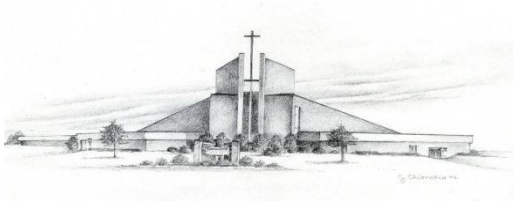
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Worship Services

Facebook: www.facebook.com/gelcberlin
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September 6 - Worship Service at 8:30 am (In person and online)

September 13 - Worship Service at 8:30 am (In person and online)

September 20 - Worship Service at 8:30 am (In person and online)

September 27 - Worship Service 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"

September 2026



This fall, we're going to spend some time with some of the great stories of the Old Testament. We'll begin in Genesis with creation and then make our way through the flood, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, the Exodus, the Commandments, the kings and prophets, exile, and return. By Christmas, we'll be ready to turn to the Gospel of Matthew and begin following the story of Jesus.

One of the things I appreciate about the Narrative Lectionary is that it helps us hear the Bible as a story rather than as a collection of disconnected passages. Week by week, we begin to see how the pieces fit together. And through it all, one question keeps coming up: What is God doing?

The people we meet in these stories are certainly not perfect. They trust God one minute and take matters into their own hands the next. They get it right. They get it wrong. Sometimes they get it *really* wrong. There is hope and disappointment, faith and doubt, suffering and redemption. Which, when you think about it, sounds a lot like life.

Yet through all of it, God keeps showing up. God creates and calls. God rescues and provides. God forgives and restores. Even when God's people wander, God remains faithful.



That's why these ancient stories still matter. They aren't just stories about Noah, Abraham, Moses, or David, they are stories that help us understand who God is and who we are as God's people.

So as we hear these stories again this fall, I invite you to listen for more than the familiar details. Ask yourself:

- **What does this story show me about God?**
- **Where do I see myself in this story?**
- **And what might God be doing in my life and in our world today?**

My hope is that as we make our way toward Christmas, we'll begin to see the larger story taking shape, the story of a God who simply refuses to give up on this world or on us.

And when we finally arrive at Bethlehem, maybe we'll hear the story of Jesus a little differently too. Because Christmas isn't where God's story begins. It's where we discover just how far God is willing to go to be with us.

Pastor Rebekah Tarras

Grace English Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting
July 13, 2026

Call to Order by Terry Wallace

Roll Call- Attending: Terry Wallace, Sandy Peschke, Heidi Schramer, Sue Shemanski, Bob Prellwitz, Carissa Fritz, De Anna Lueptow, Tim Koch, Gary Batenhorst and Pastor Rebekah

Gary Batenhorst provided an Opening devotion.

Approval of Agenda – Tim moved to approve the agenda with an addition by Gary to start talking about options for a new organist should we need one next year. Second by DeAnna. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Sandy moved to approve the June 2026 minutes as printed. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – DeAnna moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Heidi. Motion carried.

Officer and Standing Committee Reports

- **President**-
  -Terry provided an update on Senior Camp at Pine Lake Camp. Approximately 8 attended from Grace. It was an enjoyable day for all.
  - Men's Steak Fry is scheduled for Aug. 4 (probably at North Shelter House Riverside Park)
  - Worship in the Park, Poy Sippi, July 19 at 10AM- potluck to follow
  -CPR training is going to be offered as part of our Safety Plan to assure there are trained members of the Congregation if ever needed during a service. Sandy will make a sign-up sheet to determine interest. Max of 12 participants will be allowed.
  - It was recommended by our Insurance Rep that we develop a form to release Grace from liability when we allow the Senior Center to use our parking lot in the fall.
- **Pastor's Report**- Pastor provided a written report and updated us on changes in the Leadership format at the Food Pantry. This has been a volunteer position that the current President has been filling for over 7 years. The Board has decided to transition this position to a paid one as the responsibilities and time involved have grown significantly. Pastor still has 5 personal visits to complete to meet with all our Homebound members. Past Intern, Kathy Cartwright, will be ordained on July 18 at 10AM at Calvary Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Pastor will be preaching and Grace members are invited.
- **Committees** –

  Building and Grounds- Bob provided a written report outlining a number of completed projects. The safety plan is in progress. DeAnna suggested labeling the circuit breakers as it takes a lot of time to figure out which ones serve which areas of the church. The air conditioning stopped working during the blood drive and Ryf Heating & Cooling was called and came but it turned out to be a circuit breaker. DeAnna also asked if the vents/grates in the bathroom and kitchen doors could be painted as they have looked into replacing them and found they are very difficult to remove without wrecking the door. Council agreed with doing this project. Sandy reported that the carpets in the Fellowship Hall and east hallway will be cleaned Aug. 6th.

