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WORSHIP ON Water

Boat in for Music and a Message

Ward's Park Bay on Lake Sisseton

SUNDAY

Aug 7th - 11AM

Rain Date: Aug 14th



Public Welcome by Land or Sea

Hosted by Grace Lutheran Church

THE PASTOR'S PEN

Interim Pastor Joe BW Smith
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For the second consecutive month, I have some shorter points to address for August, not a particular unifying theme.

-I was encouraged by what I witnessed in the partnership between Grace Lutheran Church and Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp at Vacation Bible School in July. What I look for are happy children and energetic adults involved. The biggest benefit of having young adults involved with VBS is they tend to provide an energy level that is hard to match when it is done in-house. That is not to say that VBS done by Grace members cannot be energetic, only that it's hard to match. I remember working at camp for 5 summers in my 20s. I miss that kind of energy!



-Another thing I appreciate about working with one of our Lutheran Bible camps is in the day-to-day interactions of these partnerships. In my observation, Lutheran congregations in the Upper Midwest tend to be larger, or one of the only congregations in town. That means they can be accustomed to working independently. Partnering for Vacation Bible School this summer provided an opportunity for a wider range of people learning about the people and ministries of Grace Lutheran Church as well as learning about the Fairmont area and its offerings. The camp staff was hosted by a member of the congregation for hospitality and some time on a lake. The staff also had a night out at Jake's Pizza and the Fairmont cinema. It is always a good and faithful idea to share hospitality (which is strongly encouraged in the Bible) as an act of faith. Hospitality is also important in that it is always good to invest in opportunities where people outside the congregation can speak about Grace positively. I believe that Grace practiced good hospitality and positive interactions with the Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp.

-My last Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church will be Sunday, September 11th. This is a day Grace will also return to two Sunday services (8:30am and 10:15am). Look for announcements for farewell opportunities in the coming weeks. I will be leading worship on Wednesday, September 14th and helping with the first day of Confirmation meetings returning for the new school year. My last official day will be Thursday, September 15th, when I will be packing up my office. Pastor Jackie will preach on Sunday, September 18th. Pastor Allison has her first day on Monday, September 19th, and will be installed by Bishop Regina Hassanally of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod on Sunday, September 25th. Look for more detailed announcements about this transition in the coming weeks. I will be preaching and leading most worship services through September 11th (I will be away the weekend of August 28th).

-I won't be able to say thank you to everyone personally as this 13-month transitional ministry comes to a close. However, during these last weeks I am in Fairmont, I would love to hear from you, whether it is a phone call, email, before or after a worship service, or whether you stop by my office. I believe saying thank you is one of the most important things we do as a community of faith, with God and with one another.

God's peace is with you!

Pastor Joe

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE



Grace Members,

The Call Committee resumed work last Sunday and updated the Ministry Site Profile to call a Youth and Outreach Pastor for Grace. Because most of the groundwork had already been done, the committee was able to update the gifts and attributes that the Congregational

Council approved in the job description at their last meeting. The Call Committee hopes to have the profile posted by August 1st. Please continue to pray for the Call Committee and our church home as we begin this process again.

We are looking forward to Pastor Allison beginning her call at Grace on Monday, September 19th. (Please see Pastor Allison's bio below.) She will be installed by Bishop Regina Hassanally on Sunday, September 25th. There will be a welcome celebration after the Installation Service in Fellowship Hall.

Jolene Rosol, Grace Congregational President and council liaison to the Call Committee

Rev. Dr. Allison Cobb

Pastor Allison Cobb is a second career pastor who God called into the ministry from a career in the food industry. She was raised in rural America where her family enjoyed their neighbors who farmed, as well as cows and horses nearby.

In high school, she focused on her studies along with music and sports and attended the University of Illinois, majoring in Food Science. She then received her master's degree in Food Science from Michigan State University.

During her internship times, Pastor Allison realized that she loved feeding people and working with people, so she shifted her focus from product development to marketing. She began working at Hormel Foods first in Cincinnati, OH, then being moved to the corporate office in Austin, MN, SPAM Town USA, where she managed hot dogs, fully cooked entrees, started the Natural Choice lunchmeat line, and oversaw the integration and management of Hormel's first chicken company, Valley Fresh out of California.



While her job took her across the country and even to visit customers around the world, her passion and her heart had shifted to serving God through work in the church. Pastor Allison was very involved in her church, Westminster Presbyterian. Shortly after being ordained an elder, Pastor Allison began to hear a loud internal nudge to be a pastor and after much prayer and discernment, she decided to pursue the Commissioned Lay Pastor program at University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and was called to serve part-time in that role at her church while still working full-time at Hormel. Eventually, she found herself at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Austin where she began an ecumenical coffee house ministry and from there, continued to listen as the Spirit called her into full-time ministry. Pastor Allison attended Wartburg Theological Seminary and interned at Ascension Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY. After graduation, she has joyfully served the good people of Holmen Lutheran Church in Holmen, WI, a bedroom community of La Crosse. As one of two pastors, she leads the outreach, hospitality, congregation care, and adult education ministries while co-leading worship, confirmation, and crisis ministry.

