

AUGUST 2025

the good news of
GRACE

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H



Join us for worship & study!

Sunday Worship:
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Class:
9:15 am

Pastors Paul Hammes & Jeff Warner

“The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.” -Acts 13:49

In Acts 13, we find the apostle Paul and Barnabas sharing the message of Jesus Christ to the city of Antioch. They went to synagogues and preached the risen Lord Jesus Christ. They preached to the Jewish people, as well as the Gentiles the message of salvation.

Some heard this message and spread lies and gossip to try and destroy the message of God. While others received it with joy and, “The word of the Lord spread throughout the whole region.”

The word of the Lord spread. It was spread by those who heard it first preached to them. It was spread to families and friends. It spread from region to region and from culture to culture. God’s word spread, and to do so, God used and still uses His chosen, redeemed people.

What is being spread in your life? What do you talk about when you gather with friends and family? Does the rumor mill and gossip chain thrive in these gatherings? Paul warns us in Ephesians 4, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

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*New Look,
Same Newsletter!*

We are in the process of changing the program used to create the newsletter. Things may look a little different, but the newsletter will contain the same information!

Devotion Continued....It's easy to spread complaints and lies. It's easy to spread agendas and frustrations that hurt others. It's easy to tear down, rather than build up and help according to people's needs. Do you spread fear and frustration? Or is the word of the Lord being spread? What is being spread in your life and conversations? Not every conversation has to be preachy, but we are God's people. It is important to think about what is being spread in your life. It is important to reflect on the witness that is being expressed by your life. God's word spreads. God uses His chosen people despite our failures and our sins. God takes us from the rumor mill and gossip chains, and He forgives us and puts us to work for His glory.

May our lives be a witness to Christ. May we spread the good news of our risen Savior and His forgiveness and love. May our lives reflect the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. May God's word spread throughout this region and His power reign in our lives. Amen.

Pastor Paul



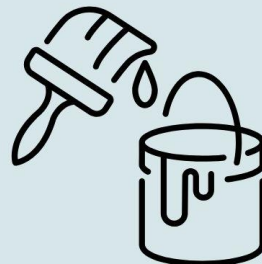
LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Welcoming back the Wildcats!

As August begins, we are looking forward to starting up campus ministry as Wayne State College starts back up. Classes begin on August 18th, so campus meals will start the following Sunday, August 24th. Last year, we served an average of 23 students each Sunday. If you would like to help provide food for this ministry, please sign up at the South doors or email pastorpaul@gracewayne.com.

New Doors & So Much More!

Thank you to all who contributed to the building remodel fund. As of now, we have raised enough to cover all our projects! You may notice some new doors already while walking into the Church. There is a new paint job in the basement as well. Keep your eyes out for new carpet, concrete, and lighting as we update and maintain the building of Grace that God has graciously provided.



Special Assignments:

August

ACOLYTES

Aug. 03:

8:00 am: Chloe Kai & Ryker Heithold
10:30 am: Lucille Ocampo

Aug. 10:

8:00 am: Lucille Ocampo & Izabelle Ruwe
10:30 am: Lainey Ekberg & Evan Bose

Aug. 17:

8:00 am: Kennedy Junck & Nora Heithold
10:30 am: Veronica Daum & Julie Daum

Aug. 24:

8:00 am: Kennedy Junck & Nora Heithold
10:30 am: Kash Koch & Cayse Hefti

Aug. 31:

8:00 am: Lucille Ocampo & Chloe Kai
10:30 am: Veronica Daum & Julie Daum

LAY READERS

Aug. 03:

8:00 am: Diane Zach
10:30 am: Mary Temme

Aug. 10:

8:00 am: Hallie Heithold
10:30 am: Brian Reeg

Aug. 17:

8:00 am: Kathy Johnson
10:30 am: Andy Bose

Aug. 24:

8:00 am: Irene Mock
10:30 am: Jennifer Kesting

Aug. 31:

8:00 am: Jeanette Swanson
10:30 am: Nadine Bjorklund

GREETERS

Aug. 03:

8:00 am: LeRoy & Carol Robbert
10:30 am: Doug & Mary Temme

Aug. 10:

