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

<u>JUNE 13</u>

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

Women's Meeting 6:30pm

<u>JUNE 19</u>

Worship & Music 6pm Council 7pm

JUNE 24

Joyful Noise East Side Beach 2-6pm





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Oconto Falls, WI 54154

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 1st, 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

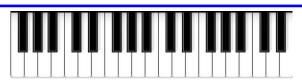
OFFICIAL ACTS—MAY 2023				
<u>Service</u> (includes designated givi	<u>Attendance</u> ng)	Offerings Received		
8:30am 10:45am	54 115	\$8,332.20		
		\$ 998.00		
8:30am 10:45am	86 117	\$4,921.56		
		\$1,023.00		
8:30am 10:45am (Baccalaureate)	69 102	\$5,380.66		
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9:30am Online Giving	78	\$3,157.39 \$ 643.00		
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Financial Report

Operations Checkbook (GENERAL OFFERING) - Month of MAY 2023
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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 principal Monthly payment of interest	• •

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.



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 20th 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





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

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!

> 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
	David Peitersen
5-	Mason Rajkovich
6-	Morgan Calewarts
7-	Eva Groth
9-	Maverick Graef
	Roger Grenke
11-	Tony Neta
	Hailey Delzer
12-	Derek Johnson
	Rosemary Lyng
13-	Kiara Spillane
14-	Andy Marquardt
15-	Deborah Kowenstrot

- 19- Christy Garbrecht
 Aaron Gilbertson
 Bailee Gorman
 20- Natalie Delzer
 21- Sophia Collar
 23- Jack Alfson
- 23- Jack Alfson Evelyn Heimke
- 24- Vicki Dobratz Mia Jahnke
- 26- Sue Paulson
- 27- Carter Heimke Nora Heimke
- 28- Trinady Vorpahl
- 29- Emmett Johns Patrick Lewis Ethel Pasko
- 30- Jared Alfson Brody Desterheft Wallace Krueger

Anniversary!

James Kuchenbecker

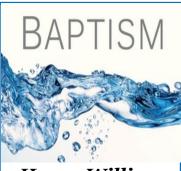
Kari Ward

17-

18-

- 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





Henry William Pagel

Baptized May 14, 2023 Parents: Jared & Allison Pagel



GRACE MEMBERS

Carol Burns
Dorothy Ellner
Lorraine Murphy
Randy Nelson
Barb Nickel
Leanne Riste
Julia Schullo
Aidan Spillane
Pat & Julie Spillane
Bob Thomson
Betsy Voermans

Don Voermans

Health concerns
Strength/healing
Strength/healing
Macular degeneration
Health concerns
Cancer treatment
Strength/healing
Army @ Ft. Bliss
Relocation to Dodgeville
Health concerns
Healing after hip surgery
Health concerns

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 Rvnish David Schefdore **Bob Schindel** Mary Thompson Ruth Trudell Gail Venne Carol Weber Amy 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 Dialysis Health concerns Cancer treatment Healing & recovery Cancer treatment Healing & recovery Cancer recovery Continued growth/healing



Please email 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

<u>July 2:</u> 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 D 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

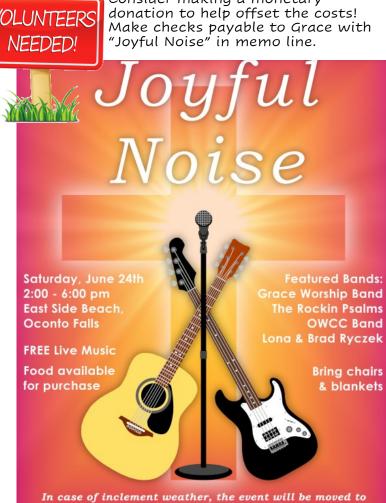
920-848-2177 or email grace@graceocontofalls.org

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



Grace Lutheran Church, 501 South Main Street, Oconto Falls.

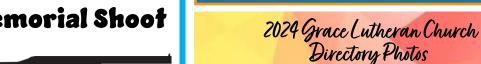
Fundraiser for Joyful Noise Concert When: July 5th and July 19th @ 6PM Where: S&S Hometown—211 S Maple Ave, OF Come on down, play Bingo and support Joyful Noise!



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 helps sell 50/50 raffle tickets for Operation Christmas Child, call or text Ellen at (920) 362-5752. Date to Be determined.



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.



1st Annual **Jane Sutrick Memorial Shoot**

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



JUNE

Congrats 2023 Graduates!



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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. VBS IS A <u>HUGE</u> 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

JULY Summer Schedule 9:30 Services

<u>June 4 - Communion</u> 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 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