

# Equippier

Equipping God's people as we celebrate, teach, and share God's Grace.



## May 2022

### ***“SEEING IS BELIEVING” OR “BELIEVING IS SEEING?”***

***John 20: 28-29, “Thomas said to [Jesus], “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”***

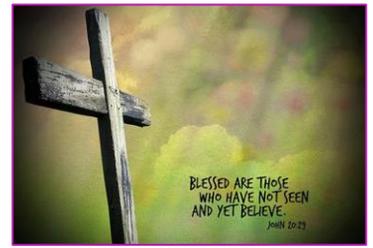
Is seeing always believing or are there also things that are very real that we cannot see just with our eyes? Our garage doors open by unseen forces at the touch of a button. We put our food into little rectangle devices and hit the button believing that, absent a heating element or a flame, microwaves will make our food hot. Even the most empirical of scientists has things in which he/she believes long before they are tested or visible to their eyes. One could make the case that observable science, the very scientific method we cherish today, was based on a belief that God created and ordered the world in such a way that it could be tested and its laws could be counted on. You might say that even the scientist had to believe in many things before he/she could actually see them.

Faith in God is a bit like that. It's not that faith in God is totally absent data or information. But there are aspects to faith that are beyond our control. We are the creature. God is the Creator. He is the Redeemer. We are the redeemed. Faith in the God of the Bible does not consist merely of an academic exercise. Faith also begins to help us see the big picture of our lives here, and our lives eternally. In a paper delivered at the Oxford Socratic Club, C. S. Lewis remarked, *“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”*

[https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/Christianity\\_Makes\\_Sense\\_of\\_the\\_World](https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/Christianity_Makes_Sense_of_the_World)) The Founding Fathers of America believed in liberty because they believed that God had created humanity for such a dignified life. With that faith, they began to structure a government that would honor such freedom. In the fundamental questions of life, believing is seeing!

The tension between *“believing is seeing”* and *“seeing is believing”* helps explain what is going on in our reading for today from John 20. The text describes how *“Doubting Thomas”* finally saw Jesus as his Savior. But it took a living Jesus presenting the very wounds of His crucifixion to engender such faith (see John 20:27). But who was this Thomas character? What was he really like? Was he always the skeptic that many claim him to be? Was he a pessimist? A doubter? Well, if he was at times, he could also be tough and tenacious. When Jesus was going to journey into dangerous territory, Thomas didn't shrink back. Instead, he boldly asserted, *“Let us also go, that we may die with him”* (John 11:16). But it's also true that he was confused and distraught over Jesus crucifixion. If someone tried to console him by claiming that Jesus didn't really die, he wasn't going to have any of that (see John 19:31-37). He knew it to be true and was so overwhelmed by it that no amount of wishful thinking would change his mind.

What he forgot was that this *"believing is seeing"* attitude of the Christian doesn't work because of our inherent power or our wishful thinking. It works because *God's promises* are always true. God's promises always come to fruition. In His time and in His way, YES. But they always come true because He Himself is trustworthy and true.



Maybe Thomas did you and me a favor. He wasn't going to let our wishful thinking be the foundation of our faith either. He wanted the fulfilled Word of Christ to be evident for all to see, even if he had to look a bit foolish for that to happen. In this Easter season, take a step back from the rat race of your job, take a step back from all the striving, and try to see the big picture of your life with God in Jesus Christ. Because Jesus has risen from the dead, your life is redeemed. It is eternal, and it has purpose now too. If your life doesn't look like that at the moment, why not take Christ's Word for it first and foremost? Then begin to live in that resurrection reality with its eternal blessings right now. Put the power of *"seeing is believing"* to work by reading and trusting in the Word of Jesus, the resurrected one who did all of this for people like *"Doubting Thomas,"* and people like you and me.

**PRAYER:** *Dear Lord Jesus, teach us the depth of Your mercy for us, so that we might live faithful lives of grace and mercy to others. AMEN.*

See you in worship,  
Pastor John M. Tagatz

You Are Invited!!!