8:00 am: The Tiedtke Family
10:30 am: Brian & Rachelle Reeg

Aug. 17:

8:00 am: Lowell & Kathy Johnson
10:30 am: Galen & Kathy Wiser

Aug. 24:

8:00 am: Gene & Janet Casey
10:30 am: Don & Lisa Nelson

Aug. 31:

8:00 am: Brian & Kris Fox
10:30 am: Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp

ELDER ON DUTY

Aug. 03:

8:00 am: Payton Janke
10:30 am: Doug Heithold

Aug. 10:

8:00 am: Craig Evans & Doug Heithold
10:30 am: Chad Janke

Aug. 17:

8:00 am: Donovan Bjorklund
10:30 am: Brian Reeg

Aug. 24:

8:00 am: Doug Heithold & Craig Evans
10:30 am: Payton Janke

Aug. 31:

8:00 am: Chad Janke
10:30 am: Craig Evans



Grace Family Birthdays



1: Kennedy Pickinpaugh, Ruger Roeber, Case Ruwe, Loreta Tompkins

2: David Doescher, Eleanor Ruwe, Nancy Sutton, Austin Vanhorn

3: Taylor Stowater

5: Ryan Bodlak, Janet Casey, Avery Kai, Lindsay Niemann, Rachelle Reeg

8: Shania Anderson, Rick McKeown, Jesse Rethwisch

9: Zeppelin Blohm, Mandy Olson

10: Jamie Janke, Lucas Woodward

12: Deb Daum

13: Iris Bodlak, RaDelle Erxleben, Nick Junck, Katlin Potter

14: Calvin Starzl

15: Alvin Gehner, Mardelle Mikkelsen

16: Dennis Carroll

17: Kori Witt

18: Mark Janke

20: Roger Hefti, Mindy Heithold, Lee Larsen, Jade Lilienkamp, Nathan Temme

22: Knox Koch

23: Parker Kesting, Jordan Widner

24: Andy Bose, Jennifer Widner

25: Halie Frideres, Jeff Simpson, Betty Wittig

27: Blake Kneifl, Barrett Roeber

30: Lennox Ruwe, Craig Janke, Brody Talbott, Brooklyn Talbott

31: Riley Hlavac, Alan Niemann, Leanne Westphal

LWML & Council Minutes

For many years, Grace has used the program Microsoft Publisher to format the Newsletter. This program is being "retired" soon by Microsoft. In preparation for this, we are switching programs to format the newsletter. We are trying to make this transition as smooth as possible. To help with this, there has been an adjustment of where to find the Council and LWML minutes. Thank you for your patience and grace as we learn this new program and figure out how to incorporate all the portions of the newsletter.

If you would like the minutes for August or any other month, please pick them up at the Church office at any time throughout the week. There is a stack of minutes on the counter. There will also be copies available by the sanctuary doors on Sunday mornings. If getting to Church is not an option, please give the Church office a call or email, and we would be happy to mail or bring you a copy of the minutes. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition and learn a new program.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Opportunities and updates for families with young children

RALLY DAY

Sunday, Sept. 7th

**Kick off a new year of
Sunday School with us!**

Worship Services at 8am & 10:30am

Sunday School at 9:15am

BBQ in Church Basement at 11:30am



CONFIRMATION

Parent Meeting:

Wednesday, September 3rd
at 6:30 pm (Church Basement)

Classes Begin:

Wednesday, September 10th
at 6:30 pm



BIBLES & BINGO

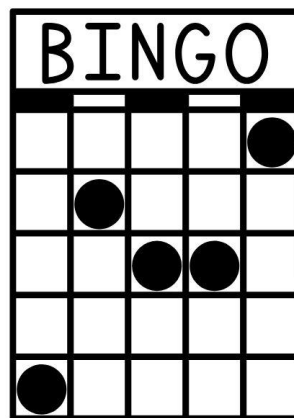
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

4:00 PM AT CUP OF GRACE

- 4:00 pm: Family Devotion
- 4:15 pm: Whole-Group Bingo
- Board games, card games, and snacks to follow

***Bring your favorite game to share and play
with your Grace family!***

*Young children or young at heart -
everyone is welcome!*





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RECAP

The third week of July, over 55 students attended Vacation Bible School at Grace. In this VBS focused on Baptism, students learned about how God gives forgiveness, life, and salvation through the sacrament of Baptism. They learned how they are “Restored in Christ” through Bible stories, games, crafts, and a catechism station with Pastor Paul.



