



August 2025  
*the VINE*

Hello Grand Avenue Family and Friends,

For the August Newsletter, I would like to do something different. Two Sundays ago, after the reciting of our Lord's Prayer, I added a second version. At the suggestion of a few of our sisters in the faith, I have included here. This is in no way an attempt to rewrite scripture or alter the words of Jesus Christ; rather, it is intended to illustrate the need to seek a deeper understanding in the teaching our Lord provides us in His Word. The Lord's Prayer is a model prayer, that is to say, that the purpose of the prayer our Lord gives us is to teach us the proper way to pray. As I contemplated that, I sought to personalize that prayer, and this is what I came up with. Again, the value here is to seek to embrace and deepen our faith through greater understanding of the truth. To take our faith from superficial rote to spirit-moving meaning.

**The Lord's Prayer - Seeking a better appreciation of the model (prayer posture).**

**My Father, who is in Heaven, I remain mindful that your name is holy and must be revered.**

**As I desire first your Heavenly Kingdom, I also desire first that your will be done in my life as it is in the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**In your steadfast love, please grant me today your daily provision and in your infinite mercy, forgive me my sins as I seek to forgive those I feel have wronged me.**

**And gracious Lord, bless me with your divine favor and test not my weakness in trial and tribulation, but rather grant me the privilege of abiding in your strength and through your strength be protected and delivered from evil and the evil one.**

You may have noticed the inclusion of the evil one. I say, both evil and the evil one, in my daily prayer, because of the Greek rendering. The Greek uses a definitive article (τοῦ = the) before evil. The Greek definitive article, like in English, indicates a particular person, place, or thing. In this case, the evil one (Satan). Evil vs. evil one is still debated among scholars today, and you find it translated both ways depending on which version of the Bible you read. For me, I would like to be delivered from both!

Again, I wanted to share this as a way of illustrating the power of seeking a deeper immersion in God's Word. As we enjoy the end of summer, and the days again begin to dim, let us look to God's Word to maintain the brightness of His light in our hearts.

Your brother in Christ,

*Pastor Vince*

# CELEBRATE

## August Birthdays

|                  |    |                 |    |
|------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Mark Grams       | 3  | Michael McGarry | 18 |
| Kyle Ott         | 3  | Stephanie Laabs | 19 |
| James Sorenson   | 4  | Geny Vernon     | 19 |
| Isriana Carriaga | 5  | Bonnie Pachner  | 20 |
| Daniel Lueptow   | 5  | Jon Meins       | 22 |
| Erika Davis      | 7  | Bethany Paulson | 28 |
| Laura Flack      | 7  | Eric Didier     | 29 |
| Kayson Meins     | 8  | Ed Schmidt      | 30 |
| Lisa Klinski     | 13 | Barbara Frank   | 31 |
| Steve Prom       | 13 |                 |    |

## August Anniversaries

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Bob Graff & Jill Eernisse | 13 |
| Brian & Mardy McGarry     | 18 |
| Marc & Grace Eernisse     | 22 |
| Larry & Mary Jo Lueptow   | 26 |

# VOLUNTEERS

***Thank you, Volunteers, for serving in our ministry!***

| Date | Usher          | Liturgist      | Cupbearer    | Coffee Host    | AV              |
|------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 8/3  | Larry Maechtle | Cathy Guse     | Mary Downing | <b>Needed*</b> | Scott Penkivech |
| 8/10 | Larry Maechtle | Mary Downing   | n/a          | Bonnie Pachner | Scott Penkivech |
| 8/17 | Larry Maechtle | Bruce McCullum | n/a          | <b>Needed*</b> | Scott Penkivech |
| 8/24 | Larry Maechtle | Marc Eernisse  | n/a          | <b>Needed*</b> | Scott Penkivech |
| 8/31 | Larry Maechtle | Nancy Haacke   | n/a          | <b>Needed*</b> | Scott Penkivech |

\*Please see coffee hour sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board.

