

**GRACE CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2801 GARFIELD ST.
TWO RIVERS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:
8:00 & 10:30 AM**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:15 AM**

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OCTOBER 2019

MOON BEACH RETREAT



Reflecting Together

Kim M. Henning

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?

It was almost too good to be true. A friend of our church knocked on the door of my study Thursday and asked, "I'm on my way home from work (nuclear plant) and thought I'd stop. Is there anything I can do for you?"

I responded with disbelief, "What?" He repeated, "Is there anything I can do for you? I'm on my way home and thought I'd stop to see if you needed anything." Can you believe the spirit of that request? Can you believe the depth of his regard for the church?

Unprepared, I responded with a quick no. But then I had a second thought. "Wait. There is something you can do. A pile of cardboard down the hall needs to be recycled. And a wooden pallet needs to be cut-up." "I can do that," he said. And he did.

At a local store, the employees wear all wear vests, and on the back are the words, "May I serve you?" I've always liked the kindness and hospitality of those words. But this person who stopped at my study did not have these words on a piece of clothing; he spoke them---he lived them---he practiced them. He wanted to give something of himself to the church. Oh my....

Our church has four boards that meet monthly (five, if you count the Cabinet). Have you ever asked one of our leaders if they need help with something?

Suppose you came to the Diaconate, "Is there anything I can do for you?" Well, yes. You can serve Time After Church or be a Greeter. You can write sympathy notes. You can write a thank you note to our scripture readers. You can help with the new members' meal. You can take special notice of visitors and welcome them.

Suppose you came to our Mission and Outreach Board, "is there anything I can do for you?" Thank you. You can bring a can of food for the food pantry on Sunday. You can spend an evening at Hope House. You can sell (or purchase) Equal Exchange items (2nd Sunday). You can help the ASP youth with their wreath-making project. You can help the Earth Care committee plant trees on the hill.

Suppose you came to the Christian Education Board, "is there anything I can do for you?" Thank you. You can attend our Sunday morning adult class. You can volunteer to be a hall monitor. You can be a mentor to one of our Confirmation youth. You can attend that lecture at Lakeland University on October 8. You can help with nursery care.

Suppose you came to the Trustees with, "is there anything I can do for you?" Thank you. Your financial gifts to the church are vital. We don't mean to beg, but your support is so important. You could tend a garden plot, mow the lawn, trim back bushes, or help with window-washing.

One person stopped at church to express his love by asking the question, "is there anything I can do for you?" On one Thursday afternoon one person reminded me of the beauty of the Christian Church. Thank you, Fred.

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)

A Reflection from “Pastor Q+A” Sunday

At the end of August, I invited the congregation to join me for a special worship service where in place of a normal sermon, we did a “Pastor Q+A”. Anyone present was invited to write a question for me, which were then collected during the offering. Members of my Pastor/Parish Committee sorted through the questions and decided which ones to ask (we knew we would have a lot more than we had time to discuss). A member of the committee then read a question, and – without any prep time! – I responded.

Some of the questions were about the Bible – asking about certain characters or how I interpret particular passages. Some of the questions were about me – what would I be doing if I wasn’t a pastor, how did I decide to go to seminary, and what do I do on my days off. Some of the questions were about our church – what brought me to Grace, what is the hardest part of my job, how would I rate this congregation. Some of the questions were about my doctoral project – how is my research progressing, and what do I plan to do once the degree is completed.

One of the questions I responded to that morning was “Do you find you are a female sometimes struggling in what is still a male dominated profession?” The simple answer is *yes*, but of course it’s not always that simple. I do have a couple of stories of people outright telling me that I shouldn’t be a pastor because I am a woman.... and that it’s not just a mistake for me, but that I am leading others (meaning, all you in the congregation!) away from God with my ‘false authority’. But more often, the times I find myself struggling in a profession that *is* still male-dominated are smaller moments that on their own aren’t a big deal, but that build up overtime. On the question Sunday, I mentioned that there have been a number of times that Tobin and I attend wider church events together, and if people we don’t know meet us, they often first assume that Tobin is the pastor and I am the spouse. When I can, I prefer to wear my clerical collar on hospital visits, because I get tired of nurses who ask if I am a church member’s grandchild, then are shocked when I tell them who I really am!

