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Grace Lutheran Church

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July 2025

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Relationships + Growing Faith

Wilderness Trip 2025



Our Wilderness group of 8 Confirmation youth and 7 adults headed to Isle Royale National Park June 23-28. 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. Thank you for your support and prayers. We look forward to sharing more about our trip during worship.

The Members of Succeed Independence planting flowers in Grace's side yard-Thank You!



Forrest K.



Bob B., Stacie H., Zephyr L.



Bob B. & Zephyr L.



Seth K. & Ellie H.

Forrest Kahre says "we have a good time out in the garden. A lot of learning about each part of it and he looks forward to doing it again. He says a lot of hard work goes into it and he feels happy when it's all done. He hopes the community enjoys it just as much as we have. He also stated "it's about coming together and teamwork to make it happen."

Pastor's Pondering– July 2025

In our relationship with others, one of the most important things is to communicate Christ's love and grace effectively with words and actions. It also means that we must understand and correct words and actions that damage our relationships. That is one of the things that I appreciate about the ELCA- we are actively engaged in conversations where we are honestly looking at how our Church's words and actions impact people. We can openly admit when we have problems, offer public apology, and find ways to make sure that we address any words or actions that harm people.

I saw an example of this at our Synod Assembly this year. A Memorial on Abuse Prevention and Reporting was discussed because of a newspaper story about a clergy leader in Wisconsin who was abusive. The call of a Rostered Minister is an important role built on trust and respectful relationships. It is never appropriate for anyone to feel unsafe because of leaders' words or actions within our congregations. The problem is that even though a congregation may investigate and even dismiss a pastor's call for abusive actions, the person may go to another area or state without anyone knowing of the former abuse.

Because of this, The East Central Synod of WI has approved a resolution urging the ELCA Church wide to establish a unified, transparent abuse prevention and reporting system- including mandatory reporting, a centralized database, an ombudsperson, crisis response protocols, and trauma-informed training- to hold clergy accountable, protect survivors, and prevent future misconduct. We want to ensure that all people within our congregations feel loved and safe and if there are concerns, they know what to do.

While this topic brings me sadness that anyone in the Church would experience abusive words or actions, I am hopeful about the ways in which our synod is responding. At Grace, we are continuing to bolster our policies to prevent abuse within our congregation. We are also including abuse prevention training for our staff and volunteers this fall. Please call or email me if you'd like more information. In all these ways, we will continue to build life-giving relationships based on the love and grace of Christ.

God's Peace,
Pastor Julie



Narrative Lectionary program year ends with Pentecost on June 8. For the summer, we will begin with a **Walk by Faith Toolkit** worship theme. Pastor Kathy has shared this theme and I am excited to explore our faith with this outdoor theme perfect for summer! This Walk by Faith theme begins on June 14 & 15 and will continue to July 19 & 20. After that we will explore a six-week theme based on 2 Corinthians.

For the Walk by Faith toolkit theme, there won't be an insert of Sharing God's Story @home. The insert will resume with the faith theme on 2 Corinthians at the end of July. Come and see...Pastor Julie



In Loving Memory

Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of Patty Heikkinen. Her celebration of life was held at Krueger-Nimsgerm Crematory on June 20.



We welcome Harper Jane Ahrens into God's Family as she was baptized on Sunday, June 8 at Grace. Pictured are Jane's family, Stephanie and Connor Ahrens with Pastor Julie. Congratulations Harper! Sponsor: Nicole Behnke-Welke.

