



Rev. Beth Petzke

Pastor's Corner

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you!

We are officially moving into our program year, kicking off with our Renewal Sunday on September 7th! I can hardly believe it's already September. The newsletter has all kinds of details about upcoming opportunities for Bible Study, Sunday School (K-8), confirmation (7th grade and up), Intergenerational Worship, celebrating our members of 50 years (and more), as well as missions, and opportunities to serve.

On Renewal Sunday (9/7), we return to 10 a.m. worship (and offer an additional service at 8AM on the first Sunday of the months September-May). We will be eating around the table - both in sharing communion around Christ's table, as well as a potluck following 10 a.m. worship. It's a wonderful time to see long-time friends, catch up on the summer's events, and make new friends. All are welcome!

In reflecting on the summer, I found myself going through my photos and trying to keep the memories (and weather) of summer alive just a little bit longer. One of the highlights was sharing communion at the biannual meeting of the United Church of Christ. Over 2,000 of us gathered and shared in the feast. Below are a few playful visuals that emerged throughout the week as a way to remember who we are and who we serve.



Worship takes many forms - serious to playful, and everything in between. There is a time and season for it all. As we move into the fall season, may we engage in the ways that make us feel most alive, and be open to the possibilities of encountering God in many ways and places.

The work of the church continues, both locally and globally, inside the church walls and out in the world, and is needed now more than ever. There is much to do! There are many in need! I challenge us to stay strong in our faith, doing the work of the church: by showing up, by sharing the love of Christ in all we say and do, and by remembering that we do this work together.

Upcoming Sundays:

September 7 - Renewal Sunday Worship at 8 & 10 a.m. including Holy Communion at both services.
Following 10 a.m. service, join us for a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

September 14 - 10 a.m. worship highlighting:

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name,"
and "Just A Closer Walk with Thee."

September 21 - 9 a.m. Sunday School, Intergenerational Worship at 10 a.m.

Bring a friend and join us to be fed in body, mind, and spirit.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Your faithful giving of time and offering helps sustain our mission and ministries all year long. If you're away or unable to attend worship, please consider setting up online giving or mailing in your offering. Every gift truly makes a difference.

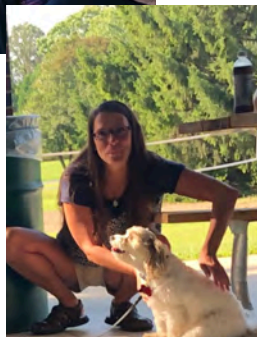
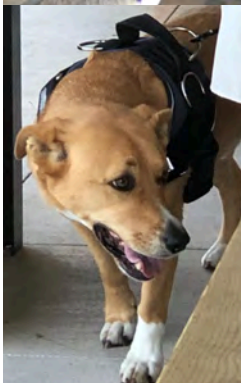
Blessings to you all,
Pastor Beth



Elaine James, Our Excellent
"Food for Life" Instructor - April & July



Worship and Social
Lost Woods Park - July



Blessing of the Pets
Lost Woods Park - August



"Friends"
Special Music - August

News from the Music Department

We had a WONDERFUL time at our recent Senior Choir "Kick-Off" rehearsal /dinner. We met on Monday, August 25 at 5:30 and had a brief meal together, after which we sang through many of the pieces that we will be using during the first three months of fall. We welcomed all returning choir members along with several who have not sung with us in a while. We are grateful for all who are participating this year and we had a super first rehearsal with many commenting on how much "fun" we had.



Sue Hildebrand
Choir Accompanist

The first number the choir plans to sing is "There Is a Redeemer," on September 7. The words and music were written in 1977 by Melody Green. It is in our church hymnal (#206). Melody and her husband, Keith, early leaders in the "Contemporary Christian Music" movement, founded Last Days Ministries, an outreach to unwed mothers, those involved in drugs, and other seekers. Keith wrote the final stanza and recorded Melody's song on an album in 1982, shortly before he and two of their children died in a tragic plane crash. Melody was left with 2 small children, which she raised by herself, and she continues to write and minister to others in need to this day.



Duane Ream
Organist
Choir Director



Many of you may know that our custodian is currently on medical leave. It appears that will last longer than anticipated. Please keep him in your prayers.

