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WORSHIP

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM - May 30 – September 5 – Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day weekend

We continue with **Facebook Live** and posting to **YouTube** for those who are not able to attend worship in person though we encourage those who are not limited by health issues to come join us.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES UPDATE

- Those who have been vaccinated are welcome to forego wearing masks.
- For your safety we encourage those who have not been vaccinated or whose autoimmune systems are compromised to wear masks while in the building.
- Holy Communion from Home Update from Pastor Kate: Communion will be offered for in-person worshippers only at the 10:00 AM services. (FaceBook Live will conclude at the sharing of the peace.) Communion for in-person worshippers will continue to be offered with individual cups holding the elements and with physical distancing during distribution. We hope to form a regular communion visitation ministry in the near future. Please contact Pastor Kate if you would like the sacrament brought to you at home.
- At the present time we continue to encourage social distancing and maintaining good hand hygiene.



HOLY COMMUNION

If you or someone you know is unable to attend worship in person and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Pastor Kate to make arrangements, particularly if this is a new situation.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are Tuesdays from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (no one in office June 1)

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor will be on vacation June 28 – July 5. Pastor Larry will be preaching on July 4. Worship service will be held in the parking lot if the weather is favorable. If not favorable it will be held indoors.



From the Keyboard of Pastor Kate...

What does it look like to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in the world today, in the space where we find ourselves, in the day-to-day rhythms of everyday life? To be “*in the world, but not of the world*” as Jesus taught and the famous convert and Apostle Paul wrote about?

It looks like Jesus’ summary of God’s commandments (*think careful, loving, wise instructions for life*):

Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, with all of your mind, and with all of your strength. This is the first and the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

The bible tells us that God *is* love. Far from being a burden, the commandments of God and Jesus Christ the Son are given **to bring about life – abundant life** – for us and for the benefit of the world we live in, that God loves. In particular for the community we live in and of which we are a part.

The living out of those commandments look as personal and diverse as there are people seeking to love and bring glory to God through worship and service to others, but it involves **three key relationships**. (Remember Ecclesiastes 4:12b: *A cord of three strands is not easy broken*):

- * a growing, trusting relationship with Jesus Christ,
- * a growing, committed relationship in the Body of Christ, the church, and
- * a commitment to building relationships and partnerships in the community that proclaim and live out the good news of God’s love for all people, no exceptions.

We need Jesus. We need each other. Our community needs Jesus. Our community needs us.

Time for some self-assessment:

1. What is one action to which you will commit for the purpose of growing in your relationship with Jesus?
2. What is one action to which you will commit to grow in your relationship with the people of Grace Lutheran Church?
3. What is one action you will take to invite someone to church with you?
4. What is one idea/one place in the community where Grace might engage in conversation, relationship and potential partnership with the people and needs in our community?

It is my hope that every person of Grace prays over these questions and genuinely attempts to answer them for themselves and put them into action. And please, share #4 with me, with members of your leadership, and with each other as we actively pray for and imagine what God is calling us to in this place.

Yours in Christ ,

Pastor Kate



FAITH IN ACTION!!!

VOLUNTEERS SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WORSHIP ROLES on Sunday Mornings: There are sign-up sheets in the narthex by the office for the following: Greeters – Ushers – Readers – Offering – Communion assistants – Acolytes Contacts for special music (including community members).

ASSIST IN TAKING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: It is our hope to assign volunteers to visit a particular person or two on a regular basis. Contact Pastor Kate if you are interested in serving in this ministry.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP following worship has resumed: Please contact Vicki Johnston (608/776-4572) or Pat Roelli (608/482-0572) if you would like to assist and provide food and refreshments.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: It is the goal of the Worship Committee to have at least eight people trained so that teams of two are serving one time a month. We could still use a couple more people. If interested, contact Pastor Kate. Training is provided.

FLOWER SIGN-UP: A sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the narthex for those of you would like to contribute flowers/plants for the altar.