Just last week, I went to a hospital in Milwaukee to visit Paul Schmid. I was dressed professionally, but not in a collar (I had a full day on the road to other meetings I needed to attend). A medical assistant came in to check his vitals, and asked if I was his daughter. I said, “No, actually, I’m his pastor.” Her asking me this question isn’t the part that gets to me – it’s how she responded after. She turned away from Paul to look at me for several seconds, an expression of doubt and confusion on her face. After a long pause, she said, “Really???” I simply nodded and said, “Yes, really.” She then said something about how I just look way too young to be a pastor.

After she left, Paul and I talked about how funny it was that this happened so soon after I had talked about it on the Q+A Sunday. For most people it seems, when they think in their head about what a pastor looks like, they don’t think of someone who looks like me. As I said, each individual time when this happens isn’t that big of a deal – but when it happens again and again and again that people doubt something that I have worked so hard for – it gets tiresome.

But at the end of the day, I look back and am grateful – grateful for church members who ask good questions and who laugh with me when strange things happen; grateful for a community that not only employs me as a leader among you but also supports and encourages me as we work together towards God’s Kingdom; grateful for a God that has called me to this work and loves me just as I am.

REPORT FROM THE CABINET AND MODERATOR

The Cabinet met on September 10 and minutes of that meeting are available on request from the church office. Our Treasurer reports that receipts were August were lower than average and that we are currently running a deficit of \$11,637 year-to-date, with expenses exceeding receipts. A large part of this was from low receipts in February and the high cost of snow removal that month. Our Financial Secretary also reported that offerings received during the months of June, July and August were \$3200 lower than last summer. Attendance comparisons for the same periods were not yet available, but will be evaluated.

This summer we had a single worship service on Sundays, and mostly positive comments were received by the Diaconate, which is recommending this schedule for Sundays next summer. The Diaconate organized the Rally Day activities on September 8. They will be serving the New Members Meal on October 6.

The Trustees have approved replacing the air conditioning system for the sanctuary as some compressors have failed and others are likely to do so soon, as they are 15 years old.

Joe DeGroot reported on financial challenges at Two Rivers Ecumenical Pantry. An appeal was made to the congregation on September 15 and Mission & Outreach also made a contribution from their Christensen-Shea allocation.

The new Sunday School rotation program is off to a good start and changes have been made to the classrooms to accommodate the different needs. Confirmation class began on September 11, with about 12 students registered. Generation G youth began meeting on September 4 with 10 in attendance, and are reading the gospel of Mark.

Pastor Kim asked for suggestions for people to serve on a Stewardship committee and for Diaconate.

Pastor Colie stated she feels refreshed after her 2-month sabbatical and is grateful for that time.

The Women of Grace are planning to sell cookies at Apple Fest on October 12, and plan their annual Chili lunch/dinner on November 6.

The Open & Affirming Task Force has created a mission statement and is working on questions to get feedback from the congregation. Their next meeting will be on September 30 at 6 pm and is open to all.

The constitution committee has finished revising the draft of a new constitution and bylaws for our church. They received input from members at an informational session on September 15 and incorporated some of the suggestions made. The draft will be made available electronically with your newsletter for October. Some printed copies will be available for people without email to pick up after worship or you may request one be mailed to you by contacting the church office. A cover letter summarizes significant changes from the current constitution. We plan a special congregational meeting on October 27 at 9:15 am to vote on adopting the new constitution and bylaws. Thanks to all who provided suggestions and comments and to the committee for their time and efforts.



