

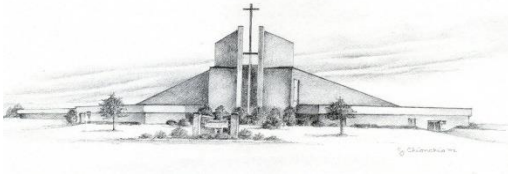
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Sunday Worship:
8:30 AM

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

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLbOerRk5PMk1QWI9qtZ5_g

- June 4 - Worship at 8:30 am (In person and online)
- June 11 - Worship at 8:30 am (In person and online)
- June 18 - Worship at 8:30 am (In person and online)
- June 25 - 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"**

A Christian Binge Series

I have been binge watching a Christian drama series called “The Chosen” since the middle of March. It is available free on various online media, or purchased on DVD’s. Although the biblical basis is frequently augmented by fictional back stories that are plausible to life situations of the timeframe, it is filled with biblical content presented with good accuracy. The series gives a viewer a conceivable on screen image of many biblical stories, including cultural and economic realities of life in these times. It offers realistic impressions of Pharisees, church leaders, Roman rulers, and Jewish life, that provide awareness into our Biblical reading. It lifts biblical characters from the flat of the prose of our bibles into likely 3D personalities.



Jesus is full of love, compassion, patience and humor, and the disciples are full of human imperfections that establish relatable drama into each episode. Andrew is characterized with strict obedience contrasted with elevated anxiety. Simon Peter is full of charisma that gives him a magnetic draw in a room, and the dynamics with his wife add a twist. Matthew’s struggle with his incredible learning ability, his intense sensory, and a spectrum portrayal of this Apostle.

My favorite episodes include one dedicated to Jesus interacting with a group of children, having playfulness, yet serious teaching. The Cana wedding story where Jesus turns water into wine, depicting this Jewish celebration, and a reoccurring line, “If not now, then when?” as encouragement between Jesus and Mary, his mother. The realistic love and fear that Mary is feeling, as she interacts with Jesus. She states in one moment, “he hasn’t needed me for a long time,” as she tells the disciples about his birth, quickly followed by an ironic twist of tending to his physical needs after a full day of miraculously healing a crowd, as a mother would.

The story of the fishing nets bursting with a catch of fish. The buildup of this “fish story” to a level of human desperation, to its climatic ending having four of the disciples getting called to follow Jesus. The amazement of those witnessing the miracles, and the joyous laughter of Jesus as he witnesses each of his disciples realizing “what just happened,” followed by “Come follow me” and the affirming “I will.” An episode titled “Invitations,” that gives biblical attention to the night meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus having much of the scripted conversation lifted right from the Gospel of John. This episode also had Jesus calling Matthew, depicting how God gets our attention, makes us think, and then wonder, “me?” We can imagine how we would feel having Jesus staring us in the face.

One interesting insight is, as readers of the Bible, we know how these stories end, just like Jesus would have known in real time. This is an interesting insight while watching Jesus allude to the future within the dialog of the episodes. The series characters are so naive to the future, just as the disciples would have been. The Bible is full of drama, and although it is important to understand that the series does add fictional back stories, providing plausible situations that add relatable humanism, we can use each episode for discussion around biblical stories. The series is usable for opening eyes, ears, and hearts to Christianity, which I welcome as a viewing choice in today’s entertainment, and I hope you will too!

Blessings, peace, and wisdom on your journey.

Intern Pastor Kathy

A Message from Pastor:

As I was preparing the confirmation lesson about worship, I was thinking about what we do in our worship services and why we do these things. A lot of it is based on tradition. Some of these traditions go back thousands of years while others are more recent. One tradition that goes back to the fourth century is the use of a lectionary.

A lectionary is a collection of Scripture readings that are arranged according to a schedule that follows the calendar of the church year. These are the readings that are proclaimed during the worship service.



