT KINGDOM COME FOOD PANTRY

- Pray for Kingdom Come Food Pantry and Kingdom Come Resale Shop. The Board of Directors, Managers, Volunteers, and Clients, appreciate your prayers.
- Make a financial donation so the programs of Kingdom Come may continue to help others. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at Kingdom Come, 520 N. Locust St., Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Or, you can make a secure online donation through PayPal using a credit card or your PayPal account--just use the "Donate" button above.
- **Shop with others in mind** and give donations of groceries, personal care and household items, or clothing. Leave your donations with any supporting churches, or bring them to the pantry site on Tuesdays from 9am-6pm. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call. (920) 604-2729
- **Donate your time and talents.** On Mondays we need workers to repackage items, stock shelves, and do other various onsite tasks. On Tuesdays help is needed to assist with registration, stock shelves, walk with clients as they shop, as well as other assorted jobs. If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry or Resale Shop, please contact us by phone, mail, or email to ask questions or let us know you are coming to assist.
- Organize a food or personal needs drive with your group or workplace.

BIRTHDAYS



Zoey Thomson
Aubree Wilcox

Alli Raddatz

3— Grayson Frederick Kali Fischer

Karli Fischer

Julia Schullo Brandon Stanek

Weston Bancroft Steve Fischer

8-Dani Baker Tonia Becker Amber Warner

Shelley Desterheft Reed Hosking

10-John Fabry

12-Carol Helstad

13- Chuck McQuillan Mike Nompleggi Elijah Trempe

14-Joan Anderson Logan Kramer Lenora Kraszewski Tony Zielinski

Jeff[']Schullo

Misty Gilbertson 15—

18— Mitchell Brye Jeffrey Hosking

19- Colleen Leitzke

20- Vicki Fischer Olivia Wilcox

21- Myles Bailey Jack Lefevre

22– William Fabry

Christopher Fry Ben Schindel

23- Doug Jahnke

24-Leonard Burns Nyah Gardebrecht Vance Goldschmidt Javne Radke Maddie Ward

25- Georgia Montie Tim Wirtz

28— Ryan Anderson

29- Dee Graveen Jo Ann Lierman

30**—** Max Siolka Sharon Van Ark Collin Wall





6-Brad & Pam Langlay

8-Stu & Joan Anderson

9-Robert & Michelle Klimpke

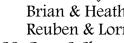
10-Randy & Jane Bigelow 14~Mike & Carol Marquardt

15-Tim & Linda Reidinger

23-Iim & Tonia Becker Ben & Heather Schindel 24~Ryan & Heidi Anderson Mike & Jessica Kaczmarek Nick & Renee Klitzka

28-Broc & Kavla Goldschmidt Brian & Heather Lealiou Reuben & Lorraine Radke

29~Gary & Sharon Van Den Heuvel





GRACE MEMBERS

Carol Burns Continued healing/strength Donnie Drews Jr. Recovery - liver transplant Strength/healing Dorothy Ellner Jerry Heim Strength/healing Marilyn Hennig Health concerns Dan Krieser Knee replacement Lorraine Murphy Strength/healing Randy Nelson Macular degeneration Lyle Ňichols Cancer Barb Nickel Health concerns Leanne Riste Cancer treatment Strength/healing Relocation to Dodgeville Julia Schullo Pat & Julie Spillane **Bob Thomson** Health concerns Don VanArk Health concerns Don Voermans Mary Vowinkel Strength & healing

FAMILY/FRIENDS OF GRACE

Janice Bloemer Ashleigh Mercier Bordelais Liam Britzke Ethan Burant Kim (Capelle) Fischer Angela Heim Larry & Barb Hillyer Bryant Hodkiewicz Carol Hostrawser Maggie Jones Cathy Kaster David Majeski Greg Meilahn David Nelson Brett Nichols Sharon Raatz Rollyn Radke Amira Rynish David Schefdore Bob Schindel Vern Tamura Mary Thompson Ruth Trudell

Gail Venne

Katie Zak

Carol Weber

Amy Winkler

Tami Wall

Breast cancer & dementia Breast cancer MPGN-Disease of kidneys Complications –liver transplant Health concerns Health concerns Healing & support Cancer treatment Health concerns Cancer treatment Rare progressive dementia Continued strength/healing Liver transplant Awaiting new kidney Strength/healing Health concerns Health concerns Leukemia Dialysis Health concerns Cancer treatment Healing & recovery Cancer treatment Healing & recovery Cancer recovery