In his absence, the property committee has been working diligently to care for the building and grounds. As we move into a busier season with increased use of the facilities, the workload will naturally grow—and your help is needed. A signup sheet is posted in the narthex. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might assist in covering custodial needs during this interim, whether by signing up for tasks ahead of time or noting items you've completed.

Thank you for your faithful commitment and ongoing care for Grace Church.



COMMITTEE UPDATE

Just a note of **thanks** to all who answered our call for items to support our August missions:

School Supplies for the Oostburg Elementary School. This is a rural public school in Oostburg. It serves 465 students in Pre-K - 5 with a student/teacher ratio of 16.0:1. They will greatly appreciate the supplies enabling those in need to start school with a full backpack ready to learn.

Donations of peanut butter and jelly allow local crisis agencies to provide those they serve with two of the most requested food items. Both are shelf-stable and peanut butter is high in protein. The Family Radio Network coordinates this drive now in its 3rd year.

Grace Bible Study Resumes September 16

WE ENJOYED OUR TIME TOGETHER STUDYING THE BIBLE IN MAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO RESUMING OUR GATHERING.

WE WILL MEET FROM 6 - 7PM

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16TH (THROUGH AND INCLUDING NOVEMBER 25TH)

WE WILL BREAK AGAIN DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND RESUME IN JANUARY COME. BRING A FRIEND AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS TOGETHER!

The work of the church goes on each day with the same amount of effort and expense regardless of how many people are attending worship in person or remotely. Our mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ, and tell the old, old stories "for some have never heard" and of course to demonstrate that love through actions such as the school supplies drive, packing sandwiches for the Guest House, etc.

Summer time often impacts church attendance (not news) but I wanted you that you've been missed. As we look toward renewal Sunday and return to school routines, etc. perhaps we can examine our individual commitment of time, talent and giving. Is there something we can or should do differently? Please know you make a difference and when you are not here - you are missed.

If you would like a call from Pastor Beth or a visit from our Extended Grace family of friends, give the church office a call and I will help arrange this for you. Please let us know so that we can support you in your time of need. Hardships and troubles happen. Today it might be you. Tomorrow it might be me. Let's do better by sharing those needs and showing up for one another.

Sandy, Church Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is the 3rd Sunday
of each month
September - May.

begins September 21st

Children Kindergarten - 8th Grades
Learn through creative lessons
about who Jesus is
and how much
they are loved.

9am



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		John & Sherry	9am - Deposit with Rosemary 5:30pm - Choir Rehearsal (due to holiday)	Glenn Valenstein		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
RENEWAL SUNDAY Holy Communion at Tracy & Travis* Kestell 8am - Worship - 10am - Worship - 11am - Potluck lunch	11am - Choir Rehearsal		Chase Priebe 9am - Deposit with Henry		Scott Ter Maat	Paul & Brenda Phil Milbrath
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Dan & Kelly Kasten Jenny Hanson 10am - Worship	11am - Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm - Council Meeting	Ken & Lola Lindow Mike & Lisa Rolloff 6pm - Bible Study	9am - Deposit with Linda		Uma 9/19	Tom & Anneke Tealers
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Gregg & Sheryl Intergenerational Margy Horneck 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship -	Brad Ziegelbauer 11am - Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm - Planned Giving meeting (Council + Andrew Warner)	Deadline Newsletter Articles Shelley & Robert 6pm - Bible Study	Jacob Groth Keith & Brenda 9am - Deposit with Rosemary 1pm - Grace Friends		Cara Kleeman Kohler Villager Articles Suzie Bolling	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
10am - Worship	Amanda & Steve Priebe Debbie Sawyer Diana Multer Rayven Kalmerton 11am - Choir Rehearsal	Marilyn Hanson 6pm - Bible Study				

Our Special Mission Offering Neighbors in Need



Throughout the month of September you are encouraged to add monies to the enclosed envelope and put it in the offering plate or mail before October 5 when we will bless the offering for **Neighbors in Need..**"

The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries.

