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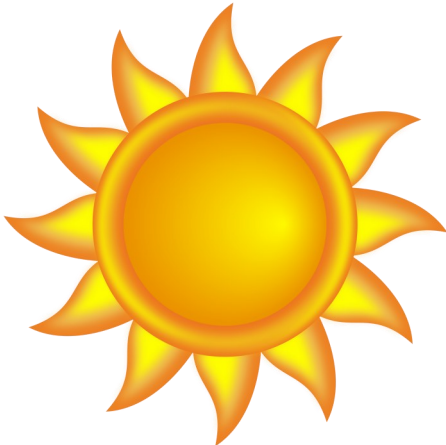


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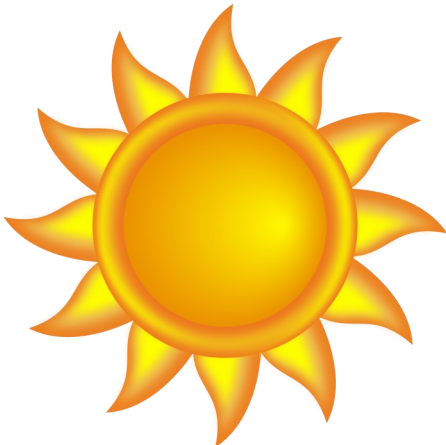
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# A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The third disciple in this series where we are exploring the initial followers of Jesus is Andrew. He is the brother of Simon Peter. Both were fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, perhaps fishing with their father, Jonah.

In the Gospel of John, Andrew is identified as a disciple of John the Baptist. John the Baptist makes this proclamation regarding Jesus, “Look, here is the Lamb of God”. With that word, Andrew and an unnamed disciple begin to literally follow Jesus through the streets. After an introduction, they spend the rest of the day together. Andrew is convinced that Jesus is the Messiah. Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus.

He appears prominently in many familiar stories from Jesus’ ministry. We read in both the Gospels of Mark and Matthew that Andrew and Simon are on the shore of the lake after a night of fishing. Jesus calls both of them to be “fishers of people”. They immediately leave their boat and without question follow Jesus.

At the feeding of the 5000, Andrew identified the boy with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus would use those meager ingredients to feed the multitude. The disciple Philip approached Andrew and sought his help with introductions when some Greeks wanted to meet Jesus.

Sometimes Andrew was included in Jesus’ closest circle of disciples with Peter, James and John. The final Scripture reference we have of Andrew is in the first chapter of Acts, as he is included in the list of disciples.

Tradition and story have Andrew connected to Constantinople, Greece, Rome and Russia. According to legend, Andrew was martyred in Greece around 60 AD. The cross he was crucified on was in the shape of an X, which would be known later as Saint Andrew’s Cross.

Pastor John

# AUGUST BAPTISMS

Lynda Fernstaedt	Parker Havens	Kristine Parr
Barbara Sathoff	Nicole Wyss	Nathan Olson
Gregory Bahler	Cynthia Rupnow	Henry Hakanson
Julia Hakanson	Oscar Hakanson	Colleen Pederson
Jaryn Wardlow	Jacob Teasdale	Stefanie Grambow
Reid Boyd	Douglas Bahler	Kyle Ellefson-Jones
Danielle Schrenk	Kenneth Blumer	Ruth Zentner
Kimbery Rielly	Michael Kielty	Ethan Witt
Brinlee Chapman	Megan Chapman	Drew Goeke
Oliver Havens		

**We’re sorry if we missed your August baptism. If you don’t see your baptism here please call to let us know of your baptismal date so that we may include your name next time!**

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# AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Rodney & Brenda Steinke
Dick & Glenda Yaun
Tom & Darci Boll
Phil & Caryn Hakanson
Sam & Ellen Mathiason
Luke & Sarah Johanson
Robert & Debra Moe
Josef & Lori Scherer
Mark & Heather (Huffman) Olson
Gregory & Nicole Wyss
Alvin & Shirley Gobeli
Roger & Eileen Kubly
Ronald & Jennifer Spielman



