



# Good News of Grace

## Grace Lutheran Church

Green Bay, Wisconsin

June 19, 2019

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

### THE CICADA September 7, 2017

*I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*



Revelation 5:13

The cicada sings for sex.

Or so it seems.

Among the most common cicada species in Wisconsin, cicada song brings cicadas together for one lovely liaison before the season of killing frosts descends. After their romantic rendezvous, the female slices open the soft flesh of a small tree branch, lays the

fertilized eggs in it, and waits for the cold to kill her and her mate.

Yet that fleeting fling is totally dedicated to the perpetuation of the species, so that the cicadas' sexy song isn't really about them; it's not about selfish, insatiable desires that human songs about sex often are. The cicada's song helps establish life for future generations: isn't that a song superior to one only about selfish, insatiable desire?

- Establishing life for future generations: wouldn't that be a better way of doing business than the approach increasingly taken by governments and industries alike of dismantling the protection of the environment for future generations in favor of short-term lust for profit?
- Establishing life for future

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generations: those are the kinds of sustainable agriculture practices you support when you buy fairly-traded coffee, tea, and chocolate at Grace.

“Treat the earth well,” a Native American proverb reminds us, “because we do not inherit it from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.” So the cicada’s song is the foundation of a future for their children.

Song has other noble potential. In an issue of the ELCA magazine “Gather,” contemporary hymn writer and composer Susan Palo Cherwien cites recent brain research indicating that “thinking compassionate thoughts” as we pray and sing actually multiplies brain cells associated with empathy and compassion. We become, at least partly, what we sing.

It works the other way as well. People possessed with an insatiable desire to belittle, dominate, and harm others destroy benevolent brain cells and can begin to limit their ability for compassion and empathy. Bitterness can beget bitterness.

Now the cicadas’ song sounds almost inspired, even though it heralds the approaching grim winter reaping of those ephemeral creatures. But it shouldn’t surprise us that there’s more to the cicadas’ song than meets the ear: God’s the one who set them singing, after all!

And so the cicadas’ eggs hatch; cicada nymphs fall from the trees and bury themselves in the earth where, for a year or two, they suckle at the roots of trees. Then mid-summer when they’re well-satisfied, they crawl up out of their graves, leaving their thin, crisp, grave clothes behind, and they rise up into the trees to sing their song of everlasting life again.

**Pastor Larry**

## FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

At the May 5<sup>th</sup> congregational budget meeting, the congregation voted to approve the budget proposed by the Congregation Council for fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020).

The total budget for fiscal year 2019 was \$613,367. The budget for fiscal year 2020 is \$624,323, \$10,956 higher than the current fiscal year. The additional amount is due to several factors:

- an increase in board budgets of \$3,120,
- employee raises of 2% (after not providing a raise last year),
- an additional increase of \$1,500 to bring Pastor Julie up to the minimum salary recommended by the ELCA for a pastor with her education and years of experience, and
- a “cushion” that is equal to 10% of healthcare costs, just in case of a major increase in healthcare costs on January 1, 2020.

June is the final month of the current fiscal year. Watch for a report in a July newsletter, summarizing fiscal year 2019. Beginning with fiscal year 2020, more comprehensive financial information will be provided in the newsletter on a quarterly basis.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call me or email at [admin@gracegb.org](mailto:admin@gracegb.org).

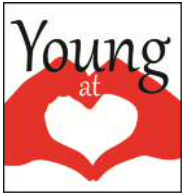
Sharon Haapala, Parish Administrator

General Fund - May 31, 2019	
Year-to-date budget	\$ 562,253
Year-to-date actual income	\$ 568,958
Year-to-date actual expenses	\$ 559,747



**“YOUNG AT HEART”**

The next Young at Heart Lunch will be July 12 at 12:00 in the North Basement. Our menu will be burgers, watermelon/fruit salad, coleslaw, chips, beans, dessert and, lemonade. The suggested donation is \$8.00. After lunch we will play some games and win some prizes. Sign up on the Courtesy Desk or call the Church Office at 432-0308.



