



GOOD NEWS

from the grace vine!

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April 2024

Celebrate!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH JAMBOREE!
A celebration of learning and sharing God's love!
Join Us! – Come Connect and Be Filled!

WHO: All Ages, and Families Welcome!
WHEN: Sunday, April 28, 2024
TIME: 10:00 – 11:00 am
WHERE: Grace Church Youth Room – upstairs across from Fellowship Hall
THEME: *Making Connections* – Join us in the presentation of 2024 Summer Connections with a summary of our Sunday School year! Making Connections through fun – Activities, Snacks, Gifts...will be part of the celebration!



Our EYG (ELCA Youth Gathering) Group is continuing to raise money for their trip to New Orleans July 16th-21st. We have 8 youth, and 3 adults going. While in there they will get to participate in large group interactive worship, service, fellowship and bible study. This will allow them to grow in their faith, as well as, be challenged and inspired to live through faith in their daily lives. We have a numbers board with envelopes of various amounts available for donations or you are able to make donations by stopping in the office. We appreciate your support, and look forward to all they will get to experience.



First Communion: Grant Loka, Adrien Simonson, Pastor Julie Sinkula, Aydin Michael, Colton Welke, Carlee Halverson, Kamryn Black, and Addison Hess

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Relationships + Growing Faith

Pastor's Pondering

I love walking with my dog Daisy in our woods in Irma. We have the freedom to roam but we need the boundaries of our property to help us from crossing onto our neighbors' land.

Our online bible study on the book "*Good Boundaries & Goodbyes*" by Lysa Terkeurst has been so helpful in illustrating that "*boundaries are not just a good idea, but they are a God idea.*"

From the beginning of creation in Genesis, God set boundaries to give order to the chaos. Adam and Eve were given so much freedom in the Garden of Eden, but God gave a boundary that limited the access they were given. When Adam and Eve broke the boundary that God set, God had to limit their access and they had to leave the garden. Because of human sin, we are subject to the chaos of life and vulnerable to death today.



Holy Week and Easter remind us that Jesus restored our access to God. Jesus, God's Son, lived among us showing us how to put God first in our lives and stay within God's boundaries. Jesus put God's will before everything, including his life, by dying on the cross. Jesus defeated sin and death and opened our access to God by rising from the dead and preparing a place with us with our Creator. No wonder Easter is such a joyful celebration for us believers! Alleluia!

How will you live into this wonderful freedom and access to God because of Jesus' love and grace?
Easter Blessings,
Pastor Julie

Grace Cares

Visitation Team Update - Additional visitors needed

Do you have the gift of encouragement and mercy toward others? Do you have 90 minutes a month to spend sharing your time with another member of our Grace family? The *Grace Cares* Visitation Team will hold an orientation for additional members, Saturday, April 6, 1 – 4pm. Interested confirmed youth and adults are encouraged to attend this first of two sessions to learn and practice communication skills, faith sharing strategies, and to get to know others in our faith community.

Were you
a helper
today?

Current visitation team members, we will meet from 3:15 – 4:30pm for updates, and sharing. Please try to have visited your members at least once prior to April 6th.

Offering Springtime Help

Spring time can be overwhelming for some of our seniors. With family members living at a distance, and lower levels of energy and agility than in the past, the chores around one's house can be daunting. If you have a neighbor or friend who is elderly and still living in their home, show how much you care, and offer to help with spring clean-up. Picking up sticks, raking, sweeping, washing windows, and other tasks for a couple hours can make a big difference. Make it a couples or family event.

If you would like to be connected with a senior in our congregation who could use some help with Spring Cleaning, contact me and I will get you connected. Pastor Kathy

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Grace Notes-Weekly, Tuesday, 8 am
Newsletter-Monday, April 15, 8 am

Special Offering for April is the Synod Assembly Project for Crossway Camps-

More information to come.

Ministry Moment-Long Range Planning:

To enrich the ministry of Grace by envisioning its future and actively looking for ways to enhance the effectiveness of the image, program, building, organization and relationships of this congregation.

