



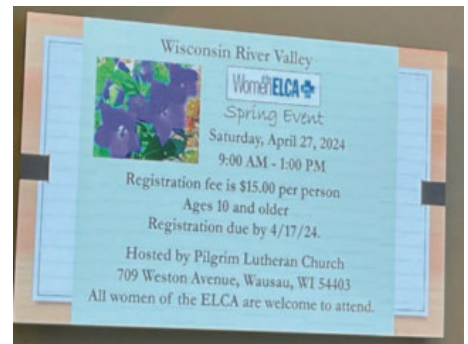
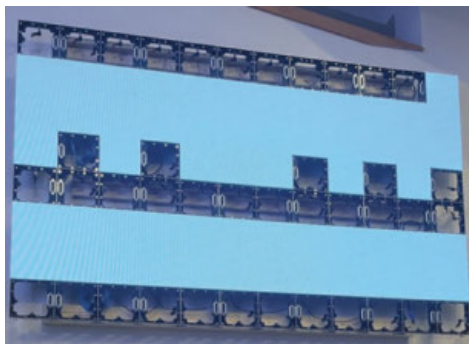
# GOOD NEWS

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**May 2024**

## Amazing News! The new Projections Screens Are Here!



In December, we added a project to our Gift Catalog to replace our projection screens in the sanctuary. By mid-March, over \$25,000 had been given for the screens-and they are here and have been installed! THANK YOU to all who have helped this project become a reality in such a short time! We are so blessed! Pictures left to right: the previous screen clarity, middle-fitting several screens together, right-new screen.



## Our Sunday School children with our Alleluia butterfly

The butterfly was made during Easter Worship by people coloring pieces of the butterfly and then putting them together to make the big picture.

A butterfly reminds us of the new life we have in Jesus!

Pictured left to right: Ayla Lobermeier, Gabe Lobermeier, Anna Eastwood, Wyatt Mohr, Logan Winter, Emily Eastwood, Will Eastwood, Gideon Lobermeier, Brooklyn Winter, Wren Mohr, Lauren Winter.

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## Pastor's Pondering May 2024

When I was young, I liked to make mobiles. With pictures, sticks or wire and string, it was interesting to see how a movement in one part made every part of the mobile move. A mobile is a helpful illustration of our wellbeing also. The parts of our health are connected and what happens to one part impacts the other areas of our life. We most often think of our physical health, but our mental and spiritual health also impact our quality of life. Each of these areas are important and they need time and attention to maintain wellbeing.



When an accident or an illness happens to our physical body, we know that it deserves attention. Sometimes we can take care of it ourselves but sometimes we need help from those trained in medical care. That is true for our mental and spiritual health as well. When we are faced with stress or loss, it impacts our mental and spiritual health. We need extra attention and care to respond to the impact on our life. Sometimes we need to seek care from those trained in mental health or those who focus on spiritual wellbeing (like Pastors!) While it may be less obvious than a physical pain, stresses on our mental and spiritual health are just as damaging to our wellbeing if left without care.

It is our goal at Grace to learn more about caring for our mental and spiritual health. Our council and staff are learning more about challenges in our area from professionals trained in mental health. We had a presentation in April from the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) for our GLOW and Confirmation youth, with a time for parents also. We plan to share more information with our congregation and community by offering workshops to provide information and support such as handling grief, caring for someone with Alzheimer's and other types of stresses in our lives. It is our hope that these caring connections in faith will help bring balance to your life no matter what happens.

Christ's Peace,  
Pastor Julie



**Our Prayers and Sympathy** go out to the family of Pastor Susan Christian. Don Christian passed away April 1, 2024.

**Our Prayers and Sympathy** go out to the family of Larry Alvin Hagen. He passed away April 4.

May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.



**Baccalaureate Service will be May 19th.**

Please join us for service and fellowship as we congratulate our seniors!

Our current seniors graduating for 2024 are: Bryn Ballke, Paige DeKiep, Halle Derleth, Sam Kurth, Sadie Liebelt, Madeline List, Robin Schmidt, Scout Stromberg and Ethan Traves.



**Grace welcomes to the Kingdom of God Max Larson.** Max was baptized Saturday, April 13. Max is the son of Gwen and Dean Larson. Pictured left to right: Dean Larson, Pastor Julie Sinkula, Max Larson, Gwen Larson and brother Brayden Larson.

**DEADLINES:** Newsletter-Third Monday of every month, Bulletin-Wednesday

## Special Offering for May

The special offering for May is for Grace House Expenses. Grace House provides a homey safe place for the Salvation Army, the Backpack Program and AA Groups that meet there on a regular basis. We do not receive any rent for these groups as we support their mission of helping our community. Grace does pay the costs for the electricity, heating and maintenance costs for maintaining this building. Our monthly offering will go to support this maintenance fund.

