

**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.

AUGUST 10-11
Church Rummage Sale
Craft Sale & Bake Sale

Brat/Burger Stand
on Friday

**COMING IN
SEPTEMBER**

SEPTEMBER 3
Final 9:30AM Service

SEPTEMBER 10
Rally Sunday!
JAM Starts 9:40am
Enroll NOW



Back to two services at
8:30AM and 10:45AM

SEPTEMBER 13
EPIC Youth Kickoff
Times to be announced

SEPTEMBER 19
7th Grade Faith
Milestone Class 6PM

SEPTEMBER 24
7th Grade Faith
Milestone Presentations

 **Messenger**



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*All your children shall be taught by the LORD,
And great shall be the peace of your children.*
Isiah 54:13

Greetings Grace Family!

As this beautiful Wisconsin summer continues to progress, we gathered close to 70 kiddos for an amazing VBS week to tell them about the power of Jesus. During five sessions, we demonstrated the power of Jesus and showed them how He works in the lives of those who follow Him and put their trust in Him.

In case you somehow missed it, our theme this year was titled “*STELLAR*” and the main point was “Shine Jesus’ Light!” It gives me goosebumps just thinking about all those young people shouting that at the top of their lungs! Add in some memorable songs, powerfully told stories, hands-on science experiments, creative crafts, and crazy games and you have one amazing VBS week!

The real reason we invite these youngsters to this week-long party is to teach them who Jesus is and how He works in our lives and how to get more of Him in our lives. And we do that through God’s words to us. Each day has its own bible verse that teaches us the main point of the day. Our amazing volunteers repeat that verse (along with the day’s “Bible point”) at each station throughout the night. By the end of the week, everyone has had the chance to memorize five powerful verses.

But just like every other area of our lives, we have to take time out of our busy schedules to make VBS a priority in our children’s growth and development. The verse at the top of this letter is from the book of Isiah and it explains how your children can experience peace in their lives. It says “your children shall be taught by the Lord.” And then they will experience great peace. If you flip that verse around it becomes a question: “want your children to experience great peace?” If you answered “yes” make plans to attend next year’s VBS (July 21st-25th 2024!) And get ready for an amazing “JAM session” (formally known as Sunday school) during the school year. Trust me when I say it’s going to be *STELLAR!!*

In His grace,

Pastor Gary

OFFICIAL ACTS—JULY 2023

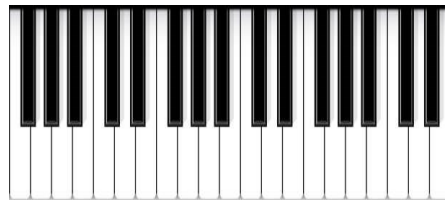
<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u> (includes designated giving)	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>
July 2	9:30am	65	\$4,399.12
	Online Giving		\$ 723.00
July 9	8:30am	116	\$2,680.78
	Online Giving		\$1,223.00
July 16	8:30am	90	\$1,947.13
	Online Giving		\$ 843.00
July 23	9:30am	80	\$3,831.70
	Online Giving		\$ 818.00
July 30	9:30am	129	\$5,567.49
	Online Giving		\$ 543.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

Operations Checkbook (GENERAL OFFERING) - Month of JULY 2023

Beginning Balance 6/30/2023	+\$ 2,261.80
Deposits Operating Fund	+ \$20,585.22
Disbursements Operating Fund	- \$18,032.61
Ending Balance 07/31/2023	+\$ 4,814.41
Mortgage Loan Balance 7/06/2023.....	\$52,434.97
Monthly payment of principal.....	\$ 1,729.06
Monthly payment of interest.....	\$ 152.94
Additional principal.....	\$ 433.00

IN SEARCH OF...



Pianists and organists for both services! Paid position! Contact the office if you know anyone that might be interested! grace@graceocontofalls.org or 920-848-2177. Thank you.

Grace Lutheran Council Minutes
July 17, 2023 @ 7:00PM

Meeting was called to order by Secretary, Allie McDonald at 7:07pm.

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

Absent: Jared Alfson

Guests: Jennifer Lyng

Opening Prayer by Allie McDonald and Devotion by Pastor Gary

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Andy Mercier and seconded by Melanie Rice to approve the June 2023 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Shamburek provided a paper report detailing a net ordinary loss of \$12,000. 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 Heidi Anderson seconded it.

Old Business - none

New Business

- **VBS** – Pastor Gary, Heidi Anderson and others have been working hard to organize volunteers, gather supplies, registrations and decorations. Registration is at 59 kids now!
- **Church Picnic** – the church picnic will be held at Memorial Field pavilion on July 30th at 11am. Bring your yard games and a side dish or dessert to pass. Brats & burgers will be grilled by the men's group.
- **Church Rummage Sale** – no craft table this year but we will have the bake sale and the men's group will be grilling. The hours for the sale are 8/10 from 8am – 6pm and 8/11 8am – 3pm.
- **Planning Ahead** – Our council will be working through our budget in preparation for the November semi-annual congregation meeting. Andy Shamburek will have budget sheets for the committees next month and the budget will be ready for review at the October council meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- **July 23-27, 2023** – VBS – registration is still open!
- **July 30, 2023** – Church Picnic
- **August 10-11, 2023** – Rummage Sale

Committee Reports:

Evangelism – Jeff Schullo shared that For God's Glory hosted 55 people this month for brats & burgers. He is grateful for the support from the congregation. Turn to God signs yard signs have been ordered.

