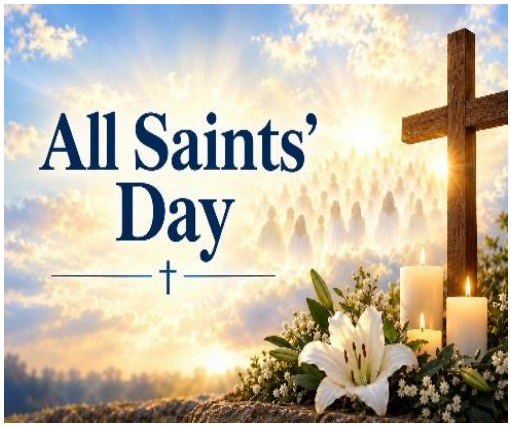
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Equipping God's people as we celebrate, teach, and share God's Grace.

November 2026

Pastor's Message



"All Saints' Day: A Blessed Band of Brothers and Sisters in Christ"

On Sunday, November 1st, we observe All Saints' Day at Grace Oak Creek. On this special day, we remember the faithful Christians who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors in the presence of our Lord. We give thanks for their lives, their witness, and the ways God worked through them to bless us. Although we grieve the loss of loved ones, we do not grieve as those who have no hope, for our hope rests in Jesus Christ, who died and rose again (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14).

All Saints' Day reminds us that the Christian faith is not a story of defeat, but a story of victory through Jesus Christ. In this world, we face suffering, sorrow, sickness, and death. Yet God's Word assures us that death does not have the final word. Through the prophet Ezekiel, the Lord showed a valley filled with dry bones and promised to bring them to life. By the power of His Word and Spirit, the bones came together, received breath, and stood as "an exceedingly great army" (Ezekiel 37:1–10). This vision points us to the life-giving power of God, who is able to raise the dead and fulfill His promises to His people.

In Revelation 7:9–17, St. John gives us a glimpse of the saints gathered around the throne of God. They come from every nation, tribe, people, and language, clothed in white robes and holding palm branches as they worship the Lamb. Their robes have been washed white in the blood of Jesus Christ, who gave His life for the salvation of the world. These saints have passed through the trials and tribulations of this life and now stand in the presence of their Savior. John tells us that God will shelter them with His presence, that they will hunger and thirst no more, and that He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. What a wonderful promise for all who trust in Christ!

As we remember those who have died in the Christian faith, we think of our parents and grandparents, sons and daughters, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, friends, and fellow members of Christ's Church. We remember their words of wisdom, their acts of kindness, their prayers, and their faithful witness to Jesus. We miss them, and our hearts may still ache with sorrow. Yet we rejoice that their salvation does not depend upon the strength of their faith or the goodness of their works, but upon the saving work of Jesus Christ. Through His perfect life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection, Christ has conquered sin, death, and the devil. Those who die in the faith rest securely in His promises as they await the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Paul gives us what we might call a “work order” for Christian love: “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.” —1 Corinthians 13:4–6

All Saints’ Day also reminds us that we are not alone in our Christian journey. We belong to the one holy Christian and apostolic Church, united in Christ with the saints in heaven and the saints on earth. When we gather for worship and come to the Lord’s Table, we join with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven in praising our crucified and risen Lord. Though we cannot see the saints who have gone before us, we share with them the same Savior, the same forgiveness of sins, and the same sure hope of eternal life. We are one family in Christ, gathered beneath the cross and sustained by His Word and Sacraments.

The heart of this celebration is the promise of Jesus Himself: “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live” (John 11:25). These words are not merely comforting thoughts; they are the sure promises of our Lord, who entered death on our behalf and rose victorious from the grave. Because Christ lives, all who belong to Him will live also. As St. Paul declares, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death itself (1 Corinthians 15:20–26).

Therefore, on All Saints’ Day, we remember with thanksgiving, mourn with hope, and rejoice in the victory Christ has won for us. The saints who have gone before us will be raised, and all who trust in Christ will share in the joy of the new creation, where death shall be no more (Revelation 21:1–4). Until that day, we continue to gather around God’s gifts, encourage one another in the faith, and confess the promise at the heart of the Christian faith: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

May the Lord strengthen our faith through His Holy Word, comfort all who mourn with the promises of the Gospel, and keep us steadfast until that day when we join the whole company of heaven in praising the Lamb who was slain and now lives forevermore. In Christ, we are a blessed band of brothers and sisters, united in His grace and destined for His everlasting glory. A blessed All Saints’ Day to you!