THANK YOU

to the many individuals that spent
their week serving these students
and to those who donated to support
this outreach!



7th-12th Grades Friends are always welcome!

AUGUST 2025

Youth Group HAPPENINGS

NYG THANKS YOU!



Tanya, Alivia, Emma, Graycen
Rachel, Andrea, Jennifer, Lora



ENDURE

JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA



National Youth Gathering: This past month, Grace sent five youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. They gathered with about 20,000 other Lutherans to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. The students all loved the mass gatherings where they sang praises with thousands of other voices. Thank you all for your support and prayers for safe travels for the groups that went. One of the youth wrote, "My favorite memory from [the gathering] was seeing Bethany Hamilton and hearing her story and advice...This trip brought me closer to God and inspired me when everyone in the dome sang and praised the Lord together."



Grieving a loss?

Find hope and healing after
the death of a loved one.

Join us at
GriefShare®

Weekly grief support group

When: Mondays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Dates: Sept. 8th – Dec. 1st

Where: Grace Lutheran Church
Wayne, NE

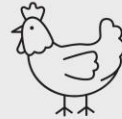
**If you have questions,
please call or text:**

Darlene Lilienkamp
(402) 369-1499



Chicken Show Parade

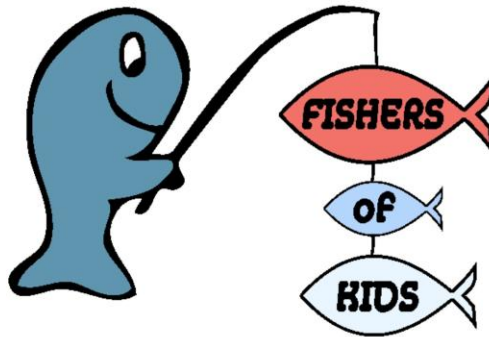
RECAP



Thank you to all
who helped and
participated in our
float!

Fishers of Kids Preschool

Enroll your 3-year-
old or 4-year-old in
Tuesday/Thursday
Preschool Today!



**Contact the Church Office or Callie Hammes at
childrensministry@gracewayne.com to Enroll.**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

T-SHIRT SALE

SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Fill out this form to purchase a \$20 "Grace Lutheran Church" black, short-sleeved shirt! Complete with the LCMS logo, this t-shirt is perfect for church events or for around town.

Proceeds will go to the Grace Sunday School Program to purchase new whiteboards, tables, and chairs to accommodate our growing classes.

Name:		
Cell:		
Size & Quantity: *Write the number of shirts you want in the boxes below:		
Youth S:	Youth M:	Youth L:
Adult XS:	Adult S:	Adult M:
Adult L:	Adult XL:	Adult 2XL:

Return this form to the church office by August 24th.

Checks can be made out to "Grace Lutheran Church," with "Sunday School" in the memo line.
Contact Callie Hammes with any questions.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 8:00am: Worship 9:15am: Bible Class 10:30am: Worship	4	5 7:30pm: Elders Meeting	6 9:00am: Wednesday Bible Study	7 1:30pm: Country view Communion Service 2:30pm: Kinship Communion Service	8	9
10 8:00am: Worship w/ Communion 9:15am: Bible Class 10:30am: Worship w/ Communion	11	12 7:00pm: Council Meeting 1-6pm: Blood drive	13 9:00am: Wednesday Bible Study 2:00pm: Ladies Aid Meeting	14	15	16
17 8:00am: Worship 9:15am: Bible Class 10:30am: Worship	18	19	20 9:00am: Wednesday Bible Study	21	22	23 4:00pm: Bibles & Bingo
24 8:00am: Worship w/ Communion 9:15am: Bible Class 10:30am: Worship w/ Communion	25	26	27 9:00am: Wednesday Bible Study	28 1:30pm: Sewing	29	30
31 8:00am: Worship 9:15am: Bible Class 10:30am: Worship						