

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026 † 8:30am
Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Pastor Stephanie Wood

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Please complete an attendance card - located in the pews or at the usher's table.

*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold.**

Prelude

Meditation on "Showalter" arr. David Lasky

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen. Let us confess our sin to God. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929


Greeting*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

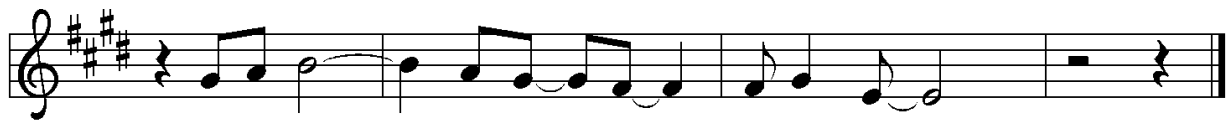
Kyrie*

Kyrie Eleison ELW p. 184-185

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Hymn of Praise*

This is the Feast..... ELW p. 187-188



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading | Hosea 5:15–6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

**"Come, let us return to the Lord,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."**

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia ELW p. 188

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel* | Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and

seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)..... ELW 798

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Prayers of the People*

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace* *(Please be seated after sharing the peace.)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Call to Offering *(The offering plates will be passed along the pews.)*

Let us spread the blessings of life and love that support us throughout our journey. Our acts of kindness empower communities and serve as a testament to God's love in the world. May our time, skills, and resources reflect the goodness and richness of God's creation.

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering ELW 695

- 1 We lift our voices, we lift our hands
we lift our lives up to you: We are an offering.
- 2 Lord, use our voices Lord, use our hands
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: We are an offering

- 3 All that we have, all that we are
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
- 4 We lift our voices, we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering, We are an offering.

Text & Music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

I In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

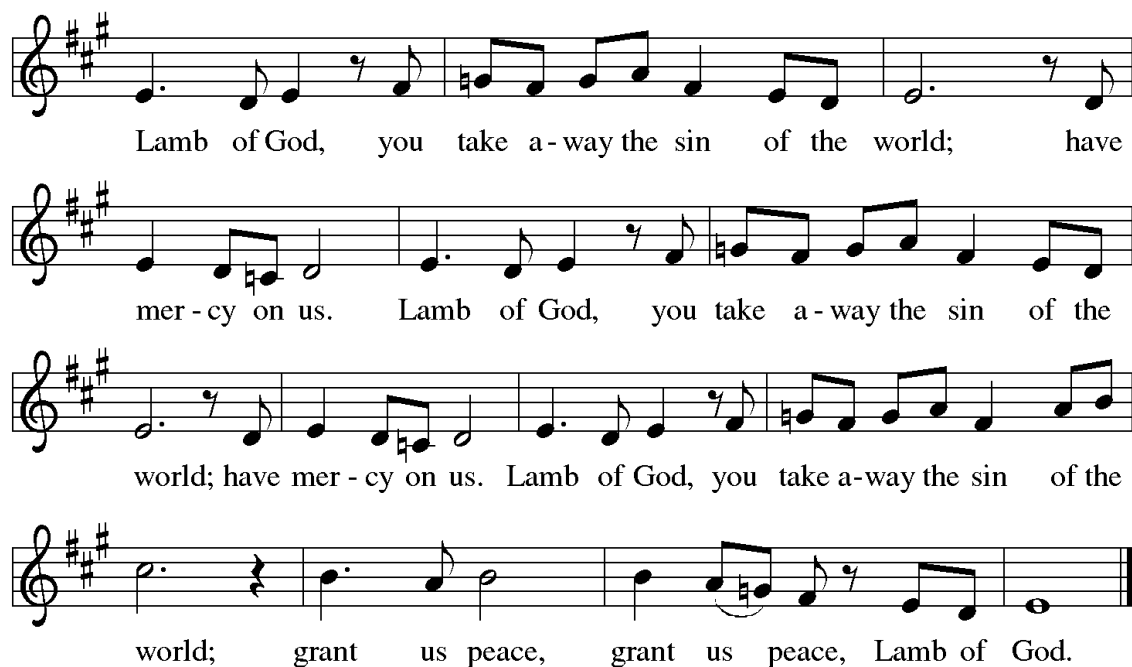
Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive

us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Lamb of God ELW p. 191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Invitation to Communion

Everyone is welcome to the table. As you are able, please come forward to receive communion at the front of the church. If you prefer juice for communion, it will be clear, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Special Music at Communion

In This Very Room Ron and Carol Harris
Laura Toland vocals

Prayer After Communion*

Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing*

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song*

I Love to Tell the Story..... ELW 661

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Sending*

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Rise Up and Serve the Lord.....arr. Patricia Lou Harris

Interested in Joining Grace? Please contact the church office for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email? Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

Online Giving Supporting Grace is easy with e-giving. Go to **bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline** or scan this QR Code to donate one time or to set up recurring gifts. We appreciate and thank you for your generosity!



