

Grace Lutheran Church
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Grace Notes

July 2016

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Last month, I called your attention to this statement by our Presiding Bishop: “Because of our life in Christ, nourished at the Lord’s table and claimed in baptism, abiding in God’s love, we are set free and able to do this work. We are the Body of Christ, and together, we are church for the sake of the world.”

I then went on to share the first five marks of *The Top Ten Marks of a Mission Congregation*. Here are the final five from that list:

6. Decisions Based in Mission - the decisions made by the congregation are based on God’s mission and the purpose of the congregation. Everyone knows what the congregation’s mission statement is, and uses it to make decisions. Decisions are based more on a balance of how they affect those outside as well as those inside.
7. Mission Support is Necessary - There is an understanding that if the church is to be effective it takes the support of everyone. Support of time and support of money. It is made clear that money and time give to the church touches the lives of people both inside and outside the church. And members tell those stories.
8. Mission is propelled by Jesus - there is an understanding that no one can earn their salvation. All come to church at God’s invitation and welcome. The work of the church is done as a reflection of and in response to what God has done in Jesus. The missional congregation not only listens to its community and responds with appropriate help; and, in the process of serving, the congregation also speaks about faith and the discipleship motivation for serving. They also invite others to faith.
9. Collaborates - the congregation realizes its work is not done in isolation. They work with partners within the denomination, neighboring churches, and community organizations.
10. Faith Formation is the Congregation’s Goal - bringing people to God; not just trying to get new members. Members of the worshipping community study the Bible and are compelled by faith and discipleship. The church has learned to invite others into faith in Jesus.

We show some of these marks, are working on others, and...well; there is work ahead for all of us, as we seek to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ to all of our neighbors. Giving God thanks for you and our ministry,

Pastor Sally



Kiitos Paljon



Thank you to Karl Rundman for building the shelving units in the Sunday School room.

Notes from the office

Would you like to start receiving a weekly devotion from the church office on Mondays? Please send Katie your name and email address.

Newsletter items are due in the office the last week of the month.

Please save your Econo receipts and return them to a box in the library. Grace receives 1% of the total receipts.

If we do not have your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

Anniversaries

Randy and Laurie Aho 6
Rick and Tina Verran 12
Rob & Michelle Jeannotte 16
Roger and Tina Puska 17
Ralph and Betty Tapani 21
Jim and Sarah Hanner 26



Birthdays

Macy Raffaelli 2
Liam Jeannotte 3
Tammy Harju 4
Tom Savola 6
Patty Savola 7
Eric Jackowski 8
Tony Juntunen 13
Derek Matthews 19
Kim DeRosier 20
Eleanor Maki 22
Laura Ruohonen 26
Delores Keranen 28
Elaine Aro 3
Bob Kamppinen 3
Katie Tormala 5
Joleen Jenkins 6
Jim Maierle 8
Rick Verran 9
Jenna Anderson 14
Cameron Lystila 20
Brandon DeRosier 21
Bruce Rundman 22
Alanna Sweeney 27
Donald Rule 31

If you have not already visited our web site, take a look. www.gracesoutherange.com

Find us also on Facebook

www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranChurchSouthRangeMi

It is almost time to start thinking of LWR boxes. The ladies will start to get busy soon putting LWR kits together and will be in need all of our help.

School Kits:

70 Sheet Notebooks	Rulers	Pencil Sharpener
Blunt Scissors	#2 Pencils	Black or Blue Pens
Box of 24 Crayons	Eraser (2 1/2")	

Fabric Kits:

Spools of Neutral Thread Cotton Fabrics (2 1/4, 3 or 4 yards)

Baby Care Kits:

Cotton T-Shirts/Long Sleeve Shirts	Receiving Blankets
Cloth Diapers with Diaper Pins	Socks
Hand Towels	Bath Size Bar Soap

Personal Care Kits:

Bath Towels	Bath Size Bar Soap	Tooth Brush
Comb	Nail Clippers	

Quilters

Wednesday,
July 6th and 20th

Bible Study

Wednesdays,
11:00am
(after Cup of Grace)

Please Let Us Know!

