

# Equipper

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



## November '22

### Pastor's Message

#### ***"One in Ten" (Luke 17:11-19)***

Isaiah the Prophet said, *"O Lord, in distress they sought You; they poured out a whispered prayer when Your discipline was upon them"* (Isaiah 26:16). That is true to this day. When danger threatens or need presses, people find the way to God. When people are confronted with the destruction of hurricanes and earthquakes, terrorist attacks and disasters, the churches are full. People who have never been to church, who haven't attended a worship service in decades, are on their knees. A tragedy is a mighty persuader! But the prophet Isaiah indicates something else: *when the anguish is over and the danger has passed, people again forget about God.* Gratitude is a rare virtue. *"The ox knows its owner,"* Isaiah says in 1:3, *"and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, My people do not understand."*

What does the Lord think of such behavior? He tells us in our reading from Luke 17:11-19: *"On the way to Jerusalem He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When He saw them He said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And He said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'"*

Two thousand years have passed by since these ten men stood in that village of Samaria, but it might as well be happening now. For three years, Jesus had sought them, but they had avoided Him. But now they call Him *"Jesus, Master."* Human nature does not change. These people might be Americans instead of Galileans and Samaritans. When misfortune arrives and the cross presses hard, then they can find the Lord, then they meet Him in His Word, then they visit Him in His house. And the Lord is always ready to listen and to lend His aid, no matter how late we come!



Is it right to think of Him only when our need is great and beyond all other help? We wear the badge of Christians, but we are ashamed to confess it before our wise and worldly friends. We are ashamed to speak to our churchless neighbors about their spiritual needs and tell them about our Lord and Savior. Only when the floor gets hot under our feet, or the storm threatens to wreck the house do we remember what we owe to our God and what we hope and expect of Him. There is such a thing as waiting too long. There are people who have used their hands for raking in the world's goods so long that even the threat of death does not cause them to fold them in prayer. Why is it that people act this way, that we, too, are inclined to forget our God until we are in dire need of His help? The second part of today's reading answers that.

When the lepers noticed that they were healed, one of them turned around and gave thanks to Jesus. One out of ten! Jesus sadly asked about the other nine. They had gone on their way. It didn't occur to them to return to Jesus. They had what they wanted, and they forgot the One who gave it to them. Jesus put His finger on what they really lacked. To the thankful Samaritan, He said, "Your faith has made you well." He alone had that faith that brings help and salvation. Although the others had also started out on the way of faith, they went astray. They had lost the faith. True faith in the Savior cannot exist with ingratitude.

Where do we stand? Are we with the nine or with the one? There are some who for a time walked with us shoulder to shoulder, but we see them no more. They have gone. And again, Jesus sadly asks, "Where are the nine?" Where do we stand? We are always ready to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," but do we continue, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" (Psalm 106:1)? When sickness enters our home, we cry, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Then, do we return with the Samaritan to thank the Lord for His help? Where is the evidence of our faith in deep gratitude to God for the mercy He has shown us and our country? Martin Luther, our church's namesake, once referred to the Gospel as a "passing rain shower," that the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ our Savior is lost due to thanklessness and ingratitude. Luther writes, "Let us remember our former misery, and the darkness in which we dwelt. Germany, I am sure, has never before heard so much of God's word as it is hearing today; certainly we read nothing of it in history. If we let it just slip by without thanks and honor, I fear we shall suffer a still more dreadful darkness and plague. O my beloved Germans, buy while the market is at your door; gather in the harvest while there is sunshine and fair weather; make use of God's grace and word while it is there! For you should know that God's word and grace is like a passing shower of rain which does not return where it has once been. It has been with the Jews, but when it's gone it's gone, and now they have nothing. Paul brought it to the Greeks; but again when it's gone it's gone, and now they have the Turk. Rome and the Latins also had it; but when it's gone it's gone, and now they have the pope. And you Germans need not think that you will have it forever, for ingratitude and contempt will not make it stay. Therefore, seize it and hold it fast, whoever can; for lazy hands are bound to have a lean year." (Luther's Works Volume 45:352).