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# AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5:00 PM, Worship
3 8:55 AM, Hymn Sing 9:00 AM, Worship	4	5 2:00 PM, Women of Grace Steering Committee 6:00 PM, Worship & Music 7:00 PM, Property	6	7	8	9 5:00 PM, Worship
10 8:55 AM, Hymn Sing 9:00 AM, Worship 10:00—5:00 PM, Picnic & Games at Honey Creek Park	11	12 4:00 PM, Memorial	13	14 8:30 AM, Quilters Group	15	16 5:00 PM, Worship
17 8:55 AM, Hymn Sing 9:00 AM, Worship	18 12:30 PM, Lydia Circle Meets	19 3:45 PM, Christian Life Committee	20 6:00 PM, Finance Committee	21	22	23 5:00 PM, Worship
24 8:55 AM, Hymn Sing 9:00 AM, Worship 4:00 PM, Loaves & Fishes Free Community Meal	25 7:00 PM, Church Council	26	27	28 8:30 AM, Quilters Group	29	30 5:00 PM, Worship
31 8:55 AM, Hymn Sing 9:00 AM, Worship						

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Les Kruse  
 8/2 Shane Olson  
 8/4 Dennis Clark  
 8/4 Ruth DeNure  
 8/4 Drew Wyss  
 8/5 Curt Bahler  
 8/5 Sam Larson  
 8/5 Jonathan Olson  
 8/5 Myron Olson  
 8/6 Julie Verschage  
 8/7 Tyler Matley  
 8/7 Abigail Rielly  
 8/9 Rosemary Hoover  
 8/9 Anthony Reynolds  
 8/9 Zachary Ruch  
 8/10 Abbea Havens  
 8/10 Judith Johnson  
 8/11 Patricia Copped  
 8/11 Kevin Eikerman  
 8/12 Robin Berg  
 8/12 Kade Ellefson-Jones  
 8/12 Dave Wehinger  
 8/13 Ellie Johanson  
 8/13 Sharon Potts  
 8/14 Katie Brugger  
 8/14 Beverly Segner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/16 Arthur Havens  
 8/16 Konnie Thompson  
 8/17 Shirley Holland  
 8/17 Stephen Rupnow  
 8/17 Jeremiah Stiner  
 8/18 Cody Faith  
 8/20 Darlene Lancaster  
 8/20 Michael Reynolds  
 8/21 Alvin Gobeli  
 8/21 Grace Joyce  
 8/21 Carissa Scheider  
 8/22 Aspen Bader  
 8/22 Judith Nelson  
 8/22 John Schroeder  
 8/22 Brevin Whipple  
 8/23 Peggy Ivik  
 8/24 Marcie Patterson  
 8/25 Beverly Witt  
 8/26 Oliver Bahler  
 8/27 Corrine Jacobson  
 8/28 Natasha Patterson  
 8/28 Jesse Scheider  
 8/29 Larry Rood  
 8/29 Richard Thickpenny  
 8/30 Jane Swiggum  
 8/31 Bobbi Jo Robertson  
 8/31 Rachele Thompson

We are sorry if we missed your August birthday. Please call the office to let us know of your birthdate so that we may include your name next year!

## Serving in August 2025

### LITURGISTS

Sat., August 2.....Beth Faith  
 Sun., August 3.....Open

Sat., August 9.....Beth Faith  
 Sun., August 10.....Nikki Austin

Sat., August 16.....Open  
 Sun., August 17.....Open

Sat., August 23.....Open  
 Sun., August 24.....Open

Sat., August 30.....Beth Faith  
 Sun., August 31.....Open

*Thank you to all our volunteers! You are appreciated!*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

You are invited to sign up on the Flower Calendar in the narthex to provide cut flowers for weekend worship. Let the office know what you would like put in the bulletin, especially if you are honoring or memorializing a special person or event! (By Thursday of that week, please.) You may provide flowers from your own garden, or any provider you prefer. Please bring them to church by Friday at 3:00 PM and Altar Guild will make sure they are moved to the altar area for the weekend. Thank you!