## *"Seeing the Resurrection Today"*

The accounts of Jesus' resurrection are often seen as describing something that happened a long time ago. However, the greatest part of these narratives is how they put the resurrection right into the church's worship of all times and places. Join us as Rev. Dr. Brian German leads us to a fresh look at these beloved texts. Rev. Dr. Brian German is Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin and Director of the Concordia Bible Institute



May 3, 10 and 17  
6:30-8:00PM  
Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church  
462 Meadowbrook Dr  
West Bend, WI 53090  
262-334-0375



## *Help Fight Fatigue*



Fatigue is the mental and emotional exhaustion stemming from stress and challenges. As time goes on more and more people are feeling worn down by a crisis and need care.

Stephen Ministry, is a ministry that provides care, compassion, community and a listening ear. The care they provide is highly confidential, and the lay members serve as caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, who are very well equipped to provide that care. We all have 50 hours of training to start with and have on-going training every month during our monthly meetings.

Stephen Ministries is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975 and based in St Louis, MO. Congregations and other organizations use resources from Stephen Ministries to strengthen and expand their caring ministry. Individuals use them to improve their ability to relate to and care for others, grow in faith, and journey through life crisis. They will walk right beside you during any need you have.

Grace started its Stephen Ministry in 2004 and has a vibrant ministry ready to serve members and community. This year, it trained and commissioned several additional Stephen Ministers, who are now ready to care for hurting people. This ministry is open to all, one does not need to belong to Grace.

Job loss, divorce and chronic or life-threatening illness, loss of a loved one, empty nest, age related, isolation, dealing with a special needs child or adult, being a care giver, and so much more. *No problem is too small.* Sometimes we need a person who isn't a friend or spouse to talk with, it offers a place for individuals to share the pain they're carrying.

The reasons individuals need care from a Stephen Minister really haven't changed. However, the pandemic has brought with it a whole new layer of emotional stress---working from home, balancing work life with children, at home learning virtually, worrying about aging parents, especially those in nursing homes and long-term facilities. The list goes on and on. As human beings, we are meant to live in a community, but COVID has driven a wedge between many families and friends. Pandemic fatigue is real, and many don't recognize it until it sneaks up on us, affecting how we relate to others.

Individuals can meet with Stephen Ministers in person when it is safe to do so. They can also connect by FaceTime, Zoom or simply by a phone call. We are open to home visits now.

Trauma can be acute, but in this instance, this is broad in scale and lasting. We are seeing the numbness of isolation causing deep anger and pain. Beyond the suffering of the virus, lives are being torn apart by job loss, and people may think they aren't suffering as much as others, but their pain is real.

When we don't ask for help, we are withdrawing ourselves from experiencing a blessing. Stephen Ministers have a true gift for listening and praying, and they ask for nothing in return. This is all done in strict confidence.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to serve you. It is a free gift. There is no expectation on you to give back in any way. Being a Stephen Minister gives us such joy.

How can you get a Stephen Minister at Grace? How can you become a Stephen Minister at Grace? If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, you can talk to Pastor Taggatz 715-467-1231 or to one of the Stephen Leaders: Jeanne Meyer, Chris Cotter, Lori Kachelmeier or one of our Stephen Ministers: Pat Lemmer, Donna Wenzel, Beth or Richard Jackson, Adam Voss, Gail Olen, or Pauline Parker. Our Stephen Leaders are also Stephen Ministers.



# May Announcements

## Please Note

### Call the church office at 414.762.8990...

- When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so a visit can be made by Pastor Taggatz.
- When your group plans to hold a meeting, so it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.
- When your address, email, or your home or business phone number have changed, so church records can be corrected.
- When you are planning to move either out of town or locally.
- When you know you are pregnant so that we will be able to assist you in any way we can with prayers, encouragement and support.
- When a new baby arrives in your family and/or in the family of another church member.
- When you are planning a wedding, baptism or funeral.

### Pastor Taggatz Office Hours

Monday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Tuesday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Thursday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Friday (Pastor's day off)

Visitations: Monday-Thursday afternoons

*For appointments or emergencies, call church office or Pastor's cell phone.*

*Pastor John M. Taggatz: 715.467.1231*

*Sarah Anderson, Church Secretary: 414.762.8990 | T-W-TH 8:15am-1:15pm*



**REMINDER:** If you have any announcements and/or additions for the *Equipper* please forward to Sarah Anderson at [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org) by the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month.



