



GOOD NEWS

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Grace Lutheran Church

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August 2025

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Relationships + Growing Faith

The Wilderness Crew visited Isle Royale June 24th-28th

Our Wilderness group of 8 Confirmation youth and 7 adults headed to Isle Royale National Park June 24-28.

Isle Royale is a remote island in Lake Superior near Upper Michigan's border with Canada.

This backpacking trip in this beautiful natural setting helped us grow our faith, connect with God's creation and each other. The participants said they appreciated the time to disconnect from everyday life and connect with God's creation and each other.

We look forward to sharing more about our trip with our congregation during worship Sunday, August 17 at 8:30 am. Thank you for your support and prayers.



GLOW & Confirmation Youth Mark Your Calendars!

August 27th is the entering Glow & Confirmation Milestone. Students entering Glow (Grace Lutheran On Wednesday gr. 5-7) will meet from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm at Grace with their families. Dinner for both Glow & Confirmation families will be 6:00 pm-6:45pm. Then students entering confirmation will meet from 6:45pm-7:45pm for the milestone with their families. An email or text will be sent to you to confirm the number of people in your family attending. We are looking forward to celebrating this milestone of faith together!

The start date for GLOW and Confirmation is Wednesday, September 10th. GLOW meets 3:30pm-5:00pm. Confirmation meets 6:30pm-8:00pm. Watch your emails for more information to come.

Pastor's Pondering – August 2025

I have the privilege of being chosen to be a part of a Missional Leadership Cohort this year and I'd like to give you an overview of why this is important to me (and Grace!) Sponsored by a generous Siebert Foundation and facilitated through Luther Seminary, this workshop covers costs for resources, monthly coaching meetings, and 3 retreats during the year. It has given me a chance to connect with colleagues, sharing ideas and resources for leading a faith community.

Our focus is on innovation in faith. Looking for creative and purposeful ways to join God at work in the world around us. That means looking at where the needs are at Grace and where we need to adapt to meet those needs. Involving Grace members and getting your input is important. We can collaborate on ideas to try in what we call a "holy experiment." We will try an experiment and get feedback on how it met the needs we identified. We can learn from our successes and our failures. The most important thing is listening to the Holy Spirit and remembering our mission of Praising God + Building Relationships + Serving Others + Growing Faith.

I will be sharing more as we move into this process. I ask for your prayers and support for Grace in listening, learning and acting in innovative ways. I look forward to seeing where God is at work at Grace!

Blessings,
Pastor Julie



August Newsletter – Pastor Kathy

It's been 5 years last month since Jon and I moved up to Wisconsin's Northwoods. We came to rural Rhinelander and Hilts Lake to fulfill a promise to my parents; a promise made to help them feel comfortable leaving their retirement home on the lake for an independent living facility in Hudson, nearer to my brother.

It takes both energy and time to adjust to living in a new location. Even though we spent time visiting my parents over the years there were shops and repair places to be located, doctors, dentists, hair stylists to be found, and favorite restaurants to be determined. There was also the need for us to find a place to worship. These efforts were all made difficult because we moved in the first year of COVID.

The apostle Paul knew well the challenges of entering new communities. Some were far more welcoming than others! What is often missed is that following his 'seeing the light' on the way to Damascus, and his time learning from Ananias, he traveled through Jerusalem and Caesarea to Tarsus and spent three years there. We do not know who welcomed him there – though it was his hometown, but it was here he learned more about Jesus; his story, his ministry, and the meaning and importance of his death and resurrection. He came to see Jesus as more than 'a Messiah', he was 'the Promised Messiah, the Son of God'.

When Jon and I arrived at Grace – Tomahawk in August, 2020, we came to discern membership in this faith community. Soon after, I was asked to serve alongside Pastor Check and Pastor Susan, to fill weekly preaching needs until a new 'settled' Pastor was found. We became members once worship returned live in the sanctuary each week. In the fall of 2023, a year after Pastor Julie was installed, I was offered the opportunity to provide visitation services to members and four care facility worship services per month as a 'retired Pastor'. September 1, after two years, I will be formally ending my visitation contract. We continue to be members, and hope to remain involved in various ministries at Grace. It is my prayer that Grace will continue to welcome those looking for a faith community and look intentionally for ways to gather us in and make us one. Grace and all of you remain in my prayers.