There are a variety of lectionaries. We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary which was published in 1992. This is a three-year cycle of readings for each Sunday of the church year which begins with Advent. This happens to be Year A which primarily follows the gospel of Matthew. Year B follows the Gospel of Mark, and Year C the Gospel of Luke with readings from the Gospel of John sprinkled throughout all three years. The gospel readings are arranged by the season of the church year. In the seasons of Advent through Easter, the gospel focus is on the life of Jesus and the season after Pentecost or Ordinary time are often more focused on the teachings of Jesus.

The second reading or epistle reading will often be consecutive readings from a single book or New Testament letter. For example, during the Easter season this year all the epistle readings were from the letter First Peter. This summer the readings will all be from the letter to the Romans. (You might consider reading through the book of Romans this summer to complement the readings in worship.)

The first reading is most often from the Old Testament except for the season of Easter when they are from Acts. From Advent through Easter season, these readings are chosen to thematically complement the gospel reading. In some cases, the gospel reading quotes a passage from the Old Testament and so that reading is chosen. Other times, it might be a similar theme or situation in the Old Testament that connects with the Gospel reading.

During the long green season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, the Revised Common Lectionary offers two tracks for the Old Testament readings. Within each track there is a Psalm chosen to accompany the particular reading. One track follows the thematic pairing of Old Testament readings with the Gospel reading. The alternative track is semi-continuous readings that follow major stories and themes continuously from week to week. In Year A, we begin with Genesis, in Year B we hear some of the great monarchy narratives, and in Year C we read from the later prophets.

After consulting with the worship committees, we will be using the semi-continuous track for this Year A starting June 11. Our Old Testament readings throughout the summer will be major stories from the book of Genesis. (This is another good book to read and study in your own devotion time this summer.) In the fall, the narrative will continue with readings from Exodus in September and October and then in November we will hear readings from Joshua.

One reason for choosing this semi-continuous track is for us to hear in worship some of the readings that are not included in the thematic track. Over the three-year cycle of the lectionary, this helps us to continue to build our knowledge of the scriptures as we continue to grow in faith. Another reason is to hear the narrative in a more chronological way that may help us to hear and understand God's interactions with God's people since the very beginning of time.

It is my hope that you will find the semi-continuous readings a blessing as we hear these stories along with Paul's great letter to the Romans and the words of the Gospel of Matthew. If you have any questions or want to learn more, please don't hesitate to ask.

Pastor Rebekah

GRACE ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 4.10.23

Council members present; Heidi Schramer, DeAnna Lueptow, Cindy Wallace, Becky Olsen, Pastor Rebekah, Lisa Lee, Sue Shemanski, Bob Prellwitz, Jody Ziemann.

Absent Craig Chovanec. Intern Kathy Present Church

Staff Members Present; Sandy Peschke Congregation Members Present; Ken Peschke and Bill Bartlett

President Heidi Schramer called the meeting to order at 6:59pm Opening Prayer led by Deanna Lueptow

Approval of the Agenda with Additions. Motion made by Cindy Wallace to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Jody Ziemann. Becky Olsen opposed the agenda. Motion carried. DeAnna Lueptow questioned the reason for opposition to the agenda. Becky Olsen gave explanation for the opposition, stating that Roberts Rules of Order were not being followed when creating the order of the agenda, as stated in our constitution. The Constitution Bylaw #10.07 was read. Upon further discussion Cindy Wallace rescinded the previous motion. Cindy Wallace made a new motion to realign the order of the agenda to reflect the Constitution's Bylaw, using Roberts Rules of Order. Jody Ziemann seconded the motion, motion carried.

Discussion on Congregational Council Members, as written in Constitution Bylaw #12.01. Bylaw read to the council. Bylaw does not include provisions for Interns to be members of the Grace Congregational Council.

Audience Concerns. Ken Peschke addressed the council with financial concerns. Requested that the council members keep expenses down, to inform the congregation of excess spending, and to be fiscally responsible for our congregation.

