



# Equipper

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

May 2024



## ***Pastor's Message***

### ***"Holy Heartburn!"***

Luke 24:29b-35, *"So, [Jesus] went in to stay with them. 30 When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?" 33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, 34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread."*

Our text from Luke 24 is where the Bible tells of these events after Jesus had walked to Emmaus with two of His followers on the evening of His resurrection. What a Bible study it must have been on that day! On the road to Emmaus, Jesus rooted those disciples in the firm promises of God's Word that had come to fruition in Him. Even more, Jesus set their hearts on fire by anchoring their faith in Him in all things (Luke 24:32). That's a fire, a holy heartburn, which comes from God's love and grace through faith in the Son of God. It comes from knowing that God's offer of life and salvation burns, but does not destroy. Instead, it empowers us and sets our lives on fire to make a difference, both now and in our eternity with Him.

People can be passionate for their jobs, hobbies, or families, etc. These can all be good, but they must never be the ultimate thing in our lives. Passion, even for the good things in life, must be rooted in and fed by the fire that comes through faith in Jesus. Then the fire of our Spirit-inspired passions, rooted and refreshed in God's Word and Sacraments, will not disappoint, deceive, or devour us. Instead, they will "burn" in us in a way that empowers our lives as Jesus' disciples and fuels our love for others in His Name.

Jesus speaks bluntly about the things that naturally burn in our corrupted, selfish, and sinful hearts. He says, *"Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. These are the things which defile the man"* (Matthew 15:19-20). Even worse, such fires can blind us to the love that God has for us in Jesus. They can blind us to the wisdom of God's Word for our lives and for the lives of those we love. The passionate fires of sin and rebellion may seem fulfilling for a time, but those which go contrary to His Word only seek to disconnect us from Jesus and ultimately destroy life.

If you have been singed by those fires, or if they are burning out of your control in your life today, hear the good news of this text. Even amidst the fires of hopelessness, ignorance, or unbelief, Jesus comes with the fires of His grace to open your heart to His forgiveness, life, and salvation, even delivering such gifts at the table of His Supper. The fire of God's Gospel promise in Christ burns brightly for you to help you battle the fires of sin and temptation in your life.

So, what makes your heart burn? When it's the Word of Scripture seeking to deepen your faith in your Savior Jesus Christ, that's a "holy heartburn," an empowering fire, not a devouring one. When life is continually resourced by the fires of God's Word, His in/with/under presence at the Table of the Lord, and the enduring promises of the waters of Baptism which offer grace through faith in Jesus, then you are receiving a heavenly heartburn that is sure to not only bless you, but to bless others through you. May those blessings be yours today in Christ, as it was for those who walked with Him so long ago and recognized Him in the "breaking of the bread."

*Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, open my eyes to see the empowering fire of Your Word as it creates and strengthens my faith in You. Then give me courage to "speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15) with the passion and humility that come from receiving the blessings of Your Word by grace through faith. Amen.*

See you in worship,

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Pastor John M. Taggatz

## **Welcome to our new members here at Grace!!!**

Over the last few months our congregation has been blessed to welcome new members here at Grace, they are as follows: *Mary & Tammy Rowley, Joel & Traci Wrobbel-Bieszk and son Jaxson, Trista & Jacob Patten and daughters, Saige & Hazel, Erin Reed and son, Greyson, Jared & Aiden Zeimentz and son, Ashton, and Bekah Lofton and daughter, Erika.* Welcome to our church family, we are so glad that you are here!!!

## **NEW MEMBERS CLASS**

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, June 2<sup>nd</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. Let us know if you might need child-care. Watch an introductory video at: [www.lhm.org/GodConnects](http://www.lhm.org/GodConnects).

# 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](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org) by the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The Mites collection dates  
for May are the 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 Principal Steve Gettelman. His email address is: [principal@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:principal@graceoakcreek.org)

## 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.graceoc.com) 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!!!





