

# Grace Lutheran Church

## Grace News and Tidbits

Sunday, May 17, 2026



# YOU ARE WELCOME! WORSHIP WITH US!

## Grace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

To **ANSWER** the CALL of our Savior.

To **CONNECT** with people in their everyday lives.

To **ADVANCE** the Gospel through God's Word and fellowship.

To **LEND** ourselves in service, so that we may become instruments.  
that **LEAD** others to salvation.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, May 17

5/16 5:00 pm (Communion)  
5/17 8:00 am (Communion)  
5/17 10:30 am (No Communion)

#### HYMNS

LSB 483 *With High Delight Let Us Unite*  
SoG 36 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
LSB 473 *Our Paschal Lamb that Sets Us Free*

SoG 34 *Great Is the Lord*

LSB 748 *I'm But a Stranger Here*

#### COMMUNION (5:00 & 8:00)

LSB 475 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

LSB 480 *He's Risen, He's Risen*

LSB 487 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

#### READINGS

Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 6:1-11; John 17:1-11

#### MEMORIAL WEEKEND

#### Sunday, May 24

5/23 5:00 pm (No Communion)  
5/24 8:00 am (No Communion)  
5/24 10:30 am (Communion)

SoG = Songs of Grace | LSB = Lutheran Service Book

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### 5/17/2026, 9:15 am

Ages 0-3 & parents (Sunshine Rm.)  
Age 4- 4<sup>th</sup> grade (Fellowship Hall)  
Jr. High (Jr. High Youth Room)  
Sr. High (Sr. High Youth Room)  
Adult Bible Classes  
➤ Pastor Woods (Fireside Rm.)  
➤ The Youngs (Boardroom)

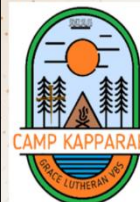
#### 5/24/2026, 9:15 am

**No classes infant – 12<sup>th</sup> grades**

Adult Bible Classes  
➤ Pastor Woods (Fireside Rm.)  
➤ The Youngs (Boardroom)

#### 5/31/2026, 9:15 am

Ages 0-3 & parents (Sunshine Rm.)  
Age 4- 4<sup>th</sup> grade (Fellowship Hall)  
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## VBS 2026

## JUNE 21-24

### 4 yrs old - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dinner served 5:45

Program from 6:30-8:00

Please join us for an unforgettable week at VBS where kids will discover what it means to forgive like Jesus. They will enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts, games and more, all centered around the truth that God calls us to forgive.

Scan the bar code to register your child/children



### Please Pray For:

**Members:** for Brenda Snyder, Lorraine Hecht, Henry Loppnow, Renate Burrell, Vivian Stuckwisch, Jennifer Buss, Debbie Mildenerger, Brian Weldon, Dee Belden, Marty Hoepfner, Nancy Swearingen, Kamryn Elliott (Bryan and Miranda's son), Carol Fischer, Jane Ellenbrand, Shirley Nale, Marc Deardorff, Mikelene Higgins, Jim Furber, Tim Minich, Carie Lamb, Andy Razor, Harry Ross.

**Friends & Loved Ones:** for Pastor Bol of Sudan who is mourning the loss of his son, John; for Sue Wimsatt (aunt of Terrie Robinson & sister of Donna Shireman), Tim Mahoney (friend of Scott Kaminsky), Noah Bonnsall (acquaintance of Robbyn Siebert), Amy Sander (friend of Kathy Hicks), Keith & Kathy Brown (brother & sister-in-law of Rick Fetz), Ezrah (toddler, acquaintance of Jackie King); for Scott Lehman, Becky Allen (friend of Ron Cunningham), Michael Wirth (Debbie Wirth's son), Mary Watson (cousin of Diane Sowle), Brooklynne Faith (Jeff & Sara Faith's daughter-in-law), Carlotta McKnight (friend of Luella Franks), Jeseka Carlisle (Erondia Weldon's daughter), Ira Blanken (acquaintance of Becky Fetz), Margot Kranz (granddaughter of Darrell & Sue Shewmaker), Gary Sporleder (dad of Tricia Woods), Tucker Wathen (Brenda Alford's grandson), Stephen Korner (Knut's brother), David Long (father-in-law of Kyle Brumett), Rebecca Cook (friend of Doug & Joan Longest), Brigadier General Matt Matia (friend of Barbara Sziklay), MacKennon Kelly-Broner (grandson of Sally Kelly), Eugene Henderson (Ron Zwald's brother-in-law), Finley Singleton (niece of Lindsay Swearingen), Jennifer Parr (friend of Debbie Boyle), Elana Bussey (sister of Jean Brafford), Rick Shafer (brother of Colleen Garber), Joe Chester (cousin of Danielle Delorme).

**Prayers for Our Military:** Shane McNamara (stepson of Ruth McNamara), Lukas Faith (Air Force, son of Jeff & Sara), Jeremy Hougland (Army), Stephen Hougland (National Guard, Mississippi), Thomas Kendall & Michael Kendall (Army, sons of Patrick & Ruthie), Alona Warren (Marines, California, daughter of Diana & Mark), Megan Harbol (Army, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), Orrin Harbol (Army, husband of Megan), Will Mersmann (Navy, acquaintance of Becky Fetz), Lauren Mitchell (Navy, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), Jonah Windell (Navy, grandson of Larry & Donna Oexman), Samuel Franks (Army, grandson of Luella Franks).