See you in worship!

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Pastor John M. Taggatz

Welcome to Our New Members at Grace Lutheran Church – Oak Creek!
We rejoice in the Lord as we welcome several new members into our Grace family! What a blessing it is to see God continuing to grow His church among us. Please join us in giving thanks to God and in warmly welcoming the following individuals and families who have recently joined our congregation:
Kim & Glenn Haake
We are so happy to have each of you as part of our Grace family! May the Lord bless you richly as we grow together in faith, serve one another in love, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our community. Welcome to Grace!!!

Your 3rd Quarter *Grace Lutheran Giving Statements* are available to pick up in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity and support of the ministries here at Grace. We couldn’t do the work of ministry at our Church, School, and ECC without your prayers and support. God bless you!!!

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 dates are **November 5th and 8th**
Look for the LARGE mite box to drop your change and dollars into!



When you or your group plans to hold a meeting at the Grace Lutheran School campus, it must be cleared by Principal Lisa Hengst. Her email address is: 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** to 206-859-9405, use the QR Code or head to our web-site: graceoakcreek.orgYou 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!!!

Grace Ladies Guild

Saturday, November 14th, 10:00am-11:30am

At CHURCH - Bible study - LWML updates - All ladies are welcome to join us!

Rise & Sonshine Bible study

Saturday, November 14th 8:00am-9:30a At CHURCH
Saturday, November 28th 8:00am-9:30am
At SCHOOL

THANK YOU!!

Muffins for Mites on LWML Sunday raised $300 in mites for the many missions and ministries supported by LWML.

Each month the large mite box is in the narthex so you can continue to support the work of the Lutheran Women in Mission.



November Mite Box Weekend is November 5th & 8th

LWML SWD is Currently Funding-Grant #2
South Wisconsin District Church Worker Student Support - $30,000

The need for pastors, teachers and other professional church workers is critical to serve the church at large and in the mission field. The South Wisconsin District is committed to furthering the education of our future professional church workers. The annual expense at a Synodical university is $54,000 and at a Synodical seminary is $57,000. This grant would assist students who are attending one of the synodical universities/seminaries with funds to be used for tuition and board.

Grace Altar Guild

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

www.makingdisciples-resources.lcms.org

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!

Choir at Grace Choir practice is following 6:30pm worship on Thursday evenings at Grace! The psalmist reminds us to *"make a joyful noise to the Lord"* (Psalm 100:1), and Martin Luther once said, *"He who sings prays twice."* What a wonderful way to lift our voices in praise together! If you would like more information, please contact **Kathy Kolb at 414-744-7781**. Please join us—we would love to have you!

Opportunities at Grace

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 our Church Secretary, Heidi, at the church office by phone (414)-762-8990 or email: church@graceoakcreek.org.

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

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study will be starting up again. Please join us on Wednesday mornings at Church beginning, September 2nd, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Join us!!! We are studying, *"Joy: A Study in Philippians" by Deb Burma.*

Here is some information about the book:

Sure, we find joy in our triumphs, but not so much in the trials. Yet real joy, genuine joy, is always ours in the saving grace of Christ Jesus. This close look at Paul's Letter to the Philippians, the "letter of joy," unpacks messages of contentment, confidence, humility, and hope—all found in Christ infused with joy—in the mountaintop moments and in the mundane. Enclosed are eight weeks of study, divided into forty short sessions, to help you realize the gifts from God's hand more fully. Ample materials are provided to make the sessions flexible for personal or group use and to accommodate changing schedules and individual needs. Targeted study, discussion and reflection questions, and life-application challenges guide you in your exploration of ***joy.***

A Special Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Trunk or Treat Event at Grace Lutheran School on Friday, October 30th such a wonderful success! We truly appreciate all who decorated their trunks, handed out candy, helped with setup and cleanup, and joined in the fellowship and fun. Your joyful participation and helping hands made this event a great opportunity for our Grace Lutheran community to come together, share smiles, and extend Christ's love to others. "*Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.*" — *Psalm 100:2* Thank you again for sharing your time, energy, and enthusiasm. What a blessing it is to celebrate the joy of Christian fellowship together at Grace!

