



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**



July 27-30, 2026

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is **Ripon Area Kid's Church Camp-VBS's mission** for 2026. SHP is a nationwide non-profit movement with a local chapter that serves Fond du Lac and parts of Dodge Counties. Groups of volunteers build and deliver, free of charge, twin beds complete with mattresses and bedding to 3-17-year-old children who do not have a bed to call their own.

The Fond du Lac SHP Chapter's website states that the chapter has built and delivered 1,404 beds totaling over 3,000 volunteer hours. Nationally, over 369,000 children have been given a bed, and more than 100,000 children are waiting.

Will you help ensure that NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN? The Ripon Area Kid's Camp-VBS team invites each family, student, and staff member to help this worthwhile cause by bringing NEW TWIN SIZE sheets and pillowcases, pillows, bed-in-a-bag, other bedding items, and/or cash to VBS.* Cash/check and bedding donations will be accepted each night of Camp.

Your donations will go to the Fond du Lac SHP Chapter and will stay in our local community. They are normally tax deductible.

*Please make checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church** with **SHP** in the memo. *Donating is not a requirement to attend VBS.*

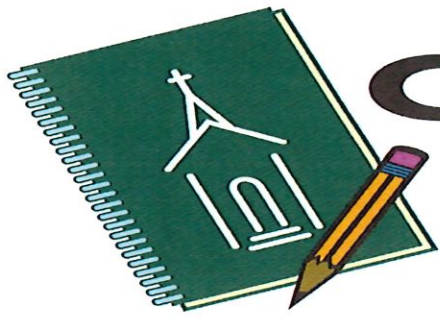
Church Council 2026



The Council of Grace Church wants to be sure the congregation understands and is updated on the work and decisions of the Council. We will continue to publish the minutes of each Council Meeting after they are approved at the next Council Meeting. However, the Council wants to make sure you are up to date on decisions we make. Each month - after the Council Meeting - we will publish **Council at a Glance** - a quick summary of actions taken by the Church Council at its regular meeting. **Council at a Glance** will be published in a bulletin insert and Grace Notes.

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Council Notes

May 2026 Council Meeting at a Glance

- Approved Treasurer's report including envelope offerings and loose offerings for April 2026.
- Changed future coffee hours celebrating birthdays and anniversaries of congregation members to the Sunday immediately following Sharing Table to take advantage of leftovers and reduce waste.
- Continued discussion on our long term goal of being a more welcoming church and new ideas for continued growth and success.
- Approved the agenda for the May congregational meeting and election of church council members. Several current Council members will be reaching out and asking others to stand for election.
- Approved the proposal to merge the Personnel Committee and the Mutual Ministry Committee and recommend the merge to the Congregational Meeting.
- Discussed options for Grace items such as t-shirt or bags - especially in time for the Riponfest parade participants.
- Discussed options for New Member Bag Ideas including Constitution & By-laws, Time and Talent Sheet, Description of all our various ministries at Grace, and Loaf of Bread or other baked item. Council members were encouraged to think of other options and consider what might be part of a New Member Orientation.
- Began discussion on what might make up a New Council Member Orientation.



Christian Education

June 2026

Christian Education Team Meetings

*No meeting in June

Upcoming Events:

*Confirmation Camp – June 14-19

Sunday School:



There are no Sunday School classes during Summer.
Classes will resume in September-see you then!



If anyone is interested in teaching or assisting with Sunday school or is just
curious to what it all involves, please contact:

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WOMEN OF GRACE

Women of Grace Scholarships: Congratulations to Emily Hunter and Kyler Rieder as recipients of scholarships from the Women of Grace. The scholarships were made possible by the generous donations from the Bakeless Bake Sale and Bonnets/Bow-Ties.

CIRCLES: Interested in joining others for fellowship and bible study? The Eve circle currently meets on the first Monday of the month at 1pm. The Bethany circle meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the church lounge to play different games members bring. Please visit either group during meeting times to find out more. Please watch announcements as times may change during the summer.