July Birthdays

Summer Gaedtke	Kari Strebige	Tadd Wegener	Grant Peterson
Zak Halverson	Hailey Boyd	Pat Jeske	William Eastwood
Cylus Hilgendorf	Carolyn Halverson	Kay Kissinger-Wolf	Brittany LaMere
Karrigan Imm	Wayne Mielke	George Morren	Steven Stromberg
George Derleth	Kelsey Hilgendorf	Bruce Wiedeman	Michael Pertmer
Lori Brandt	David Barrows	Ronald Wilson	Candice Wanta
Dar Clements	Patricia Hilgendorf	Holley Winker	Eugene Jones
James Krueger	Nathan Wilke	Nancy Braatz	Hattie Stevenson
Paul Kurth	Michael Brigham	Cindy Bremer	Dan Brandt
McKenzie Hilgendorf	Blake Diermeier	Jayson Peterson	Marne Renn
Pastor Gerald Check	Pam Kopp	David Verfueth	Greta Tjugum
Paige DeKiep	Amalie Kurth	Nathan Erickson	Michael Gerber
Jordyn Kaminski	Breanna Renn	Karen Bellile	Jeffery Hilgendorf
Samuel Kurth	Kathleen Wolffe	Megan Marcks	Judith Juedes
Isaac Bourassa	Blake Hafeman	Lexi Palmer	Kay Salewske
Lucas Tjugum	Renee Loka	Susan Pennings	Darlene Wechsler
Connie Krautkramer	Rex Reilly	Lori Rogney	
Eli Scott	Savannah Ristau	Kevin Wickstrom	

Grace Cares Ministry: I believe as St. Paul taught, each of us have been given a unique set of gifts, to use in our daily lives in order to live faithfully, and love God, neighbor and self fully. When I first designed and preached the Faith Toolkit summer series back in 2017, the world was different. Living faithfully and loving as Jesus unconditionally loved has become more challenging for us all.

The pull toward external forces (sin and our devotion to self) must cause a redoubling of our efforts, to turn to Jesus' words first, to guard our thoughts and our words, as well as to pray without ceasing for guidance, for unity and that love will abide.

As Pastor Julie has mentioned, we will be exploring some common tools in our Faith Toolkits. Items you likely have handy will be visual guides to remind us of the spiritual tools we carry with us in our Faith Toolkit. This began June 22nd and run toward the end of July.

- ***A Coach** – Jesus promised those who follow him a guide, an advocate in the Holy Spirit. God is the one we turn to in prayer – not only to speak our praise, gratitude and concerns, but to listen for the way we are to live, move and be.
- ***A flashlight** – Jesus is our light and salvation. Christ lights the way and through him, we can be the light for others.
- ***A mobile phone** with all its 'apps' – this modern-day miracle, a handheld computer, contains the means to carry God's Word at our fingertips, and be able to communicate with others around the world
- ***A water bottle** – Jesus is living water. The source and substance of life as part of God's creation. When we are thirsty, we must turn to God.
- ***A walking buddy** – Christ not only gives us Word to guide us, and a spiritual advocate, but living breathing beings (friends, pets, and creation itself), to walk alongside us in our journey.
- ***Food for the journey** - Jesus spoke at length about being the 'bread of life' for us in John 6. We cannot live without continual spiritual nourishment.

So, I urge you to join us in worship these next weeks. Learn to access the tools you've been given in your spiritual tool kit, practice using them, and honing your skills. I'll see you in worship.

Pastor Kathy

NEWS FROM THE OWLS

The OWLS do not have anything planned for July and August this year. We are tentatively planning an overnight trip to Green Bay in September. Anyone with ideas for activities or programs for our group? Maybe you would like to share photos from an interesting trip. Perhaps you have an idea for a service project or an informational presentation that would be of interest to the group. If you would like to be included in the OWLS email list or have any questions or suggestions contact Pam Kopp at pamelajkopp@gmail.com. Have a great summer!



Join Us for Praise in the Pines-A Day to Lift High the Name of Jesus!

On Saturday, July 19, 2025, Eagle River, WI, will host the second annual Praise in the Pines Music Festival. This is a powerful opportunity to share the Gospel and strengthen our Northwood's community. This full-day event features a free Worship Experience, food trucks, a Christian ministry faire, and a headline concert by the Newsboys. A portion of the money raised will be poured back into local nonprofits, extending God's love where it's needed most. Tickets can be purchased on praiseinthepines.org/tickets/



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 Gaedtker

715-612-2000

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.

