

GOOD NEWS

from the grace vine!

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Relationships + Growing Faith



The GLOW Youth Service Project

The GLOW youth made tie blankets for the Oneida county humane society as their Service Project.

Welcome To God's Kingdom Ava!



Ava Dvorak was baptized at Grace on March 28, 2026. She is pictured above with her parents Sarah & Nick Dvorak and Pastor Julie Sinkula. Her sponsors are Shelby Hobbick and Travis Dvorak.



Baccalaureate

Graduating Seniors will celebrate their special milestone with us on **May 17th at 9am** worship. There will be a Faith Reception fellowship time after worship this day as well. There will be food and refreshments to celebrate their special milestone together. Please join us on this day to support our 2026 graduates.



The Wilderness Group will be selling Cerny's Gift cards at worship in the Gathering Area through June 7-8.

Pastor's Pondering – May 2026

As the weather is getting warmer, my thoughts turn to hiking in nature. I especially enjoy hiking on trails in the woods or along a lake shore that are perfect for experiencing God's creation. There are always choices to make on what path to follow in the journey. Like the stepping stones in a creek, there are paths that involve putting one foot in front of the other and trusting you'll get to the other side.



So, it is with faith and the stepping stones in our lives. The faith milestones of our lives have to do with events and people that help us explore in our faith and to grow. From our baptism to first bible, to first communion and confirmation, these are rites of passage that Grace recognizes in growing in faith. What's most important is the faith relationships that guide the learning and growing of faith. Our relationship with God is number one. Family members are important in living out one's faith daily. Our faith community is also important in helping to experience connections with other believers. We share worship, learning and fellowship with one another, experiencing the love and grace of Jesus through others. It's not always easy. Sometimes we slip up and fall or others let us down. It is in those times that we experience the grace of Christ through forgiveness of one another. We can help one another up and start again as we journey together strengthened by Christ.

At Grace, we celebrated 10 students who affirmed their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation in April. We will look forward to celebrating Baccalaureate with our high school seniors on May 17. Like those beautiful quilts that our seniors are blessed with, our faith milestones give us tangible reminders of God's love and grace personally throughout our lives. We celebrate with our students and their families knowing that we are a part of their faith milestones. As a faith community connected in Christ, each of us continue to grow and mature in being a disciple of Jesus. We are always on the journey of faith milestones no matter how young or how old. I'm so glad to be on this journey of faith with you!

Blessings,
Pastor Julie

2026 LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

The Lenten soup suppers were another success. I would like to thank all the volunteers. We could not do it without all the help each week. Thank you to all that came to help serve, those who donated food and made all the wonderful soups.

The rough total of helpers this year each week were 35 to 45 people.

41 people made soup, desserts, or donated food items

Served 347 bowls of soup

Had donations of \$289.32 to Glow/Confirmation

\$89.00 to Blessings for Babies

\$227.00 to Wilderness Trip

\$241.00 To the 8th Grade Trip to DC and New York

\$200.00 To School Lunches

\$151.00 to Sunday Morning Fellowship

Thank you to all that donated , helped serve and clean up, also everyone that came for food and fellowship. We could not bless all these ministries without everyone.

Margie Welke
Soup Supper Coordinator

Lent/Holy Week Special Events

Is it I, Lord?



Near the close of Lent, during Holy week, Grace once again presented a re-enactment of Jesus' last night before his crucifixion.

The following people represented Jesus and the Apostles: Left to right: Pastor Kathy Tulman, Pastor Julie Sinkula, Jim Dentler, Paul Kurth, Paul Zastrow, Corky Burcalow, Bill Burcalow, Jeff Niewinski, Dan Schuller, Mark Gaedtke, Mike Sinkula, John Tulman, Steve Garrison and narrator Nancy Herbison. If you would like to watch the recording go to our YouTube page via our website: gracelutherantomahawk.com. A special thanks to Pastor Kathy Tulman for directing this play.

Special Easter Music



A Heartfelt Thank You to our musicians for sharing their musical talents with us on Easter!



The Easter music ensembles include pictured on the left: John Pashek played the trumpet, Liam Fossum played the trombone and Sherri Clements played the organ. Pictured above Liam, John Pashek, and Laurie Schmidt played the organ.