FLOWER CARE: A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board to help water flowers in front of the church.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

With events opening up after Covid, we are seeing the potential of having funerals and funeral luncheons in our building. We would like to “fill out” our list of potential meal helpers/servers, so please contact Barb Schilling (608/482-2876) to be added to the list to contact.

MEALS ON WHEELS



Grace’s next month to deliver “**Meals on Wheels**” is July. If you would like to help deliver meals to shut-ins – for a day or for a week – then give Les Torstenson a call (608/726-0092). He is working on a schedule.

IN OUR PRAYERS



We remember in our prayers: Bev Mulcahy, Dale Egeland, Joyous White, Marilyn Carpenter, Bev Anderson, and John Sonsalla.

We remember also the families of Richard Breen, Mickey Thompson, and Patsy Reichling.

We pray for Lilly Badertscher as she prepares for Holy Baptism.



Celebration!



Birthdays:

Chad Golackson (6/2)

Pat Stauffacher (6/2)

McKenna Roelli (6/3)

Vera Black (6/4)

Greg Roelli (6/6)

Gary Bald (6/8)

Kris Fleming (6/10)

Barb Schilling (6/24)

Vernon Johnson (6/30)

Anniversaries:

Heather & Don Blosch (6/4)

Marilyn & Tom Johns (6/18)

Jennifer & Steve Kottke (6/19)

Kate & Mike Chambers (6/22)

Gloria & Adolph Blaser (6/24)

Missy & Dave Zasada (6/26)

Barb & Troy Lobell (6/28)

Anniversary, Birthdates, Retirements, and Gottcha Dates: Please send us your dates. Just the month and day. The year is not needed. We would like to list them in the newsletter each month, so we can celebrate with you.

We continue to look for pictures of the people of Grace – shots of smiling faces and faith and ministry in action wherever you are – at home, in the community, and at church! Please send your pictures to Pastor Kate and/or the church office email. We'd like to use these for newsletters and outreach. Help us to spread the word!



Grace Lutheran Church Council

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Council Highlights – May 12, 2021

Motion made and approved to donate \$150.00 to the Hodan Center/Alex Erickson Golf Outing.

Office hours have been set for 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM every Tuesday.

Council meetings moved to the third Wednesday of the month.

New Business:

Priorities determined from the Council's retreat in March are (1) exploring shared ministry with another church in the area and (2) re-engaging the current Grace congregation.

VITAL CONGREGATIONS RE-BOOT CAMP

Grace Lutheran has formed a team to participate in *Vital Congregations Re-Boot Camp*, a course for churches interested in gaining tools and ideas for revitalizing our ministries together and reignite mission. The course offers ideas for best practices and strong foundations for congregations who have historically been identified as being in the important times of redevelopment, transformation, and renewal. We are engaging in this opportunity to discern, kick-start efforts, and begin to reimagine in the hopes of growth in vitality, sustainability, and reaching new people. Representatives from Grace include Council President Don Barnard, Council members Jody White and Hannah Badertscher, Jalaine Ruegsegger, and Pastor Kate. There is room for another person or two who may be interested. Please keep our church, its leaders, and the team in your prayers.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN

The synod newsletter comes out weekly on Thursdays and gives up-to-date information about issues and opportunities in our area and in the ELCA. You can subscribe to our synod's newsletter by visiting the following link: <http://scsw-elca.org/news/>.

Care Ministry



Care Team: The Care Team helps keep connections between our church, Lafayette Manor, Sienna Crest, and other homebound members, and those experiencing health concerns. They provide encouragement and hope for the journey. Contact Jalaine Ruegsegger at 608/432-0301 or ruganj21@gmail.com.

BE THE LIGHT



New lighting is being installed in our fellowship hall. The campaign for the approximate cost of the replacement (\$2,000) is ongoing. The fund is progressing well but more is needed. Donation cards and complimentary flash light are available in the back window of the sanctuary.

We truly appreciate any and all help. Thank you all who have contributed to this point.