  Christian Education- Carissa provided a written report. This committee met June 25, 2026 and outlined a plan for Sunday School which will start Sept. 13, 2026. A new curriculum has been ordered to align with the Narrative Lectionary. Sunday School will be offered every week instead of 3 times per month and we are recruiting a few new extra teachers to help out and give the "regulars" a break.

  Fellowship and Caring – De Anna reported that meetings are suspended until August.

  Finance Committee- Terry handed out the Minutes of the June 16, 2026 meeting of the Finance Committee. At the Special Congregational Meeting on June 7 the Congregation approved repairing the leaks in the masonry in the sanctuary. This Committee approved a request to purchase new Sneeze guards and drying

racks for a total of $2,700. This will be paid for out of Soul Food Funds. They is no meeting in July and will meet again on Aug. 18, 2026.

Investment Committee- Terry provided a summary of all accounts through the end of June. We are still doing well with Investments even though we had a loss of $1,988.62 in the Leonard Jones Fund in June. All other accounts showed gains.

Mission and Outreach- Tim reported that he felt Paige Rogers did a nice job with the Mission Minute in July. Heidi added that she took all the coffee mugs that were left from the rummage sale for a Fall project welcoming new students.

Outside the Box Outreach Committee- A written report was provided. Heidi stated that they are looking into offering a microwave class for the community this fall. They are purchasing gym shoes in July to donate to Operation Backpack at the Boys & Girls Club. Exploring ways to become more visible to the Congregation.

Worship and Music – A written report was provided. The Headsets and receiver from Northern Sound & Video have arrived, but when tested, both sets are buzzing. Jeremy Fritz is looking into it to try to figure out the source.

Unfinished Business-

Safety Plan- The Committee is finishing the plan. This will include locking all entrance doors after the service starts. It was decided to lock the doors at 8:40AM and to start this on Sept. 1st. It will be announced ahead of time in the newsletter, etc. It has also been decided that it is time to change all the security codes as that hasn't been done in many years. It was decided that the office will draft a card for anyone who wants a code to fill out and turn in so that all codes will be assigned to a specific person and anyone who wants one can have one. This will also be announced ahead of time. Lastly, once the Safety Plan is finalized, there will be a training for Council members annually so that all know the procedures and plan.

Church Personal Property video- Sadie Goettl completed the project and Pastor will be storing it electronically.

Update on Wall Leak - Should be started mid to late August.

New Business

Soul Food request – *Terry handed out a sheet with information about the sneeze guards and drying racks requested by the Soul Food Committee. By purchasing these we will hold off on purchasing a washer and dryer and if we still have the need, we could possibly make a request to the Webster Foundation in the future to purchase such. Tim offered a motion to purchase the sneeze guards and drying mats with approval to spend up to $2,700 out of the Soul Food Fund. Second by Bob. Motion carried.*

Request *by Jason Cox to become a member of Grace. DeAnna moved to approve this request and second by* Sue. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING IS August 10, 2026 at 6PM.

Closing Prayer – Recited Lord's Prayer together. Tim moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Gary. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Sue Shemanski, Secretary

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Sunday School Begins September 13

We're excited to welcome our children back to Sunday School at Grace beginning September 13!

Sunday School is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade and takes place during worship. Children begin worship with their families and, following the Children's Message, head to Sunday School for about 20 minutes. They then return to worship in time to celebrate Holy Communion with the congregation.

This year, Sunday School will follow the Narrative Lectionary, which means our children will be exploring the same Bible stories we are hearing in worship. As we journey through stories of Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Moses, the prophets, and more, kids and adults will be learning and growing together.

Sunday School begins September 13
Kindergarten–5th Grade | During 8:30 a.m. Worship

We look forward to learning, wondering, and growing in faith together!

First Communion Class

Is your child asking questions about Holy Communion or ready to begin receiving communion? A First Communion Class will be held on Sunday, October 4, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church (W2314 Prospect St., Poy Sippi).

