



The Messenger *August 2024*

Rector's Corner

Somebody told me the other day that summer happened, but I apparently blinked and missed it. The gun sounded, and I rose off my blocks at the starting line only to discover it is already August; the weeks having flown by faster than any Olympian in the Paris games.

Hope WINS's Mac Camp probably had a lot to do with it. Any flurry of activity seems to make the passage of time speed along – time flies when you're having fun, and did these campers ever! Nearly forty kids participated in the program, and when they were not here at Grace Church playing games, doing arts and crafts, getting cooking lessons, meeting therapy dogs, or doing character building activities, they were at the Freeport Public Library, the Art Plaza splash pad, the Read Park pool, Apple Canyon, the Milwaukee Zoo, the Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, Meier Meadows dairy farm, Krape Park, the YMCA, the Nicholas Conservatory, the Discovery Center, and much more.

Mac Camp wraps up August 9th, and it has been loud, it has been messy, but it has been an absolute joy and privilege to host their summer camp and provide a safe, fun, and educational environment for so many kids. I recently attended a Hope WINS's board meeting to check in, see how our accommodations were working out, etc. They said the space has been fantastic and they would not have been able to serve as many kids as they did

without it. Also, since we donated usage of our building to their mission, it was possible for them to allocate their limited resources to compensating their camp staff, many of whom are teachers or paraprofessionals in our local school districts.

They even had some teen helpers, a couple of whom have interest in pursuing careers in special education. They were also able to purchase a retired church bus, which now has a Grace Episcopal decal next to Hope WINS, to help transport all the kids to these wonderful activities. Again, by sharing what we have – space – they were able to provide more than they originally envisioned, serving so many kids, especially several with special needs, who need this type of tailored program.

Though camp may be coming to a close, we have not seen the last of them. They will continue to provide childcare for people attending the new parent support group meeting at Grace on the last Tuesday of the month – perhaps you saw the shots of Grace Church when the local news did a story on this group back in June. Mac Camp has also offered mini camps during winter and spring break, so hopefully this partnership will continue for a long time to come.

In other ministry news, the Eats & Beats Festival is nigh, and we will be selling our famous Giant Cookies. Eats & Beats will be held on Friday, August 23rd and Saturday, August 24th at Freeport's Arts Plaza across from the Public Library. There are two signup sheets outside the church kitchen – one for bakers and one for sellers, who will staff our booth at the festival. *Giant Cookies should be approximately 4 inches in diameter, and individually packaged and labeled in zip-lock baggies.* We welcome a variety of flavors, but your classics tend to sell the best – anything with chocolate is always in demand, as are snicker-doodles, sugar cookies, peanut butter cookies, and oatmeal raisin. Bakers may drop their cookies off at the church starting Wednesday, August 21st. The more bakers, the more cookies there are to sell, the more money we raise! This year proceeds

will go to the Children's Hands-On Museum. CHOM is another fantastic local non-profit located in the Lincoln Mall that provides education through play with its many interactive exhibits.

It may have seemed like a short summer, but it was certainly a Spirit-filled summer. I am excited to see how, through growing ministry partnerships and the grace of God, we can continue to be the heart and hands of Jesus Christ in our community.

Peace, Fr. Brian

Greetings from Hope WINS! Summer is in full swing and we are loving our space at Grace Episcopal Church! We really can't thank you enough for welcoming us with such open arms and being so gracious as we have made ourselves at home! The children love everything about Grace Episcopal Church and keep us on our toes as we try our hardest to clean up after them! Here are a few things coming up:

- August 3 Wellness Expo 10-2 (Grace Episcopal Church will be a site for free school supplies and lunch as we are partnering with the health department. We could use pencils, glue sticks, Crayola crayons, Crayola markers, highlighters, dry erase markers)
- August 12 Mac Camp Celebration 3:00 (come see the kiddos as we say farewell to summer!)

Grace Church News

Pral Family Vacation

The Pralls are on their annual vacation to the Adirondacks till August 7th. Fr. Brian will be gone Sunday, August 4th. The Rt. Rev. Mike Klusmeyer will be our guest clergy. Fr. Brian will be reachable via email and from there can get to town where there is better cell service to check in.

ECW News for August All women of Grace Church are invited to attend the First Friday gathering on August 2nd at 11:30am. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. We will be discussing the opportunity to help with our Eats and Beats fundraiser. This year's dates are August 23rd & 24th. Our booth has become a favorite! There will be a sign up sheet for you to choose the kind of giant cookies you will be baking and if you can help.

First Sunday Rector's Discretionary Fund Donation Sunday, August 4th. This will take the place of our regular FACC First Sunday Meal Donation.

People of Grace Breakfast Saturday, August 17th at Nine East Coffee Shop. All are welcome to attend.

Vestry Meeting Sunday August 18th after the 9:00am service.

FACC Pantry Donation for August is peanut butter.

Server Schedule

August 4th

9:00 **Chalicer:** Chuck Terpening
Lector: Claudia Smith
Acolyte: Lucy Prall
Ushers: Dick Hepner & Jon Watson

August 11th

9:00 **Chalicer:** Chuck Breo
Lector: Gail Hunt
Acolytes: Lucy Prall
Ushers: Stan Crowe & Jeff Francis

August 18th

9:00 **Chalicer:** Carol Francis
Lector: Candy Colby
Acolyte: Lucy Prall
Ushers: Dick Hepner & Jon Watson

August 25th

9:00 **Chalicer:** Chuck Terpening
Lector: Phyllis Bergagna
Acolyte: Lucy Prall
Ushers: Stan Crowe & Jeff Francis

If you are unable to serve on the dates assigned, please make sure you get someone to replace you and notify the church office.

Treasurer's Report

Below is an analysis comparing the actual results for the first six months of this year to the annual budget.

	6 months results	2024 Annual Budget	Per Cent of Budget
Total Revenue	140,624	219,227	64%
Expenses:			
Personnel Costs	73,078	144,472	51%
Building & Grounds	21,111	36,650	58%
Prop. & Liab. Ins.	8,043	16,086	50%
Other	14,395	32,300	45%
Total Expenses	116,627	229,508	51%
Gain (Loss)	23,997	(10,281)	

In the first six months we received 64% of our budgeted revenue. This is normal. We receive a large portion of our pledges early in the year. The expenses are right on target.

After six months we have an excess of revenue over expenses of \$24,000. This is because of the large amount of pledges we receive early in the year. Our revenue will decline as the year progresses and we will probably end the year with a deficit.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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August



2nd Marissa Routson
7th Kris Shore
Charla Spann
9th Becca Francis
12th Amanda Mitchell
17th Connie Burden

21st Curtis Terpening
24th Shirlee Iverson
30th Madalynn Enright
31st Stacey Terpening
Colin Helm

8th Jon & Laura Watson
18th Chuck & Sandy Terpening
19th Wayne & Diane Conroy
26th John & Connie Burden
27th Brian & Donna Dreier
Jeremy & Jackie Sigafus
29th Nicholas & Claudia Smith

Deadline for the September "Messenger" will be August 21st

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JOY!

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