Continued growth/healing

Thyroid disease



If you know of someone in need of a home visit, please contact the office at

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GRACE MEETINGS & SCHEDULES

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER COMMUNION DUTIES

September 3:

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

September 17:

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

October 1:

SET UP/CLEAN UP 8:30: Pam Langlay CLEAN UP 10:45: Jenny Mercier

October 15: (Confirmation @ 10:45)
SET UP/CLEAN UP 8:30: Rosemary Lyng
CLEAN UP 10:45: Sue Mogged

October 29: (Fellowship Sunday-9:30 Service)

SET UP 9:30: Holli Kussow

CLEAN UP 9:30: Holli Kussow/Michelle Heimke

SEPT/OCT COMMUNION BREAD SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 3: Rosemary Lyng

SEPTEMBER 17: Pam Langlay

OCTOBER 1: Kelly Haselhuhn

OCTOBER 15: Rosemary Lyng (Confirmation Service @ 10:45am)

OCTOBER 29: Susan Krumrei (Fellowship Sunday-9:30 Service)





Sundays following the 8:30AM Service Prayer Room

TO GOD'S GLORY



UPCOMING DATE!

Free Luncheon / Social Tuesday, September 12 & Grace Serving 11:30AM-1:30PM

Looking for volunteers for serving. We also need volunteers to help prepare the food. Please contact Pam Langlay if you're able to help. (920) 373-2731



September 12, 2023 6:30PM All women welcome!

CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday from 7-8PM Beginning September 13th!

Come check it out!

W&M and COUNCIL

September 18, 2023 Worship & Music Meeting 6PM Council Meeting 7PM



Youth Parent Meeting Grades 7-12 September 20 @ 6pm

GRACE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

85th Anniversary Grace Lutheran Church

Grace will be celebrating 85 years as a congregation during 2024 and the Stewardship committee is working on a new church directory. A directory shows photos of our church family along with some of our committees and special events. During November, Kallies Photography will be taking portrait photos of our church members. You will have to sign up for a time slot and then be at church during that time to get your portrait taken. The sitting and photo for the directory is free but you will have options (if you choose) to purchase portraits after the sitting.

Photo sessions will be scheduled for Nov 5 from 10am-4pm, Nov 7, 8 and 9 from 5-8pm, and Nov 12 from 10am-4pm. There are sign up sheets in the church office or you can sign up online at graceocontofalls.org/directory. Sign up early so you can get the time slot that works best for you. If you have any questions please contact Pam Langlay 920-373-2731 or Jared Alfson 920-246-7748.



Thank you to Lori Johns for volunteering to head up the Women of Grace starting in September.

A thank you also to Jennifer Lyng for her past leadership of the Women's Group.

FAITH, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP





No Men's Breakfast in September due to Labor Day Weekend.

Grace Tee's are in! Only \$5 each.



The Stewardship committee would like to kick off another round of small groups to study Help is Here by Max Lucado. This 5-session study is about how the Holy Spirit guides us down the winding roads of life. The group is still working out details, but if you are interested in hosting or being a part of a small group, contact Jared Alfson at 920-246-7748, or Pam Langlay 920-373-2731.





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GRACE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



COMING SOON IN GREEN BAY!

Operation Christmas Child—Project Leader Workshop Saturday, September 9, 2023——-9:30-11:30 a.m. Highland Crest Baptist Church, Green Bay WI

If you coordinate and/or help with shoebox collections for your church, this event is for YOU!

You'll learn best ways to...

Plan and Organize and Promote your collection

Engage your church staff and congregation

Pack quality shoeboxes (what to pack and not to pack)

You'll have fun!

Refreshments and Door Prizes

Fun presentations

Displays of shoebox items, craft ideas and free OCC materials

You'll be inspired by...

Updates and news

from OCC

Volunteers sharing creative ideas

Fellowship with others who LOVE this ministry

Prayer for this ministry, volunteers worldwide, and the children who receive shoeboxes

and God's word.

Contact Ellen at 920-362-5752 if you are interested in going.



As we approach Fall, please consider how you can pitch in here at Grace. If you are interested in signing up to help in the nursery, please contact Heidi Anderson at heidi.crittercomforts@gmail.com Thank you!



