



# Good News of Grace

## Grace Lutheran Church

Green Bay, Wisconsin

July 17, 2019

*We celebrate Christ,  
teach Christ,  
witness to Christ,  
and care for others  
as though they are Christ.*

### THE RED MANGROVE

January 23, 2018



*“And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind.”*

Genesis 1:24

One of the most powerful storms spawned in the warm Atlantic, Irma tore through the Bahama and Virgin Island chains, slashed the northern coasts of Puerto Rico and Cuba, and roared through the Florida Keys before storming up the Gulf Coast of Florida into the southern Appalachians. Just before our continuing education time with Jim Ladoux, we spent two days in the Keys and saw some of what Irma accomplished. Most of the evidence of Irma's presence has been heaped up into 10 to 20 foot high piles along the sides of the one highway that connects Florida's southern tip to the towns situated on a hundred-plus-mile string of islands

scattered into the Gulf of Mexico. The piles included a most incongruous collection of things: shredded boats, big balls of roots of downed trees, chunks of concrete, plastic chairs, mattresses. These were all embedded in piles of light gray sand, waiting to be scooped up and added to the Monroe County landfill ... the only thing resembling a hill anywhere in the Keys. We saw how the wind and water bent three-inch steel fence posts like soda straws. A sign announcing *Annie's Beach* was half-submerged by aquamarine shallows. Irma blew a lot of land away.

Working together, red mangrove trees are stronger than the concrete and steel structures we construct on the shifting sands of the Keys. Red mangrove trees, like other tropical trees, sprout roots from their branches, sending them down through the air to breath the air, but also, ultimately to root themselves in the swamp or soil at the base of the tree. Called "prop roots" they do indeed

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prop these trees up and attach them to the ground, even when the trees are standing in salt water. They also help filter the salt out of the water the tree needs to drink.

More and more prop roots grow and swell so the trees begins to look like they have many trunks or that they have many legs, which is why they are often called "Walking Trees."

This complex of roots begins to trap sediments from tides and storms like Irma and when thousands of these trees work together, they create land. "Let dry land appear," was one of the Lord God's first commands to the waters under the newly formed firmament. Though there were no red mangrove trees around then, they're faithfully carrying out God's command still.

Coastal barriers created by trees like red mangroves also protect human settlements. From what I've learned over the years, they are particularly important for preserving coastal lands of Louisiana, though I have also learned over the years the high level of shipping traffic in the Gulf destroys the work that the mangroves do and leaves swamps (like the Everglades) and human settlements alike vulnerable to storms like Irma. Some Native Americans, I think, have lost almost all of their reservation due to the impact of storms on lands unprotected by hard-working red mangrove trees.

The red mangrove's tiny yellow flowers become seeds which become miniature trees while still hanging from the branches. When the seed-trees drop into the land, they become another tree; when they drop into the water, they float along until their roots touch sand or even some fallen foliage, and yes, another tree is born. The shade, the organic matter collecting at the foot of the trees work together to become new land and support and shelter life: crabs, birds, and lots of creatures lower on the food chain. Which reminded me of how God commanded the earth to bring forth living creatures of all kinds. At that point in the Creation Story, there might have been red mangrove trees around; now they're faithfully carrying out God's command still.

**Pastor Larry**

# COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

## POWER OF THE PIPES ORGAN CONCERTS



Concerts are held Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm and last approximately 1 hour. There is no charge but free will offerings support Green Bay area food pantries and other ministries.

July 23

First United Methodist Church  
501 Howe Street

July 30

First Presbyterian Church  
200 South Ashland Ave.

August 6

St. Norbert Abbey  
1016 N Broadway, De Pere

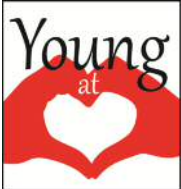
August 13

Grace Lutheran Church  
321 South Madison Street

# PASTOR'S NOTE

## 7th GRADERS:

If you have a student who will be entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall and you have not received an email regarding the confirmation program, please contact Pastor Julie (432-0308) or [pastorjulie@gracegb.org](mailto:pastorjulie@gracegb.org). Thank you!



## **"YOUNG AT HEART" 2019 CALENDAR**

Below is a monthly listing of the programs we have scheduled so far for Young at Heart Luncheons. Mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month on your calendar for food, fun, and fellowship. We meet at Noon in the North Basement. The cost of the meal is \$8.00.

