

Greetings to you, Grace Church!

**Worship, Picnic, and Baptisms This Sunday, July 31, at Van Cleve Park!**

Please join us as we plan to worship the LORD and fellowship with one another this Sunday, July 31, in the beautiful outdoor setting of Van Cleve Park in Gladstone. Plan to bring lawn chairs or blankets for the service and the picnic. Pastor Dave and the worship team plan to lead us in singing to the LORD, and we plan in the worship time to hear a couple of faith stories from two of the four individuals being baptized. I look forward to speaking from a familiar parable of Jesus that tells us so much about the heart of God. This picture of the heart of God the Father is a reminder of His longing to run to those who “turn toward home.” If you struggle with feeling you are somehow beyond the reach of God’s love, and His forgiveness, this parable of Jesus is directed toward you. Jesus teaches pointedly through His parables. If you know a family member or friend who struggles with feeling far from God, would you prayerfully consider inviting them to join us for the outdoor worship service and picnic. The message is taken from Luke 15:11-24, and I am titling the message, “Turn Toward Home.”

Following the worship time, we are planning to enjoy a picnic meal together. The church plans to provide grilled chicken, brats, and hot dogs. We are grateful for Todd Belongie and a team of volunteers who plan to do the grilling. We are asking families with last names that begin with A-L to bring salads or a side dish, and those with last names beginning with M-Z to bring a dessert.

**WORSHIP  
& PICNIC IN THE PARK!  
JULY 31 ' 22 | VAN CLEVE PARK**

A-L bring a salad/side dish  
M-Z bring a dessert

Bring a lawn chair.  
Chicken, Hot dogs,  
drinks and tableware  
will be provided.



### **Summer VBS!**

**We celebrate what the LORD did in and through our Vacation Bible School (July 18-21),** directed by Kristy Smith and Pastor Jordan and Laura Pardee. We had a wonderful team of volunteers who had opportunity to minister to over 140 kids during the week! Pray for fruit from the seed of the gospel pressed into the lives of the kids who participated. Pray also for God's blessing on the relational connections made with their families. Let's agree together to be praying for an impactful work of the Holy Spirit pointing children and families to Jesus.

### **4-Week Teaching Series in August, "Follow Jesus and Finish Well"**

During the four Sundays in August, we are planning to present a teaching series taken from a rich passage of Scripture in Hebrews 12. We are titling the series, "Follow Jesus and Finish Well." Here's the plan for teaching series:

August 7 – (Hebrews 12:1-2) – "Run with Endurance" Pastor Jon

August 14 – (Hebrews 12:3-13) – "God's Discipline as an Expression of His Love" Pastor Tim

August 21 – (Hebrews 12:14-17) – "Holiness, Grace, and No Regret" Pastor Dave

August 28 – (Hebrews 12:18-29) – "Unshakable Kingdom" Pastor Jordan



### **Men's Bible Study on Saturday morning, August 6, and August 20, 7:30-9 AM**

During August, there are two men's Saturday morning Bible studies planned. This men's Bible study is facilitated by Dean Mullins. At this point, the guys are planning to look at Psalm 106-109 during the month of August. These Saturday morning Bible studies are times of interaction and fellowship for guys around the Word of God. The guys meet together in Room 201 just off the gym and next to the kitchen. Coffee is served -

**A Special Best-Agers Event on August 4!**

Our Best-Agers Ministry for those 50 and over has planned an event on August 4 featuring our own Ike and Deb Micheau providing music. It promises to be a good night of dinner, fellowship, and music from Ike and Deb.



**Pray for the counties of the Upper Peninsula during 2022**

In Matthew 9:38, Jesus said, “Therefore, pray earnestly to the LORD of the harvest to raise up laborers for His harvest.” Our first move is in prayer. It is not our only move, but it is our FIRST move, and the message of Scripture would indicate over and over again, it is our most strategic move. We pray first, and then we obey the “LORD of the harvest” and His prompting in taking next steps. The need is great across the U.P. About 80% of the population in the U.P. is essentially unchurched. Of the 20% who are churched, those who are intent on getting underneath the statistics would say that “perhaps 8%” are involved in a gospel-oriented church

and are following Jesus as a way of life. In the Upper Peninsula, 51% claim no religious affiliation at all. During 2022, we are praying for each county in the Upper Peninsula. During the month of August, we are praying for Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties. There are prayer cards at the Welcome



Center in the lobby that you could take and put on your refrigerator, or in some prominent place in your home or office, as a reminder to pray in August for a movement of the LORD on the far west end of the U.P. in Gogebic County and Ontonagon County. Pray for gospel impact.

