

## 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.

### JUNE 3

Men's Breakfast  
Cancelled for June

### JUNE 13

To God's Glory Free  
Luncheon  
11:30am—1:30pm

Women's Meeting  
6:30pm

### JUNE 19

Worship & Music 6pm  
Council 7pm

### JUNE 24

Joyful Noise  
East Side Beach  
2-6pm

# Messenger



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If you believed Moses, you would believe  
Me, for he wrote about Me  
John 5:46

Greetings Grace Family!

As we begin the 100 days of summer, I can't help but feel there is a certain feel of anticipation and excitement in the air. With the Memorial Day weekend in the rearview mirror, we now look forward to a fun filled summer break from school, snow shoveling, and frost covered windshields!

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we look forward to a summer of adventure and potential. But potential can quickly become an empty promise without a plan of attack. The days, weeks and months can seemingly slip by without notice and without any real notable accomplishments. I encourage you to present yourself with a few personal goals to achieve in the next few months, and then devise a plan to accomplish those goals.

The main goal that we should all focus on regardless of the season we find ourselves in, is the goal of strengthening our relationship with God and growing closer to Him. When my daughters were younger, they were involved in summer reading challenges every summer. Goals were set, books were read and prizes were awarded. And along the way they gained experience and knowledge from the books they chose to read.

God speaks at length about the benefits of reading the words He wrote to us. Romans 15:4 says that what was written in earlier times was written for our instruction. Psalm 119:105 says that God's words are like a lamp to our feet and a light for our path. That path of course leads us directly back to God Himself. Having a Bible reading plan for the summer would not only strength your relationship with God, but will also lead you back directly to Him in your times of trouble and your times of need.

Either way, this summer, like all the summers before it will be over in 100 days. I hope when you look back on it, you'll be pleased that you put in the effort to build a stronger relationship with the Creator of the Universe!

In His service,

*Pastor Gary*

**OFFICIAL ACTS—MAY 2023**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u> (includes designated giving)	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>
May 7	8:30am	54	\$8,332.20
	10:45am	115	
	Online Giving .....		\$ 998.00
May 14	8:30am	86	\$4,921.56
	10:45am	117	
	Online Giving .....		\$1,023.00
May 21	8:30am	69	\$5,380.66
	10:45am (Baccalaureate)	102	
	Online Giving .....		\$ 673.00
May 28	9:30am	78	\$3,157.39
	Online Giving .....		\$ 643.00

**Financial Report**

**Operations Checkbook (GENERAL OFFERING)** - Month of MAY 2023

Beginning Balance 4/30/2023 .....	+\$15,403.52
Deposits Operating Fund .....	+17,029.81
Disbursements Operating Fund .....	-26,486.56
Ending Balance 05/31/2023 .....	+ 5,946.77
Mortgage Loan Balance 5/07/2023.....	\$56,551.35
Monthly payment of principal.....	\$ 1,716.86
Monthly payment of interest.....	\$ 165.14
Additional principal.....	\$ 338.00

**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](mailto:grace@graceocontofalls.org) or 920-848-2177. Thank you.



The council wants to keep you informed about our budget. The Flower Fund was recently enhanced to include sending flowers to members of Grace's church family who are experiencing a serious illness or a loss of a family member.

As with any special budget item, gifts are encouraged that are in addition to your normal giving.

**Grace Lutheran Council Minutes**  
**May 22, 2023 @ 7:00PM**

Meeting was called to order by President, Jared Alfson at 7:04pm.

**Present:** Andy Shamburek, Faith Shamburek, Jeff Schullo, Jennifer Lyng, Allie McDonald, Jared Alfson, Lyle Nichols, Dave Borisch, Gary Olson

**Absent:** Brooke Siolka, Melanie Rice, Andy Mercier, Ellen Pritzlaff, Kent Lyng

**Opening Prayer by Jared Alfson and Devotion by Pastor Gary**

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Dave Borisch and seconded by Kent Lyng to approve the April 2023 Minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Andy Shamburek provided a paper report detailing a net ordinary income of approximately \$8,965.83. Giving is up compared to last year at this time however our expenses are up as well. Dave Borisch made a motion to approve the report and Allie McDonald seconded it.

**Old Business – none**

**New Business**

**June council meeting** date is set for 6/19/23 at 7:00. Allie McDonald will host if Jared is not available.

**Outgoing council members** – thank you to Dave Borisch, Brooke Siolka and Jennifer Lyng for their contributions to the Church Council and the congregation. We appreciate your time, work and talents.