Here is the schedule for 2019:

- August 9:** Dementia Information by the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County
- September 13:** Pastor Larry, Sabbatical Report
- October 11:** House of Hope
- November 8:** Jim Poels, How to Prevent Falls.
- December 13:** Sing-a-long



Please donate for at-risk children in Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

**Athletic socks:** M & L in packs of 6 or more for boys & girls

**Underwear:** Girls (sizes 4-14)  
Boys boxer briefs (sizes 6-20 or S -XL)

Bring donations to Grace by **Sunday, Aug 4.**

*This event is sponsored by the Service League of Green Bay for the Back-to-School Store.*



## **HOSPITALIZED?**

If you or another member of Grace is hospitalized, please inform us by contacting the church office, 432-0308. We have varying degrees of success in our communication with the local hospitals regarding pastoral visitation. Unfortunately, even if the hospital says they will contact the church about your stay, it doesn't always happen. We wish to be present with you but we need to know where you are! Thank you!





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# The Board Board



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Next meeting: September 3

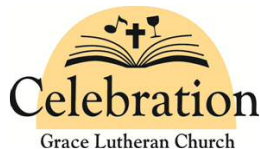
- ◆ We are making great progress on the "Undy 500!" The collection runs until August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ The ELCA Green Bay congregations will be sharing a meal, worship, and service project on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting: August 13

- ◆ July's Young at Heart luncheon will feature a picnic and games with prizes!
- ◆ Looking into a new display unit for pamphlets.
- ◆ Planning the church picnic for September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting: August 20

- ◆ An estate and funeral planning event will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ As a board we are checking out the ELCA stewardship resources for ideas for a fall stewardship drive.



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Next meeting: July 16

- ◆ Power of the Pipes organ concert will be held at Grace on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.; July 23 @ 1st Methodist; July 30 @ 1st Presbyterian; August 6 @ St. Norbert Abbey.
- ◆ Music scholarship applications will be available in the parlor in August. Auditions will be held in September

Next meeting: July 23

- ◆ The Mission Trip 2019 participants have been preparing and learning about the upcoming trip to Camp Noah in Rockport, Texas.
- ◆ Maribel Caves fellowship event tentatively planned for September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Wednesday Night Meal volunteer teams are being recruited for next year.

Next meeting: August 14

- ◆ VBS is set for July 26 and 27, and registration will close on July 22, so please sign up soon!
  - There is a giving tree located just outside the sanctuary. If you are able, please help us with some of the items we need for VBS.
  - If you are available on Thursday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m., we could use some help setting up tents.
- ◆ Adult Bible Study will start SOFIA (Stories of Faith in Action) on Sunday, July 28 between services. Join us for coffee and discussion!
- ◆ Mark your calendars: Sunday School starts September 8!



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## Congregational Council

Next meeting: August 6

- ◆ The new T-coil system has been installed and is functioning well. The system allows the sound from the microphones in the sanctuary to be picked up directly by T-coil compatible hearing aids. We also have four hand-held units for those that do not have T-coil compatible hearing aids.
- ◆ The new pollinator garden will be installed in the northeast corner of the yard the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Work on the parking lot island is progressing. The tree stumps have been removed and the excess soil will be removed in the next couple of weeks in preparation for new landscaping.

Next meeting: August 27

- ◆ Approved three new memberships.
- ◆ Received an update on the transfer of the Memorial Trust to the ELCA Endowment Fund.
- ◆ Addressed the Green Bay ELCA congregations' plan for a fellowship and service event on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Approved request to the Memorial Trust for earlier disbursement of \$40,000 allocated for parking lot improvement/resurfacing work in order to allow completion of the project this summer; the earlier completion will allow for coordination with Newcomer's paving and result in cost savings and cohesive results.
- ◆ Received Board reports on ongoing work on many projects and initiatives that continue through the summer.