## Congratulations to our Grace Lutheran Confirmation Students!

God's blessings to **Garrison Hundt & Martin Taggatz** upon their journey with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior that was started on the day of their baptisms and has continued to their Confirmation, which will be on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations to them as they have confirmed their Christian faith that God gave to them in their baptism!

### CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!!

Graduation is coming up for our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at Grace Lutheran School, but also for those in our congregation that are graduating from High School and College. On **Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>** we will be acknowledging those in our congregation that are graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, High School, and College. **We are asking that any High School or College age students of our congregation that are graduating would join us for this event.** They may also wear their cap and gown to be recognized for their graduation. Please let us know what school they are graduating from, and if it is from college, what is their major? We will publish this information in the church's bulletins on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please email this info to our Church Secretary Heidi at: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org)



### ***Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow!!!***

We rejoice with our Early Childhood Director, Rachel Milliacca, for getting her Bachelors Degree from Rasmussen University in Early Childhood Education and Leadership. We are so proud of your accomplishment Rachel and we thank you for your service to Grace as our Early Childhood Director!!! **We Pray:** *Heavenly Father, we thank you for Rachel Milliacca's recent graduation from college. We are so blessed to have her as our Early Childhood Director and we ask You, O Lord, that You would continue to bless her and her efforts as she leads our little lambs to Jesus our Good Shepherd. Amen.*

### **Grief Share Group**

Beginning on March 11th 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? On March 11th 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 Church Oak Creek. 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 meets on Monday evenings at Grace Lutheran School March 11th-the middle of June 2024 from 6:30-8:30pm in the School Library. The cost for attending is \$20.00. Grace Lutheran School is located at: 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Oak Creek, WI. 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, call our Church office at 414-762-8990 or email us at: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org).

# Grace Ladies Guild

## May Meeting

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am-11:30am at Church

Prayer Service "Grace, Mercy, Peace"  
Dispersing monies to missions/ministries  
Election of President and Treasurer

Both men and women are invited to attend the Prayer Service led by Pastor Taggatz

## 2024 LWML SWD Convention

June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, WI

All are invited to attend as we carry out the business of the LWML SWD, hear from keynote speaker Carolyn Blum, and connect with fellow sisters in Christ.

REGISTRATION CLOSING ON MAY 15!

More information: [www.lwml-swd.org/events/convention](http://www.lwml-swd.org/events/convention)



## Rise and Sonshine Bible Study

"Flowing from the Cross: Six Facets of God's Forgiveness" Study

ONE meeting in May, Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> - 8am-9:30am at Church

Join us for fellowship while being in God's Word! All ladies are invited.



## 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. Note: The last day for Bible Study is May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## 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](mailto:olenjennifer@aol.com) OR ask one of the altar ladies as you see her working in the altar room!

## Adult Bible Class Topic

### Lectionary Bible Study on the Bible Readings for Each Sunday

On Sunday mornings in the school library from 9:15-10:15am, we will be studying the Bible Readings for each particular Sunday through Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>.

This will focus on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, the Epistle reading, and the Gospel reading for each Sunday, please join us as we grow together in our understanding of God's Word!!!



## Sunday School

Sunday School is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, located in the School from 9:15am-10:15am.

### ***Important Date for Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Coming Up!***

*This is a reminder that the last day of Sunday School & Adult Bible Class will be Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for having your children attend Sunday School this year, as they have had the opportunity to learn more about God's love for them in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord!*

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

We will be switching to our Summer Schedule here at Grace starting Memorial Day weekend. This means that our Sunday morning worship time will be at 9:00am starting on Sunday, May 26th and this will go through Labor Day Weekend. There will not be Sunday School and Adult Bible Class during the summer. Thursday evening worship at 6:30pm will remain the same throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you in worship!!!



## 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 \$27,676.63 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!)



# LIVING A STEWARDSHIP

*Life*

It is all about your heart...  
Everything we have is a gift from God  
that we are to use to help others.