Serving in Worship

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| Preaching & Presiding | Pastor Stephanie Wood |
| Director of Outreach & Youth Minister | Pastor Kirsten Lee |
| Assisting Minister | Ken Krumwiede |
| Communion Assistants | Jane Krumwiede, Janice Gibbs, Gloria Lange, Hollie Swain |
| Communion Bread | Gloria Lange |
| Acolyte | Janice Gibbs |
| Crucifer | NEEDED |
| Greeters | Kathy Higgins, Jackie Cain |
| Ushers | Paul Lewellan, Mark Jepson |
| Sound System | Mike Savely |
| Prayers | Connie Lannan |
| Altar Guild | Gloria Lange |
| Heart & Voice Choir Director | Sally Meier |
| Organist | Susan Senn |
| Pianist | Kathi Parrish |
| Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader | Vey Rodriguez |
| Coffee Hour | Vicki Liebe |

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Large print bulletins by request - ask an usher



During the summer months, Pastor Kirsten will lead a short JBS for children between services. There will be a short lesson, fun craft, and a snack. **The dates for these will be June 14, July 12, and August 9.**

Pictures into Memories

Father's Day Edition

June 21 | Between Services

Join Joel Lorentzen and Paul Lewellan between services on June 21. Bring a picture of your father or father figure and a story to share. (Or bring any other prized picture, if you'd rather.) Come whether or not you've attended prior sessions. Don't let precious memories get lost.



Coffee with Council

Sunday, June 28 | Between Services

Please join members of council for coffee and conversation between services. Get an update on the budget, learn more about our listening campaign, share your observations, questions, and concerns.



IFF Ice Cream Social!

Sunday, June 28 | 3:00-5:00pm

Village Co-op at Crow Creek
4700 Village Drive, Davenport)

We are celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the USA, so come wearing your red, white, and blue! Bring a dessert that goes well with ice cream and something cold to drink. The hosts will supply the ice cream, coffee, & water.

All are welcome! Please RSVP to the Krumwiede's (Jane 563-320-2619 or Ken 563-320-2419). Our event hosts: Dennis & Nancy Boehme, Ken & Jane Krumwiede, Kathy Higgins, & Kathy Shriver.



Looking Ahead

- **June 10** Bonfire Church
- **June 14** Summer JBS
- **June 14** Hymn Sing
- **June 15-19** VBS Day Camp
- **June 21** Pictures into Memories
- **June 22-July 3** Annie Vacation
- **July 28** Coffee with Council
- **June 28** IFF Ice Cream Social
- **June 29-July 6** Pastor Kirsten Vacation
- **July 5** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **July 12** Summer JBS
- **July 26** Conversation with Synod Staff

BONFIRE CHURCH

JUNE 10 | 6-8PM

DEVIL'S GLEN PARK

1101 Devils Glen Rd, Bettendorf

Grace members in their second quarter of life (20s, 30s, 40s) are invited to join other members from local Quad Cities ELCA churches for a bonfire. We will have snacks and great conversation. Feel free to bring a friend! Childcare provided at St. James (1705 Oak Street, Bettendorf)

QUESTIONS?

Pastor Stephanie
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Scan for
the current
Weekly
Update email



Help Support Pray & Play!



Birdies for Charity donations support our Pray & Play program. Thank you for your donations! Pastor Kirsten can answer any questions. **There are two ways to donate:**

- **By Check** pick up a brochure at church, make your check out to "Birdies for Charity" (not Grace), return both the brochure and your check to the church office, or mail them both together directly to the Birdies office.
- **Online** go to birdiesforcharity.com/donate, Click on "donate now", enter **1943** when prompted to enter a charity ID number.