If you desire pastoral care, please let us know. If you are homebound, ill, hospitalized, or have any other concern, please call the office to request a visit. Please do not assume that we know your needs. Telling your best friend, other active members or putting your concern on the prayer chain does not ensure your need gets to the pastor. Please call the office with a request that your call be shared with the pastor, or, use her cell phone number (231-0048) and call her yourself. We want to provide the most responsive pastoral care that we can, and don't want anyone to be unintentionally missed.

Church Picnic

Sunday, July 31st

11:00am Outdoor Worship
with picnic to follow

in the Grace Lutheran Church
lawn/parking lot. Bring a dish to pass, and
a lawn chair to sit on. Hotdogs, the fixings,
drinks, plates and silverware will be
provided. Hope to see you there.



July Worship Text

Sunday, July 3

Luke 10: 1-11,
16-20

Jesus sends out
seventy disciples

Sunday, July 10

Luke 10: 25-37

The parable of the
merciful Samaritan

Sunday, July 17

Luke 10: 38-42

Choosing the
better part

Sunday, July 24

Luke 11: 1-13

Jesus teaches
prayer


Sunday, July 31

Luke 12: 13-21

Be rich toward
God, your treasure



**DEAR GOD,
I WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE,
NOT TO ASK FOR ANYTHING
FROM YOU, BUT TO SIMPLY SAY
THANK YOU, FOR ALL I HAVE.**



NEW

See the Welcome Board located in the Narthex on the left hand side. Here you will find copies of the Grace Notes, offering envelope notices and other congregational information.

Grace Lutheran Congregational Contact Information

Volunteer Coordinators

Acolytes/Bell Ringers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Altar Duty	Chris Davis	482-5567
Communion	Chris DeForge	482-8068
Counters	Marianne Bohjanen	482-8459
Funeral Servers	Patty Savola	281-5100
Readers	Cheryl Stimac	281-7909
Fellowship	Carolyn Rundman	482-6344
Ushers	Pam Long	482-4065
Greeters	Heather Aro	482-0341
Ride Coordinator	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Office Volunteers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Gardening	Janet Kokko	482-2368

Building & Grounds Maintenance

Paul Bridgers	482-3665	Dave Aro	487-6161
Tom Stimac	281-7910	Pennie Makela	281-4667
	Heather Aro	482-0341	

Parsonage Maintenance

Paul Bridgers	482-3665	Dave Aro	487-6161
Katie Bridgers	482-2011	Pam Long	482-4065

Grace Lutheran Council

Pam Long (President)	482-4065
Cheryl Stimac (Vice President)	281-7909
Laurie Aho (Treasurer)	482-0817
Sally Wilke (Pastor)	231-0048
Katie Bridgers (Secretary)	482-2011
Chris Bohjanen	482-8459
Rebecca Frost	231-0903
Heather Aro	482-0341
Dave Aro	487-6161

PRAYERS

Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Gentle grower, send your church as laborers into your harvest. Make us joyful in sharing the good news of Jesus and make the harvest plentiful. Creating God, bring about measured and healthy growth in fields and gardens through rain, wind, and sun. Holy wisdom, you teach that we reap what we sow. Inspire leaders in our nation and throughout the world to sow the seeds of civility, peace, and goodwill. Healer of all, we bring before you those in need of your healing presence. Do not be far off, but work your healing in the lives of all in need. Holy friend, you call us to bear one another's burdens. Strengthen us in our commitment to the good of this congregation, our neighborhood, and our wider community. O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Grace Lutheran
is a member of
the Evangelical
Lutheran
Church
in America.

Gentle Reminder

The office and financial staff do not work on Sunday mornings. Thanks for respecting their worship time with their families.

Church picnic
time! I'm
excited! Come
join the fun!
Sun., July 31st.

God loves each
one of us as if
there were only
one of us.
~ St. Augustine

Worship at 10:00am
the last Thursday of
the month at Arbor
Green and at The
Bluffs at 11:15am.
All are invited.

Heart to Heart

Prayers, Cards, Calls, Visits, Hugs

Elaine Aro at home
Delores Paavola at home
Eleanor Maki at the Bluffs
Amanda Mountjoy at home
Nancy Harris at Omega House
Irene Kokko at Portage Pointe
Esther Parolini at Portage Pointe

Where's Pastor Sally?

Grace Lutheran
Mon. & Wed.
Sally's day off is
Thursday.
On Tues. & Fri.,
she's at
First Lutheran.



