



Good News of Grace



August 2019

Grace Lutheran Church
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“Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith and care for all creation.”

August Highlights

August 7, 6:30pm - Pastor’s Patio Ponderings

Join Pastor Bill for his final *Patio Ponderings* session of the summer. The topic of discussion is *Intersexuality: A personal perspective*.

DawnMark Bacon-Johnson is a new member of Grace. Their story is an amazing journey. Join us as they share their life and help us to understand intersexuality.



Please Note: The August 11 Church picnic has been cancelled.

A Note from Pastor Bill

Woof! Woof! Welcome to the dog days of summer! I used to think that the dog days of summer meant that the heat was so bad you would just lay around like a dog. I thought that for many years. I actually thought that until the very moment I started writing his article. Then I googled it. (It’s what we do.)

The Farmer’s Almanac states: “The phrase is actually a reference to the fact that, during this time (July 3-August 11), the sun occupies the same region of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from any part of Earth and part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog. This is why Sirius is sometimes called the ‘Dog Star.’”

Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sunday - 9am

Tuesday Devotional - 12:10pm



Education

Faith Formation - Sundays 10:15am

Bible Study - Thursday 12pm

But wait! There’s more: “In the summer, Sirius rises and sets with the sun. On July 23rd, specifically, it is in conjunction with the sun, and because the star is so bright, the ancient Romans believed it actually gave off heat and added to the Sun’s warmth, accounting for the long stretch of sultry weather...Thus, the term ‘Dog Days of Summer’ came to mean the 20 days before and 20 days after this alignment of Sirius with the Sun.” *(Continued on Page 2)*

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News and Notes

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As I was reading this I was just sitting back thinking about how BIG God is. Not only is there a massive amount of things for us to know on this planet, there is a massive amount of things for us to know OUTSIDE of it as well. And all of it was created and is sustained by the same God who gives us life.

All too often, however, I think we see our God as too small. God could never love this person or that person. Could would never forgive them. We place limitations on a God that is limitless. We as Christians need to have a wee bit more humility when it comes to our understanding of who God is. While we might think God is one thing...God is indeed something infinity more vast that we can imagine.

How big is your God?

Don't tell God how big your **problems** are. **Tell your small problems** how big **God** is.

Lets Crow About Our Kids!

Homestead High School Second Trimester Honor Roll

Freshman High Honor Roll:

Quinn Buczynski, Elliot Nimmer

Junior High Honor Roll:

Maggie Ferguson, Charlie Ferguson,
Jack Kamarainen

Junior Honor Roll:

Xavier Robar



Senior High Honor Roll:

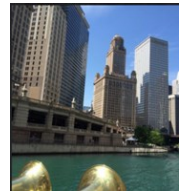
Jackson Bogli (grandson of Pam and John Stockbridge), Lindsey Miller


Senior Honor Roll:

Jake Zeller

Over 55 Upcoming Events

Sign-up for the Architectural cruise on the Chicago River on September 17 starts August 4. The trip departs Grace Lutheran parking lot at 9:30am. We will stop for a pond-side picnic in Pleasant Prairie before completing the ride to Navy Pier, Chicago. The cruise boards at 1:15 for a 1:30 sailing. The narrated 75 minute trip loops the river. The cost is \$65/person which includes transportation, boxed lunch, and cruise. Reservations are open to family and friends, but reservations will be held only when paid in full. We have limited space, so don't delay signing up.



 Beginning August 18 Over 55 will start taking reservations for the October 9th trip to Marriott Lincolnshire Theater to see "Something Rotten" - a comedy about playwrights competing with "the Bard" [Shakespeare]. The cost for this outing is \$80/person, which includes transportation, a full meal at the Marriott and tickets to the play. Space is limited to 30 people, so if you want to go, sign-up quickly. Unpaid reservations will not be considered complete, and those tickets may go to someone else who pays for the tickets. The deadline for reservations is September 8.

Twisted Willow Dinner

The Twisted Willow is going to have another special dinner on Saturday, September 21, 2019. The details are not yet available, but for everyone that has enjoyed their dinners, put it on your calendar. Sign up will start in the middle of August when we have further details.

Dinner with Friends Picnic

The dinner with friends picnic will be on August 17. You should have your assignments by the end of the month. Sign-up for the 2019/2020 dinner will start in September with our first dinners in November.



News and Notes

All Peoples' Church Food Pantry Item Update

All Peoples' is very much in need of non-perishable food items. Please drop items in the bin in the narthex.



Guest House Sandwiches

We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month, on the first and third Wednesdays, at 8:15am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesday, **August 7** and **21**.



Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride

Registration is now open for the Outreach for Hope Family Bike on Saturday, **September 7**. You can register as an individual, family, or even as a virtual rider. Online registration can be found at



ofhbikeride.com. When registering, you have the option of joining a team. Please join the Grace

Thiensville team, which was created by the Becks. If you don't want to register for the bike event, but would still like to donate, you can donate online to the Grace team using the link <https://tinyurl.com/gracethiensville>. Please direct any questions to the Becks. Thanks!

