

# Equippier

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



## November 2023

### Pastor's Message

#### **"In Everything Give Thanks"**

***"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."  
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18***

The barracks where Corrie ten Boom and her sister, Betsy, were kept in the Nazi concentration camp Ravensbruck were terribly overcrowded and flea-infested. Corrie and Betsy had been able to miraculously smuggle a Bible into the camp, and in that Bible they had read that in all things they were to give thanks and that God can use anything for good. Betsy decided that this meant thanking God for the fleas.

This was too much for Corrie, who said she could do no such thing. Betsy insisted, so Corrie gave in and prayed to God, thanking Him even for the fleas. Over the next several months a wonderful, but curious, thing happened: They found that the guards never entered their barracks. This meant that the women were not assaulted. It also meant that they were able to do the unthinkable, which was to hold open Bible studies and prayer meetings in the heart of a Nazi concentration camp. Through this, countless numbers of women came to faith in Christ. Only at the end did they discover why the guards had left them alone and would not enter their barracks: It was because of the fleas.

This Thanksgiving, give thanks to God for every good and perfect gift (James 1:17), but also thank Him for how He will use all things for good in the lives of those who trust Him (Romans 8:28). We as Lutherans believe in the doctrine of "*sola gratia*," which means "by grace alone." This core principle underscores the understanding that our blessings, particularly our salvation, come solely through God's unmerited favor and grace He gives to us through our Savior Jesus. Our gratitude to God for the blessings in Christ Jesus is rooted in the profound realization of God's boundless love and mercy. It is through Christ that believers are reconciled with God and experience forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. As the apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-9, "*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*"

Our gratitude and thankfulness should be a natural response to God's grace. It is an acknowledgment that we are saved not because of our own deeds or merits but solely because of God's love and the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Romans 6:23 says, "*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" This gift is something for which they give unending thanks. Our thanksgiving in the is not limited to words but is expressed through a life of service and love for one's neighbor. As followers of Christ, we seek to embody the teachings of Jesus, who encouraged acts of kindness, compassion, and love for others. The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "*In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you,*" remind us that gratitude is an integral part of our Christian journey. Giving thanks to God for the blessings in Christ Jesus is a profound recognition of God's grace and a response to His boundless love. It is an acknowledgment that salvation is a gift freely given, which inspires a life of faith, love, and service to others. In a time of economic uncertainty, in a time when many are facing physical and emotional challenges, there can be little doubt that such a trusting prayer of gratitude will be challenging to consider. But when you feel that challenge, take a moment and remember the fleas of Ravensbruck. And thank God anyway. See you in worship!

In Christ,

Pastor John M. Taggatz



**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>

# 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.

**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***

***Heidi Brunzelle, Church Secretary***

***Church office: 414.762.8990***

***Church office hours: T-W-Th 9:00am – 12:30pm***

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

**The Mites collection dates  
for October are:**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**



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)

## Choir at Grace

If you have a spirit of praise and a song in your heart, the Grace Lutheran Church Choir is looking for you! Rehearsals will be following our Thursday even worship service.

## Volunteers Needed to Assist with Worship!

*We are in need of additional people to assist as ushers and lay readers during worship services, especially for Sunday mornings at 8am and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm.* Ushers arrive early, greet people and hand out bulletins before service, gather offerings and assist with communion during service, and straighten up the church after service. Lay readers proclaim God's word to the congregation by reading the Old Testament and Epistle lessons during the worship service. If you are able and willing to help in either of these capacities, please sign up on the sheet in the back of church -- your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to approach the elder on duty with any questions you may have about these opportunities.



### Dine out!!

Cousins night for Grace on

Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7pm!!

Get your Grace family and friends together for a special fundraising night through Cousins Subs

2327 W. Ryan Road in Oak Creek!

20% of sales will be donated to Grace Lutheran School!

Please join us for a night of fellowship and support to Grace!

