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Equipping God's people as we celebrate, teach, and share God's Grace.

February, 2019

"This Is Love"

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:10-11

There are Valentine gifts and there are Valentine gifts.

When I asked some ladies about the best Valentine gift they ever received, they thought and smiled. When I asked about the worst, they laughed -- now, they laughed -- and began shouting out bad presents like they were machine guns. Just some of their bad gifts were

- a five-pound box of candy: the kind he loves and she hates;
- an ironing board;
- a shotgun that he wanted. (She added, "I have never shot a gun in my life.");
- lingerie which was five sizes too big or four sizes too small;
- jumper cables;
- ten years of nothing.

One rather interesting Valentine's gift this year was given in Burbank, California. There a man presented his wife, whom he calls "the boss" with a \$1 million lottery ticket. They're going to buy a new home and a new car.

So, what kind of gift can a person give to say, "I love you"?

The answer to that question, dear friends, is provided by the apostle John.

In one short sentence the beloved disciple tells us Jesus Christ, our heaven-sent Substitute is the embodiment of real love. John has it right.

How can anyone remain unmoved by the love the Savior showed in the Garden of Gethsemane? There He received the weight of every sin humanity has ever committed. Even though He was greatly burdened, Jesus still rose up to meet His betrayer. Even though He knew what was ahead, Jesus went forward to be beaten, lied about and spit upon.

What is the best gift of love we have ever been given? Look at the cross. See the Savior who was laughed at; watch as His clothes were dispersed among His executioners; listen as He forgave His murderers, took care of His mother and promised salvation to a dying thief. Watch as He died the death we had deserved.

What is the best gift of love we have ever been given? Stand at the empty tomb and know that because He lives we shall live also.

Yes, we have been given a great gift of love in the Person of Jesus, and now it is our privilege to show our appreciation by offering Him a thankful, repentant heart.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, the world talks about love, but You have -- in the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Your Son -- shown what real, sacrificial love is. May I, in all I am and say, show my gratitude. This I pray in my Savior's Name. Amen.

Taken from "Lutheran Hour Devotions, available daily online.



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Articles may be submitted
to: pastor@graceoakcreek.org

Ladies Guild



Mitten Tree Report

Thank you to everyone who 'decorated' the mitten tree this year!

Hats-34

Gloves & Mittens-16 pairs

Scarves-44

South Milwaukee Human Concerns program was very grateful for our gifts!

Coming up in February

Brass Choir Breakfast

Feb 10th-Check in with Beth Jackson to assist with this event. The kids appreciate us serving them a delicious breakfast!

Ladies Guild Meeting

Feb. 12th-7pm at school



Rise and Sunshine Bible Study

New Study!!

"Pew Sisters" by Katie Schuermann

This 12-session Bible study "goes and tells what God has done" in the lives of real women in the church today.

The goal of this study is to encourage and build up the faith of our Christian sisters. Each woman sitting in the pew has a story to share of God's faithfulness in her life. Books can be ordered at www.cph.org

February Meeting Schedule has been adjusted to:

February 2nd & 16th

Still at 7AM

School Library



GRACE LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP
PRESENTS

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

February 22, 5-9PM
Grace Lutheran School
Free Will Donation

We will provide babysitting while you enjoy a night out!
Games, Movies, Snacks, and More!

All monies received will help our youth attend the National
Youth Gathering in Minneapolis this summer.
CPR trained staff will also be present.

To register or for questions, contact Ariel Wald
awald@graceoakcreek.org
414-762-8755

Youth Group News



From July 11-15, 2019, our Grace youth group has the privilege of participating with over 15,000 other youth from around the nation at the National LCMS Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. This will be a week filled with praise, worship, and sharing faith with others centered on the theme of Psalm 46:10-11.

In order to help the youth get to Minneapolis, they will be selling stock in the youth group from now until the end of April. What better investment than in the youth of Grace? Stock can be purchased in any amount from one of the following youth:

Gabe Dachel
Maddie Durant
Elizabeth Kamprath
Kyle Mallum
eksie Poellet
Mia Poellet.