**“YOUNG AT HEART” 2019 CALENDAR**

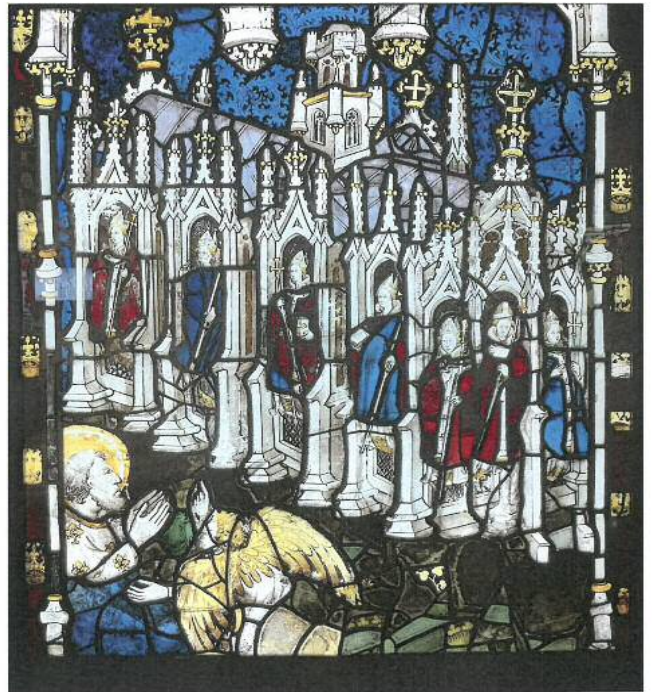
Below is a monthly listing of the programs we have scheduled so far for Young at Heart Luncheons. Mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month on your calendar for food, fun, and fellowship. We meet at Noon in the North Basement. The cost of the meal is \$8.00.

Here is the schedule for 2019:

- July 12:** Games & Prizes
- 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

Coffee and Conversation about

**The 7 Churches of Revelation**



Each Sunday from 9:15-9:45 am  
in the Dining Room

**CONGREGATION NOTE**



**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!



# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**Thursday, June 20 at 5:30 pm and June 23 at 8:00 & 10:00 am**

Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Events:**

Adult Education-The 7 Churches of Revelation

**Readings:**

Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

**Thursday, June 27 at 5:30 pm and June 30 at 8:00 & 10:00 am**

Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Events:**

Adult Education-The 7 Churches of Revelation

**Readings:**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

**Thursday, July 4 at 5:30 pm and July 7 at 8:00 & 10:00 am**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Events:**

Adult Education-The 7 Churches of Revelation

**Readings:**

Isaiah 66:10-14, Psalm 66:1-9, Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

## **KITCHEN HELPERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for three additional people to serve as prep cooks and servers 1 Wednesday evening every four weeks from 4:00-6:30 pm.

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).

## 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

## **GREETERS NEEDED:**

We are in need of more FRIENDLY PEOPLE to serve as greeters at Grace! Time commitment: 30 minutes, once a month, prior to whatever worship service time you normally attend. You will receive training, a name tag and the opportunity to become one of the welcoming faces of Grace to both visitors and members. Families welcome! Contact Pastor Julie for further information.

# JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 10:30-Women's Bible Study 1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Bd. Outreach	3 5:00-Wedding Reh.	4 5:30-Worship  Office closed for Independence Day	5 9:00-Food Pantry 5:00-Wedding	6
7 8:00&10:00-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Education	8	9 9:15-Sarah Circle 1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Bd. Structures & Grounds	10 6:00-VBS Meeting 7:00-Bd. Education	11 5:30-Worship 6:15-Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Sale	12 9:00-Food Pantry 12:00-Young at Heart Lunch	13 Mission Trip leaves 4:30-Grace serves the meal at New Community Shelter
14 8:00&10:00-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:00-Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolate Sale 9:15-Adult Education	15	16 1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Bd. Celebration	17	18 8:30-Mission Sewing 5:30-Worship	19 9:00-Food Pantry	20 9:00-Worship Band Reh.
21 8:00-Worship 10:00-Worship w/ Worship Band 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Education Mission Trip returns	22	23 1:00-Food Pantry 5:00-Youth & Family Board	24 	25 5:30-Worship	26 9:00-4:00-Vacation Bible School 1:00-Food Pantry	27 9:00-4:00-Vacation Bible School
28 8:00&10:00-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Education	29	30 1:00-Food Pantry	31			

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



## Starting Now!

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)