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION:

- Develop **Long Range** (6-10 year), **Short Range** (3-5 year), and **Immediate** (1-2 year), goals based on assessment of needs.
- Discuss matters that concern the effectiveness and future development of Grace Lutheran Church.
- Function in an advisory capacity to introduce and share needs of the congregation.
- Investigate a variety of sources, e.g. relevant publications, web sites, synod material, and attend pertinent events, to discover current activities that other churches and related organizations are pursuing.
- One member of the committee is responsible for sending a reminder of the upcoming meeting to all committee members and facilitating the monthly meetings
- One member of the committee is responsible to take minutes of the monthly meetings and send a copy of the minutes with the agenda of the next meeting to each committee member and to the church secretary for distribution to all council members. **Also to keep a binder of all LRPC meeting minutes and relative information.**

Members may serve as liaisons to task forces which offer helpful visioning or assessment of needs

DESIRED RESULTS:

To be a church at the center of town that is a vital, attractive facility, housing a vibrant, caring, and welcoming congregation to which the community looks for sanctuary and spiritual guidance.

TIME COMMITMENT (Length of service):

The LRPC currently meets quarterly. The meetings vary in length from one to two hours, as dictated by agenda and discussion. Plus once a year LRPC attends the annual Leadership Retreat.



Baccalaureate Service will be Sunday May 19th at 9am worship. Please join us in celebrating the graduation of our seniors.

The Confluence: A Discernment Event for High School Students and Augsburg Scholarship opportunity

The Confluence is a week on Augsburg University (Minneapolis) where high school students are invited to explore their vocation -- that space where their personal story, God's story and the world's story converge.

The weeklong on-campus residential experience will explore: spiritual practices, build intentional community, develop meaningful relationships, learn through experiences and relationships in the Twin Cities, practice vocational discernment, engage in theological inquiry.

To learn more, please visit our website: <https://www.augsburg.edu/confluence/>

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Tim Glaeser Jessica Scheffler Debi Tinker Ava Zapar	12 th	Jordy Kelly Linda Taylor Heather Tobias Adison Villar Faye Witulski	23 rd	Mya Loka Brian Redmond Mary Wessel
2 nd	Shawn Carstensen Sarah Mann Steven Metzenbauer Aydin Michael Bruce Oradei	14 th	Kinsley Gose	24 th	Brynn Beaumier Carrie Dalgetty Elise Gibeault Nathon Tobias
3 rd	Rhonda Grabow Zeke Zehner	13 th	Ayla Lobermeier	25 th	James Nelson Rowe Voermans Gilbert Wessel
4 th	Ken Brokaw Dale Elliott Maeghan Strebige Patrick Tjugum	15 th	Sophie Roberts	26 th	Bryan Hoban Sara Reiff John Schade
5 th	Wendy Black Addisyn Zapar Dana Zehner	16 th	Gary Hilgendorf Jane Wahl	27 th	Amber Troutman
6 th	Chase Hilgendorf Laurie Swanson	17 th	Stacey Biever James Dentler Don Habeck Fritz Jach Heather Jones Peggy Price Trina Verage	28 th	Shawn Black Arthur Osero Justin Teal
7 th	Linda Cole Claudia Osero Madisyn Wallis Morgan Wallis	18 th	Katie Taylor	29 th	Trey Baalke Robin Schmidt Geena Wanta
9 th	Easton Cherney Destiny Hanke	19 th	Tana Evans Lori Mott Edward Raasch Barbara Reilly James Torgerson	30 th	Chelsey McMahon Edward Winkler
10 th	Carlyss Beier Caden Grabow- Hohensee	20 th	Adam Massa James Norman		
11 th	Sharon Garski Kaleb Kaminski Elizabeth Lynch	21 st	Mike Sinkula Sandra Sonnentag CheyeAnn Carsten- sen		
		22 nd	Cheryl Brickner Terry Mann Stephanie Pellitteri		

**New Address, Phone and/or email?
Please help us keep your information up to
date by letting the office know of any changes.**

**Grace Lutheran office: 715-453-4066
email: gracetomahawkoffice@gmail.com**

Check out the NEW WEBSITE!

Please note, Grace Lutheran URL website has changed. The new website is still being updated. Some of the tabs may not have current posts. Please be patient, this is a huge undertaking. Eventually, anyone using the old URL will be redirected to the new website.