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### **PRAYER LIST UPDATES NEEDED**

If you have a friend or loved one listed on our Sunday prayer list or in the weekly Prayer Letter, we'd love to hear how they are doing. Whether there is an encouraging update to share, a new request for prayer, or it's time to remove a name, your updates help us pray more meaningfully. Please reach out to Karen in the church office by phone or email her at [secretary@glcna.org](mailto:secretary@glcna.org).

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### **ALTAR FLOWER CHANGES and COST for 2026**

You may sponsor altar flowers for any worship weekend in honor of someone's birthday, anniversary, memory, or simply to the Glory of God. Please **call or e-mail** Karen in the church office to sign up. The **cost is \$40 per vase**. Checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Church." Please place payment in envelope marked "Altar Flowers" or mark on memo of check "Altar Flowers." When taking flowers home, please leave the green metal insert—those are returned to the flower shoppe.



### **EUCHRE NEWS**

The May Euchre Winner was Ben Wehmiller. Our next Euchre game will be after church on **Sunday, June 7** in the Fellowship Hall (gym). Everyone welcome. If you like you can bring a snack to share. Contact **Nik Kahl** at 502-693-2318 if you have questions.

Parent/Teen

# BIBLE STUDY

**JUNE**  
7, 14, AND 21

**9:15 - 10:15**  
am

Jr High youth, Sr High youth, and their parents are invited to dive deep as we learn what it means to grow in truth.



## Brand-New Church Address Directory is Coming July 2026

Changes are needed by June 20

Do you have any changes to add/remove from your listing?

Examples include:

- Address--home or e-mail
- Phone number
- Marital status
- New baby
- Adult children move out

We want to make sure updates for your family are included in the new book. Please send updates or questions to Karen at 812-944-1267 or secretary@glcna.org.



**Baby Bottle Boomerang to support CHOICES Life Resource Center.** [It is not too late to pick up your baby bottle.](#) You **do not need** to sign your name when you pick up a bottle. Fill the bottle with change, cash, or a check (payable to CHOICES Life Resource Center) and bring it back to church by **Father's Day, June 21st.** Please place filled baby bottles in the church office in the pink basket marked **Baby Bottles.**

Since 2004, CHOICES Life Resource Center has been on a mission to share the life-changing message of Jesus Christ by providing practical help and loving support to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. For more information on CHOICES, Life Resource Center check out their website at [ChoicesLRCcares.org](http://ChoicesLRCcares.org) or call 812-941-0872 for more information. Their address in New Albany is 2656 Charlestown Road. Choices has other offices in Corydon, Salem, and Marengo.



## Let's Go! to New Harmony, Indiana

Join us for this trip to historic New Harmony.

**Wednesday, May 27**  
**leaving church at 10:00**

Lunch in Corydon, then proceeding to New Harmony for a guided tour at 1:00 pm (CST).

**Cost: Tour \$10/person and \$ for lunch.**  
Can be paid day of trip.

**Sign up outside church office**



**LOTS OF WALKING ON THIS TRIP!**

This trip is being sponsored by our Caring/Discipleship Team



## Grace Preschool Ingathering



At each convention of the Lutheran Women in Mission local churches, schools or other missions are chosen to receive needed items called an ingathering.

This year Grace Lutheran Preschool was selected as one of the recipients to receive needed items to support the preschool.

Grace, along with other congregations in the Indiana District, have been asked to help in this ingathering for the preschool. **Items needed are below.** Please place items in box on God's Post Office across from mailslots--note: **please place gift cards in the LWML Mite Box** located in the entry area on the other side of the Welcome Center.

Items collected until June 14.

**Crayola Washable Broadline Markers  
10-pack Classic Colors**

**ELMERS GLUE STICKS 7g (0.24oz)**

**AMAZON GIFT CARDS ANY AMOUNT**

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ABOUT JESUS

JUNE 30  
&  
JULY 1



JR. HIGH UBS  
2026



SIGN UP AT [LUTHYOUTH.ORG](http://LUTHYOUTH.ORG)

# GRIEF SHARE®

**SUNDAYS, 1:00-3:00 pm  
Church Boardroom**

All materials for the class provided

**May 17  
Anger**

Schedule for May below. A full schedule of classes can be found on our website at [glcna.org](http://glcna.org)

**5/17** Anger

**5/24** Regrets

**5/31** Grief & Your Household

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Woods at 502-523-9327 or [pw@glcna.org](mailto:pw@glcna.org) for more details.