**Carol Flanary, the Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, will be coming to speak on Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> at both worship services and also to our Bible Class that Sunday in our Church Sanctuary.** Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI is a non-profit, state licensed outpatient mental health care agency and adoption service provider, serving the State of Wisconsin. Their licensed therapists and psychologists provide counseling to children, individuals and families with mental health concerns, alcohol and drug addictions, family counseling and adoption services for people of all ages. Come and hear what Carol Flanary has to say about what the ministry of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services has to offer for people in the State of Wisconsin!!!

### **New Members Class on Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-5:30pm at Grace Lutheran School**

Our next New Members class will take place in our Grace Lutheran School building located at 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave. I am looking to have the New Members Class on Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-5:30pm. Please also let us know if you might need childcare for this event. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Watch an introductory video at: [www.lhm.org/GodConnects](http://www.lhm.org/GodConnects).

## Stephen Ministry Training at Grace

Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Trainees learn how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times in life. After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists. We are going to begin a new training session for Stephen Ministers in February of 2024. The training is scheduled to take place on Sunday evenings from 6-8:30pm starting February 11<sup>th</sup> and ending June 23<sup>rd</sup>. (We will take off for Easter Monday and Memorial Day).

If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, you can contact Jeanne Meyer at: [meyorch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meyorch@sbcglobal.net) or 414-423-0010. Look for a special informational meeting between our Sunday morning worship services in December where you will have more information to learn about training to become a Stephen Minister at Grace! To learn more about Stephen Ministry you can also go to this website: [www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/917](http://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/917)

## Grief Share Group starting in October at Grace Lutheran School

No matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a loved one recently? At the end of October we are starting a special seminar and support group that we sponsor for people dealing with the loss of a family member here at Grace Lutheran. We understand how deeply grief and loss hurt people and families, and we simply wanted you to know about our Grief Share group. It's a place where many people have found they can begin putting their lives back together again with the Lord's help and with the love and encouragement of His Church.

Our Grief Share grief recovery seminar and support group will meet on Monday evenings starting October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm in the school library and it will end on Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will take off December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. There will also be a special lesson on "Surviving the Holidays," for those grieving the death of loved ones, which will take place on Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost for attending is \$20.00. Grace Lutheran School is located at: 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave.

Lori Kachelmeier and Jeanne Meyer will be the leaders for this Grief Share Group. Grief Share features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger." For more information or to register: go to the website: [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) and enter our zip code "53154" to the left of "find a group" box and do a search. It will bring up our Monday 6:30 pm meetings. For further questions please call Lori Kachelmeier at: 414-828-0290.

***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. We typically meet at Willow Crest at 9:45am to get prepared for the service and are done by 10:45am. 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. 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.

### **Church & School Furnaces Needed**

We are currently in need of funding for our aged furnaces at both the school and church. This fundraiser is to replace the 7 remaining furnaces at our school and the boiler at our church. All units are over 20 years old. The goal is \$50,000. Please prayerfully consider donating above and beyond your general offerings. There will be offering envelopes in the narthex and a donation box for your offerings. Thank you for your ongoing support of our ministries at Grace! God bless you! **Currently we have raised over \$24,781.63 for the church & school furnace fund, thank you for your support!!!**



**Adult Bible Class Topic— God's Word for Today: 1 & 2 Thessalonians—*The Lord is Faithful.*** On Sunday mornings in the school building, we will be studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians from 9:15-10:15am. In this bible study you will learn that God gave Paul a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia pleaded with Paul saying, "*Come over to Macedonia and help us*" (Acts 16:9). Following the Lord's call, Paul and his entourage eventually reached Thessalonica. In his two letters addressed to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul expresses his deep care as a founding pastor concerned about his fledgling congregation. In addition to Christian persecution, the Lord's second coming, the antichrist, and Christian discipline, in this bible study you will learn about:  
the power of the word of God;  
the importance of living a God-pleasing life;  
the reason why we are faithful to the bible's teachings.