# AUGUST 2019

For Room Numbers see "Today at Grace" on the monitor in the Lobby.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1</p> <p>5:30-Worship 5:45-Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Sale</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00-Food Pantry</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:00&amp;10:00-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:00-Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Sale 9:15-Adult Ed.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30-Women's Bible Study 1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Bd. Structures &amp; Grounds</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>5:30-Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00-Food Pantry 12:00-Young at Heart Lunch</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00-Cody Kremer Eagle Scout Ceremony 4:30-Meal at New Community Shelter</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:00&amp;10:00-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Ed.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30-Health Cabinet</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:15-Sarah Circle 1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Bd. Personal Growth 6:30-Organ Concert</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30-Bd. Education</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30-Mission Sewing 5:30-Worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00-Food Pantry</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00-Worship Band Reh.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:00-Worship 10:00-Worship w/ Worship Band 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Ed.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Bd. Celebration 6:30-Bd. Stewardship</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30-Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00-Food Pantry 4:00-Wedding Reh.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:00-Wedding</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:00&amp;10:00-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Ed.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Council Mtg.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30-Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00-Food Pantry</p>	<p>31</p> 

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# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**Thursday, July 18 at 5:30 pm and July 21 at 8:00 & 10:00 am**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Events:**

10:00-Worship Band

Adult Education-The 7 Churches of Revelation

**Readings:** Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

**Thursday, July 25 at 5:30 pm and July 28 at 8:00 & 10:00 am**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Events:**

Adult Education-Stories of Faith in Action

**Readings:** Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-19, Luke 11:1-13

**Thursday, August 1 at 5:30 pm and August 4 at 8:00 & 10:00 am**

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**Events:**

Adult Education-Stories of Faith in Action

**Readings:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-12, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

## A FUNERAL WAS HELD:

- On July 11, 2019 for Virginia Vandeleest.
- on July 17, 2019 for Mary Kirchman.
- on July 19, 2019 for Iona Pasch.

*“Come to me all you who labor and I will give you rest.”*

## WORSHIP TIMES

**Thursday at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 am.**



Our Worship is Broadcast on Radio 1400AM at 8:00 am

## **KITCHEN HELPERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for three additional people to serve as prep cooks and servers for the Wednesday Night Meal once every four weeks during the school year. The shift runs from 4:00 -6:30 p.m.

Things to know:

- The menu for the meals will be clearly laid out.
- The food will be purchased and in the North Basement kitchen ready for you to use when you arrive.
- The meals will be very simple: sloppy joes, chicken nuggets, etc.
- The meals will be in a rotation. Thus, if you are on the "sloppy joes week team" every meal you prepare on your designated Wednesday night would be sloppy joes.

If you are available to assist in this ministry to support families in our congregation as their children participate in confirmation and other programming, please contact Lynn Moyer: [lynnmo266@gmail.com](mailto:lynnmo266@gmail.com). Thank you!

Wait, unable to commit to a regular serving schedule? How about adding your name to the "substitute list" of kitchen helpers? Contact Lynn Moyer: [lynnmo266@gmail.com](mailto:lynnmo266@gmail.com).

## **ONE CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION**



At the recommendation of Jim Ladoux and the Vision Committee, Council is forming a committee to develop short presentations during worship designed to build on what we currently do to welcome guests to Grace. Jim Ladoux has plenty of resources to help this committee.

**Time Commitment:**

- Monthly meetings for about a year, more at first to develop the presentations.
- Monthly presentations during worship

Please contact Pastor Julie if you would like to serve on this committee.

# WORSHIP MINISTER SCHEDULE

## **THURS., JULY 18, 5:30 PM**

Ushers: Andrea Hansen, Pam Anderson  
 Lector & Com. Assist.: Scott Ashmann  
 Accompanist: Denise Zenko

## **SUN., JULY 21, 8:00 & 10:00 AM**

Lector & Com. Assist.: 8:00 - Phyllis Seidl, L&CA  
 Anne DeClerc, Lisa Willi,  
 Pam Bins, CA  
 10:00 - Bob Mead, L&CA  
 Bern Jacobson, Kitty Nagel, CA  
 Altar Guild: 8:00 - Sharon Papham, Clarica  
 Erickson, Lydia Santana,  
 April Neuville  
 10:00 - Judy Swaer, Carla Brawner,  
 Jean Lotter, Marsha Schroeder,  
 Lexi Volk, Carter Thompson  
 Acolytes: 8:00 - Ryan Davidson  
 10:00 - Tyler Ness  
 Ushers: 8:00 - Bill & Dee Kaehler, Bea Froelich,  
 Byron Froelich, Ted & Barb Gloeckler,  
 Pete Diemer  
 10:00 - Kim Selissen, Paul & Jessica Wikgren,  
 Bill Stollberg, Dick Destree,  
 Daniel Selissen  
 Accompanist: Denise Zenko  
 Greeters: 8:00 - Lisa and Grace Herman

