

Good News of Grace



June 2025

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

Grace Lutheran Church 303 Green Bay Road Thiensville, WI 53092

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June Highlights

June 1 - 9am Graduate Recognition Sunday Join us for worship on June 1 as we celebrate and recognize our high school graduates. We also celebrate other family member graduates of



colleges, trade schools and other higher learning programs. Congratulations to all the graduates!

June 18, 7pm - Pastor's Patio Ponderings

~ Christian Nationalism ~

Much of the news recently has talked about Christian Nationalism. This is a repeat conversation from this past winter. We will discuss the questionable biblical basis for Christian Nationalism and how



believers should respond. Please bring a lawn chair and be prepared for some interesting discussion. See page 2 for remaining schedule.

June 28 - 10am Fun Before the 4th

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 28, when Grace will again be participating in the Fun Before the 4th parade! We will be serving hot dogs, chips and water to parade attendees as we have done in the past.



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

<u>Worship Schedule</u>: Sunday at 9am Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

Education:

Bible Study on Thursday at 12pm

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Pastor's Patio Ponderings

Pastor's patio ponderings is our summer educational opportunity at Grace Lutheran. It is a one night /one topic discussion that happens on the pastor's patio. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in the gathering area at the church. Please bring a lawn chair and be prepared for some interesting discussion. Below is the rest of the schedule.

July 2 @ 7pm - What is the ELCA? How can denominations be helpful? Why are there so many different kinds of Lutherans? What kind of

Lutheran are we? What is a 'predecessor church body'? Where do my offerings go? What does the ELCA believe and practice?



July 16 @ 7pm - What is God's Will? How does the Bible guide us through turbulent times? So many times when things happen, people will respond, "Well, it must be God's will." Handy excuse or biblical reality?



July 30 @ 7pm - The Revelation of John or What is heaven? - The Revelation of John (the



final book of the Bible) gives us some amazing views of heaven. Is this what we can expect? What about all those people who 'went to heaven' and came back?

August 13 @ 6:30pm - Confirmation Class Questions - Each week we ask our confirmation students to do sermon notes. On these sheets they can ask questions about the worship or the scriptures. These questions have been so thought provoking we wanted to share them with the rest of the congregation. Come hear what the younger members of our congregation ask, and bring some of your own questions as well.



Renovation Debt Reduction Status

Below is the status of the renovation debt reduction as of April 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:	\$422,963
Interest Paid:	\$45,189
Principal Paid:	\$30,403
Renovation/Debt Reduction	n
Fund Balance:	\$83,721

2025 Council Members

Ryan Bernard (President) Janie Robbins (VP) Kevin Sibley (Treasurer) JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary) Diana Koppa David Rockwood Geri Schesel

Memorial Fund Activity for April

Income:	\$1
Expenditures:	<u>\$4,493</u>
Balance:	\$7,801
(Designated:	\$3,767)
(Available:	\$4,034)

UNDY 500 Thank-You

Thank you to everyone who donated money and items during the UNDY 500 drive. We collected 82 items for The Guest House! Thank you also to Dawn Omernik for using her artistic talents to create the wonderful UNDY 500 sign.



Birthdays and Other News

June Worship Leaders

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Greeter: Marilyn DeMore **Reader:** Linda Finnigan Wine: Kim Nagel, Bobby Koppa Usher: TBD Acolyte: Bobby Koppa Communion Setup: Beth Buczynski Coffee Fellowship: TBD

6/8

Greeter: TBD Reader: JoAnn Holdmann Wine: Michelle Hogan, TBD **Usher:** Dawn Omernik Communion Setup: JoAnn Holdmann Coffee Fellowship: TBD

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Greeter: Sandy Smith Reader: Pam Johnson Wine: TBD, TBD Usher: TBD Comm. Setup: TBD

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

6/29

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

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 fel-



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Stacy Rauen		13
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John Liegeois		17
Sandy Smith		17
Rich Ellner		18
Chris Campbe		19
Jeanne Staus		19
Alice Blank		20
Christa Buchw		20
Theresa Umho		20
Karen Peterse		21
Calvin Wolf		21
Sara Kamarai		22
Ryan Bernard		22
Mitchell Stone		22
Maxwell Stone		22
Matthew Peter		29
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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 continues to increase.

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

Welcome New Members!

On May 25th we welcomed the following new members to the Grace family: Scott and Sheri Besag

Bruce Burton

Lara Johnson, Jamie Awe, Katelin, Nate, & Thomas

Kevin & Courtney Kihslinger, Ethan & Ava



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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 <u>G</u>uide and nurture all individuals to be <u>R</u>esilient, <u>A</u>ccepting <u>C</u>hildren of God rooted in the <u>E</u>nrichment of God's word."



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

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