

Equipper

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

MARCH



“For What Is Our Church Here?”

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”
(Romans 10:17)

Many people firmly believe that the only thing a church is good for is to promote socialization. The community parents might believe that the Lutheran school is a safe and distinguished place to send their child. The homeless man might believe the church exists to provide him free meals and maybe a place to sleep. The atheist may believe that the church shouldn't exist at all.

What is your answer to the question *“For what is our church here?”* Certainly, a community of Christians overflowing with Christ's love can produce lots of social good. Certainly, we want our Lutheran School and Early Childhood Center to be excellent. Certainly, our hearts break for the destitute. But these are not the reasons that our church exists. If we wanted to enact social good, we would start a charity. If we wanted a place for the homeless to rest their heads and fill their bellies, we would start a homeless shelter. Instead, we have a church.

Central to our church is the verse from Romans 10:17 at the top of the page. When we have church Easter egg hunts or our children Christmas programs, the goal is always to share the gospel message. In our worship services, the gospel message is at the center. Even in our private lives with every relationship and interaction, the possibility of bringing someone to a hearing of the message about Christ is our highest goal.

Do we always view the message about Christ as such? When we fail to, let us fall upon our knees and ask God for forgiveness for our failures to remember Christ's Great Commission to preach the gospel.

But consider this: What is your biggest hope for your life? What would make you the absolute happiest? Is it not heaven? As the Apostle Paul said, *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain”* (Philippians 1:21). Through hearing the gospel message of eternal life and salvation we have through our Lord Jesus' death on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, we have been brought to faith. With faith comes the hope of heaven and with the hope of heaven, we have joy.

How great would it be to share the message of Christ with someone, and at the end of the day, say, *“I'll see him in heaven.”* That's why our church is here-for the hearing of the message of the forgiveness of sins we have in Jesus' name.

We pray: *Lord God, bless the preaching of your Word. Send your Holy Spirit to sprout faith wherever the seed is sown. Amen.*

See you in worship,
Pastor John M. Taggatz

Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church

"Return to the Lord!"



Join us for this exciting series as we meditate upon Christ's passion in dying on the cross to save us from our sins. Please note: **ASH WEDNESDAY** is on March 2nd with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m. There will be no Thursday Evening Service on March 3rd. The Lenten Services following Ash Wednesday will be on Thursday nights at 6:30pm without communion. Here is an overview of the series:

Wednesday, March 2nd 6:30pm with Communion — Ash Wednesday: "Return to the Lord, Who Is Gracious"
Joel 2:12–19

Thursday, March 10th 6:30pm — "Return to the Lord, Who Has Redeemed You" Isaiah 44:21–28

Thursday, March 17th 6:30pm — "Return to the Lord, Who Will Restore You" Jeremiah 15:19–21

Thursday, March 24th 6:30pm — "Return to the Lord, Who Will Raise You Up" Hosea 6:1–6

Thursday, March 31st 6:30pm — "Return to the Lord, Who Does Not Change" Malachi 3:6–12

Thursday, April 7th 6:30pm — "Return to the Lord, Who Does Not Tire of Calling You" Amos 4:6–13

Thursday, April 14th 6:30pm with Communion — Maundy Thursday: "The Lord Returns to Jerusalem with Mercy" Zechariah 1:12–17

Friday, April 15th 12:00pm Good Friday Worship no communion — "It Is Finished" John 19:30

Friday, April 15th 6:30pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service — "The Word of the Lord Returns to Him with Success" Isaiah 55:6–11

Sunday, April 17th 6:00am Easter Sunrise Service, No Communion — "Don't Seek the Living among the Dead" Luke 24:1–6a

Sunday, April 17th 8:30am & 10:00am Easter Sunday Festival Service with communion — "He Has Risen! He Is Now Here!" Luke 24:1–12

Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

In *Suffering Servant*, we encounter Jesus the Man sent to redeem a lost world. Born in the flesh, Jesus became like us. Taking the form of a Servant, He emptied Himself. Bearing our sins to the cross, He gives us newness of life through His victory over death won for us by His resurrection from the dead.

We are offering these devotions at our Church in both a physical booklet form and we will be emailing them out to our members. This devotional will include our Lenten Worship Schedule for Grace with contact information for our Church. To view the devotions online go to: <https://www.lhm.org/lent/>

Consider using this devotion not only for your own personal and family devotions during the Lenten season, but also to share with your neighbor, family member, friend, or co-worker so that they too can share in the comforting Gospel of our Lord's passion and death for the forgiveness of our sins.

