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The Good News

June 2014

Get Ready for "Operation Inasmuch"

On June 15 my sermon will be about "Operation Inasmuch". This wonderful Christian program challenges churches to get their members out in the community on a designated day to do all sorts of things, both big and small, to help people. A number of us attended a training session on "Operation Inasmuch" in early May and we all feel this will be a great ministry opportunity for Grace.

Not everyone does the same thing. Some projects may involve a lot of people, while others are done by just a few.

This takes a lot of work to get organized and that's what we're going to be doing over the summer.

The tentative date we are looking at is Sunday, September 7. (Don't panic! There's no Packers game that day.) I pray that lots of us at Grace will have the desire to roll up our sleeves and be community servants of Christ on that day.

— Pastor Paul



The goal is to get at least 50% of your worshipping congregation (that's about 150 people for Grace) to commit to spending time on a designated day out in the community engaged in a whole series of projects and activities for the community and for others.

You will hear a lot more about this. You will be asked to be part of it. I pray you will say, "Yes!" We're also open to your suggestions about what might be a good service activity that day.

We Welcome Everyone to Join Us!

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Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9 a.m.

Thursday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

Christian Education

All Ages at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays

From September—May

Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday Evenings all year

New Thursday Night Bible Study



Starting on June 12 our summer theme for the Thursday Evening Bible Study is going to be a study of what Martin Luther teaches us about the Lord's Prayer. Luther wrote wonderfully well and has many helpful insights for us about how

to pray. Luther's words in his "Small Catechism" will be our guide. You're welcome to be part of this nine week study. Free copies of the "Small Catechism" will be available.

The Thursday evening

study is held in the church library from 7:30-8:15 p.m. You don't need to be a Bible expert to attend. You just have to have the desire to grow in your faith. Talk to Pastor Paul if you have any questions about the study.

Dinner for Grace College-Aged Friends!



Are you home for the summer? Graduated? Or a young adult who lives at home and wants to reconnect with your Grace friends? On Monday, June 23 we are going to meet at Water Street Brewery in Grafton for dinner at 6pm. We will have some time to catch up, share what we've been up to, and have some

time to reflect on life and faith. Let Pastor Heidi know if you're planning to come there is also a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area at church. Looking forward to getting together!

Sign Up For Brewers Game



The Brewers' season has gotten off to a great start, so let's go cheer them on! You may also bring along family and friends.

Monday, July 7, 2014 for a Brewer vs. Phillies 7:10 game. Terrace Box tickets Section 413

Meet at church at 4:45. We will be tailgating

before the game at Miller Park. Tailgate meal included: Subway sandwich, chips, soda (we'll have volunteers bring treats, too)

The cost depends on whether we take a bus or not. If we have a small group, we'll carpool from church (those that don't

want to drive to Miller Park won't need to). If we take a bus, the cost will be about \$25-27 per person for the bus, ticket and tailgate meal. PLEASE SIGN UP SOON so we have an idea how many people are going. You can sign up on the poster at church, or contact Terry Crevensten directly at 377-0047.

Graduate Sunday is June 1

Grace will honor its graduates from high school, college and professional schools at our annual Graduate Sunday service to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 1. The highlight of the service is the video tribute to all of our Grace students who are graduating from high school. Join us for this uplifting worship.



Summer Church Picnic

With the weather warming up and the school year coming to an end soon, let's start thinking Summer Church Picnic! Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 22nd after the 10 a.m. outdoor worship service. Be sure to bring your folding chairs, picnic blankets and umbrellas/canopies for shade. Come and enjoy the food, refreshments, fellowship and entertainment! There will be pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, cold salads, fruits, veggies, chips, lemonade and plenty of desserts. Each family is asked to bring a side dish, cold salad or dessert to share. Like last year, tickets will not be sold. Instead, we ask that you please sign up in

advance, with your attendance and what you will bring, on the sign-up poster in the gathering space. To offset the cost of some of the food, a free will offering will be taken at the picnic.

Right after our delicious picnic lunch, please join us for fun bingo entertainment in Fellowship Hall, provided by our very own Emcee Dave Polka! And, this won't be your typical, church basement bingo. Along with the excitement of the game, plan to be entertained with music, props and a little humor thrown in! Oh, did we mention prizes? There will be little prizes for each winner too. If your kids are too young to follow

along, we will have a small area for them where they can play bingo with pictures instead of numbers and win candy prizes. However, if the weather is nice and your kids want to get outside, we'll set up some fun, outdoor toys for them to play with and enjoy.