May 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am Worship Service & Rite of Confirmation 10:00am Faith Reception	27 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:30pm 4-H Club	28 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	29 Confirmation Last Day GLOW Last Day 3:30pm GLOW 3:30pm Lincoln Co. Community Baby Shower - St. Mary's Catholic Church 6:30pm Confirmation Faith In Action: Grace Garden Last Day of	30	1	2 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary - Baptism of Sawyer Zettel
3 9:00am Worship Service	4 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	5 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	6 4:30pm A2A Meeting	7 10:30am National Day Of Prayer at Veteran's Memorial Park	8	9 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
10 Mother's Day 9:00am Worship Service	11 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	12 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	13 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 6:00pm Wilderness Mtg.	14 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	15 9:15am Worship at Riverview 10:30am Worship at Tomahawk Health 1:00pm Worship at Milestone	16 9:00am AA/Alanon 1:00pm Assembly of Rice and Soy Meal Base Bags with Methodist Church 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
17 9:00am Baccalaureate Worship Service	18 9:00am Baccalaureate Worship Service Newsletter deadline 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	19 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	20 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting	21 12:00am OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) workday-landscaping/ gardening at Grace	22	23 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Pentecost Worship/Communion Sanctuary
24 8:30am Indoor Pentecost Worship - Grace Lutheran 10:00am Outdoor Worship - The Tilted Loon	25 MEMORIAL DAY - Office Closed	26 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters 11:30am Red Cross Blood Drive	27 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters	28	29	30 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
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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 Hogle, 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.

Meet the Council:

Name: Gail Wilson

I have been a member of Grace since 1985. I have been married to my husband Ron for 46 years and have 2 children and three grandchildren.

Why did you agree to serve on council? I had been asked to serve on council for several years before I did. My excuse was that I wanted to wait until I was retired. Well, when I returned, I thought it was time and willfully accepted when asked. I am currently serving my 6th and last year. I would encourage anyone who is asked, or anyone who wants to become a council member, to prayerfully think it through and act!! It is a privilege to do so.



What do you love about Grace? We were welcomed the minute we walked in the door. We had been looking for a church, and found our place at Grace. They had a very active Sunday School and we had two young children. It was great growing in faith with our kids and participating in various activities and roles in the church.

I also love the way Grace goes beyond their walls to serve the community and beyond.

My favorite bible verse is from Philippians 4:13-I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Welcome New Members



Kelly Martello, pictured on the left, loves to play games, going out to dinner, fishing and camping. In her spare time she reads, bakes, decorates and does travel research. "I love doing outreach!"

Ruthanne Curtis, pictured on the right, enjoys boating, UTving, family and baking, games and watching family sporting events, reading and yardwork. She has 2 dogs Bri and Stanley and a cat Norris. She loves being with family and helping people.



News from the OWLS

Thanks to Nate Musolff from Thrivent and Jim Torgerson for their informative presentations about financing long-term care and retirement planning at our April meeting. Dig out your work clothes and garden tools for our May service project at Grace. We will help with landscaping and/or garden duties around the church on May 21 (weather permitting) starting at 8:30. We plan to have lunch at Beking Chinese Restaurant. Please join us even if you don't usually attend OWLS events, the more hands we have the more we can accomplish.

**Geraniums for Pentecost
May 24, 2026**

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.

May Special Offering: MAY SPECIAL OFFERING: ENDOWMENT FUND

The purpose of the Grace Endowment Fund is to serve as a means for donors, through their charitable gifts, to advance the mission of the church. Donations provide permanent funding for special missions, scholarships and outreach ministries of the Congregation and wider church. There are several ways you can support the Grace Endowment Fund: *Volunteer: You can be a member of this committee. There are seven Grace committee members. Six are nominated and elected from the membership at the Congregation's annual meeting, with the seventh being appointed by the President of the Congregation Council. Terms are 3 years for committee members. We also have advisors from Grace who help the seven committee members. *Donations: Use the special offering envelope and write, 'May Special Offering.' The Committee may receive funds through gifts, bequests, trusts, from any individual, corporation, organization or from any other source. Distributions are from income only. Each year 90% of the income is distributed with 10% reinvested to continue growth of the Fund. Over \$17,000 has been distributed since its inception in 1998.

April 19, 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

Full Council meeting minutes can be found in the Gathering Area.

Where Have We Seen God at Work?

- Easter Sunday services. It was nice to see the church full.
- The brass horn music during Easter worship.
- Daffodils coming up
- Ava Dvorak's baptism

Pastor Julie has been communicating with members and families via phone, email, text and in person. She helped 3 community families. She is assisting Cassady Grabow-Hohensee with GLOW and helping confirmands with faith statements.

Sherry Clements gave an update on how the disposition of surplus items is going. The council calendar was updated.

In Loving Memory



Our Prayers and Sympathy go out to the family of Robert "Bob" Martinson brother of Earl

William Martinson. There will be a graveside service on May 2. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT			
	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	31,289	28,620	2,669
Year to Date Receipts vs. Spending	83,926	95,326	(11,401)
Mortgage Loan Balance			117,792
Special Offering - Quilters			1,441
Other Benevolence:			
Tomahawk Lunch Program			508

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.

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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