

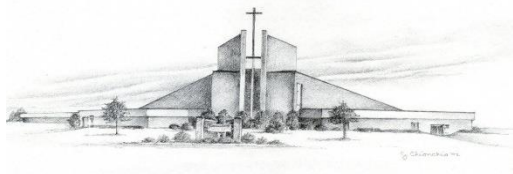
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THIS NEWSLETTER PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR

**Sunday Worship:**  
8:30 AM

**Office Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Hometown Broadcasting  
WRPN AM 1600 at 12:00 PM



## *Worship Services*

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/gelcberlin](https://www.facebook.com/gelcberlin)

YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLbOerRk5PMk1QWI9qtZ5\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLbOerRk5PMk1QWI9qtZ5_g)



- July 2 - Worship at 8:30 am (In person and online)
- July 9 - Worship at 8:30 am (In person and online)
- July 16 - Worship at 8:30 am (In person and online)
- July 23 - Worship at Riverside Park at 10:00 am
- July 30 - Worship at 8:30 am (In person and online)

**Grace Lutheran's Mission: We Gather to Worship, Grow, Care, and Share  
"All Are Welcome In This Place"**

## Time Well Spent



It is hard to believe that in just a few weeks, my internship year will come to an end. It is amazing how fast time passes, but I can state that this time spent has been very significant in my lifetime. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been involved in, within these two congregations and within these surrounding communities. So many great memories, so many of God's created people here that have touched my life that I will carry forward in my heart, and so much that I have learned.

I soon return to seminary for my final year, but I return as a changed student. A student who has witnessed, learned, grown, and gained confidence beyond anything I anticipated, and I have an affirming sense of knowing I have a good foundation to proceed into my final steps toward becoming a minister, as God has called me to become. Thank you all for your patience, love, and grace during my time here with you.

Is resting also time well spent? A time of fasting from the hustle of life that we live in. Taking a day to rest is frequently perceived as time wasted. Some of us want to thrive on that hustle. In my prior career, that was me. My spiritual practices classes have taught me to thrive through my resting time.

Just as Elijah waited for God to pass by, God was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire; the hustle of life. God came in a still soft voice, (1 Kings 19:11-13). I hear God's voice most clearly and frequently in the stillness and quiet time of my mornings after my overnight time of rest.

If you don't have a sabbatical practice of rest, give it a try for a few weeks and see if it sticks. Take a day to do something that helps you rejuvenate, to renew yourself, and refresh yourself to be your current best. Even if that is a day to be in your most comfy clothes, with your favorite beverage and food, and just reflect upon your favorite things that fill you with the most joy.

Take time just for you and rest from your routine, so you can renew yourself and hear God's still soft voice.

Blessings, peace, and wisdom on your journey.

Intern Pastor Kathy

## A Message from Pastor:



### Are you using your God given gifts?

*“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the shepherds and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people for the work of ministry and build up the church, the body of Christ.” – Ephesians 4:11-12*

God has gifted each member of the body of Christ for the work of ministry and for the building up of the church and that includes you. All of us have gifts. Our gifts are different, and at various levels of maturity, but they are given for the purpose of equipping God’s people for ministry and for building up the church.

So, how are you using the gift God has given you for building up the church?

If you have the gift of teaching, would you consider leading a small group Bible study? If you have the gift of being a shepherd, would you consider being a visitor to some of our members who are homebound? Would you consider being part of a prayer group that meets weekly to pray for the church? How has God uniquely gifted you for the building up of the church?

I’d love to talk with you more about using your gifts.

Pastor Rebekah

### GRACE ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 5.8.23

The June Council meeting was cancelled; therefore, the May minutes were not approved. They will be published in the August newsletter.

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## Maggie The Church Mouse

She usually moves in and out of her office with resolute steps, like there's much to do and no time to waste. If you think your church mouse knows how to scurry, I would point out to you that Intern Kathy challenges me on that count. I can tell just by watching her that she aims to be on time and do her work to the very best of her ability.

Along with our shared tendency to take brisk steps, we have another trait in common. I never pass by an opportunity to nibble on tasty crumbs, and Intern Kathy is likewise a self-proclaimed lover of good food. Frequently I've rounded the corner into the kitchen for treats from a Blood Drive or Soul Food, only to find our intern has found her way there as well. When you're a busy creature (like she and I both are), it is a gift to find something delectable for a boost of energy to help you through the rest of the duties in your day.

What we do NOT have in common is a talent for music. I was made by God with nothing but a squeak for a voice. Intern Kathy, on the other hand, was gifted with a beautiful voice for singing. Her willingness to share and lead with that lyrical voice at Grace has been a gift to us all.

I want to thank Intern Kathy for taking resolute steps alongside us during the past year at Grace, conscientiously accompanying us on our shared journey of faith. Hopefully she has learned much to take with her at the end of this month, when she will move on to the next step in preparing to become a pastor.

From the church mouse to the church intern, Godspeed!