NOTE: The Eve Circle will NOT meet in June, July, Or August- This circle will resume in the Fall-September-

The Women of Grace are encouraged to stay informed by visiting the **womenoftheelca.org website.**

Monies are available to Women of Grace wishing to attend events. Please contact Lisa Beuthin, Peggy Beuthin, or Sheri Bradshaw.

2026 Upcoming Events:



****Plan ahead for the 2026 Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa! Event registration is now open. Go to welcatg.org for more information. For anyone interested in attending the Gathering in Iowa, there is a bus available from this area heading that way.

FALL RETREAT: Walking by Faith and Tripping Constantly

Speakers, worship, and all the things you look forward to at the ECSW Women of the ELCA fall retreat. More information to come with details and a few surprises, of course!

Date of the fall retreat is being finalized—stay tuned.

8:15 Club

ALL adult members of Grace are invited to join us for fellowship and fun!! We chose this name because of the message in Ecclesiastes 8:15: ***“And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.”***

8:15 Club has had several successful dinners in recent months. Dinner events at Christiano's, China One, Margarita's, and The Mineshaft had 25-30 participants. And we're always open to a greater group of adults joining us!! Plans are in the works for a pot-luck picnic this summer as well as continued events in the fall.

Please watch Facebook, announcements, bulletin inserts, and your email for updates. Sometimes plans materialize on short notice and we'll let everyone know... Sometimes we are able to plan far enough ahead to make sure it's in Grace Notes... either way, **YOU** are always welcome!!



Change in Coffee Hour Plans – effective June 14

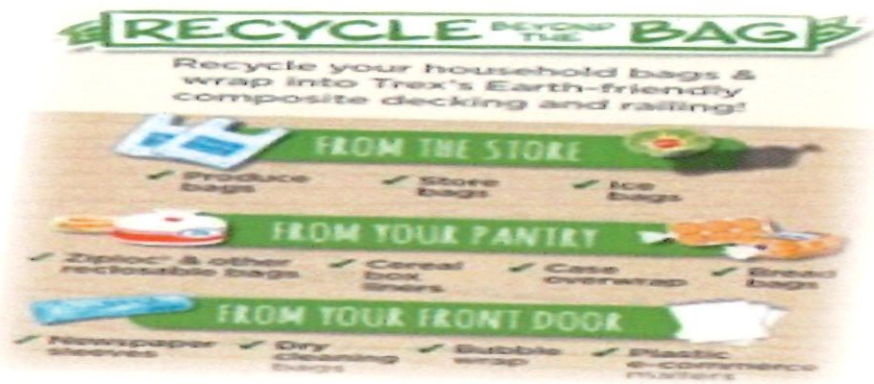
The Church Council based on a recommendation from the Sharing Table Team has moved coffee hour for Birthdays and Anniversaries to the Sunday immediately following Sharing Table. The purpose of this move is to take advantage of any leftovers and minimize waste. This change will take place **June 14**.

HOWEVER....if you or someone in your family has a birthday that month and you would like to sponsor... **SIGN UP** on the bulletin Board to do so- **Up to you then what you want to serve!**

We'd also like to get back to the days before Covid when we had a coffee hour almost every week....**so please sign up and bring whatever you wish to serve.**

The most important part is for us to be together, network, enjoy each other's company,

AND appreciate the fellowship!



JUNE 2026

We have been informed that the Trex company has changed the rewards system. Unfortunately they have discontinued the benches as rewards and will be providing drawings for other types of prizes and rewards. We will keep you informed of the options. We will continue with our program to recycle **SOFT** plastics to keep them out of waterways and landfills. It is still an important community program without the bench rewards.

Thank you to all who have been so diligent to bring in plastic on a regular basis. And here's an invitation to all of you who have not yet caught on to the excitement. Start saving your soft plastic and you'll be surprised at how quickly you have a considerable amount to provide.