Join the Grace Oak Creek VBS Committee!

Plans are underway for ***Vacation Bible School in June 2027****, and we're forming a committee to help with planning and preparation. Volunteers are needed for areas such as* ***decorations, supplies, recruitment, fundraising, and more****. If you're interested in serving, please email* ***apankow@graceoakcreek.org***

Save the Date!

Grace Lutheran School's Annual Cookie Walk!

Calling all cookie lovers: the season of sweets is almost here! Join us for Grace Lutheran School's annual Cookie Walk.

When: Saturday, December 5, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Where: 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Oak Creek, WI 53154
Cost: Cookies are $8.00 per pound
Stroll the tables, fill your container with sugar cookies, chocolate chip, frosted favorites, and more, and take home a treat for your family, your neighbors, or (let's be honest) yourself. Every cookie purchased supports the ministry of our school. Bring a friend, bring the kids, and bring an appetite. We're told that calories don't count when they're eaten for a good cause, though we make no promises about your scale.

If you would like to donate cookies for the cookie walk, you can bring them to church or to the school office by no later than December 4th. Thank you for spreading the joy of Christmas and supporting our Lutheran Day School with your donation! God bless you!!!
Don't miss it! We hope to see you there.

Grace Lutheran School's Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair!

Join us on **Saturday, November 14, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Grace Lutheran School, 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Oak Creek**, for our *Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair*! Get a jump on your Christmas shopping, discover handmade gifts, and enjoy concessions available for purchase. Bring your family and friends, and come see what our school community has to offer. Interested in being a vendor? Please contact the school office or PTLS for a vendor application.
They can be reached at: 414-762-3655 or school@graceoakcreek.org

Monday, September 14th, Grief Share Seminar and Support Group at Grace

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 **Monday, September 14th**, Grace Lutheran will be starting a **Grief Share Seminar and Support Group** to help those walking through the difficult journey of grief. This group is designed to offer comfort, understanding, and encouragement through God's Word and the fellowship of His Church. Many who have attended Grief Share have found that it helps them begin putting their lives back together again with the Lord's help.

When: Mondays, September 14th – December 14th
Time: 6:30–8:00pm
Where: Grace Lutheran School Library, 8537 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Oak Creek, WI
Cost: $25.00

There will also be a **special session on November 23rd** called**, "Surviving the Holidays,"**—a time when grief can often feel even heavier.

Our Grief Share group will be led by **Lori Kachelmeier** and **Jeanne Meyer**, who will walk alongside participants as they learn from nationally recognized experts on grief recovery. Topics include: *"Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?"* and *"Guilt and Anger."*

☞ **Register online here:** https://find.griefshare.org/find

For more information, please call:
Church Office at **414-762-8990** or email **church@graceoakcreek.org**
Jeanne Meyer – meyorch@sbcglobal.net
Lori Kachelmeier – jlkachel2@gmail.com

Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may be struggling with the loss of a loved one. May our gracious Lord use this ministry to bring His comfort, peace, and hope to many.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at Grace Calling all kids (and grown-ups too)!

Sunday School at Grace has already begun and we'd love to have your family join us.
Who it's for: Preschool through 8th Grade — and new this year, we're excited to offer Sunday School for our High School students too! *Adult Bible Class is also offered in the School Library, every Sunday…*

Where: Grace Lutheran School, 8537 S Pennsylvania Ave, Oak Creek
When: 9:15–10:15 AM
Sunday School & High School Bible Study meet the ***1st and 3rd Sundays of the month***
Adult Bible Class meets every Sunday, in the School Library

Register here: https://tinyurl.com/4hsxu4by

Come dig into God's Word with us — curiosity, and a little chaos guaranteed. Want to help teach or volunteer? Contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Mary Rowley, at sundayschool@graceoakcreek.org.

We can't wait to see you there!