The class is open to children and youth who are interested in learning more about Holy Communion and preparing to receive the sacrament. **Parents are encouraged to attend with their child** as we learn together about what Holy Communion means, why we celebrate it, and the promise of grace Jesus gives us in this meal.
Those participating will celebrate their **First Communion with their own congregation on Sunday, October 18**, during regular worship:

- **8:30 a.m.** — Grace Lutheran Church, Berlin
- **10:30 a.m.** — First Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi

There is **no required age or grade** for First Communion. If you're wondering whether the time is right for your child, Pastor Rebekah would be happy to talk with you.
To register or ask questions, please contact Pastor Rebekah or the church office.



Church Choir - Come Sing With Us

The Grace Lutheran Choir is getting ready for another season of music, and new voices are always welcome! Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Whether you've sung with the choir for years, haven't sung for a while, or have been thinking about giving choir a try, we'd love to have you join us.

Confirmation Begins This Month
Our revamped confirmation program begins
Sunday, September 20, and we're excited to get started

This year, students from First and Grace Lutheran will gather together five Sunday afternoons throughout the year for an extended time of learning, conversation, worship, prayer, service, and community. Our goal is bigger than simply preparing students to be confirmed. We want to help young people know the story of Scripture, grow in their relationship with Jesus, and develop practices that will help them live their faith long after confirmation day.

Our first year will follow the big story of the Bible—Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation. Along the way, students will learn how to navigate and read the Bible, explore Luther's Small Catechism, practice different ways of praying, ask honest questions, and discover how faith connects with everyday life.

We'll also be getting out of our chairs! Students will participate in hands-on activities and service and learn more about how the church works. Members of our congregations will occasionally join us to share how they use their gifts and live out their faith.

Our First Confirmation Gathering: Sunday, September 20
12:15–3:15 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church, Berlin

We'll begin by sharing lunch together. Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate in our sessions too.

Confirmation isn't something that happens only between a pastor and a group of students. At baptism, the whole congregation promises to support and pray for those growing in faith. Our confirmation ministry is one way we live out that promise.

So we ask you to pray for our students and their families. Get to know them. Encourage them. Ask them what they're learning. Share your own faith with them. And when you see them, remind them that they are an important part of this community right now—not someday when they're older.

We're looking forward to seeing where God leads us as we begin this new chapter together!

Craft Day at Grace

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. for craft day at Grace.

Whether you quilt, scrapbook, knit, crochet, make cards, or have another project you've been meaning to finish, bring it along and enjoy some time creating and visiting together.



Grow in Faith. Serve with Confidence. Lay School of Ministry

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin Lay School of Ministry exists to equip and challenge adults for lives of discipleship, empowering them for service and ministry in their congregations, communities, and daily vocations. Rooted in the Lutheran understanding of the priesthood of all believers, Lay School helps participants discover their gifts, deepen their faith, and grow in confidence as baptized leaders.

Through engaging instruction, worship, and a supportive learning community, students explore Scripture, theology, church history, worship, Lutheran identity, spirituality, and practical ministry. Courses combine biblical, historical, and theological study with practical application, encouraging participants to reflect critically on their faith while strengthening their ability to serve Christ in the world.

The 2026–2027 Core Program features:

- Introduction to Theology: A Journey Through Death and Resurrection
- Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Liturgy and Life

Students may complete the eight-course Core Program over two years or take courses at a pace that fits their schedule. Additional continuing education electives this year include Christian art, evangelism, pastoral care, and preaching. Classes meet one weekend each month from September 2026 through May 2027. **Registration is open now and is due Friday, September 4, 2026**. Because enrollment is limited to 25 students per course, early registration is encouraged.

Whether you are serving on a church council, teaching, leading worship, visiting members, discerning a new ministry, or simply seeking to grow in your faith, Lay School offers a rich opportunity to learn, serve, and grow alongside fellow disciples.
Visit **layschool.ecsw.org** for complete course descriptions, schedules, tuition information, and registration.

Social Statement Synod Study Offered this Fall: Faith and Civic Life

The ELCA's "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All" social statement explores how Christians and congregations can faithfully engage in civic life for the good of their communities. It offers a vision for promoting the well-being of all while reflecting on the relationship between faith and public life.
Synod Study Series

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin leadership, including Bishop Anne Edison-Albright and Vice President Nancy Schanke, will host a six-session study series to help congregations explore and discuss the social statement.