In the last three and a half years, Pastor Allison pursued a Doctor of Ministry degree from University of Dubuque Theological Seminary which focused on congregational vitality. Learning is a hobby, as well as reading, movies, and walking her puppy Chip. Aside from being a dog mom, her most favorite role is being an aunt! She looks forward to returning to her more rural roots, getting to know the faithful people of Grace Lutheran, living closer to family, being an active part of the Fairmont community, participating in ministry with our ecumenical partners, and sharing God's love with those she meets!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE – ENDS SUNDAY, SEPT 4TH

Sundays @9:30AM
Tuesdays @2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12
(pre-recorded)
Wednesdays @6:00PM June 8th - Aug 31st - Sylvania
Park Bandshell in Fairmont

***Communion** is offered each Sunday.

***All services will be live streamed online on Facebook, YouTube, and our webpage.**

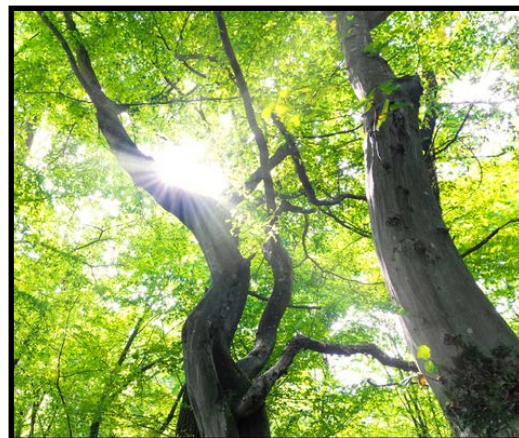


Community Worship at Sylvania Park at 6PM Wednesdays this summer!

Do you walk in the evenings?

Do you need a mid-week spiritual lift?

Join us for something different! Whether you worship on Sundays in at Grace, or haven't been in the building in a while, you are welcome to join us at the Sylvania Park Bandshell on Wednesdays at 6:00PM this summer! Invite a neighbor and come experience this energetic and uplifting time of music and prayer with a short, meaningful and relatable message. Come to be lifted up, to lift up others, and hear how Jesus loves you! (In times of questionable weather, worship will be held at Grace.) The bandshell at Sylvania now has a paved path to the seating area for steady walking or wheeling. See you at the park!



6:00PM WEDNESDAYS *Note summer time change!*
New Series: Fruits of the Spirit

Sometimes there is a lot of talk in the Bible and in church about the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to his followers according to the Gospel of John so that they may remember all of the things that Jesus taught them and



remind them of God's love for them. In the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit is a guide for followers of Jesus, and also has great power to help people serve God together, often overcoming great obstacles. Paul teaches Jesus followers to "live in the Spirit". But how do you know whether the Spirit is at work in you? This summer's worship series will reflect on "The Fruits of the Spirit" as outlined in Galatians 5: 22-23. The summer is a great time to reflect on such things, as we watch fruit grow all around us (I especially love going to the Farmer's Market to see what fruit has been growing and is ready to eat). May you have a fruit-filled summer!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

August 7, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15: 1-6

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 32-40

August 14, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23: 23-29

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11: 29—12:2

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 49-56

August 21, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58: 9b-14

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12: 18-29

GOSPEL: Luke 13: 10-17

August 28, 2022

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25: 6-7

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

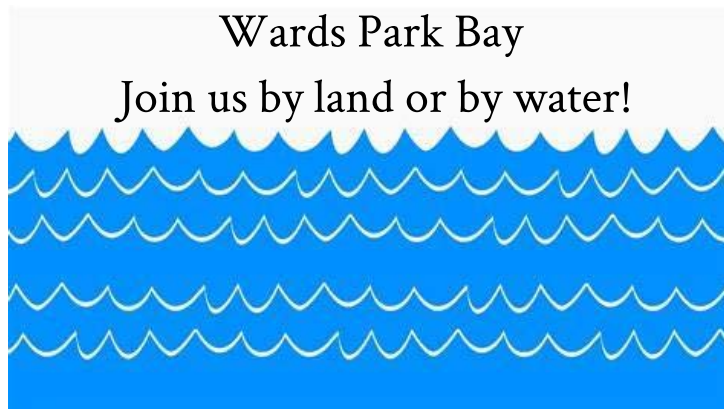
GOSPEL: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Mark your calendars for:

Worship on the Water

Sunday, August 7th at 11AM -
Wards Park Bay

Join us by land or by water!