Secretary's Report

Council meeting minutes read from 3.13.23. Motion made by Cindy Wallace to accept minutes as written, seconded by Sue Shemanski, motion carried. Executive Council meeting minutes read from 3.15.23. Special Council meeting minutes read from 3.22.23. One correction noted, Lisa Lee was omitted in the roll call. Motion made by DeAnna Lueptow to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by Sue Shemanski, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cindy Wallace presented the March report, members reviewed, inquiries explained. Motion made by Sue Shemanski to approve the report as written, DeAnna Lueptow seconded the motion, motion carried. Check detail report presented, reviewed, and explanations provided. Motion made by DeAnna Lueptow to accept the report as written, Bob Prellwitz seconded the motion, motion carried. Investment Profile reviewed and questions explained.

Old Business

Bulletin Boards completed in fellowship hall.

New Business

Shared Ministry Covenant. Following discussion this item will be tabled until the May Council Meeting. Worship on Wednesday, 'WOW', discussion. Will table the item until First Lutheran has had their April Council Meeting and can provide us with feedback on this Worship Service.

Summer Worship Service in the Park. Heidi shared that Grace and First Lutheran councils decided at their joint meeting in March to alternate host years for this event. Grace will host the Worship Service and meal at the park on July 23, 2023. Cindy Wallace presented pricing for catering options for the meal following Worship. Following discussion DeAnna Lueptow recommended the purchasing of one meat and buns, with the remainder of the meal being Potluck. Members will plan accordingly to maintain food safety regulations. The one meat and potluck meal recommendation will be presented to First Lutheran Council members at their next council meeting for their input.

Selah Concert. Heidi will contact Mutual Insurance to ensure that our policy provides coverage for this event. Discussion on processes of ticket sales, the collection of money and tickets. Will table further discussion of the event, with possibility of forming a Selah Concert committee, until the 4.16.23 Special Congregational Meeting. Discussion held on providing an informational document, including the financial breakdown of costs, to the congregation prior to Sunday's meeting. Congregational members will receive this information via email this week.

Joint Bingo. First Lutheran proposed this event at the Joint Council meeting in March Discussion held, will table this event at this time and plan for a January/February event.

Secretary's Report. Per request from a congregation member a discussion was held on providing a portal for more current Council Meeting minutes. At this point meeting minutes are 1-2 months old before being published in the monthly newsletter. No actions at this time.

Treasurer's Report. Per request from a congregation member a discussion was held on providing a portal for providing a more frequent current financial report. Cindy Wallace will work with Sandy Peschke to create and provide a monthly report. Report will be published in the Sunday bulletin following our monthly Council Meeting.

Fellowship Schedule. Discussion on how to handle vacant signups for Fellowship following Sunday Worship. Jody Ziemann will take concern back to the Fellowship committee for further discussion at their next meeting.

Turkey Disaster Relief Mission, 'Pod'. Currently the congregation has pledged \$1019.28. Discussion held on an end date for the campaign vs fundraising until \$2650.00 is raised. Sue Shemanski rescinded the motion to keep the fundraiser going until \$2650.00 is raised, seconded by DeAnna Lueptow, motion carried. Motion made by Sue to close the fundraising on 4.30.23, seconded by DeAnna Lueptow, motion carried.

Drawn to the Word Painting. Barb Bellemer will be building the frame and stretching the canvas prior to the event bringing our cost of the event to \$3,850.00.

Affirmation of Baptism. Pastor reported that 2 young members, Ariana Rozek and Caelyn Fritz, are preparing for their Affirmation of Faith Service on May 7th. Cindy Wallace made a motion for the Affirmation of Faith Service for Ariana and Caelyn, seconded by Jody Ziemann, motion carried. Sue Shemanski will purchase wrist corsages for the members.

Committee Reports.

Pastor's Report. Pastor Rebekah reported on her month's Pastoral Acts including a baptism at First Lutheran, Pastoral Visits to Dona Eury, Joanne Bulchuck, Rollie Bahr, June Lubbert, and Joby Zietlow. In addition, she provided an extensive list of completed and ongoing activities at both Grace and First Lutheran Churches.