COATS FOR OUR TWO RIVERS/MISHICOT KIDS



We are again collecting new or gently-used winter coats for The Two Rivers/Mishicot Ecumenical Food Pantry. Coats from sizes infant through adult XXL are needed. Please no coats that are torn, heavily worn, or have broken zippers. Place your items in the donation barrel in the gathering area. Also needed are boots, snowpants, scarves, and gloves, **especially vinyl gloves for playing in snow.**

DIACONATE NEWS:

We are still looking for calendar pictures for our 2020 calendar.
October 6th will be the New Members dinner.

CHURCH CABINET

Moderator, Don DeBruyn **Treasurer**, Linda Justema **Clerk**, Rein Elias
Financial Sec, Chris Blimel **Trustee Chair**, Todd Moolenaar
Diaconate Chair, Zachary Peterson
Board of Christian Ed Chair, Katie Ver Haagh
Mission & Outreach Chair, Joe DeGroot
Pastor Kim-Pastor/Parish Chair, Jeff Harding
Pastor Colie-Pastor/Parish Chair, Jim Miller
Members-at-Large, Brianna Brixius & Joe DeGroot

Stewardship Corner for Grace Congregational United Church of Christ **August, 2019**

Total 2019 Expected Pledges	\$374,054
Pledge Income Received during August	\$25,055
Pledge Income Needed (on average) to balance the budget	\$3111
Loose Offering Received during April	\$202
Sunday School Offerings During April	\$0

Please Note: Our constitution prohibits us from using any proceeds from our Endowment Fund to support our day to day ministry at Grace Congregational Church. It is our church's expectation that our members are responsible for the support of this church's ministry as an act of faithfulness to God.

A note from your Treasurer:

Through August, we are 67% of the way through the year. Our year to date pledge receipts are at 63% of budget. The root cause of this deficit is from February's high cost of snow removal and lower than expected receipts due to the snow. Our combined monthly loss in February was \$12,556. Although we have enjoyed several good months this year, we have not recovered from that set-back. Our year to date loss is \$11,637. Your assistance would be most appreciated.

LAY ACADEMY----WISCONSIN CONFERENCE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lay Academy is a ministry of the Wisconsin Conference that engages lay people in spiritual growth and development through theological education. Anyone who longs to grow in faith, discover new ways to serve God and their community, and deepen their knowledge of Christian tradition, ministry, and mission is welcome.

In the fall of 2019, the Lay Academy will offer Faith Foundations, Year 2. If you are interested, but haven't attended Faith Foundations Year 1, please contact Tisha Brown at tbrown@wcucc.org

Wisconsin Conference Lay Academy Schedule

November 1-2, 2019 – New Testament Part 1 – Rev. Dr. Karl Kuhn

January 17-18, 2020 – New Testament Part 2 – Rev. Dr. Karl Kuhn

March 6-7 – The Church at Work in History – Rev. Dr. Julia Speller

April 24-25 – Interfaith Cooperation and Ministry – Noah Silverman, Interfaith Youth Corp

Call the Conference office for more information at 608-846-7880. Scholarships are available at the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ and at Grace Congregational United Church of Christ---Joe DeGroot, Mission and Outreach, chair.

Lay Academy Fees (\$650 shared room; \$800 private room; \$500 commuter)

Each course meets five weekends per year at or near the Wisconsin Conference Trost Center in DeForest. The weekend sessions meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Lodging is provided at a nearby hotel. Courses are taught by seminary professors, Conference staff and clergy with expertise in a given area. Additional requirements are designed to enhance learning.

Mission House Lecture

“Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence”

Tuesday, October 8, 2019; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Speaker: Shane Claiborne

Fifteen people from our community have already signed up to attend the Mission House lecture. We will carpool together, leaving our parking lot at 10 a.m. Most of us plan to attend a luncheon afterward, at a cost of \$10. If you are interested, call church....or sign up at the Information Center by October 1.

