

Equipper

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

January 2020

The Coming King

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Matthew 2:13-15

Have you ever noticed that, apart from the first time, it is Joseph God speaks to, and not Mary? God brings Joseph into the whole situation by making it clear to him that the baby is in fact the Son of God; He then tells Joseph to go through with the wedding, making him Jesus' foster-father and protector. From that point on, God sends dream after dream to Joseph: He warns him to take Jesus and Mary to Egypt when Herod threatened the baby's life; He tells him when it's safe to come back again; and He guides him to settle his family in Galilee, safely out of the reach of Herod's dangerous son and successor.

Joseph is Jesus' protector. He is not an afterthought—not a mere add-on to the basic Nativity set of Mary and baby. He takes the role of a father—he guides, he watches over, he protects. His role is vital. Without Joseph—what?

Without you—what? You too have a vital role in life, whether that's as a protector, nurturer, pray-er, teacher, caregiver, care receiver, or any of a multitude of ways God gives us to serve one another. Your role is vital, whatever it may be. God has called you to it, no matter how major or minor it may seem. And God makes no mistakes.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, You know what You have in mind for me to be and do. Guide me so that I fulfill that role and take joy in it, remembering that You love me and have chosen me to be Your own. Amen.



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Articles may be submitted
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Deadline for
February Equipper:
January 17th

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Grace Lutheran

Social Media Corner

Why is Grace Lutheran on Facebook and Instagram?

Aren't those just for funny cat videos and political rants?

We use these social media platforms to share the special things going on at church, school and the Early Childhood Center. However, most importantly, we share on social media the Gospel of God's redeeming love! This is evident when we share the Advent message of waiting for the return of our Savior King or in the pictures of smiling children's faces as they prepare for the Christmas Program where they will share the Christmas message.

We enjoy using this technology to continue the work of spreading the Good News of God's Riches At Christ's Expense!

Join us in this work!

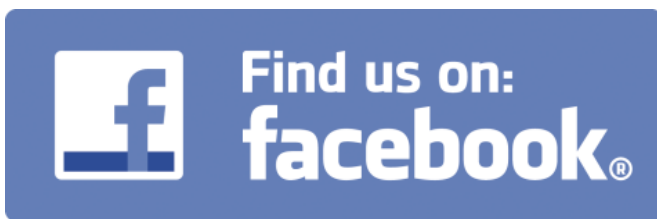
LIKE our page, and make sure you SHARE these messages with others too!

Facebook:

Grace Lutheran Church School & Early Childhood Center, Oak Creek, WI

Instagram:

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Ladies Guild

Cookie Packing night is always fun, and this year hit the mark again!

Did you know Ladies Guild has been packing cookies for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission for over 60 years! The charity wasn't called the Milwaukee Rescue Mission at the time, but the generosity of our ladies has been felt from the beginning. This year 40 boxes of cookies and candies were packed and wrapped.

Thank you to everyone who baked and a special thanks to Jen Poellet who delivered the goodies to the Rescue Mission.

Thank you from Grace Ladies Guild for your support of our Journey of Faith candle fundraiser. We sold 68 candles and will receive \$460.00 profit to be used toward various mission projects. Our candles will help light the world with God's word.

NO January MEETING!

However...We have still a few things going on this month.

Rachel Meyer- LCMS Missionary to Uganda

January 18th-Saturday-9am-10:30am at school

Rachel is back in the US and will be visiting to share with us how she is serving the Lord as a teacher at Hope Lutheran Church and School in Bufuula Uganda.

Join us for a continental breakfast
9am - 9:30am,
Rachel will speak at 9:30am.

Everyone is welcome!!

Ladies Guild

(Continued)

Blessings for Baby Shower Ingathering- Jan. 16th-Feb. 9th

We will be collecting items for the children at A Place of Refuge.

Items needed:

Infant socks

Infant sleepers- winter weight-newborn, 3 months and 6 months

Infant wash clothes and bath towels

Bibs

Books for babies thru grade school aged children

Please leave items in the designated box in the lower level of church.

February Guild Meeting

Saturday- February 8th-9am-10am

Join us as we work on our plastic sleeping mats project.

No formal meeting this month - more of a work day as we continue to cut the MANY plastic bags everyone has donated.

All ladies are invited to join in on the fun...
bring along a pair of scissors and your morning beverage of choice.

Rise and Sonshine Bible Study

****Schedule Change for January****

Meeting only on Jan. 25th

7am @ school

Having finished the Beth Moore video study titled "Entrusted", we will be selecting our next bible study.

Ladies you are ALWAYS invited to join us-
simply bring your morning beverage- we supply
the treats!!



THANK YOU!

The 19th Annual Cookies By the Pound sale
was another wonderful success.
\$2,534.15 was raised this year!

