

Grace to You

Grace Episcopal Church
The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby,
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Our vision: "Come to know and live with God at our table."

The mission of Grace Church is to have a church committed to God and our neighbors, sustained by individuals dedicated to providing spiritual opportunities to enhance the feelings of family and community

Grace: "A Mariner Friendly Church"

In a conversation with the Rev. Kempton D. Baldrige, Chaplain of the Ohio River Region of the Seamen's Church Institute, Father Kirby has learned several new things. First, he asks for our continued prayers for those mariners who are working the barges on the Mississippi River, and now for the new crew on the Diehl: Capt. Dave Williams, Pilot Erik Skoe, Chief Billy Ainsworth, Mate Stephen Kendall, Lead Man Zachary Martin, Senior Deck Daniel Calhoun, Senior Deck Aaron Abell, Deckhand Dustin Falco, and Cook Justin Smith.

In our continuing effort to support these mariners, we have new suggestions for small articles that may be of use to the crew. Let's begin filling a collection box for them. Suggestions for them are as follows:

- Specialized magazines, instead of books: (Car & Driver, Popular Mechanics, SLAM, Guns & Ammo, American Bass Fisherman, Military History Monthly, Sea Classics, Sports Illustrated, Reader's Digest)
- Dental hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss)
- Pre-stamped postcards
- New athletic socks
- Fresh local fruit
- Our hand-knit scarves and hats

Look for the collection box in our Great Room!



Help Wanted !!

Our lawn care couple, Tyler & Janelle Gruetzmacher, are asking for help from this week-end until the end of August. There will be a sign-up sheet to share in this work. The lawn mower is in the shed and is in good working order.



Sharing in Life's Moments

Prayer Chain

Requests may be

- Emailed to Mary Thompson at marthomp45@gmail.com
- Submitted on our website: www.gracechurch-ricelake.org

Add the names of the mariners on the Neil N. Diehl to your daily prayers.

Our collective prayers begin today for Mark Thompson, son of LaVonne and Mike, and brother of Janelle Gruetzmacher. Mark is a candidate for a kidney transplant, and Janelle will be his donor.

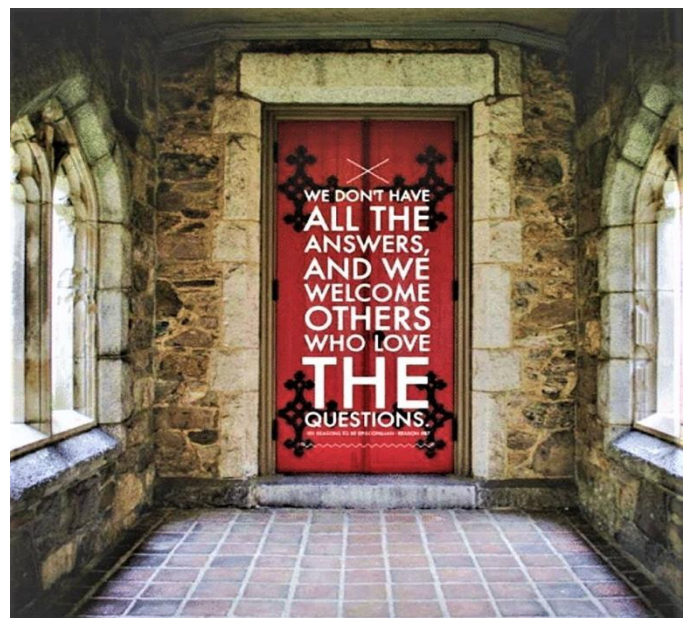
*"Grant Your blessings upon
All who are touched by transplant,
Donors, recipients and families,
Doctors and nurses,
Clinicians and administrators,
The vast network of professionals and
volunteers
Who dedicate themselves to healing.
God of compassion,
May this gift of life
Become a source of consolation and
comfort,
Holiness and grace."*

August Birthdays

11 Carol Ann Johnson
12 Ted Franti
20 Steve Salisbury
21 Ann Roeder
26 Bev Salisbury
27 Terry Drolson
29 Brian Haynes

August Anniversaries

14 Tom & Eileen Yeakley
15 Marv & Mary Thompson
21 Lynn & Craig Fowler
28 Todd & Amanda Burnap





Sunday, November 12
Organ Concert



Your summer schedule of services

Wed., Aug. 2 Mass in St. Mark's Chapel/In office

Sun., Aug. 6 **Holy Eucharist & Baptism**

Please be present to welcome Charlotte Mae Christophersen, infant daughter of Michael & Sarah Christophersen.

Sun., Aug. 13 Morning Prayer

Wed., Aug. 16 Mass in St. Mark's Chapel/In office

Sun., Aug. 20 Holy Eucharist

Wed., Aug. 23 Mass in St. Mark's Chapel/In office

Sun., Aug. 27 Holy Eucharist

Sun., Sept. 3 Holy Eucharist

Thank you, Marv Thompson, for your beautiful work on the handrail at the single step, approaching the altar. You have constructed something that is not only a fine safety feature, but aesthetically pleasing. You are indeed a fine craftsman!

The We Share Food Pantry thanks you so much for the generous meat donation.
So nice to add variety to our food offerings. Many thanks!