Beyond the Walls of Grace Congregational United Church of Christ

TAKING ROOT

Ethiopians planted 350 million trees in one day in late July to combat the effects of deforestation and climate change. This feat beat the previous record, set when India planted 50 million trees in 2016 in one day. Ethiopia’s plan calls for eventually planting 4 billion trees. Over the past century Ethiopia lost about 30 percent of its forests. (The Hill, July 29---reported in Christian Century)

GROUNDING

A one-way flight from New York City to London emits one ton of carbon dioxide per passenger, and there are about 2,500 flights over the North Atlantic each day. Each metric ton of carbon emitted leads to the loss of three square meters of Arctic ice. (Vos, August 1---Reported in Christian Century)

RELIGIOUS TEST:

(Percentage of Americans who answered each of these multiple-choice questions correctly.)

- (87%) What is an atheist?
- (81%) What is commemorated on Easter Sunday?
- (60%) What is Ramadan?
- (27%) What does the U.S. Constitution say about religion as it relates to federal officeholders?
- (19%) How many adults in the U.S. are Jewish?
- (15%) Which text is most closely associated with Hinduism?

(Pew Research Center)

BIBLICAL EXEMPTION

Bibles and other religious books have been exempted from the U.S. tariffs placed on products obtained from China, following appeals for the exemption by religious publishers and other religious groups. Due to the printing proficiency, China has become America’s prime source for the Bible. In 2018, the U.S. imported \$140 million worth of religious texts, of which 67.3 percent came from China. (ProPublica, August 22---Reported in Christian Century)

IN MEMORIAM

Tony Morrison, who died last month, was once asked publicly how she wanted to be remembered. She replied, “I would like to be remembered as trustworthy, as generous.”

“What are you talking about?” a young black woman called out. “You are a famous writer and you want to be remembered as trustworthy?”

Morrison explained she was thinking about how she wanted her family to remember her. “That other thing is all well and good. But there is Toni Morrison and there is Chloe (her birth name.). Chloe is not interested in those things.” (NRS, August 8---Reported in Christian Century)

GRACE CONGREGATIONAL CHOIRS

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Grace UCC Congregational Church will be presenting “The Silence and the Sound” a Christmas Cantata by Heather Sorensen on Sunday, December 22 at 8:00am and 10:30am. The adult choir is seeking extra voices for this event. Please consider singing with us! Practices will begin Wednesday, November 6 from 7:30-8:15pm in the music room and will continue every Wednesday through December 18 with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 21 in the morning. Please see Andrea Allington for a book and practice CD if you are willing to sing with us.

Instrumentalists interested in playing in the orchestra for this event should contact Ginger VanElls.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our new Sunday School program is off to a great start! In the month of September, our children learned the Creation story (Genesis 1+2) through the workshops of Bible Skills and Games, Art, Video, and Science. In October, the story will be “Abraham and Sarah,” featuring the workshops of Art, Bible Skills and Games, Cooking, and Digital Media+ Technology!

Below are the names of all the volunteers who have been teaching or working with our kids so far this year. If you see them, please thank them – they are doing great work to help grow the faith of the youngest in our midst. And, if you are interested in being involved or curious about our program – please see Pastor Colie, or any member of the Board of Christian Ed. We would love to share more with you.

September and October teachers: Marcia Donlon, Adrienne Ewald, Shay Hampton-Gregory, Linda Justema, Heidi Springstube, and Stephanie Willis.

Classroom guides: Mandy Moolenaar, Kaye Katke, Melissa Basken, Taylor Lechler, Stacy Backus, Lori Brandt, Jessica Schroeder, Katie VerHaagh, Clare Schuette, Sue Crowley, Mary Sayeski, Jennisa Novitski, Scott Schroeter, Abby Brixius, Tracy Smith, and Lisa Stodola.