## ***Being Available for Service***

*In every church, there are people who continually rise to the occasion to get the work done. Although God calls each of us to follow and serve Him, many of us are much more concerned about our own lives and goals than assisting in the Lord's work. If we focus on "I, me, mine, and myself," we take care of "number one" to the exclusion of helping and serving. In our prayers, we should be asking God to grant us hearts that we want to serve, and we should be asking Him, "what do You want to achieve through me today?"*

## ***"Changing from Me to We"***

By nature, we are self-serving, proud people. The world and our flesh promote the thought of "looking out for number one" at any cost. We want what is best for ourselves, often at the expense of others. We want to be in control, and we live as if we are invincible. To illustrate this idea, there is a story about Muhammad Ali who was the boxing champion of the world. He was on an airplane and was told by the stewardess to buckle his seat belt. Ali said, "I don't need to buckle my seat belt, because I am superman and superman doesn't need a seat belt." In response the stewardess said, "You may call yourself superman, but superman doesn't need an airplane."

We are probably not as obnoxious as Ali was reported to be on that airplane; however, don't we struggle with the same problem of our own self-importance? In our humanity, we place ourselves on a pedestal. Without God's presence in our lives, this attitude of self-importance will not change. By our own reason or strength, we can't change. Only through God's love and grace can we truly live with love toward others and with servant hearts. In Matthew 20:26 Jesus said, "*Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.*" Jesus lived for His heavenly Father and others. Through God's Word and Sacraments, He changes us from being interested only in ourselves to seeing others as brothers and sisters in Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, God opens our eyes so we see the opportunities to reach out and serve others with His love. In Jesus' life, we see the life that He wants us to emulate. Jesus told His disciples, "*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many*" (Matt 20:28). The entire life of Jesus was one of love and service. As Jesus came to serve, so must all of us joyfully accept a life of service to others. As we change from "me" people to "we" people, we begin to share God's love with others.

# Grace Debt Reduction Campaign

During our April Voters Meeting, President Tony Mirenda spoke about the \$28,000 matching fund challenge that we have before our congregation. As you may know, our congregation carried over debt from last year, and we are currently \$65,000 behind. However, our congregation has been blessed with generous givers who recently donated \$28,000 in undesignated memorial money to Grace. Our congregation's challenge is to raise up to \$28,000 to match the memorial money that was given to us.

We are asking our members to prayerfully consider giving beyond their firstfruits giving that they normally give to Grace on a weekly basis. We have already received \$1500 from some generous givers to help us begin to achieve this goal, and we would like to reach the goal of matching the \$28,000 by July 1st, 2024, when we begin the next fiscal year. We have a poster in the narthex to help us track our progress toward meeting this goal.

Thank you for your support of the ministries at Grace and please pray that we can meet our Debt Reduction Matching Challenge goal by July of this year!



## 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>





# Opportunities at Grace

## ***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.

## ***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.

## ***USHERS NEEDED/USHER DUTIES***

*We are in critical need of ushers for both Thursday and Sunday services. If you have thought about being an usher but are concerned about the duties, please don't be. Here are some of the main duties:*

*Arrive 20 minutes before service*

*Pass out bulletins*

*Collect offerings*

*Usher people for communion*

*Clean up after service*

*If you are interested, please contact Pastor or Heidi at the church office by phone (414)-762-8990 or email: [church@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:church@graceoakcreek.org).*

## ***Grace 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: 414-764-5574 or [paulinemom@aol.com](mailto:paulinemom@aol.com)

## ***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.

# Save the Date

## **Coffee and Baked Goods Fellowship**

Thursday, May 16th  
Sunday, May 19th



## **Ice Cream Social**

Thursday June 6th  
Sunday June 9th

## **After Services at Church**



*\*If you would like to bake for the Coffee Fellowship please let Pauline know.*

## **Vacation Bible School**

Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org). Thank you 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. The sea creature will be a dolphin. Supper at 5:30pm and VBS starts at 6:00pm. The Bible Verse for the evening will be, "Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)