## ***“Giving Acceptable Gifts”***

The first act of giving from a person to God in God’s Word is found in Genesis 4 when Cain and Abel gave their gifts to God. Both brothers gave gifts from their profits. Cain gave some of his crops, whereas Abel gave the firstborn of his flock and of the fat portion. *“And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering He had no regard”* (Genesis 4:4b-5). God viewed their gifts differently. Abel’s gift pleased God and Cain’s did not.

In the Hall of Faith chapter, Hebrews 11, we read, *“By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks”* (Hebrews 11:4). So why was Abel’s gift more acceptable than Cain’s? Abel gave a better sacrifice not because of what he brought but because of his faith that prompted his gift. His gift was acceptable because of his motive for giving. God looks at the heart of the giver. Abel loved and trusted God and gave accordingly.

We demonstrate our faithfulness through what we give. Through faith, we give acceptable gifts. Knowing Who God is and what He has done for us through Jesus, we want to thank and praise Him with gifts that are acceptable and pleasing to Him. When we give God our first and best out of thankful hearts, God is pleased to receive them.

There are gifts we can give to God that are not acceptable. When we give token amounts and only go through the motion of giving, God is not pleased. If we give to God for tax purposes, for recognition, or give only our leftovers, God is dishonored. God wants our total devotion. When He has our hearts, we will make the effort to give our first and best in gratitude for Who God is and all He has done and continues to do for us.

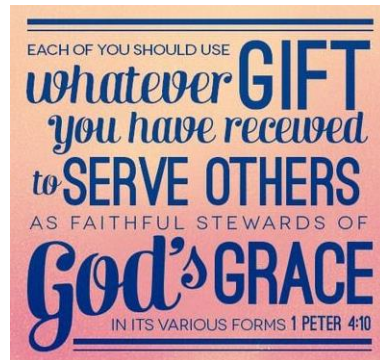
As sinful people, we struggle in our efforts to give acceptable gifts. Our nature is to keep rather than to give. Left to ourselves, we would limit our giving to what is leftover rather than to make giving a priority. By God’s grace, we acknowledge that He is the one Who has made it possible for us to earn an income, and He is the owner of all that we have. In essence, we are merely returning to Him what He has already given to us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to make giving a priority and to give generously. We seek to thank and honor Him by giving our heavenly Father acceptable gifts. God gave us the most acceptable gift of all when He sent His Son to the cross for our redemption and salvation. The Apostle Paul wrote, *“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift”* (2 Corinthians 9:15).

May God grant us His grace to view, manage, and use our money in ways that give Him honor.

**Blessings on your stewardship journey!**

# **Stewardship**

# **Corner**



# SCRIP at Grace Lutheran Church, School & ECC

**Did you know that Grace Lutheran Church Sells SCRIP???** Scrip is a **No-Cost Fundraiser** that helps to support the ministries here at Grace for our Lutheran Church, School, and ECC. Scrip is gift cards that we buy from various restaurants, gas stations, and grocery stores to name a few and then sell at face value to you. Examples include: Woodmans, Kwik Trip, Meijer, Menards, Culvers, Kohls, to name a few. Each merchant sets their own discount percentage, so some scrip purchases “*earn more*” than others. The gift cards you buy and then use at these stores our Church, School, and ECC earns a certain percentage of the purchase from the retailer that you shop at. Gail Nowakowski is our new Scrip Coordinator. If you are interested in Scrip please contact our Church office. We sell Scrip after each of our worship services, if you would like to take a look at what Scrip cards you can buy to help support the ministries of Grace.



## ONLINE GIVING AT GRACE

You can now give to our Church online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you for supporting our ministries here at Grace!!! Text the word: 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/monthly offering. Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries at Grace!!!