**Planning for the next year** – Jared asked the committee members to consider their goals and subsequently their budgets for the next year.

**Resume pre-covid money count procedures** to give more people an opportunity to serve. Allie McDonald made a motion to resume pre-Covid money counting procedures ASAP and Jennifer Lyng seconded it. Allie will ask Pam Langlay if she can host 2 classes detailing the procedures.

**Upcoming Events:**

**May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day – Office Closed**

**June 13, 2023 – To God's Glory Luncheon**

**June 24, 2023 – Joyful Noise**

**July 23-27 - VBS**

**Committee Reports**

**1. Evangelism** – Jeff Schullo – reported that 30 people attended the For God's Glory luncheon in May. The June menu is set. We are still looking for folks to walk with the church's float in the Memorial Day Parade. There will be a sign-up to help with Joyful Noise next month.

**2. Parish Education** – Brooke Siolka – Pastor Gary reported on behalf of Brooke that the Mother's Day presentation was a success as well as the last year of J.A.M.

**3. Parish Fellowship** – Andy Mercier – no report but a huge thank you to Andy Mercier for the great job he is doing providing treats and snacks for fellowship. He puts in a lot of thought and time into making it nice for everyone.

**4. Property & Maintenance** – Kent Lyng - provided a paper report detailing May 20<sup>th</sup> workday. Windows, stairways and general areas were cleaned. We will need to schedule another day to tackle outside projects like painting faded trim and replacing the playground woodchips.

**5. Public Relations** – Jennifer Lyng reported that a charity bingo night will be held at S&S Hometown in July and it will benefit the Joyful Noise event.

**6. Stewardship** – Ellen Pritzlaff provided a paper report detailing their efforts over the last month including adding a note and prayer support information in the Bibles gifted to the high school seniors.

**7. Youth Ministry** – Faith & Grace Shamburek – Faith reported that Taste of Grace went well and they will consider hosting it in the fall, instead of the spring. The youth group will try to plan something fun during the summer.

**8. Worship & Music** – Lyle Nichols reported that we need musicians! Please contact Holli or Lyle if you know of anyone who would be interested. The new communion cloths have been ordered. The group is working to find some place to donate the old hymnals to. The June service schedule has been set for when Pastor Gary is on sabbatical. The drum set has been replaced.

**9. Endowment** – Melanie Rice – no report

**10. Long Range Planning** – Dave Borisch reported that a landscape plan is being reviewed for the north and east sides of the church.

**11. Pastor's Report** – Pastor Gary asked that if anything needs to be announced during church service, please contact Holli or the Worship & Music Committee so that it can be properly added to the schedule, slide show and announcements page, etc.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Borisch and seconded by Faith Shamburek.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:37pm.


Respectfully submitted,

Allie McDonald  
Council Secretary



**Church Rummage Sale**

**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.



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](mailto:stem13.ee@gmail.com)

## Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President, Jared Alfson at 12:05pm  
Opening Prayer by Jared Alfson, Council President

Secretary's Report – November 2022 semi-annual meeting minutes were provided and reviewed by the congregation. Len Burns made a motion to approve the minutes and Cheryl Mogged seconded it.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Shamburek reviewed the numbers from the profit/loss statement and balance sheets. We do have a net loss of \$13,851.62 however, giving is up slightly compared to last year at this time. Our balance sheet is looking good and we have approximately \$87,000 in our checking account. Paul Mogged made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Cheryl Mogged seconded it.

**Old Business** – none

**New Business:**

### **Nominations and Elections**

\* Council Members (required for two-year term) Jeff Schullo has agreed to a second term on the Evangelism Committee. Allie McDonald has agreed to a second term as the Council Secretary. Ellen Pritzlaff has agreed to a second term on the Stewardship Committee. Heidi Anderson has agreed to serve on the Parish Education Committee – replacing Brooke Siolka. The Public Relations council position is open until the next nomination period in the fall. Jared Alfson, Jennifer Lyng and Pam Langlay handle the day-to-day work of the committee and Jennifer will report to the council of their operations until the position is filled.

\* Endowment Committee (required for three-year term) – Al Mogged agreed to serve on the Committee.

Nominating Committee (4 required plus 2 outgoing council members) – Outgoing Committee Members Brooke Siolka and Jennifer Lyng agreed to join the Nominating Committee. Heidi Anderson, Lisa Shamburek, Angie Magnin and Danna Magnin will also serve on the committee.