Barb Schilling, Chairperson
“Be the Light” Campaign

CUPBOARD CLEAN-OUT AND REORGANIZATION for the downstairs areas is scheduled for Thursday, June 3 at 8:30 AM. A **spring lunch** follows at 11:00 AM at Glennies for everyone who has attended worship committee meetings, helped with altar care, served on the Care Team, or would just like to join us for a meal and fellowship!



Lafayette County Food Pantry



The Lafayette County Food Pantry is currently accepting donations. Particular needs right now are **canned pasta**, **canned beans** (pork and beans, chili, etc.), family-friendly **non-cream soups** (such as tomato, chicken noodle; NO CREAM OF MUSHROOM), Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, non-sugared cereals such as Chex, Cheerios, corn flakes etc., **personal care products** (tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, crème rinse, lotion, etc.). **Toilet paper**, **paper towels** and **empty egg cartons** are always needed!

Donations can be dropped off at Grace in the shopping cart located near the fellowship area. The pantry is also in need of volunteers. If you are under the age of 70, able-bodied, have no underlying health conditions, and are not going home to someone with any, please contact Amanda or Liz at the pantry number (608/776-3500).

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

- to those who helped with our back-to-back funeral luncheons on May 21 and May 22: Linda Considine, Barb Schilling, Pat Roelli, Paul Roelli, Barb Nelson, Renae Johnson, Marilyn Johns, Carol Kammes, and Mary Roelli.
- to Jalaine Ruegsegger and Pat Roelli and the Care Team for planting the flowers in front of the church building
- to Jalaine for updating our church sign and decorating the narthex in such a lovely way for Pentecost.
- to Paul Roelli for his efforts in keeping the building temperature comfortable during the constant fluctuations in temperature.
- to all who have helped with altar care and maintaining the worship space, as well as serving in the various opportunities with worship.



Faith Formation

Sunday School and Jr. High Youth Group/Confirmation

Both groups are finished for this school year and will resume in the fall.

*Reminder: Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek - June 13-18
There will be a send-off at worship on June 13.*

HIGH SCHOOLERS - A day trip to Devil's Lake is being planned on Thursday, June 24 for 9th grade-graduating seniors by Rachel Mueller, the synod youth coordinator for the small town/rural ELCA churches in our area. **Your pastor would love to go with you on this!** The State Park has some nice hiking trails and water activities. It's also a beautiful place to relax and enjoy nature. Please contact Pastor Kate (text works) by Sunday, June 20th, if you'd like to participate!



Study with a Different Look



Weekly bible study and devotions are held every **Wednesday morning, 9:30-10:45 AM**. Meet in the sofa area of Grace. Everyone is most welcome and the plan and time are flexible. It is informal with time provided for connecting, support, prayer and requests, devotional time with deeper look into related Bible passages. Contact Kitty Wilson (608/482-0315).

Taking Faith Home - Christ in Our Home – Prayer Ventures

Check out these and more devotionals in the narthex.



Sugar Creek Bible Camp

Don't forget to get your kids and/or family signed up for camp this summer!

Opportunities abound for families, students K-12, and adults. Check out the opportunities! www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Grace Lutheran is offering **scholarships** of \$200.00 per student for the half-week sessions and \$400.00 per student for full-week sessions. Contact Pastor Kate if you have questions.

DAY TRIP to SUGAR CREEK

Any children interested in a day-trip together with Pastor Kate to Sugar Creek for “a taste of camp”? Parents/grandparents are welcome to go as well! Please contact Pastor Kate soon if you have interest in planning a day together!

GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP! Mark your calendars for Monday, August 23 (12:30 PM start with supper at 5:00 PM). Cost is \$75 per golfer. Put together a team of four and join us for this fun day. Or, if you don't golf you can be a sponsor (a contribution of at least \$50 makes you a sponsor!) Contact sugar Creek, 608/734-3113 for more information or download a registration form at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org. Register by August 17, 2021.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER OF GRACE

We welcome **Christine Wick** to our Grace family. Following are excerpts from her introduction. (See display in narthex for full story.).