## **THURS., JULY 25, 5:30 PM**

Ushers: Bev Larsen, Karen Pangborn  
 Lector & Com. Assist.: Jim Silha  
 Accompanist: Jason Pues

## **SUNDAY, JULY 28, 8:00 & 10:00 AM**

Lector & Com. Assist.: 8:00 - Lisa Willi, L&CA  
 Jeff & Kathy Koehler,  
 Cheryl Kollath, CA  
 10:00 - Bern Jacobson, L&CA  
 Kitty Nagel, Josh Moyer,  
 Bob Mead, CA  
 Altar Guild 8:00 - Linda & Dave Rabe, Debra  
 LaHaye, April Swim, Sophia  
 Mleziva  
 10:00 - Diana Perrault, Susan Lambert-  
 Tease, Sharon Lambert-  
 Rademacher, Kathy Poels,  
 Julia Nava  
 Ushers: 8:00 - Toni Lawson, Paul Kriedeman,  
 Kathryn Andrews, Barb Huettl,  
 Mark Kollath  
 10:00 - Robert Goelz, Jim Poels, Robin  
 Powell, Regan Mertens

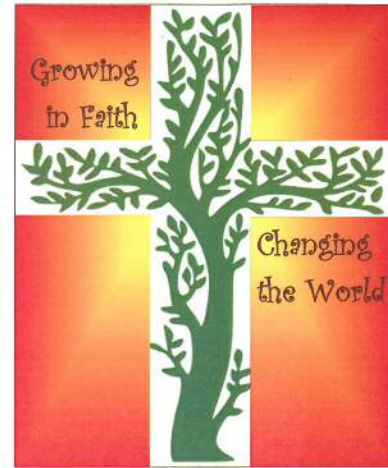
Acolytes: 8:00 - Jake Jazgar, Hannah Willi  
 10:00 - Jack Uslabar  
 Greeters: 8:00 - Karen Peterson, April Swim,  
 Marlene Flom  
 10:00 - Bill Miller, Barb Hubbard  
 Accompanist: John Kopp

## **THURS., AUGUST 1, 5:30 PM**

Ushers: Dave Branger, Margaret Nelson  
 Lector & Com. Assist.: Bev Larsen  
 Special Music: Rose Schumacher  
 Accompanist: John Kopp



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019 (VBS)



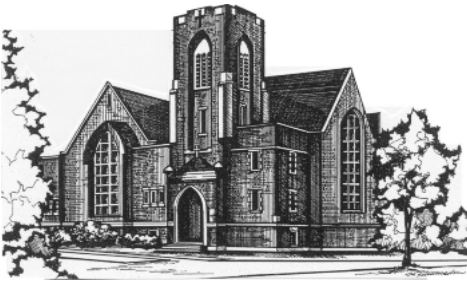
## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friday, July 26, and  
 Saturday, July 27, 2019  
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Open to ages pre-K through grade 6.  
 \$10 per student (financial aid available)

Registration forms can be found on the  
 courtesy desk, in the lobby or on the web  
 site [www.gracegb.org](http://www.gracegb.org)  
 Please fill out and return by  
**Monday, July 22.**





# ACCESS TO GRACE

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

321 S. Madison St., Green Bay, WI 54301

Phone: 920 432-0308

www.gracegb.org office@gracegb.org

“Grace Lutheran Church Green Bay”



### Worship Service Times:

#### Memorial Day Weekend thru

#### Labor Day Weekend

Thursday at 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

#### Fall & Winter

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion

**Christian Education** each Sunday from 9:15 -10:15 a.m.

### Staff:

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pastorlarry@gracegb.org

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Parish Secretary: Ann Zehms, office@gracegb.org

Maintenance Supervisor: Dean Ahrens, grounds@gracegb.org

Choir Director: John Kopp

Rev. Dick Schmeling: dickschmeling@gmail.com

Sunday School, Kathy Poels: education@gracegb.org

**OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH WEEK AT 8:00 A.M. ON WDUZ RADIO 1400 AM**

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