



Equipper

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

March 2024



Pastor's Message

"A Risen Jesus: The Answer to Questions of Life & Death"

Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29)

"This might be the year that we see it happen! Our team is going all the way." That's typically a springtime mantra for many baseball fans around the country. Usually by the end of the month of March, people who love baseball are entering a new season. It is a moment when the hopes of fans and the team are one. And, most of all, their common expectations are at a feverish *"pitch."* Well, that's if everything goes as planned. That's if we have the right players and everyone is healthy.

Yes, usually this time of year we are talking about fun *"cliffhangers,"* debating silly things like baseball games, the NBA playoffs, and even whether May showers will really bring April flowers. Just a number of years ago, there was a *"cliffhanger"* that felt like a *"life and death"* question, remember? Would this pandemic ever end? Could we get sick and die from this *"flu on steroids"* virus? Were we getting the right information to make such crucial decisions? Would we lose our jobs, our livelihoods? It was a time when our technologies and drugs seemed to fail us. It was a time when we saw governments and leaders protect themselves first, rather than their people. At times like that, what do we do?

Critical *"cliffhanger"* questions need answers. When Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday, the greatest cliffhanger in the world occurred. Was that the end for Him, for His disciples, and for us? Would sin overwhelm our Savior? Would eternal life be reduced to wishful thinking? Would His disciples live in fear that the religious leaders or Roman authorities might target them next? Thomas, the disciple of Jesus, wanted to see the risen Jesus for his answer (see John 20:25). The doubts of Thomas are much like ours. There are moments in our lives when, even with all our preparation, effort, and expense, we don't know what's going to happen. And there are even scarier times when a crisis occurs amidst our lack of preparation or the absence of our due diligence.

When those cliffhanger questions arise, the Bible teaches us that, above and beyond our technologies or politics, faith is the vital answer. And this faith isn't in ourselves or our ability, wealth, or stature. No, it's our faith in Jesus Christ. That's the kind of faith which *"is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"* (Hebrews 11:1). Such a faith gives certainty regarding the eternal things that ultimately matter.

In the midst of all the challenges that we do or don't see coming in this world, the Savior of the cross and the empty tomb not only draws our attention, but summons our trust because He cares for us now and forever. Cliffhangers in sports? We can handle those. But when it comes to cliffhangers about life itself—viruses, surgeries, or losing loved ones—the key is to bring one's doubts, challenges, and fears to God. He can turn those situations around in order to bring lasting victory and an eternal celebration even amidst the enduring challenges of the day. That's an "empty tomb, risen Savior" answer to the overwhelming challenges of life; believe it!

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for overcoming the greatest opponents which stood against our life with You -- sin, death, and the devil himself. Thank You for answering the cliffhanger of the cross with the reality of Your resurrection. Strengthen our faith in You this day and every day based upon the certainty of our eternal life with You because of Your life, death, and resurrection for us. Amen.

See you in worship,

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Pastor Taggatz

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Our next New Members class will take place in our Grace Lutheran School building located at 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave on Sunday, March 17th, from 1:30-5:30pm. We had to reschedule this class due to the Extreme Winter Weather we had during the weekend of January 14th. 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.



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.

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

Pastor John Taggatz, cell: 715.467.1231

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

Heidi, 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 March 7th and 10th



When you or your group plans to hold a meeting at the Grace Lutheran School campus, it must be cleared by Principal 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.

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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.

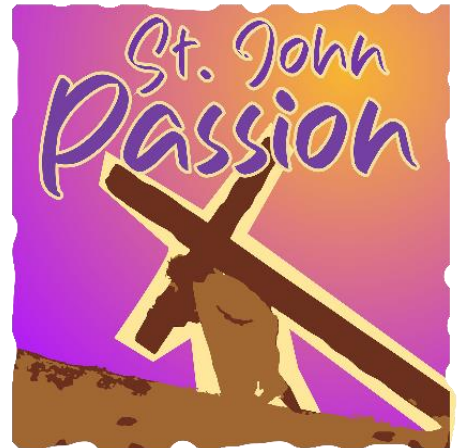
Reminder: If you want to put flowers on the altar, you must pay for it directly to the florist (Parkway Floral, South Milwaukee) if using a florist.

