



# Good News of Grace



## December 2022

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303 Green Bay Road  
Thiensville, WI 53092

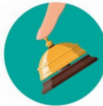
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*“Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith and care for all creation.”*

### December Highlights

#### **Christmas Pageant Program**

This year’s program is titled *“Sound the Bells”* by Bill Beyer. The program tells the Christmas story through various bells, and will take place on **December 18** during 9am worship. Be sure to bring your friends!



#### **Christmas Worship**

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24

**2pm** Worship with no vocal music

**4pm** Worship with hymns

**6pm** Worship with hymns

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

**9am** Lively Eucharist service



### Worship and Education

#### Worship Schedule:

**Sunday at 9am**

**Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm**

#### Education:

**Bible Study on Thursday 12pm**

#### Grace’s Welcome Statement

Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.

### **Grace Lutheran Staff**

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**Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9am-2pm

**Music Coordinator: Brian Dearing**

**Nursery Attendant: Shonda Schaff**

**Custodian: Fred Lynk**

# Notes and News

## Cookie Sale / Craft Fair

Don't forget to stop by on December 10 (9am until noon) for the Cookie Sale/Craft Fair to support Social Concerns. You may still sign up to bake Cookies and/or sell your crafts! Sign-up sheets are on the welcome desk.



## Poinsettias

You may still contribute poinsettias in honor or memory of important people in your life. Designations will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. Plants are \$10 each. Forms are available on the welcome desk and are also emailed with the Grace Notes. Deadline to order is December 10.



## 2022 Grace Council Members

Dan Driewer	Morgan Bernard
Jim Martin	Cindy Karthaus
Beth Buczynski	Pam Stockbridge
Beth Beck	Terry Young
Matt Bartz	

## Mutual Ministry Committee (MMC)

The members of the MMC are Dan/Theresa Umhoefer, Matt Junker, and Pam Stockbridge. The MMC is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff.

## December Choir Schedule

Sunday, 12/4 Men's/Women's Choirs  
Sunday, 12/11 SBG Band  
Saturday, 12/24 4pm Bell Choir  
Saturday, 12/24 6pm Chancel Choir  
Sunday, 12/25 Solo/Duet

- Groups warm up at 8:30am prior to worship.
- SBG Band practices at 9am on the Saturday prior to their scheduled Sundays.

## Grace "Rapid Response Team"

What is it? From time to time an event or occurrence at the church urgently requires a group of people to help address an unplanned or unforeseen event. This could include: cleaning, reconfiguring the sanctuary, snow removal, storm clean-up, etc. A text message will be sent to this group to meet at the church to help as needed. Please consider signing up for this new group. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Driewer or Pastor Bill. Thank you!

## Coffee Fellowship Changes

We have a new process concerning coffee fellowship. Coffee will be provided each Sunday following worship. If anyone would like to bring treats for a special occasion, that's fine. If you wish to bring something, we ask that you contact Sandy at the church office (262) 242-1174 at least a week ahead to avoid duplicate servers. Sandy will also put in the bulletin who is providing the treats along with the occasion. It will also be your responsibility to serve what you bring and clean up after. Again, coffee will be made ahead so you won't need to make coffee. Please direct any questions to Janie Robbins.

## Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

As you all know, winter is right around the corner! If you have any gently used coats, boots, or other cold weather clothing you would like to donate, please consider dropping it off at the church to be donated to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. They are particularly in need of men's items, but items of all sizes are appreciated!



## Memorial Fund Activity for October

Income:	\$125
Expenditures:	\$0
Balance:	\$11,775
	(Designated: \$4,160)
	(Available: \$7,615)

# Birthdays & Other News

## December Worship Leaders

Please watch Grace Notes for the link to sign up to volunteer, or call/email the office.

### 12/4 9am

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** JoAnn Holdmann  
**Wine:** Janie Robbins, Kim Nagel  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD

### 12/11 9am

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Pam Johnson  
**Wine:** Nancy Perez, JoAnn Holdmann  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** JoAnn Holdmann

### 12/18 9am

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** JoAnn Holdmann  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** TBD



### 12/24 2pm Christmas Eve

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** JoAnn Holdmann

### 12/24 4pm Christmas Eve

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** JoAnn Holdmann

### 12/24 6pm Christmas Eve

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Pam Johnson  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** JoAnn Holdmann

### 12/25 9am Christmas Day

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Pam Johnson  
**Wine:** Janie Robbins, Kim Nagel  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** TBD

## December Birthdays

Name	Date
Dieter Bruhnke	2
Dee Christofferson-Robar	5
Bill Luebke	6
Erich Nemcek	7
Kari Gilhams	9
Haley Carney	10
Tom Leidel	12
Steve Smiley	16
John Junker	17
Aaron Zenke	18
Becca Laabs	19
Karen Larsen	20
Dorene Achterberg	21
Laurie Plotkin	23
Tony Ferguson	25
Kevin Sibley	25
Sophie Biggin	30
Emily James	30
Jennifer Hamm	31

*If you have a birthday this month and your name is not listed, we apologize. Please call the church office so that we update our records.  
Thank you!*



## All Peoples Church Food Pantry

At this time the pantry food supply is still very low; so for the foreseeable future we hope to collect non-perishable food items again. When you shop for your family, please pick up an extra item for the pantry. Thank you!



## Guest House Sandwiches

We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month, on the first and third Wednesdays, at 9:00am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesdays, **December 7 and 21.**



## Sanctuary Seat Donations

You may still purchase a seat for \$250 as a donation to support the renovation project

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**Online Giving Option**  
Open your phone's camera app and hold over the QR code

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Worship with Holy Communion:**  
Sundays at 9am  
Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

**Education:**  
Bible Study - Thursdays:12pm



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**December Calendar**

**Recurring Events**

**Sundays**

- 9am Worship/Comm.
- 10:15am Choir Rehearsals
- 11am Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Mondays**

- 5:30pm Lakeshore Quilters (1st Mon.)
- 6:30pm Scouts (4th Mon. each month)

**Tuesdays**

- 12:10pm Devotional Svc.
- 6:30pm Council (2nd Tue.)
- 6:30pm Scouts

**Wednesdays**

- 9am Guest House Sandwiches, F.H. (1st and 3rd Wed.)
- 6pm Band Practice, Sanctuary
- 6pm Girl Scouts (3rd Wed.)

**Thursdays**

- 12pm Bible Study - Luther Room

**Saturdays**

- 9am - SBG Practice (every other Sat.)

**Other Events & Meetings**

**December 3 (Saturday)**

- 9am Christmas Program Rehearsal

**December 4 (Sunday)**

- 10:15am Community Life Meeting

**December 10 (Saturday)**

- 9am Cookie Sale/Craft Fair
- 9am Christmas Program Rehearsal

**December 11 (Sunday)**

- 10am Endowment Team Meeting
- 10:15am Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 10:15am Faith Formation with Brian Dearing

**December 17 (Saturday)**

- 9am Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

**December 24 (Saturday)**

- 2pm Christmas Eve Worship - no music
- 4pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 6pm Christmas Eve Worship

**December 25 (Sunday)**

- 9am Christmas Worship