Sunday Morning Bible Class from 9:15-10:15am in the School Library

Starting Sunday September 20th— God's Word for Today: 1, 2, 3 John

Toward the close of the first century AD, the apostle John wrote three letters. In 1 John, the apostle uses simple language to communicate some of the most profound theology in the Scriptures. Using dualistic contrasts such as light and dark, love and hate, and Christ and antichrists, John puts forth his underlying view of the world: *the cosmic battle between God and the devil.*

In 2 John, the apostle encourages his readers to walk in truth and love, and warns against false teachers. In 3 John, the apostle commends Gaius for assisting traveling missionaries and criticizes Diotrephes for failing to welcome them.

In this study, you will learn about:
- the realities of Jesus' incarnation and messiahship;
- believers' obligation to love their neighbor;
- God's abundant mercy and forgiveness in Christ.

Please join us as we fellowship together in the study of God's Word!!!

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 non profits.

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.





Come join the Martin Luther Theater Department as they perform this wonderful, nostalgic show!

This show is a series of loosely connected vignettes and musical numbers based on the lovable Peanuts characters, developed by cartoonist, Charles Schultz.

Reserved and general admission tickets available. Tickets will also be sold at the door over the show weekend.

You can purchase tickets by Clicking on the link below
- or -
Scanning the QR code on the show poster.

https://www.gobound.com/wi/bound/theatre/2026-27/martinluther/hs



"Giving Thanks to God"

As we approach Thanksgiving and then, shortly thereafter, the end of 2026, we are reminded of the many blessings that God has given to us. The question that we should be asking is, "How do we begin to thank God for all that He has done and continues to do for us?" High on our lists of things to thank our Heavenly Father for should be our new lives in Christ. In spite of our sinful ways, God demonstrated His awesome love for us by sending His only Son to the Cross on our behalf.

Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we live as forgiven, redeemed people with the assurance of life eternal with Jesus. We certainly will also thank Him for our families as well as our material blessings. How blessed we are that God provides for all that we need to sustain our lives, and, through faith that He provides, He will give us life forever with Him.

I want to suggest another wonderful blessing for us that we should always give thanks for and that is God's faithfulness to us. As the prophet Jeremiah wrote, *"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:22-23). God's faithfulness to us never wavers, even though we vacillate in our faithfulness to Him.

Because of God's faithfulness to us, God has blessed us so we can be a blessing to others. Recognizing our blessings are so freely given to us causes us to want to share our blessings. Through faith, we willingly *"share with God's people who are in need"* (Romans 12:13). *"Christ's love compels us"* (2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV) to respond to the needs of others, both physical and spiritual needs. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become channels through which God works.

Those who are a blessing to others reflect and live with an attitude that is described as "an attitude of gratitude." To live with "an attitude of gratitude," means we truly understand that God is the source of all blessings. Understanding God's grace, love, and mercy, we are motivated to live lives which reflect our gratitude for what God is doing in our lives. Living with an attitude of gratitude moves our attention from daily frustrations and hardships to recognize the small and ordinary comforts, big and small. We will operate from a place of having enough rather than constantly chasing more to feel happy. Thankfulness becomes a daily habit.

Have a blessed thanksgiving with your family, enjoy some turkey, and possibly watch some football.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Will Planning Workshop – Absolutely Free

Grace Lutheran Church is pleased to host a FREE Will Planning Workshop sponsored by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF).

Please be sure to sign up so we know you are coming! You can register online using the link below or sign up at church. We will also provide a **free meal in the school gymnasium from 5:30–6:00 p.m.** for everyone attending the workshop. This informative and interactive evening will feature Diana Raasch from LCEF, an estate attorney, a Certified Public Accountant, and Pastor John Taggatz. Together, they will discuss biblical stewardship, wills and estate planning, caring for your family, and leaving a legacy of faith for future generations. There will also be time to ask questions and receive helpful information.

Whether you already have a will or are just beginning to plan for the future, this is an excellent opportunity to learn how you can care for your loved ones while supporting the ongoing ministry of Christ.

Please take a moment to register today!
Date: Monday, November 9, 2026
Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m. (Free meal from 5:30–6:00 p.m.)
Location: Grace Lutheran School
Cost: Absolutely FREE!

Register online here: https://forms.gle/RaRV8zEvkBj5Hh9HA
You may also sign up at church. We look forward to seeing you there for this helpful evening of learning, fellowship, and faithful Christian stewardship!

Statement of Financial Position

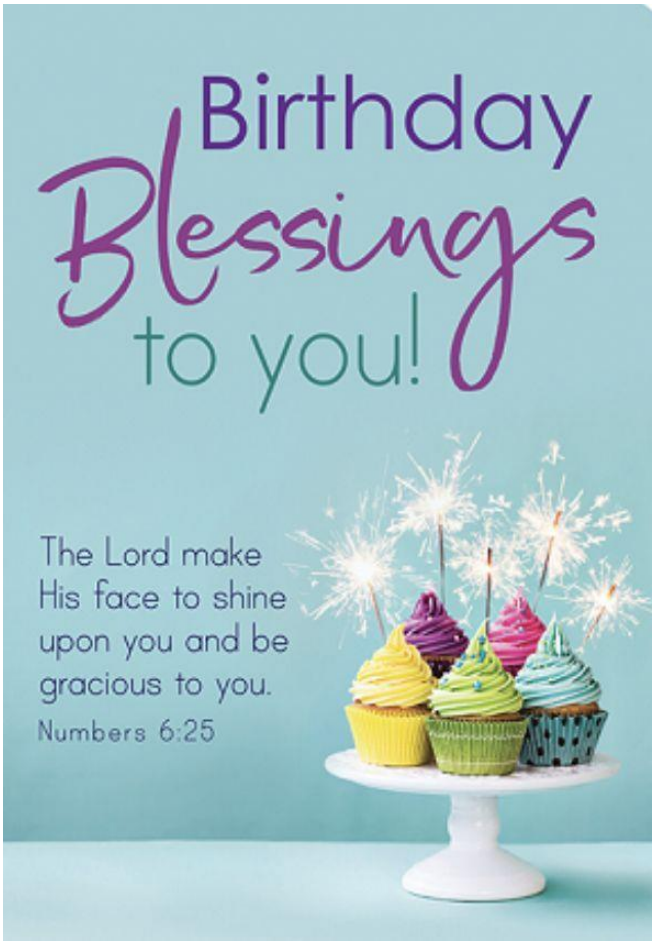
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As of September 30, 2026

Assets	
BMO Bank Checking	308,594.80
BMO Bank Money Market	557,126.90
Due from School / ECC (403b Pass-Through)	4,362.85
Total Assets	870,084.55
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	2,481.59
Pass-through Due to Grace Lutheran School	137.00
Pass-through Due to Ladies Guild	500.00
Total Current Liabilities	3,118.59
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions (Dedicated Funds)	
Audit Fees Fund	5,000.00
Care Committee Fund	136.48
Computer Upgrade Fund	1,500.00
Endowment Fund	2,223.40
Evangelism Outreach Fund	5,299.96
Fellowship Committee Fund	22.00
Good Samaritan Fund	1,020.00
Grace Lutheran School Fund	20.00
Griefshare Fund	40.00
Growing in Grace Fund	20.00
Guest/Substitute Clergy Fund	-
Kitchen Appliances Fund	864.33
Landscaping Fund	-
Lutheran High School Fund	20.00
Lutheran School Fund	55.00
Matt Meyer Memorial/Bibles Fund	4,033.85
Member Donation Fund	681,457.82
Memorials Fund	74,313.93
Missions Fund	7,793.31
Mortgage Retirement Fund	53,754.00
Music Room Fund	470.02
Portals of Prayer Fund	470.20
Properties Projects Fund	875.55
Reducing Our Debt Fund	1,612.00
School Furnace Fund	5,346.63
School Sign Electric Fund	400.00
Sponsor a Student Fund	19,823.40
Stephen Ministries Fund	323.42
Stewardship Fund	1,357.08
Vacation Bible School Fund	20.00
Total Dedicated Funds	868,272.38
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	
General Fund	(1,306.42)
Total Net Assets	866,965.96
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	870,084.55

Presented at Church Council Meeting October 14th, 2026

Any questions can be directed to Church Treasurer, Steven Pawlak at: treasurer@graceoakcreek.org



11/2 James Block
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11/29 Morgan Parker
11/29 Donna Wenzel
11/30 Andrew Gonsowski
11/30 Erik Kopperud



11/1 Mark & Jennifer Olen
11/3 Glenn & Donna Dotson
11/11 Joel & Jalee Banach
11/28 Craig & Courtney Salzer



"Love's Pure Light"

Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent Devotional

In Love's Pure Light, Gospel passages and selections from the Nicene Creed reveal how God in Christ has made His love known. In Jesus, the Light of the world, "very God of very God," we see God the Father's love in the flesh, sent for our salvation.

As promised by God and foretold by the prophets, the Christ was born. Jesus is love's pure light: humble, gentle, and patient—a Friend of sinners, like you and me. In taking on human flesh, the Savior put aside His glory and sacrificed His life for our sakes, so that we too might become children of God.

Into this world, the Father sent His Son to show His grace and mercy toward sinners. This truth—given in the Gospels and expressed in the Nicene Creed—tells us that no light illuminates greater than God's love. And Jesus, the Light of the world, perfectly displays love's pure light sent into our darkness.

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app.



Holiday Worship Schedule for 2026

"The Son of David"

On Thursday nights @ 6:30pm at Grace during the month of December we will once again be having our Advent Midweek Worship Services. The Advent season starts the time that is referred to as the festival half of the Church Year.

Between now and the final week of the Easter season, we will follow the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, from now, when we await His coming as a baby in Bethlehem, to the time when He physically leaves the earth at His ascension and then His disciples begin the new era of life in the church as it takes form in Jerusalem and beyond.

A beloved Christmas tradition is the beginning of the Christmas Eve service with the hymn "Once in Royal David's City." That royal city was not the kingly city of Jerusalem with its impressive temple but the "Little Town of Bethlehem." Yet the great forerunner of the Messiah is remembered not only at Christmas, for many of David's psalms provide the inspired prediction of the Messiah's ministry, including His betrayal, death, resurrection, and exaltation. In this Advent midweek series, we recall God's promise of the Savior to be born "of the house and lineage of David" (Luke 2:4). By that salvation, we receive the promise of the Father's house where we, the redeemed of the Lord, will dwell forever.

Please note,
due to our special holiday worship there will be no Thursday night worship service on Thursday December 31st,
as we will be having worship on Friday January 1st on New Years Day.

Holiday Worship Service Schedule

Wednesday, November 25 – 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion—*"Thankful by the Creed"* Luke 17:11–19

Thursday, December 3 – 6:30 p.m. Advent Midweek 1— *"The Son of David Promised"* 2 Samuel 7:1–18

Sunday, December 6 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Special "Trim the Tree" Service – Second Sunday in Advent

Thursday, December 10 – 6:30 p.m. Advent Midweek 2— *"The Son of David Dies"* 2 Samuel 11:26–12:10, 13–23

Thursday, December 17 – 6:30 p.m. Advent Midweek 3— *"The Son of David Lives and Reigns"* 2 Samuel 23:1–7

Thursday, December 24 – 4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—*"Christ for All People"* Luke 2:1–16

Friday, December 25 – 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Worship—*"The True Light"* John 1:1–14

Sunday, December 27 – 9:30 a.m. (only) Worship with Communion – First Sunday after Christmas *Note: One service only this Sunday.*

Friday, January 1 – 6:30 p.m. New Year's Day Worship with Communion—*Circumcision and Name of Jesus "A New Year's New Day"* Galatians 3:23–29 *Note: There will be no Thursday evening worship on December 31.*

Sunday, January 3 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed) with Communion—*"The Family for Everyone"* Ephesians 3:1–12

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Sign up on the table in the narthex and include your payment in the envelope provided - or call the church office at **762-8990** to order by phone. **Checks payable to:** Grace Lutheran Church
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Simply download the Raise Right app and set up an account. The code for Grace is **6EA22B9E8287.**
The current process has not changed and you can order Raise Right using the form and give it to one of the Raise Right coordinators in the Narthex after each service.

If you are interested in using the online process, or have questions,
please contact Gail Nowakowski at 414-791-4075



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1 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Adult Bible Class 9:15am-10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship	2 6:30pm 6-8 Grade Confirmation Class 6:30pm Grief Share	3 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (OC Diner) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	4 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm All Board's Meeting	5 6:30pm Divine Worship	6	7
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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:

WTMJ Milwaukee, WI 103.3 FM Sunday at 6:30 am
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Prayer Hot Line

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10AM – 3PM
Carol Thurber, 762-9615

3PM – 9PM
Pauline Parker, 764-5574

Internet Prayerline
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