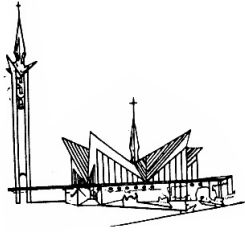


## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)



**July 7, 2024**

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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon Notes:**

Announcements

Upcoming Events

Weekly Schedule

**BIBLE STUDY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL...**Join us for a Bible Study called *A Study of Christian Denominations*. This study is about the histories, concerns, and main teachings of various Christian church bodies. Also this study is about why we believe what we believe.

**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH...**Grace's Second Church Plant, gathers Sundays at 8:00 a.m. for Divine Service. They meet in the building of United Lutheran Church, 15424 Lake Michigan Dr, West Olive, MI 49460.

Website: <https://christevangelicallutheran.org>

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...**1-2 Peter is our current study on Tuesday mornings at 9:15. Peter's Epistles were written to a young church facing intensifying persecution. They showcase the living hope of the gospel even in the midst of trials and tribulations. And we'll learn that God is faithful in our trials, working them for His glory and our good. Please plan to join us at 9:15 on Tuesdays.

**GRIEF SHARE...**Once again we are offering GriefShare classes here at Grace. We are happy to offer these classes to members as well as the community. Anyone walking a new (or old) path where they have lost someone can find encouragement and ultimately joy in sharing this journey. The day and time will be determined by those wanting to attend. If you are interested, please call Barb Quist at 616-240-8402.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TO CATECHISM - "RECITE" AND "RECEIVE"...**Any child who has yet to start the Catechism can recite one of these categories to the Pastor at the beginning of Bible Study hour & receive a gift. The goal is for each entering Catechism student to have already received all four gifts. Recitation can occur during the summer or school year and can be done in any order. Please contact Pastor with any questions.

1. Recite the Lord's Prayer and receive Luther's Small Catechism for Kids.
2. Recite the Apostles' Creed and receive Lutheranism 101 for Kids.
3. Recite the Ten Commandments and receive Luther's Small Catechism.
4. Recite Old and New Testament books (all at once or separated by Testaments) and receive a Faith Alive Student Bible ESV.

**QUILTERS WORKSHOP...**The next work session is planned for Wednesday, July 17. We welcome any and all help for those who can tie knots, layer and/or design Quilts. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Grace members while working on a worthy mission.

**PASTOR'S SUMMER SCHEDULE...**From June 17 through August 19, Pastor Marklevitz will work from home on Mondays. Please feel free to contact Pastor just as you would otherwise. Email: [zmarklevitz@gmail.com](mailto:zmarklevitz@gmail.com) / Phone or text: 616-516-0600.

**A REMINDER...**The "Help Support the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary..." envelope does not reserve your ticket for the event. This envelope is strictly for donation purposes only. Thank you for your understanding.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND...**If you are looking for a place to keep your money safe and you are a member of the LCMS, check out the LCEF flyers on the devotional table (next to the mailboxes) and on the wall at the south end of the Narthex. Feel free to contact Tyler Fewins with any questions or further assistance. [Tyler.Fewins@lcef.org](mailto:Tyler.Fewins@lcef.org).

**SCRIP/RAISE RIGHT...**If you would like to order Scrip you can find order slips as well as a list of all of the RaiseRight retailers on the showcase. Please be sure to turn in payment at the time you place your order. Make checks payable to Grace Beginnings Preschool. Orders are due on the first Monday of each month (next due is August 5) with delivery likely on Wednesday or Thursday of that week.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP...**Epiphany Lutheran in Dorr is starting a young adults group. Young adults of similar beliefs who want to keep God at the center of all life decisions that come during this important life stage. Roughly people ages 18-29, looking to connect with others of similar ages. We simply hope to create an environment to meet others, and build a community of similar beliefs to discuss any shared life experiences we may be having. We hope to meet once a month. If you are interested please email [2020esscott@gmail.com](mailto:2020esscott@gmail.com) to express your interest or if you have any questions.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER, Jul–Sep ‘24...**The *Portals of Prayer* for July thru September 2024 are available on the devotional table (to the right of the mailboxes). Please help yourself.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT...**Our Savior Lutheran School is now enrolling students in Preschool thru 8th grade. At Our Savior Lutheran dedicated faculty foster a love of learning as they point students to the unchanging truth, goodness, and beauty of our Lord and His creation. Call the office at 616-949-0710 to begin the enrollment process for the 2024-2025 school year and schedule a tour with Ms. Habrecht to see what classical Lutheran education looks like in practice. The application can be accessed and submitted online by following this link: [www.oslsg.org/admissions](http://www.oslsg.org/admissions).

