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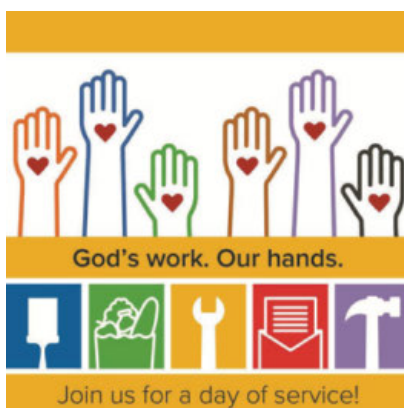
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September 2025

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Relationships + Growing Faith

New ELCA Bishop Elected

We have elected a new presiding bishop of the ELCA — the Rev. Yehiel Curry!
Bishop Curry currently serves as bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod and brings to this call a deep love for the church, a heart for justice, and a bold commitment to the gospel. We give thanks for his leadership, his vision, and his faithful “yes” to this new chapter in the life of our church. May the Spirit guide him — and all of us — as we continue to walk together as the body of Christ.



Sunday September 7 is God's Work Our Hands day.

It is a day when ELCA churches across the nation are showing the love of God in active ways in our communities. Grace will be spending time helping Kinship refurbish their new home at the old Bradley Bank (Associated Bank) building downtown. We may be moving things, organizing, cleaning or whatever is needed to help Kinship settle in their new location. We will go over right after our 9 am worship that day. Feel free to wear your God's Work Our Hands, Grace or Thrivent T-shirt to church that day or bring clothes to work in. Please join us!

We would like to thank all those who supported our summer Worship at the Loon:

The Loon management and staff, attendees of the worship, organizers: Mary Hoglund and Rhonda Grabow, readers, ushers, musicians, audio set up, those who organize and transport the totes. Without you we would not have been able to bring this worship outdoors.

Beginning Sunday, September 7 we will resume 9:00 am worship services at Grace.

GRACE & GREATER GALILEE CELEBRATE LONG STANDING FRIENDSHIP



A Day of Diversity and Unity

On Saturday August 16th Grace sent a delegation to Trinity Lutheran Church in Waupaca to meet with members of our sister church, Greater Galilee Baptist Church of Milwaukee. For well over twenty years now, our two congregations have conversed together, broken bread together, sung together and worshipped God together in the spirit of joy, unity, and racial harmony.

To make a good day even greater, the people of Trinity Lutheran proved to be gracious hosts, supplying our every need, from fresh coffee on demand to musical accompaniment for worship service in their beautiful sanctuary. Together, members of all three churches enjoyed a challenging, thought provoking workshop offered to us by Ms. Rhonda Hill, who holds a dual Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and Theology. There we learned about systemic issues of racial inequity still left unchecked in our society.

We closed out the day with a worship service, featuring elements of both the Baptist and Lutheran traditions. Pastors Andy Behrendt and Mark Ziemer presided over the service. Pastor Julie, although present for the majority of the day, was forced to miss the service, due to a prior commitment. It is my hope that the good people of Trinity Lutheran will henceforth choose to join in this ministry as a full partner.

After a light meal, we said our goodbyes and offered well wishes; and one group headed north while the other headed south, back to our respective, different lives. I believe we fear what we don't understand, and relationship promotes understanding, and in time, brotherhood. It is my hope that we all returned home from our weekend a little wiser, a little more thoughtful and compassionate; and maybe even a little more willing to use our lives to help bring about change in a world that has fallen far away from the teachings of Jesus.

Submitted by Mark Gaedtke



Pastor's Pondering – September 2025

Summer just seemed to fly by this year, didn't it? For me, it was full of activity and gatherings that were valuable. I noticed though that I had less of the relaxing time in nature that I cherish in the season of summer. Time to be still and to notice God's creation all around me. Now fall is fast approaching and the calendar is already filling up. Are you finding that too? How do we as God's people find a way time to be still and know God?

In Jesus' day, the Jewish people celebrated Shabbat, a time of rest that begins at sunset on Friday and ends at sunset on Saturday. It was founded on the seventh day that God rested after creation written in the first book of the bible Genesis. Shabbat was a time to refrain from work and to use that time for worship, studying Scripture and family time. This developed into the Sabbath has been a part of many faith communities in the past as a time to cease work and find rest. To spend quality time with family and God. But it seems to be slipping away. More people are working, and activities are scheduled for Sundays which was the traditional Sabbath day. How then can we keep the Sabbath holy as the third commandment requires of us?