Later this month we will have opportunity to give thanks to God for all of the physical and spiritual blessings that God has given to us. I pray that all of us would be willing to do that and offer up our worship and praise to God for all the blessings He has given. As Martin Luther instructs us in his explanation of the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true."

Prayer...Dear heavenly Father, who daily cares for us and is an ever-present help in every need, we pray that You awaken our hearts that we may be truly thankful for all Your blessings, especially as we approach Thanksgiving Day later this month. Let us not grow apathetic about Your temporal and eternal benefits, but, knowing that Your goodness has provided for all our needs all the days of our life, let us remember in confidence that Your mercy is new every morning, that in perfect trust we may call upon You in every trouble and thank and praise You with a joyous heart. Amen.

See you in worship, Pastor Taggatz

# November 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 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.

## 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 OFF

Visitations: Monday-Thursday afternoons

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

*Pastor John Taggatz, cell: 715.467.1231*

*Sarah Anderson, Church Secretary: 414.762.8990 | T-W-TH-F 8:15am-11:30am | On Vacation 11/8-18*



**REMINDER:** If you have any announcements and/or additions you would like printed in the monthly *Equipper* please forward to Sarah Anderson at [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org) by the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## The Mites collection dates

for September are:

Thursday, November 3

Sunday, November 6



**PLEASE!!  
NOTE**

When you or your group plans to hold a meeting at the Grace Lutheran School campus, it must be cleared by Steve Gettelman. His email address is: [principal@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:principal@graceoakcreek.org)

The *Fellowship Fun Committee* is looking for your feedback on a list of potential activities that you and/or your family would be interested in. There are blank forms for you to fill out in the narthex at church. If you haven't already, pick one up and return to the church or school by November 11<sup>th</sup>! THANK YOU!

**Worship Services at Willow Crest Nursing Home Volunteers Needed**--Grace Lutheran Church members have helped out with leading worship services at Willow Crest Nursing Home on Sunday mornings. We have started leading these worship services again and could use some volunteers to help out with this ministry. The worship services are roughly 30 minutes long and are held at 10:00am on Sundays at Willow Crest Nursing Home located at: 3821 Chicago Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172. You may end up leading a worship service at Willow Crest once a month, or every 5 to 6 weeks, depending on how many people are willing to volunteer in leading worship services at Willow Crest. We would also provide you with resources to help you lead worship services at Willow Crest, and if you would like to shadow someone to see how the worship services are conducted, we can show you how it is done. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeanne Meyer at: [meyorch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meyorch@sbcglobal.net) or 414-719-2257.

**Adult Bible Class in the School Library on Sundays 9:15am-10:15am. Our topic for the next few weeks is: "Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today: A Study Based on Scripture and the Augsburg Confession."** The Augsburg Confession is just as relevant to the life of the Church today as it was during sixteenth century Reformation. In *Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today*, each of the 15 lessons explore a topical area that's an excellent basis for group discussion about difficult topics such as these:

- Biblical marriage and the civil government
- How to approach church fellowship with all Christians
- The important roles of clergy and laity, according to Scripture
- Reformation heresies we still see in the Church today
- Persecution and terrorism

Pastors and Bible study leaders who desire to help their members understand the Confessions in a current context will appreciate how this study uses detailed twenty-first century scenarios to bridge the gap between eras. This study is based on *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, Second Edition*. Join us!!!

### **Grace Lutheran School is in need of a 4K Teacher Aid**

If you are interested in this part time position and would like more information, please contact our school office at: 414-762-3655 or [principal@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:principal@graceoakcreek.org).

**GIVING TO GRACE THROUGH THE THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM**—When you're ready to make an impact on the causes and nonprofits you care most about, we're here to help. Through our Thrivent Choice® program, you can make a personal donation or direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® to more than 40,000 churches and nonprofits. Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. \*\*\***Special notice regarding the Thrivent Choice Program:** Thrivent members wishing to continue their automatic withdrawal to the charity of their choice will have to let Thrivent know either by e-mail or phone. All you have to do is call this 1-800 number in order to see if you have Thrivent Choice dollars to give. To continue to direct your Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice call: 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "*Thrivent Choice*." **For More information on the Thrivent Choice Program please go to:**

<https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html>

# POINSETTIA'S

It is getting closer and closer to the season of giving and receiving. And there is no better way for the entire congregation to get involved in this glorious season than to decorate our worship space.