What is Lent? The season of Lent begins in February or March. The word *lent* has its origin in the same root as one of the German words for "spring," *Lenz*. As nature awakens from the death of winter, so the Christian finds newness of life in Christ, rising from sin's death. During the 40 days of Lent, God's baptized people cleanse their hearts through the discipline of Lent: *repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving*.

Lent is a time in which God's people prepare with joy for the paschal feast (Easter). It is a time in which God renews His people's zeal in faith and life. It is a time in which we pray that we may be given the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God.

Customs: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday when ashes are placed on the forehead to symbolize repentance. The color for this service is black or purple. The color for the rest of Lent is purple. The hymns and services of Lent do not include the joyful word, "*Aleluia*." Consider fasting during daylight hours. Spend your regular mealtime in prayer and devotional reading. If you cannot abstain from food for health reasons, abstain from something else (*e.g., television or another leisure activity*). Do not fast on Sundays, which are not part of the 40 days of Lent. Read Bible stories with children each day.





I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY (a man's story)

Fourteen months ago, I was at a point where I needed someone to talk to about the struggles in my life. My pastor recommended I consider meeting with a Stephen Minister...another man trained as a caregiver, who would walk with me during this difficult time. Trusting someone with personal information about my life was something I feared at first, but my pastor reassured me that everything was confidential, so I agreed to give it a try. I'm so glad I did!

Soon after meeting my Stephen Minister, I quickly sensed I could trust him. Part of that trust came from knowing he was trained to help people through their problems. He made me feel comfortable by not prying for information, but instead just let me share what was on my mind. Any questions he did ask fit our conversation appropriately. Probably the best thing he did for me was not judging me for my past decisions; rather, he was there to help me move forward.

I think another significant trust-building factor was being able to talk with someone who was not in my regular circle of friends. My friends certainly continued to have a very important place in my life, but I also needed someone who could see me objectively. That helped make it easier to share personal parts of my life. Also, knowing my Stephen Minister would be there for me "next week" as we usually met for an hour each week, gave me confidence. I see now how much I needed regular encouragement as I rode the roller coaster of emotions that came during this period of insatiability in my life.

I really appreciated our times together. Our weekly visits were more than just meeting to talk. They also helped keep me accountable between times, to carry through with the changes I said I wanted to make. My Stephen Minister often went out of his way to help me in my struggle.

My life experience during the 19 months I met with my Stephen Minister was not always one of progress. It took courage for me to honestly share when I had my failures and setbacks too. Even then my Stephen Minister was there for me. He encouraged me not to give up, but to pick up and keep going forward.

That genuine acceptance spoke to me the most; not to accept failure, but to confess, turn and receive forgiveness. Having someone assure me of that biblical truth was really encouraging and was exactly what I needed. My Stephen Minister walked with me through a really dark part of my life, pointing me to the truth and love that is in Christ.

I thank the Lord for my Stephen Minister who did not try to solve all my problems but lovingly, as a Christian brother, walked along with me through this valley in my life.

If you are dealing with some type of crisis or difficulty in life, I encourage you to meet with a Stephen Minister. You won't regret it. Stephen Ministry is a way congregations can provide high-quality care and outreach to hurting people in the congregation and community.

Stephen Ministers are congregation members who have gone through 50 hours of training (and ongoing training monthly) to provide one-to-one, Christian-centered care. Each Stephen Minister is matched with a hurting person--men are paired with men, and women with women--and meets weekly with that person to listen, care, pray, and encourage.

Stephen Ministers care for those dealing with grief, divorce, job loss, hospitalization, financial struggles, loneliness, convalescence, terminal illness, and many other life difficulties.

How can you get a Stephen Minister? If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, you can talk to Pastor Taggatz or to one of our Stephen Leaders: Jeanne, Lisa, Chris, Lori or if you want another Stephen Minister: Pat Lemmer, Gail Olen, Bob Morgan, Jan Barrett, Donna Wenzel, Beth or Dick Jackson, Adam Voss or Pauline Parker, our leaders are also Stephen Ministers.

If you would be interested in being a Stephen Minister please talk to one of our leaders or Pastor Taggatz.



March Announcements

Please Note

Call the church office at 414.762.8990...

- When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so a visit can be made by Pastor Taggatz.
- When your group plans to hold a meeting, so it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.
- When your address, email, or your home or business phone number have changed, so church records can be corrected.
- When you are planning to move either out of town or locally.
- When you know you are pregnant so that we will be able to assist you in any way we can with prayers, encouragement and support.
- When a new baby arrives in your family and/or in the family of another church member.
- When you are planning a wedding, baptism or funeral.