**Your 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Giving Statements are available in the Narthex.**

*Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace!!!*

**Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Grace Lutheran Youth Group Easter Breakfast that was held on Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>!!! We greatly appreciate the hard work of our youth group and their parents who put on this event as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks to our members who also donated items for this event.**

*We appreciate your support of our Youth Group!!!*

**PARENTAL SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED FOR  
CHILDREN ATTENDING THE EVENT**



# PANTHER PALOOZA



MAY 17 FROM  
5:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

- ✦ Concessions
- ✦ Facepainting
- ✦ DJ & Dancing
- ✦ Games & Prizes
- ✦ Photo Ops
- ✦ Uniform Swap
- ✦ Family Fun and More!

This is going to be a great way to end this school year! We are currently looking for volunteers (this is a great way to get your yearly hours) to help with the event. There will be a link from Mrs. Dena to sign up with.



8537 S. PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
OAK CREEK, WI 53154

## **Military Bible Sticks Campaign**

**Thursday, May 23rd through Sunday, July 7th**

Our congregation has faithfully supported this mission for many years. We prayerfully ask you for this support again this year. The change this year is that Military Bible Sticks will be paired with a new mission from Faith Comes by Hearing. This new effort is called Vision 2033. Vision 2033 involves partnering with other missions, such as Lutheran Bible Translators, to translate the Bible into mission languages. These Bible sticks would have native speakers reading the Word and would be given to the missions in countries all over the world. That way people would be able to hear the Good News in their own languages. We are looking forward to being able to be a part of this new mission by Faith Comes by Hearing. Envelopes will be available for donating to Military Bible Sticks in the narthex on the white board. A video will be shared with the congregation soon to share this mission's vision. For more in-depth information please go to: <https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/> Here is an interview on the history of Military Bible Sticks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-6mwlc1Bvo>

## *Footsteps of Paul and Glories of Greece Tour*



Join Pastor Doug Schroeder as we tour Thessaloniki (Thessalonica), Athens, Kalambaka, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, and Crete! We will be departing **July 19, 2024**, and the tour is 8 days, \$4,298 including airfare and hotels. An additional 3-day cruise will have shore excursions to Patmos, Ephesus, and Santorini, at \$1,298. This is a rare departure from Pastor Doug's Holy Land tours. Let's see these wonderful locations! Full details are on their website: [ourshepherdlutheran.org](http://ourshepherdlutheran.org).

## *Tour the Holy Land in Lent of 2025!*

**Experience the Holy Land, Plus Optional Egypt Extension!!!** This Holy Land Tour will be hosted by LCMS Pastors Aaron Koch & Tony Oliphant from March 17-26, 2025.

The cost is \$4627 from Chicago, IL. Details for the trip can be located in the church narthex.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Aaron Koch at: 414-795-9005 or [pastor.koch@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.koch@gmail.com).

Register online at: [registernow.ittworld.com](http://registernow.ittworld.com). Tour code: Koch25. Early bird savings off the total trip cost with your initial deposit of \$500!!!

*We use these social media platforms to share the special things going on at church, school and the Early Childhood Center.*

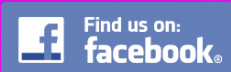
*Most importantly, we share on social media the Gospel of God's redeeming love!*

*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!*



*gracelutheran\_oakcreek*



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

## *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.*





# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm All Board's Meeting	2 6:30pm Divine Worship	3	4 8:00am Rise & Sonshine Bible Study
5 <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship	6 5:30pm Confirmation and Graduation Pictures 6:30pm - 7:30pm Grief Share	7 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	8 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	9 6:30pm Divine Worship	10	11 8:00am Rise & Sonshine Bible Study 10:00am Grace Ladies Guild
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### Radio Worship Service

"*The Lutheran Hour*" can be heard anytime on the internet at [lhm.org](http://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:

WTMJ Milwaukee, WI 103.3 FM Sunday at 6:30 am  
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 8:00 am and**  
**10:30 am**

