



Good News of Grace



February 2023

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.”

February Highlights

Feb 5 & 26 - Grace Kids Sunday School

Kids, join us for Sunday School on February 5 and 26 at 10:15am following the 9am service.



Feb 12 - Parents Day Out

On Sunday, February 12 we will have another Parents Day Out from 1-4pm. Mark your calendars!

Feb 13 - Game Night

Join us at 6pm for our next Game Night. All ages are welcome! Bring your favorite game. Stay as long as your schedule permits but we will all finish up by 8:00. Bring a friend and enjoy some great fellowship. See Janie Robbins with questions.



Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday Worship

Join us at 7pm for Ash Wednesday worship.



Feb 20 - Planning for Your Peace of Mind

On Monday February 20, Pr. Bill and Renee Scherbarth from Mueller Funeral Home will be sharing information that will help families discuss funeral planning ahead of time and what information can make the process easier. There will also be a time for any questions one may have. *The Planning for Your Peace of Mind* discussion will take place here at Grace at two different times that day to accommodate any and all who wish to attend, **1pm** and **6:30pm**. Mark your calendars, no registration is needed. Feel free to bring a friend.

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.

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Notes and News

A Message from the Pastor

By Pr. Bill Beyer

What is a Sabbatical?

Genesis 2:2 reads, "By the seventh day God completed the work which had been done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that had been done." This is the biblical injunction and the establishment of the Sabbath. Sabbath literally means "to rest." Rest is so important to all conscious beings that God made it a commandment.

A Sabbatical is a time of rest. In the biblical command of the Sabbath Day it was God's intention that one should stop their normal work and focus on their faith, family, and give their bodies a chance to rest. All too often we humans do not take seriously the biblical command to rest. We fill our off time with activities and travel and seldom just take the time to sit.

At the Annual Meeting a couple of weeks ago it was announced that the Congregational Council had approved a Sabbatical for me as pastor. This means that I will be taking time away from pastoral responsibilities for the months of May, June, and July. This will be a time of not only rest and rejuvenation, but it will also be a time of professional development.

Pastors live a very different kind of life. And I admit that I have not been faithful in my own sabbath time. Moving from a global pandemic to a renovation project, unfortunately, pressed me a bit physically and mentally. A time of Sabbath is needed for me to rest and rejuvenate myself for ministry.

In light of this our congregation has blessed me with the gift of time. During this time I will be focusing on three areas of development and learning. These areas will help to strengthen my own life as well as the life of the congregation. With about a decade of ministry left before I am eligible to retire I do not want to just coast into retirement. I want my last years of ministry to be meaningful and full of purpose.

These three areas of focus will be in mindfulness, meditation, and trauma recovery.

In the next couple of newsletters I will share with you why I chose these three areas and what it is I hope to accomplish by studying them. I am excited about this opportunity.

Thank you all for being patient and supportive in this endeavor. Not only will I be able to learn new skills to better minister to this congregation, but it will also allow the congregation to learn more about itself and find strengths it may have not even known it had. This time of Sabbatical will be a blessing when we place our trust in God.

Annual Meeting Update

On Sunday, January 22, congregation members attended the annual meeting where the 2022 Annual Report was received, the 2023 budget was approved, and council members were elected to serve in 2023.

Congratulations to the following people, who will lead the congregation through 2023.

Beth Buczynski (President)
Cindy Karthauer (VP)
Jen Bartz (Treasurer)
JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary)
Morgan Bernard
Jim Martin
Janie Robbins
Pam Stockbridge
Terry Young



Outgoing members are Beth Beck, Dan Driewer, and Matt Bartz. Thank you for your leadership during a very busy 2022!

Memorial Fund Activity for December

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| Income: | \$125 |
| Expenditures: | \$230 |
| Balance: | \$11,159 |
| | (Designated: \$3,682) |
| | (Available: \$7,477) |

Birthdays & Other News

Worship Leaders

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

2/5 9am

Greeter: TBD
Reader: Bev Leidel
Wine: Nancy Perez, JoAnn Holdmann
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD

2/12 9am

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

2/19 9am

Greeter: TBD
Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Comm. Setup: TBD



2/22 7pm Ash Wednesday

Reader: TBD
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Comm. Setup: TBD

2/26 9am

Greeter: TBD
Reader: Dawn Omernik-Nimmer
Wine: TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD
Comm. Setup: JoAnn Holdmann

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, **February 1 and 15.**



February Birthdays

| Name | Date |
|---------------------|------|
| Donna Eigel | 1 |
| Randy Radiske | 4 |
| Sylvia Sampe | 5 |
| Kim Nagel | 6 |
| Chris Cunningham | 8 |
| Beverly Smiley | 11 |
| Michael Johnson, Jr | 13 |
| Elliot Nimmer | 16 |
| Karen Martin | 19 |
| Terry Young | 19 |
| Steve Karthaus | 20 |
| Edna Steitz | 20 |
| James Laabs | 21 |
| Cris Rogers | 23 |
| Jim Nutter | 24 |
| Grace Bartz | 26 |
| Gary Plotkin | 27 |
| Ralph Buchweitz | 28 |
| Diane Weber | 28 |
| Alice Sedgwick | 29 |

*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!



February Choir Schedule

Sunday, 2/5 SBG Band
 Sunday, 2/12 Chancel Choir
 Sunday, 2/19 Bell, Men's, Women's Choirs
 Ash Wednesday, 2/22 Chancel Choir
 Sunday, 2/26 Chancel Choir

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

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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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February Calendar

Recurring Events

Sundays

- 9am Worship/Comm.
- 10:15am Choir Rehearsals
- 10:15am Community Life Meeting (1st Sun.)
- 11am Bell Choir Rehearsal

Mondays

- 5:30pm Northshore Quilters (3rd Mon.)
- 6:30pm Scouts (4th Mon. each month)

Tuesdays

- 12:10pm Devotional Svc.
- 6pm Council (3rd 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

February 5 (Sunday)

- 10:15am Grace Kids Sunday School

February 12 (Sunday)

- 1-4pm Parents Day Out

February 13 (Monday)

- 6pm Game Night

February 20 (Monday)

- 1pm Planning for Your Peace of Mind
- 6:30pm Planning for Your Peace of Mind

February 22 (Wednesday)

- 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship

February 26 (Sunday)

- 10:15am Grace Kids Sunday School