Session Dates (choose either the morning or evening session each week)

- November 3, 2026: 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. or 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- November 10, 2026: 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. or 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- November 17, 2026: 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. or 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- November 24, 2026: 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. or 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- December 1, 2026: 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. or 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- December 8, 2026: 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. or 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Registration information will be available soon

Fox Valley Disaster Relief Updates - August 12th

Aug 11
Dear Synod,
As I was preaching this past Sunday, I shared that one might have thought the Scripture readings from last weekend had been handpicked for the occasion of recovering from a storm. But they were not. Those texts were already in the lectionary, waiting for us to hear them and to think about the way Jesus walks with us through the storms of life.

As we bear the presence of Christ to one another and across our communities, one of the themes that Lutheran Disaster Response has continually shared with the leaders from Neenah and Menasha who are on the ground is this: disaster response is a marathon, not a sprint. As efforts shift from response to recovery, the needs continually change—as do the names and faces of those who are still in need of support and care.

Some of those needs are practical. People who have lost everything are trying to identify places to stay while they wait for the long process of recovery to unfold. Other needs are about supporting those who are currently sprinting—the people who have stepped into the immediate work of caring for their neighbors.

One example of these "sprinters" is St. Paul Lutheran Church in Neenah, which is currently hosting Rapid Response America in their building for 1-2 months. Rapid Response is a nonprofit organization of Christian volunteers who respond to communities impacted by disasters. They have served after Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, and many other disasters. One of the immediate needs of this group, as they provide direct support in the valley, is meals. You can read more about that need here and respond through the link if that is something you or your congregation would like to support directly.

Our Synod Council Executive Team will meet this Thursday to begin creating a distribution and "thank you" plan for the local disaster relief funds that so many of you have already shared with our synod. We expect these funds will help support the work of partner ministries already on the ground in the valley. We also recognize that ministries may emerge from among our own leaders and congregations as needs continue to be identified. If you are aware of on-the-ground needs, please reach out to ecsw@ecsw.org for consideration.

As our collective learning continues, one thing we are recognizing is that we were not prepared for a disaster of this magnitude in our synod. The good news is that we are not alone. Substantial support has already been shared by the Greater Milwaukee Synod through synod staff and Bishop Paul Erickson, whose wisdom and experience were gained through navigating the devastating floods in Southeast Wisconsin last fall. Their financial generosity and accompaniment have been deeply inspiring. Congregations and leaders of the Greater Milwaukee Synod have already shared more than $15,000 with our synod for disaster relief.

Learning from these neighbors, we expect to be in conversation about forming a disaster response task force. But, as I mentioned at the beginning, there is time to work on all of those pieces, because this is a marathon, not a sprint. Disaster management also includes mitigation and preparation. Thankfully, Lutheran Disaster Response has many resources that can help congregations and communities think more intentionally about disaster preparedness. The work we are doing now is not only about responding to this disaster; it is also about learning how we might be better prepared to accompany one another when the next storm comes.

And so, as we look toward the long road of recovery, there are still so many ways to give, serve, learn, pray, and receive support. The list below has been updated and will continue to be updated as needs emerge and circumstances change.

Perhaps that is one of the gifts of these Scripture readings in this particular moment. Elijah experienced the presence of God not in the earthquake, the wind, or the fire, but in the sheer silence. Peter encountered Jesus in the midst of a

terrifying storm and was called to trust that he was not alone.

We may not know everything that the coming weeks and months will bring. We may not yet know all the ways this disaster will change our communities or our synod. But we do know this: Christ is present in silences and in the storms. And Christ is present in the people who show up for one another.

So we will keep showing up. We will keep listening for the needs that emerge. We will give when we can, serve where we are able, pray for those who are hurting, and receive the gifts of those who walk alongside us. And we will remember that recovery takes time. This is a marathon—not a sprint—and we do not run it alone.

Thanks be to God for the neighbors who have already shown us what accompaniment looks like, for the communities who continue to care for one another, and most of all for the promise that wherever the storm takes us, Jesus is there.

With gratitude for you, through Christ -
Pastor Jenn Pockat
Associate to the Bishop,
Director for Relationships and Resources

Did You Know? ELCA Social Statements

Did you know that the ELCA has Social Statements that explore important issues facing the church and society?