OCC Inventory
National Collection Week is November 13-20th. Our packing parties will be the week of November 6th. In order to pack our 300 boxes by then, we need:

- 78 bars of soap.
- 57 washcloths
- 191 hairbrushes
- 44 small stuffed animals
- 55 boxes of 8 markers
- 24 boxes of 24 crayons
- 100 8X10 notebooks

Whatever you can contribute to the shoeboxes goes right into the hands of a deserving child who will be told of God's infinite love for him/ her. If you are of the fun-loving sort, any small toy, game, puzzle, yo-yo, etc. items you can add will make the box all the more exciting. Socks, shoes, hats, the "stuff" children need also go into the boxes.

Please no liquids, candy, toothpaste, or war figures. Because the box represents our Father's love for each child, Samaritans Purse requests that all items be new.

Thank you Grace Lutheran for all you do to support this ministry. God bless us one and all.



SEPTEMBER



7th Grade Faith Milestone-Teen Bible

Student/Parent Class:

Tuesday, September 19 @ 6PM

7th Grade Bible PresentationSunday, September 24 @ both services

Watch the mail for your 7th grader's special invitation.



SIGN UP FOR JAM (Jesus and Me) https://vbspro.events/p/jam2023-24 Or scan QR code.





Parent Meeting
Grades 7-12
September 20 @ 6pm



September 13, 2023 5:30-7:00PM

EPIC Youth Kickoff at West Side Beach For Grades 7-12

REGISTER NOW FOR CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP



Beginning September 27, we will be asking parents to take turns providing a meal for the EPIC Youth. Please go online and sign up for your date here.

https://

gracelutheranchurch.flocknote.com/signup/131709

Thank you for supporting our youth!



Service Duty Schedule AUGUST/SEPT

SEPTEMBER

September 3- Communion 9:30AM Service * LAST 9:30 SERVICE of SUMMER

Ushers: Jerry & Donna Heim
Lay Reader: Donna Heim
Communion Set Up/Clean Up: Rosemary Lyng
Communion Assistant: Jeff & Barb Schullo
Money Count: Pam & Brad Langlay

September 10- RALLY SUNDAY

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Josh Wendt / Adam Haselhuhn Lay Reader: Josh Wendt

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Shamburek Family
Lay Reader: Grace Shamburek
Money Count: Andy Shamburek / Jared Alfson

September 17 - Communion

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Kent Lyng / Matt Rice
Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols
Communion Set Up: Pam Langlay
Communion Assistant: Brad & Pam Langlay
Communion Clean Up: Pam Langlay

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Jeff & Allie McDonald Lay Reader: Allie McDonald Communion Assistants: Paul & Sue Mogged Communion Clean Up: Sue Mogged Money Count: Allie McDonald / Paul Mogged

September 24 8:30AM Service

Ushers: Beth Lehner / Vicki Thomson Lay Reader: Randy Nelson 10:45AM Service

Ushers: Jerry & Vicki Fischer Lay Reader: Angie Magnin Money Count: Angie Magnin / Linda Reidinger

OCTOBER

October 1 - Communion

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Josh Wendt / Adam Haselhuhn
Lay Reader: Josh Wendt
Communion Set Up: Pam Langlay
Communion Assistant: Brad & Pam Langlay
Communion Clean Up: Brad & Pam Langlay

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Shambureks train Klitzkas Lay Reader: Grace Shamburek Communion Assistant: Andy & Jenny Mercier Communion Clean Up: Jenny Mercier Money Count: Brad & Pam Langlay

October 8

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Tom & Diane Malcomson Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols 10:45AM Service Ushers: Jerry & Donna Heim

Lay Reader: Donna Heim Money Count: Andy Shamburek / OPEN SPOT

October 15 - Communion & Confirmation (10:45) 8:30AM Service

Ushers: Kent Lyng /Vicki Thomson
Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols
Communion Set Up: Rosemary Lyng
Communion Assistant: Brad & Pam Langlay
Communion Clean Up: Rosemary Lyng

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Jeff & Allie McDonald Lay Reader: Allie McDonald Communion Assistant: Paul & Sue Mogged Communion Clean Up: Sue Mogged Money Count: Paul Mogged / Allie McDonald

October 23

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Matt & Emerson Rice Lay Reader: Randy Nelson 10:45AM Service Ushers: Klitzka Family

Lay Reader: Heidi Anderson Money Count: Angie Magnin / Linda Reidinger

October 30 - 9:30am One Service Communion

Ushers: Jerry & Vicki Fischer
Lay Reader: Heidi Anderson
Communion Set Up: Holli Kussow
Communion Clean Up: Holli Kussow/Michelle Heimke
Communion Assistants: Barb & Jeff Schullo
Money Count: Kent Lyng / Brad Langlay