You may also purchase stock from Anna Poellet, Ariel Wald, or Lisa Kamprath (the chaperones). Youth will be available after all services in the narthex of church. If you have any additional questions, please contact Lisa Kamprath by phone, (414) 570-3438 or e-mail, lisa@kamprath.net.

When you purchase your stock, you are not only supporting the youth of Grace, but also reserving your seat at our Shareholder's Luncheon. This special meal will be held after our return from Minneapolis and will give you the opportunity to not only enjoy a great meal prepared by our youth, but also hear from them about their trip, see pictures, and share in the enthusiasm that a trip like this engenders.

We thank you in advance for your continued prayers and support of this gathering opportunity.

Family Ministry Night

Thursday, February 28th, 2019



4K—8th Grade Families

5:00 pm

All school aged children, 4K – 8th grade, and their families are invited to join us at Grace Lutheran School on Thursday, February 28th, in the Gym at 5pm for a free dinner, devotion, and family engagement in Christ.

Our central focus is the role families' play in the lives of their children's spiritual walk and how we can follow Christ and His example. Along with food and devotion, there will be a family engagement activity that you can take home and use. This is a fun and free event that all families are encouraged to attend! Our event concludes with our Thursday evening service at 6:30 at Church.

Please RSVP
to the office or Mrs. Mendez (jmendez@graceoakcreek.org)
by Friday, February 22nd
indicating how many people will be attending.

We look forward to this event and
we hope you plan to join us!

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Every One His Witness



Lutheran Evangelism Workshop

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$14.00

(\$12.00 for the materials and \$2.00 to defray the cost for lunch).

Every One His Witness is a Lutheran evangelism program that teaches you how to witness to your friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members and any other nonchurched people you may know.

The evangelism committee at Grace Lutheran Church is sponsoring a one-day workshop with ***Every One His Witness***. At the workshop we will explore the LASSIE (Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite and Encourage) approach for witnessing. you will learn how to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ through relational, contextual witnessing.

Our presenter will be Rev. Jonah Burakowski, director of Missions and Human Care for the South Wisconsin District of the LC-MS.

Please prayerfully consider joining this opportunity to grow in the knowledge of how to share the love of God given to us through Jesus Christ.

Please fill out the next page and return it to the usher at worship or drop off at the school or ECC office.

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1 Peter 2:9

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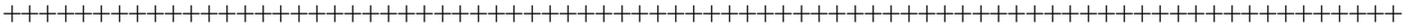


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Evangelism Workshop Sign-Up Form

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I would like to attend the **Every One His Witness** workshop at Grace Lutheran School on Saturday, March 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Name: _____ Number attending: _____

Contact Number: _____

\$14 payable in advance of workshop.

Checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

(Description line: Evangelism workshop.)

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The following 2 pages will be handed out in church on January 31st and February 3rd. Please take time to prayerfully consider your stewardship of the gifts God has given to you for this coming year. Please notice the form is returned unsigned. What you give will be between you and God. This serves an opportunity for you to acknowledge your stewardship before God and give the congregation the opportunity to see how collectively we are responding!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT
of my Money and Resources

GOD'S PROMISE TO ME . . .

- I Chronicles 29:14** "Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand."
- I Corinthians 16:2** "On the first day of every week . . . in keeping with his income."
- Malachi 3:10** "Bring the whole tithe . . . test Me in this."

MY PROMISE TO GOD . . .

In recognition that all I possess comes from God and in loving response to what God has done for me in Christ and with a deep desire to help my congregation carry out its ministry of love and service, I make the following commitment.

___ I (we) commit ourselves to making worship a priority in our life.

___ I will challenge myself this year to increase my offering and return to the Lord _____ % of my/our income(s) as an offering to the Lord through our ministry together at Grace,

As the Lord blesses,
my offering will be: \$ _____ Per Week Month Year (circle appropriate.)

I have challenged myself to increase my offering
to the lord this year by \$ _____ Per Week Month Year (circle appropriate)

(Keep one copy as a reminder for yourself and return the second copy in the commitment envelope.