Len Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry Heim seconded it. Jared Alfson closed with a prayer and the meeting adjourned at 12:20

Respectfully submitted,

Allie McDonald  
Council Secretary



*Best wishes to Pat and Julie Spillane.  
You will be missed but always a part of  
our Grace family.  
God bless your new journey!*

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*Goodbye is not forever.  
Goodbye is not the end.  
It's just a word to say  
until we meet again.*





# JUNE Birthdays



- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1- Brenna Jaeger       | 19- Christy Garbrecht |
| David Peitersen        | Aaron Gilbertson      |
| 5- Mason Rajkovich     | Bailee Gorman         |
| 6- Morgan Calewarts    | 20- Natalie Delzer    |
| 7- Eva Groth           | 21- Sophia Collar     |
| 9- Maverick Graef      | 23- Jack Alfson       |
| Roger Grenke           | Evelyn Heimke         |
| 11- Tony Neta          | 24- Vicki Dobratz     |
| Hailey Delzer          | Mia Jahnke            |
| 12- Derek Johnson      | 26- Sue Paulson       |
| Rosemary Lyng          | 27- Carter Heimke     |
| 13- Kiara Spillane     | Nora Heimke           |
| 14- Andy Marquardt     | 28- Trinady Vorpahl   |
| 15- Deborah Kowenstrot | 29- Emmett Johns      |
| 17- James Kuchenbecker | Patrick Lewis         |
| 18- Kari Ward          | Ethel Pasko           |
|                        | 30- Jared Alfson      |
|                        | Brody Desterheft      |
|                        | Wallace Krueger       |

# Prayer REQUESTS

## GRACE MEMBERS

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Carol Burns          | Health concerns           |
| Dorothy Ellner       | Strength/healing          |
| Lorraine Murphy      | Strength/healing          |
| Randy Nelson         | Macular degeneration      |
| Barb Nickel          | Health concerns           |
| Leanne Riste         | Cancer treatment          |
| Julia Schullo        | Strength/healing          |
| Aidan Spillane       | Army @ Ft. Bliss          |
| Pat & Julie Spillane | Relocation to Dodgeville  |
| Bob Thomson          | Health concerns           |
| Betsy Voermans       | Healing after hip surgery |
| Don Voermans         | Health concerns           |

## FAMILY/FRIENDS OF GRACE

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Annie Boehmer              | Sight loss - diabetes      |
| Janice Bloemer             | Breast cancer & dementia   |
| Ashleigh Mercier Bordelais | Breast cancer              |
| Liam Britzke               | MPGN-Disease of kidneys    |
| C.J. Edwards               | Brain cancer               |
| Kim (Capelle) Fischer      | Health concerns            |
| Rick Fries                 | Heart problems             |
| Cody Fries                 | Continued healing          |
| Angela Heim                | Health concerns            |
| Larry & Barb Hillyer       | Healing & support          |
| Bryant Hodkiewicz          | Cancer treatment           |
| Carol Hostrawser           | Health concerns            |
| 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 Schefdore            | Dialysis                   |
| Bob Schindel               | Health concerns            |
| 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   |

# HAPPY Anniversary! JUNE



- 3 - Ryan & Corrine Thomson
- 5 - Don & Betsy Voermans
- 9 - Clint & Abby Gardebrecht
- 10 - Steve & Laurie Fischer
- Andy & Lisa Shamburek
- 11 - Richard & Carol Helstad
- Travis & Sarah Schindel
- 12 - William & Jodi Fry
- 16 - Art & Sue Paulson
- 19 - Randy & JoAnn Lierman
- 21 - George and Bernice Stuckey
- 22 - Richard & Iris Marquardt
- 23- Austin & Rylee Manecke
- 26- Joe & Kim St. Louis
- 27- Bob & Vicky Thomson

## BAPTISM



**Henry William Pagel**  
 Baptized May 14, 2023  
 Parents:  
 Jared & Allison Pagel



Please email [grace@graceocontofalls.org](mailto:grace@graceocontofalls.org) or call the office at 920-848-2177.

# GRACE MEETINGS & SCHEDULES

## JUNE - AUGUST COMMUNION DUTIES

### June 4:

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

### August 6:

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

### August 20:

SET UP 9:30: Sue Mogged  
CLEAN UP 9:30: Lisa Shamburek

## JUNE-AUGUST COMMUNION BREAD SCHEDULE

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



Beginning on June 4th, a new prayer group will be starting in the prayer room following the 9:30AM service. All are welcome! See you there!



TO GOD'S GLORY



UPCOMING DATE!

Free Luncheon / Social  
Tuesday, June 13 @ Grace  
Serving 11:30AM-1:30PM  
All are welcome.