Donation deadline June 28

thank you

Dearest Grace Family & Friends, We were so touched to have so many of you at our 60th Wedding Anniversary party last weekend. It meant a lot to us to share the day with all of you, and we so much enjoyed all of the visits and shared memories. ~Shirley & Ken Wellnitz

THANK YOU to the following ladies that have helped with the Safer lunches on May 19, 28; June 2 and 9: **Gloria Lange, Karen Jewel, Vicki Liebbe, Kathy Higgins, Ruth McAndrews, Dr. Becky Wiese, and Marilyn Schreiber.** Grace Lutheran Church is the only church who continues to provide a hot lunch for four weeks a class for the youth at Safer. Safer has had held six groups in their calendar year. I am so appreciative of the dedication these ladies and all the others that have helped during the year! If you are interested in helping, please contact Hollie Swain (563-514-4022).

Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).

Men's Lunch Group

The Men's Lunch Group meets noon Wednesdays at VanderVeer Park. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. In case of rain or cold weather, we'll meet at church. Contact Dennis Boehme boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 if you have questions about the meeting location.

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: June 9 & 10 | 9am-Noon

Anyone can join to help at church or at home cutting squares, sewing, finishing, etc. Questions? Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 or langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller 563-676-0914 or kathyk1679@aol.com .

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: June 20 We meet at **8:30am** the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required). **June Book:** *Twice* by Mitch Albom **Host:** Luanne Taylor 563-370-1747 **Location:** Home of Luanne Taylor (701 Titus Ct, LeClaire)

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: July 1 Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday of the month in June, July, & August **5:30pm** in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386

Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

You can make/serve coffee (and heat up water for tea), bring treats, or bring healthy snacks, or even all three if you wish. Anyone is welcome to help out - and we can show you how the coffee pots work, where the supplies are kept, etc. Contact the church office if you'd like some pointers. (*clipboard in narthex*)

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: Tues, Sept 15, 9:30-11am Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month September thru May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us! Contact: Nancy Boehme 563-320-6203

Sunday, June 7

Food Pantry Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream

9:30am Coffee Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, June 8

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

Tuesday, June 9

9:00am Quilters

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

1:30pm Social Ministry Meeting - Narthex

Wednesday, June 10

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

5:30pm Grief Support Group - PB

6:00pm Bonfire Chuch @ Devil's Glen Park

Thursday, June 11

Friday, June 12

Saturday, June 13

1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, June 14

Hymn Sing

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream

9:30am Coffee Hour

9:30am Jr Bible Study

10:30am Contemporary Worship

VBS DAY CAMP DONATION NEEDS

During the week of VBS, Grace is providing **lunch and snacks** on one of the days. Between the four churches and the camp staff, we are expecting to feed 75 people. We are also assembling **LWR Relief Kits** and those donation requests have been added to the donation link below.

All items need to be dropped off to church by Wednesday, June 10.

- **There are cards with items in the narthex.** Similar to our Christmas Angel Tree, you take a card and purchase the item listed on the card, and then bring it to the church by the due date.
- If you prefer to **sign up online** for a donation, you can go to bit.ly/VBSFood2026 or scan the QR Code for additional items. *(We are trying a new sign-up program. You will be prompted to create an "account" which is just a username and password.)* **Do you want to provide more than one selection in a category?** After completing your first donation selection, click on My Dashboard and it will take you back to the list. You can do this as many times as you wish.
- **Monetary donations** are also welcome to help us purchase the food. In addition to our lunch commitment, all churches are contributing toward pizza on Friday. Checks can be made out to Grace, with the memo of "VBS donation".



VBS DAY CAMP

V LUNTEER NEEDS

We are still in need of volunteers for VBS to ensure adequate supervision. Please consider taking a few hours one or two days during one of these shifts. Sign up through the link that was emailed/texted or talk with Pastor Kirsten:

Small Group Assistants are needed on the following dates and times:

- Monday, June 15, Noon-4pm
- Tuesday, June 16, Noon-4pm
- Wednesday, June 15, Noon-4pm
- Thursday, June 18, 9am-1pm
- Thursday, June 18, Noon-4pm
- Friday, June 19, Noon-4pm Snack helper and Small Group Assistant

Small Group Assistants help with a specific age group engaging with the kids in arts & crafts and other activities. You are a support for the EWALU counselors. Detailed duties for each shift are in the June newsletter.