147 different types of cookies and candies!

Thank you to everyone who helped!!
Blessings and Happy New Year!
Jennifer Olen



P.S.- Next year's sale is set for December 5th!

2020 FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

**Place flowers through Parkway Floral
or
provide your own fresh cut flowers**

Parkway Floral will provide free delivery.

Call Parkway (762-0246) or have us place the order.

Average Cost: \$25

Providing your own arrangement?

All flowers will go in a special vase liner.

Pick one up from Rachel in the ECC, or Pastor.

Fill with your fresh flowers.

Thursday: Drop off at ECC and we'll take it from there.

Sign up on the white board in the narthex at church

or

Call the church office at 414-762-8990 to sign up.

February

A Month Long Celebration of Ministry

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1: 3—6

Please join us throughout the month of February as we celebrate our ministry at Grace..

Jan 20 & Feb 2 Celebrating our ECC

The children of our ECC will sing during the 10:30 am service and our ECC Director, Rachel Miliacca will share all that has been happening with our Early Childhood center. Join us at this service to learn why our ECC is an important part of our ministry at Grace.

Feb 6 & 9 Celebrating our Day School

Our congregation has been committed to Christian Education since its beginning. This week we will celebrate the joy of providing Christian Education. Christian education at Grace provides an opportunity for a solid foundation in academics and growth of their relationship to our Savior Jesus Christ. This gives them the ability to have a life of faith expressed throughout their experience in the classroom

The students of our ECC will sing during the 10:30 am service and our principal, Mr. Gettelman, will share with us the role of our Day School as part of our ministry here at Grace.

Feb 13 & 16 Ministry Fair

We will have our regular worship service on Thursday. However, we will only have one service on Sunday. It will be at 9:00 am and held at our school. It will be a celebration of the many opportunities God gives for us to be in service at Grace. As part of this celebration, Jennifer Olen will be leading a question and answer session with two or three members as they showcase the importance of our ministry at Grace. This will be a unique service including special music, speakers and an opportunity to praise God for all He accomplishes in extending His Kingdom through His people.

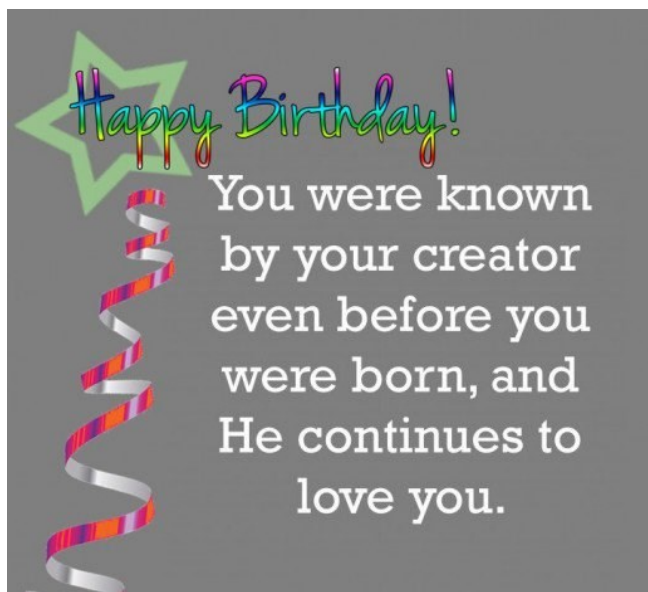
Our Board of Stewardship will be providing breakfast following the service and inviting you to visit a variety of booths that will be set up to showcase many areas of ministry that are part of our congregational life.

Feb 20 & 23 Pastoral Ministry

We will conclude our month of celebration as we consider the role of the pastoral ministry, as God calls men to serve as pastors within the congregation to “Equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:12

January Birthdays

Name	Month/Day
McLain, Jeannette	1/1
Rolefson, Danny	1/1
Rolefson, Nicole	1/1
Smith, Dean	1/1
Minkley, Erica	1/3
Umaske, Pamela	1/4
Gaudian, Kathleen	1/7
Morrisette, Matthew	1/11
Gamroth, Evie	1/12
Moede, Kallie	1/12
Rekowski, Michael	1/12
Zunker, Willow	1/13
Hundt, Madilyn	1/16
Bahr, Austin	1/17
Olen, Jennifer	1/19
Tindall, Benjamin	1/22
Manoil, Patrick	1/23
Lussier, Joy	1/26
Willms, Jeanne	1/27
Kamprath, Lisa	1/28
Dachel, Tricia	1/31



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.

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

INFORMATION LINKS

Click on any of these Hyperlinks.
You'll be taken to the appropriate spot on our website!

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Online-Giving](#)