The Board of Christian Education: Pastor Colie, Abby Brixius, Ray Claudel, Zoe Edinger, Shay Hampton-Gregory, Sara Schuette, Heidi Stradal, Katie Ver Haagh, and Stephanie Willis.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class is off to a great start! We have 17 youth with us this year. Here is the schedule for the month of October. Classes meet 6pm-7:10pm

October 2: class and PARENT MEETING @ 6pm Topic – Human disobedience: Adam and Eve in the Garden (lesson 1b1); Discussion of worship responsibilities and Compassion hours

October 9: Topic –Human disobedience: A Rainbow in the Clouds and the Tower of Babel (lesson 1b2 and 1b3)

October 16: *Mentor Night.* – Dinner with mentors and Mentor session 1

October 23: Topic – God's repeated call to return: God calls to the people, and Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah (lesson 1c1+1c2)

October 30: Topic – God's repeated call to return: Jacob at Bethel and the Story of Joseph (lesson 1c3+1c4)

SAVE THE DATE—Saturday Mini-Retreat, November 2nd

CONFIRMATION YOUTH / PARENTS

First Year Students: Olivia Duvall, Jason & Alanna Duvall; Shaelyn Gamble, Jonathan & Reba Gamble; Bergen Schmid, Jeff & Carey Schmid; Autumn Steltenpohl, Jennifer & Paul Klein and Mike & Susan Steltenpohl; Kathryn Ruhbusch, Jon & Kelly Ruhbusch.

Second Year Students: E.J. Antoniewicz, Heather Antoniewicz & Al Bruckschen; Addison Bauknecht, Chad & Mindy Bauknecht; Eli Holschbach, Katie Holschbach and Kevin Holschbach; Katelyn Klein, Tim & Ann Klein; Caleb Kurth, Aaron & Heidi Springstube and Josh & Brianna Trainor; Ashton Peterson, Zak Peterson and Adrienne Ewald; Aubrie Reif, Jim Reif and Laurie Reif; Cameron Sayeski, Shawn & Jessica Sayeski; Jacob Schuh, Craig & Sara Schuh; Abigail Stradal, Josh & Heidi Stradal; Leyah Van Ells, Brian & Ginger Van Ells; Cameron Wagner, Collin & Sheri Wagner.

GENERATION G

Wednesday nights from 7-8pm Generation G our youth group meets in the room off the fellowship hall. This fall we are doing a bible study on the book of Mark, engaging the text through reading and discussion.

October 9th we will be leaving church at 7pm to head over to the Springstube's for a field trip! Wear those messy work clothes again as we will be pouring clay, prepping Christmas ornaments for the young children in church.

If you have a student in college who would appreciate receiving some fun mail before Christmas, please send the name and address to Nicole Herda so that we can add them to the list.

If you have any questions, you may contact Nicole Herda at (920)242-8308 or nlherda@yahoo.com

ASP 2020 planning and preparing has officially begun for June 20-27 of 2020. We currently have 44 people signed up for the trip who are busy selling Christmas wreaths. You are encouraged to support them by ordering your wreath Sunday's at the information center. Order forms are due to Nicole Herda here at church October 4th by 7pm. We hope greens will arrive so we can begin making wreaths by October 20th, however you will see an email when they arrive. If you have any questions you may contact Wade Juza, Keith Barneson or Nicole Herda.

WOMEN OF GRACE NEWS AND NOTES

The Women Of Grace are busy getting ready for their two major fundraisers which we hold every fall and that we are asking you to help us with these events:

