



Good News of Grace



December 2025

Grace Lutheran Church
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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

December 7, 21 at 10:15am ~ Growing in Grace

Kids are invited to stay after worship for Christian education.



December 13, 9am ~ Cookie Sale

Saturday, December 13, from 9am-12pm is the Annual Cookie Sale! Signup sheets to provide cookies and other baked goods and to help during the sale are in the narthex.

December 21, 9am ~ Christmas Program

This year's program will take place on December 21 during 9am worship. Be sure to bring your friends !



Christmas Worship Services

December 24, 4pm and 6pm - Christmas Eve

Join us for a festive family-friendly Eucharist service at 4pm or 6pm on Tuesday, December 24, complete with candlelight.

December 25 - Christmas Day

Join us for a family-friendly Eucharist service at 10am on Wednesday, December 25.



A Note from Pastor Bill

As we fast approach the holiday season, I know there is a lot of focus on gatherings, meals, and planning. Many of us will be thinking about what we can cook for our loved ones. A loving meal can often communicate more than we can even imagine. Food is important to us
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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. (est. 2011)

Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9am

Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

Education:

Bible Study on Thursday at 12pm

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A Note from Pastor Bill and Other News

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as humans. Food binds us. There was a joke I saw recently when children were asked, "What is marriage?" One of the responses was, "Marriage is two people asking each other what they want to eat and then they die."

In our congregation we have been blessed. We have a group of members who have been a part of this congregation for a long time. Our legacy members have a rich history and tradition with this congregation. They know people and they know how things work.

We have also been blessed, since COVID, to have received into our community of faith a great number of newer members to our community. These new members are exciting and energetic for the ministry that Grace has to offer. What a blessing!

As I look around our congregation, I see that many of our legacy members and many of our new members do not really know each other. As the pastor I began to ask the question, how do we bring these people together? Food!

Tables of Eight was a mission our congregation had when I first got here. Eight people gathered together around a table to share a meal and get to know each other better. When I came here as a new pastor this was a great way for me to get to know people.

We are resurrecting this program as a way to build more community in our congregation. From January 2026 to May 2026, we are hoping to have three meals within these groups. In order to do that we are looking for people to host these events.

Hosting events may sound daunting. No, you do not have to make dinner for all eight people. No, you do not have to hunt and gather for all to be the perfect host. Some groups might want to do a full dinner. Some groups might want to just do appetizers. Some groups may also only want to do dessert. It is totally up to the groups what they want to do. The hosts would simply serve as communication for all the members of the group and with the pastor. They would also assist in the planning, while allowing their entire group to help execute the evening.

In the book of Joshua God constantly remind Joshua to be strong and courageous. I am hoping that some will call on their strength to

step out of their comfort zone and be willing to be a host. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know. Enjoy the holidays. Enjoy the meals. Most of all, enjoy the company.

Renovation Debt Reduction Status

Below is the status of the renovation debt reduction as of October 30, 2025. Please note the Renovation Debt Reduction Fund balance is the amount collected for the renovation and is used to pay renovation expenses and loan payments as needed.

Loan Balance:	\$416,905
Interest Paid:	\$53,197
Principal Paid:	\$36,465
Renovation/Debt Reduction Fund Balance:	\$91,429

Memorial Fund Activity for October

Income:	\$1
Expenditures:	<u>\$1,261</u>
Balance:	<u>\$6,544</u>
	(Designated: \$3,100)
	(Available: \$3,444)

We Need Ideas

The Community Life Team is looking for ideas of community outreach for 2026. We would like to get our church family involved more. There are no bad ideas and the Thiensville community is waiting for us. There is a white board in the Narthex, so please jot your ideas down over coffee. You can always give your thoughts to one of the team as well! Please help us do things you would like to see happen.

Team members include: Janie Robbins, Katy Koppa, Diana Koppa, Nancy Perez, Jim Martin, Anna Martin, Geri Schesel, Morgan Bernard and Stacy Rauen.



Worship Leaders, Birthdays and Other News

December Worship Leaders

12/7

Greeter: TBD
Reader: JoAnn Holdmann
Wine: Nancy Perez, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: Bev Leidel
Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Judy Button

12/14

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: Nancy Perez, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: JoAnn Holdmann
Coffee Fellowship: Endowment Team

12/21

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD
Coffee Fellowship: Kathy Young & Bev Leidel

12/24 4pm

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: JoAnn Holdmann

12/24 6pm Christmas Eve

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: JoAnn Holdmann

12/25 10am Christmas

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD

12/28

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD
Coffee Fellowship: TBD

December Birthdays

Name	Date
Dieter Bruhnke	2
Dee Christofferson-Robar	5
Bill Luebke	6
Erich Nemcek	7
Lara Awe	9
Kari Gilhams	9
Aalia Dighe	12
McKenzie Krogstad	12
Tom Leidel	12
Steve Smiley	16
Alex Bernard	17
John Junker	17
Aaron Zenke	18
Karen Larsen	20
Amy Ollman	22
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!



Poinsettias

Poinsettia orders are due on **December 8**. Designations will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. There is no cost for the plants, but a donation amount of your choice is welcome. Forms are on the communication desk. You may also order online from the website.



Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

If you have any new or 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. There is a box near the Luther room for these items.

Guest House Sandwiches

We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month, on the first and third Wednesdays, at **9am**. Join us for this opportunity to serve and enjoy fellowship on **December 3 and 17**.



December 2025

Grace Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Dec 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	2pm - Violin Lesson -	12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 3:30pm - Violin Lesson 5:30pm - Scouts	9am - Guest House 3:30pm - Violin Lessons 6:30pm - SBG Singers	12pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - Women's Choir 7:30pm - Men's Chorus		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am - Worship - Bells, 10:15am - Chancel Choir 10:15am - Children's 10:15am - Comm. Life	10am - Piano Tuning 2pm - Violin Lesson - 6pm - Scouts Den Meeting	12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 3:30pm - Violin Lesson 5:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Council	3:30pm - Violin Lessons 6:30pm - Bell Choir	12pm - Bible Study		9am - Cookie Sale 9am - SBG Band
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:15am - SBG Band 9am - Worship - SBG Ban 10:15am - Faith 11:15am - Chancel Choir	2pm - Violin Lesson -	12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 3:30pm - Violin Lesson 5:30pm - Scouts	9am - Guest House 3:30pm - Violin Lessons 6:30pm - SBG Vocals	12pm - Bible Study		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am - Children's 10:15am - Children's 10:15am - GG Team	2pm - Violin Lesson - 5pm - Violin Recital 6pm - Scouts	12:10pm - Dev. Svc. 3:30pm - Violin Lesson 5:30pm - Scouts	Christmas Eve 4pm - Christmas Eve - Bell 6pm - Christmas Eve -	Christmas Day 10am - Christmas		9am - SBG Band
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8:15am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship - Chancel	2pm - Violin Lesson -	12:10pm - No Dev. Svc. 3:30pm - Violin Lesson 5:30pm - Scouts	New Year's Eve 3:30pm - Violin Lessons			

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QR code

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Bible Study
Thursdays at 12pm

*"At Grace, we strive to Guide and nurture all
individuals to be Resilient, Accepting Children of
God rooted in the Enrichment of God's word."*



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