Remember, this is only **SOFT** plastic ... **NO** pop bottles, milk jugs, or stiff plastic containers for this project... only soft plastic. Also, **NO** plastic bags that have aluminum threads or fiberglass threads woven in them.

But think about all the places there is plastic in your life... including produce bags, store bags, and ice bags as well as Ziploc bags, cereal box liners, and bread bags. Bubble wrap, newspaper covers, and plastic e-commercial covers as well as water softener salt bags and dry cleaning bags. Keep watch...you'll find more than you think!! Recently, we have encountered garbage and dirty diapers in the donations...PLEASE pay close attention and make sure that **ONLY SOFT** plastic make it into our containers.

Thank you in advance for all your donations!! You can bring in your donations on Sundays or whenever the building is open...OR there is a container outside of the Youth/Sunday School entrance that can be used to donate plastic when the building is not open. You may encourage friends and neighbors to use that container as well.



RaiseRight™

by ShopWithScrip

June 2026

Grace Lutheran participates in the Raise Right program providing gift cards for over 700 businesses. You buy the cards at face value and Grace receives a percentage rebate for our ministries.

For 2026, we have set a goal of \$45,000 in total sales and a rebate of \$1350.

Our sales to date are \$13,320 with a rebate total of \$396. Below are the comparisons for the last two years for your comparison.

2024	2025	2026
Total Sales	Total Sales	Total Sales to date
1Q \$10,430	1Q \$7,425	1Q \$9495
2Q \$10,485	2Q \$8,600	2Q \$3825
Profit to Grace	Profit to Grace	Profit to Grace to date
1Q \$325	1Q \$211	1Q \$279
2Q \$293	2Q \$275	2Q \$117
Total Annual Sales	Total Annual Sales	Total Annual Sales to date
\$41,435	\$38,945	\$13,320
Profit to Grace	Profit to Grace	Profit to Grace to date
\$1,233	\$1,253	\$396

As you can see, we have some room to grow!! **PLEASE JOIN US!!** This is the fundraiser where you only buy what you need and will use. For every gift card sold, a rebate comes back to Grace - those rebates range from 2% to 12% - with some companies offering special rates up to 15%. It's a win-win because you only purchase the cards you will use.

A number of local business options are available for you to have immediately. Cards are available Sunday mornings and in the office Monday through Thursday. There are also over 700 other retailers who participate in the program..so if you're looking for something special, please ask!! We can order it!! However, each order shipping costs are \$11 so we don't order every week - so please plan ahead as much as possible with special orders.

If you wish a copy of the list of cards that can be purchased - just stop at the table on Sundays and pick one up.

We have three options for you to designate your preferred ministry of Grace Church. Your rebates will help the Youth Fund, General Operational Fund, or the Improvement Fund.





We are making
some changes!



Yes, we are still having a faith-based outreach VBS!
But the banners and logo will have a more colorful child
centered focus. 2026 details:

Theme: Rainforest Falls-Exploring the Nature of God

Where: Immanuel United Methodist Church

When: Monday -Thursday July 27-30

Time: 5:45-8:00pm

Family Night Thursday-with a meal, activities and concert

2026 Mission: Sleep in Heavenly Peace – an American organization that builds
and delivers beds to children that don't have them. Everything donated (**TWIN
SIZE** - bedding sets, blankets etc. as well as money for building supplies) will
stay in the Fond du Lac County area.

How can you help with 2026 Kid's Church Camp VBS

1. Please register at riponvbs.org to volunteer! We need
individuals to escort small groups of children from station to station
for three (3) evenings and monitor some activities the last evening.
2. Register children or grandchildren to attend
3. Start collecting twin bedding, etc. to donate.