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Day 7:00am Sunrise Service 8:00 am Fellowship between Worship Services 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am No Sunday School-Spring Break	1 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	2 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	3 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	4	5	6 9:00am AA/Alanon 1:00pm Grace Cares Visitation Team Meeting 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
7 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	8 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	9 9:00am Quilters R. Hall 11:30am Joyful Noise Luncheon, The Loop Hole Bar & Grill, 2243 Cnty Rd L, Tomahawk 6:00pm Outdoor Worship Meeting	10 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW - Seder Milestone 6:30pm Confirmation	11 6:00 pm Church Council	12	13 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
14 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	15 Newsletter deadline 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	16 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	17 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting 6:30pm Faith in Action: Mental health 6:30pm GLOW	18 1:00pm OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) meeting 4:00pm Stewardship Meeting	19	20 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
21 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	22 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group 5:30pm 4-H	23 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	24 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	25	26	27 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
28 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School Jamboree	29 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	30 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	1 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	2 National Day of Prayer	3	4 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary



Welcome to God's Family: Leona Rose McNamee was baptized on Saturday, March 16 at Grace. Leona is the daughter of Lauren and Jacob McNamee. Brother Rook is pictured as well. Her sponsors are: Olivia Casper & Cullen McNamee.



Our Prayers and Sympathy
 for the family of Darwin "Duds" F. Kluball who passed away March 8. May they be comforted with hope of eternal life. Darwin's funeral was held at Grace Lutheran Church Wednesday, March 27.

F. Kevin Obermark was baptized March 2.



Welcome new members: Grace welcomed four new members at the congregation on Sunday, March 3. From left to right: Jeffery Niewinski, Kristen and Nathan Wilber, in front Lily Wilber.

Council Meeting Highlights

March 14, 2024 Council Meeting Highlights for Newsletter

Where Have We Seen God at Work?

The Lenten services, which have been powerful with timely messages and participation of all generations; Lenten soup suppers; the First Communion service; the enthusiasm of new members; Pastor Kathy and the work of the Grace Cares team; the incredible financial support of the new screens for the sanctuary.

Council Agenda Highlights

***Consent Agenda**

*We welcome new members Jeffery Niewinski, and Nathan, Kristen, and Lily Wilber!

***Old Business**

*The Council has been discussing the area of priority as identified at the Fall Fill-up - mental health challenges. Council and staff hope to take steps to become more educated on the needs and resources available in our area.

*A policy has been approved regarding service animals and emotional support animals in the church building. Service animals will be permitted but not emotional support animals. The full policy will be made available.

*The office will remain closed on Fridays, due to staffing concerns.

***New Business**

*Steve Heikkinen will attend the City’s Board of Public Works meeting on March 26 to ask about adding more handicap parking spaces closer to the church.

*Council approved quotes from LED Sales and Rentals Inc. to install new screens in the sanctuary. Funds for this project are on hand in the Gift Catalog and Undesignated Memorials restricted funds.

FEBRUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT			
	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 25,156	\$ 36,728	\$ (11,573)
Year-to-date Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 58,902	\$ 62,705	\$ (3,803)
Mortgage Loan Balance as of February 2024			\$ 281,567.60
February Special Offering: Grace Endowment Fund			\$ 1,413.94

**Summer Camp dates
will be available soon. Families stay
tuned for an email from Patti Gaedtke.**



Sanctuary Flowers



We have a designated flower fund that is used for providing flowers to beautify our sanctuary at worship. The fund is in need of a boost, so if you would like to contribute, please designate “sanctuary flowers” on your contribution envelope or in the memo line of your check. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

AA/ALANON MEETINGS

Grace Lutheran

- AA and Alanon: Saturday. 9:00 am

Grace Community House

- AA: Sunday 10:10 am
- AA: Friday 7:30 pm (open)
- AA: Wednesday 12:10 pm

St. Paul's (12 E. Wisconsin Ave.)

- AA and Alanon: Monday 7:00 pm

If you have a problem with alcohol or if someone you know suffers from the disease, AA (for the alcoholic) or Alanon (for family or friend of alcoholic) could be your lifeline. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of both these groups. If you would like to speak with someone personally, the church office, 453-4066, or Pastor can put you in touch with an AA or Alanon member.

All communications will be confidential

Advertising added per the publisher

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John 1:2
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Sunday: 9:00 am

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