The Applefest Cookie Sale: Applefest is on Saturday, October 12th, 2019. We are asking for the congregation to bake cookies. All cookies are welcome! Please label your cookies and if they have any special ingredients such as nuts, peanut butter, coconut, flour, eggs, etc. so those with allergies will know. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Friday night set up at the Two Rivers Senior Center as well as working the sale on Saturday either from 7:45 am - 10:30 am or 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. Sign up sheets and cookie pans are at the Information desk. Stop and pick up your pans today! Cookies should be delivered to the church kitchen by Friday, October 11th from 9am - 1pm. You can also bring the cookies to the Senior Center on Friday between 4pm - 5pm or on Saturday at 8am. Please and Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE: The Chili Dinner/ Raffle and Bazaar will be held on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 from 11 am - 1:30 pm and again from 4 pm - 6:30 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door. The price of tickets are as follows: Adult - \$6, Children - \$3, Children 3 and younger are free and include a bowl of chili and crackers or a hamburger with chips, condiment bar, dessert and beverage. **We will be taking orders for pre-sales for \$20 buckets and \$6 quarts of chili. Sign Up sheets will be on the Information desk.** We will be needing volunteers, desserts, homemade bakery and candy, crafts, and theme baskets for the raffle. If you can help us in anyway, we would really appreciate it very much! Please and Thank you!

Hope you all are enjoying the beautiful fall! God bless you all! Yours In Christ, Amy LeGreve

GENERAL SYNOD IN MILWAUKEE----JUNE 2019

The UCC General Synod overwhelmingly approved a resolution titled "Addressing the State of Global Forced Migration." The resolution calls on all settings of the church to "to pray, learn, and actively engage in education about the current state of global forced migration."

Speaking on the resolution, Committee Chair Yolanda Adams of the Southern Conference said the number of displaced people across the globe is now over 70 million people, yet this number includes people Adams said are not reflected in current United Nations language. The United Nations defines refugee as a person forced to flee their home nation due to persecution, war, or violence.

"This definition does not take into consideration the vast number of people displaced by economic and climate-related disasters," said Adams.

The language of the resolution includes a wider scope, addressing all displaced people, "whether they are refugees, migrants, internally displaced, asylum-seekers, or others." Adams said the committee worked on creating language in the document that "strengthened the tone and flow" of the resolution.

Peter Makari, Team Leader and Area Executive for Middle East and Europe, said the committee made few modifications to the resolution. The committee addressed the question of education and learning, and affirmed what resolution says about calling governments into account.

In addition to affirming inclusivity and rejecting divisive discourse, the resolution calls on the wider church to learn about global migration, and for member churches to participate, engage and advocate for displaced people and take efforts to dismantle racism, discrimination, bigotry, and xenophobia. It also call on the U.S. Government to take the matter of global migration seriously and participate in United Nations efforts to address the issue. Finally, the resolution urges all settings of the church to advocate for the US to work closely with the global community and partners.

No one spoke for or against the issue on the floor and the vote passed with 669 votes in favor of the resolution, 12 against, and 12 abstained.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Todd Moolenaar
- 2 Annie Kleman
David Kleman
- 3 Bradd Steckmesser
Aiden Pietenpol
Griffin Pietenpol
Sidney Pietenpol
- 4 Eugene Burmeister
Bonnie Wichlacz
Randy Ertman
- 5 Sarah Gallagher
- 6 Sue Brull
- 7 Abigail Stradal
- 8 Gary Heise
Kristi Schanilec
- 9 Abigail Ernst
Gene Krueger
- 11 Carey Schmid
Tom Keery
- 12 Maxwell Hillmer
Marlene Behrendt
- 13 Bailee Seefeldt
- 14 Karl Kuhn
- 16 Larry Peterson
Gina Rohr
Bob Rudolph
Betsy Marotz
- 18 Bailey Peters
- 19 Connie Denor
- 20 Monica Holzer
Rebecca Holzer
Jacob Herda
- 21 Zak Peterson
Barbara Davidson
- 22 Betty Becker
Jon Ruhbusch
- 23 Nora Buchholz
- 24 Bruce Terp
Katina Shallue
Connie Blashka
Emily Stoeger
- 25 Allen Bruckschen
- 26 Barbee Lester
Lynn Buchholz
- 27 Joseph Hearley
Dominick Krizek
Maliyah Heimerl
Luke Stodola
Brian Schramm
- 30 Lynne Krizek
Todd Wichlacz