Also, there are special offering envelopes in the narthex for Altar Flowers that you can use to make payment.



Lenten Midweek Series for Grace Lutheran Church
Ash Wednesday February 14th – Easter Sunday March 31st, 2024

1. March 7th, 2024 6:30pm (no communion)
Lenten Midweek 4:
“Whom Do We Follow?” John 19:1–16a
2. March 14th, 2024 6:30pm (no communion) Lenten
Midweek 5:
“Wisdom Has a Friend on the Cross,” John 19:16b–27
3. March 21st, 2024 6:30pm (no communion) Lenten
Midweek 6: “Jesus Finishes the Battle for Your Salvation,”
John 19:28–42
4. March 28th, 2024 6:30pm (with communion)
“Hey, It’s Not about Me!”
Luke 14.12–14, Maundy Thursday
5. March 29th, 2024 (no communion) Good Friday
“Our Lord Did This for You!”
Psalm 22, 12pm-Noon Day Service
6. March 29th, 2024 (no communion)
“Real Life after Good Friday”
Mark 15.33–34, 6:30pm Tenebrae Service (no communion)
7. March 31st, 2024 (no communion)
“Larger than the Stone”
Mark 16.1-8, 6am Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
8. March 31st, 2024 (with communion)
“A Startling New Reality!”
Mark 16:1–8 8:30am & 10am Easter Sunday Festival Service



Save the Date

43rd Annual Dinner Auction

Friday, April 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Fiserv Forum

1111 Vel R. Phillips Avenue | Milwaukee
Garage Parking will be validated.

Cocktails (open bar) & Hors d'oeuvres
Atrium & Main Concourse

Formal Sit-Down Dinner
Arena Floor

Live & Silent Auctions

After-Glo Party
Potawatomi Club Deck

\$200 per person | \$1,750 table of 10

Join us as we celebrate 120 years of Lutheran Education at our 43rd annual fundraising event for Milwaukee Lutheran, Martin Luther, Lake Country Lutheran, Mount Calvary, and Trinity Lutheran Classical Schools.

For more information, or if you would like to sponsor, donate an item, or volunteer your time, please contact Shari DeBaal.

414.421.9100 x908 or SDEBRAAL@LHSAGM.ORG

REGISTER TODAY BY GOING TO THIS LINK:

<https://lhsagm.ejoinme.org/ONE>

Stewardship Corner

In Jesus' time on earth, He chose His disciples in a much different way than the practices of His day.

Disciples often chose rabbis for themselves from whom they hoped to gain deeper insights into the meaning of the Torah. In contrast to all this, Jesus told His disciples, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you...to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16). Jesus did the choosing and the calling.

Even more radical, Jesus called His disciples to a lifetime of commitment. He called them and brought them into a new relationship with Him.

In the same way today, Jesus calls and seeks a relationship with us. He invites us to follow Him so we can be part of His family and enjoy His love and blessings.

As His disciples, we enjoy God's fellowship, and we are empowered by Him to bear fruit.



Blessings on your stewardship journey!

"Our Journey on to Heaven"

For the past few generations, Martin Luther, who was a pastor, theologian, author, hymnwriter, and professor, has been and continues to be one of the most referenced or quoted spiritual leaders of all time. Luther was a prolific writer, so he has a wealth of articles, books, and essays to quote. The following amazing paragraph from Luther does not reference the word stewardship or steward, but it conveys foundational truths of Christian stewardship.

Therefore, we must use all these things upon earth in no other way than as a guest who travels through the land and comes to a hotel where he must lodge overnight. He takes only food and lodging from the host, and he says not that the property of the host belongs to him. Just so should we also treat our temporal possessions, as if they were not ours, and enjoy only so much of them as we need to nourish the body and then help our neighbors with the balance. Thus, the life of the Christian is only a lodging for the night, since we have here no continuing city, but must journey on to heaven, where the Father is.

