



Equipper

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

December 2023



Pastor's Message

"Jesus: The Only Light that Shines for You!"

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

A blessed Advent & Christmas Season to you all. I'm so very glad that nothing in this world can ultimately prevent the message of the good news of our Savior from being proclaimed year in and year out. Jesus reminds us, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away"* (Matthew 24:35). That same Jesus tells us today that He, and He alone, is the light of the world. So, we pray: *Dear Jesus, shine brightly into our hearts, and into our world! Amen.*

In our culture, I'm thankful that the whole Advent/Christmas time is still a time for lights, aren't you? That's one thing that hasn't been cancelled yet. People still string up their houses, bushes, and trees. They fill the neighborhood with light virtually every night from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day. My family and I especially enjoy driving around our nearby neighborhoods enjoying the lights, even going down to Candy Cane Lane in West Allis. One of my favorite pictures is when the lights are beaming with a glow, piercing even the snow cover of a winter storm. Lights shining in the darkness, lights overcoming snow cover, light's piercing through the storm—*all of that shows light's power to bless.*

Jesus reminds us today that He doesn't just *"represent"* light in our lives. He is the light of the world for all who live in the darkness of sin, death, and the devil. He shines to expose our need for Him (piercing through the world's ultimate darkness), but, more importantly, He shines to provide a way home, and to invite us home with Him. He's the light of the world, the light that overcomes the darkness and calls us home to God in Him. That's His bold claim—*He is the real light of this world.*

But, Jesus' claim is more than calling you to come to God. More importantly than that, He's telling you that He Himself is God coming to and for you. So many get caught up in the beautiful reality of the baby Jesus and the godly family of Mary and Joseph that they miss the mission of *"the light of the world."* When Jesus was presented at the temple shortly after his birth, a man named Simeon gathered baby Jesus in his arms (Luke 2:25-35). He proclaimed that Jesus is the Messiah, *"a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel"* (Luke 2:32). Then Simeon added these words to Mary, Jesus' mother: *"34 Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed"* (Luke 2:34b-35).

Revealing light and saving light show us the light of the world at work in our world. Don't miss the light of Jesus this Advent & Christmas. See Him as He really is because Jesus is the only light that shines "for you" for the things that really matter, both now and forever. No political light, no relationship light, no economic light, no identity light, nor any "stature in community" light can shine like His light for your life and salvation

Natural light is a pretty amazing thing. In a time of "manufactured light," we often take natural light for granted. Natural light reveals the world to us. Body and soul crave it. Light sets our biological clocks. It triggers in our brains the sensations of color. Light feeds us, supplying the energy for plants to grow. It inspires us with special effects like rainbows and sunsets. Light gives us life-changing tools, from incandescent bulbs to lasers and fiber optics. Scientists don't fully understand what light is or what it can do. They just know that it is essential to life and that it will illuminate our future. All of that provides just a glimpse of who Jesus is for you! He declares, "I am the light of the world," and He shines forth to give you the light of eternal life.

Prayer: *Dear Jesus, may this Christmas Season open up my heart to see my need for You. Then grant me faith to trust in You as the light of my life now and forever. Amen.*

See You in Worship,
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Pastor John M. Taggatz



Welcome to our New Members at Grace!!!

We welcome these new families to Grace as of this past month.

We are so happy that you have joined our Church family!!! *Mary & Tammy Rowley, Jared & Erika Zeimentz and family, & Rebekah Lofton and family!*



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 by the 17th of each month.

**The Mites collection dates
for December are: 12-8 and 12-10**



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

Choir at Grace

Choir practice is on Thursday evenings in the church following worship. Please consider joining our church choir. Music has a unique way of connecting us with God, and being a part of the choir is a beautiful opportunity to share your voice and your faith. Whether you're an experienced singer or someone who simply loves to sing, we welcome you with open arms. Martin Luther once said, "He who sings, prays twice." Please contact Kathy Kolb, our Choir Director, for further details if you are interested in joining our church's choir.

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.