We hope to see everyone there! If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Witt at (262) 284-6340 or cindy_wit@yahoo.com.



Good News

I referenced this quote in a sermon in May. It bears repeating. There is nothing in this world that God can't overcome- even death has been beaten by God. No matter what it is in your life that is bringing you down, remember that God can help you through it. Even when we don't get exactly what we want, having faith can help change our attitude. Take a moment to read this. What in your life can you pray to

God to take over today?

GOD IS BIGGER THAN:
YOUR PAST.
YOUR DEPRESSION.
YOUR PAIN.
YOUR HATE.
YOUR ANGER.
YOUR DOUBT.
YOUR FEAR.
YOUR SHAME.
YOUR EATING DISORDER.
YOUR SELF HARM.
YOUR ANXIETY.
YOUR LONELINESS.
YOUR SCARS.
THIS WORLD.

VBS – Workshop of Wonders



Registration is underway for our Workshop of Wonders, where kids imagine and build with God! VBS runs August 11-15 here at Grace. Registration

forms are available in the gathering area or online at GraceGrafton.com. We're also still looking for VBS volunteers—new or returning, full-time or for just

a few days—we have opportunities for everyone to lend a hand. Find out more information on how you can help at the registration table in the gathering area.

WE NEED SHEETS!

The Grace quilters are on summer vacation but the work continues. Therefore, we are in need of your help in providing us with sheets to be used for backing on our quilts. So, Grace members, when you are rummaging at home or

out-and-about think of us. The sheets we need are twin flat, queen and king size fitted in reasonable condition. We can always use cotton material used in making the tops. We are close to our quota of 200 quilts. With your help we

can make that number in the fall when we return to our regular schedule. Thank you all for your donations in the past. We are counting on your help!

Congregational Rummage Sale on June 14

Donations for our rummage sale are needed soon! When deciding what to donate, please make sure all items are clean, complete, and gently used. Please pre-price all items donated, especially anything that is an antique, collectible or of higher quality. (Books, DVD's magazines, etc., do not need to be priced)

Drop off dates for donations are:
Saturday, June 7th 8:00-10:00AM

Wednesday, June 11th 6:00-8:00PM
Friday, June 13th 10:00-4:00

Volunteers will be at church during these dates to help you unload your donations. Please do not donate couches, TV's, computers, printers, mattresses, large appliances, cribs, car seats, or weapons. We are still in need of anyone with a truck to help pick up items from members that are unable to

drop off their donations and any group that would like to run the Brat Fry.

Volunteers are greatly needed the week before, and the day of the sale. Sign up for the whole day or a shift. As a special perk, all volunteers get to shop the sale on Friday night before the public. A volunteer sign up will be posted in the Gathering Space or contact Mari@ 375-2532 or Mag2532@aol.com



Flat Jesus is Back!

A couple summers ago, we encouraged Grace members to take a Flat Jesus along with them on their summer adventures. Flat Jesus is based off the kids book, "Flat Stanley", about a boy who become flat. One of the benefits of being flat is that it's easy for him to go places.

Summer is a time when we do a lot of traveling, so we thought it would be fun to send you off with a Flat Jesus. There is one enclosed in the Good News, and there will be copies available in the gathering area as well. We hope that you'll decorate him as you see

fit and bring him with you on your trips.

Flat Jesus is a good reminder for all of us that Jesus is with us wherever we go. Psalm 139 tells us, "If I settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand hold me fast." Before Jesus ascended to heaven he left his disciples with a reminder of his constant presence, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

As you play, as you visit, as you travel Christ is with you. As you enjoy the beauty of the summer,

Christ is with you. We hope that you'll always remember that, and that you'll take pictures of yourself with your Flat Jesus and send them in to the office (office@gracegraston.com). We'll share them during the announcement slideshow before the service, and on Facebook, too, if that's okay. We hope you have a safe summer that is filled with the love of Christ!