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bill & Jeanne Heinsohn
Paul & Lori Hansen-Stein
Jon & Stacy Backus
- 2 Shawn & Jessica Sayeski
- 3 Matt & Heather Anderson
David & Jorie Windus
- 4 Joe & Lori Brandt
Jim & Shelby Bohman
- 6 Mike & Donna Weier
- 7 Alex & Amy LeGreve
Ron & Hope Boudnik
- 8 Jeff & Robin Bryant-
Stoeger
Chad & Laurel Stodola
- 10 Al & Debbie Augustine
- 11 Jerry & Barbara Baeckman
- 12 Tracy & Cheryl Jasper
- 14 Tony & Jennifer Reinke
- 15 Jason & Andrea Allington
- 19 Joe & Dwyn DeGroot
- 20 Jeff & Laura Jasper
Vernon & Donna
Anderson
- 21 Casey & Becky O'Connor
Josh & Heidi Stradal
- 25 Rich & Linda Langman
- 28 Kevin & Pam Wargin

“ A Senior Get-Together at Grace Congregational Church”



Where: Our Church's Fellowship Hall
When: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 1:30 – 3:00 pm

The Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon will be
When: Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Luncheon 12:30 – 1:30 pm
Bingo 1:30 – 3:00 pm

RSVP
Call the church Office: 553-1222 or
Watch for the Sign up at the Information Center

GRACE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

HOSPITALIZED

Bill Monka has been a patient at Aurora Medical Center. He is now home, continuing his recovery.

Minda Kohlbeck and her daughter, Alaurah Lee, were patients at Aurora Medical Center.

Randy Ammerman was recently hospitalized at Aurora Medical Center.

Paul Schmid came home from St. Luke's Hospital on Wednesday the 18th.

Bruce Fehrman was recently hospitalized in Sheboygan.

Randy Wilson was a patient at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay.

OUR SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Cheryl Brocher who died on Monday, August 26. A memorial service was held yesterday at Klein and Stangel Funeral Home. Cheryl's two children are Lee and Michelle Brocher and Stephanie and Clint Schwartz.

Marlene Markowski died on Monday, September 16. She has most recently been a resident at Sharon Richardson Care Center outside of Sheboygan Falls. A Memorial Worship Service will be held on Friday, October 11 at 11 a.m.

A CHILD IS BORN!

Alexis Ann Harding was born on Thursday, August 22 to Jeff and Jenny Harding. Alexis' brother is Brycen, and her grandparents are Jeff and Ruth Harding.

Alaurah Lee Peterson was born on Monday, September 2 at Aurora Medical Center. Alaurah's parents are Zachary and Minda; her siblings are Auden, Ashton, and Averick. Alaurah's grandparents are Larry and Kathy Peterson and David and Penny Kohlbeck.

SECOND MILE GIVING

\$1775---Strengthen the Church

(Thank you, friends, for recognizing the importance of this offering!!)

\$2400---Two Rivers Ecumenical Food Pantry

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON GROUP

We would like to invite ALL women of the church to our Women's Luncheon Group.

Announcements are usually in the bulletin and in the newsletter. If you need a ride we can usually provide it. **October 8th Heritage Farm Wisconsin 11:30 a.m.** Contact Chris Blimel at 793-2204 or Sandy Monka at 553-2047 if you will be going.



Hope House
of Manitowoc County

HOST WEEK

Our next Hope House host week is **September 29th – October 5** We continue to look for generous volunteers like you to help. Let me Thank You for your continued dedication to this project.

Lakeshore Memory Café October 5th & 15th

OCTOBER 5TH – MANITOWOC PUBLIC LIBRARY – Manitowoc

OCTOBER 15TH – LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY – Two Rivers



This is TUNE TOSS month! You'll hear part of a famous song – toss your bean bag on the correct title, and you win! You'll enjoy a SPOOKY treat during this "Halloween" month. **La La La - La La**