Your 2024 Grace Lutheran Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex of the Church. Please feel free to pick your envelopes up and we thank you for your continued support of our Church, School, and Early Childcare Center through the stewardship of your time, talents, and treasures! God bless you!

****Please do not use until January 2024.****



2024 Altar Flowers

Sign-up for 2024 Altar Flowers!

The sign-up sheet is posted on the white board in the narthex.

Place your flower order directly with Parkway Floral in South Milwaukee at: (414) 762-0246. Flowers will be delivered to church, free of charge, before the Thursday evening service. You can also supply your own arrangement.

Rachel Miliacca at the ECC can provide you with a vase liner.

Your flowers will be refrigerated after the Thursday service so they will be fresh for Sunday's services.

Take your flowers to enjoy at home after the 10:30am service on Sunday.

Reminder: If you want to put flowers on the altar, you must pay for it directly to the florist (Parkway Floral, South Milwaukee) if using a florist. Also, there are special offering envelopes in the narthex for Altar Flowers that you can use to make payment.

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 11th and ending June 23rd. (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 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

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 30th from 6:30-8:00pm in the school library and it will end on Monday February 12th. We will take off December 25th and January 1st. 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 20th. 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 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 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 \$28,131.63 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:

1. The power of the word of God
2. The importance of living a God-pleasing life
3. The reason why we are faithful to the bible's teachings

If you find it difficult to remember to begin each day with a simple stewardship prayer - asking God how He wants you to share the gifts He has given you - you might want to let one of the Magi be your reminder.

The Magi - or the wise men - traveled far distances and made great sacrifices to bring gifts to Jesus. This year, before you pack away your nativity set, select one of the wise men bearing his gift for Jesus and set this statue in a place that you will see every day - maybe on your desk, your dresser or your kitchen counter. When you see this gift bearer let it be a reminder to ask Jesus what gifts He would like you to give for Him each day throughout the year.

And if someone asks why you have a Christmas decoration out, you can simply say that this little statue is reminding you to be more generous.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

Stewardship

Corner



“Sent to Tell the Good News”

The season of Advent has provided opportunity for us to reflect on God’s great love for us fallen sinners that has caused Him to send His very own Son Who came for the ungodly, even for those who will never acknowledge His sacrifice and who reject His free gift of salvation. Along with the joy that we have in our Savior, especially at this time of the celebration of Jesus’ birth, the knowledge that not all experience this joy brings a sorrow to us as it does to the heart of our Lord.

Just as God in His love sent His Son into this world to save the lost, so we are now sent to tell others of that love. The shepherds at Jesus’ birth did not hesitate to tell others. *“And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen...”* (Luke 2:20). Like the shepherds, our joy and mission are to share the good news with all people that Jesus came *“to seek and to save the lost”* (Luke 19:10). By grace, we are invited to be participants who declare to the world how God has reconciled us to Himself through His Son. God makes His appeal to unbelievers through us, and, therefore, it is imperative that we share the Gospel, which is the life-giving truth. We are to preach and teach the Word of God.

God calls us to share our faith and to let His light shine brightly. You and I have something to share that is needed by others, and that is the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ, Who came to us as a babe in a manger. In light of what Christ has done for us, we respond with a desire to serve and glorify Him. We are equipped and enabled by the Holy Spirit through His Word and Sacraments (2 Timothy 3:16-17) to be participants in His mission. We are the feet, eyes, ears, mouths, and hands who carry the message, who see the needs, who listen to the cries of those in need, who bring help to them, who tell them the message of reconciliation.

God’s Word challenges us to use our time, talents, and money, so we can make an eternal difference in the lives of others. Because God is always with us, we can be faithful in our purpose to be God’s participants in His mission to save all people.

May we all keep Christ as the heart of our Christmas and see Jesus as the reason for our joy. God’s blessings on your Christmas worship and celebration with loved ones.

Have a blessed Christmas!



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

Grace Ladies Guild

Grace Ladies Guild
Saturday-December 9
10am-11:30am At school

Ladies, you are invited to join us as we take some time from the Christmas hustle to enjoy a little Christmas fellowship.
Feel free to bring along a treat/snack to share.
We will be having a Christmas gift exchange too! Gift limit is \$10.