## LWML South Wisconsin District Winter Getaway

**February 2 & 3, 2024**

Marriot West, Waukesha

*'Growing Together'*

*Mentoring Workshop*

Retreat Speaker: Darcy Paape from the Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia University

More information and registration forms are available at: [www.lwml-swd.org](http://www.lwml-swd.org)



# Grace Ladies Guild

## Grace Ladies Guild Meeting Saturday-November 11, 10-11:30am

At school

We are excited to have Gail Nowakowski join us with her creative spirit!

She will show us how she makes cards for Grace's greeting card ministry. This will be a hands-on event as we assist her in making cards to brighten the spirit of others!

Ladies of all ages are welcome to be a part of this!

### Grace Altar Guild

*"While not every congregation has an Altar Guild so constituted, most are blessed with at least one faithful and selfless Christian who gives of his or her time to ensure that candles are trimmed, lamps are filled, vestments and paraments are pressed, and the vessels for Holy Communion are ready and fit for the saints to receive Christ's true Body and Blood. Their aim is not a tyranny of fastidious rules; they simply devote themselves to the notion that Christ and His teaching ought to be confessed not only in what we say, but also what we do and see."*

- [www.makingdisciples-resources.lcms.org](http://www.makingdisciples-resources.lcms.org)

We at Grace are blessed with not just one faithful and selfless individual who tends to the altar, we have a whole team of such folks! And we are looking for more to join the team! Altar Guild duties are divided into Communion Set-up and Linen Care. Our schedules are flexible so we can accommodate your schedule. Questions about serving? Contact Jennifer Olen 414.305.3740 [olenjennifer@aol.com](mailto:olenjennifer@aol.com) OR ask one of the altar ladies as you see her working in the altar room! \*The Lutheran Ladies Lounge podcast had a whole episode in which they chatted about the world of the Altar Guild. Fun listen! Find it at [www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org)

### Rise and Sonshine Bible Study

*Promised Rest*

*"Finding Peace in God's Presence"*

By Michelle Diercks

#### **From the Introduction:**

*"I created this study as a meditation on the various names and characteristics of God to deepen your understanding of Him and your identity as His child. The names of God reveal important aspects of His character as well as how He relates to you—His beloved child—and how He offers the peace we all crave so much."*

**The ladies of Rise and Sonshine meet November 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> this month.**

Ladies of Grace, you are invited to study God's Word  
with your fellow sisters in Christ!

The book is available thru Concordia Publishing House and Amazon.

Feel free to contact Jennifer Olen ([olenjennifer@aol.com](mailto:olenjennifer@aol.com)) with questions.

### Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at the Church entrance at 9:30 a.m. We are studying, *"Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success,"* by Sharla Fritz, a Bible Study through Concordia Publishing House. Join us!!!



# Holiday Worship Schedule for 2023

*“Jesus: The Son of David, the Son of Abraham”*

On Thursday nights @ 6:30pm at Grace during the last Thursday in November and the month of December we will once again be having our Advent Midweek Worship Services. There is great interest in genealogies today. In the past, such interest was usually confined to one dutiful family member who would gather all the information together and begin reconstructing the family tree. However, genealogy websites have simplified such work so that even the most casual observers are able to explore their family histories and better understand their pasts. The scientific advances of DNA are also allowing people to explore more than just one or two branches of the family tree and also to understand how all the generations of the past have come together in each unique, individual family member. In these weeks of Advent, the sermons will help us unpack the significance of Jesus’ genealogy and how God was at work weaving his plan of salvation throughout the history of his chosen people—*as he reveals in the Old Testament all the way through Joseph and Mary*. Here is the order of holiday worship for the coming month, 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion**— “Why Christians Give Thanks” (Luke 17:11–19)

**Thursday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm–Advent Midweek 1**— “Jesus: The Son of David” (Matthew 1:1, 6)

**Thursday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm –Advent Midweek 2**— “Jesus: The Son of Abraham” (Matthew 1:1–2)

**Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> --Special Trim the Tree Service 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**—  
Sunday worship services of 8am and 10:30am...