The Mites collection dates  
for this month are:  
Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

## **Military Bible Sticks**

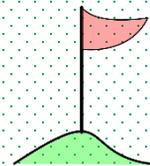
Our congregation has faithfully supported this mission for many years. We prayerfully ask you for this support again this year. The change this year is that Military Bible Sticks will be paired with a new mission from Faith Comes by Hearing. This new effort is called Vision 2033. Vision 2033 involves partnering with other missions, such as Lutheran Bible Translators, to translate the Bible into mission languages. These Bible sticks would have native speakers reading the Word and would be given to the missions in countries all over the world. That way people would be able to hear the Good News in their own languages. We are looking forward to being able to be a part of this new mission by Faith Comes by Hearing. Envelopes for donating to Military Bible Sticks are located in the narthex on the white board.

## **Tee Up for LuWiSoMo ~ Madison 2022**

### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing & Ministry Partner Event**

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

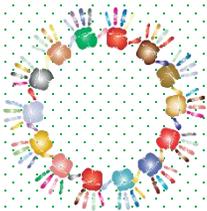
*The Meadows of Sixmile Creek, Waunakee, WI*



**Golfers:** Join the fun at the Meadows of Sixmile Creek in Waunakee, WI and enjoy a day of golf and fellowship.

**Non-Golfers:** We need your help too! "Tee Up" as a Ministry Partner of Sponsor. See link below for details.

[http://www.luwisomo.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/TeeUpForLuWiSoMo-2022\\_283.pdf](http://www.luwisomo.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/TeeUpForLuWiSoMo-2022_283.pdf)



**Youth Group Meeting at Grace Lutheran School ~ Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm.** We will be having a devotion and have a few activities for the youth to do at this event. For the meeting, youth are welcome to bring their own treats. We hope to see you there! Youth ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school are invited to attend.

## **Are You Interested in Serving on a Church Board?**

Elections are coming up for various boards at our Church at our June Voter's Meeting. Do you feel called to serve in leadership here at Grace Lutheran Church? Please consider contacting the church office and we will let you know what responsibilities each board position has. We will also connect you with the current board members who are serving so that you can ask them questions pertaining to their current board responsibilities. The term of service is three years, and your service would begin July of 2022. The current openings are:

- 2 board members will be needed for the Board of Finance
- 2 board members are needed for Board of Stewardship
- 1 board member is needed for Board of Education

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

We will be switching to our summer schedule here at Grace starting Memorial Day weekend. This means that our Sunday morning worship time will be at 9:00am starting on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and this will go through Labor Day weekend. There will not be Sunday School and Adult Bible Class during the summer. Thursday evening worship at 6:30pm will remain the same.

***We look forward to seeing you in worship!!***



**UPDATES TO THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH DIRECTORY**—Please see the current Church Directory on the table in the narthex of the church. We are currently trying to update our Church Directory and we would like you to make sure that we have your current email address, physical address, and phone number(s). Also, if you have a family or friend here in our congregation that you see needs their information revised and updated, please let us know changes to their information as well. We would like to print up a new Church Directory by June of 2022. Also, please let us know if you would like certain information in the directory private from the officially published directory that we plan on giving to our congregation members.

### Cheers to Faith, Fellowship & Friendship

Come join us at the beer garden for some fellowship and fun (and of course a beer!). Bring family, friends...and anyone else who wants to join us! You may want to bring a bag chair along as seating availability can vary. Look for our NEW table flag to find our group. The first date is:

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:30pm until close

Whitnall Park Beer Garden, 8831 N. Root River Pkwy, Franklin



**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!!** Graduation is coming up for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Grace Lutheran School, but also for those in our congregation that are graduating from high school and/or college. We will be acknowledging these students on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are asking that any 8th graders, high school or college graduate students of our congregation join us for this event. They may also wear their cap and gown to be recognized for their graduation. Please let us know what school they are graduating from, and if it is from college, what is their major? We will publish this information in the church's bulletin. Please email this info to our church secretary, Sarah Anderson at: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org).