Service Workers for July

Altar Duty ~

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Counters	K. Johnson	C. Stimac C. DeForge	P. Long K. Houle	S. Slinde A. Harju	K. Bridgers M. Bohjanen
Fellowship	Open	Rule & Bridgers Families	Open	Open	Potluck Picnic
Ushers	Bridgers Family	Stimac Family			Bridgers Family
Acolyte & Bell Ringer	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
Communion Assistant	Katie Bridgers	Cheryl Stimac	Tom Stimac	Pam Long	Chris DeForge
Reader	Alice Kolehmainen	Cheryl Stimac	Chris Davis	Janet Kokko	Pam Long

**Walk for Water
Fundraising Total
\$69.00**

VBS 2016

A small, but enthusiastic group of children and adults gathered for supper, June 12-15, and an evening of songs, games, stories and crafts all focused on the gift of water. Pete and Alexandra Larsen, and their children led the singing, accompanied by guitar and ukulele, and on the last night, by everyone on percussion. Thanks, Chance Bridgers, for playing guitar on Monday night. Many thanks to the volunteers who brought and prepared the meals and all who led crafts and games to accompany the story each night.

Pennie's Pick of the Month

For those of you at Grace Lutheran who have not met me yet, I have been working here for 9 months now. I attend the weekly Cup of Grace and Bible Study every Wednesday, so feel free to join in and also get to know more about me and Gods Word. I am truly excited to get to know each and every one of you at Grace.

It's
just me
saying
hi!



June Council Highlights

No council meeting held in June.



Learning Circle

We Make the Road by Walking Learning Circle continues:

The next gathering of the Learning Circle will be held at Tina's Katalina on Saturday, July 9, at 8:30 a.m. Join us for breakfast or a cup of coffee and our discussion on the way the Holy Spirit guided the early church. Your voice may be just what we all need to hear.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.
~Helen Keller

Seven Important Things Luther Said (and one funny one) And What They Meant

(Adapted from The Lutheran Handbook)

Watch for more in the
upcoming months!

"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason...I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, my God help me, Amen."

~*Speech at the Diet of Worms*
(April, 15 1521)

With this bold and defiant statement, Martin Luther drew a line in the sand and started an age of reformation for the Christian church.



Pastor Sally Wilke

231-0048

Office Hours

Mon. & Wed.

pastorsally@gracesoutherange.com

Katie Bridgers

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Office Hours

Mon. to Thurs. 8am to 2:30pm

grace@gracesoutherange.com

Worship Outreach

You are invited to participate in the Holy Communion Services held at Arbor Green and The Bluffs on the last Thursday of the month. We could use the support of additional singers, readers and servers. No commitment needed. Just show up in time for the 10:00am service at Arbor Green and 11:15am at The Bluffs whenever it is convenient for you.

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God
this summer.

In whatever you do
wherever you go.

Waling with God means...

waling with honest,
and with courage.

Walking with love
and respect

and concern
for the feelings of others

May you talk to God
this summer.

In every day
in every situation.

Talking with God means...

Praying words of praise
for the beauty of creation.

