

Grace at a Glance (November 2019)



Member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

We're on a Mission--Come Join Us!

*On a mission to **commit** to Christ...*

*On a mission to **grow** in our faith...*

*On a mission to **reach** out to others...*

Keeping Up with the Calendar:

- Nov. 3:** Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship with Holy Communion at 10:15 a.m.
High School Youth Group after worship!
Confirmation classes – 7th & 8th grade at 6:00 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 4: Prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. at church
Women's Evening Bible study - 7:00 p.m. at church
Men's Fellowship Group - 7:00 p.m. at Chili Corners
- Nov. 6: ALPHA at 5:30
- Nov. 10:** Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:15 a.m.
Confirmation class at 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 12: Women of Grace Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
Cub Scouts at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Mission Trip Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13: ALPHA at 5:30
- Nov. 17:** Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
High School Youth Group after worship!
Confirmation classes – 7th & 8th grade at 6:00 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 18: Prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. at church
Women's Evening Bible study - 7:00 p.m. at church
Men's Fellowship Group - 7:00 p.m. at Chili Corners
- Nov. 20: Home Bible Study at Hinrichs'
- Nov. 21: Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 24:** Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:15 a.m.
Confirmation classes – 7th & 8th grade at 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 26: Cub Scouts at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 27: THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE** at 7:00 p.m.
(Church Office closed on Fridays)

Grace Lutheran Church and Child Care Center

*(a congregation of LCMC,
Lutheran Congregations in
Mission for Christ)*

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(Church Office closed on Fridays)

Grace Lutheran Website:
www.gracemarshfield.org

LCMC –People on a mission

The vision of the LCMC is that every church would be:

- 1) People of Prayer**
- 2) Mission Minded**
- 3) Connected to One Another**
- 4) Trained and Equipped for Ministry.**

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Keeping Up with the Council:

Council Minutes - October 17, 2019

6:30 PM Call Meeting to Order

Present: Pastor Tim Henrichs, Ben Behling, Marlene Broeske, Dave Denowski, Josh Meisner, Stacy Melbinger, Norm Saracoff, & Breanna Vandehey Absent: Jim Good & Jon Lovelace

Prayers by all.

6:35 Discussion/Plan Chapter 18 for November

- Prayer concerns, pray for each other

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7:35 Secretary's Minutes

- \$2560 was transferred from Savings to General Fund to pay church payroll.
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7:40 Treasurer's Report

- Breanna and Marlene will put together a presentation of our current financial state and Breanna will present the report to the congregation.

7:45 Pastor's Report

- Attendance has been in the low 60's
- Two weddings since last meeting
- Sunday school is working pretty well given the confines of our current building situation
- Many Confirmation kids and parents are not attending worship regularly

7:55 Team Reports:

- GLCCC (Josh Meissner)

- Sewer lines that let overflow go back to the church have been capped off.
- Broke a water line when digging – they fixed before they left the project.
- 1 ½ yr old had a seizure on 10-14. Ambulance called – situation handled correctly. Positive turn-around continues, finances have stabilized. Attendance is up
- Carmen is stepping down as chair of the board, as of January. The board is looking into how to best split those duties. Josh will be the new chair. **THANK YOU Carmen** for you many years of dedication to the center.

- Adult Education Teams (Jon Lovelace)

- Building and Maintenance Teams (James Good)

- Furnaces – we will need to replace them soon, as they are so old replacement parts are not available
- Culvert on the Eagle Road entrance needs to be replaced -- Stacy made a motion to replace the culvert; Norm seconded it. Motion passed.
- Alarm on the septic tank that alerts a phone – Josh will check with Jim
- Drywall hanging will be Saturday, 10/26, led by Jeff Weichelt
- Renovation team meeting Thursday, 10/24 at 7pm
- Check valve on church sewer pipe

- Youth and Family Education Teams (Breanna Vandehey and Stacey Melbinger) -- Sheri D is sending class materials to kids who miss Sunday School, much appreciated by the parents.

Keeping Up with the Council (con't):

- Mission and Outreach Teams (Norm Saracoff) –
 - Helped with a family's move in Marshfield; family was grateful. Overflow helped a family move
 - Planning continues for Puerto Rico mission trip. Still need one more person, not too late to sign up!
 - Mission of the month:
 - October: 89Q Radio
 - November: Soup or Socks – Breanna will get info to present
 - December: Shirley's House of Hope
 - January: Lutheran Men Gift Fund
- Stewardship and Finance Teams (Marlene Broeske) no report
- Worship Teams (Dave Denowski and Dan Behling)
 - Prayer chain has been busy!
 - Greeters continue to try alternate locations, feedback is encouraged!
 - Altar team could use more members
 - With memorial money the Altar team purchased new purple paraments that are used during the season of lent. The old ones were stained and beginning to lose their shape. We also had enough money to replace the communion linens. The lace on the old linens was fraying around the edges. The old linens will be kept as backups if needed.
 - Tech Team – additional monitor in back still planned, waiting on time/availability of the tech team to install.
 - Worship/Music Team – repeating new songs from week to week so the congregation can get familiar with them.
 - Several leaders expressed the need for more members. Dave will put together an article for the newsletter and bulletins.