Social Statements are teaching documents that bring together **Scripture, Lutheran theology, research, and the experiences of people across the church** to help us think faithfully about complex social questions. They are developed through an extensive process of study, conversation, and participation and must be adopted by a **two-thirds vote of an ELCA Churchwide Assembly**.

Current Social Statements address topics including **education, economic life, health care, the environment, racism, criminal justice, human sexuality, peace, abortion, and civic life and faith**.
Social Statements aren't meant to replace our own study and discernment. Rather, they provide a Lutheran framework for thinking, talking, and acting faithfully as we seek to love our neighbors and participate in God's work in the world.

Want to learn more or read one for yourself?
Visit the ELCA's Social Teachings page, where you can read or download the statements as well as shorter **Social Messages** on more specific topics.

Explore ELCA Social Teachings

Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast is starting again on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 8:00 am.

First Lutheran will be hosting. Please sign-up on the kiosk so they know how many to prepare for.



"Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus is Grace Book Club's choice as their book to read for September.

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing. But it's the early 1960's and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one, Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel -prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with - of all things – her mind. True Chemistry results.

But like science, life does not always follow a straight line. Which is why a few years later, Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show ***Supper at Six.*** Her revolutionary approach to cooking, fueled by scientific and rational commentary, grabs the attention of a nation. And soon a legion of overlooked housewives find themselves daring to change the status quo. One molecule at a time.

We will meet to discuss **"Lessons in Chemistry**" on Tuesday, September 8th at a location to be determined. If you would like to read this book and join us, you can get a copy of the book in the church office. If you have already read this, please consider joining us for discussion, we would love to have you.

July Income	
Weekly Income	9,618.25
RBC Earnings	4,000.00
Bulletins/Radio Ministry	460.55
Shared Ministry	4,327.69
Thrivent Choice Dollars	55.00
TOTAL	$ 18,461.76
Missions (In/Out)	950.28
Good Samaritan Fund	0.00
Soul Food	0.00
Women of Grace	0.00
Men of Grace	0.00
Christian Education/Youth	0.00
Scholarship Fund	0.00
Endowment Fund	0.00
Outside the Box	240.00

July Expenses	
Wages and Payroll Expenses	$16,876.77
Building & Grounds & Utilities	1,443.14
Office Miscellaneous Expenses	676.15
Radio Ministry	300.00
Worship & Misic Expenses	52.83
TOTAL	$ 19,348.89
Missions (In/Out)	$ 1,010.48
Good Samaritan	0.00
Soul Food	0.00
Women of Grace	0.00
Men of Grace	0.00
Christian Education/Youth	0.00
Scholarship Fund	0.00
Endowment Fund	0.00
Outside the Box	129.00

Beginning Balance January 2026		
Investments:		
Leonard Jones Fund	$	1,494,760.24
Capital Improvement Fund	$	340,519.14
Endowment Fund	$	135,983.58
Auxiliary Fund	$	31,382.59
Scholarship Fund	$	6,611.63

Ending Balance June 2026		
Investments:		
Leonard Jones Fund	$	1,584,618.16
Capital Improvement Fund	$	357,575.96
Endowment Fund	$	140,332.20
Auxiliary Fund	$	32,322.26
Scholarship Fund	$	6,386.35

Mission of the Month – Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching millions of lives…one heart at a time.

Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high, and youth levels to use the powerful platform of sport to reach every coach and every athlete with the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

FCA focuses on serving local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire, and change the world through the gospel.

Vision

To see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

Mission

To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.

Values

Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork, and Excellence.

Strategy

We pursue our vision and mission through the strategy of, to, and through the coach

Three New Maple Trees



The two dying trees in the parking lot area were replaced with three new trees.

Thank you to the men who took down the old trees and to Bob Prellwitz for getting the replacement trees and planting them.

Also, a special thank you to Bev Chadwick for her generous donation towards the cost of the three trees.



Chair Yoga will begin again on September 9, 2026 at 8:30 am.

Anyone who can sit in a chair is welcome to join us!

Bring your friends and come for a gentle exercise experience.