- **The deadline to order poinsettia's is: Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **Checks should be made payable to: Grace Lutheran Church**

**ORDER  
NOW!**

6" – \$12.00

9" – \$32.00

12" – \$48.00



The sign-up sheet is on the white board in the narthex. Please put your payment in the envelope provided and place in the basket provided, offering tray or hand to an usher.

All poinsettia's will be **red** with gold foil.  
Poinsettia's are from *Milaeger's*

*Save yourself a shopping trip* and buy your holiday gift cards through Scrip!

Let us be your little elf & help with your holiday shopping this year!

## Happy Shopping!!!



Order all of your Holiday gift cards through Scrip and support Grace Lutheran Church, School and ECC!

Grace Lutheran participates in a fundraising program called Scrip, where you can purchase gift cards for over 1,000 retailers, entertainment, grocery and more. Each card is assigned a percentage that is given back to school. And the best part...you get to decide where it goes! It can be applied to your tuition payments at Grace and/or Martin Luther, day care fees or even Sponsor-A-Student account to help families receive financial assistance. Please consider purchasing those cards through our program instead of directly at the vendor or retailer!

Gail Nowakowski is our Scrip Coordinator. If you would like to take a look at what Scrip cards are available to buy to help support the ministries of Grace, please reach out to Gail or grab a Scrip form on the table in the narthex. Gail's contact information is as follows:

414.791.4075 and/or: [gnowakowski@att.net](mailto:gnowakowski@att.net)

**\*\*Gift cards make great stocking stuffers and perfect teacher gifts!\*\***

# HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2022



## *“Angels: The Ultimate Divine Messengers of Hope”*

On Thursday nights @ 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church during the month of December we will once again be having our Advent Midweek Worship Services. The theme this year is, “Angels - The Ultimate Messengers of Hope.” During Advent this year, we will focus on the messages brought by angels: to Zechariah, to Joseph, and to Mary. On Christmas Eve we will hear a multitude of angels singing God’s glory and peace to shepherds. On Christmas Day, we will hear from yet one more angel: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger” (Luke 2:10–12). Imagine the surprise of the shepherds when the sign of Christ the Lord was not a palace or a crib radiating light beams, or a baby surrounded by a fierce army of guards, the sign was just a baby in a manger, wrapped in swaddling cloths! As John declares, “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Even today, the Word comes to us in plain spoken words, in the water with God’s promise of Baptism, and in the bread and wine of Communion. God’s ways are not our ways. He comes in seemingly lowly, simple, and unspectacular ways that we end up discovering are full of His grace and truth. The season of Advent calls to us to stop, look, and listen for the Lord. Here is the order of holiday worship for the coming months, we hope to see you in worship as we receive Christ’s gifts of Word and Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sins, eternal life, and salvation. Please note, there will be no Thursday night worship service on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thanksgiving Eve Service w/communion: Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30pm

“Giving Thanks- The Heart of the Selfless” (Luke 17:11–19)

Advent Midweek 1: Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm

“The Angel Gabriel Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of Unbelieving Doubt” (Luke 1:5–25)

Advent Midweek 2: Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

“An Angel of the Lord Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of Fear of the Unknown” (Matthew 1:18–25)

Advent Midweek 3: Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

“The Angel Gabriel Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of the Seemingly Impossible” (Luke 1:26–38)

Advent Midweek 4: Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm

“This Present Sign” (Isaiah 7:10–17)

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm and 5:30pm

“A Multitude of the Heavenly Host Announces a Peace Which Brings Renewed Hope” (Luke 2:13–14)

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am

“An Angel Brings Hope with a Sign of God’s Presence in the Newly Born Christ Child” (Luke 2:8–11)

NO THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP: Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

New Year’s Day Worship: Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30am

“New Year . . . No Fear!” (Romans 8:31b–39)

# WITNESSING:

*Lighting the path for friends and family*  
LUTHERAN HOUR DEVOTIONS ADVENT 2022

## *"A Son Is Given"*

In *A Son Is Given*, we look at the promise of God to send His Messiah as fulfilled in Jesus. The Heavenly Father made good on His ancient pledge. In Jesus we have the love of God come to earth in the form of a Child, who is for us the Savior of the world. The Lutheran Hour devotionals will be available on the back table of the narthex in our Church. We will include our church's contact information, along with our Holiday Worship Times so that you can share the joy of the birth of our Savior Jesus with those around you, namely, your neighbors, family members, and friends.