Quilting Information

Thank you to those who have dropped off solid sheets for quilt backings. More are still needed! If you have any you would like to donate, please drop them off in the office or in the quilt room. Thank you!



August Birthdays

Name	Date
Dan Umhoefer	2
Dawn Luebke	4
Paeton Umhoefer	5
Suzanne LaCrosse	7
Diane Umhoefer	7
Mary Gieschen	10
Pat Helms	13
JoAnn Holdmann	15
Cheryl Aschauer Baum	17
Julie Nutter	17
Elsbeth Bruhnke	19
John Richmond	19
Jack Kamarainen	20
Dustin Habermann	23
Courtney Krogstad	25
Janette Altschafli	26
Jake Zeller	26
Skip Blick	27
Darren Miller	27
Theo Lindsay	29
Christina Reddemann	31



If you have a birthday this month and your name is not listed, we apologize. Please call the church office so that we update our records.

Thank you!

Celebration of Baptism

On July 21 we welcomed **Calvin Daniel Krogstad** to God's family through holy baptism. Calvin is the son of Courtney and Andy Krogstad, grandson of Dan and Theresa Umhoefer, and great-grandson of Harold and Diane Umhoefer. Blessings and congratulations to the entire family!



Memorial Fund Activity for June

Income:	\$28
Expenditures:	\$0
Balance:	\$3,623
(Designated:	\$1,005)
(Available:	\$2,618)

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Worship with Holy Communion:

Sundays: 9:00am
Tuesdays: 12:10pm

Education:

Faith Formation - Sundays 10:15am
Bible Study - Thursdays: 12pm



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AUGUST LEADERS

	GREETERS	HOSTS
	9:00 am	
4	Steve Mussatti	Betty Thompson
11	JoAnn Holdmann	Sandy Smith
18	Alice Sedgwick	Mary Gieschen
25	Stacy Rauen	Jen Bartz

READERS	
	9am
4	Mary Karthaus
11	Ben Lindsay
18	Pam Johnson
25	Jordan Beck

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS		
	Bread	Wine
4	Mark Ortell	1. Elsbeth Bruhnke 2. Helga Ickert
11	Rip McManus	1. Cindy Karthaus 2. Diane Weber
18	Paul Gieschen	1. Jim Button 2. Judy Button
25	Tom Gauthier	1. Geri Schesel 2. Nancy Perez

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP (sign up with a buddy!)	
4	Cindy Karthaus & Nancy Perez
11	TBD
18	Pam Johnson and Stacy Rauen
25	TBD

COMMUNION SET-UP (See Diane Umhoefer to sign up)

9am	
Aug. 4	Christa Buchweitz
Aug. 11	Elsbeth Bruhnke
Aug. 18	Beth Buczynski
Aug. 25	JoAnn Holdmann

USHERS

Aug. 4	Steve Karthaus and Gretchen Karthaus
Aug. 11	Steve Karthaus and Gretchen Karthaus
Aug. 18	Sandy Smith and Dieter Bruhnke
Aug. 25	Sandy Smith and Dieter Bruhnke

COUNTERS

Aug. 4/5	John Walch* and Shirley Warber
Aug. 11/12	Steve Mussatti* and Beth Buczynski
Aug. 18/19	Mark Ortell* and Jim Button
Aug. 25/26	Ralph Buchweitz* and Christa Buchweitz

ACOLYTES	
	9 am
4	Ushers
11	Ushers
18	Ushers
25	Ushers

Help us Serve!

Please help us out in the office by letting us know if you would like to be a worship volunteer. Try something new! We'll get you trained and ready to go!

Pews: JoAnn Holdmann

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Bible Study	2	3 9:00am Men's Bible Study
4 HYMN SING 9:00am Worship/ Com. 10:15am Finance Team Meeting	5	6 9:00am Pr's Colectivo hrs. 12:10pm Worship/Com	7 8:15am Guest House Sandwiches 6:30pm Pastor's Patio Ponderings	8 12:00pm Bible Study	9	10 9:00am SBG Rehearsal 1:00pm Xiong Baby Shower F.H.
11 8:15am SBG Warm-Up 9:00am Worship/ Com. <i>Blood Pressure Screening Before/After Worship</i>	12	13 9:00am Pr's Colectivo hrs. 12:10pm Worship/Com 7:00pm Council Meeting	14	15 9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Bible Study	16	17 9:00am Men's Bible Study
18 8:15am Men's Choir Warm-Up 9:00am Worship/ Com.	19 5:30pm Lakeshore Modern Quilters	20 9:00am Pr's Colectivo hrs. 12:10pm Worship/Com	21 8:15am Guest House Sandwiches	22 12:00pm Bible Study	23 Dusk - Movies in the Park Port Washington <i>Incredibles 2</i>	24
25 8:15am Chancel Choir Warm-Up 9:00am Worship/ Com.	26	27 9:00am Pr's Colectivo hrs. 12:10pm Worship/Com	28	29 12:00pm Bible Study	30	31