

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
500 BUSINESS 23 W
PAYNESVILLE, MN 56362

July and August

2025



Church Website: www.paynesvillegrace.org

Regular Sunday Worship Service Time: 9:30 AM

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-3pm

Church Doors Open:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Friday 8am-3pm,

Wednesday, 8am-3pm

Sat 8-Noon, Sun 7:30am-Noon

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Note from our Pastor

(Reprinted from April's Grace Notes)

Greetings Grace Church family,

Brad and I are so excited about being appointed to Grace Church and becoming your pastor & pastor's spouse. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you.

I came to ministry later in life after a 39-year career in Information Technology (IT). This is where some of my language comes from such as Scrum Master, Agile, and Kanban. A Scrum Master is a servant leader, which in my view is also the type of leadership needed from pastors and is my style of leadership as a pastor.

Brad is retired after serving our country in the military for 26 years (Marines 6 then Army 20). He also worked at the VA in Minneapolis after his military service.

Brad and I have been together for 11 years and celebrated our 8th anniversary in May. We had both been married before and together we have a blended family of 5 adult children, ranging in age from 44 to 27: Joseph, Jeremiah, Sarah, Joseph, and Jenna. Brad's Joseph lives in Indiana where Brad is originally from, and all the rest live in the Twin Cities. We also have 3 granddaughters (all through Brad's kids). As you can imagine it can be comical when asking each other something about either of our Joey's – most times needed to preface with your or my: your Joey or my Joey. We luckily still are allowed to call each of them Joey while they now go by Joe (Brad's Joey) and Joseph (my Joey).

As you get to know Brad, I am sure you will quickly learn about his love for trains and classic cars (okay, vehicles in general). He is quite pleased that there is still an active railroad track going through Paynesville (as he points out it is CPKC)!

I seem to naturally be a mentor, teacher, and encourager. I preach the Bible with a goal of helping people apply scripture to their daily lives. I find joy in helping others connect with God and

grow deeper in discipleship. I firmly believe each of us is on a journey and there is always another step we can take to grow in our faith.

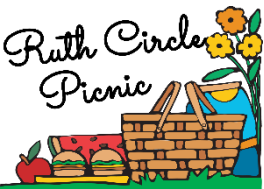
Looking forward to joining you on your journeys!

Blessings,

Pastor Cyndy



COFFEE HOUR sign-up sheets are posted for July and August in the Gathering Space. Please sign up to help with this church ministry. If you are willing to try serving, there are many of us who would be happy to serve with you and show you what needs to be done. Just contact Sue in the office. It's such a wonderful opportunity for fellowship!



RUTH CIRCLE will not be meeting in July. On August 12th, they will be having their annual summer potluck picnic at noon. Patty O'Leary- Rittenhouse will be hosting and Ramona Frank will be assisting her.

GRACE CHOIR (GRACE SINGERS)

The Grace Choir will be singing during the worship service on July 6th. They will then be taking their summer break.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE –

Thursday, August 21, 2025, 12 noon to 6 pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "Paynesville".



Grace Youth News

Greetings!

It's summertime in Minnesota, and we are trying to soak up all the wonderful moments that come along with it. Even though we are not meeting weekly with the kids during the summer months, the work doesn't stop. This is the time of year that I get to complete projects, organize, plan and prepare in order to get things ready for the upcoming school year. It's also the time of year that I get to pray and listen to hear where God wants to take us in the coming year.

As we move into July, we will hold our second "Connect with Kari" event this time at Firehouse Coffee and we'll host our 4th Annual Camp Grace event with our Grace Kids. This is always a fun day with our young people where we start the morning with a story, craft, game and songs and then after lunch we head out for an afternoon of fun!

In August, we will be going on our much anticipated Mission Trip to Belize. It's been a year of planning so we are excited to see what God has in store for us during our time there. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel & share God's love with others. We will also be a part of the Community VBS along with the other area churches. And finally, we'll host our last "Connect with Kari" for the summer at the Dairy Queen.

Please watch Facebook & your email for more information on our fall schedule & other events. As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. In the meantime, enjoy this beautiful time of year!

Much Love,
Kari Schaefer

JULY YOUTH EVENTS

Tuesday, July 15th: "Camp Grace"

We are hosting a 1-day event here at the church.

Ages: Preschool-5th Grade (Completed)

Time: 8:30am-4:30pm

Cost: \$10/person

All food for the day will be provided. We will spend the morning at church with songs, games, a craft & a story. The afternoon will be spent at the Amaz'n Farm.

Deadline to register is Sunday, July 13th.

Thursday, July 24th: "Connect with Kari"

This is open to those going into 6th-12th grade.

In July, we'll be meeting at Firehouse Coffee for a time to connect from 10:00-11:00 am.

Sunday, July 27th:

Belize Mission Team Prayer Commissioning during the worship service for all team members.

AUGUST YOUTH EVENTS

Saturday, August 2nd-Friday, August 8th

Belize Mission Trip

Monday, August 4th-Friday, August 8th: Community VBS

Will be held at the Elementary School

Ages: K-5th (Completed)

Time: 9:00am-11:30am

Please register your child at

<https://vbspro.events/p/paynesvillecommunityvbs2025>

Sunday, August 10th: Belize Mission Trip Experience

The Belize Mission Team will be sharing their experience during the worship service.

Tuesday, August 12th: "Connect with Kari"

This is open to those going into 6th-12th grade.

In August, we'll be meeting at the Dairy Queen for a time to connect from 2:00-3:00pm.



We are excited for all of our 2025 summer campers! Each camper will be listed in the bulletin the Sunday before they go to camp so that you can remember them in your prayers.

Trailblazer 2—June 29th-July 2nd

Bailey Lingl
Grant Lingl
Paige Lingl

Teen Specialty Week Fishing—July 13th-July 18th

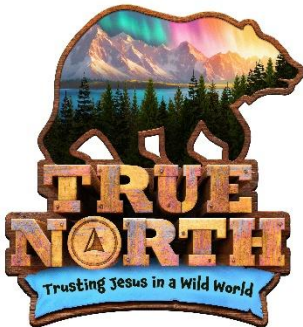
Elizabeth Stafford

Pathway 3 – July 20th-July 25th

Blake Williams

Teddy Bear—July 27th-July 29th

Nicole Lingl



**SUMMER COMMUNITY VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

When: Monday, August 4th-
Friday, August 8th

Where: Paynesville Elementary School

Who: Grades K-5th (Completed)

Time: 9:00-11:30 am

Please register online to participate or volunteer at
<https://vbspro.events/p/paynesvillecommunityvbs2025>



July Mission Opportunity

It's hard to believe that parents are already preparing for the upcoming school year. During the month of July our mission will be to collect money along with school supplies to donate to the Paynesville Community Service Center. Last year the PCSC helped provide clothing and school supplies to 200 kids.

Items Requested:

- Backpacks
- #2 pencils
- Notebooks (wide & college ruled)
- Crayola Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Crayola Markers (wide & fine tip)
- Expo Dry Erase Markers (black)
- Headphones or Earbuds
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

There will be a collection box located outside of Kari's office to put your donations.

If you wish to give monetary donations, please put "July Missions" in the memo line of your check.

Thank you! ~Grace Missions Team



A BIG thank you to everyone who donated to the "LOVE Offering" in May.

With your help we were able to collect \$240.00 toward that mission. ~Grace Missions Team



Grace Church is sending 14 people to San Narsciso Village, Corozal in Belize, through Thirst Missions, August 2nd-8th. We will be partnering with "New Jerusalem Assembly of God" church.

Service Projects while we're there include:

- VBS with local children
- Service Projects at the church and community
 - Home Visits with local families
 - Outreach Night for all ages

Please join us for a **prayer commissioning service for our team on Sunday, July 27th** during the worship service & we would ask for your continued prayers while we're gone.

Mission Team Members:

Linda Brink
Grady Frank
Deanna Fuchs
Mike Hemmesch
Silas R.
Levi Schaefer
Elizabeth Stafford

Brittany Frank
Jim Freilinger
Chloe Hemmesch
Nikie R.
Kari Schaefer
Raya Schaefer
Leta Stafford



Please join us for our 4th
Annual "Camp Grace" on
Tuesday, July 15th.

Time: 8:30am-4:30pm

Who: Anyone in Preschool-5th
Grade (Completed)

Cost: \$10/person

*If this is a problem, please
see Kari & we will work it out.*



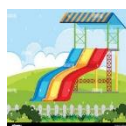
Details: We are hosting a 1-day event that is sure to be a lot of fun! We will start our day with songs, games, crafts & a story at church. In the afternoon we will take the church bus to the A Maze'n Farm.

All food for the day will be provided.

This is going to be a great time and we look forward to connecting with the kids!

Please register by contacting Kari at Kari@paynesvillegrace.org or signing up on her door. Please make sure you have a valid consent form on file at the church.

Deadline to register is Sunday, July 13th.





AUGUST MISSIONS

As you know our Wednesday afternoon and evenings at the church during the school year is a busy place. We typically feed approximately 50 people (kids and their families).

During the month of August we will be collecting monetary donations to help offset the costs of this amazing ministry of feeding our young people.

We would greatly appreciate your support. You can give your donation directly to Kari, drop it off in the office or give it during worship. Please put "August Missions" in the memo line of your check.

Thank you for your generosity! ~Grace Missions Team



CAN'T PHYSICALLY BE IN CHURCH ON A SUNDAY? Check out our Live Streamed services! They can be found each Sunday at 9:30 am on our YouTube channel. Search YouTube. Once there, search: graceumc500

Need to watch at a different time? A recording of the service can be found on our YouTube channel and on our website: www.paynesvillegrace.org Scroll down on our home page and click on the red box link containing the words "VIDEOS OF SERVICES". You will also find a link to our bulletins and our Grace Notes on this page.



Memories of Grace

If you have been worshipping at Grace Church for a number of years, you may have some special memories. The following was taken from the July-August Grace Notes in the year 1983.

ATTENTION ARTISTS!

Artists, are you looking for an outlet for your creative urges? If so, I have a project for one or more! We would like to have a large mural painted on the basement wall to the left of the furnace room. The mural would sure brighten the hallway and be of interest to the Sunday School boys and girls. I have a theme in mind. If interested---and I hope you are---please call me or leave your name and phone number at the church office.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Nancy Deadrick

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

USHERS: Head Usher – Arnie Hertzberg

Jim Schultz, Stan Marple, Brad Lingl, Danny Snyder, Mike Tougas, Herb Link, Galen Meier, Roger Glenz

AUDIO VISUAL: Deron Liebreinz, Terry Miller

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Sadie Voss, Carol Heitke

FLOWER COMMITTEE: Mrs. Lois Krupke, Mrs. Jeannette Mayer

As you enjoy your summer activities, take time also to pray for Peace with Justice.



FINANCE REPORT MAY

Foundation Report 2025

April Ending Balance:	\$	1,077,535.67
May Ending Balance:		1,103,980.82
Gain:	\$	<u>26,445.15</u>

Grace Budget Report 2025

April Ending Balance:	\$	48,466.87
May Expenses:	\$	<u>(33,603.76)</u>
		14,863.11
May Income:	\$	<u>47,952.45</u>
May Ending Balance:	\$	62,815.56
Less May Deferred Amount:	\$	<u>(27,183.22)</u>
May Spendable:	\$	35,632.34
April Spendable:	\$	<u>(36,674.22)</u>
Loss	\$	<u>(1,041.88)</u>

Year to Date for 2025

January	\$	(5,801.79)
February	\$	(1,243.52)
March	\$	(2,552.93)
April	\$	6,142.88
May		<u>(1,041.88)</u>
Year to Date Short	\$	<u>(4,497.88)</u>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Salem Fest will be on Sunday, August 10, 2025. All are welcome to Salem Church's annual potluck picnic – just bring a dish to share and be there by 12:30 pm. The 2:00 pm program will feature Fred Walter Music & Ministry. See you there!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 1	Paula Lingl
July 2	Peyton Hemmesch, Nancy & Tom Deadrick
July 3	Terry & Deb Thomsen
July 4	Linda Hunter
July 6	Oakley Press
July 8	Linda Fisk
July 10	Karen Odberg
July 11	Cliff Boie, Dennis & Connie Keller
July 12	Stan Herzberg
July 15	Ian Utsch, Sue Jansen
July 16	Larry Schultz, Lon Peterson, Randy Brink
July 17	Kristen Mehlhop, Levi Schaefer, Jim O'Fallon, Art & Patty Rittenhouse
July 18	Jim Butkofski, Isabella Peterson
July 21	Jim Elseth, Dale & Pam Negen
July 22	George Stevens, Dean & Heidi Herzberg
July 23	Jaren & Amy Jo Winings
July 25	Jean Moe
July 26	Mary Beek, Byron Fuchs, Gracie Haven
July 27	Bill & Sandi Danielson
July 28	Bill Danielson
July 29	Clarice Albrecht, Ruby Kluver
July 30	Bob Block, Jerome Jones, John Jones
July 31	Joel Burr



SERVICE SCHEDULES

READERS:

July 6	Sue Jansen
July 13	Kari Schaefer
July 20	Deb Thomsen
July 27	Cindy Holmberg

GREETERS:

July 6	Tom & Nancy Deadrick
July 13	Ramona Frank, Beth Moerke
July 20	Chuck & Linda Hunter
July 27	Gary & Evie Smith

COUNTERS:

July 6	Carolyn Swyter, Bonnie Schwartz
July 13	Gary Smith, Betty Freiling
July 20	Jim Elseth, Jane Burr
July 27	Mike Nehring, Sue Drager

USHERS: Head Usher - Gene Schultz 320-293-1395
Month of July: Byron & Deanna Fuchs

BANNER COMMITTEE: Patty O'Leary-Rittenhouse

WORSHIP ENHANCEMENT TEAM: Gretchen O'Fallon,
Betty Freiling

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

July 6: Linda Johnson, Roxann Bergstrom

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 1	Madelyn Utsch, Matthew Larsen
August 3	Alex Herzberg
August 4	Ethan Beier, Joan Bruntmyer
August 6	Brad Lingl
August 7	Aly Hopfer
August 8	Jim & Faye Paster, Brad Person
August 10	Marge Hartmann, Brad & Paula Lingl, Don & Sue Jansen
August 11	Neil Herzberg
August 13	Joyce Schultz, Aubree Peterson, Casey & Aly Hopfer
August 14	Silas Baker
August 15	Cindy Schoenherr, Jim & Lois Elseth
August 17	Bruce Fuchs Bob & Suzanne Lindbloom
August 18	Pastor Ric & Barb Koehn
August 21	Annika Whitcomb, Donna Lang, Suzanne Lindbloom
August 22	Chelsea Person
August 24	Dave & Addie Holtz, Pam Negen
August 25	Peggy Kahle, Leon & Mary Beier
August 26	Heidi Herzberg, Hattie McCann, Cindy Holmberg
August 27	Joyce Tougas
August 28	Lonn & Ann Peterson, Mike & Steph Hemmesch, Byron & Deanna Fuchs
August 29	Jim Paster
August 31	Dan Snyder, Berkley Damhof



Service Schedules

READERS:

August 3	Nancy Deadrick
August 10	Bill Virant
August 17	Linda Liestman
August 24	Deanna Fuchs
August 31	Patty Herzberg

GREETERS:

August 3	Byron & Deanna Fuchs
August 10	Bob & Suzanne Lindbloom
August 17	Jim & Lois Elseth
August 24	Bob & Sue Arend
August 31	Sue Korman, Debbie Schmidt

COUNTERS:

August 3	Jim Elseth, Sue Arend
August 10	Mike Nehring, Bonnie Schwartz
August 17	Mary Beek, Jane Burr
August 24	Carolyn Swyter, Betty Freiling
August 31	Gary Smith, Sue Drager

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Month of August: Chuck Hunter, Randy Brink

BANNER COMMITTEE: Sue Arend

WORSHIP ENHANCEMENT TEAM: Sue Drager

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

August 3: Betty & Jim Freiling