Caring for Creation



What wonders of creation did you enjoy this week? “Well,” says She-who-sees-and-hears-all-or-at-least-tries-to, as we are driving along a country road, “I think spring has finally arrived.” Of course, we all agree she’s right (well yes ... duh). In addition to the landscape changing to green and the woods blushing red from the maple flowers, arbutus are blooming, as are marsh marigolds - delicate pink/white, small, petite flowers, and deep, deep yellow blooms against the contrasting deep, deep green leaves - both for us to enjoy, but in totally different environments. If that isn’t spring, I don’t know what is (maybe finding a wood tick on your leg?). Earlier this month, the fifth to be exact, an immature eagle flew north over the Milwaukee river in Grafton. Last week, another immature eagle flew west, but this one followed the Peshtigo river. Two different places but the same species doing the same thing - looking for breakfast. I may be thinking a bit atypical here, but to me that is one of the miracles of creation - the vastness of the territories that one species can inhabit. Not that, in these sightings, the distance was all that great - 170 miles - minute compared to the eagle’s territory, which is international. But do you ever think about that? I do. Oh, and “our” mature eagles in the north, are tending their nest again. Did we see any young? No, but if they have hatched,

they would be too small to be seen from our angle on the water. There have been a multitude of sightings reported to us from our many friends and church members: hummingbirds and orioles are emptying their feeders, even in the north; ruby-crowned kinglets have returned to join their cousins, the golden-crowned that I reported seeing a few weeks ago; rose-breasted grosbeaks are over-crowding their feeders; eastern phoebes have been heard and seen; great egrets have joined the great blue herons, their stark white easy to see against the green countryside; scarlet tanagers and indigo buntings have returned; a whippoorwill has been heard “singing” in the middle of several nights; and yellow warblers flitted among the alders by a small stream. These warblers can easily be mistaken for goldfinch, if you are not paying attention. Male goldfinches are brilliant right now. But! If you see a flash of an even brighter yellow, possibly the brightest yellow you have ever seen, far brighter than the goldfinch, and wonder what that could be; pull out the binoculars and take a closer look. If one of these fast moving individuals happens to be a male, you will see red streaks on the bird’s breast. Then check out the bill, the goldfinch’s is heavy and blunt, the warbler’s will be thin and sharp looking. So, if you see a bright yellow bird, and know it is not a

goldfinch but are not sure what it is. Look up the yellow warbler. But you must be quick. They do not sit very long. It took quite a few clicks of the shutter before I got an image worthwhile keeping. We again are blessed to have all five woodpeckers living with us in the north - the downy, hairy, red-breasted, red-headed, and pileated. Of the five, we think the red-headed is the most striking. Its brilliant colors of red, white, and black are so distinctly defined - not like many birds where the edges of the colors blend. The other morning I shared the view of our river with a hen turkey. Maybe I better explain that. While I was making a cup of tea, this hen appeared. She mossied around and ended up on the side of the hill in front of our neighbor’s free-standing deck that overlooks the river. The bird stopped and stood there - just looking - not moving. It stood, motionless, for seven full minutes (yes, I timed it). Now, I know we enjoy the view, but a turkey? I wonder, has God given critters emotion, something we do not give them credit of possessing? Remember, email your observations of, and/or questions about, the wonders of creation to mrm-rsprg8@wi.rr.com. Keep a good thought!

Our Grace Family

The People of Grace that we prayed for this month:

Our Shut Ins: Lloyd Schultz, Clara Kinnett, Linna Petersen, Vivian Morey, Harriett Sullivan, Florence Gustafson, Joan & Wendell Smith & Harold Woltring.

Our Members: John Conto, Joanne Fugate, Arlette Leischow, Ginger Schottler, & Wendell Smith

Our Members & Family Friends in the Military: Lt. Commander Ian Lilyquist, Lance Corporal Chase Mantel, PFC Mitchell Sperber, Staff Sgt. Nathan Talbert (grandson of Elaine Hennings), Major Steve Harms (son of Charlie & Donna), 1st Lieutenant Erich McGuffey (cousin of Kate Peterman), CW5 James Krueger (brother of Gail Woyach) & Zachary Hennig (grandson of Jerry & Diane Kiesow), Petty Officer IC Jennifer Kurneta (daughter of Richard & Charlene Breest)





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Evening Mom's Group Upcoming Events

June 17—Firehouse., Saukville

July 15—Highland House, Mequon

August 19—C Weislars, Cedarburg

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

“Grace Lutheran Church’s Evening Mom’s Group Mission is to welcome all Moms and to provide all Moms with a Christian support network to share family experiences, fellowship, conversation, and socializing”



Established November 2005

JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 High School Graduation Service 9:00 AM Worship Service/Euch.	2 6:00 PM Grace's Softball Team Game 6:00 PM Yoga	3 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Quilting 6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	4 9:00 AM Grace Kids Play Group	5 6:15 AM Morning Men's Discussion Group 6:30 PM Worship/Euch.	6	7 8:00 AM Rummage Sale Drop Off
8 9:00 AM Worship Service/Euch. 10:00 AM Off To Camp Meeting	9 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry 8:00 PM Grace's Softball Team Game	10 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	11 6:00 PM Rummage Sale Drop Off	12 6:15 AM Morning Men's Discussion Group 6:30 PM Worship/Euch. 7:30 PM Bible Study	13 10:00 AM Rummage Sale Drop Off	14 8:00 AM Grace Rummage Sale
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Responsibility List for June/July, 2014