Martin Luther aptly points out that, while on earth, we are God's guests. God is the creator, sustainer, and owner of all things. Both the food we eat and the homes we live in are provided by God. God makes it possible for us to plant food to eat, because He provides the seeds, ground, sunlight, and rain. He gives us the intelligence, strength, and energy to harvest the crops that He makes possible for us to plant. The meat we eat comes from the animals that live in the fields which God has provided along with the food He makes possible for them to eat. God also provides the materials for our homes. Our lives are in God's hands. As His stewards, we receive His blessings with thanksgiving.

Luther's perspective on temporal possessions is totally opposite of what our society promotes. Our society tells us that we create and have control over all we have. Our happiness and security are dependent upon having things. Our status is determined by what we have so we work long and hard to have big homes, new cars, and large investment accounts. In contrast, Luther reminds us that things, both necessities and luxuries, are God gifts on loan to us. Luther encourages us to be satisfied with enough to provide for our needs and to use the rest to support our neighbors and God's kingdom.

Luther reminds us that "the life of the Christian is only a lodging for the night." Likewise, the Apostle Paul tells us that "*our citizenship is in heaven*" (Philippians 3:20), so we "*press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 3:14). Our earthly journey is merely temporary until we rest in our permanent home with Jesus. By God's grace, Luther knew that this life is a "journey on to heaven." We do as well.



Grace Ladies Guild

A Place of Refuge TOUR Saturday, March 9th at 9:00am-10:30am

Departing Grace School at 9:45am, we are blessed to be given an opportunity to visit the newly remodeled APOR house, hear about their mission to assist mothers and their babies and to deliver our Blessings for Baby items. All are invited on this tour (men too), please let Jennifer Olen (414.305.3740 olenjennifer@aol.com) know you will be attending and carpooling with us. If interested, we may stop at the Blessed Again resale store as well.

Spic n Span Sanctuary Saturday, March 23-10am-11:30am

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

Altar Guild Opportunity!

After many years of using her gifts to cross stitch Grace's baptismal napkins, Debbie Oelke will be retiring her needle and scissors. We are looking for someone to take up their needle and scissors to make these beautiful keepsakes for those coming to the baptismal font. If you are interested or have questions about what is involved in making these, please reach out to Jennifer Olen 414.305.3740 olenjennifer@aol.com

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!

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

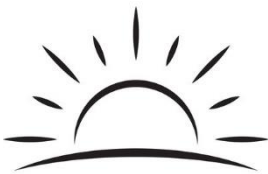
God providing manna invites us to look at our present life—with its bittersweet beauty—and see how our Creator is blessing us with His gifts in our everyday struggles. The forty studies in this book will lead you through the Book of Exodus as the Israelites wander through the wilderness, pointing you 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

**Saturday, March 9th and 24th
8:00am-9:30am at School**

****NEW STUDY**** Flowing from the Cross: Six Facets of God's Forgiveness by Daniel Paavola (available thru Concordia Publishing House. Join us for fellowship while being in God's Word! All ladies are invited!



Adult Bible Class Topic

God's Word for Today: 1 Peter "God's Chosen People."

On Sunday mornings in the school library from 9:15-10:15am, we will be studying 1 Peter. In this Bible Study you will learn that by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the apostle Peter writes His first epistle to those concerned about living their Christian faith in a sometimes unreceptive and even hostile environment. Peter's words of hope are just as timely today as they were for the believers of the first century who first received them.



Grace Lutheran Greeting Card Ministry

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

'Think of your neighbor, love your neighbor.' This is the way people answer that message, letting people know they haven't been forgotten.

If you would like to share in this ministry, please take a card which is provided for you on the table in the narthex of the Church. Remember...you are giving joy to these people. If you are interested in taking part in this ministry, please contact Pauline Parker at: 414-807-6338 or paulinemom@aol.com

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](https://www.graceoakcreek.org) to 206-859-9405, use this [QR Code](#) or head to our web-site: [graceoakcreek.org](https://www.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!!!