Pastor Taggatz Office Hours

Monday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Tuesday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Thursday 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Friday (Pastor's day off)

Visitations: Monday-Thursday afternoons

For appointments or emergencies, call church office or Pastor's cell phone.

Pastor John M. Taggatz: 715.467.1231

Sarah Anderson, Church Secretary: 414.762.8990 | T-W-TH 8:15am-1:15pm



REMINDER: If you have any announcements and/or additions for the *Equipper* please forward to Sarah Anderson at church@graceoakcreek.org by the 17th of each month.



The Mites collection dates
for this month are:
Wednesday, March 2nd
Sunday, March 6th



Martin Luther Blood Drive

Give blood. Help save lives. There will be a blood drive Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 9:00am – 2:00pm in the Martin Luther High School gym (5201 S. 76th Street, Greendale). For an appointment call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

Stephen Ministry at Grace—would you like to know more about our Stephen Ministry here at Grace? We will be having a special announcement at our worship services on the work that Stephen Ministry does here in our congregation on Thursday, March 17th and Sunday, March 20th. Stephen ministers from Grace will also be present to answer any questions that you may have on the special work that they do in caring for their neighbor with their physical needs and in sharing the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with members of our congregation and in our community.



**Keep an eye out
for a
Spring Craft Night in
March.**

Youth Group Meeting at Grace Lutheran School ~ Friday, March 18th from 5:30-8pm. We will have a devotion and have a few activities for the youth to do and we will be discussing our Easter Egg Hunt that we will be doing for the younger children on Saturday, April 9th. For the meeting, youth are welcome to bring their own snacks. We hope to see you there! Youth ages 5th grade through high school are invited to attend.

There will be an ongoing fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering in the back of the church during the month of March. It's called the:

Envelope Fundraiser for NYG 2022



Easter Lilies/Plants

To help make our Easter celebration more memorable, Milaeger's is offering a beautiful assortment of plants to celebrate the glorious Easter holiday. 1) Sign-up for your preferred flower/plant on purple sheets posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. 2) Enclose cash or check in the envelopes provided and place in offering basket or hand to an elder. All money and orders need to be placed by March 13, 2022.



The Grace Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 9th at 3pm. DONATIONS NEEDED. This Easter Egg Hunt will be for preschool through 4th grade and it will be held at Grace Lutheran School. Our Grace Lutheran Youth Group members and their parents will be helping out with this event. We are asking for donations of already filled plastic Easter Eggs for this Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to drop off your donations you can do so at church or at our Grace Lutheran School/Church office. We are inviting the families from our Church, School, and Early Childhood Center to attend this event. Please join us!!!

Voter's Meeting at Grace on Sunday, April 24th following our 10:30am worship service. At this Voter's Meeting we will be presenting our proposed budget for the next year. We will also have Board updates, a report from Pastor Taggatz, discuss the parking lot project, the treasurer's report, and we will have an update on new members at Grace. Please plan on attending the Voter's Meeting, as your support and involvement in our ministries here at Grace is deeply needed and appreciated.

Thank
you 

The Board of Stewardship and the ECC would like to thank all of those who purchased chili; we really appreciate your support. The proceeds will go towards the ECC's re-accreditation this coming spring. We hope all of you enjoyed your chili since the Stewardship committee and Mike Toman had a lot of fun putting it together. You have truly made a difference and we are extremely grateful!

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Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. Deut. 32:2



Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran this Summer

Please mark your calendars!!! We will be having our Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran School on Friday, July 22nd from 5:30-8:30pm. Our theme for VBS this year will be *Space Station Salvation* and children ages 3 through 6th grade will be able to attend. If you are interested in enrolling your children for Vacation Bible School at Grace this Summer, please contact our Church/School office at: 414-762-8990 or church@graceoakcreek.org. There will be a special parent/child class for those under 3.

UPDATE ON THE PARKING LOT PROJECT AT CHURCH

Currently, we have about \$43,521 in dedicated funds to go towards the repair and replacement of our church parking lot. *(Thank you to many of you within the congregation who, in the past few weeks, have donated \$2,050.00 since we communicated about the challenge for the parking lot)!!!* We have received a generous matching grant offer from one of our members here at Grace of \$10,000. If our congregation can raise an addition \$10,000 by the end of May 2022 we will receive the matching grant money, which will go to replace our Church and ECC parking lot. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to support the repair and replacement of our parking lot. We would like to start on this project sometime in the Summer of this year of 2022. Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministries at Grace!!!