Erin	Kelm	06/02
David	Miller	06/02
Lily	Hoffmann	06/03
Declan	Christopherson	06/04
Kristin	Boe	06/05
JoAnne	Roesch	06/05
Adelyn	Novitske	06/06
Haley	Webb	06/06
Denise	Perington	06/07
Milo	McCarroll	06/08
Rayna	Trochinski	06/09
Colin	Rieder	06/10
Kathy	Schleicher	06/10
Donna	Broder	06/11
Ryan	Forslund	06/11
Matthew	Roeder	06/11
Lesley	Ernst	06/12
MacKenzie	Gabrielski	06/12
Leroy	Holl	06/12
Roger	Liptow	06/12
Julie	Mauermann	06/12
Boyd	Schleicher	06/13
Ashley	Bradley	06/14
Jennifer	Huseboe	06/14
Karla	Thiem	06/17
Robbie	Wittchow	06/17
Bruce	Stephenson	06/19
Anna	Bradley	06/20
Luke	Bradley	06/20
Carolee	Floyd	06/22
Lynette	Forslund	06/22
Cathy	Jess	06/22
Samantha	Rivers	06/22
Anna	Heatley	06/24
Tyler	Bradley	06/26
Dylan	Martinez	06/26
Timothy	McCarthy	06/26
David	Rivers	06/27
Malachi	Mokler	06/28

6/1/1957	Langenhorst, Conrad & Ruth
6/4/1983	Langenhorst, Ellie & Todd
6/4/2010	Kimpel, Jason & Samantha Rivers
6/6/1992	Langeberg, Jeffrey & Kelly
6/6/2009	Metoxen, Matthew & Rachel
6/6/2014	Hanson, Danny & Kelly
6/10/2017	Louis-Brux, William & Jamie Jahnke
6/15/1996	Walheim, Paul & Tricia
6/16/2001	Fulwider, Gayle & Dennis
6/17/1967	Baird, Leonel & Kathryn
6/18/1988	Bradshaw, Todd & Sheri
6/18/2010	McCarroll, Dustin & Julia
6/27/1981	Amdahl, Joyce & Dan
6/29/1996	DeWar, Judy & Robert

VISIT THE HOMEBOUND

Maplecrest-

Inez Bryden & Faye Zacharias

Prairie Place-

Arlene Thiem & LeRoy Holl

Russell Manor-

Jackie Steifner & Jean Zeto

Valley VNA-

Mary Jane Schanke

Wolverton Glen-

Jeannine Tomaszewski

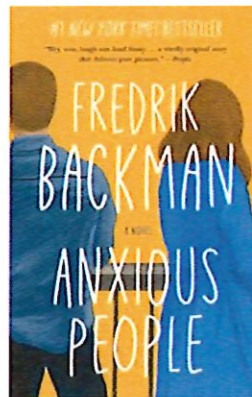
GRACE READERS-
6:30 pm-Church Lounge

SUMMER BOOK SELECTIONS

Tuesday, June 23rd

Anxious People

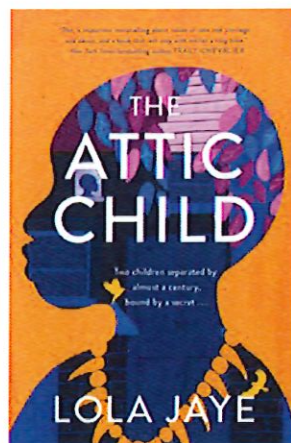
By: Fredrik Backman



Tuesday, July 28th

The Attic Child

By: Lola Jaye



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bethany Circle 6:30 pm	2	3	4 Synod Assembly Oshkosh-June 4 th -6 th	5	6
7 Worship 9 am	8	9 Sharing Table Brat Fry 5 pm	10	11	12	13 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 7:30 am Ripon Family Restaurant
14 Worship 9 am Coffee Hour-June Birthdays & Anniversaries Confirmation Camp June 14 th -June 19 th	15 Church Council 6 pm	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship 9 am Riponfest Parade	22	23 BLOOD DRIVE 12:30-5:30 pm Grace Readers 6:30 pm	24	25	26	27 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 7:30 am Ripon Family Restaurant
28 Worship 9 am	29	30				



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