8:10 Old Business

8:20 New Business –

- LCMC Loan Fund & Gift Funds - LCMC Gift Fund will be February's Mission of the Month.
- 2020 Budget – Breanna and Marlene (Jon to assist) will work with Karla on first draft for review at November council meeting

8:30 Adjourn Dave made a motion to adjourn; Ben seconded it. Closed with the Lord's prayer.



Keeping Up with the Family:



Melvin and Doris Ott	11/10/1956
Edwin and Sharon Meissner	11/12/1966
Mike and Christine Lawyer	11/14/1997

Larry Gilbertson	11/02
Dorothy Riedel	11/05
Doris Ott	11/07
Randy Schier	11/08
Ray Leggate	11/10
Olivia Dix	11/13
Breanna VanDeHey	11/13
Linda Fenske	11/14
Seth Weichelt	11/14
Cindy Loonstra	11/15
Peter Hinrichs	11/17
Edwin Meissner	11/18
Raelynn Baker	11/22
Riley Melbinger	11/23
Brad Heggebo	11/24
Mason Peckham	11/24
Valerie Weichelt	11/26

Grace Lutheran Prayer List:

1 Timothy 2 -- *"I, Paul, urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth...I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing."

Pray for:

- GLCCC financial situation
- Repairs on our church building

Pray for our Church Ministries:

- Sunday School teachers and students
- Women's Bible Studies
- Men's Discipleship Group
- Childcare Center
- Youth Group
- Confirmation Class Students

Pray for those who are homebound/in nursing homes:

- Irlene Wagner (at Wells Nature View/Apple Ave.)
- Dorothy Riedel (at Aster House)
- Yvonne Klatt (1211 Lloyd St. Apt. 63 Neillsville, WI)

Pray for our church leaders:

- Our Church Council and Pastor Tim
- Pastor Mark Vander-Tuig, Service Coordinator for LCMC and the Board of Trustees of LCMC

Pray for people serving our country:

- Governor Tony Evers, President Trump, Vice-President Pence and other leaders
- All those in military service



**Thanksgiving Eve.
Wednesday,
November 27, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

(No Worship Service on Thanksgiving Day)

Keeping Up with the Financials:



Financial Snapshot of Grace General Fund (October 31, 2019)

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse” says the Lord. (Malachi 3:10)

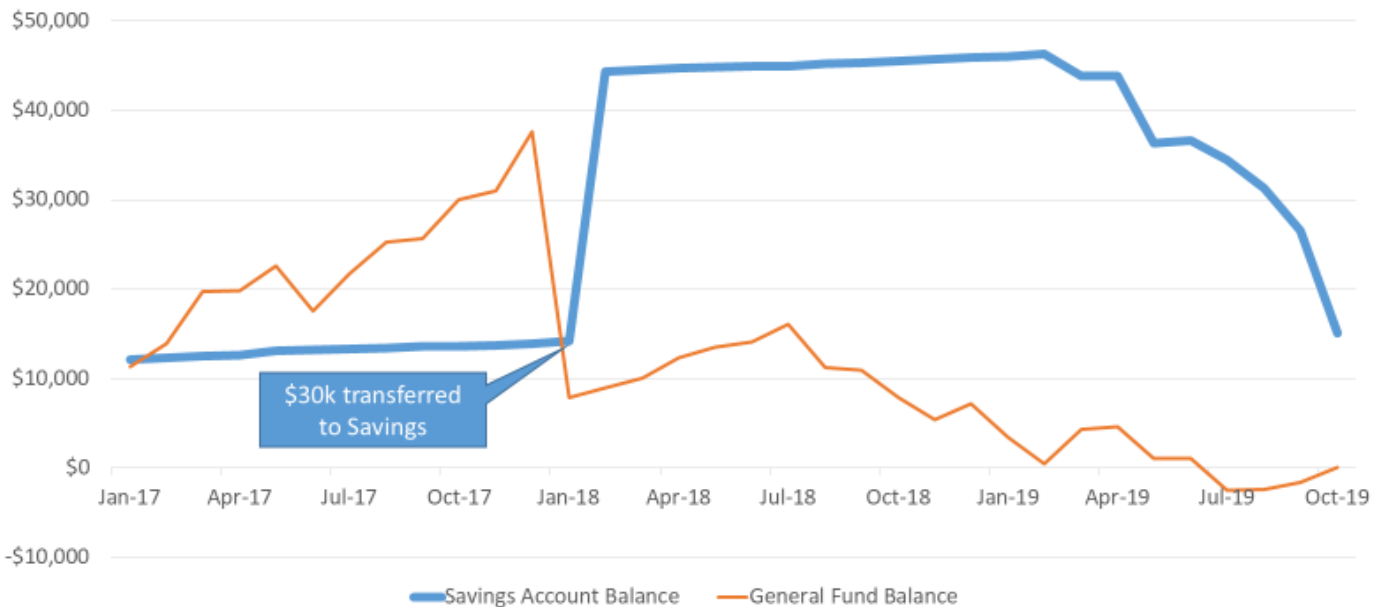
YTD Budget (Income)	\$ 125,000.00	General Fund \$	- 479.60
YTD Contributions	\$ 92,262.74	Bills waiting \$	2,230.00
YTD Expenses	\$ 128,294.47	Savings Total \$	13,158.44