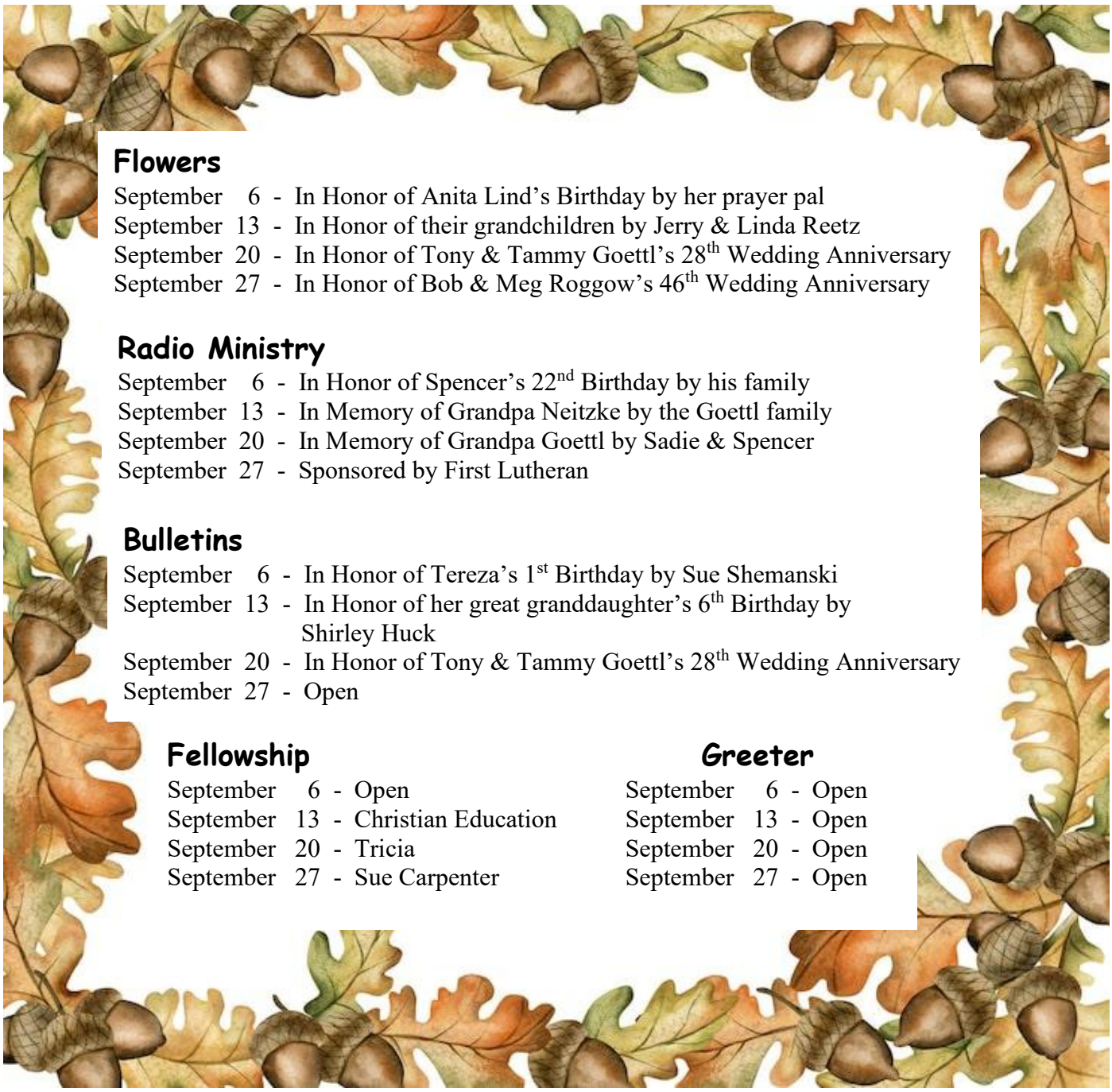


What: Berlin Community Blood Drive
When: Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Where: Grace Lutheran Church - 384 Oak Street, Berlin, WI
Time: 10:30 am – 5:30 pm
Walkins Are Welcome!

Quilts: The ladies of Grace will resume sewing on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 9:00am. **Can't sew?** There is a job for you too! Come check out what the ladies do.

Assemble and Pack LWR Kits: On Tuesday, September 22, 2026 all the supplies donated will be assembled into the LWR kits and packed for delivery on October 3, 2026. **Everyone** is invited to come and help starting at 9:00am.

Trucks or Vans and Drivers Needed: Vehicles and drivers are needed to deliver the kits to First English Lutheran Church in Appleton of Saturday, October 3rd, between 8:00am and 12:00 noon.