Wednesday
COMMUNITY WORSHIP
at the Park

SYLVANIA PARK BANDSHELL,
FAIRMONT
(RAIN SITE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH)
EVERY WEDNESDAY, 6:00 PM
(JUNE 8 - AUGUST 31)
HOSTED BY
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, FAIRMONT

All Are Welcome

- LIVE BAND WORSHIP
- SHORT, MEANINGFUL AND RELATABLE MESSAGES

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BUSINESS OF GRACE

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Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

July 17, 2022

Members Present: Jolene Rosol, Joice Forster, Ben Jordan, Wayne Olson, Pete Odgren, Ilene Reiter, Carolyn Bird, Josh Ensrud, Jane Reiman, and Pastor Joe Smith

Members Absent: Patti Mathews and Eric Tonder

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by council president, Jolene Rosol.

Devotional:

Wayne shared a devotional on the song "Rock of Ages" as Jesus is our rock and how important it is that we turn to Him in our times of trials and temptations.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Council minutes from the June 12th, 2022, meeting were reviewed and approved via email on June 21, 2022. Ben moved to accept, seconded by Patti. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Jane Reiman reviewed the financial reports. Income during the summer months drops, however it improves during the fall.

Team Reports

The Team Reports were given in hard copy forms to council members for their perusal. Updates will be given at the August church council meeting.

Old Business

Council President Jolene presented the revised Grace Lutheran Church Organization Structure Chart. A motion was made by Wayne to accept. Second by Ben. Motion passed.

Jolene presented the job descriptions for both the Lead Pastor position and the Pastor of Youth and Outreach position. Pete moved to accept. Second by Ilene. Motion passed.

New Business

Pastor Joe's last Sunday to preach will be September 11, 2022. There will be a farewell reception after the service. Pastor Joe's last day will be September 15, 2022. The council thanks Pastor Joe for his wonderful leadership during his interim.

Pastor Jackie will preach on September 18, 2022.

Pastor Allison Cobb will begin working at Grace on September 19, 2022. Pastor Allison's installation service will be September 25, 2022. There will be a Welcome to Grace reception after the service.

Pastor Report

Pastor Joe shared that Grace is trying a Bible Camp led Bible School this year. It is being led by camp counselors from Okoboji Bible Camp. Vacation Bible School will run from July 18-21 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 p.m.- Outreach, Worship, and CYF Team meetings in the Laurel Lounge.

Thursday, August 11th at 5:15 p.m.- Service Team meeting.

Next Council Meeting- Sunday, August 21st at 10:30 in the Laurel Lounge.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Joice Forster.

Approval of Secretary's Report

The July 17, 2022 council minutes were reviewed and approved via email on July 25, 2022. Motion by Ben, seconded by Ilene to approve. Motion carried.

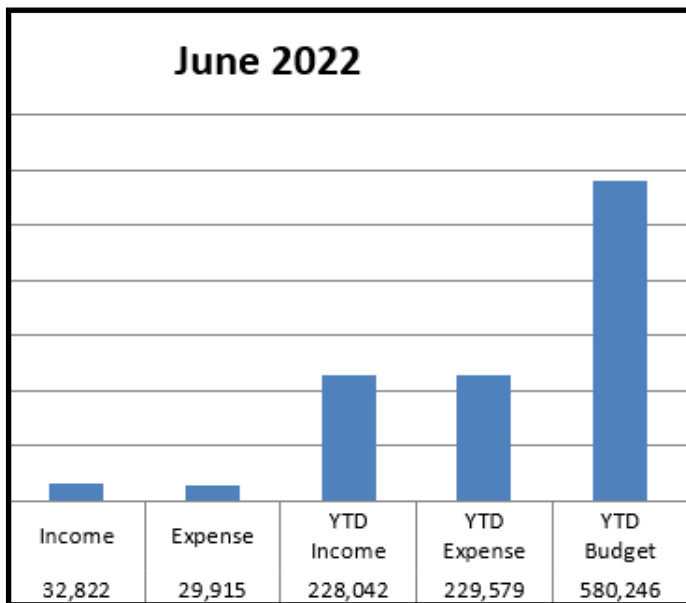
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Grace's
Summer Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR JUNE



MEMORIALS

Barb Scheef Memorial

C. Bernett	Undesignated
Sandra Lund	Youth Fund
Bonita Johanneck	Youth Fund
Robert & Deb Bonk	Youth Fund
James Hanson	Youth Fund
Jennelle Cunning	People Helping People
Janet T. Nielsen	Building
Tom & Sandra Hughs	Building
Chris & Carol Nasby	Missions
Roger & Carol Voss	Missions
Velma Vickerman	Missions
Doug & Cynthia Bents	Missions

Scott Gerhardt Memorial

Roger & Carol Voss	Missions
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Dennis Meyer Memorial

Judith Meyer	Undesignated
Rod & Diane Palmquist	Undesignated
Sherwood & Carol Sagedahl	Undesignated
Janet T. Nielsen	Building
Keith & Karen Hertzke	Missions
Roger & Carol Voss	Missions
Wes & Linda Clerc	Missions



This summer, the Grace Mission Team challenges you to:

FILL THE JUG!