**SAVE THE DATE - FALL SYMPOSIUM...**Our Savior Lutheran School Grand Rapids is honored to be the location for the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education's Fall Symposium on Saturday, October 19. Come learn more about this growing movement in Christian education from a variety of Lutheran speakers including Mollie Hemingway, Katie Schuermann, and Dr. Geoffrey Boyle. Registration/sign-up information to follow.

**GLC 75TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY...**The ornaments that the 75th Anniversary Committee purchased to sell to raise money for the 75th Anniversary Celebration events in 2024 are still available and can be purchased thru the church office. The cost is \$7 each. We accept cash or check.

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS...**The Yarn Bender ministry is making winter hats for Wyoming Public Schools and we would love to have you join us in this endeavor. All colors and sizes are needed for children from Pre-K right through high school. We'll be working on this until mid-October when they will be delivered. Finished hats can be given to Diane Long or Kathy Helak.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH...**Thank you for lifting up the bright light of Jesus for others to see. I am so deeply thankful to God that He chose you to supply what the work of the LCMS requires. Although giving may seem a simple act, it speaks so forcefully about the kind of Christ-following disciples God has made each of you to be. "Love one another," was Jesus' commandment to his disciples. You are doing just that through this gift (to the Sri Lanka ministry for school supplies, bibles, Christian books, etc), and all other acts of selfless sacrifice you make for the sake of the Gospel message. Even in financially challenging times like these, you are confessing your trust and faith in Christ alone. And I appreciate you. Thank you.

Sub cruce,  
Pastor Matthew C. Harrison  
President, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

**DEAR FRIENDS AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH...**Thank you for your gift to Camp Concordia, and for being a partner in God's ministry in this place. Summer is here, and it is the most exciting part of the year, because this is when camp's mission is the most visible. Kids and families are hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and learning to live as His followers. Thanks to gifts like yours (to the Campership Fund) lives are being forever changed with this good news. The Holy Spirit provides for beautiful moments; the wooded lakeside of Camp Concordia provides a beautiful setting; counselors provide beautiful voices; and you provide support and encouragement through your prayers and gifts. You are a key component of the Lord's mission in this place. Thank you again for your gift, for your prayers and for your support.

Sanctified to Serve,  
Rev. B.J. Fouts  
Executive Director

# GRACE LIFE COMMITTEE

† “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10 †

God’s miracle gift of life for the unborn.

**DAY ONE:** Conception occurs and the cells begin to develop.

**WEEK ONE:** New life is composed of hundreds of cells and develops a protective hormone to prevent the mother’s body from rejecting it as it attaches to the wall of the womb.

**WEEK THREE:** The heart begins to beat.

**FIRST MONTH:** The unborn baby is ¼” long; mouth and jaw are present; eyes, ears, and nose are forming; arm and leg buds appear; heart is pumping blood through simple vessels.

**WEEK SIX:** The skeleton is complete. The brain waves can be measured; reflexes are present, and the unborn baby moves and responds to touch.

**WEEK EIGHT:** All organs – stomach, liver, kidney, brain – are functioning and all systems are intact; fingerprints are formed. The unborn baby can feel pain, suck the thumb, grasp, and swim.

**SECOND MONTH:** The unborn baby is about 1” long; eyes, ears, and nose are visible; thin skin, hands, and feet are forming; external genitalia is beginning to form.

**WEEK TEN:** All systems are present and functioning; the unborn baby ONLY needs time and nourishment for development and maturation; squints, swallows, and retracts the tongue.

**THIRD MONTH:** The unborn baby is 3” long; teeth are forming under the gums; fingers and toes are well formed and have nails; eyes are covered by lids; sex can be determined. The unborn baby is very active – can kick legs, turn feet, make a fist, turn head, and drink.

**FOURTH MONTH:** The unborn baby is 6 ¼” long and weighs 4 ounces. Fine hair is appearing on body; can turn somersaults.

**FIFTH MONTH:** The unborn baby is 9 ½” long and weighs 1 pound. Hair is growing on the head; buds for permanent teeth are beginning to grow.

**SIXTH MONTH:** The unborn baby is 12” long and weighs 1 ½ pounds; skin is very wrinkled and fat is forming underneath; eyebrows and eyelashes are forming; has hiccups.

**SEVENTH MONTH:** The unborn baby is 14” long and weighs 2 ½ pounds; has chance of survival if born.

**EIGHTH MONTH:** The unborn baby is 16” long and weighs 3 ½ pounds; good chance of survival if born.

**NINTH MONTH:** The unborn baby is 18” long and weighs 6 pounds or more; more fat appears beneath the skin to make it plumper; less wrinkled, chances of survival are excellent.