Buildings and Grounds. Bob Prellwitz reported that Jackson Glass provided a quote of \$4,100 to replace the east door and replace the weather stripping on the south doors. This quote does not include labor. He stated that other bids may be a possibility before replacing. Furnace filters were changed. Roof leak was analyzed, probable cause ice build up, no further leakage noted. Spring projects include outside grounds cleanup, general lawn and shrub upkeep, window washing, tree removal, and painting the back wall of the Sanctuary. Next meeting 6.12.23 at 6pm.

Christian Education. Sue Shemanski reported that the last day of Sunday School will be April 30th. Four year old members will be invited to attend that day, in anticipation of 4 yr old Sunday School next year. Bulletin board is up. A Sports Themed Vacation Bible School plans are being made, event is July 11-13th from 530-8pm, starting with supper at 530pm.

Fellowship and Caring. Jody Ziemann reported no new business. Next meeting is April 23rd following service.

Worship and Music. Lisa Lee provided a detailed report for the committee. Choir will perform April 30 tentative, May 7th for Confirmation, and May 21st for Graduation. Praise Team/Joyful Noise perform April 23rd and May 14th - tentative. Selah Concert presentation to the congregation with voting to follow on April 16th. Intern Kathy will conduct service May 28th. Summer Worship in the Park with First Lutheran is July 23rd. Drawn to the Word Service will be September 24th. Lisa has contacted Tuba Dan and Tom Kniess Orchestra, available Aug. 13 or Aug. 20th. Jess will request communion assistants for upcoming services via the SignUp Genius. Bulletin board is completed. Worship on Wednesday, WOW, Memorial Day thru Labor Day, will be put on council agendas for discussion.

Mission and Outreach Report. Craig Chovanec provided the committee's report. The March Mission Cause was Disaster Relief, specific to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We are still collecting money for pod housing for a family who is now homeless. The April Mission Cause is Crossways, Carrie McCarthy presented to the congregation on March 26th. Craig gathered literature from Crossways and it is available on the bulletin board, along with photos of Grace campers. May and June's Mission Cause will be Compassion Child, as we now sponsor two children.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sue Shemanski, seconded by Cindy Wallace, motion carried. Pastor Rebekah led the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Becky Olsen
 4.14.23

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2023 East Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly Notes

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, I attended the ECSW synod assembly along with Jeff and Anita Lind from Grace and Patti and Lenny Langkau from First. In addition to the 258 voting members of the assembly, we were joined by several ecumenical partners. Throughout the day we were blessed to hear a reflection on the gospel of John 17 from the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese, the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese, the Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, as well as from our own Bishop Anne Edison Albright.

The day began with a Land Acknowledgement. In 2016 the ELCA repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery and challenged its members to participate in Land Acknowledgement activities and actions that help us to understand our indigenous siblings, the “immeasurable grief and loss for generations, due to the actions and inactions of white colonizers and subsequent leadership” and the role Christianity played in this. One of the resolutions approved at the assembly is for each congregation to create their own land acknowledgment and use it regularly. If you would be interested in being part of this process, please let me know.

Bishop Anne shared some highlights of the past year as well as things she is looking forward to. She encouraged us as part of the ECSW to move from inward thinking to outward thinking in our mission and ministry. She shared that there is a new Ad+minister program for all church office staff; a new process for SAMs (Synodically Authorized Ministers); as well as giving appreciation for the generosity of congregations in their mission support. We were given an update on the 2018 Arise capital campaign. We learned there is an accepted offer on the synod office building. We received Christ Our Savior, Oshkosh as the newest congregation in our synod. This congregation is the result of a merger of Christ Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran.