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 \$27,176.63 for the church & school furnace fund, thank you for your support! (In the month of December, we had to replace the twin furnaces to the school gym and 1st Grade classroom at a cost of about \$9,000, we couldn't have been able to replace these furnaces without your help and support from our furnace fund, which has been approved in our previous voter's meetings. We actually saved \$1000 by purchasing the two furnaces together. Thank you!)

SAVE THE DATE!!



March 16th - You are cordially invited to South Wisconsin District LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Event

Doors open at 8:30am and end at 2:30pm. Hosted at Granville Lutheran School: 8242 N Granville Road Milwaukee, WI 53224. The theme: "*Hearts for the Harvest.*" (Matthew 9:37-38) Program brings LCMS ethnic groups and LCMS ethnic pastors together for a 1 day event. This year, we will have a cooking demonstration, African dance, ethnic choirs, children choirs, door prizes, and more! For more information: Email: jamellis2003@yahoo.com or visit www.lwml-swd.org

March 16th at 2:00pm - Tea Party at Grace School

"My Cup Has Overflowed" (John 13:4-5.) Please bring a kitchen towel to be exchanged, and you can choose a tea cup and saucer! We ask that those who would like to - share a time when God has made your cup overflow, with a few short words or story. If you would like to write something out and have one of us read your story, please let us know. If you would like to donate your favorite tea or hot chocolate, or if you have tea cups and saucers that you purchased for the Tea Party, please bring them to church and place them on the top of the coat rack in the entrance. You may also take them into the church office - or leave them outside the office door if no one is in. Please let Pauline know what you are donating at 414-764-5574. Please donate these items before the end of February. We will have small sandwiches, tea, hot chocolate, exchange of tea towels, dessert, and our special readings and our stories to share. It will be a fun afternoon of celebration! An email was sent to you on February 1st, with a link to submit your RSVP to the event. There will also be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board at church. We hope to see you there!



March 23rd at 3:00pm – The Grace Easter Egg Hunt!

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

March 23rd at 3:00pm - Easter Breakfast!

Easter Breakfast is BACK!!! Our Youth Group will be hosting their Potluck Easter Breakfast at the school on Easter Sunday, March 31st from 7-9:00am. We are requesting members to RSVP and sign up for a dish to share. PLEASE SEE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE NARTHEX! A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Grace Youth Group. Thank you for your support!!!

Hunger Task Force - Annual Fund Drive



The Evangelism Board along with the *Hunger Task Force* is holding their Annual Fund Drive. The best way to support the *Hunger Task Force* is to make a monetary donation. The *Hunger Task Force* will then purchase the food to be distributed to those in need. There are envelopes on the table in the back of church to put your donations. The envelopes then can be placed in the offering plate. Checks should be made out to: Grace Lutheran Church. Please write *Hunger Task Force* in the memo section of your check. Thank you in advance for your generosity! *Grace Evangelism Board*. Please bring a jar of peanut butter to Church, School or the ECC to help out those in need. Thank you for donating to this charitable cause!!!

Voters Meeting at Grace on Sunday, April 21st following our 10:30am worship service.

At this Voters Meeting we will be presenting our proposed budget for the next year. We will also have Board updates, a report from Pastor Taggatz, discuss about the church & school furnace fundraiser, the treasurer's report, and we will have an update on new members at Grace. Please plan on attending the Voters meeting, as your support and involvement in our ministries here at Grace is deeply needed and appreciated. The election of officers will take place at the Voter's meeting in June of this year.

Are You Interested in Serving on a Church Board?

Elections are coming up for various boards at our Church at our June Voter's Meeting. Do you feel called to serve in leadership here at Grace Lutheran Church? Please consider contacting the Church Office and we will let you know what responsibilities each board position has. We will also connect you with the current board members who are serving so that you can ask them questions pertaining to their current board responsibilities. The term of service is three years, and your service would begin in July of 2024.

FLAME IS COMING TO MILWAUKEE!!!!