Parish Education – Heidi Anderson has been working on the details for VBS. She will focus on J.A.M. after VBS.

Parish Fellowship – Andy Mercier reported no update at this time.

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Property & Maintenance – Kent Lyng submitted a report detailing work done on the lawn mower. Mulch will be spread on the playground prior to the start of VBS. starter solenoid. Thank you to all who helped with the outside landscape improvements.

Public Relations – S&S Hometown is hosting charity bingo on July 19th. Raffle baskets and 50/50 tickets will also be sold. The proceeds will benefit Joyful Noise. Jennifer Lyng will continue to cover the position until a replacement volunteers.

Stewardship – Ellen Pritzlaff reported that the small group has chosen Max Lucado's Help is Here for their studies.

Youth Ministry – EPIC Youth is not participating in organized activities during summer break.

Worship & Music – Lyle Nichols reported that we still need pianists and organists! The usher list and responsibilities sheet will be updated soon.

Endowment – Melanie Rice reported no update at this time.

Long Range Planning – no update at this time. Dave Borisch met with Jerry Riste to familiarize him with the position.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Gary reminded us of James 4:2, "You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God." He encouraged us to fervently go to God with our requests. Count on Him to make things happen.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Mercier and seconded by Jeff Schullo.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allie McDonald



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



Please continue to support the Kingdom Come Food Pantry.

- ♦ Give a monetary donation here at church. Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran with note that it is for Kingdom Come and it will be sent to Kingdom Come and included on your yearly giving statement.
- ♦ Bring in food donations and place in the bin in the narthex. Donations are picked up by the pantry.

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



FRONT



BACK

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2— Mary Vowinkel
- 3— Vincent Bancroft
Nancy Brye
Allie McDonald
Mary Suttrek
- 4— Grace Kraszewski
- 5— Isabella Bancroft
Vern Graveen
- 6— Everly Goldschmidt
- 7— Lisa Krause
Art Paulson
- 9— Corina Heimke
Josie Tolzman
- 10— Abigale Johnson
- 12— Hunter Gagnon
- 14— Dianne Syring
- 19— Bridgett Gorman
Zoey Grell
Andy Mercier
- 20— Maddie Kussow
Heather Luebeck
Sue Mogged
Lorraine Murphy
- 22— Sawyer Klitzka
George Stuckey
- 23— Jenny Mercier
Greg Seidel
- 24— Kennedy Alanivz
Justin Jaeger
Dylan Paitl
- 25— Chance Garbrecht
Bonnie Peterson
Trevor Schindel
Kyla Shallow
- 28— Dan Coppens
Jerry Heim
- 30— Joy Schmidt
- 31— Donna Heim
Vicky Thomson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AUGUST



- 3— Angie and Scott Magnin
Don and Sharon VanArk
- 4— Susan and Rick Krumrei
- 5— Chuck and Tami McQuillan
- 14— Lyle & Diane Nichols
David and Lisa Peiterson
- 17— Devon and Lisa Gagnon
- 18— Cindy and Jack LeFevre
Michael & Abigail Montie
- 21— Willie and Donna Fabry
- 27— Chris and Brooke Siolka
- 30— Greg and Karen Haines
Jeff and Allie McDonald

July 9, 2023 Keira JoAnn
Ashley

BAPTISM

Parents: Daniel & Jenna Raygo

Charlotte Victoria
Anderson
Born: July 24, 2023
Parents: Ryan & Heidi
Anderson

it's a Girl

Prayer REQUESTS

GRACE MEMBERS

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

FAMILY/FRIENDS OF GRACE

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Janice Bloemer | Breast cancer & dementia |
| Ashleigh Mercier Bordelais | Breast cancer |
| Liam Britzke | MPGN-Disease of kidneys |
| Ethan Burant | Complications -liver transplant |
| Kim (Capelle) Fischer | Health concerns |
| Angela Heim | Health concerns |
| Larry & Barb Hillyer | Healing & support |
| Bryant Hodkiewicz | Cancer treatment |
| Carol Hostrawser | Health concerns |
| Maggie Jones | Cancer treatment |
| Cathy Kaster | Rare progressive dementia |
| David Majeski | Continued strength/healing |
| Greg Meilahn | Liver transplant |
| David Nelson | Awaiting new kidney |
| Brett Nichols | Strength/healing |
| Sharon Raatz | Health concerns |
| Rollyn Radke | Health concerns |
| Amira Rynish | Leukemia |
| David Scheffore | Dialysis |
| Bob Schindel | Health concerns |
| Vern Tamura | Cancer |
| Mary Thompson | Cancer treatment |
| Ruth Trudell | Healing & recovery |
| Gail Venne | Cancer treatment |
| Carol Weber | Healing & recovery |
| Amy Winkler | Cancer recovery |
| Katie Zak | Continued growth/healing |

How can we PRAY for you?