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH



## Non-Perishable Donation Needs

Soup (large and small cans), Canned Chicken (large and small cans), Granola Bars, Spam, Beef Stew, Pudding (large & small), Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Pickles, Olives, Relish, BBQ sauce), Rice sides, Pasta sides, Rice-a-Roni or Pasta Roni.

# Building Hope,

## Brick by Brick!

*Purchase a brick to support our new building and give hope to struggling families in our community.*



**Donate, and a brick will be inscribed with your name, business, or message.**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| 4x8 Engraved Brick   | \$200  |
| 8x8 Engraved Brick   | \$500  |
| 12x12 Engraved Brick | \$1000 |
| 24x24 Engraved Brick | \$5000 |

**Bricks will be set in our 'Wall of Recognition'**



**For more Information**

Website

<https://thefoodpantryinc.com/gift-bricks>



## MISSIONS & OUTREACH, cont.



# LET'S HELP WITH A PAPER PRODUCT DRIVE AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Ozaukee  
Food Alliance



Ozaukee Pantry • Resale Boutique

**SPREAD THE LOVE &  
KINDNESS TOGETHER**

**Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Bring paper items (paper towel, toilet paper, and/or Kleenex) to receive an additional ticket for the raffle prizes. Let's help contribute to the event!

**Thing you can bring to  
contribute the paper drive**



**Drop-off Location:**

Registration table at Ozaukee  
County National Night Out



**Paper  
Towel**



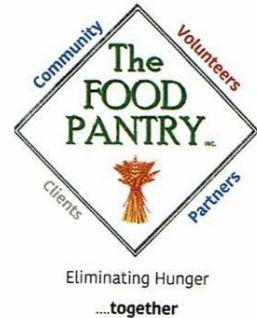
**Toilet  
Paper**



**Kleenex  
Boxes**

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH, cont.

### Back To School Supply Drive



Benefiting The Food Pantry Inc.

#### **Needed for the 2025-2026 School Year:**

Crayola Brand Colored Pencils

Crayola Broad Tip and Fine Line Colored Markers

Post-It Notes

Pencil Boxes

Large Fiskars Scissors

Wide-lined Composition Notebooks

Lined Index Cards (100/pkg)

Plastic Pocket File Folders

1" and 1 1/2" 3 Ring Binders

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Port Washington, WI 53074

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**email:** thefoodpantryinc@gmail.com  
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## MISSIONS & OUTREACH, cont.



### Current Shelter Needs

Gift Cards, Women's Deodorant, Women's Disposable Razors (3 Blade), Women's Shave Cream, Pizza Cutters, Men's Shampoo/Body Wash, Laundry Detergent Pods, Plastic Shower Curtain Liners, and Toilet Paper.

[Portlight Shelter Amazon Wish List](#)

### OZAUKEE COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Helping Students in Need in Ozaukee County

Presented by: **MEADOWLARK  
STORAGE**



We are collecting school supplies  
**July 15th-August 19th**

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

- Pencil Cases/Boxes 8.5x5"
- Glue Sticks
- Permanent Markers (Black & Blue)
- Post-It Notes 3x3"
- Dry Erase Markers (Black & Blue)
- Pens (Black, Blue & Red)
- Markers (Washable, Thick & Thin)
- Composition Books
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Highlighters
- Loose-leaf paper
- Pencils (pre-sharpened)
- Binders (3-ring, 1")
- Index Cards (3x5")
- Notebooks (1 subject)

### Drop Off Locations

School supplies can be dropped off between July 15th - August 19th at the following locations:

**Ozaukee Food Alliance**  
100 E Green Bay Ave. Saukville

**Feith Family Ozaukee YMCA**  
465 Northwoods Rd. Port Washington

**Port Washington State Bank**  
Belgium, Cedarburg, Port Washington, Saukville,  
Grafton, Fredonia, Mequon, and Thiensville

**Kohler Credit Union**  
Grafton, Mequon, and Saukville

**Horicon Bank**  
2090 Wisconsin Ave. Grafton

**Bank Five Nine**  
2300 Washington St, Grafton  
11715 N Port Washington Rd, Mequon

**GenMet**  
10245 N Enterprise Dr, Mequon

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH, cont.