**Prayerfully consider
your contributions**

October Contributions to funds. (*Needed for Budget \$ 12,500.00/month)

DATE	Bldg	*General	Misc. Benevolence	Overflow	Savings
Oct. 1-5	25.00	1375.00			
Oct. 6-12	35.00	4457.00	90.00	10.00	180.00
Oct. 13-19	110.00	1150.00	10.00	10.00	60.00
Oct. 20-26	10.00	1303.49	10.00	10.00	60.00
Oct. 27-31	15.00	1247.00	10.00	10.00	
Totals	195.00	9532.49	120.00	40.00	300.00

Account Balances



Account Status

- As the general fund balance decreased we began to transfer funds from the savings to cover costs (i.e. payroll)
- As of 10/18/19 the general fund balance is \$0.15 and the savings account balance is \$13098.44.
- If we continue to have to pull ~\$4000 a month from savings we will be completely out of money by the middle of January!

Giving Status

- We need to average ~ \$12,525 a month in general fund contributions to cover our expenses
 - Based on expenses from 2017-2019
- We have been operating on an average monthly giving of ~\$8,514
- Resulting in an average monthly shortfall of ~\$4,000

Keeping Up with the Ministries:

October Worship Assistants

Serving at Grace	Nov. 3 - Traditional Holy Communion	Nov. 10
Musician	Heidi Schwanz	Worship Team
Reader	Josh/Sheri Meissner	Mary Harris
Greeters	Jake/Linda Bulgrin Family	Mary Harris/James Gilbertson
Offering Ushers	Jon and Lauren Lovelace	Dave Denowski Laura Aschebrook
Acolytes	Ottillie Johansson Gavin Peckham	Taiya Lang Tessah Lang
Treats	Bobbie Saracoff Corrine Dix	Roger/Dorothy Sanger Don/Nikki Lang
Nursery Church	Sheri Meissner	
Bulletin Folder	Laura Aschebrook	Heidi Post
Counters	Carmen Good, Don Lang	Laura Aschebrook Josh Meissner
Sound Technician	Dave Denowski	Joe Gilbertson
Prayer Team	Renata Hinrichs David Denowski	Norm and Bobbie Saracoff
Deacon	Jim and Carmen Good	Todd and Marie Cattanach



Thank you to everyone volunteering to assist with worship this month!

If you see a blank space and wish to help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the gathering space.

Serving at Grace	Nov. 17 - Traditional Holy Communion	Nov. 24	Nov. 27 – 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Musician	Callie Schmidt, Larry G.	Worship Team	Callie Schmidt, Larry G.
Reader	Stacy Melbinger	Todd Cattanach	Bobbie Saracoff
Greeters	Stacy Melbinger Family	Roger/Dorothy Sanger	Ezra and Jessica Schier
Offering Ushers	Dave and Stacey Schmitz	Carol Hahm Bethany West	Stacy Melbinger Mary Harris
Acolytes	Dawson Meissner Raelee Meissner	McKayla Johansson Emma Staab	
Treats	Linda Gilbertson Sheri Meissner	Bobbie Saracoff Lisa Olson	Bobbie Saracoff Corrine Dix
Nursery Church	Sheri Denowski	Angela Schier	XXXX
Bulletin Folder	Don and Nikki Lang	Cindy Dix	Karla DeLeske
Counters	Mary Harris Sheri Denowski	Stacy Melbinger Breanna VanDeHey	
Sound Technician	Dave Denowski	Ezra Schier	
Prayer Team	Sheri Denowski Mike Lawyer	Stacey Schmitz David Denowski	XXXX
Deacon	Jon Lovelace	Linda Gilbertson	



Keeping Up with the News:

***Daylight Savings Ends! Remember to set your clocks Saturday night, Nov. 2nd !
FALL BACK! ☺ and see you at Grace on Sunday morning.***

Grace Council Officers

President ~ Josh Meissner 715-683-8017
Vice-President ~ Dan Behling 715-383-6933
Treasurer ~ Breanna Vandehey 715-383-3135
Secretary ~ Marlene Broeske 715-384-6790

Council Members

Jim Good	715-676-3932		
Jon Lovelace	715-660-6160	Dave Denowski	715-207-1286
Norm Saracoff	715-743-3499	Stacy Melbinger	715-937-5252

**TIME
CHANGE!**



Worship Teams Need Your Help!