### **SEEK GOD:**

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the heart of your friend.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless all interactions with your friends and family.

### **BE CREATIVE:**

- Exchange stories of family Christmas traditions. You'll learn about others' current spiritual situation and be able to share what Jesus means to you.
- Invite your friends to make new traditions this year, especially if the Christmas season is stressful or depressing. Invite them to read the devotionals with you, go to Advent services, or participate in a servant event.
- Bring your friend or family member to help work at a church activity before Christmas. Getting to know people in a nonthreatening way makes them more likely to attend future worship.

### **FOLLOW UP:**

Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries can help keep your faith conversations going. Read, listen, e-mail, or print at [lhm.org/advent](http://lhm.org/advent).

### **What is Advent?**

The church divides the year into different seasons that emphasize the life of Christ and the life of the church. Beginning on Sunday, November 27, 2022, we will enter the season of the church year called Advent. Advent is the season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas, and continuing to Epiphany, January 6, 2023.





## A Steady Reminder of God's Presence

Mark and I had been married 26 years. Our sons were 18 and 20. We loved being parents, but with our younger son graduating high school, we were eagerly anticipating the empty nest and having more time for each other.

In the fall, when our younger son started college, Mark began having stomach issues and back pain, which would linger for a few days and then disappear, only to reappear later. He also developed a cough. When his doctor ordered an MRI, the results were devastating—Stage IV pancreatic cancer, already in his liver and both lungs. Mark was only 53.

Our lives were turned upside down. I suddenly found myself trying to provide emotional support to Mark and our sons during the worst experience any of us had ever endured. I wanted and needed to keep myself together to focus on caring for Mark, but I was emotionally drained—full of sadness and terrified of what the future held. I had always been a “take responsibility for everything myself” kind of person. However, I knew I couldn’t do this alone.

I talked to my pastor about it, and she suggested matching me with a Stephen Minister. I agreed, and less than two weeks after Mark was diagnosed, my Stephen Minister came for the first of her weekly visits.

It’s difficult to convey how important this Stephen Ministry relationship was for me. Our pastor was wonderful, and we had an amazing amount of support from many other people, but the time I spent with my Stephen Minister was the only time in the week when I could truly focus on my own needs. She was there just for me.

My Stephen Minister let me know that, while she was very concerned for Mark, her role was to be my support—to listen and help me process what I was feeling and going through, without giving advice or telling me what to do. The consistency of our Stephen Ministry relationship was crucial in helping me cope. Her weekly visits became an anchor in my life—something I could rely on when everything else was so uncertain. She was a steady reminder of God’s presence, helping me know I was never alone.

Although Mark and I chose to talk publicly about his condition, my Stephen Ministry relationship was completely confidential. I knew I could share anything with her, and that’s where it would stay.

Mark’s illness progressed rapidly—ten weeks of treatment, followed by six weeks of hospice, and then his passing. My needs changed as I went from being a wife to being a caregiver to being a grieving widow and dealing with everything that the loss of a spouse entails. Through it all, my Stephen Minister’s love and support continued. She was there for me at every stage of my journey. It was never easy, but my Stephen Minister helped me through the most difficult moments of my life.

I really can’t say enough about how much I appreciate my church’s Stephen Ministry. The compassionate, consistent, and confidential support of my Stephen Minister was so important in helping me cope—and then begin to heal.

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 715-467-1231 or to one of the Stephen Leaders: Jeanne Meyer 423-0010, Chris Cotter 324-9768, Lori Kachelmeier or one of our Stephen Ministers: Pat Lemmer, Donna Wenzel, Beth or Richard Jackson, Adam Voss, Gail Olen, or Pauline Parker. Our Stephen Leaders are also Stephen Ministers.