### **SAVE THE DATE for Grace Vacation Bible School!!!!**

Grace Lutheran Church, School and Early Childhood Center Announces:

We will be blasting off to "Shine Like Jesus" this summer at Vacation Bible School.

Where: Grace Lutheran School - 8537 S. Pennsylvania Avenue

When: Friday, July 22, 2022, beginning with pizza supper at 5:30 PM. Program starts at 6:00 PM and ends at 8:30 PM.

Who: All children ages 3 – entering Grade 6 are welcome to join us. We will also have a special class for the little ones under 3 years.

Something special: After VBS (around 8:30 PM) and weather permitting we will have an outside fire, s'mores and a sing along. All congregation members, friends and community members are welcome to join us. Don't forget your lawn chairs.



To register go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/GraceVBS2022>

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

*Congratulations to our new Confirmands here at Grace!*

Our 2022 confirmands will be confirmed on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. They are *Evie, Madilyn, Madeline, Dachs, Andrea, Tommy, Benjamin* and *Payton*. God's blessings to these youth as they continue in their journey of faith with Jesus through His Word and Sacrament throughout all the years of their life!!!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

The last day of Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will be Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your participation this year and for the help of our Sunday School volunteers!!!

## **Easter Flower Donors**

Thank you to the many families who bought Easter flowers to adorn our altar this Easter. Also, thank you to the Altar Guild who helped make the altar look so beautiful for our Easter Celebrations! We appreciate you and all of your hard work!!

Mark & Jennifer Olen, in memory of Susan Olsen  
Sharon Russell  
Russell MacRae  
Diane Pielsnik, in memory of Bernice Janes  
LeRoy Handle, in memory of his wife Bonnie  
Heinz Poellet, in memory of his wife Evalee  
Stan Gumm  
Tony & Suzie Mirenda  
Dawn Jantz  
Sarah Anderson  
Ernst & Pat Groth

Mitzi Gamroth  
Greg & Gail Nowakowski  
Tim & Christine Cooksy  
Kathy Szefflinski  
Sandy Hamburger  
Amy Pankow  
Mike & Barb Huber  
Leah Abelt  
Tricia Dachel  
Mary Savarino  
Lynn Buzzell





GRACE THEATRE CLUB PRESENTS

# The Wizard of Oz

Ticket Order Form

**ADULTS \$3, KIDS \$2, STUDENTS OF GRACE \$1**

Tickets are now available for purchase. Please be aware that we have a limited number available per performance. If you would like to purchase tickets, please complete this form and bring it to the school office to pick up your order prior to the performance. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, May 6th at 6:30 pm

\_\_\_ Adult Ticket(s)

\_\_\_ Student(s) of Grace/ECC

\_\_\_ Kid's Ticket(s)

\_\_\_ Child under 3 (Free)

Saturday, May 7th at 4:00 pm

\_\_\_ Adult Ticket(s)

\_\_\_ Student(s) of Grace/ECC

\_\_\_ Kid's Ticket(s)

\_\_\_ Child under 3 (Free)

# Grace Ladies Guild

## RISE & SONSHINE BIBLE STUDY

*"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"* Study

ONE meeting in May

Saturday, May 14 ~ 8:00am ~ at church



## MAY Meeting

Saturday, May 14 ~ 10:00am ~ at church

- Dispersing monies to missions/ministries
- Election of President & Treasurer

## 2022 LWML SWD Convention

June 18, 2022 ~ St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grafton, WI

All are invited to attend as we carry out the business of the LWML SWD, hear from keynote speaker David Fiala from the LCMS, connect with fellow sisters in Christ.



SPECIAL GUEST: LWML President Debbie Larson  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

More information: [www.lwml-swd.org/events/convention](http://www.lwml-swd.org/events/convention)

We have a few ladies interested in attending the convention-carpooling would be greatly appreciated. The more the merrier at convention! Contact Jennifer Olen if you would like to go!