Please email grace@graceocontofalls.org or call the office at 920-848-2177.

GRACE MEETINGS & SCHEDULES

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER COMMUNION DUTIES

August 6:

SET UP 9:30: Jenny Mercier
CLEAN UP 9:30: Carl & Mary Vowinkel

August 20:

SET UP 9:30: Sue Mogged
CLEAN UP 9:30: Nancy Weiss/Joy Schmidt

September 3:

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

September 17:

SET UP/CLEAN UP 8:30: Rosemary Lyng
CLEAN UP 10:45: Sue Mogged



Sundays following the
9:30AM Service
In the Prayer Room

TO GOD'S GLORY



UPCOMING DATE!

Free Luncheon / Social

Tuesday, August 8 @ Grace
Serving 11:30AM-1:30PM
All are welcome.

AUG/SEPT COMMUNION BREAD SCHEDULE

AUGUST 6: Kelly Haselhuhn

AUGUST 20: Sue Mogged

SEPTEMBER 3: Pam Langlay

SEPTEMBER 17: Rosemary Lyng



August 8, 2023
6:30PM
All women welcome!

The Women of Grace is seeking a new group leader. The new leader would start in September. If interested, contact Jennifer Lyng at stem13.ee@gmail.com

Rally Day
Sunday, September 10th

Sunday School Resumes
Back to two services at 8:30 & 10:45

CATCH THE Excitement!

W&M and COUNCIL

August 21, 2023
Worship & Music Meeting 6PM
Council Meeting 7PM

GRACE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 10th & 11th



The Annual Women's Ministry Rummage and Bake Sale is Thursday, August 10 and Friday, August 11. On Thursday we will be open from 8 am – 6 pm and on Friday 8 am – 3 pm with packing up until 5 or until we are done. There are 3 shifts each day and we need at least 4-5 volunteers for each shift. Please sign up for as many shifts as you want. We will also need volunteers for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week from 8-noon each day to set up the rummage sale. You do not have to sign up for the set up, please just come when you can.

We need lots and lots of baked goods. The baked items are really popular and go really fast. You can package in any quantity – some people want small packages, some want large – so it doesn't matter. You do not have to price anything.

If you have extra paper grocery bags, we would love to have them. Just put them in the rummage room.

If you have any questions please email planglay@gmail.com or call or text Pam at (920) 373-2731.



The men's group will be having their annual cookout fundraiser on Friday, August 11 from 10am-2pm. They will be starting setup for the cookout at 8am. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at Grace to volunteer. Even if you can't stay for the entire event, any help you can give will be appreciated. If you have any questions about the men's cookout, please call or text Brad Langlay at (920) 373-2931.



OCC REACH for the CEILING But I can't reach the ceiling! Your gifts of shoeboxes has been tremendous; so much so that I can't reach to pile them up any more. Until further notice, we won't be needing you to drop off empty shoeboxes anymore. Thank you, Grace Lutheran, for being so responsive. Speaking of responsive your donations of toys, games, clothing, foot ware and socks, school supplies are and will always be welcome!

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.

Ellen would like to invite anyone interested in attending.
Contact Ellen at 920-362-5752.



Youth news

VBS was a “STELLAR” success! Approximately 70 students gathered to learn about God’s love and how they should be a reflection of that love and “Shine Jesus’ Light”! Thank you to everyone who donated their time and talent this week! To add to that excitement, Heidi Anderson, our VBS director, went into labor 5 minutes into the start of VBS and had a baby girl! Welcome, baby Charlotte!

AUGUST



Rally Day

Sunday, September 10th

Sunday School Resumes

Back to two services at 8:30 & 10:45

CATCH THE Excitement!

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



Service Duty Schedule

AUGUST/SEPT

AUGUST Summer Schedule 9:30 Services

August 6- Communion

9:30AM Service

Ushers: Andy & Jenny Mercier

Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols

Communion Set Up: Jenny Mercier

Communion Assistant: Jeff & Barb Schullo

Communion Clean Up: Carl & Mary Vowinkel

Money Count: Angie Magnin / Linda Reidinger/Pam
Langlay train

August 13

9:30AM Service

Ushers: Jeff & Allie McDonald

Lay Reader: Randy Nelson

Money Count: Allie McDonald / Jared Alfson

August 20 - Communion

9:30AM Service

Ushers: Shamburek Family

Lay Reader: Faith Shamburek

Communion Set Up: Sue Mogged

Communion Assistant: Paul & Sue Mogged

Communion Clean Up: Nancy Weiss / Joy Schmidt

Money Count: Andy Shamburek/Paul Mogged

August 27

9:30AM Service

Ushers: Kent Lyng / Wally Krueger

Lay Reader: Sally Krueger

Money Count: Brad Langlay / Kent Lyng

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: Pam Langlay

Communion Assistant: Pam & Brad Langlay

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: Rosemary Lyng

Communion Assistant: Jeff & Barb Schullo

Communion Clean Up: Rosemary Lyng

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