For July, the Grace Book Club has chosen to read "**Unbroken**" by **Laura Hillenbrand**. This book tells the story of Louis Zamperini, who as a boy was a horrible delinquent, but in his teens channeled his discontent into running which led him to compete in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

However, when the war came, Louie the Olympic Athlete became Louie the Airman embarking on a journey that led to a doomed flight, a tiny raft and a journey into the unknown. Telling an unforgettable story of a man's journey into extremity, **Unbroken** is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit.

We will meet to have lunch and discuss this book on Tuesday, July 11th at 12:00 Noon at a location to be determined. If you have read this book, please consider joining us. If you are interested in reading it please contact Cindy Wallace @ 920-229-3772 for a copy.



*Outdoor Worship Service*

A joint worship service with First Lutheran will be held on July 23rd at Riverside Park North Shelter at 10:00 am followed by a potluck lunch.

Grace will provide the meat; everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Please sign up on the kiosk or call the church office so we can plan the appropriate amount of food.

**Thank  
you!**

To Bill for organizing the Annual Brat Fry and his crew for grilling, setting up, serving the food, and clean-up. To Heidi and Mary for running the Bingo and all the members of both congregations for the delicious food shared at the potluck.



**Save the Date!**

**Sunday, September 24 at 10:00am for Drawn to The Word**



Get ready for an amazing event with visiting Pastor and professional Wisconsin artist Paul Oman.

Paul will be creating a live audience mural called Drawn to The Word. Drawn to The Word offers churchgoers an unusual opportunity to see a painting take place with images representing Christ's ministry on earth, come to life before parishioners' eyes.

The artist Paul uses a 7'x5' canvas, stretched and mounted on an easel. He begins painting a religious mural to be completed before the worship ends. A testimonial stated, "It was a profound coming together of the audible and visual Word." The completed mural will be hung in the Church.

The event will be open to the public with a potluck gathering after the service. Our Church has been gifted payment for half of this awesome event. Remember to save the date, September 24. Bring family and friends and be mesmerized, absorbed, fascinated, delighted, and captivated.

## *LWR Summer Project - June, July, and August*

As in prior years, the Ladies of Grace will be putting together kits for personal care, school supplies, and baby care. When you are out shopping, whether it be retail stores, garage sales, or flea markets, keep an eye out for the list of items needed. Any item(s) can be dropped off at church, anytime during the summer months.

**Thrivent Action Cards** can be applied for to purchase items for the kits. If you apply for the cards and want someone to “shop” for you, the ladies of Grace would be happy to do so. Just let the office staff know.

Kits will be assembled in September. If you have any questions, contact Bev Chadwick at 361-0860.

### Personal Care

- 1 – light weight bath size towel dark color 20x40 or 27x52 (no larger please)
- 2 or 3 – bath size bars of soap (8 – 9 ounces total in original wrapping)
- 1 – sturdy comb
- 1 – metal nail clipper

### School Supply Kit

- 4 – 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college rule)
- 1 – 30 centimeter ruler (or centimeters on one side inches on the other)
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 1 – blunt pair of scissors
- 5 – unsharpened #2 pencils
- 5 – black or blue pens (no gel ink)
- 1 – box of 16 – 24 crayons
- 1 – sturdy drawstring backpack (14" x 17") with shoulder straps

### Baby Care Kit

- 2 – lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesis)
- 2 – short or long sleeve sleepers (without feet)
- 2 – blankets (between 36 – 52 inches)
- 4 – cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)
- 2 – diaper pins or large safety pins
- 2 – pairs of socks
- 1 – hand towel (dark color preferred)
- 2 – 3 bars of gentle soap (8 – 9 ounces total)

## **Mission of the Month - Berlin Food Pantry**

The Berlin Food Pantry has been providing assistance to residence of Berlin and adjacent zip codes, since 2017. Prior to that it was "Berlin Emergency Food Pantry" and was a consortium of churches, housed at Grace Lutheran on Huron Street, before moving to the Federated Church.

In 2017, River Shores Community Church donated 3000 square feet in their building, and Grace Lutheran donated \$15,000 toward start-up expenses.

Food insecurity has been on the increase in our community, and we feel this is an important local mission to support. With children out of school during the summer, the need increases as they are not receiving meals at school. They currently distribute 2000 pounds of grocery items weekly, serving approximately 60 families.

Further information on the food pantry and how to get involved, can be found at: [berlinfoodpantry.org](http://berlinfoodpantry.org).

We thank you in advance for your support of this mission during July.