The worship teams at Grace all work together to create and maintain a wonderful worship experience each weekend. Our teams are always open to adding new team members, and we currently have some teams that could use some help. If you think you might be interested, or have been looking for a way to serve at Grace, this could be a great opportunity. Below is a list of the teams, along with their leader. Reach out to the leader, or contact me, if you want to find out more.

Altar Team – Linda Gilbertson – **looking for additional team members**

Bulletin Folders – Karla DeLeske

Deacon Team – **looking for a leader**

Greeters – Sheri Denowski

Prayer Team – Renata Hinrichs/Dave Denowski

Readers – Bobbie Saracoff – **looking for additional team members**

Sign Ministry – Carol Hahm

Tech Team – Mike Lawyer

Treats – Marjean Weichelt

Ushers – Dave & Stacey Schmitz

Worship Team (Music) – Renata Hinrichs

Please prayerfully consider joining one or more of these teams.

Respectfully, Dave Denowski -- Council member/Worship team liaison

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico -- February 15-21, 2020

Sign up is now! You can join us... Join us to serve God and the people of Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, to deepen your faith, to share your faith with others, to work beside your friends from GLC and to make new friends in Puerto Rico. We currently have a group of 9 people, and we need at least one more person. Is God telling you to join us? Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to join us. Contact Sheri (715-819-3321) or Dave (715-207-1286) with questions.

Central Chamber Chorale

The Central Chamber Chorale is presenting our annual fall concert series the weekend of November 15, 16 and 17 in Wisconsin Rapids (Friday, 15th – 7L30 p.m.), Abbotsford (Saturday, 16th – 7:30 p.m.), and Marshfield (Sunday, 17th – 3:00 p.m.). The theme of our fall concert is “A Ceremony of Carols, with Harp”. There will be many familiar melodies and we know you’ll enjoy it.

Christmas Trees and Youth Group

The Youth Group at Grace is selling Christmas Trees this year! Richard Seehafer graciously donated his Fraser fir trees to our youth group. The trees range in size from 4' - 12' and the cost per tree is \$25. If you are interested in purchasing a tree, please consider supporting our Grace Lutheran youth who plan on using the funds for a youth event, retreat, or mission sometime next year. The sale will take place on December 1st and the trees will be sold right off the Seehafer farm on Highway 10 across from the Nasonville Dairy.

Keeping Up with the Pastor:

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deut. 31:8)

We have been facing many obstacles lately as a congregation. A week ago I discovered the sewer was backing up once again in our kitchen which was incredibly discouraging. As I write, we are still trying to figure out why this happened and how to resolve it. And then on top of that our council has been reporting to the congregation that our financial situation is not good. Unless the giving changes, we will be out of money by January.

We might ask why this is happening to us. We might point our fingers in different directions. We might wonder how we are going to get through this rough stretch. But asking "why?" and "who is to blame?" isn't going to help us. However, returning to the Lord our God and seeking Him will bring restoration. What is a plumbing problem to the one who created the world with one word? What is a floor to the one who parted the Red Sea so that the Israelites could walk on dry ground? Ten families who tithe could provide the entire salary of the pastor. God has provided for us so greatly if we return to him in faith and trust.

These challenges we face as a congregation which seem sometimes insurmountable are a wake-up call for us. We need to return to the Lord our God in prayer and trust instead of trusting in our own strength and means. This crisis isn't about saving "our church building" because it's not OUR building but it is God's building to be used for his glory. We are simply his caretakers.

Recently I was reading Hebrews 12:11 which says, *"All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness."* Discipline is good for us! God is stretching our faith muscles to rely more on him than on ourselves. It's dangerous to be comfortable and complacent. We tend to rely on ourselves rather than God. When muscles are out of use for a long time, it hurts to exercise them once again. I think that some of those faith muscles are really being stretched right now and it is not comfortable. But as we turn more and more to the Lord, our faith will grow. He will provide and wonderful spiritual fruit will come out of this time.

So let's join together in prayer, in faith and trust, and in fellowship. We need the Lord and we need each other as a spiritual family. We are God's team here at grace to bring glory to his name, to be the light of Christ right here where we live and work in our community. Don't be discouraged but know that God has great plans for our congregation and they are just around the corner! *"Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees"* (Heb. 12:12).

Pastor Tim