# Grace Ladies Guild

## RISE & SONSHINE BIBLE STUDY

### *"Having a Mary Spirit"*

by Joanna Weaver



Saturdays:

November 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00-9:30am - AT SCHOOL

*I will give thanks to the LORD  
with all my heart. Psalm 111.1*

## Socktober!

Thank you to all who filled up our pink bin with socks! These socks will be a blessing to so many!

Information about the  
Milwaukee Rescue Mission  
can be found here

<https://milmission.org/>

## Just a Cup of Coffee...

Ladies, let's take some time out of our busy schedules for a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and some togetherness once a month.

No agenda, no Bible study, simply time to chat, maybe get to know a new person, the sky's the limit!

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30am

Hillside Coffee House

237 E. Ryan Road

Oak Creek



## Guild Meeting

Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00am - 11:30am

At school

We will be creating  
*Binder Clip Photo Holders*  
for our shut-in members.



### Bring along:

ribbon, buttons, scrapbook paper,  
dried flowers, glue guns.

## 2023 LWML Convention-Milwaukee

June 22-25, 2023

Milwaukee Center



SIGN UP TODAY!

**Golf Event: Tee Up for Mites-Wednesday June 21, 2023**

SIGN UP TODAY!

**Packet Packing Party**

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

### **Drivers needed!**

We will be needing men and women willing to shuttle VIPs from the airport to downtown hotels.

Can you help?

Contact Jennifer Olen 414.305.3740

[jolenlwml@gmail.com](mailto:jolenlwml@gmail.com)

Forms and information can be found at:

[www.lwml-swd.org/events/other](http://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other)

Have questions? Please contact Jennifer Olen

God's economy is much different than the world's. The world tells us to make as much money as we can to buy as much as we can. We are told that we deserve and need the newest and best of everything, and happiness will come from having much. In contrast, God's Word tells us, "give, and it will be given to you...for with the measure you use it will be measured back to you" (Luke 6:38). In God's economy, we receive by giving. Jesus tells us that "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). The Apostle Paul wrote, "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). God gives us the capacity and the desire to give, and He promises to bless us through our generous giving (Proverbs 3:9; Malachi 3:10).



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## "Stewards of our God-given Relationships"

In the beginning, God created Adam and Eve in His image (Genesis 1:26) to be in relationship with Him and others. Because of their sin, we no longer live in God's perfect image as holy and sinless people, but, as He is relational, we, in spite of our sinful condition, are made to be in relationships. In order for us to be in relationship with our heavenly Father, He sent His only Son, Jesus, to redeem us through His life, death, and resurrection and bridge the gap our sin had created. God chose us in Christ "before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4).

From Jesus, we learn about relationship building. In the early days of His ministry, Jesus gathered to Himself His disciples, the Twelve who would sleep at His side, share their food with Him, hear and try to understand His words, and seek to emulate Him, their Rabbi and Master. The relationship between Jesus and His disciples involved quality time together, the opening of hearts to one another, trust and forgiveness, and interdependence.

Just as He called His disciples into relationship with Himself, so He initiates that closeness with us. He calls us with His Gospel words, "Come to Me...and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). He invites us, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). He abides with us (John 15:4); He shares His Heavenly food with us (Matthew 26:26-28); He speaks to us in His Word and through His called servants (Hebrews 1:1-2); He presents us to His Father as holy in His sight (Colossians 1:22).

Secure in our relationship with Jesus, we come to understand both our identity and purpose as His stewards, and, as a result, we are transformed into people who live as faithful stewards. Equipped by His Word and empowered by His transforming love, our stewardship is no longer limited to specific acts occurring, here and there, but encompasses our entire lives.

God calls us into a relationship in which He is Lord, and we are willing to do and be anything He chooses. Joyful in our relationship with our Lord, we no longer "live according to our sinful nature" (Romans 8:4 NIV). Instead, our hearts and minds are set on doing what the Spirit desires for us. He makes us "renewed in the spirit of [our] minds" (Ephesians 4:23), so that, in love, we reach out to all people as brothers and sisters for whom Christ died, building relationships that last into eternity.