Peace,
Pastor Kathy

August Birthdays

Cindy Medinger
James Glaser
Dorothy Kind
Kami Gabrich
Zoie Mohr
Kristen Wilber
Cayden Booth
Steven Kahle
Greg Heikkinen
Michael Kahle
Layla Keiser
Garrett Nelson
Arlan Beining
Grace McMahon
Dewey I. Reilly
Ron Volz
Amirah Dickens
Ian Azarian
Autumn
Pankow
Rebecca Pashek
Mike Wick
Curt Strebis

Thomas David
Anna Eastwood
Aimee Grapentine
Deekin Foster
Alex Kiander
Judith Peterson
Lindsey Sykes
Alexis Szarkowitz
Greta Kurth
Patrick Lucas
Luke Olson
Zachary Scott
Terrance Zoellner
Linda Barrows
Ross Richards
Claude Nease
Roger Schlegel
Katy Volz
Chloe Lemmer
Karolyn Schrammel
Giada Cammisul
Madison Powers

Kaylie Svacina
Elizabeth Maule
Stan Torkelson
Chase Hafeman
Lilliana Pleau-Haring
Rebecca Towne
Olivia LaFevre
James Van Norman
Allia Mork
Patricia Brouwers
Megan Miles
Cheyenne Schade
Kevin Kind
Laurie Schmidt
Karen Torkelson
Lee Robert Zettle
Morgan Richards
Carol Ann Hansmann
Jon Lamp
Mike Brickner
Jackie Leonhard
Lucas Verfuert



We welcome Hallie Ruth Cole into God's Family as she was baptized on Sunday, June 29 at Grace. Hallie is pictured with parents Rachel and Taran Cole. Sponsors are Abby and Andrew Vozel. Congratulations Hallie!

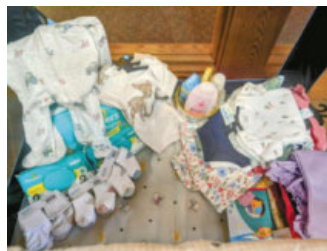
Our prayers and sympathy go out to the families of :



Benjamin Brown who died June 29, 2025. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

Sara Reiff who died July 14, 2025 Her service will be held Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Grace. Visitation 10:00-11:00 am. Funeral 11:00 am-12:00pm. Luncheon to follow. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

Word of Blessings for Babies is starting to spread and we have been able to help a few families and are looking forward to helping more. Please share the news of it with your neighbors and friends. Thank you all for your generous donations for the Babies.
Pastor Susan Christian



Grace's first Fish Boil was held June 21



Our first Grace fish boil was held on June 21. Although the weather didn't cooperate to be outside much, we enjoyed a delicious meal indoors. Thanks to all who made this possible and who participated!

LWR School Kits/Local School Supplies:

It is almost time to fill and give away the Back to School backpacks for the Tomahawk kids in need. Thank you to everyone who was able to make a donation. We are taking care of 30 students this year.

The Tomahawk school students in need can pick up school supplies at the Back-to-School Picnic on Saturday, August 16 in front of Sara Park from 11 am to 1 pm. We are working with other churches and community organizations to sponsor this event. Grace will be providing backpacks and supplies to Middle School students again this year.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is once again collecting school supplies for LWR over the summer. There is a basket in the Gathering Area to place supplies in.

Items needed:

- *pencils
- *blue or black pens (not gel)
- *pencil sharpener
- *16-24 count box of crayons
- *12-inch ruler (not metric)
- *80 count spiral notebooks (four notebooks are needed for each kit)
- *blunt tip scissors
- *2 inch erasers

The LWR School kits will be boxed up and sent overseas in the fall.



A Day of Diversity and Unity



For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

Joint Fellowship

Save the Date: Saturday—August 16, 2025

Time: 9:00 am—6:00 pm

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church in Waupaca

Please join with the members from Greater Galilee Baptist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Church as they come together to share in a day of faith, fellowship, food and fun!

More details to come. Save the date!