On April 27, Lutheran Rap artist and Concordia Seminary St. Louis graduate (Master of Arts in Religion) will be headlining a community outreach event at Hope Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Now is the time to save the date. More information on tickets to the event will be coming out soon!



FLAME is a GRAMMY® nominated and Stellar Award winning hip-hop artist. He is a well-versed leader in the Christian hip-hop scene with a growing list of accolades, including a GRAMMY® nomination, several Dove and Stellar Award nominations, and multiple Billboard chart toppers. He was born and raised in the inner city of St. Louis, MO. He has released 9 albums to date including *Captured* (2010), *The 6th* (2012), *RoyalFlush* (2013), *Forward* (2015), Stellar Award-winning *God Knows* (2018), *Extra Nos* EP (2020), *DayBreak* EP (2020), and *Christ For You* EP (2021) under his own imprint.

For over a decade, FLAME has traveled throughout North America & the Caribbean, Africa, Europe, and Asia performing music that has impacted the masses. In addition to touring, writing, recording and co-producing his own projects, FLAME founded and helms Clear Sight Music, a burgeoning record label raising the bar in Christian hip-hop and beyond. He has a Master's degree in theology with a minor in counseling.

Vacation Bible School this Summer will be Friday June 14th at Grace Lutheran School.

We are in need of Teachers and Volunteers for our upcoming VBS. If you would like to help out, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent and VBS Coordinator, Jill Nowack at: sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org. Thanks for your consideration in helping out with this exciting event!!! The theme this year will be: "Dive In" – Come explore under the sea with us. VBS – 2024—Friday, June 14 starting with supper at 5:30 PM and VBS starts at 6:00 PM



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

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.



HAPPY Birthday!

May God bless you with an abundance of peace, joy, and love this coming year.

Happy Anniversary!

- 3/1 Jaden Pfeilstifter
- 3/2 Tiffany Laabs
- 3/2 Aaron Mould
- 3/4 Melissa Swaiston
- 3/6 Lisa Norton
- 3/7 Anthony Hengst
- 3/7 Leigh Schmeiser
- 3/8 Lance Kopperud
- 3/8 Matthew Rodgers
- 3/9 Debbie Oelke
- 3/11 Cris Evers
- 3/12 Karina Penn
- 3/13 Jenny Svick
- 3/13 Nathan Svick
- 3/15 Sharon Bzdawka
- 3/15 Rosanna Miliacca
- 3/16 Michael Toman
- 3/17 Lori Jablonski
- 3/17 Eric Kamprath
- 3/17 Kevin Mallum
- 3/17 Ryan Olen II

- 3/18 Lacey Schaefer
- 3/19 Pastor Tagatz
- 3/20 Aaron Larson
- 3/20 Taylor Lau
- 3/22 Tom Hengst
- 3/25 Drew Gottwald
- 3/25 Jennifer Mendez
- 3/26 Carol Loveall
- 3/27 Jason Flower
- 3/28 LeRoy Handle
- 3/30 Lana Lara
- 3/31 Evelyn Van Doren

3/31 Steve & JoEllen Pfeilstifter

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

VISIT CHURCH WEBSITE

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.

hello March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship	4 6:30pm Confirmation Class	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 Lent & Divine Worship (No Communion)	8 7:00pm Romeo and Juliet Play at Martin Luther	9 8:00am Rise & Sonshine Bible Study 9:00am A Place of Refuge Tour, APOR House 7:00pm Romeo and Juliet Play at Martin Luther
10 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Divine Worship 2:00pm Romeo and Juliet Play at Martin Luther	11 6:30pm Confirmation Class	12 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner)	13 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	14 6:30pm Lent & Divine Worship (No Communion)	15	16 8:30am - 2:30pm LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Event at Grandville Lutheran School 2:00pm Tea Party at Grace School
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31 6:00am Easter Sunday Sunrise Service (No Communion) 7:00am - 9:00am Easter Breakfast 8:30am Easter Sunday Festival Service 10:00am Easter Sunday Festival Service						

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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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