Our improvement fund for Grace is a separate account and you will be hearing more about that this summer!

Stewardship Committee

## Outdoor Worship 2024

As we tread lightly into spring (and hope we've seen the last of snow), we have the season of lakeside church services to look forward to! With your help, Grace Lutheran will carry out another fabulous summer worship season in 2024 and planning has begun.

Our success is reliant on those willing to enlist! It's better than being drafted, right? Honestly, whether you can serve one time or multiple times, we need volunteers to ensure our preparations are well coordinated. There are many different ways you can help:

- worship set up
- greeter / usher
- reader (weekly scripture, prayers of intercession)
- musician / singer (contact Pastor Julie)
- support after worship (put away tables, etc.)

Our ability to continue to offer this unmatched experience annually is reliant on individuals giving generously of their time to make this a success! As the eagle flies and the birds sing, our services will kick-off on Memorial Day weekend at 10:00 a.m. Sunday at the Tilted Loon. Please sign up to help! You will find sign-up sheets available in the Gathering Area, so please consult your calendar and help us expand our small but mighty team of talent...No auditions required.

If you have any questions, let us know.

Thanks,

Rhonda Grabow & Mary Hoglund

## Geraniums for Pentecost May 19, 2024

**After the service you may take them home and plant them in your garden in recognition of your desire and need for the Holy Spirit to empower you in your life and ministry.**



Name of Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Geraniums: \$16.50      Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church

**When all preordered plants have been purchased we will no longer take orders.**

**Please bring this form to the office, or place the form along with your remittance in the Offering basket.**

# Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School Jamboree	<b>29</b> 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	<b>30</b> 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	<b>1</b> 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	<b>2</b> 10:30 am National Day Of Prayer	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
<b>5</b> 9:00am Worship Service 3:00pm EYG Meeting	<b>6</b> 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	<b>7</b> 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	<b>8</b> 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW -Last Day 6:30pm Confirmation - last day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
<b>12</b> Mother's Day 9:00am Worship Service	<b>13</b> 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	<b>14</b> <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> 9:00am Quilters R. Hall 11:30am Joyful Noise Luncheon at Loop Hole Bar & Grill (2243 Conty RD L) 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>15</b> 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Synod Assembly-Oshkosh	<b>18</b> Synod Assembly-Oshkosh 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
<b>19</b> Day of Pentecost 9:00am Baccalaureate 9:00am Worship Service	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter deadline</b> 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	<b>21</b> 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	<b>22</b> 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
<b>26</b> The Holy Trinity 8:30am Indoor Worship Service 10:00am Outdoor Worship Service	<b>27</b> Memorial Day Office Closed 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	<b>28</b> 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary



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This year's Grace Camp Week will be **August 4–7, 2024** at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, MI.

Programs offered include: Minis (completed gr. 2-3), Villagers (completed gr. 3-4), Vagabonds (completed gr. 5-6) and Venturers (completed gr. 7-8). \*3<sup>rd</sup>-Graders have choice of being a Mini Camper with 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders or a Villager Camper with 4<sup>th</sup> Graders. This week is **perfect for sending sibling groups** at the same time.

After our Grace Church budget discount of \$100/Camper, family cost for this three-night camp adventure will be \$205/Camper. Do not let finances keep you from camp. If additional financial support is needed, speak with Patti.

Additional registration information is available in the Church Gathering Area. For questions or help with registering, contact **Patti Gaedtke: 715-612-2000** or [gaedgram@charter.net](mailto:gaedgram@charter.net)