Cookies for Shut-ins
Thinking of others this Christmas season, we ask that you bring a dozen cookies which we will assemble into packages and deliver to Grace's shut-ins.
Looking forward to seeing you at Guild!
Feel free to contact Jennifer Olen with any questions.

Mitten Tree

O Mitten tree, O Mitten tree
Your branches are so bare and cold!
O Mitten tree, O mitten tree
Your branches are so bare and cold.
We will fill you with hats and mittens!
Wrap you with warmth and love.
O mitten tree, O mitten tree
Your branches are so bare and cold.

Once again this year, the Mitten Tree has been placed in the narthex. Guild will be collecting mittens, hats, scarves and gloves which will be donated to the South Milwaukee Human Concerns group. Please help us to "decorate" the tree! *All sizes are needed!* If you are a knitter or crocheter...Pauline Parker has bins of yarn to be used for this project...please reach out to her if you need some.

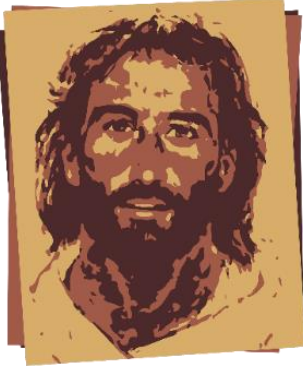
Thank you! - Ladies Guild

At our November gathering we learned how to "weed!"
Gail Nowakowski and her daughter Michelle taught us how they make greeting cards with a *Cricut* machine. The message is printed out in vinyl, then it was our job to "weed" out the extra vinyl leaving just the card message to be adhered and glued to make the final card. Everyone had a great time learning this new craft! The cards will be donated to the Grace greeting card ministry.

Altar Guild - 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 OR ask one of the altar ladies as you see her working in the altar room!

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 28th.

Thursday Nov. 30th 6:30pm—Advent Midweek 1— “Jesus: The Son of David” (Matthew 1:1, 6)

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

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

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

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

Sunday December 24th 9:30am 4th Sunday in Advent with Communion

Sunday Dec. 24th 4pm, 5:30pm—Christmas Eve: “Jesus: The Son of Mary” (Matthew 1:16)

Monday Dec. 25th 9:30am—Christmas Day: “Christmas, as John Writes It” (John 1:1–14)

No Thursday evening worship on Thursday December 28th

Sunday December 31st 9:30am New Year’s Eve Worship— Guest Pastor Jim Klug

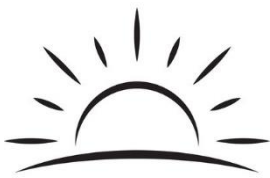
Sunday January 7th 8am & 10:30am Services— “People Who Don’t Belong” (Matthew 2:1–12)

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study has started a new Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. It is entitled, *“God’s Provision in a Wilderness World”* by [Lindsay Hausch](#) through **Concordia Publishing House**. In this Bible Study we will learn that for the Israelites wandering through the wilderness and us, God’s manna is a gift wrapped in struggle. This example of God providing manna invites us to look at our present life—with its bittersweet beauty—and see how our Creator is blessing us with His gifts in our everyday struggles. The forty studies in this book will lead you through the Book of Exodus as the Israelites wander through the wilderness, pointing you to what God wants you to know and apply to your own life.

This women's Bible study is broken up into eight weeks, with five sessions per week, for a total of forty studies. Our culture is a wilderness where our effort to satisfy our needs with things of this world leaves our hearts empty and aching for more. Every day, no matter where you wander, God invites you to take time in His Word and re-center your heart on Him. God’s provision for you is personal. He meets you where you are. And He gives you what you need.

**We meet on Wednesday mornings at church at 9:30 a.m.
All women of our congregation are invited to attend.**



Rise & Sonshine Bible Study

**December 9th at 8:00am-9:30am
At Grace Lutheran School**

**This last month we studied the name of God Ji’reh-‘The Lord will provide’
From the stories of Abraham and Moses we saw how God
provided for each of them in their circumstances.
What a blessing that we have that promise too...
God will provide for us as well!**

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.