Date	Asst. Min.	Reader	Acolyte	Ushers	Greeters	Nursery	Multimedia Room	Communion Assistant	Eucharist Set Up Clean Up	Coffee Hour
June 1 9:00 a.m. LBW/Euch.	---	Grace Hagerman	Riley Balistrieri Chloe Fugate	Mel Trapp's Team	Marla Aspenson Ken & Sue Steinhoff	Shelby Struck	Lorraine LeSage	Mara Schwartz Katie Eippert	Bob & Jeanne Dries (Intinction)	Graduate Sunday
June 8 9:00 a.m. LBW/Euch.	Marcia Vrankin	Bob Dries	Jake Garncarz	Rod Wilterdink's Team	Diane Kiesow Mark & Nancy Koehler	Mariah Zack	Kate Peterman	AIM Ruth Schmidt-bread, Judy Hahn	Sue Korinek	Dan & Jan Ernst
June 15 9:00 a.m. LBW/Euch.	Volunteer Needed	Karen Johnson	Jeremy LeSage Karsen Wise	Jon Aspenson's Team	Rhylan Gosselin Rob & Judy Kloehn	Lynda Lalley	Samantha Crevensten	Sandy Luetgen	Volunteer Needed	John & Cindy Payne
June 22 Outdoor Worship 10:00 a.m.	---	Kathy Kehoe	---	Mark Koehler's Team	---	---	---	AIM Ruth Schmidt Joan Tuttle	Pam Jeletz (Intinction)	---
June 29 9:00 a.m. LBW/Euch.	Dave Polka	Dan Mathias	Blake West	Jason Traxell's Team	Ralph Jeletz Rick & Nora Koenig	Donna Stauske	Hannah Bulgerin	AIM Ruth Schmidt	Linda Scott (Intinction)	Kim King
July 6 9:00 a.m. LBW/Euch.	Linda Borkenhagen	Peg Lade	Brynn McCarthy Keagan McCarthy	Dan Mathias' Team	Joan Tuttle Roger VanRyzin	Janet Sladky Emily Cassel	Jeff Olson	Kelly Olson Vicki Sperber	Linda Borkenhagen	Kevin LeSage
July 13 9:00 a.m. LBW/Euch.	Beth Walch	Lori Mathias	Owen Wolff	Harley Whitmarsh's Team	Tom & Sue Bremer Steve LaMaster	Shelby Struck	Joe Fugate	AIM Ruth Schmidt	Jane Johnson (Intinction)	Stacie Lichosik
July 20 9:00 a.m. LBW/Euch.	Ruth Schmidt	Candy Polka	Kassandra Nimtza J.Salzman	Fred Petersen's Team	Jessica VanSluys H. & J. Whitmarsh	Kelly Klug	Kevin Wise	AIM Ruth Schmidt	Beth Walch	Julie Demerath
July 27 9:00 a.m. LBW/Euch.	Paul Singer	Brooke Napiwocki	Tyler Luthens	Wendy Freeland's Team	Sandy Luetgen Mike & Pam Mueller	Erica Dimmett	Greg Schwartz	Ken Steinhoff	Pam Jeletz	Marcia Vrankin

Linens

June – Diane Kiesow
July – Candy Polka

Thursday Greeters

June 5 - Sue Carlson
June 12 – Jim & Sherrie Duwe
June 19 – Sue Geier
June 26 – Mary Korrison
July 3 – Lowell & Arlene Liebenstein
July 10 – Al & Sandy Nelson
July 17 – Penny Scheibach
July 24 – Lois Jeremiah
July 31 - Ann Turney

Welcome Desk – Ten Minutes before & after the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. service

June 1 - 9:00: Rick & Nora Koenig
June 8 – 9:00: Julie Bednarczyk
June 15 – 9:00: Sandy Luetngen
June 29 – 9:00: Lori Mathias
July 6 - 9:00: Judy Steffen
July 13 - 9:00: Pam Mueller
July 20 - 9:00: Roger VanRyzin
July 27 - 9:00: Kelly Olson

If you cannot fulfill the ministry you are assigned, please switch with someone. Notify the office when the switch has been made so that the proper names can be put in the bulletin.