June 13, 2023  
6:30PM  
All women welcome!



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

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

June 19, 2023  
Worship & Music Meeting 6PM  
Council Meeting 7PM



# GRACE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for volunteers to work a shift at the Joyful Noise event. Sign up in Narthex. Can't volunteer but still want to support the cause? Consider making a monetary donation to help offset the costs! Make checks payable to Grace with "Joyful Noise" in memo line.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

## Joyful Noise

Saturday, June 24th  
2:00 - 6:00 pm  
East Side Beach,  
Oconto Falls

FREE Live Music  
Food available  
for purchase

Featured Bands:  
Grace Worship Band  
The Rockin Psalms  
OWCC Band  
Lona & Brad Ryczek

Bring chairs  
& blankets



*In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Grace Lutheran Church, 501 South Main Street, Oconto Falls.*

**Fundraiser for Joyful Noise Concert**  
**When:** July 5th and July 19th @ 6PM  
**Where:** S&S Hometown—211 S Maple Ave, OF

**Come on down, play Bingo and support Joyful Noise!**

**OCC SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**  
 The Oconto Falls Chamber of Commerce hosts three music concerts every summer. They offer the opportunity to help sell 50/50 raffle tickets. The proceeds are shared with the non-profit. We have been able to take advantage of this opportunity the last five years. If you would like to help sell 50/50 raffle tickets for Operation Christmas Child, call or text Ellen at (920) 362-5752. Date to be determined.



### 1st Annual Jane Sutrick Memorial Shoot



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**July 15, 2023**  
 Details to be announced.

*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.



# Youth news

# JUNE

## Congrats 2023 Graduates!

THANK YOU  
*volunteers*

JAM  
JESUS AND ME

A huge thank you to all of our JAM Volunteers this past school year. Thank you for showing up and making JAM a great experience for our students.



Front Row: Allissa Stanek, Carleigh Kaczmarek, Aspen Magee  
Back Row: Reed Hosking, Kody Vorpahl, Amber Haines, Jake Belongia, Pastor Gary  
Not Pictured: Elsie Desterheft, Logan Kramer, Savannah Long

 **Mark Your  
Calendar**  
*Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!*



**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**VBS 2023**

**JULY 23-27 - 5:30PM-8PM**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. VBS IS A HUGE UNDERTAKING AND WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH VBS! DON'T WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO STEP UP. PARENTS—YOU'RE BRINING YOUR KIDDOS HERE ANYWAY....STAY AND VOLUNTEER!

SIGN-UPS FOR STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS WILL BE COMING IN THE NEXT MONTH. WE NEED YOU! WATCH FOR YOUR CHANCE TO HELP.

WE HOPE TO MAKE THIS VBS EXPERIENCE "OUT OF THIS WORLD"!

# Service Duty Schedule

JUNE/JULY

## 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

Money Count: Brad & Pam Langlay

### June 11

#### 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Jerry & Vicki Fischer

Lay Reader: Josh Wendt

Money Count: Kent Lyng & Jared Alfson

### 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

Money Count: Paul Mogged & Andy Shamburek

### June 25

#### 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Jeff & Allie McDonald

Lay Reader: Allie McDonald

Money Count: Jeff & Allie McDonald / Pam Langlay

## JULY Summer Schedule 9:30 Services

### July 2- Communion

#### 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Jerry & Vicki Fischer

Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols

Communion Set Up: Holli Kussow

Communion Assistant: Holli Kussow / Ellen Pritzlaff

Communion Clean Up: Holli Kussow

Money Count: Nancy Brye / Ellen Pritzlaff

### July 9

#### 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Shamburek Family

Lay Reader: Grace Shamburek

Money Count: Andy Shamburek / Jared Alfson

### July 16 - Communion

#### 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Jerry & Donna Heim

Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols

Communion Set Up: Rosemary Lyng

Communion Assistant: Barb & Jeff Schullo

Communion Clean Up: Rosemary Lyng

Money Count: Kent Lyng / Pam & Brad Langlay

### July 23

#### 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Jeff & Allie McDonald

Lay Reader: Josh Wendt

Money Count: Jeff & Allie McDonald / Nancy Brye

### July 30 - Communion

#### 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Pam & Brad Langlay

Lay Reader: Pam Langlay

Communion Set Up: Pam Langlay

Communion Assistant: Paul & Sue Mogged

Communion Clean Up: Pam & Brad Langlay

Money Count: Paul Mogged/ Andy Shamburek