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

“Poinsettias for Christmas!”

Special thanks to those who placed poinsettias in the chancel area this year. Thank you for making our Church Sanctuary beautiful during the seasons of Advent & Christmas!!! God bless you all!!!

Greg & Gail Nowakowski
Tony & Suzie Mirenda
Dave Stecker (*Mike Stecker*)
Leah Abelt
Barbara & Michael Huber
Jan Barrett
Sandy Hamburger
Leroy Handle
Mary Savarino
Sharon Bzdawka

Sharon Russell
Pat Groth (*Ernst Groth*)
Dawn Jantz (*Bob & Doreen Jantz*)
Mark & Jen Olen (*Susan Olen*)
Lori Kachelmeier (*Norman Keesler*)
John Tindall (*John’s Parents*)
Christine Cooksy
Lynn Buzzell
Tricia & Brandon Dachel
Sue Paradise
Amy Pankow

(In honor/memory of)



Birthday Blessings

12/1 Gabriel Dachel
12/1 Wayne Meyer
12/1 Joanne Morgan
12/1 Jan Warmkessel
12/6 Dennis Iseli
12/7 Tim Kisley
12/8 Gail Nowakowski
12/11 Chris Cotter
12/11 Sara Durant
12/11 Charlotte Klipfel
12/12 Richard Jackson
12/13 Lauren Frank
12/14 Rita Heinen

12/14 Ron Savarino
12/18 Glenn Dotson
12/18 Penelope Ryan-Thiessen
12/18 Craig Salzer
12/19 Christine Cooksy
12/21 Donna Smith
12/23 Carol Thurber
12/24 Laura Morrisette
12/24 Arthur Steinborn
12/31 Jacob Zalar

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Full Directory of all church members

Directory

Increase visits to your Website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter & other Social Media Pages

Introducing Our Grace Lutheran Church Mobile Directory! Now you can have an updated directory with you 24/7

Updatable by the church

- Update or Add Family photos, names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails
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We have been working with Universal Church Directories to establish our congregation on their APP made for your mobile phone or tablet. From the APP, you can watch downloaded services, contact us directly, access the church calendar, online-giving, You Version Bible, and the church directory. You will be receiving an email from Universal Church Directories with directions to download the APP to your device, along with a unique identifier that is required to login to the APP. Tip: It is also easiest to copy and paste this unique identifier code into the APP to gain access to the church directory. If you have any questions please contact Heidi, Tuesday through Thursday 9am-12pm 414-762-8990.



DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Divine Worship	27 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Grief Share	28 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	29 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	30 6:30pm Advent Service - No Communion	1	2
3 1st Sunday in Advent 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship	4 4-8pm pm Panera Dining Out 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Grief Share	5 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	6 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm All Board's Meeting	7 6:30pm Advent Service	8 6:30pm Christmas Program for ECC	9 8:00am Rise & Sonshine Bible Study 10:00am Ladies Guild
10 2nd Sunday in Advent - Trim the Tree Service 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Divine Worship	11 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Grief Share	12 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	13 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	14 6:30pm Advent Worship	15	16
17 3rd Sunday in Advent 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship	18 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Grief Share	19 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	20 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	21 6:30pm Advent Worship	22	23
24 4th Sunday in Advent 9:30am Divine Worship with Communion 4:00on Christmas Eve Service 5:30pm Christmas Eve Service	25 *CHRISTMAS DAY* 9:30am Christmas Day Service	26 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	27 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	28	29	30
31 9:30am New Year's Eve Worship - Guest Pastor Jim Klug	1 *NEW YEARS DAY*	2 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	3 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm All Board's Meeting	4 6:30pm Divine Worship	5	6

Radio Worship Service

"*The Lutheran Hour*" can be heard anytime on the internet at lhm.org – scroll down the page and click on, "*listen now*." You can also listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings:

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WTMJ Milwaukee, WI 620 AM Sunday at 5:30 am
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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

Internet Prayerline

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Thursday Worship 6:30 pm

Sunday Worship 9:00 am