We received greetings from the Rev. Keith Frey on behalf of the Churchwide expression of the ELCA. Did you know there are 89,000+ congregations in the ELCA in 65 synods? Pastor Frey talked about ways that we as a

church are working together to share the love of Jesus - through the work of Lutheran Disaster Response in Ukraine; World Hunger grants to meet food needs; 131 missionary households serving in 54 countries; YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission) has resumed with 24 young adults serving in 6 countries with 37 signed up for next year. Pastor Frey highlighted the Fund for Leaders which is helping to support 375 seminary students as well as international leader formation. He highlighted the work of Federal chaplains in the military, in hospitals, prisons, and other settings. These are just some of the ministries made possible because of congregation mission support. Pastor Frey also shared an update that the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church has begun meeting. This was developed following the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. He also announced the dates for the next National Youth Gathering which will be in New Orleans July 18-20, 2024.

We heard an update on Crossways Camping Ministries. There have not been as many campers as before the pandemic. The camps have been financially stressed but the board is working hard to eliminate that debt and thanks to the generosity of a couple of congregations this looks like it will be completed soon. The executive director for the camps has left for another ministry and two of the site directors have also moved on. There is an interim director in place and they are in the process of looking for a summer director at Imago Dei and seeking to fill the other year-round positions. There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers so check their website to see how you might help. Pray for the camps as they continue to fill staff needs and for all the campers who will be at camp this summer.

Some of the Business stuff of the assembly included adopting constitution changes from the Churchwide Assembly; approving the Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Leaders and other church staff; approving the synod budget for 2024; and updating the Endowment protocols. Elections were held for Synod Council, the Committee on Discipline, and the Consultation Committee.

Three resolutions were considered. The first was the Land Acknowledgment that I mentioned above. The second was on hunger advocacy and the third urged congregations to take action to end racism. If you would be interested in participating in a study and working towards any of these resolutions, please let me know. I know that I have learned a lot and still have much more to learn.

During the break times, we also had the opportunity to visit the information tables of several ministry partners including Lutheran Social Services; ELCA World Hunger and Good Gifts; the Lay School of Ministry; Synod Youth Board; UWO Gathering Place; and more.

The day concluded with a worship service with participation by all of the Ecumenical Ministry Leaders. I found it very moving to have these denomination leaders all working together. The Assembly can be a long day but also inspiring to see what we can do when we work together. Next year the assembly will be in Oshkosh, May 17 and 18. Consider being a participant.

Pastor Rebekah

Vacation Bible School to be Held July 11-13, 2023

We are excited to host Vacation Bible School again for the first time since COVID. All children in the community going into 1st through 5th grade this Fall are invited.

We will meet from 5:30-8PM for three nights July 11-13, 2023 at Grace Lutheran. We will start with a meal together and follow with sports activities, devotions (lead by Jeff Tarras) and possibly crafts. A number of young volunteers from Grace have stepped forward to help out during these three evenings and many of the Christian Education Committee adults will give of their time and talents to make this happen.

Registration will be required so that we know how many youth we are feeding and have plenty of athletic supplies. **BUT**, this will be a **free event**.

Registration Forms will be out after Memorial Day and due in the office by July 1st.

Maggie The Church Mouse

Mama always loved the way I was a daddy's girl – the way he snuggled me as a baby mouse, encircling me with his cozy tail....the way he tucked me into my nest at night, leaving me with a whiskery kiss....and the way he attentively taught me how to feed and protect myself, passing on his wisdom so that I might thrive. My father modeled the unconditional love of God the Father, and for that I am greatly blessed. Accordingly, I like to celebrate Father's Day to honor the memories of my loving father and his importance in my life.

Like every other mouse, my daddy loved to eat! If he was still alive, he would be joining me under the tables at the annual church Brat Fry in June. I still begin thinking about this event every year as Father's Day and the First Day of Summer approach. It was a highlight of the season for both of us!

To this day, when the weather warms and the grass greens up, I begin to anticipate the scent of sizzling grilled food. I look forward to eyeballing the baked goods for the quality of their crumbs. I preen my whiskers as I prepare to scour the shelterhouse floor for bits of buns, beans, and brownies. Especially when everyone starts playing Bingo, I scoot into place between all the feet beneath the picnic tables: everyone is so focused on winning prizes that they don't have a clue I'm down there cleaning up all the delicious morsels and spills!