### Fair Trade Coffee

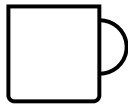
#### *The Best Part of Waking Up...Is Doing Good*



We are collecting orders again for fair trade coffee. Equal Exchange is a fair trade organization that eliminates the middle-man, offering farmers a fairer price for their product and labor. Equal Exchange makes it simple to buy coffee that supports our social justice values.

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Organic Breakfast Blend | \$8.75 per 12oz. bag  |
| Organic French Roast    | \$9.25 per 10oz. bag  |
| Organic Decaf           | \$10.25 per 12oz. bag |

Please see the order form on the counter in the narthex. **Order deadline is August 25<sup>th</sup>.**



*"Your morning ritual just became a global act of kindness.*

*Fair Trade coffee: good for the planet, better for the people."*

## FAITH GROUPS & ACTIVITIES



### No August Events

**Monthly programs start again in September**

***Lighthouse events are open to all students in grades 5-12***

*Have questions about Lighthouse or want to get involved?*

Contact Director Christin Flucke at 262-483-9582 or [christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org](mailto:christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org)



# United Methodist Corner

I want to share a quote from John Wesley in a letter to the perfectionists in London in November 2, 1762. "I dislike your speaking of yourselves as though you were the only [ones] who know and taught the Gospel; ...But what I most dislike is your littleness of love...your want [lack] of union...your want of meekness, gentleness, long suffering; your impatience of contradiction; your counting every [person] your enemy that reproves or admonishes you in love; your bigotry and narrowness of spirit, loving in a manner only those that love you...your censoriousness...of all who do not agree with you; in a word."

Do these words sound at all familiar? They were written over 360 years ago, but they could very well describe the divisiveness that is being experienced across churches today. I very much identify with Wesley's anguish as he wrote these words, because I too find it very difficult to relate to those who believe they are morally and spiritually and Biblically superior to me. As Methodists, it is a part of our DNA to strive to be open to Christians. There is a well quoted line in Wesley's sermon, "Catholic Spirit", in which he writes, "We may not all think alike, but can we not all love alike?"

Wesley's point was that we may have theological or philosophical differences with other Christians, we can still find unity in love and good works.

The Methodist movement is not primarily about embracing certain dogma. The movement is trying to follow in the way and Spirit of Christ as his disciples. We believe the Holy Spirit's work is to transform us into becoming more Christ-like in our loving and our serving. Jesus said in John's Gospel, "Love one another as I have loved you." Galatians 3:28 serves as a key scripture in our Christian living, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, slave nor free, for all are one in Christ Jesus." Christ transcends our differences and seek to bring us together as one people.

This doesn't mean that we cannot oppose others whom we believe are going down a wrong path as Wesley wrote in his letter to the perfectionists. What it does mean is that we not treat others with the same divisive spirit as we are facing from them. We need to keep the door open and pray for those that oppose us. The bottom line is not ultimately about right answers, but right practices. Let us continue to be open to the Spirit who seeks to transform us into becoming a new creation in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,  
Dave

## THANK YOU

*Dear church family,*

*Thank you so much for hosting our family, friends and loved ones as we remembered the life of our daughter Michelle Janeen Pachner. Your support and help during this time has been invaluable to our family and we are blessed that we were able to hold services here at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, our home. Special thanks to Pastor Vince, Eernisse Funeral Homes and the many volunteers who participated.*

*With Love, Rebecca, Christy, Bonnie and George Pachner*

## CHURCH NEWS

### CRAFT BOOTH AT THE ARTISAN MARKET

**We are currently looking for donations of autumn-related crafts and other interesting items to sell in fall colors..**

Donations can be placed in the Library. If you are donating a craft item, please help us by putting a "guesstimate price" on it. Thank you for your continued support of our craft booth!