Maybe it's renewing our mindset and making sure that we prioritize time to have a Sabbath. It may not be a whole day, and it might not be on Sunday, but we can schedule Sabbath time. We can schedule it on our calendars and protect that time but saying no to other things that would interfere. I have struggled with protecting my Sabbath time which is on Fridays. I renew my commitment to schedule Sabbath time on Friday afternoons so that I can take time to rest and connect with family and God. That means that I won't answer communications like emails or texts until Saturday. This is hard for me to do but I realize the importance of setting boundaries to protect my Sabbath time. I hope that you will also schedule a Sabbath time if you haven't already and protect that time from intrusions. It is a time that we can disconnect from the concerns of the world to focus on God and refresh our spirit. Even Sabbath moments where we are mindful of God's presence around us can renew us. I took a short walk yesterday and found this sunset a beautiful remembrance of God's bountiful creation. *Be still and know that I am God.*

Sabbath blessings,
Pastor Julie



Our prayers and sympathy go out to the families of :

Scott Jach was laid to rest at a graveside commital on August 8, 2025.



James E. Nelson who passed away August 14, 2025. His Celebration of Life was held at Grace August 20, 2025.

Stacy Schiltz who passed away August 17, 2025. Stacy's Celebration of Life was held at Grace on August 27, 2025.

Coordinator for Cookie Walk is needed for the December Bazaar. No experience needed. Please contact Pastor Susan for more information:

224-3476, pstrxn63@gmail.com.

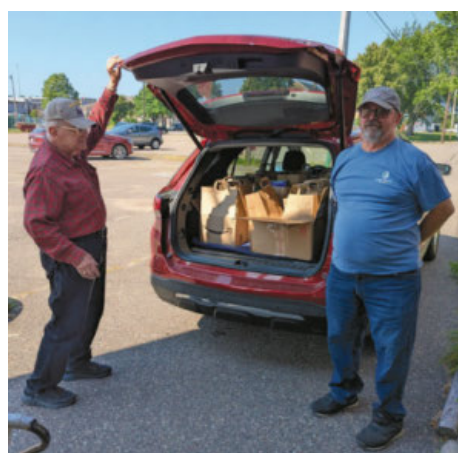
Welcome To God's Family

Mikayla Marie Mielke. Mikayla is the daughter of Andy Mielke and Julie Mailhiot. She was baptized Saturday, August 23 in a private ceremony. Sponsors include: Brett Grahm and Scott Alexander.

Welcome To God's Family

Coralyn Willow Grabow-Hohensee. Coralyn is the daughter of Cassady and Caleb Hohensee-Grabow. Coralyn's baptism will be held Sunday, August 24 at the Loon. Her sponsors are Tatum Javoroski, Madison Bien, Drew Hohensee, Heather Grabow.

Thank you for your generous donations of school supplies



On Saturday, August 16 during the Back-To-School Kinship event Grace provided a total of 23 backpacks: 8 back packs for 6th graders, 10 backpacks for 7th graders and 5 backpacks for 8th grade students. The event went very well. Approximately 300 total kids in all grades were provided school supplies. **We are still collecting school items for LWR school kits. We hope to pack them the third Wednesday of September.** Pictured above: Pastor Susan Christian, Joe Story and Mike Sinkula transporting the school supplies. Thank you Darrell McCabe and Margaret Pullman for helping organize and assemble the supplies.

September Birthdays

Sandra Granrath
Aspen Pankow
Leanne Setlak
Tammy Sypher
Braden Tjugum
Virginia Cottrell
Faith Derleth
Gerald Frickenstein
Susan Holbik
Amanda Juedes
Cathleen Schmit
Linda Halverson
Dennis Jeske
Heather Kurth
Bonnie Kottke
Leona Mc Name
Megan Brouwers
Isaac Derleth
Kim Gibeault
Johnathan Lucas
Steven Renn
Ben Wallis
Vicki Stromberg
Sean Towne
John Eccles

Colin Black
Kathleen Johnson
Dawn Nelson
Duane Strauss
Phyllis Fryman
Todd Swanson
Elaine Lazor
Shirley Anderson
Richard Stefan
Jacklyn Elliott
Joshua Martin Jr.
Gabiella Pleau
Isabeau Roberts
Craig Wahl
Nancy Herbison
Anthony Kluck
Michael Lucas
Brent Wilke
Lynn Wurl