**A commitment box will be in the entrance to church beginning this Sunday.
Dedication of commitments will take place during worship on February 14th & 17th.**

Living Each Day as a Steward Firstfruits, Proportionate, and Generous Giving

"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income..." (1 Cor. 16:2)

Annual Income	Percentage Giving (Proportionate) (Expressed in \$ commitment per week)											
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10% Tithe	11%	12%
15,000	2.88	5.76	8.64	11.52	14.40	17.28	20.16	23.04	25.92	28.80	31.68	34.56
20,000	3.85	7.70	11.54	15.38	19.23	23.02	26.92	30.76	34.61	38.46	42.31	46.04
25,000	4.80	9.60	14.40	19.20	24.00	28.80	33.60	38.40	43.20	48.00	52.80	57.60
30,000	5.76	11.52	17.28	23.04	28.80	34.56	40.32	46.08	51.84	57.60	63.36	69.12
35,000	6.73	13.46	20.19	26.92	33.65	40.38	47.11	53.84	60.57	67.30	74.03	80.76
40,000	7.69	15.38	23.07	30.76	38.45	46.14	53.83	61.52	69.21	76.90	84.59	92.28
45,000	8.65	17.30	25.95	34.60	43.25	51.90	60.55	69.20	77.85	86.50	95.15	103.80
50,000	9.61	19.22	28.83	38.44	48.05	57.66	67.27	76.88	84.49	96.10	105.71	115.32
55,000	10.57	21.14	31.71	42.28	52.85	63.42	73.99	84.56	95.13	105.70	116.28	126.84
60,000	11.52	23.04	34.56	46.08	57.60	69.12	80.64	92.16	103.68	115.20	126.72	138.24
70,000	13.46	26.92	40.38	53.84	67.30	80.76	94.22	107.68	121.14	134.60	148.06	161.52
80,000	15.38	30.76	46.14	61.52	76.90	92.28	107.66	123.04	138.42	153.80	169.18	184.56
90,000	17.30	34.60	51.90	69.20	86.50	103.80	121.10	138.40	155.70	173.00	190.30	207.60
100,000	19.22	38.44	57.66	76.88	96.10	115.32	134.54	153.76	168.98	192.20	211.42	230.64

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South Wisconsin District

Office of Mission and Human Care Mission Prayers

Please remember those involved in mission work who we support throughout our District.

Week of February 3 –

Please include Dr. Sam Lee in your prayers as he prepares to begin pastoral formation/education in the Specific Ministry Program to serve the Mandarin (Chinese) speaking community at our new church plant at Elm Grove Lutheran Church.

Week of February 10 -

Please keep the District's expanding Prison Ministry in your prayers this week and ask our Lord to sustain Rev. Ryan Willis, Chaplain to the inmates at the Oxford Federal Prison, and Rev. Afam Ikanih, Chaplain at the Milwaukee House of Correction, as they bring the promise of forgiveness in Christ Jesus to the inmates.

Week of February 17 – T

This week pray for all international missionaries serving around the world, asking the Lord of the Church to protect, preserve and increase their faithful work. Pray for an increase in their support so they can continue to preach, teach and confess Christ crucified for the sins of mankind, bringing hope and joy where they serve.

Week of February 24 –

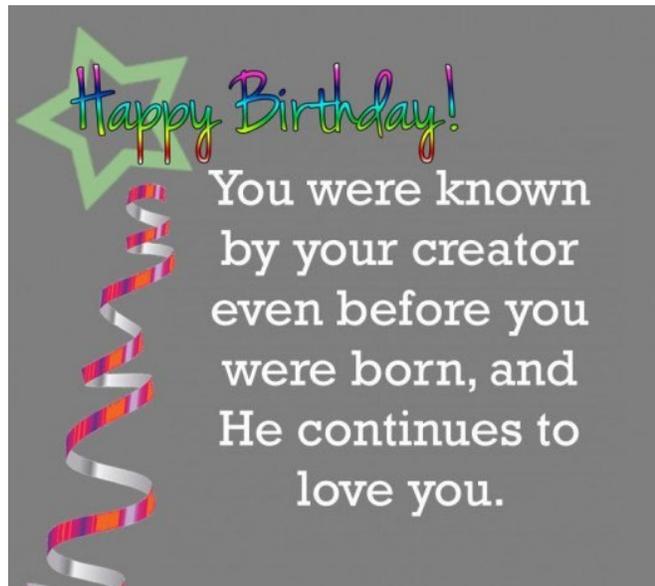
Remember our "SOS" Center ministry to the children of Milwaukee's inner city, asking the Lord to keep the children safe from those who would harm them, equipping them with the armor of faith through those who provide after-school programs, meals and guidance in the Word of God.