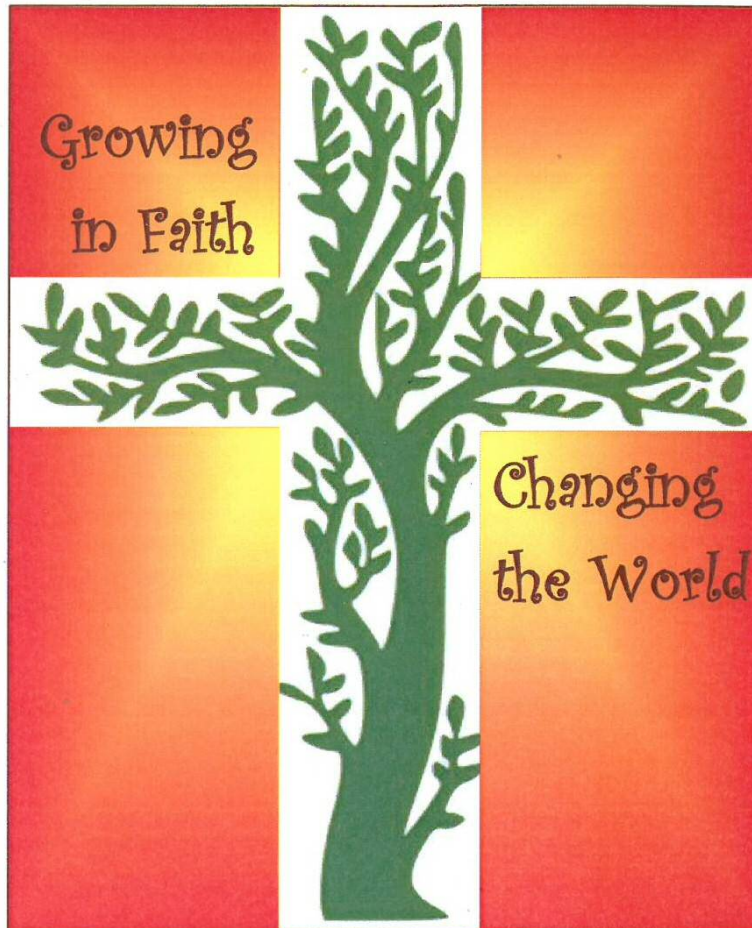
Bring donations to Grace by **Sunday, Aug 4.**

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



# EDUCATION CONT'D.

## 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 may be found on the courtesy desk,  
in the lobby or on our website [www.gracegb.org](http://www.gracegb.org)



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# The Board Board



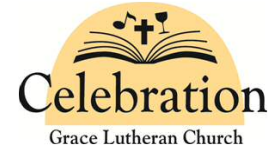
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<p>Next meeting: July 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Continued working on our first-time visitor welcoming process.</li> <li>◆ The Undy 500 is underway – now through August 4<sup>th</sup>!</li> </ul>	<p>Next meeting: June 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Planning an estate and funeral planning event for Fall.</li> <li>◆ As a board we are checking out the ELCA stewardship resources for ideas for a fall stewardship drive.</li> </ul>	<p>Next meeting: June 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A big thank you to our Youth Band!</li> <li>◆ A new Youth Band will be forming in the Fall!</li> <li>◆ Summer service times: Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.</li> </ul>
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<p>Next meeting: August 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ July's Young at Heart luncheon will feature a picnic and games with prizes!</li> <li>◆ Looking into a new display unit for pamphlets.</li> <li>◆ Planning the church picnic for September 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	<p>Next meeting: July 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Growing in Faith, Changing the World is the Vacation Bible School theme this year. It is scheduled for July 26 and 27. Registration is now open. Sign up soon so you don't miss the fun.</li> <li>◆ Join us for Coffee and Conversation on Sunday Mornings at 9:15 AM. We will be studying The Seven Churches of Revelation.</li> </ul>	<p>Next meeting: July 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Mission Trip 2019 participants have been preparing and learning about the upcoming trip to Camp Noah in Rockport, Texas.</li> <li>◆ Maribel Caves fellowship event tentatively planned for September 29<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>◆ Wednesday Night Meal volunteer teams are being recruited for next year.</li> </ul>
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## Congregational Council

<p>Next meeting: July 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Approved the installation of a "T-Coil" system in the sanctuary and north basement for hearing aid assistance. \$13,048, but thanks to donations and discounts, the cost to Grace will be \$3,048.</li> <li>◆ Approved the installation of a 48" x 16" directional sign to be placed by the Madison Street parking lot entrance.</li> <li>◆ The Capital Improvements Fund will fund the installation of a second secure door and enclosed entrance at the Memorial Garden entrance to Gast Hall.</li> </ul>	<p>Next meeting: June 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Received an update on the progress of the Memorial Trust Committee's work to move funds to the ELCA Fund A.</li> <li>◆ Addressed the continued meetings of the greater Green Bay area Synod congregations and provided input toward the next meeting's agenda.</li> <li>◆ Discussed the congregational budget meeting held on May 5th in addition to GLC's Quorum requirements. Council consented to gather data and to revisit potential proposal to alter.</li> <li>◆ Addressed options to engage Jim Ladoux's assistance during the coming year toward the distributed Vision Committee recommendations.</li> </ul>
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As always, call the office or email [office@gracegb.org](mailto:office@gracegb.org) if you have questions or would like to see the meeting minutes.



# WORSHIP MINISTER SCHEDULE

## **THURS., JUNE 20 5:30 PM**

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

## **SUN., JUNE 23, 8:00 & 10:00 AM**

Lector & Com. Assist.: 8:00 - Cheryl Kollath, L&CA  
 Lisa Willi Phyllis Seidl, CA  
 10:00 - Bern Jacobson, L&CA  
 Kitty Nagel,  
 Dick & Gayle Schmeling, CA  
 Altar Guild: 8:00 - Russ & Lois Kopidlansky,  
 Karen Neumann,  
 Warren Neumann,  
 Sophia Mleziva  
 10:00 - Diana Perrault, Susan Lambert-  
 Tease, Sharon Lambert-  
 Rademacher, Kathy Poels, Julia  
 Nava, Jayd Winge  
 Acolytes: 8:00 - Gus Terrien, Ryan Davidson  
 10:00 - Natasha VanDenack  
 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 - Karen Peterson, Marlene Flom  
 10:00 - Bill Miller, Barb Hubbard

## **THURS., JUNE 27, 5:30 PM**

Ushers: Bev Larsen, Karen Pangborn  
 Lector & Com. Assist.: Jim Silha  
 Accompanist: Denise Zenko

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 8:00 & 10:00 AM**

Lector & Com. Assist.: 8:00 - Phyllis Seidl, L&CA  
 Jeff & Kathy Koehler, CA  
 10:00 - Josh Moyer, L&CA  
 Kitty Nagel, Bob Mead, CA  
 Altar Guild: 8:00 - Lois & Russ Kopidlansky,  
 Connie & Doug Russell,  
 Kaden Diemer  
 10:00 - Judy Swaer, Carla Brawner,  
 Jean Lotter, Marsha Schroeder,  
 Lexi Volk, Carter Thompson  
 Ushers: 8:00 - Toni Lawson, Paul Kriedman  
 10:00 - Robert Goelz, Jim Poels,  
 Robin Powell, Regan Mertens  
 Acolytes: 8:00 - Jake Jazgar  
 10:00 - Taylor Langhoff

Greeters: 8:00 - Beanie Dahlke, Julie Dallaire  
 10:00 - Dana, Julia and Adrian Nava  
 Accompanist: Denise Zenko

## **THURS., JULY 4, 5:30 PM**

Ushers: Dave Branger, Margaret Nelson  
 Lector & Com. Assist.: Bev Larsen  
 Accompanist: Denise Zenko

# MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



## **USHERS NEEDED:**

**We're still in need of a couple more ushers for the new 8**

### **a.m. team.**

- Usher teams serve about once every 4 weeks.
- They arrive a half hour before their service and serve to welcome guests and members to worship, collect the offering, and guide people to communion.
- Training and a guidebook will be available.

*Please let Pastor Julie know ASAP if you*

## **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.



# 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:

Pastor Larry Lange Res. Phone: 920-455-0511  
pastorlarry@gracegb.org

Pastor Julie Wrubbel-Lange Res. Phone: 920-455-0511  
pastorjulie@gracegb.org

Visitation Minister: Pastor Rebecca Proefrock  
Phone: 920-819-5482 rproefrock@yahoo.com

Organist: Denise Zenko

Parish Administrator: Sharon Haapala, admin@gracegb.org

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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