### **Grace Youth Group Events in August**

[https://storage.snappages.site/4VN8H4/assets/files/Youth\\_Summer\\_Schedule\\_2022.pdf](https://storage.snappages.site/4VN8H4/assets/files/Youth_Summer_Schedule_2022.pdf)

- **Saturday, August 6: Boating – Lake Antoine**  
Each year the youth group is hosted at Lake Antoine for a full day of fun in the sun. Food and drinks are provided, and boats, jet skis, and more. This year we have the privilege to partner with Bark River Bible Chapel’s youth group for this event. It is always exciting to see how many people come out to join us and to hear a gospel message. This is a free event, and we encourage you to invite your friends.
- **Sunday, August 14: Timber Rattlers Baseball Game**  
After the church service, we will leave to enjoy time at a Timber Rattlers baseball game in Appleton. Because we will not have time to eat before we go, we encourage students to have packed lunch or be prepared to purchase food at the stadium. We have 18 tickets available for \$5 apiece, and you can register online soon.
- **Sunday, August 28: Hiking in Marquette**  
We will leave at 12:30 pm from Grace Church and return between 6:00–6:30 pm. We are not planning a break for eating but will have some snacks available. The total hiking distance will be between 2-5 miles. This will be a great chance to experience some good views of God's creation together. We are excited to use this event to grow our relationships with students.
- **Summer Oasis on Wednesday, August 10, at Diebolts’ home on Stonington**
- **Summer Oasis on Wednesday, August 17, at Czygans’ home on Stonington**

### **Women of Grace Ministries**

<https://grace906.com/women-of-grace>

- **Women’s Fall Bible Studies – Sign Up for fall studies begins August 21 and 28!**
- **Fall Women’s Conference Hosted at Grace!** “Heaven Rules” True Women ’22 Conference, September 22-24 (registration is now open). Go to the Women’s Ministry page on the Grace web site and scroll down to the information related to this 3-Day simulcast women’s conference. We are grateful to Julie Cass and her team for their servant leadership over our women’s ministry offerings.

HEAVEN  
RULES

**9.22 | Free**  
Pie Social & Messages  
by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth  
& Joni Eareckson Tada

*Take courage.  
Take comfort.  
Our God is in control.*

**9.23 - 9.24 | \$10**  
More speakers, worship, &  
testimonies. Dinner served Friday.  
Conference ends 12pm 9.24

Register  
Online

**Grace Church invites women & girls of all ages to 3 days of focusing on God's word and to receiving Christ-centered clarity on issues like gender, social media, and marriage.**

## Life Groups

We are excited this fall about coordinating for 8 weeks (September 18 – November 6) all of our Life Groups teaching focus with Sunday morning teaching in the worship service. For eight weeks we are currently planning to focus on Jesus teaching in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) right at the outset of that body of Jesus' teaching referred to as the Sermon on the Mount. Pastor Jon Potes and our Life Group deacon, Brian Guindon, would welcome the chance to talk to you further about our life group ministry and how to connect. Sign up for fall life groups begins on

**The Beatitudes**  
MATT CHANDLER

In this eight-session series, pastor Matt Chandler takes us through the Beatitudes and shows us what it means to live in the kingdom of God.

[Watch Now](#)

**LIFE GROUPS BEGIN September 18**

**SIGN UP**

AUGUST 21    AUGUST 28    SEPTEMBER 4

**We will be going through a brand new study in Matthew 5. In this eight-session series, pastor Matt Chandler will take us through the Beatitudes and show us what it means to live in the kingdom of God.**

Sunday, August 21.

## Finally,

**The LORD willing, we plan to have the weekly newsletter return in September.**

Blessing on you, Grace Church!

For Jesus,  
Pastor Tim