Flowers

September 6 - In Honor of Anita Lind's Birthday by her prayer pal
September 13 - In Honor of their grandchildren by Jerry & Linda Reetz
September 20 - In Honor of Tony & Tammy Goettl's 28th Wedding Anniversary
September 27 - In Honor of Bob & Meg Roggow's 46th Wedding Anniversary

Radio Ministry

September 6 - In Honor of Spencer's 22nd Birthday by his family
September 13 - In Memory of Grandpa Neitzke by the Goettl family
September 20 - In Memory of Grandpa Goettl by Sadie & Spencer
September 27 - Sponsored by First Lutheran

Bulletins

September 6 - In Honor of Tereza's 1st Birthday by Sue Shemanski
September 13 - In Honor of her great granddaughter's 6th Birthday by Shirley Huck
September 20 - In Honor of Tony & Tammy Goettl's 28th Wedding Anniversary
September 27 - Open

Fellowship

September 6 - Open
September 13 - Christian Education
September 20 - Tricia
September 27 - Sue Carpenter

Greeter

September 6 - Open
September 13 - Open
September 20 - Open
September 27 - Open

September Birthdays

1. Diane Toraason
5. Cynthia Wallace
6. Tereza Renik
7. Anita Lind
7. David Neitzke
7. Terry Wallace
8. Jodi Ahlers
8. Bentley Cassidy
8. Spencer Goettl
8. Julie Retzlaff
11. John Koch
12. Tom Dehn
12. DeAnna Lueptow
12. Mary Lou Neubauer
14. Rebekah Tarras
15. Bonnie Hermanson
15. Brittany Retzlaff
15. Connie Smits
16. Helen Burch
19. James Luebke
19. Becky Olsen
20. Tammy Goettl
21. Carissa Fritz
22. Jeffrey Lind
28. Selma Ceman

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary



September Anniversaries

1. Brian & Sara Evans
5. Brian & Sara Mildebrandt
5. Matt & Dina Dretske
8. Victor & Heidi Schramer
19. Tony & Tammy Goettl
24. Doug & Candie Strebelinski
25. Joseph & Amber Rozek
27. Robert & Meg Roggow – 45th

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

CPR Training Opportunity



Our **Safety Committee** is planning to offer a **CPR training class** for anyone who is interested.

The class will be held on September 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm. There is **one spot** left on the sign-up sheet.

Building Access Door Code Update

Grace English Lutheran Church is updating all building door access codes as part of our ongoing commitment to building security.

If you would like a personal building access code, please contact the church office and complete a Building Access Code Request Form. To help us with transition, please submit your request by September 1, 2026.

Thank you for helping us keep our church building safe and secure while remaining accessible for ministry.

Berlin Food Pantry Challenge for September is canned soups.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am – 5:30 pm Berlin Community Blood Drive	2 7:00 pm Choir Practice	3 11:50 am Soul Food Grace Hosts	4	5
6 8:30 am Worship with Communion	7 Labor Day – Office is Closed	8 9:00 am No Staff Meeting 9:00 am Pastor's Conference Meeting 9:00 am LWR Quilting 12:00 pm Book Club 3:00 pm Bible Study at Grace	9 8:30 am Chair Yoga 3:00 pm Investment Committee 7:00 pm Choir Practice	10 11:50 am Soul Food River Shores Hosts	11	12 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at First Lutheran 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Craft Day at Grace
13 8:30 am Worship with Communion and Sunday School	14 6:00 pm Council Meeting	15 9:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Finance Committee 3:00 pm Bibel Study at Grace	16 8:30am Chair Yoga 7:00 pm Choir Practice	17 11:50 am Soul Food All Saints Hosts	18	19 Fellowship Hall Reserved
20 8:30 am Worship with Communion and Sunday School 12:15 pm Confirmation Class	21	22 9:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am Packing LWR Kits 3:00 pm Bible Study at Grace	23 8:30 am Chair Yoga 2:00 pm Outside the Box Outreach Committee 7:00 pm Choir Practice	24 11:50 am Soul Food St. John's Hosts	25	26
27 8:30 am Worship with Communion and Sunday School	28	29 9:00 am No Staff Meeting 3:00 pm Bible Study at Grace	30 8:30 am Chair Yoga 7:00 pm Choir Practice			