## 2023 LWML Convention-Milwaukee

June 22-25, 2023

### The Call for Workers is OPEN!

It will take many hands to host the national LWML convention in Milwaukee. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Variety of jobs, a commitment of working a total of 8 hours during convention will earn you a discount on your convention registration, fellowship with thousands of fellow LWML sisters (and brothers) in Christ!

- The volunteer form is available at [www.lwml-swd.org/events/other](http://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other)
- And copies are on the table in the narthex.
- Questions? Please contact Jennifer Olen



***Being Available for Service***

In every church, there are people who continually rise to the occasion to get the work done. Although God calls each of us to follow and serve Him, many of us are much more concerned about our own lives and goals than assisting in the Lord's work. If we focus on "I, me, mine, and myself," we take care of "number one" to the exclusion of helping and serving. In our prayers, we should be asking God to grant us hearts that we want to serve, and we should be asking Him, "what do You want to achieve through me today?"

***"Channels of God's Amazing Love"***

Because God is love, His nature is to love. Love is not merely an attribute of God. It is His character. "God is love," (1 John 4:8), and His love to us is a gift. From the time that He created the world, God has never stopped pouring out His love. He gives us His complete and perfect love not because we are worthy or attractive people, but because He is a God of unfathomable love. That love moved Him to give His Son to rescue us from sin that entered the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit. Out of obedience to His Father and love for us, Jesus gave His life for us. Through His birth, life, death, and resurrection from that death, we through faith have received the forgiveness of our sins and life eternal.

We often find it very difficult to love someone we believe does not deserve our love or who does not reciprocate our love. God's love overcomes those barriers that each of us has. He loves us even though we are unworthy of His love. He doesn't love us because we [please Him](#). He loves us simply because He is love. His love is unconditional. This is the difference between God and us. Since "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8), we must realize that we, too, are undeserving. How can we withhold love from others when we ourselves have received such abundant, undeserved love from our Father in Christ?

God charges us to share His love. As the Holy Spirit leads and directs us, convicts and encourages us, the command to love others becomes a joy, not an obligation. It is God's love flowing through us to others that makes loving others natural and joyful. Throughout God's Word, He calls us to love everyone which includes not only our families and friends but our enemies, neighbors, and strangers. Jesus tells His disciples that, when they feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit those in prison, they are really doing it for Jesus (Matthew 25:35-40). When we love our neighbors, God's love is perfected and shown in us and through us.

God's love to us in Christ is that power that enables us to love Him and others. "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). By God's grace, we become people responding out of love to serve those He places in our lives. When needs arise, Jesus opens our eyes and hearts so we can respond to those needs. The Apostle John wrote, "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God love abide in him?" (1 John 3:17). Are others seeing God's love through us?" May God help us all be channels of God's amazing love.

# DEVOTION

## Flight of the Monarchs

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.  
2 Corinthians 5:17

Monarch butterflies are beautiful, delicate, stained-glass creations of God that sail through the air. They begin their life cycle as eggs attached to a milkweed plant and hatch as larvae. The larvae consume their eggshells and the plant they hatched on, transforming into plump caterpillars. Eventually the colorful caterpillars create a hard case around their body as they enter the pupa stage, later emerging as black, orange, and white butterflies. Though there are four generations of monarchs, the first three live for only two to six weeks. Only one generation, born in September and October, will be sturdy enough to make the annual migration to warmer climates in Mexico and California and will live for six to eight weeks, an eternity to a butterfly. Like the monarch butterfly, we begin life in a very different state. When we repent of our sins and receive Jesus Christ into our hearts, we are transformed into new creatures. Our metamorphosis is a complete and utter change, from death to life eternal.

### FAITH CHECK

Believers go to heaven when their time on earth is done (1 Peter 2:9), and they will dwell there with God forever in His marvelous light. Those who trust in the Lord in the here-and-now will live eternally with Him in the hereafter. Though we are born into sin, we do not have to die in sin, for God in His tender mercy has given us a choice.



*Butterflies are flowers  
that fly and all but sing.*

*-Robert Frost*





# AT GRACE

We use these social media platforms to share the special things going on at church, school and the Early Childhood Center.

However, most importantly, we share on social media the Gospel of God's redeeming love!