July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30am Worship - Baptism of Hallie Cole 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Loon	30 10:30am The Chosen Bible Study 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	1 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	2	3	4 8:00am Office Closed for the 4th	5 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
6 8:30am Worship 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Loon	7 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	8 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters 11:30am Joyful Noise Luncheon CT's Deli 17 North Brown Street Rhinelander. Meet at Grace at 11:30 am if you wish to carpool.	9 Pastor Julie at Conference Meeting 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 6:00pm Wilderness Follow Up Meeting	10 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	11 8:00am Office hours	12 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
13 8:30am Worship 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Loon	14 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	15 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	16 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting	17	18 8:00am Office hours 9:15am Worship at Riverview 10:30am Worship at Tomahawk Health	19 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
20 Camp Week at Fortune Lake 8:30am Worship 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Loon	21 Camp Week at Fortune Lake Newsletter deadline 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	22 Camp Week at Fortune Lake 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters 10:30am Red Cross	23 Camp Week at Fortune Lake 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters	24 Camp Week at Fortune Lake	25 Camp Week at Fortune Lake 8:00am Office hours	26 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
27 8:30am Worship 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Loon	28 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:30pm 4-H Club	29 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	30	31	1 8:00am Office hours	2 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary

Calling friendly faces to join Outdoor Worship

Our first 2025 Summer Outdoor Worship service on May 25th this year renews our annual commitment of bringing people together to Praise God, Serve Others, Build Relationships and Grow Faith through our ministry on the shore of Lake Nokomis. We will host service at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning on the grounds of the Tilted Loon.

We encourage you to share a few moments of your time to greet those attending or help set up for worship ahead of the service. No formal training is necessary, because it is so easy. Please prayerfully consider helping out - and **sign up in the Gathering Area**. No prior experience required - just bring your smiling face. For more information, contact Mary Hoglund, Rhonda Grabow or the Grace office.

Summer Worship Schedule Beginning Memorial Day through Labor Day!

Saturday Indoor at Grace 5:00 pm

Sunday morning—Indoor at Grace 8:30 am

Outdoor worship Sundays 10 am at the Tilted Loon (1969 County L).

Bring your chair or blanket and a friend or two for outdoor Worship. In case of inclement weather, we will be at Grace indoors. Check Grace's Facebook page for weather related changes.

Special Offering for July LWR School Kits/Local School Supplies:

Our special offering for the month of July is for school supplies for families who struggle to buy school supplies for their children. The money collected will be shared between Lutheran World Relief and our Tomahawk school students (you may choose to designate one of these by writing your choice on the offering envelope.)

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.

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

Another way to support LWR school kits is to purchase the school items listed below:

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

	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 26,653	\$32,760	\$ (6,106)
Year-to-date Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 137,785	\$153,550	\$ (15,765)
Mortgage Loan Balance as of May 2025			\$200,389.46
May Special Offering: Greater Galilee			\$757.94

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The ELCA Synod Assembly was held on Saturday, June 7th at Calvary Lutheran in Green Bay. To Serve All People following the example of Jesus was the theme. Keynote speaker, Venice Williams, who founded Alice's Garden in Milwaukee gave us much food for thought. Venice gave us each a building block to remind us that we are Christ's foundation, but what blocks us from whom God meant us to be? God didn't create us to be people who judge and block others. To be stewards of the Gospel, perhaps we need to build a longer table, not a higher wall.

Mary Campbell updated us on the ELCA's strategy for accompanying migrants. These were the business highlights of the assembly:

Adopted the Synod Budget

Approved 2026 Minimum Compensation Guidelines

Conducted Elections for Synod Council And Consultation Committee

Passed three major resolutions:

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools

Memorial on Abuse Prevention and Reporting

Submitted by-Dixie Erickson

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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