Grace Church will bless this offering on October 5, 2025, as part of World Communion Sunday, along with many other UCC congregations.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Anniversary Blessings September



2nd John and Sherry Leonhard
7th Tracy and Travis Kestell
13th Paul and Brenda Protzmann
14th Dan and Kelly Kasten
16th Kenneth & Lola Lindow
16th Mike and Lisa Rolloff
117th Eric and Shannon Thomas
20th Tom and Anneke Teaters
23rd Robert and Shelley Heinemann
24th Keith and Brenda Valenstein
29th Steve and Mandy Priebe

CELEBRATING



Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

4th Glenn Valenstein	26th Suzie Bolling
10th Chase Priebe	26th Cara Kleeman
12th Scott Ter Maat	27th Erin Valenstein
13th Phil Milbrath	29th Rayven Kalmerton
14th Jenny Hanson	29th Diana Multer
21st Margy Horneck	29th Debbie Sawyer
22nd Brad Ziegelbauer	30th Marilyn Hanson
24th Jacob Groth	



GRACE FRIENDS LUNCHEON

We're Back!
Join the luncheon on September 24th at 1pm at Cafe Bella in Sheboygan.
Please come and enjoy this fellowship over good food!



A number of things that just ‘happen’ here at Grace. For those who give of their time and talent to make things happen – whether anonymously or accidentally not included here, please know that we are thankful for your efforts! Kindly let the church office know of any errors or omissions.

We Are Grateful For...

- Thanks to Linda Billmann for thinking of the young people (and young at heart) in our congregation. She donated several coloring pages for them to enjoy.
- Thanks to all who are helping with the church building and grounds while Mike Rolloff is on medical leave – Paul & Lynn Green, Marge & Hank Horneck, Joyce Atkins, and others.
- Sponsoring flowers on the altar in late August to mark the wedding anniversary of Larry and Deb Ter Maat.
- Sponsoring Grace Notes in August celebrating the wedding anniversary of Tom and Joyce Atkins.
- Pastor Beth and Dan for coordinating beverages for our Worship service and blessing of the pets in the park earlier this month. And all the pets that came out to meet and greet one another :)
- Sheila Miesfeld who works wonderfully behind the scenes to keep our website up to date for those who are church shopping or just looking further into what Grace is all about. Sheila is the daughter of Rosemary and Wayne Lohse. Sheila donates her time and talent and we are certainly grateful. Thank you!
- Mike & Carol Skeris for coordinating the school supplies collected for Oostburg Elementary School children.

MINISTRY HELPERS & HIGHLIGHTS

SEPT	Usher	Liturgist (10AM)
7th Renewal Sunday Holy Communion	8AM Betty Jones 10AM Curt Joa & Dan Montgomery	Margy Horneck
14	Mike and Lisa Rolloff	Karen Groth
21st Intergenerational Sunday	Margy Horneck & Karen Groth	
28	Mike and Susie Wandschneider	
OCT	Usher	Liturgist (10AM)
5th Worldwide Communion	9AM Betty Jones 10AM Larry and Deb Te Maat	Margy Horneck
12	Carol and Mike Skeris	Karen Groth
19	Lynn & Paul Green	
26	Curt Joa & Maureen Faucher	Maureen Faucher

COUNTING DEPOSITS

Sept. 3 Rosemary Lohse
Sept 10 Henry Horneck
Sept 17 Linda Billmann
Sept 24 Rosemary Lohse

Oct. 2 Henry Horneck
Oct. 8 Linda Billmann
Oct. 15 Rosemary Lohse
Oct. 22 Henry Horneck
Oct. 29 Linda Billmann



The **position of Church Secretary** is open for someone organized with good communication skills. Producing weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters plus general secretarial support to meet the needs of Grace Church in Kohler.

The position is flexible to work from home and the office space at Grace has all the technology needed to do the job about 8 to 10 hours a week during slow times and 16-20 hours a week such as Lent, Christmas, etc.

Interested candidates should submit their resume to the church or speak with Dan Montgomery so that Sandy can provide training. Please spread the word and thank you for your assistance. Dan Montgomery

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



PASTOR: Rev. Beth Petzke
ORGANIST: Duane Ream
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Sue Hildebrand
CUSTODIAN: Mike Rolloff

CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Sarah Montgomery
TREASURER: Dan Montgomery
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Duane Ream
CHURCH SECRETARY: Sandy Rabe

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