For more information contact

Patti and Mark Gaedtke

715-612-2000

August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30am Worship 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Loon	28 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	29 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	30	31	1 8:00am Office hours	2 9:00am AA/Alanon 9:00am-Noon Council Retreat 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
3 8:30am Worship 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Loon	4 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	5 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	6 10:00am Visitation Sara Reiff 11:00am Celebration of Life Sara Reiff 12:00pm Funeral Luncheon for Sara Reiff	7	8 8:00am Office hours	9 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
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17 8:30am Worship & Wilderness Presentation 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Loon	18 Newsletter deadline 4:00pm A2A Meeting 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	19 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Worship Team Meeting	20 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting	21	22 8:00am Office hours	23 9:00am AA/Alanon 10:00am Mielke Baptism at the Loon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
24 8:30am Worship 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Loon & Baptism of Coralyn Grabow-Hohensee	25 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 4:00pm Education Staff Meeting 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:30pm 4-H Club	26 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	27 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 5:00pm Entering GLOW Milestone 6:45pm Entering Confirmation Milestone	28	29 8:00am Office hours	30 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
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2 Corinthians Summer Worship Focus

Our first half of the summer we have been walking together in faith building our toolkit for following Jesus. Our second focus for summer worship is the apostle Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Paul is writing to the believers of Christ about the joys and challenges of being a faith community following Jesus. From July 26/27 to August 30/31, we will also learn about consolation, forgiveness, brokenness and wholeness, faith and reconciliation. As we focus on the texts in our sermon, liturgy, songs and prayers, we invite you to join us in faithful living for the Christian life.

Summer 2025 Worship Theme – 2 Corinthians

8/2-3 - 2 Corinthians 2:1-10 – Forgiveness

8/9-10 - 2 Corinthians 4:1-15 – Treasure in Clay Jars

8/16-17 - 2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:10 – Walk by Faith, Not Sight

8/23-24 - 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 – Reconciliation

8/30-31 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 - Generosity

August Special Offering: The Tomahawk Food Pantry

The need is still great! During this time the demand on our local Food Pantries has increased dramatically and they could use our help. To further live out our mission to serve others, our Special Offering for August will go to our local Tomahawk Food Pantry. If you prefer to make a food donation, Grace has two food drop off boxes —one in the entry and one in the Gathering Area.

The Food Pantry is always in need of: *Beef Stew *Baked Beans *Canned Fruit & Vegetables *Cooking Oil *Cereal *Instant Potatoes *Noodles *Pasta *Peanut Butter & Jelly *Soup *Canned Meats: Chicken, Spam, Tuna

July 10, 2025 Council Meeting Highlights for Newsletter

Full Council meeting minutes can be found in the binder in the gathering space.

Where Have We Seen God at Work?

In the timing of a rescheduled medical procedure; Amidst the Texas flood tragedy, there are God moments; God's creation in Hawaii; Young people on the Wilderness trip stepping up, becoming leaders, and caring for others

Council Agenda Highlights

Pastor Kathy Tulman submitted a letter of resignation from her position as Visitation Pastor effective August 31, 2025.

The mortgage balance is now under \$200,000!

JUNE 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 26,560	\$ 28,272	\$ (1,712)
Year-to-date Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 164,345	\$ 181,822	\$ (17,477)
Mortgage Loan Balance as of June 2025			\$ 197,420.39
June Special Offering: Lekubu Parish (\$728.12 Special/\$729.35 Outdoor)			\$1,457.47

Join Our Team! We would love to have you on our worship team! If you are interested in being a reader, usher or communion assistant. For more information contact Gail Wilson, Worship Coordinator, PH 715-453-5787 or Barb Zastrow or Mary G. Jones (Secretaries at Grace Lutheran, Ph 715-453-4066). Training will be provided.

Pastor Julie's Facebook page has been hacked. She did not authorize the purchase of gift cards. Delete all suspicious emails or social media messages that appear to be from Pastor Julie but are from a different email than **pastorjuliebarger@gmail.com**. If you have any questions about requests to purchase gift cards call the office at 715-453-4066.

JOB OPENING FOR A COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR – PART TIME AT GRACE

We are looking for a creative individual who will oversee the communications of our congregation with the community. You will need to possess excellent verbal/written skills and enjoy working in a collaborative environment. We are committed to delivering meaningful messages of faith and maintaining a positive impact on the community we serve.

Applications are available at:

Grace Lutheran Church office (M- Fri 8 am- 1pm), 108 W. Somo Ave., Tomahawk, WI 54487. For more information, please contact Pastor Julie at 715-453-4066.

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

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Sunday: 9:00 am

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday
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