Cavan Grabow-Hohensee
Roger Juedes
Daniel W Osero
William Reicher
Sandra Wimmer
Abby Hrdina
Jada Troutman
Sharon Behling
Paul Winker
Coleman Behling
Tobias Scott
Lynn Derleth
Aaron Leonhard
Sandy Redmond
Bruce Stiteley
Erik Halverson
Ron Wadzinski
Jeanie Osero
Joey Scholz
Mark Smith
Craig Lemmer
Andrew Olson
Karen Stefan
Braxton Stromberg

September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:30am Worship 10:00am Outdoor Worship at The Loon	1 Labor Day - Office Closed	2 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	3 5:00pm Entering GLOW Milestone 6:00pm Meal for GLOW & Confirmation Families 6:30pm Choir Music Wednesdays with Corey Colburn 6:45pm Entering Confirmation Milestone	4	5 8:00am Office hours	6 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
7 9:00am Worship Service - 3 year old Milestone	8 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	9 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters 11:30am Joyful Noise Luncheon at Tilted Loon 4:00pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	10 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	11	12 Fall Ride 8:00am Office closed	13 No Worship due to Harley Weekend 9:00am AA/Alanon
14 8:45am 1st Day of Grace Kids 9:00am Worship Service	15 Newsletter deadline 10:30am The Chosen Bible Study Season 5 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	16 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	17 8:00am Four Rivers Quilters 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	18 8:00am Four Rivers Quilters	19 8:00am Four Rivers Quilters 8:00am Office hours 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 9:00am Worship Service	22 10:30am The Chosen Bible Study Season 5 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:30pm 4-H Club	23 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters 10:30am Red Cross Blood Drive	24 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm No Confirmation - Homecoming	25 OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) Trip to Waupaca Clear Water Harbor Boat Cruise	26 8:00am Office hours	27 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
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OWLS NEWS

We will be starting this fall with a Clear Water Harbor Boat Cruise in Waupaca. This narrated boat tour through the Chain O'Lakes on the Chief Waupaca will be on September 25. There will be 21 of us attending. On October 9th we are planning a trip to Timm's Hill and lunch at Hill of Beans restaurant. We are hoping to catch peak fall color in a beautiful spot. Dale and Lisa Elliott will share photos from their recent trip to Alaska on November 13.



September Special Offering: the Salvation Army for their Happy Kids Backpack Program. This program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children in our community at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school vacations. Backpacks are filled with food each week and the children take the food filled packs home for weekend use.

August 14, 2025 Council Meeting Highlights

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

Where Have We Seen God at Work?

Shooting stars, and thinking about how God knows how many there are; In the support shown during a loved one's memorial service; The energy around Kinship's new building; The response to the school supply drive; In the family of Sara Reiff

Council Agenda Highlights

- The special offering for July took in \$2,188.12 for school supplies and Lutheran World Relief school kits.

JULY 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT			
	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 39,920	\$ 34,912	\$5,009
Year-to-date Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 204,265	\$ 244,382	\$(40,116)
Mortgage Loan Balance as of July 2025			\$194,355.87
July Special Offering: Tomahawk School Supplies LWR School Kits			\$1,094.06 \$1,094.06

Seeking a Church Treasurer

We have been blessed to have Shirley Derleth as our treasurer for many years. We are thankful for her expertise and faithful service for Grace. The time has come for Shirley to leave this position so we are seeking a qualified person to fill this vacancy;

CHURCH TREASURER RESPONSIBILITIES (brief summary)

- o Maintain complete and accurate accounting records
- o Prepare and present monthly and annual reports to the council and the congregation
- o Keep an accurate record of all cash received and disbursed
- o Prepare payroll checks, government payroll reports and Portico Insurance reporting
- o Works with the Executive Committee, Pastor and the church council to prepare the annual budget

QUALIFICATIONS

- o Accounting degree and/or experience preferred
- o Knowledge of payroll laws and reporting
- o Familiar with Quickbooks, Excel and Word
- o Detail-oriented
- o Organizational skills
- o Good listening and communication skills
- o Ability to manage sensitive and confidential information

TIME COMMITMENT

- o On average 10-15 hours per month (not including meetings)
- o September (budget benefits), December (budget prep) and January (annual report prep) will require more hours

If interested, fill out an application for employment (in the front lobby or in the office) and return it to Grace office.

Questions please contact Pastor Julie at pastoruliebarger@gmail.com or 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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