



Good News of Grace



January 2025

Grace Lutheran Church
303 Green Bay Road
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“Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith and care for all creation.”

January Highlights

January 12 & 26 - Sunday School

Kids, join us for Sunday School on January 12 and 26 at 10:15am following the 9am service. Come for fellowship with the families of Grace! The kids will have a blast!



January 19 - Faith Formation with Pr. Bill

Join us following worship when Pr. Bill will be hosting a Faith Formation on *Christian Nationalism and the Church*. With all the press recently about Christian Nationalism, it is important for us as believers to know what it is we are talking about and whether it is biblical or not. We will examine; What is Christian Nationalism? Does it fit the biblical narrative? How do we respond?

Official Notice of Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 26, 10:15am

All are welcome, especially voting members, as we receive the 2024 Annual Report, elect new leaders for 2025, and vote on the 2025 Budget. This year we will again have a potluck. Watch for signup sheets on the communication desk. Tentative schedule:

- 9:00am service
- 10:00 - 10:15 head to fellowship hall for potluck and opening prayer
- 10:15 - 10:45 grab food
- 10:45 children head to nursery
- 10:50 meeting begins (Agenda TBD)

Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9am

Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

Education:

Bible Study on Thursday at 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. (est. 2011)

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A Note from Pastor Bill and Other News

A Note from Pastor Bill

Here we are at the beginning of 2025. It's amazing to think, as the years progress, how far we have come. Today we have more information at our finger tips than generations before. And yet, we do not seem any smarter. That is partly because it is one thing to have the information available and a totally other thing to avail yourself of it.

In our world, intelligence is measured by a system called the IQ, the intelligence quotient. This can measure how capable we are of receiving and implementing knowledge and information in our lives. There is another quotient I think is equally important and that is the BQ, your Biblical Quotient. How capable we are of knowing what the Bible teaches and how that can be applied to our lives.

As 2025 begins, let's set some goals and intentions on how we can raise our BQ's. Here are some suggestions:

- ~ Attend worship. Each week we gather and hear the word opened to us. This is probably the easiest way to draw ourselves closer to the word. Hearing another voice share the word with us helps us to hear it anew.
- ~ Read scripture each day. You do not need a fancy Bible reading program or study program. Just pick a book in the Bible, read a couple chapters and glean something from it. If you have questions give the pastor a call. I love to answer questions.
- ~ Attend a scripture/book study. Each Thursday we have a study at noon and from time to time we offer other scripture studies.
- ~ Perhaps you're not an "attend class" kind of person, maybe you just want to talk one on one with the pastor. I offer one on one discipleship with anyone who wants to gather and learn/grow. We will sit together and develop your spiritual goals and find ways to meet them.
- ~ Talk with others. Sometimes we are afraid to talk with others because we might feel like we do not know enough. We grow when we talk with each other and share our spiritual struggles and questions.

~ Find reliable resources. That one dude you follow on the internet may not be qualified to teach scripture and/or theology. Make sure the resources you are using and trusting are viable and trustworthy.

In the course of 2025 we will be talking more about discipleship and growth. We will be making our way back into the scriptures as we find how to be strengthened in our faith and love for others. Happy 2025!

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.

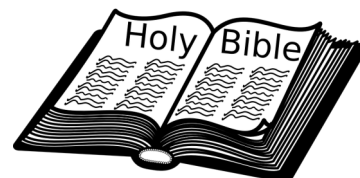


Memorial Fund Activity for December

Income:	\$446
Expenditures:	\$0
Balance:	\$12,216
	(Designated: \$8,156)
	(Available: \$4,060)

Bible Study Schedule

Please note that Thursday Bible Study will resume on January 9 at 12pm. It might be a nice way to start the new year by joining the group!



Birthdays and Other News

January Worship Leaders

1/5

Greeter: TBD
Reader: Beth Beck
Wine: Nancy Perez, Elsa Beck
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: Beth Buczynski
Coffee Fellowship: TBD

1/12

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

1/19

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

1/26

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

Birthdays

Name	Date
Grace Nemcek	1
Chip Sampe	1
Caitlin Brown	3
Ruth McDuffie-Marks	4
Anushka Dighe	5
Luther Beck	6
Erik Hollander	7
Levi Ortell	9
Aliisa Sampe	9
Anna Martin	11
Paul Gieschen	12
Tricia Baackes	14
Cathy Carney	14
Hildegard Quaegber	17
Joby Brown	19
Nathan Campbell	19
Lynne Huebschen	20
Jenny Gehr	21
Nancy Perez	23
Sadie Ferguson	26
Bob Raymond	28
Andrew Knuth	29
Madison Maciejewski	30

*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!*



Food Pantry Update

Donations to the food pantry are appreciated more than ever as the need has increased tremendously. They continue to express their gratitude for all donations.

You can drop food and hygiene items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.



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 to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesdays, **January 15**.



It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Erika & Chris Campbell, and big brother Nathan on the birth of William Erik Campbell! William arrived on December 16th, weighing 9 lbs & 9 ounces, and was 21.5 inches long. Blessings to the Campbell family!

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Open your phone's camera
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QR code

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Education:
Thursday Bible Study at 12pm



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January Calendar

Recurring Events

Sundays

- 9am Worship/Comm.
- 10:15am Community Life Team (1st Sun.)
- 10:15am GG Team (3rd Sun. every 2 mo.)
- 10:15am Choir Rehearsals
- 11am Choir Rehearsals

Tuesdays

- 12:10pm Devotional Service
- 6:30pm Council (2nd Tuesday)

Wednesdays

- 9am Guest House Sandwiches, F. Hall
(1st and 3rd Wednesday ~ **not Jan. 1**)
- 6:30pm SBG Singer Rehearsal
(Every other Wed.)

Thursdays

- 12pm Bible Study

Saturdays

- 9am SBG Band Practice (Every other Sat.)

Other Events & Meetings

January 5 (Sunday)

- 10:15am Memorial Team Meeting

January 12 (Sunday)

- 10:15am Sunday School

January 19 (Sunday)

- 10:15am Faith Formation with Pastor Bill
"Christian Nationalism"
- 10:15am WAM Team Meeting

January 26 (Sunday)

- 10:15am Annual Meeting & Potluck
- 10:15am Sunday School