- Lin Lohr, Sue Merrill, Mary Kae Geittmann



# CALENDAR

## August Events

|                             |                                    |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Worship Service             | Weekly Sunday at 10:00 am          | Sanctuary       |
| AA Meeting                  | Weekly Wednesday at 8:00 pm        | FAC             |
| Private Meeting             | Weekly Thursday at 5:30 pm         | FAC             |
| ADRC Meal Distribution      | Mon – Fri from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Kitchen         |
| Lifeline Health Screenings  | Wednesday, August 6, 8am – 4pm     | Fellowship Hall |
| Social Principles           | Tuesday, August 12 at 1:00 pm      | Gathering Area  |
| Admin Council               | Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 pm     | Zoom            |
| Stockbox Distribution       | Tuesday, August 19 at 10:00 am     | FAC             |
| Newsletter Article Deadline | Monday, August 25                  | Office          |

Remember to support our church through the fundraisers below:

- **Aluminum Can Collection** – Put your aluminum cans in the barrels at the back entrance into church and we'll recycle them for you.
- **Craft Booth at Port's Artisan Market** – Donate crafts, books, puzzles, or gently used quality items for us to sell at our church craft booth in downtown Port.
- **RaiseRight Scrip (Gift Card) Program** – Order gift cards to give as gifts or to use at stores you already shop at. Forms are on the counter in the narthex or go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) and use our enrollment code of 45F776D958L66.

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**Remember Our Endowment Fund**



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.  
**The people of The United Methodist Church™**

Orders are due in the church office on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. Please remember to include your payment. You can also order on-line at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) Your order of gift cards will be ready for pickup at church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

Questions? Contact the Kay Hamann at 262-284-3168 or [khamann530@yahoo.com](mailto:khamann530@yahoo.com)

*Each retailer makes a donation to the church for every gift card purchased.  
For a complete list of over 700 participating retailers, go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com)*

| RETAILER                    | QTY | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------|
| Amazon \$25                 |     |       |
| Amazon \$100                |     |       |
| Arby's \$10                 |     |       |
| AutoZone \$25               |     |       |
| Barnes & Noble \$10         |     |       |
| Barnes & Noble \$25         |     |       |
| Bath & Body Works \$10      |     |       |
| Bath & Body Works \$25      |     |       |
| Bed Bath & Beyond \$25      |     |       |
| BP \$50                     |     |       |
| BP \$100                    |     |       |
| Burger King \$10            |     |       |
| Cousins Subs \$10           |     |       |
| CVS Pharmacy \$25           |     |       |
| CVS Pharmacy \$100          |     |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods \$25  |     |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods \$100 |     |       |
| Exxon \$50                  |     |       |
| Fleet Farm \$25             |     |       |
| Fleet Farm \$100            |     |       |
| Home Depot \$25             |     |       |
| Home Depot \$100            |     |       |
| Jiffy Lube \$30             |     |       |
| Kohl's \$25                 |     |       |
| Kohl's \$100                |     |       |
| Kwik Trip \$25              |     |       |
| Kwik Trip \$50              |     |       |
| Kwik Trip \$100             |     |       |

| RETAILER                     | QTY | TOTAL |
|------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Meijer \$25                  |     |       |
| Meijer \$50                  |     |       |
| Meijer \$100                 |     |       |
| Mobil \$50                   |     |       |
| Noodles & Company \$10       |     |       |
| Panera Bread \$10            |     |       |
| Panera Bread \$25            |     |       |
| Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10     |     |       |
| Pick'n Save(WI) \$25         |     |       |
| Pick'n Save(WI) \$50         |     |       |
| Pick'n Save(WI) \$100        |     |       |
| Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$25  |     |       |
| Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$50  |     |       |
| Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$100 |     |       |
| Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25     |     |       |
| Sendik's Food Market \$25    |     |       |
| Sendik's Food Market \$50    |     |       |
| Sendik's Food Market \$100   |     |       |
| Speedway \$25                |     |       |
| Speedway \$50                |     |       |
| Starbucks \$10               |     |       |
| Starbucks \$25               |     |       |
| Subway Restaurants \$10      |     |       |
| Target \$25                  |     |       |
| Target \$50                  |     |       |
| Walgreens \$25               |     |       |
| Walmart \$25                 |     |       |
| Walmart \$50                 |     |       |
| Walmart \$100                |     |       |

Total number of gift cards ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to  
Grand Ave Church