We enjoy using technology to continue the work of spreading the...  
*...Good News of God's Riches at Christ's Expense!*

Join us in this work!

LIKE our page, and make sure you SHARE these messages with others too!



**Facebook:**

*Grace Lutheran Church, School & Early Childhood Center, Oak Creek, WI*



**Instagram:**

*gracelutheran\_oakcreek*

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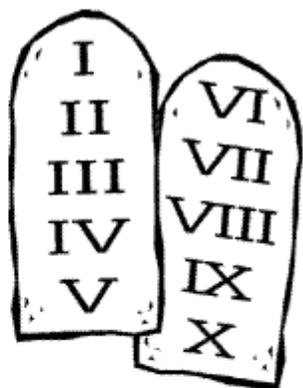
You can give to our church online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving by texting: **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site: [graceoakcreek.org](http://graceoakcreek.org). You may give a one time gift or set-up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries at Grace!!



# Puzzle Page

## The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)

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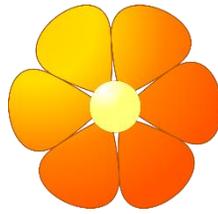
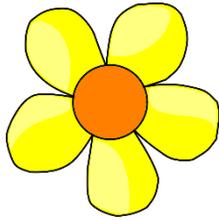
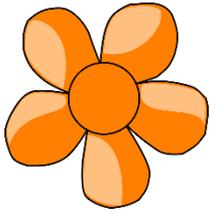
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5/12 Aaron Schmidt  
5/14 Patty Abelt  
5/15 Suzie Mirenda  
5/18 Lisa Hengst  
5/18 Karen Puetz  
5/23 Lauren Meyer  
5/24 Myles King  
5/28 Nicole Miszewski  
5/30 Connie McKeag  
5/31 Dick Schaefer

# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

## *May Anniversaries*

5/11 Jim & Sue Block  
5/11 Greg & Gail Nowakowski  
5/12 Erik & Sarah Anderson  
5/19 Jim & Janine Pieper  
5/22 Lance & Susan Kopperud  
5/23 Keith & Jill Nowack  
5/26 David & Erica Vitek  
5/27 Dick & Joanne Schaefer  
5/30 Bill & Kathy Szefflinski



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 AM Divine Worship 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Worship- Rite of Confirmation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM All Board's Meeting	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM MITES Divine Worship  <i>Happy            Cinco de Mayo!</i> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 AM MITES Divine Worship 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM MITES Divine Worship	<b>9</b> 5:30 PM Confirmation & Graduation Pictures	<b>10</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30 PM VBS Meeting – school library	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM Divine Worship	<b>13</b> 5:30 PM Youth Group Meeting @ Grace Lutheran School	<b>14</b> 8:00 AM Rise & Sonshine Bible Study 10:00 AM Ladies Guild Mtg
<b>15</b> 8:00 AM Divine Worship 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Divine Worship	<b>20</b> 4:30 PM Whitnall Park Beer Garden	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 AM Divine Worship 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	<b>25</b> 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM Divine Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Divine Worship	<b>30</b>  <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>31</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)				

**Reminders:**

- Mites Collection is May 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
- May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Happy Mother's Day! ❤️
- The last day of Sunday School/Adult Bible Study is May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The last Ladies Bible Study is May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer worship starts on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

## Radio Worship Service

*"The Lutheran Hour"* can be heard every Sunday Morning at 6:00 AM on WGN 720 AM, Chicago or at 6:30 AM on WTMJ 620 AM or at 11:00 am WRRD 540 AM, Milwaukee.

*"The Lutheran Hour,"* which began in 1930, is the world's oldest continually broadcast Gospel radio program. This weekly half-hour program, now heard on more than 1,200 radio stations, pro-claims the message of Jesus Christ to a world-wide audience.



## Prayer Hot Line



In order to request prayers by members of Grace, please contact one of the following people. Your request will be made known to all members of our Prayer Line. Prayer requests for worship service should be directed to the church office or Pastor Tagatz.

10AM – 3PM

Carol Thurber, 762-9615

3PM – 9PM

Pauline Parker, 764-5574

### Internet Prayerline

Pauline Parker

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