MISSION PRESENTATION

Mission Presentation at Grace Lutheran Church on Lutheran Deaf Ministry on Thursday, April 7th immediately following our 6:30pm worship service.

Please join us as we learn about Lutheran Ministry to the deaf in the Madison, WI area. Rev. Ryan McDermott will be giving a mission presentation on the work that he is doing among the deaf in sharing the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Here is some information on the ministry of Rev. Ryan McDermott and his family. In partnership with the LCMS South Wisconsin District, the LCMS Office of National Mission and LCMS Urban and Inner-City Mission, Rev. Ryan and Emily McDermott serve the Lord as domestic missionaries in Madison, Wis. As a worker called by the LCMS South Wisconsin District, Ryan is a missionary-at-large and the pastor at Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church in Madison, Wis. He is responsible for caring for the souls of the faithful deaf Lutherans in the Madison community. Ryan leads the congregation in reaching out to the members' friends and neighbors in the Deaf community in Dane County, Wis., and the surrounding areas.

Ryan was born in Los Angeles, CA. He graduated from Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn., with a bachelor's degree in theology and world languages. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Before serving in Madison, Ryan served as a pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Elma, Iowa, and as a missionary in West Africa. He enjoys reading, cooking, and studying languages and cultures.

Emily was born in La Crosse, Wis. She attended the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, where she earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. Emily's hobbies include knitting, reading, and photography. Ryan and Emily enjoy spending time with their four children – Rhys, Evangeline, Joshua and Kaj.

Pray for Ryan and Emily as they serve in Wisconsin. Pray for those they serve, that their hearts would be filled with the joy of the Gospel and the peace of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the Holy Spirit leads and guides them to do the ministry work set before them with joy in the Gospel. Pray the hearts of people are moved to pray for and to financially support this *Mission Field: USA* partnership, participating joyfully in the Kingdom work alongside this domestic missionary family. Let us give thanks that the McDermott family is serving God's children in Madison, Wis.

If you would like to give toward the mission efforts of Rev. Ryan McDermott you can:

-Give securely online at lcms.org/givenow/mfusa-madison

-**Check** — Make checks payable to either:

“LCMS South Wisconsin District” and mail to LCMS South Wisconsin District • 8100 W. Capitol Drive • Milwaukee, WI 53222-1920

OR

“The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod” and mail to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod • P.O. Box 66861 • St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Write ***Mission Field: Madison*** on the memo line of your check.



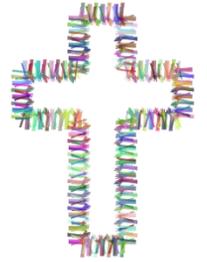
Military Bible Sticks

Support for Military Bible Sticks will be starting at Grace right after Easter. Our congregation has faithfully supported this mission for many years. We will prayerfully ask you for this support again this year. The change this year is that Military Bible Sticks will be paired with a new mission from Faith Comes by Hearing. This new effort is called Vision 2023. Vision 2023 involves partnering with other missions, such as Lutheran Bible Translators, to translate the Bible into mission languages. These Bible sticks would have native speakers reading the Word and would be given to the missions in countries all over the world. That way people would be able to hear the Good News in their own languages. We are looking forward to being able to be a part of this new mission by Faith Comes by Hearing.

Grace Lutheran Greeting Card Ministry

The greeting-card ministry consists of volunteers mailing cards and notes of encouragement to people in nursing facilities, who are homebound, or otherwise can't be at church regularly.

'Think of your neighbor, love your neighbor.' This is the way people answer that message, letting people know they haven't been forgotten. If you would like to share in this ministry, please take a card which is provided for you on the table in the narthex of the church. Remember...you are giving joy to these people. If you are interested in taking part in this ministry, please contact Pauline Parker at: 414-807-6338 or paulinemom@aol.com



Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

Adult Bible Study is held in the school library of our school building from 9:15-10:15am on Sunday mornings. In the Adult Bible Study, we are studying the Christian doctrine of *Creation*. Our Sunday School students are meeting in our church sanctuary from 9:15-10:15am on Sunday mornings. Please join us as we study God's Word together!!!