# DEVOTIONAL PRAYER

*My Loving Lord,*

*I ask You to increase my thankfulness. I've learned that being thankful not only brightens my day but opens my heart more fully to You. I long to encounter You in the midst of my circumstances. So I'll look for signs of Your Presence as I walk along the path of Life. A grateful attitude opens both my heart and my eyes...enabling me to see You in myriad tiny details as well as in the big picture of my life. I need to slow down and take time to notice all Your blessings...thanking You for them and enjoying Your many gifts.*

*I ask you also to train me in trusting You more consistently. Well-developed, sturdy trust enables me to walk across treacherous terrain without stumbling. The more challenging my journey, the more frequently I need to voice my confidence in You: "Lord I trust in Your unfailing Love." This short prayer reminds me that You are with me, You are taking care of me, and You love me forever!*

*I have good reason to be joyful because You are absolutely worthy of my thankfulness and trust!*

*In Your great Name, Jesus,  
Amen*



*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18;  
Colossians 4:2;  
Psalm 16:11;  
Psalm 52:8*



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!*

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



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

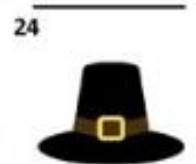
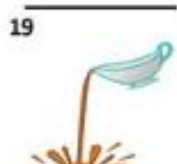
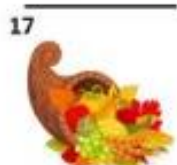
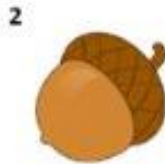


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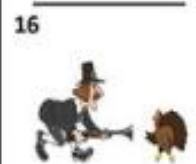
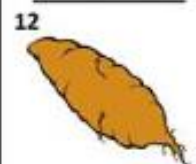


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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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# Birthday Blessings

NOVEMBER

11/2 James Block  
11/2 Lori Kachelmeier  
11/2 Maximus Mendez  
11/3 Rebecca Koehn  
11/4 Chris Dotson  
11/4 Nick Norton  
11/4 Katie Nowack  
11/6 Leksie Poellet  
11/6 Jason Stone  
11/7 Nina McKinster  
11/7 J. Penn  
11/8 Jesse Dotson  
11/8 Teri Nameth  
11/8 Pat Toman

11/9 Rachel Miliacca  
11/9 Jill Nowack  
11/10 Rick Weeks  
11/11 Mary Savarino  
11/12 Natalie Jaskie  
11/14 C. Cooksy  
11/14 Madeline Durant  
11/15 Tere Hasse  
11/15 Genevieve Pankow  
11/16 Jeanne Meyer  
11/17 W. Nameth  
11/18 Larry Herte  
11/19 Jack McKinster

11/20 Bernice Byklum  
11/21 Laura Urbaniak  
11/22 Reagan Svick  
11/25 Erica Vitek  
11/26 M. Abelt  
11/26 Dawn Jantz  
11/27 Delores Riemer  
11/28 Lynn Serdynski  
11/29 Kennedy Gettelman  
11/29 Morgan Parker  
11/29 Donna Wenzel



## *November Anniversaries*

11/1 Mark & Jennifer Olen  
11/3 Glenn & Donna Dotson  
11/11 Joel & Jalee Banach  
11/12 Aaron & Sarah Schmidt  
11/23 Steve & Jen Gettelman  
11/24 Alan & Pam Umanske  
11/28 Craig & Courtney Salzer

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight."

Philippians 1:9

# November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>2</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm All Board's Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Divine Worship-MITES 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>6</b> 8:00am Divine Worship-All Saints Day -MITES 9:15am Adult Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship-All Saints Day-MITES	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Grief Share Group	<b>8</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	<b>9</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Divine Worship 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 
<b>13</b> 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Divine Worship – Grace Children Singing	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Grief Share Group	<b>15</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	<b>16</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Divine Worship 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Grief Share Group	<b>22</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:00am Rise & Sonshine Bible Study  Elders to set-up Sanctuary for Christmas
<b>27-WEEK 1 ADVENT</b> 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Divine Worship	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Grief Share Group	<b>29</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	<b>30</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study			

Faith Step: When in doubt, ask yourself what Jesus would do.

## Radio Worship Service

"*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.



## 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

### Internet Prayerline

Pauline Parker

[paulinemom@aol.com](mailto:paulinemom@aol.com)

Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Sunday Worship 8:00 am  
Thursday Worship 6:30 pm

Pastor John M. Taggatz  
PH: 414.762.8990

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