**Thursday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm –Advent Midweek 3**— “Jesus: The Son of Scandal” (Matthew 1:1, 3, 5–6)

**Thursday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm –Advent Midweek 4**—“Jesus: The Son of Joseph” (Matthew 1:16)

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent with Communion**

**Sunday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm, 5:30pm–Christmas Eve**: “Jesus: The Son of Mary” (Matthew 1:16)

**Monday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am–Christmas Day**: “Christmas, as John Writes It” (John 1:1–14)

**No Thursday evening worship on Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30am New Year’s Eve Worship**— Guest Pastor Jim Klug

**Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 8am & 10:30am Services**— “People Who Don’t Belong” (Matthew 2:1–12)

## WITNESSING:

### *Lighting the path for friends and family*

## LUTHERAN HOUR DEVOTIONS ADVENT 2023

### *“What Child Is This?”*

In Jesus’ birth, God came down to earth for us. In *What Child Is This?* we see how Jesus, foretold by the prophets and confirmed by God as His own Beloved Son, is the Father’s ancient promise fulfilled. Born to save us from our sins, this lowly Child triumphed over sin and death to become our Savior. 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, December 3, 2023, 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, 2024.



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*



**Instagram:**

*gracelutheran\_oakcreek*



*Help us decorate the Chancel for Christmas!*

*Order your Poinsettia Plant now!*

<u>Pot Size</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
6"	Average width 16"	\$16.00
7"	Average width 18"	\$21.00
10"	Average width 28"	\$40.00

*The deadline to order flowers is Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church. The flowers will be red with gold foil.*

*Please use the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex and include your money envelope provided, placing it in the basket.*

*If you have any questions or wish to place your order with us by phone, please contact the church office at 414-762-8990.*

# **Birth**day **Blessings**

## ***November Birthdays***

***11/2 James Block***  
***11/2 Lori Kachelmeier***  
***11/3 Rebecca Koehn***  
***11/4 Nick Norton***  
***11/4 Katie Nowak***  
***11/6 Jason Stone***  
***11/7 Nina McKinster***  
***11/8 Teri Nameth***  
***11/8 Taylor Prelewicz***  
***11/8 Patricia Toman***  
***11/9 Rachel Miliaca***  
***11/9 Jill Nowak***  
***11/10 Rick Weeks***  
***11/11 Ryan Hartig***  
***11/11 Mary Savarino***  
***11/12 Natalie Jaske***

***11/14 Madeline Durant***  
***11/15 Tere Hasse***  
***11/16 Jeanne Meyer***  
***11/17 Molly Pulkownik***  
***11/18 Larry Herte***  
***11/19 Jack McKinster***  
***11/20 Bernice Byklum***  
***11/22 Reagan Svcek***  
***11/25 Erica Vitek***  
***11/26 Dawn Jantz***  
***11/27 Delores Riemer***  
***11/28 Lynn Serdynski***  
***11/29 Morgan Parker***  
***11/29 Donna Wenzel***  
***11/30 Erik Kopperud***



***Happy Anniversary!***

## ***November Anniversaries***

***11/1 Mark and Jennifer Olen***  
***11/3 Glenn and Donna Dotson***  
***11/10 Dean and Phyllis Berglund***  
***11/11 Joel and Jalee Babach***  
***11/12 Aaron and Sarah Schmidt***  
***11/13 Richard and Patricia Reinhard***  
***11/23 Steve and Jen Gettelman***  
***11/28 Craig and Courtney Salzer***

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Divine Worship	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Grief Share	<b>31</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	<b>1</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm All Board's Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Divine Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship	<b>6</b> 4:00pm - 7:00pm Cousin's Dining Out Night - 2327 W RYAN ROAD 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Greif Share	<b>7</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Divine Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00am Rise & Sonshine Bible Study 10:00am Ladies Guild
<b>12</b> 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Divine Worship	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30 Grief Share	<b>14</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	<b>15</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Divine Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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## 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.

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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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**Sunday Worship 9:00 am**