Here is some information on our new Bible Study series on *Creation*. It may come as a surprise, but when the Bible uses the word *doctrines* (teachings) in the plural, the word is presented negatively as coming from men (Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:7; Colossians 2:22) or from demons (1 Timothy 4:1). Christian doctrine, however, is one. It is one teaching that comes from God, and each component of that teaching plays an integral role in conveying a singular message. Take out one component, like creation, and the whole is adversely affected. Conversely, if we faithfully confess each component of Christian teaching, then the integrity of Christian doctrine is preserved. What does the Gospel of Jesus Christ—His life, death, and resurrection for the salvation of all people—have to do with all this? The Gospel of Jesus Christ—who He truly is and why He came into the world—makes sense only within the biblical worldview that espouses a belief in a divine Creator and His creation.

God's purpose in creation (the reason why He made us) is that He is pleased to love and to give. "God's will to create reveals a will to love by the free giving of himself and all that is his. God, precisely as the absolute Creator, relates to the world essentially as the gracious Giver." (William C. Weinrich, "*Creation ex Nihilo: The Way of God*," *Logia*, Vol. 4, No. 2 [Easter tide 1995], page 39). Creator and creation describe God's love for all that He has made! The creation is God's arena for giving His gifts of love, especially the gift of His Son. The Scriptures show us why we ought to view our Creator and His creation in this way.

In *The Science of God*, British biochemist, historian, and Christian theologian Alister E. McGrath lists several popular uses of the word "nature." McGrath points out that the numerous definitions of nature are not only different, but also inconsistent. However, where they are homogeneous is in their denial of a biblical worldview of our Creator and His creation. As Weinrich notes, God created the world to love and to give. We know this with certainty through God's loving and giving of His divine-human Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. By holding onto the singular doctrine recorded in Holy Scripture, which includes the teaching about God, our Creator and His creation, we hold onto Christ (John 5:39).

Hunger Task Force

Annual Fund Drive



Don't just count your blessings. Be the blessing other people count on!

The *Hunger Task Force* has remained open during the pandemic in order to provide services for children, families and seniors in Milwaukee, while ensuring their operations to keep everyone safe and healthy.

This season the local need is as great as it has been. Pantry traffic is up and the lingering challenges of the pandemic and unemployment are making it harder and harder for parents and seniors to put food on the table.

The best way to support the *Hunger Task Force* during the pandemic is to make a monetary donation. The *Hunger Task Force* will then purchase the food to be distributed to those in need.

You will have an opportunity to contribute to the *Hunger Task Force Fund Drive* from **February 10 thru March 20, 2022**. There will be envelopes on the table in the back of church to put your donations. The envelopes then can be placed in the offering plate. Checks should be made out to: Grace Lutheran Church. Please write *Hunger Task Force* in the memo section of your check.

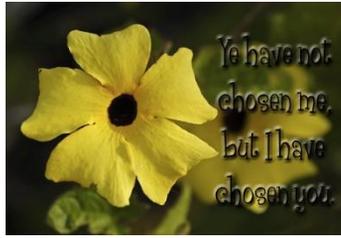
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Evangelism Board

Jeanne Meyer, Suzie Mirenda, Barb Huber, Diane Pielsnik and Mitzi Gamroth



In Jesus' time on earth, He chose His disciples in a much different way than the practices of His day. Disciples often chose rabbis for themselves from whom they hoped to gain deeper insights into the meaning



into the meaning of the Torah. In contrast to all this, Jesus told His disciples, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you...to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16). Jesus did the choosing and the calling. Even more radical, Jesus called His disciples to a lifetime of commitment. He called them and brought them into a new relationship with Him. In the same way today, Jesus calls and seeks a relationship with us. He invites us to follow Him so we can be part of His family and enjoy His love and blessings. As His disciples, we enjoy God's fellowship, and we are empowered by Him to bear fruit.

"In God's Hands, No Gift Is Insignificant"

In the Gospel of John, we read that Jesus and His disciples were in the midst of a very large crowd of people. It was late in the day, and the people were getting hungry. Obviously, in Jesus' time, there was no fast-food franchise on every street corner that we have today, so we can understand how the disciples saw the situation as hopeless. With their limited resources, they were not going to be able to feed so many people. The only disciple who seemed to see a little glimmer of hope was Andrew. He found a little boy with two fish and five crackers. Andrew said to Jesus, "*There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?*" (John 6:9). Of course, Andrew knew that the food that the boy had would not be enough to feed five thousand men and very likely thousands more counting women and children. However, Andrew had seen Jesus perform miracles so he must have had an idea that nothing was impossible with Jesus. It seems that Andrew may have hoped that Jesus could use the small amount of food and do something with it.