Maybe you have fond memories of this Grace tradition like I do. Or maybe you have memories of other traditions with your father or a father figure in your life. But one thing is certain: we can all count on the love of God the Father, every moment of every day and in every circumstance. He calls all of us his children. For me and for you, that is a blessing to celebrate!



“The Prayer Box” by Lisa Wingate is the Grace Book Club Choice for June. When Iola Anne Poole, a 91-year-old old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out Iola's rambling Victorian house.

Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Iola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from Iola's youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper – the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming, but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with lessons in faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything.

We will meet to have lunch and discuss this book on Tuesday, June 13th at 12 Noon at El Charro Mexican Grill, 103 W. Huron Street. If you have read this book, please consider joining us. If you are interested in reading “The Prayer Box” please contact Cindy Wallace @ 920-229-3772 for a copy.

Happy Reading!



Soul Food for the 2022 – 2023 school year was a huge success. That was possible with the help of all the volunteers that prepared and served the food. The fabulous bakers that prepared the “sweet treats” for the students to enjoy and everyone who helped clean up after the meal.

A heartfelt thank you to all that helped in anyway. It was greatly appreciated.

Graduating High School Seniors



Spencer Goettl: Gradating from Berlin High School

Favorite Memory: Being part of the church choir and singing during the Christmas season.

Future Plans: To find a job and travel.

Anna McCarthy: Gradating from Berlin High School

Favorite Memory: Going to Soul Food every Thursday and getting to be with my friends and worship God.

Future Plans: Go to the University of Arizona and major in Environmental Science.



Ethan Brunke: Gradating from Berlin High School

Favorite Memory:

Future Plans: Attending UW Eau Claire for Music Composition.



God's Blessings to the Graduates



Thank you to Diane Toraason for spearheading the quilt project. Thank you to Cindy, Diane, and Sandy for sewing the quilts and Pastor Rebekah for quilting them.

Sunday School



The last day of Sunday School for this school year welcomed 4-year-olds and was filled making hanging baskets for Mother's Day and ice cream sundaes for everyone.