## SR. HIGH FEST 2026

### FOOD FOR THE SOUL

July 22 - 23



Sign up at [luthyouth.org](http://luthyouth.org)



**Sunday, 5/17**

Carlee Hosp  
Denise Hadley  
Alysen Adams  
Tristen Brown  
Ashton Walden  
Charles Rice

**Monday, 5/18**

Stephen Lawson  
Chase Benner  
Miley Wilcox  
Owen Andrews

**Tuesday, 5/19**

David Polen Jr.  
Reese Tarr

**Wednesday, 5/20**

Carey Rutherford  
Rachel Wilcox  
Tessa Swearingen

**Thursday, 5/21**

Louella Aker  
Rosemary Horsley  
Rick Barr  
Perry Krause  
Patrick Buss

**Saturday, 5/23**

Theresa Furber  
Shelia Elliott

**Sunday, 5/24**

Deloris Lind  
Daniel Hardesty  
Kellen Sisson  
Ellie McAllister

**Wednesday, 5/20**

Mike & Brenda Snyder  
Alex & Jenise Edwards  
Tim & Mary Ann Just  
Larry & Donna Oexman

**Thursday, 5/21**

Matt & Tammy Nichols  
Chris & Kelsey Short  
Daniel & Missi Marguet

**Friday, 5/22**

Tim & Sam Gun

*"The Stories We Sing"* Bible Class  
coming **Sunday, June 21, 9:15 AM**  
in the Choir Room.  
Led by Pastor Knutson.

**SUNDAY, MAY 17 – SUNDAY, MAY 24**

**MAY 17, SUNDAY**

Worship, 8:00 (Communion)

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
- Ages 0-3 & Parents Nursery Class (Sunshine Room)
- Ages 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Gym-Kids of Grace area)
- Jr. High (Jr. High Youth Room)
- Sr. High (Sr. High Youth Room)
- Pastor Woods' Bible Class (Fireside Room)
- The Youngs' Bible Class (Boardroom)
- **Worship, 10:30 am (No Communion)**
- **GriefShare class, 1:00 pm** (Boardroom)
- Fireside room setup (preschool grad)

**May 18, MONDAY**

- Bible class for parents of kids ages 0 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Mitzi's home, 5:30-8:00
- Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary), 7:00 pm

**May 19, TUESDAY**

- **Church Council meeting, 7:00 pm**
- Preschool Graduation, 7:00 pm

**May 20, WEDNESDAY**

- Choir, 6:00 pm
- Preschool Graduation, 7:00 pm

**May 21, THURSDAY**

- Thursday's Saints Bible Class, 10:30 am (Fireside)
- BSA, 6:00 pm (Fireside Room)

**MAY 22, FRIDAY**

- Fireside Room reserved, 5:30-8:00 pm

**MAY 23, SATURDAY**

- **Worship, 5:00 pm (No Communion)**

**MAY 24, SUNDAY**

Worship, 8:00 (No Communion)

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
- **No Sunday School Infants – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**
- Pastor Woods' Bible Class (Fireside Room)
- The Youngs' Bible Class (Boardroom)
- **Worship, 10:30 am (Communion)**
- **GriefShare class, 1:00 pm** (Boardroom)
- Fireside Room reserved, Noon-6:00 pm

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED, 5/25  
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.**

# Grace Lutheran Church is Connected

[www.glcna.org](http://www.glcna.org)

Services, Events, Ministries, Grace News and More!

[Facebook](#)

Like us and follow for up-to-date news and tidbits.

[360-degree Tour](#)

On Google, type *Grace Lutheran Church New Albany, Indiana*.

Click the map to the right of screen and take the 360° tour of our church.



The **Grace News & Tidbits** and **Pastor Woods' Weekly Devotion** available via e-mail. If you would like to receive either or both by e-mail, please call Karen at the church office, 812-944-1267 or e-mail her at [secretary@glcna.org](mailto:secretary@glcna.org) and let her know. (Please check spam/junk folders and make church a safe sender in your e-mail settings, so we are not blocked by your e-mail.)

## PASTORAL CARE

If you are hospitalized or have a change of address or just something that needs pastoral care, please call the office, or let the pastors know directly. Since hospital and nursing facilities are not allowed to disclose patient information of any kind, they do not call the church. If you cannot call the church or one of the pastors yourself, please ask someone to do so for you. The pastors would be grateful to hear from you or family when care is needed. We want to be there with you at such important times.



## BEWARE OF SCAM MESSAGES

If you receive a message that looks like it is from a church member or staff—especially Pastor Woods—please confirm with that person before opening or responding. There are a lot of scams going around, and we want everyone to stay safe.

## WAYS TO GIVE to GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mail or place in offering plate at church or give online at [www.glcna.org](http://www.glcna.org).

### Weekly Attendance Report

Saturday, 5/9	5:00 pm	53
Sunday, 5/10	8:00 am	82
Sunday, 5/10	10:30 am	167

**Budget Needed weekly:** \$17,003.00.

<b>Sunday, May 10 Total: 14,362.87</b>	
\$6,466.10	Envelopes
\$1,374.00	Loose Plate
\$6,522.77	Vanco

## Grace Lutheran Church

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[www.glcna.org](http://www.glcna.org)

[www.luthyouth.org](http://www.luthyouth.org)

## Worship with Us

Saturdays, 5:00 pm

Sundays

8:00 & 10:30 am

## Contact Us

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## Grace Lutheran Preschool

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