### **Radio Ministry**

- July 2 - In Honor of our Independence by the Goettl Family
- July 9 - In Honor of John & Michelle Klawitter's wedding anniversary
- July 16 - In Honor of Pastor & Jeff's wedding anniversary
- July 23 - Sponsored by Terry & Cindy Wallace
- July 30 - With thanks to Intern Kathy for her year of service by the Women of Grace

### **Flowers**

- July 2 - In Memory Karalyn & Jim Fritz by the Fritz Family
- July 9 - In Honor of John & Michelle Klawitter's wedding anniversary
- July 16 - In Honor of Sue Strom by her Prayer Pal
- July 23 - Worship in the park
- July 30 - In Memory of Joyce Ziemann by Suzie Ferron

### **Bulletins**

- July 2 - In Memory of Karalyn & Jim Fritz by the Fritz Family
- July 9 - In Honor of John & Michelle Klawitter's wedding anniversary
- July 16 - In Honor of Joanna Schmidt's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday
- July 23 - In Honor of Phyllis Luthropp's by her Prayer Pal
- July 30 - With thanks to Intern Kathy for her year of service by the Family of Grace

### **Fellowship**

- July 2 - Heather Schmidt
- July 9 - Penny Bahn
- July 16 - Sue Bartlett
- July 23 - Worship in the park
- July 30 - Fellowship Committee

### **Greeters**

- July 2 - Open
- July 9 - Open
- July 16 - Open
- July 23 - Open
- July 30 - Open

## Men's Steak Fry (Men's Night Out)



**When:** July 25 starting at 5:30 pm

**Where:** Barbola Residence at N235 36<sup>th</sup> Road, Berlin

**Who:** All Men of Grace and Frist Lutheran are invited, bring a guest

**Cost:** Will be determined the night of the event

Bring your own tableware (plate, steak knife, etc)  
everything else will be provided.



## Women of Grace Annual Salad Supper

**Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM**

**Please bring a salad to share (2 people to a salad)**

**Plates, silverware, dinner rolls/butter, dessert & beverages will be provided**

We hope you can join us on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> to hear Amy Krause tell us about her trip to Liberia, West Africa. In Amy's words:

"By God's grace 3 others and I were privileged to spend 6 weeks in Liberia, West Africa with a mission called CRCA (Christian Revival Church Association). The first half of our trip focused on preparing curriculum for and encouraging teachers in rural areas to teach phonics in their schools.

The second half of the trip we traveled to the northern country of Sierra Leone where we helped with a youth conference. During our time in Africa, we also visited two orphanages and met many physical needs."


"I am so excited to be able to share with you the life changing things God is doing in West Africa! I look forward to meeting you all!"

Also, please remember that our Salad Supper also serves as a baby shower for Lutheran World Relief. Please bring items for the LWR Layettes. A list of items needed is printed in the newsletter.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Kiosk.








## Happy Birthday

### July Birthdays

5	William Carpenter
6	Kristine McElligott
6	Amberlee Perry
7	Joanna Schmidt
7	Tina Soda
10	Debbie Krause
11	Ryan Krentz
11	Ronnie Malson
12	Roxanne Haedt
13	Katelyn Cox
13	Jake Schroeder
14	Candace Neumeier
15	David Barbola
16	Clint Hartzke
16	Brady Krebs
17	Emily Klawitter
17	Derek Retzlaff
18	Timothy Koch
19	Bryce Greening
20	Lisa Lee
21	William Huck
21	Evelynn Luebstorf
22	Karen Macaulay
22	Bonnie Olsen
24	Aidan Pierstorff
24	Karen Pik
26	Phyllis Luttrupp
26	Linda Reetz
26	Kathy Roehl
26	Mary Sillanpaa
27	Lorraine Groveau
27	Michael Hermanson
28	Flora Voigtlander
30	Mindy Goffard



## Happy Anniversary

### July Anniversaries

1	Bill & Shirley Huck
11	John & Michelle Klawitter
14	Jeremy & Carissa Fritz
14	Edmund & Kathy Roehl Jr.
15	Jeff & Rebekah Tarras
16	Clint & Brenda Hartzke
21	Jim & Candace Neumeier
23	Robert & Deb Dean – 40th
23	Donald & Vicki Konen
28	Robert & Tricia Prellwitz

**If any birthdays or anniversaries were missed please let the office staff know.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

On Sunday, August 28 we will be having a polka service at 8:30 am featuring the Larry Albright Band.

More information will be forthcoming.

A few of our members have been going above and beyond to keep our buildings and grounds in tip-top shape. **Thank you** to Bill Bartlett and Heidi Schramer for washing all the outside windows. **Thank you** to Bill, Heidi, Gary Batenhorst and Bob Prellwitz for trimming the bushes and lawn mowing. **Thank you** to Linda Reetz for planting flowers in the outside pots. Please share a token of appreciation to these individuals when you see them.

# JULY

## 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 am Worship with Communion	3 10:30 – 5:30 pm Community Blood Drive – Grace Hosts  No Bible Study at First Lutheran	4  Office is Closed	5 5:30 pm Crafters	6	7	8
9 8:30 am Worship-with Communion	10 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran  7:00 pm Congregation Council Meeting	11 9:00 am Staff Meeting  12:00 Noon Book Club  5:30pm – 8:00pm Vacation Bible School	12 5:30pm – 8:00pm Vacation Bible School	13 5:30pm – 8:00pm Vacation Bible School	14	15
16 8:30 am Worship -no Communion	17 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran	18 9:00 am Staff Meeting	19 5:30 pm Crafters	20	21	22
23 10:00 am Joint Worship in the Park  Potluck to Follow	24 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran	25 9:00 am Staff Meeting  5:30 pm Men's Steak Fry	26	27	28	29
30 8:30 am Worship -with Communion	31 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran					