

# GRACE NOTES



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**July 2015**

**Grace Lutheran Church ELCA**

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## July Calendar



Sat 4 7:47 am 747 Men's Group in the Fellowship hall

Sun 5 5:00 pm Firearms & Fellowship at Peacemaker's Gun Range/Confirmation Camp begins

Sat 11 9:00 am Adopt-A-Highway

Wed 15 TBA Grace Teens to the National Gathering in Detroit

Thu 23 12:00 pm Grace Notes Newsletter Deadline

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## FROM THE GROWING GRACE COMMITTEE

Just a note to remind you to look at the letter the committee sent out to let you know what we are up to. We've sent it out by email to those who have given the church their address, as well as by snail mail to everyone. There are also copies of the letter available at the church if you want to look at it on Sunday.

## GRACE YOUTH

Grace Youth will be busy this July! Please keep those attending Confirmation Camp, July 5–10, at Stoney Lake, and those attending National Gathering in Detroit, July 15–19, in your prayers. We pray they have a wonderful time while growing in their faith!

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The next Adopt-A-Highway pickup is Saturday, July 11, from 9 am to 11 am. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. We will meet at the church for a safety talk then carpool to the pickup site. Thanks to all who participated in the April pickup.

## FAMILY EVENT—MINIATURE GOLF

Save the date, Sunday, August 2, to join friends from Grace at Deaton's in Howell for Miniature Golf and the Golf Driving Range.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Save the date for Sunday School Rally Day! Sunday, September 13, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship hall.

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## SEMI SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

May, 2015

John and Karen Warsop attended the South East Michigan Assembly as Voting Lay Delegates from Grace Lutheran on Saturday, May 16, 2015. It was exciting to meet with so many of our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Christ! The total number attending this assembly was 291.

Music during breaks in business and also in the worship service with Eucharist, was provided by a global musician group. They brought us Christian music from other countries and cultures and invited all of us to sing with them.

Most of the business conducted at the assembly was elections. These are the results of the election process:

Vice President of the Synod Council: Albert Asfour

Secretary of the Synod Council : George Watson

Synod Council: Conference 1—Sonja Markwart

Conference 3—Sharon Janot

Conference 9: Micah Sievenpiper

Conference 11: Jackie Rau

Discipline Committee: Lay Male—James Kroll

Lay Female—Karen Ludwig

Clergy Female: Lisa Hayes

Clergy Male: William F. Kirsh-Carr

Consultation Committee: Lay Male—Robert Thompson

Lay Female—Debra Jones

Clergy Male—Thomas Scherger

Clergy Female—Kathryn Tulman

Churchwide Assembly—2016

Clergy Male: Frederick Harm

Clergy Female: Heather Holland & Julianne Smeck

Lay Male: David Upmeyer & George Watson

Lay Female: Megan Sobocienski

Lay—Color or language other than English: Kinda Makini

Young Adult—Female: Kathrin Higgs

Youth Female: Katherine Kreiss

Greeting/Reports from several groups:

Churchwide Rep: Mikka McCracken

Report of the Bishop: Donald Kreiss

Global Ministries Presentation: Sunitha Mortha

National Youth Gathering: Lisa Jeffries

Lord of Light Student Ministry: U of M—Dave Hendricks

Submitted: Karen & John Warsop

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## GOD'S MANY NAMES

One day my four-year-old son asked me about God's name. I explained God had many names including Father, Lord, and Jehovah. After listening to my long explanation, my son asked, "Can I just call him Steve?"

—Vicki Crooks, Klamath Falls, Oregon. *Christian Reader*, "Kids of the Kingdom."



**MEMORIAL FUND**  
**James Mike Koslowsky**  
Don & Betty Yax  
Tom & Nancy O'Brien

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## THANK YOU

**Greg and I would like to thank our church family** for all the cards and prayers following the death of our granddaughter. It means a lot to see and feel your thoughts and prayers at such a difficult time.

Cathy Stiles

**A warm THANK YOU to members of Grace** for your prayers and warm wishes on behalf of James Koslowsky. A special thanks to those who took time from their busy schedules to attend his memorial service. Also, thanks to those who have made financial contributions to his memorial fund at Grace. Those of you who knew James personally know that he is now with God and in a better place. It was your amazing support that assisted us through a difficult time. We are truly blessed to be members of a wonderful and amazingly supportive church family.

Carolyn & Ron Salvatore

**Thank you to all who sponsored a Compassion child.** By doing this you're helping kids in third world countries. Members of our church sponsored four new children on Compassion Sunday. Visit [CompassionSunday.com](http://CompassionSunday.com) to learn more. Thank you again.

Rachel Chan

**Thank you to all that volunteered** to help at Vacation Bible School in June. A big thank you to our directors, Jen Byrd and Kathy Breidinger! All the children appreciate all that you did to make for a fun week.

Karen Warsop & Emily Hamilton

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## LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Would you like to refresh, re-energize, and reconnect your marriage? Please consider attending the next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend scheduled for October 2–4 at the Comfort Inn in Birch Run, Michigan. Application fee is \$45.00 per couple through August 31 and \$100 per couple effective September 1. You can register by filling out an application found in the narthex and sending it to Al and Sally Chan or online at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org).

If you have questions about the weekend, details can be found on the website or you can contact Al and Sally at 517-540-0781 or e-mail [sallyalme@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyalme@yahoo.com)

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# EXPLANATION OF LIFE

On the first day, God created the dog and said, sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of twenty years.

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God said that it was good.



On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh...For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

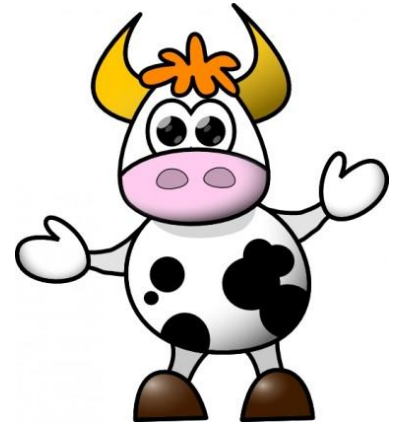
The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God again said that it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.



On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"



"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me I will be on the front porch.

**July Birthdays**

1 Buster Childers, Jr.	Peyton Hamilton	17 Amy Sova	Stacey Griffin
2 Judy Hanner	11 Joshua Willmore	Kirsten Larson	28 Joe Wilson
Aaron Bell	12 Samantha Costello	Emily Tiihonen	29 Charle Kline
Kelsey Childers	Jackson Hamilton	19 Doug Hewitt	30 Reg Hasenbusch
5 Nancy Collins	13 Cheryl Hayes	Jack Deceuninck	Kim Richardson
6 Collin Snyder	Kathy Trader	20 Win Collins	Ken Althouse
Benjamin Costello	14 Donald Gunning	21 Marcus Wendel	Gabreale Carter
8 Sally Chan	15 Thomas Showerman	23 Roxann Reicher	31 Clyde Jenkins
10 Jerry Douglass	16 Jack Webb	27 Mikayla Norton	Tammy Lane

**Special Birthday wishes to:**

Beverly Mack 80 on July 10, Carolyn Salvatore 77 on July 12, Connie Pikkarainen 71 on July 17, Keith Goodnough 85 on July 21, Judy Miilu 72 on July 22, Connie Peterson 78 on July 24, Ken Keith 89 on July 31.

**July Anniversaries:**

2 Aaron &amp; Amy Bell

6 Russell &amp; Ruth Smith

16 David &amp; Julie Wendel

21 Tom &amp; Kim Richardson

22 Doug &amp; Sharon Hewitt

**July Servant Schedule**

	July 5		July 12		July 19		July 26	
	9:00	10:30	9:00	10:30	9:00	10:30	9:00	10:30
<b>Lay Asst</b>	Scott Johnson	John Warsop	Trudy Esch	Dean Norton	Tammy Lane	Dale Salewsky	Keith Boyes	Dale Salewsky
<b>Lay Rdr</b>	Scott Johnson	Gracie Snyder	Trudy Esch	Dean Norton	Tammy Lane	Linda Oumedian	Keith Boyes	Sally Chan
<b>Comm Asst</b>	Ken Lane & Rosie Hasenbusch	Ken Althouse & Kevin Jennings	Judy Hanner & Kim Richardson	Julie Gunning & Russ Evens	Nancy & Tom O'Brien	Jason Scott & Michael Miller	Bob & Judy Clise	Nancy & Win Collins
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Trader & Curt Esch	Ron & Connie Peterson	Tom Trader & Curt Esch	Ron & Connie Peterson	Tom Trader & Curt Esch	Ron & Connie Peterson	Tom Trader & Curt Esch	Ron & Connie Peterson
<b>Altar Care (Clean Up)</b>	Adriane DeCeuninck	(Linda Oumedian)	Judy Hanner	(Chad & Elena Krumei)	Kim Richardson	(Cindy Salewsky)	Bob & Judy Clise	(Jeanette & John Vlahos)
<b>Greeters</b>	Kevin, Adriane & Nolan DeCeuninck	Brian Byrd	Pat & Dave Isom, Mary Lou Rupp	Ron & Connie Peterson, Dick & Judy Wilkinson	Mark & Judy Pace, Ken & Tammy Lane		Bob & Judy Clise, Tom & Nancy O'Brien	
<b>Nursery</b>	Tiffany Kline	Tiffany Kline	Tiffany Kline	Tiffany Kline & Priscilla Walsh	Tiffany Kline	Tiffany Kline	Jordan Carter	Jordan Carter & Tiffany Kline

**For an off hours medical or pastoral emergency, please call the Pastor at home at 517-552-1782.**

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

312 PROSPECT STREET  
HOWELL MI 48843

**Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Traditional Service  
10:30 am Contemporary Service  
Nursery provided all morning.

**Grace Lutheran Church Staff**

Pastor	Reverend Tom Huff
Early Learning Center Administrator	Tina Shustek
Office Manager	Lisa Pristas
Youth Director	Emily Hamilton
Administrative Liaison for Youth	Karen Warsop
Music & Choir Director	Rachel VanDenbrook

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M-F am & pm preschool sessions for 3 & 4 year olds  
2-year olds playgroup on Fridays  
In session September through July  
For information, please call Tina Shustek (517) 545-5640