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

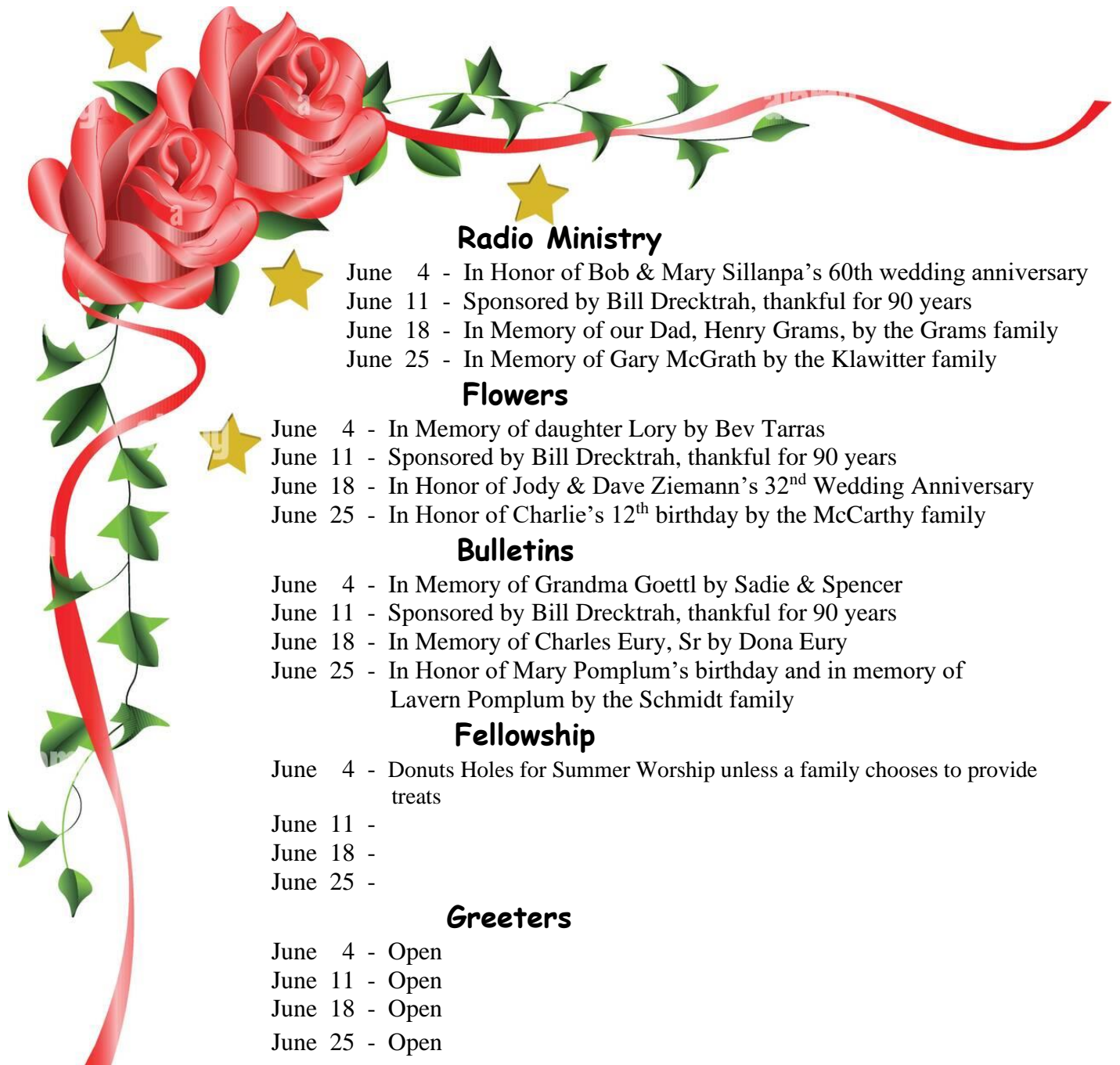
- 1 – light weight bath size towel dark color 20x40 or 27x52 (no larger please)
- 2 or 3 – bath size bars of soap (8 – 9 ounces total in original wrapping)
- 1 – sturdy comb
- 1 – metal nail clipper

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)



Radio Ministry

- June 4 - In Honor of Bob & Mary Sillanpa's 60th wedding anniversary
- June 11 - Sponsored by Bill Drecktrah, thankful for 90 years
- June 18 - In Memory of our Dad, Henry Grams, by the Grams family
- June 25 - In Memory of Gary McGrath by the Klawitter family

Flowers

- June 4 - In Memory of daughter Lory by Bev Tarras
- June 11 - Sponsored by Bill Drecktrah, thankful for 90 years
- June 18 - In Honor of Jody & Dave Ziemann's 32nd Wedding Anniversary
- June 25 - In Honor of Charlie's 12th birthday by the McCarthy family

Bulletins

- June 4 - In Memory of Grandma Goettl by Sadie & Spencer
- June 11 - Sponsored by Bill Drecktrah, thankful for 90 years
- June 18 - In Memory of Charles Eury, Sr by Dona Eury
- June 25 - In Honor of Mary Pomplum's birthday and in memory of Lavern Pomplum by the Schmidt family

Fellowship

- June 4 - Donuts Holes for Summer Worship unless a family chooses to provide treats
- June 11 -
- June 18 -
- June 25 -

Greeters

- June 4 - Open
- June 11 - Open
- June 18 - Open
- June 25 - Open



Grace Annual Brat Fry **Riverside Park - North Shelterhouse** **Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm**

On Wednesday, June 14th the Men Grace will be hosting the annual brat fry. It will be held at Riverside Park in the North Shelter starting at 5:30 pm. The men will provide the meat, beans, and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass (salad or desert).

Everyone is invited for good food, fun, and games! Please sign up on the church kiosk, or call the church office (920-361-1820) to give the men an approximate number to plan for.

Mission of the Month - Compassion Child

Compassion Child's mission is to release children from poverty in Jesus' name through a holistic approach to child development. Holistic child development means they assist a child in poverty, in some cases, when the child is still in the womb, and it goes through young adulthood with the child. Holistic child development is tailored to a child's age, gender, health, culture, and family situation.

Compassion Child works with thousands of local churches around the world. In a world where hundreds of millions of children live in extreme poverty, connecting one child with one sponsor is the most strategic way to end child poverty.

To help young people finish well, they provide youth ages 12 and older with customized training and educational paths according to their own unique potential and God-given talents and purpose.

Here at Grace Lutheran we sponsor two boys.



Bryan was born on September 14, 2015. Grace has been providing hope and love to Bryan as his sponsor since April 2022. He enjoys Bible stories at the Pampanitos Learning Center.

Kelly was born on March 20, 2010. Grace has been providing hope and love to Kelly as his sponsor since January 2021. He is interested in art, drawing, reading, drama, soccer and running.



Our gifts and prayers give Bryan and Kelly the ability to grow spiritually, cognitively, and emotionally.

Confirmation - Affirmation of Baptism



On Sunday, May 7, 2023 the affirmation of baptism was celebrated for Ariana Rozek and Caelyn Fritz.

Congratulations to these two young ladies. We ask God's blessings for you on your continued journey of faith.



June Birthdays

- 1 David Ziemann
Olivia Kurth
Georgia Malzhan
- 3 June Lubbert
- 4 Gary Battenhorst
Hannah Hunt
- 5 Michelle Klawitter
Alyse Paulsen
- 6 Brian Mildebrandt
Victor Schramer
- 9 Teresa Murkley
- 10 Wilbur Drecktrah
- 11 Suzanne Ferron
Dennis Retzlaff
Carol Roehl
- 13 Bryce Dretske
Allison Kessen
- 18 Patsy Hanson
Evan Hein
Denise Nelson
John Klawitter
- 19 Hayden Hunt
Torry Putzke
David Schenk
- 20 Kathy Eid
Naomi Resop
Adam Schenk
- 23 Connor Nelson
Frank Neitzke
Mary Pomplun
Maverick Retzlaff
- 25 Sarah Guenther
- 26 Travis Wepner
- 28 Valerie Hinz
Charles McCarthy
- 30 Fay McMonigal



June Anniversaries

- 1 Julie & Mike Sroka – 10th
- 3 Mark & Mindy Goffard
- 5 Dave & Renee Neitzke
- 8 Robert & Mary Sillanpaa – 60th
- 11 Edmund & Carol Roehl
- 14 Don & Dawn Betler
- 14 John & Sue Koch
- 15 David & Jody Ziemann
- 27 Mark & Susan Calabresa

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



Grace Church is providing the food for the next blood drive on Monday, July 3. We need you to share your homemade goodies (2 dozen) with the donors and workers. We'll use a Thrivent card so the rest of the food will be covered.

Along with desserts, we'll need a few workers for the day. Please look for the sign-up sheets early June on the kiosk or contact Tammy at 290-1145 or tlondowski@yahoo.com.

All baked goods can be dropped off in the kitchen on Sunday during church or Monday, July 3 (8am-10am).

Goettl Crew (Tammy, Sadie & Spencer)



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4 8:30 am Worship with Communion	5 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran 7:00 pm Joint Congregation Council Meeting at Frist Lutheran	6 9:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am LWR Quilters	7 5:30 pm Crafters	8	9	10 10:00 am Fellowship Hall Rented by Dretske Family
11 8:30 am Worship-with Communion	12 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran 7:00 pm Congregation Council Meeting	13 9:00 am Staff Meeting	14 5:30 pm Brat Fry at North Shelter House – All are welcome!	15	16	17
18 8:30 am Worship -no Communion	19 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran	20 9:00 am Staff Meeting	21 5:30 pm Crafters	22	23	24
25 8:30 am Worship with Communion 11:30 am Intern Committee Meeting at First	26 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran	27 9:00 am Staff Meeting	28	29	30	