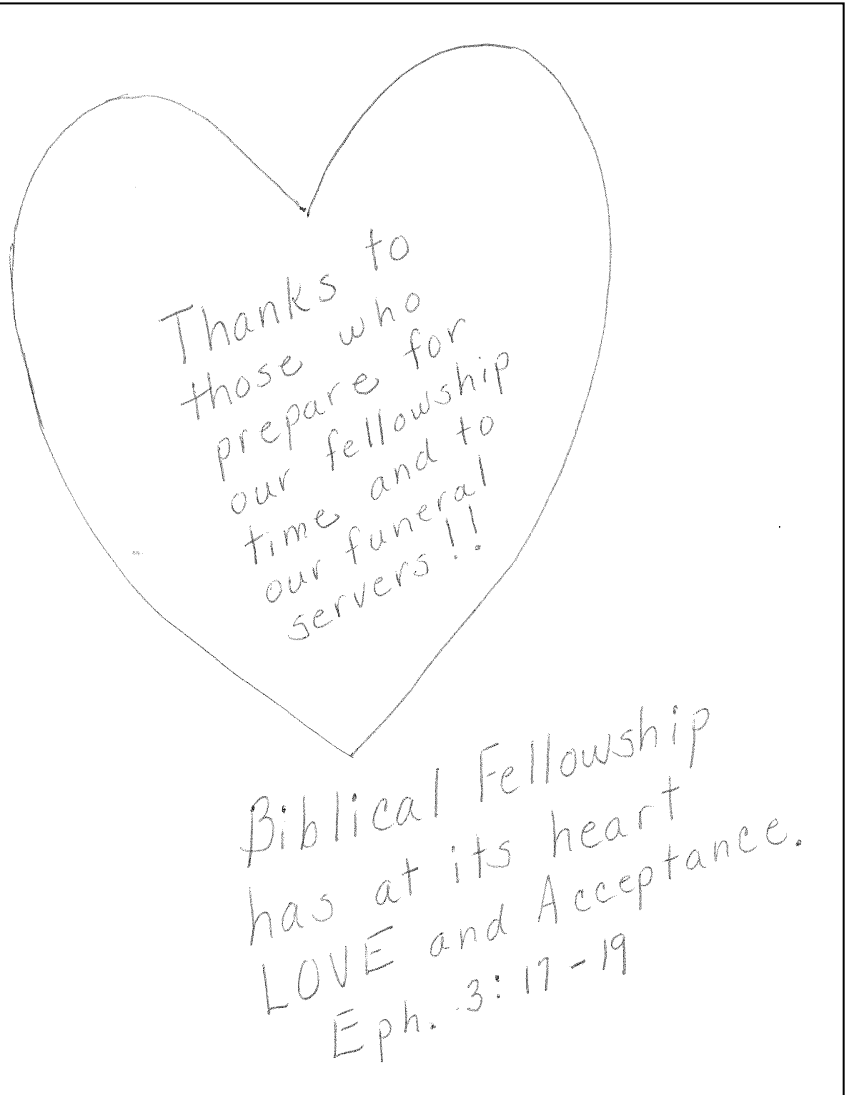
Saying prayers of thanks
for friends and good times.

Asking God's help
in all your decisions.

Expressing sorrow
when you have failed.

May you talk with God every day.
Amen.

~ Author Unknown



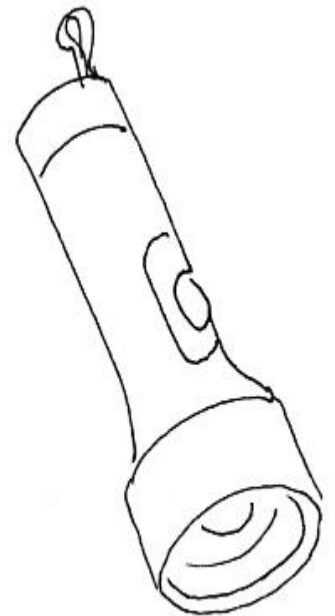
Kids' Korner

The Ten Best Ways



1. Do Not Serve Other Gods
2. Make No Idols To Serve
3. I am God... So Do Not Speak My Name Lightly
4. Keep The Sabbath Holy
5. Honor Your Father and Mother
6. Do Not Kill
7. Do Not Break Your Marriage
8. Do Not Steal
9. Do Not Lie
10. Do Not Want What Others Have



**Let God's
light
shine
through
you!**



All of God's children are welcome at Grace Lutheran Church. Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 11:00am.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Sally out of office Tues., July 12 th through Tuesd., July 19 th .					1 8:00pm AA	2
3 11:00am Worship	4  Office Closed	5 1:00pm Knit, Pray, Crochet	6 10:00am Cup of Grace 11:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Quilting	7	8 8:00pm AA	9 8:30am Learning Circle at Tina's Katalina
10 11:00am Worship with Sacrament of Holy Baptism 12:00pm Fellowship hosted by the Rule and Bridgers Families	11	12 1:00pm Knit, Pray, Crochet	13 10:00am Cup of Grace 11:00am Bible Study	14	15 8:00pm AA	16
17 11:00am Worship with Cheryl Stimac	18	19 1:00pm Knit, Pray, Crochet 6:30pm Council Meeting	20 10:00am Cup of Grace 11:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Quilting	21	22 8:00pm AA	23
24 11:00am Worship	25	26 1:00pm Knit, Pray, Crochet	27 10:00am Cup of Grace 11:00am Bible Study	28 10:00am Arbor Green Worship 11:15 The Bluffs Worship	29 8:00pm AA	31
31 11:00am Outdoor Worship 12:00pm Potluck Picnic						