**Cerny's Gift Cards are now available for purchase!**

You can purchase them before/after services, or during church office hours. This fundraiser benefits the EYG youth traveling to New Orleans in July. The youth appreciate your ongoing support! Thank you! They also have a number board fundraiser in the Gathering Area.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 <sup>st</sup> Ardys Larson Isaiah Mullen William Sparr	12 <sup>th</sup> Mason Heikkinen Brent Kelley	21 <sup>st</sup> Lisa Elliott Payton Loka Peter Schmit Jayleigh Thompson Ellie Witulski
2 <sup>nd</sup> Don Liebelt Jr. Kallie Massa Riley Massa	13 <sup>th</sup> Sarah Brown Bernice Mitchell	22 <sup>nd</sup> Gary Baacke Carl Hilgendorf Jeremiah Johnson Samantha Morris Jim Pellitteri
3 <sup>rd</sup> Brett Beaumier	14 <sup>th</sup> Lauren Hansmann Jacob Hooper Gail Wilson	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sharon Reichert Adrian Simonson
4 <sup>th</sup> Talyn Jones Julie Shelley Jason Stromberg Ethan Traves	15 <sup>th</sup> Blake Buss Jacob Kaminski	24 <sup>th</sup> Karina Reilly Lori Winch
5 <sup>th</sup> John Arnott Nancy Pertmer Jett Reilly Zach Volz	16 <sup>th</sup> Matthew Lawrence	25 <sup>th</sup> Clayton Gaedtke Katie Wallis Kylie Reinke Dan Winter
6 <sup>th</sup> Don Schumacher Lucas Sowatzke Fred Wheeler	17 <sup>th</sup> Julie Brigham Zach Zoellner Alli Palmer	26 <sup>th</sup> Nancy Bronsted Corey Colburn Emily Gaedtke Kim Hilgendorf
7 <sup>th</sup> Sherry Thompson Jack Bremer	18 <sup>th</sup> Riely Geiger Asher Kriese Don Tinker	28 <sup>th</sup> Lucille Charles Gerald Wytoshek
8 <sup>th</sup> Morgan Hansmann William Martinson Martin Schmidt	19 <sup>th</sup> Dale Braatz Amy Gebauer Ryan Gebauer Rick Miles Heather Niede Mitchell Schauer	29 <sup>th</sup> Pat Erickson Marissa Miles Kurt Reinke Audrey Winker
9 <sup>th</sup> Karen Arnott	20 <sup>th</sup> Paul Andersen Cheryl Evans Jamie Johnson LaRay Norlin Laura Pennings Breck Stromberg Michael Taylor Nicole Behnke-Welke	30 <sup>th</sup> Mary Beth Galloy
10 <sup>th</sup> Rod Greil Rita Hilgendorf Huck Stevenson		31 <sup>st</sup> LeRoy Charles Dave Dierkson
11 <sup>th</sup> Mason Evans Brian Olson Galen Schmidt		

### Summer Bible Study

Whether you have never seen an episode of The Chosen or have watched them all, we invite you to be a part of a bible study discussing this inspirational series following the Gospels about Jesus' life. Our plan will be to meet weekly to watch an episode and discuss the Scripture connected. We will determine a date that works best for most of the people interested in being a part. Sign up in the Gathering area and stay tuned for more information!

Pastor Julie

## Council Meeting Highlights

### April 11, 2024 Council Meeting Highlights for Newsletter

#### Where Have We Seen God at Work?

The Easter Week worship services were heartfelt, powerful, and meaningful; People working behind the scenes in many areas; Don Christian's celebration of life and Pastor Julie serving with Deacon Dave; Dudsy Kluball's service and the message; Easter fellowship between services; The wiring for the new screens going smoothly.

#### Council Agenda Highlights

##### **Old Business**

The new screens have been delivered and should be installed soon!

Steve Heikkinen attended the City's Board of Public Works committee meeting to ask for more handicap parking spots closer to the church. The City's full Common Council will vote on this item in April.

##### **New Business**

The summer Bible study will be related to The Chosen. More details to come.

##### **Public Comment**

Pastor Julie has been in touch with the management at the Tilted Loon. They will allow us to use their space for our Outdoor Worship services in the summer. However, they asked those who are attending the Outdoor service to park at the Windmill, if possible, to allow their customers to park closer since they are now serving breakfast. We are very appreciative of both the Tilted Loon and the Windmill for their hospitality!

#### MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 30,597	\$ 27,696	\$ 2,901
Year-to-date Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 89,499	\$ 90,401	\$ (902)
Mortgage Loan Balance as of March 2024			\$ 278,000.66
March Special Offering: EYG Youth Gathering			\$ 1,237.94

**Where do we see God at work?** A note from Massie Heykes, Executive Director of Our Sister's House: To everyone at Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you very much for choosing Our Sister's House as an endowment recipient. We are very grateful for your generosity and appreciate all the support you've given us at OSH. Thank you for all you do for our community!

**Thanks to our partnership with the Red Cross Blood Drive**, on March 19, 2024, 63 units of blood were collected on a goal of 56.7 units. The Red Cross stated "We're excited to have exceeded our goal and made an impact to support our hospital patients in need." The next Red Cross blood drive will be held at Grace May 14, 2024.

**Soup Lenten Suppers** - I would like to thank everyone that helped with serving & providing meals for the Lenten suppers. We had 46 people who donated & volunteered to serve in the kitchen. Together we had 333 people with an average of 56 people/week attend. The fellowship shared was priceless. With this we also raised \$205 for the youth to attend the EYG. We also raised \$685 toward fixing up the Grace House which is another important mission of our congregation for the outreach in the Tomahawk community. Thank you to all of you who helped out. I am very blessed to be a part of this ministry. ~Margie Welke

**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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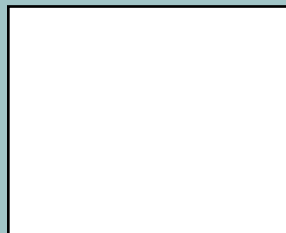
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