Renee Swanson

(Editor's Note: Brats & hot dogs from Art in the Park)

I send my thanks for letting me have our lake association memorial service for Terry at Grace Church. There were about 60 people in attendance, most of whom had never been to Grace, and at least one expressed an interest in attending. It is the perfect venue for such an event.
Mary Kohler

ECW Meeting

President Suzanne Funck announces that Grace Church ECW will be meeting Sunday morning, August 6th before the service. We plan to begin the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

From Pastor Jerry Bernecker, 1st Lutheran Church and leader of the Rice Lake Ministerial Association:

At the 2016 Pregnancy Help Center Banquet, Pastor Cody Kargus was the guest speaker and shared his adoption story. He will be sharing his story again Saturday August 5th, 4pm at Maranatha Church. We invite you and those in your church who are interested in hearing a personal story of redemption and the beauty of God's sovereign hand in the life of a baby that was saved.

From Pete & Dianne Dawson of Christ Church in Chippewa Falls:

Sundays at Christ Church are wonderful! Good worship, good music, excellent sermons, prayers, and fellowship. There is energy around some new ideas and upcoming events.

Tuesday ECW met and flushed out a fun, new and ongoing endeavor: The "Church Ladies Basement Bargains". The ladies will be setting up an online page where crafts, antiques and art will be sold.

This will be a fund raiser for the church's landscaping project. Looking forward to this!

The Wednesday night group met at the temple in Eau Claire and were treated to an outstanding and informative evening.

Sunday, July 30th, just to celebrate the summer, two families will be cooking a brunch after church.

Come one and all!

Thursday, Aug. 3rd at 10:30 a.m. you are invited to gather at the Roger Meier Pavilion in Irving Park for Morning Prayer, coffee and fellowship. This

service will continue every Thursday through August.

Portions of an article in the May 24, 2017, issue of Christian Century magazine:

"From the publisher" by Peter W. Marty

For the final night of our church's seventh and eighth grade confirmation class, members of the pastoral staff divide up the kids for the popular "ask the pastor" session. I did my best.

- *Will we get to be with our family in heaven?*

Let's imagine so. But maybe we need to think of heaven less as an opportunity to love the people we already know and more as a chance to love everyone we meet. Heaven had better be something greater than having our wants satisfied. Right? It's about God, not about us. God is at the center of life eternal.

- *Who do you think goes to heaven and who goes to hell?*

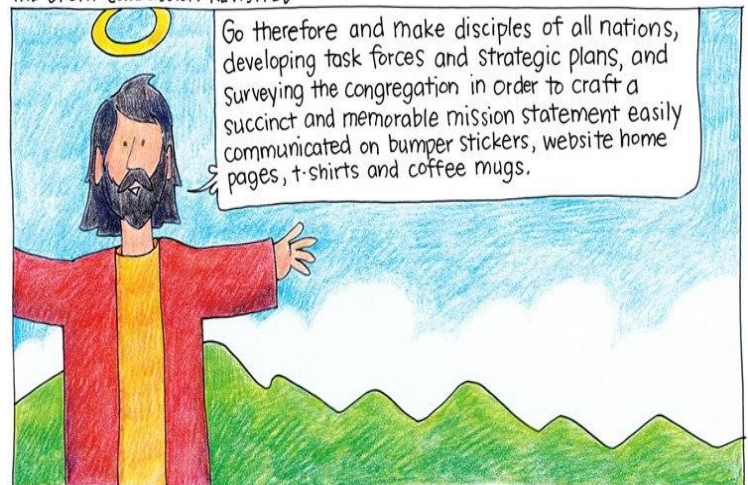
First, I wouldn't worry about who goes where. Instead, just love God in incredibly generous ways. Second, according to Jesus, people who walk over the destitute and delight in judging, insulting, and excluding others seem bent on keeping themselves at the center of everything—which is hell. Heaven appears to be unending joy for all who delight in attending to those who know too few blessings in life.

- *Does God play sports?*

Whoa. That's a big one. Lots to do in overseeing the universe. If God plays a sport, let's assume it's tennis, because God likes to let love serve.

For the Grace Church Transition Committee and Vestry:

THE GREAT COMMISSION REVISITED



August, 2017, Ministry Schedule

The Service	August 6 The Transfiguration of our Lord Holy Eucharist & Baptism	August 13 10 Pentecost Morning Prayer	August 20 11 Pentecost Holy Eucharist	August 27 12 Pentecost Holy Eucharist	September 3 13 Pentecost Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	The Very Rev. H.Scott Kirby	Greta Franti, Worship Leader	The Very Rev. H.Scott Kirby	The Very Rev. H.Scott Kirby	The Very Rev. H.Scott Kirby
Organist	Heidi Olson	Kathy Schultz		Heidi Olson	Heidi Olson
Server	Paul Chase	X	Jon Olson	Joe Burnap	Jon Olson
Lector	Suzanne Funck	Bev Burnap	Stacey Tubbs	Greta Franti	Mary Marsh
Ushers	Tom & Eileen Yeakley	Joe & Bev Burnap	Steve & Jeanne Harback	Jim & Nancy Pelish	Tom Yeakley Mary Marsh
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Marv & Mary Thompson	X	Marv & Mary Thompson	Bev Burnap	Eileen Yeakley
Counters	Marv Thompson Jim Pelish	Joe Burnap Mary Ellen Filkins	Marv Thompson Nancy Bender	Joe Burnap Nancy Bender	Jim Pelish Mary Ellen Filkins
Coffee Hour	Nancy Mommsen	Stacey Tubbs	Greta Franti	Mary Kohler Liz Carlson	Cindy Hanson Mary Marsh

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please try to find your own substitute.