During July and August, there will be a Culligan water jug in the Gathering Area to collect your loose change and bills. The funds will be sent to ELCA World Relief and Lutheran Immigration Services as designated funds for the Ukraine relief effort. Look for more information on the Mission Team bulletin board.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY



Director of Christian Education, Nicki Kueker
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Anchored in Hope!

Wow, what a week! It is my favorite time of year, and this year went off with out a hitch!! Camp Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp was here this year, and they did not disappoint the children at Grace Lutheran Church. Not knowing what to expect, the camp counselors brought the energy that I needed this week--from music, skits and just an overall positive presence came into the church! Thank you to the camp counselors for everything they poured into the children of Grace. We hope to have them back next year.

The VBS children raised just over \$500 to help children in need of school supplies! I heard this statement many times on Thursday, so have your kids explain, "Joey, eat your broccoli!"

-Nicki

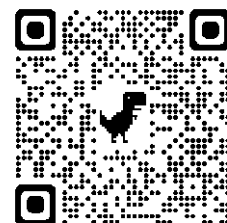


Fall Registration

B.L.A.S.T. and Confirmation fall registration forms are ready and available to fill out online. B.L.A.S.T. and Confirmation will return on Wednesday evenings, beginning Wednesday, September 14th at 5:30PM. We will have Cherub & Alleluia Choir, learning lessons and lots of FUN!! See you in the fall!

Teachers/leaders are needed for B.L.A.S.T. Please consider sharing your talents and time! Contact Nicki if you are interested.

To register for fall activities, follow the link <https://forms.gle/bQb3ov7wdnBg6nQq5>, or scan the QR code to register.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY



Anchored in Hope VBS!

Vacation Bible School - July 18-21, 2022

We had a wonderful week of "Anchored in Hope" Vacation Bible School, where kids embarked on a seaward expedition, dove deeper into faith and discovered the Hope we have in Jesus! Kids enjoyed dressing up for three of the days--Tuesday was wear your favorite color day, Wednesday was wacky hair day, and on Thursday kids wore their pajamas!





Anchored in Hope - 2022 VBS!



Grace Calendar of Events - August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30am - 10:30am Sunday Worship	1 1:00pm Mary Circle	2 9:00am - 3:00pm Common Threads Sewing Bee - Community 1:00pm - 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	3 9:00am - 11:30am Receipt Counters 6:00pm - 6:45pm Wednesday Worship	4	5	6 8:00am - 4:30pm Missy Viesselman- Hunter Olson Wedding
7 9:30am - 10:30am Sunday Worship 11:00am - 12:00pm Worship on the Water	8	9 1:00pm - 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 6:30pm All Teams Meeting	10 6:00pm - 6:45pm Wednesday Worship	11 1:30pm Ingleside Worship Services 4:30pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre 5:15pm - 6:15pm Service Team Meeting	12	13
14 9:30am - 10:30am Sunday Worship	15 Ways of Grace Submission Deadline	16 1:00pm - 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	17 9:00am - 11:30am Receipt Counters 6:00pm - 6:45pm Wednesday Worship	18	19	20 8:00am - 4:00pm Matt Lytle-Sydney Leichtnam wedding 12:00pm - 4:00pm Bridal Shower
21 9:30am - 10:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am - 11:30am Council Meeting	22 11:00am - 12:00pm Scott Inurnment	23 1:00pm - 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	24 6:00pm - 6:45pm Wednesday Worship	25 10:00am Goldfinch Assisted Living Service	26	27
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**MAY THE LORD
BLESS YOU
AND KEEP YOU
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE
SHINE ON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU
THE LORD TURN HIS
FACE TOWARD YOU
AND GIVE YOU
PEACE
NUMBERS 6:24-26**

Our Facebook page (Fairmont Grace Lutheran Church), the church website
(www.gracelutheranchurch.org), and our church emails are a few places to go to get
updates on the worship schedule. You can also call the church office at 238-4418.

The Ways of Grace is the monthly newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church, Fairmont MN for members, visitors and friends of Grace. The monthly deadline is the 15th of the month. Please send correspondence regarding the Ways of Grace to the editor at office@gracelutheranchurch.org.