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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Relationships + Growing Faith

Faith in Action- Rice and Soy Blessing Bags

Thanks be to God for the opportunity to participate in making the Rice and Soy Blessing bags at the Tomahawk United Methodist congregation. Through 2 different gatherings on May 16, volunteers were able to put together meal bags for people who are in need of a nutritious meal for their family. Here's a recap:

- +All volunteers together helped pack 15 boxes with 40 bags each = 600 bags. Each bag feeds 6 people = 3,600 people fed.
- +Morning crew: 2 lines with 10 people each-filled 10 boxes.
- +Afternoon crew: 1 line of 10 people filled 5 boxes. (Grace)
- +4 churches with people ages 9-88.

We will share when we get notification of where Midwest Mission is sending these bags to feed people. We hope to do more of this in the future. Special thanks to Rev. Mike Weaver who invited us.

Blessed to be a blessing,
Pastor Julie



Pastor's Pondering – June 2026

*“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.”*

Our recent Narrative reading from Philippians 2 really hit home with me. One concept stood out- humility. It is not a popular thing as many equate it with being weak. In Jesus' life however, we realize that humility is really a quiet strength. Jesus did not brag or boast but set aside his glory and power to love and serve us.

What does it mean for us to be humble? I believe it's being honest with ourselves that we are no better and no worse than any other person. To be grateful for what we have and to care for others around us. I am privileged to see many examples of humility at Grace. People who serve behind the scenes and who give anonymously to help others. They don't do things to point to their own honor but to give glory to God.

When we share about activities at Grace, we highlight faith in action. We want to share what God is doing in our midst, not about how great we are. We share about activities to give God the glory and invite others to serve with us. I pray that we will continue to love and serve humbly in Christ's name. Blessings, Pastor Julie



Welcome To God's Kingdom Blakely and Ellie Renn!



Blakey and Ellie Renn were baptized on May 16. Parents are Jordan and Ethan Renn. Ellie's sponsors are Halley Hudalla, Breanna Allen. Blakely's sponsors are Cody Hansmeyer & Zach Zoellner.

Welcome To God's Kingdom Sawyer Zettel!



Sawyer was baptized on May 2. Sawyers parents are Brittney and Robert Zettel. Her sponsors are Dan & Jen Vandenhouten.

Welcome New Member Mary Lenz!



Mary enjoys being with her nieces, scrapbooking, opening Christmas gifts and cleaning. Mary, pictured on the right, with her sponsor Linna Lombardo.

Rite of Confirmation 2026

On April 26th, 10 youth affirmed their baptism through the Rite of Confirmation. We celebrated this important milestone in their faith journey and pray for God's continued blessings in their lives.



Baccalaureate

On May 17, Nine youth participated in the Baccalaureate Service. We congratulate these seniors on this special milestone and wish them God's blessings and success in the years ahead. Thank you to everyone who made a senior a quilt, to wrap God's loving presence around them.



CALLING FRIENDLY FACES TO JOIN OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Our first 2026 Summer Outdoor Worship service on May 24th 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 narthex. No prior experience required - just bring your smiling face. For more information, contact Mary Hoglund, Rhonda Grabow or the Grace office.

Music for Summer Worship—We are looking for musicians to share their gifts instrumentally and vocally at our outdoor worship. You can play for one Sunday or a couple. We have a wonderful crew who set up the sound system for you. Contact Pastor Julie for more information.

Seeking a Kitchen Coordinator

A very important part of our mission at Grace of building relationships is to show hospitality with meals and fellowship. Our Kitchen Coordinator position organizes and oversees use of the kitchen by working with groups and families who host catered meals, like funerals. Because it is based on the use of the kitchen, the hours are flexible. We are looking for a caring and organized person of Grace to fill this position. Please contact Pastor Julie if you would like more information if you would like more information.

OWLS News

Thanks to all who came to help with our landscaping work day at the church. We gave it our all and enjoyed our lunch at Beking Chinese Restaurant.

Next up on June 18 we will be heading to Green Bay for a day trip. Meet at the church at 8:15 and we will be on our way by 8:30. First stop at 11 AM will be the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. This is an urban wildlife refuge offering free access to live animal exhibits, educational displays and trails for hiking and wildlife viewing. It includes a wildlife rehabilitation program and nature center. We will have our lunch (bring your own) and devotions in their picnic area. At about 1 PM we will head to the Green Bay Botanical Garden to enjoy the 47 acres of display gardens filled with more than 120,000 plants! Admission fee is \$15 for seniors. We will leave the gardens around 3:30 and on our way back to Tomahawk we will stop at the Timeline Saloon and BBQ. This is a rather unique spot along Hwy 29 near Bonduel. It has a restaurant (with an unusual Harley themed décor), a little zoo, a car/bike museum, an antique shop, pirate ship and Doc's Harley Davidson dealership. After we take in the attractions we will have our dinner and head home. We should be back around 7:30. Please note that this trip is weather permitting with an August 20 rain date. There will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.