Week of March 3 – P

Please pray this week for Rev. Gui Kasongo, who serves at International Lutheran Church of Zion and Gospel Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Ask our Lord to bless his ministry to the many immigrants coming to our shores in search of freedom so that they find peace in their Savior, Jesus Christ.

February Birthdays

Name	Month/Day
Mallon, Brianna	2/2
Bukovcan, Dale	2/4
Pulkownik, Stephanie	2/4
Yeh, Giana	2/4
Gottwald, Heidi	2/6
Stresing, Joshua	2/6
Eggert, Peter	2/7
Pieper, Alina	2/10
Laabs, Kelly	2/11
Mirenda, Anthony	2/11
Riemer, Cynthia	2/11
Kelley, Kaden	2/12
Pankow, Amy	2/12
Buretta, Beverly	2/13
Tindall, Henry	2/13
Meyer, Terri	2/15
Poellet, Anna	2/15
Urbaniak, Emma	2/15
Kopperud, Evan	2/16



Kamprath, Elizabeth	2/18
Kamprath, Rebecca	2/18
Olen, Robert	2/18
Zunker, Emilee	2/18
Dummer, Susan	2/19
Malicki, Taylor	2/19
Willms, Scott	2/19
Norton, Abigail	2/20
Sauer, Jim	2/20
Gottwald IV, John	2/21
Krug, Leah	2/21
Lutzke, Graciana	2/22
Eggert, Joshua	2/23
Hobart, Sarah	2/23
Svicek, Samara	2/25
Peppler, Melissa	2/26
Gettelman, Steve	2/27
Wenzel, Christ	2/27



Radio Worship Services

“The Lutheran Hour” can be heard every Sunday Morning at 6:00 AM on WGN 720 AM, Chicago or at 6:30 AM on WTMJ 620 AM or at 11:00 am WRRD 540 AM, Milwaukee.

“The Lutheran Hour,” which began in 1930, is the world’s oldest continually broadcast Gospel radio program. This weekly half-hour program, now heard on more than 1,200 radio stations, pro-claims the message of Jesus Christ to a world-wide audience.

“Woman To Woman” is a nationally syndicated weekly half-hour radio talk show that nurtures and provides encouragement for women throughout North America. It can be heard on Saturday at 7:00 PM on WGLB 1560 AM, Milwaukee or on Sunday at 11:30 AM at WRRD 540 AM, Milwaukee.

Stimulating conversation between host Phyllis Wallace and her interesting guests explores issues which impact women. ***“Woman To Woman”*** promotes the spiritual growth of its listeners while providing practical lifestyle information. It equips women to live and share the truth of God's Word in their many relationships: friends, spouses, parents and children.

Lutheran TV — “On Main Street” (WTMJ, Channel 4 Sunday 4:30 AM)

On Main Street is a pre-recorded half-hour weekly television program which shares practical spiritual teaching on today's issues from a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

Each On Main Street episode explores a different life problem. Program host, Dr. Dale A. Meyer, is joined by a featured expert guest and select panel members for a candid discussion of the program's topic.

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Prayer Hot Line



In order to request prayers by members of Grace, please contact one of the following people. Your request will be made known to all members of our Prayer Line. Prayer requests for worship service should be directed to the church office or Pastor Dummer.

10 AM-3 PM
Carol Thurber — 762-9615

3 PM-9 PM
Chet & Pauline Parker — 764-5574

Internet Prayerline
Pauline Parker
paulinemom@aol.com