### MISSIONARY SPONSORS

August 2 & 3.....Ruth DeNure  
 August 9 & 10.....Len & Sharon Potts  
 August 16 & 17.....Jane Swiggum  
 August 23 & 24.....Martha Scherer  
 August 30 & 31.....Women of Grace

You can sponsor our missionary family for \$35/week. There is a sign up calendar near the entry way. If you would like to sponsor our missionaries in honor or memory of a special person or event, just call the office to let us know!

### SATURDAY EVENING MUSICIANS

Sat., August 2.....Natasha Patterson

Sat., August 9.....Natasha Patterson

Sat., August 16.....Maynard Heins

Sat., August 23.....Lance Sathoff

Sat., August 30.....Sarah Johanson

### ALTAR GUILD

Stitchery Committee for August 2025

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2025

Meeting called to order 7:00 by Scott Christiansen, Council President

**Members Present:** Scott Christiansen, Jeri Johnson, Gloria Scherer, Lance Sathoff, Karen Helton, Deb Myers, Katy Dickson, John Patterson and Pastor John Tabaka

**Members Absent:** Ariel Thomas, Sam Mathiason

**Devotions-** Scott

**Secretarial Report-** Written report by Jeri. Motion to approve minutes of the 5-19-2025 Council Meeting by Gloria, second by John. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report-** Report by Lance. Donations made by the congregation for the new roof were very generous. The endowment fund has been put into a money market account earning better interest. Motion to approve report by John. Karen seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Christian Life-** Katy reported they are trying to organize a movie night.

**Memorial-** Written report

**Mutual Ministry-** No meeting

**Parish Education-** No meeting

**Property Committee-** Scott reported that Voegeli will work on the west side of the Sunday school wing.

**Staff Support-** No meeting

**Women of Grace-** Gloria reported the ice cream social is planned for June 26th. It's a fundraiser for repairing the planter outside.

**Worship and Music** -Deb reported we met with Lifeline about getting a new sound system. The organ repair people have donated a free set of swells that they will install into our organ before Christmas.

**Pastor's Thoughts:** Summer is full and we'll start planning for fall.

**Old Business:** Scott volunteered to be the church's contact person with Swita Roofing and we will receive a two-week notice before they are to start the roofing project.

Shannon Weber is working on getting our church website up and running - testing different companies. Our church directory is in progress.

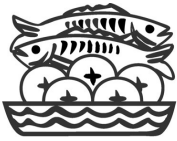
**New Business:** The city of Monroe would like to rent our parking lot again next Cheese Days - '26 for that weekend. They paid us \$1700 last year. Katy made a motion to offer the city our parking lot for \$1800 next Cheese Days weekend in 2026. Karen seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by John. Second by Deb.

Meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be July 28, 2025

Jeri Johnson, Secretary



**LOAVES & FISHES INVITES YOU TO DINNER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 4PM!** The entire community is invited to attend a meal together the 4th Sunday of each month at Grace Lutheran Church from 4-6 PM. This meal is open to anyone, and is free.

Please consider dropping by! Volunteers are always sought as well!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 10TH**

**AFTER WORSHIP** Christian Life invites you to a potluck picnic and outdoor fun event at Honey Creek Park. Bring a food dish to share, your own beverage and table service & any outdoor games that you would like to bring. We will enjoy a potluck meal and enjoy an afternoon of fun in the sun. We also will have a Nature Walk Scavenger Hunt to do on your own, or with your others! We hope to see YOU there!



**CUSTODIAN JOB OPENING** Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Monroe WI has a job opening for a paid part-time Custodian. The primary responsibility of the Custodian performs custodial and minor maintenance duties of the building including cleaning, dusting, assisting with the maintenance of the building mechanicals (e.g., heating and cooling equipment) and various other duties. High school diploma or equivalent with experience in facility maintenance or a related field preferred. Basic knowledge of plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and HVAC systems. Ability to prioritize tasks, manage time effectively. Understand safety regulations and procedures. Ability to lift, carry, and move objects, and climb ladders. If interested, please contact Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church at 608-325-9172 or by email at [gracelc@tds.net](mailto:gracelc@tds.net).

**BAPTISMS**



Landry Lind, daughter of Connor & Jill (Burns) Lind

Amora Burns, daughter of Connor & Jill Lind

Jon Burns, son of Connor & Jill Lind

June 29, 2025

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