On July 16 we will have a shorter trip up north. We will meet at 9:30 at the church for devotions. First stop will be the Dr. Kate Museum in Woodruff. We will enjoy our lunch at the Era Cafe and then continue to the George W. Brown Jr. Ojibwe Museum and Cultural Center in Lac Du Flambeau. We should be home by 5 PM.

No plans for August unless we need the rain date for the June trip.

Tentative plans for September include a trip to the Stevens Point Sculpture Park, lunch, a tour of the Stevens Point Brewery and a stop for ice cream on our way home. Stay tuned for details to come. Please join us, all are welcome.



Getting to know our Church Council Member: Meet the Council: Zoie Mohr

Zoie Mohr has been a member since she was in 4th grade. Why I agreed to serve on council: When I got asked to join by a council member, I thought about it long and hard and didn't give them as answer right away. Then one day at church service, Pastor Julie was giving a sermon about Jonah and "the great fish". Right then and there, I knew my calling was to join the church council. What I love about Grace: Grace feels like home and like a family. I attended different church services while away at college and chiropractic school. Nothing felt like the way Grace makes me feel in connection with my faith & my community.

Favorite Verse: For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

Get to know Zoie: Zoie has been married to her husband, Derek Mohr, for 10 years. She has 2 children- Wyatt (7) & Wren (5). She is a Chiropractor at Holistic Life Chiropractor. When she isn't working, she enjoys watching her kids in all of their sporting events & recitals, playing softball, travelling and reading. She likes the Milwaukee Brewers, Wisconsin Badgers, and Chicago Blackhawks.

May, 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

- The weather.
- New growth-flowers and trees.
- The Rite of Confirmation service was beautiful, faith statements well written, youth well spoken.
- Building update: Ceiling project-new ceiling tiles and lighting outside Fellowship Hall and in the lower level—hallway and bathrooms completed the week of May 18, 2026.
- The council has formed a committee to research kitchen updates.

APRIL 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	29,704	29,830	(126)
Year to Date Receipts vs. Spending	113,630	125,156	(11,526)
Mortgage Loan Balance			108,973
Special Offering - TAIV			613
Other Benevolence:			
Tomahawk School Lunch			500

June Special Offering: Tomahawk Food Pantry

The Tomahawk Food Pantry is a nonprofit organization providing essential food services and free food distribution programs to those in need in Tomahawk, WI. Local food pantries consistently need non-perishable staples, canned meats, and household hygiene products. Because SNAP benefits do not cover necessities like paper products and toothpaste, these are often the most urgent requests.

Most Needed Items:

Protein & Meals: Canned tuna/chicken, peanut butter, canned soups, stews and chili.

Staples: Pasta, rice, boxed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, and cereal.

Fruits & Vegetables: Canned fruit, applesauce and low sodium canned vegetables.

Personal Care & Household: toilet paper, paper towels, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, laundry detergent, and toothpaste.

Baby & Infant: Diapers, baby wipes, and baby formula.

Grace has two food drop off boxes for donations: a box in the entry and a box in the Gathering Area. The pantry, located at the United Methodist Church, 1104 School Road, accepts drop-offs: Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and Fridays from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

June 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:30am Indoor Worship - Grace Lutheran 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Tilted Loon	1 4:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm Education Team Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	2 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	3	4 Synod Assembly	5 Synod Assembly	6 Synod Assembly 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
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14 Flag day 8:30am Indoor Worship - Grace Lutheran 10:00 am Outdoor Worship at The Tilted Loon	15 Newsletter deadline 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	16 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	17 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting	18 8:15am OWL's (Older Wiser Lutheran's) Day Trip to Green Bay	19 9:15am Worship at Riverview 10:30am Worship at Tomahawk Health 1:00pm Worship at Milestone	20 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
21 Father's Day 8:30am Indoor Worship - Grace Lutheran 10:00 am Outdoor Worship at The Tilted Loon	22 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	23 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	24 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters	25	26 Funeral for Bob Setlak	27 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
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ELCA Synod Assembly



This year's theme is: To Strive For Justice and Peace In All The Earth
 Our upcoming Synod Assembly will be a particularly meaningful and historic gathering as it includes the election of a bishop through the ecclesiastical ballot process.

This Spirit-led process invites prayerful discernment and faithful participation from all voting members as together we listen for God's guidance in calling our bishop for the next six years. In addition to this important election, the assembly will feature worship, learning, and time for connection and celebration—an opportunity to experience the life of our church in action. Join us as we gather in community, guided by faith and open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Julie Sinkula, Council Member Dixie Erickson and Grace Member Margie Welke will be attending the gathering June 4—June 6 in Oshkosh.

In Loving Memory



Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of Bob Martinson who passed away January 2, 2026. A graveside service was performed on 05/02/2026.

Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of Bob Setlak who passed away December 9, 2025. A funeral service is planned for June 26, 2026, see Grace Notes for time of the service.

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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John 1:2
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