After Jesus gave thanks, He had His disciples distribute the fish and bread until all the people were filled. After everyone had finished eating, the disciples gathered up 12 baskets of leftovers. What a wonderful and amazing story! To think that Jesus used the small gift of food from the boy, and, with His power, accomplished so much with it. It tells us that no gift is insignificant in His hands.

At another time, Jesus showed again that there was no gift that was insignificant. "*Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and He saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And He said, 'Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, and she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on'*" (Luke 21:1-4). From our human perspective, we would perceive that the larger gifts were most important. However, Jesus saw that the poor widow gave all that she had out of love in her heart. To Him, her gift was much greater than the gifts from the rich people who just gave a token amount from their abundance. God is more interested in the heart of the giver than the size of the gift. The true measure of the gift is the motive for the gift. God uses small and insignificant gifts and multiplies them to accomplish many wonderful things.

God could have fed the five thousand without the boy's fish and bread, and He can accomplish His purposes without our gifts, but He wants to work through you and me to do His work.

Grace Ladies Guild



Spic n' Span Sanctuary Saturday

March 12, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bring along your cleaning supplies and elbow grease as we do a little sprucing up of God's house!



Thank you again for your support of our Christ-centered ministry to mothers and their babies. Moms and babies at A Place of Refuge will benefit from your extraordinary generosity.



RISE & SONSHINE BIBLE STUDY

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World



Saturday, March 12

Saturday, March 26

8-9:30 a.m. at church

Join us for fellowship while being in God's Word!

LWML SWD – Heart2Heart Sisters Event

Saturday, March 19 – doors open at 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran Church

7801 W. Acacia Street, Milwaukee

ALL are invited to attend this multi-cultural event.

Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Seminarian Daniel Rey

(remotely from St. Louis)

More information: [www.lwml-](http://www.lwml-sw.org/events/workshop)

[sw.org/events/workshop](http://www.lwml-sw.org/events/workshop)





AT GRACE

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!

We enjoy using 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:

gracelutheran_oakcreek

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



You can give to our church online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving by texting: **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site: graceoakcreek.org. You may give a one time gift or set-up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries at Grace!!



Welcome Back Spring!

Spring Words Word Search Puzzle



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u d t n m r y r h l b r f v j l
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FIND THESE SPRING WORDS

daffodil

garden

blossom

bees

June

robin

May

March

showers

flowers

growth

April

green

bulbs

buds

ladybug

crocus

iris

grass

rainy

mud

bugs

tulip

picnic



KIDS PUZZLE PAGE

March Birthdays

3/1 Jaden Pfeilstifter
3/2 Aaron Mould
3/3 Kyle Mallum
3/6 Lisa Norton
3/7 Anthony Hengst
3/7 Leigh Schmeiser
3/8 Lance Kopperud
3/9 Debbie Oelke
3/11 Cris Evers
3/12 Karina Penn
3/13 Jenny Svcek
3/13 Nathan Svcek
3/14 Ellorie Nameth
3/15 Rosie Miliacca
3/16 Mike Toman

3/17 Lori Jablonski
3/17 Eric Kamprath
3/18 Aaron Gettelman
3/19 Pastor Taggatz
3/22 Tom Hengst
3/23 Fiona Frank
3/25 Drew Gottwald
3/25 Jennifer Mendez
3/26 Phyllis Berglund
3/26 Carol Loveall
3/27 Jason Flower
3/28 LeRoy Handle
3/28 Heinz Poellet
3/28 Julie Thomas
3/30 Lana Lara
3/31 Evelyn VanDoren



March Anniversaries

3/24 John & Nicole Tindall
3/31 Steve & JoEllyn Pfeilstifter



Don't forget to Spring forward on March 13!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (at school)	2 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship (Mites) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 6:30 PM All Board's Meeting (at school)	4	5
6 8:00 AM Divine Worship (Mites) 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study-school 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Worship (Mites)	7 6:30 PM Confirmation Class-public school	8 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	9 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Council Meeting (at school)	10 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	11	12 8:00 AM Rise & Sonshine Bible Study 10:00 AM Ladies Guild Mtg (cleaning day)
13 8:00 AM Divine Worship 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study-school 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Divine Worship	14 6:30 PM Confirmation Class-public school	15 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 9:00 AM Martin Luther High School Blood Drive	16 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study	17 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 	18 5:30 PM Grace Youth Group Meeting	19 10:00 AM LWML SWD-Heart2Heart Sisters Event
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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 Taggatz.

10AM – 3PM

Carol Thurber, 762-9615

3PM – 9PM

Pauline Parker, 764-5574

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