HELLO! I am so happy to be re-joining Grace Lutheran Church again. As many of you know, I raised my twins in this church: Rachel and Randy Yaun. After they graduated, I moved to Dodgeville where I still work at Upland Hills Health going on 20 years. I was a member of GLC in Dodgeville for many years and am very proud to have had Pastor (Vicar) Kate as the intern there. Whenever I see anyone from there, they are so happy to hear that Pastor Kate is still close by and express how lucky I am to have her as my Pastor now!

My favorite season in the church year is Pentecost! It is the longest season and also the one when we learn about the Holy Spirit and the rest of God's family. I feel like the Holy Spirit is right behind me, either poking, prodding or kicking me to be a better Christian. - I would like our church to become a “Reconciling in Christ” aka “RIC congregation. More to come on that later... - I love music and can't wait until we can sing our hearts out to the Lord. - In case anyone else would like a more in depth study of faith, come join me in “diakonia.” It means “to serve”. I have been taking classes through this program offered by the Synod for a while.

WE HONOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

On Sunday, May 23 we honored our graduating seniors – **Cori Golackson** and **Katie Riechers**.

To catch up with them, we asked them to share with us the following:

1. What have been the most significant involvements, accomplishments, or interests you have had during your high school years?
2. What are your plans after graduation?
3. What have been your most memorable and impacting faith experiences?
4. Who have been the most influential people regarding your faith to date? Why?
5. What advice regarding faith would you like to share with those who are coming after you?

Katie writes:

- 1) During high I had a significant involvement in FFA. I traveled for conventions, participated in many activities, and even played in the State FFA Honors Band. I also am a state finalist for my Supervised Agricultural Experience Proficiency, and I am the sectional winner.
- 2) My plans for after graduation are to attend UW Platteville with a major in Agricultural Business. I will continue to work on my family farm throughout college.
- 3) My most memorable and impacting faith experiences were confirmation my seventh and eighth grade year. We got to learn more about God and our faith, while also having fun.
- 4) The most influential people regarding my faith have been my farm neighbors, Josh and Gretchen Kamps. I once sat in the tractor for many hours with Josh, and we talked about our faith. He opened my eyes to everything the Lord has to offer. I then started attending church with them, and we often converse about God.
- 5) Some advice I would like to share is to never give up on your faith, Life can be challenging, and it may seem like God is not there for you, but tough times are when you need him the most.



Cori writes:



- 1) Most of my involvement throughout my high school career would be the sports that I played. Such as volleyball, basketball, and softball. I also help with lots of camps and school clubs that help my community.
- 2) I plan on attending Iowa Central Community College to major in Health Science.
- 3) Going to Districts was a very memorable experience for me because of the people I was surrounded by. Also, the worship times were a very big eye opener for me.
- 4) It's not a certain person for me, it is a group. This group has always been there for me and my family. Without them I don't think I would be the same person I am today in my faith.
- 5) It is always okay to not be fully committed; you will end up finding your own way there.



PENTECOST SUNDAY





CHURCH CALENDAR

June

Wednesday	June 2	Bible Study, 9:30 am Council Executive Committee, 7:00 pm
Thursday	June 3	Cupboard Clean-Out, 8:30 am, Lower Level Spring Luncheon, 11:00 am, Glennies
Sunday	June 6	Second Sunday in Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion, 9:00 am
Wednesday	June 9	Bible Study, 9:30 am
Thursday	June 10	Worship Committee, 9:00 am
Sunday	June 13	Third Sunday in Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion, 9:00 am Confirmation Camp Send-Off
Sun-Fri.	June 13-18	Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek
Wednesday	June 16	Bible Study, 9:30 am Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
Sunday	June 20	Fourth Sunday in Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion, 9:00 am
Wednesday	June 23	Bible Study, 9:30 am
Sunday	June 27	Fifth Sunday in Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion, 9:00 am





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Mission Statement

We are Grace people. Jesus Christ sends us out to:

- + Feed the hungry
- + Welcome every child
- + Seek out the stranger
- + Give thanks to God in all things
- + Follow the way of the cross

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Newsletter Deadline
Items need to be submitted for July
Carillon June 25