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## IN OUR PRAYERS...

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS & OTHER NEEDS:

Anna Barber; Debra Barber; Timothy (Tim) Barnes; Rev. Ryan Beffrey; Mae Conkright; Jeanne DeMeester; Michael (Mike) Dykstra; Willis (Jack) Edwards; Marilyn Franks; Barbara (Barb) Hoffman; Theresa Holzhausen; Robert (Bob) Johnston; **Cindy Johnston**; Iris Kamradt; Vicki Kik; Lois Klooster; Elfriede (Elfie) Koehler; Jan Kutschinski; Terry Larson; Norman (Norm) Long; Allen (Al) Müller; Margaret (Marge) Morgan; Carol Pellerito; James (Jim) Pellerito; Jennifer (Jenny) Peterman; Albert (Al) TePastte; Mark Schrader; Joseph (Joe) Theuerkauf; Sharon Theuerkauf.

### PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED:

Anacalitto Ayala (Gorman); Alice Barnes (Barnes); Dawsyn Bates (Schrader); David & Jane Boedecker (Marklevitz); Douglas Christensen (Christensen); John Cross (Larson); Vicky Drougl (Barnes); **Margaret Eastland** (Keith's mother); Phil Edgerton (Cutler); Ella Cathleen Ennis (Neitzel); **Isabella Ferguson** (Schrader); Brian Hague (Larson); Bruce & Ruth Harder (Kik); Jim Hoard (Larson); Liz Hoffman (Hoffman); John Hume (Quist); Donald Karel (DeYoung); Jakaila Key (Key); Bridget Kimmel (Gorman); Brian & Dawn Klein (Larson); Laura Kooienga (Zwar); Cathy Kutschinski; Richard Ohse (former member); Family of Nicholas Pattok (Hoffman); Dalton Palmer (Kutschinski); Violet Redner (Marklevitz); Warren Rentz (father of Brian Rentz); Carissa Richmond (Pellerito); Bonnie Seher (Kamradt); Aaron Spratling (Hoffman); John Stroup (Gorman); Ty Tanis (Kutschinski); Donna TePastte (TePastte); Vicky Thompson (Hoffman); Maggie and Josiah Whitley (Helak).

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES:

Robert Barber (Barber); Klorissa Brown, Katie Collins & Nick Payne (Gorman); Skylar Eriks (Kamradt); Christopher Ferguson & Alex Gaunt (Schrader); Blake Hoffman & Austin Spratling (Hoffman); Jackson Miller (Miller).

### PRAYERS FOR OUR GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:

Nora Leon; Rev. Steven & Martha Mahlburg.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR GRACE SUPPORTERS

Nathan Ruhlitz; Noah Dunsmore

**WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING** birthdays and anniversaries this coming week that their celebrations would lead to rejoicing in God's goodness once again this year and to give Him thanksgiving for all His blessings.

### Happy Birthday this week to:

Tuesday, July 9 - Chuk Gottschall

Thursday, July 11 - Jeremy Blomeling

Saturday, July 13 - Lois Klooster

### No Anniversaries this week


## TOGETHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY IN WORD AND STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, June 30, 2024 9:00 a.m. Worship Attendance: 82 Communion: 70

Sunday, June 30, 2024 Offering & Joyful Response: \$3,903.00

**THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**Those serving this week and next at Grace:**

	<b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	7/7/2024 9:00 a.m.	7/14/2024 9:00 a.m.
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Keith Eastland	Dan DenBraber
<b>Deaconess/Deacon:</b>	Norm Long	Diane Long
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Norm & Diane Long	Jeff & Paula DeYoung
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Connor Reynolds Molly DenBraber	John Gottschall James Gottschall
<b>Sound:</b>	Scott Christensen	Gray Ferguson
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Gorman	Gottschall

Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Ensemble Director: Diane Long

Organist: Charles Gottschall

Finance Team July: Doug & Carol Klein

Altar Flowers: By Jim & Carol Pellerito in memory of Jim's mother (Doris).

**Sunday, July 7, 2024 (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)**

Divine Service . . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship following Worship . . . . .  
 Bible Study . . . . . 10:45 a.m.  
 Elder's Meeting . . . . . 12:00 p.m.

**Monday, July 8, 2024**

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024**

Women's Bible Study . . . . . 9:15 a.m.  
 Church Council . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

Pastoral Care . . . . . 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Thursday, July 11, 2024**

**Friday, July 12, 2024**

Yarn Benders . . . . . 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

**Sunday, July 14, 2024 (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Divine Service . . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship following Worship . . . . .  
 Bible Study . . . . . 10:45 a.m.