



Good News of Grace



October 2024

Grace Lutheran Church
303 Green Bay Road
Thiensville, WI 53092

www.grace53092.org
262-242-1174

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

October Highlights

October 3 ~ Blood Drive

Please sign up to give blood by visiting tinyurl.com/glct11923 and entering 53092 to find Grace and schedule a time. You may also call 877-232-4376. There are slots from 1-6pm in the fellowship hall. Thank you for helping save lives!



October 6, 20 ~ Grace Kids Sunday School

Kids are invited to stay after worship for Sunday School at 10:15am (See details on pgs.3-4).

October 27 ~ Trunk or Treat

Decorate your vehicle or dress up and join us for Trunk-or-Treat, Sunday October 27th from 3-6pm. Set up will begin at 2:30pm in the church parking lot.

Candy and hot drinks will be provided, though feel free to bring additional treats to pass out. And don't forget to stay afterward for pizza!



A Note from Pastor Bill

There is an interesting new trend I have seen over the last couple of years. I am not sure if social media was the impetus for this, but it is an interesting phenomenon. It's the trend of the "birthday month." People making sure the whole month of their birthday is a special time for them and their friends.

I am mentioning this because October is our birthday month as members of the Lutheran tradition. As we get towards the end of the month, Martin Luther's reformation of the church will become more and more apparent. It is indeed a time of celebration and excitement.

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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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Custodian: Fred Lynk

A Note from Pastor Bill and Other News

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Many people use their birthdays as a time of reflection and self-evaluation. Not only will they celebrate, they may also take time to contemplate. They may look over their lives and discern what their next trip around the sun will look like.

We as Lutherans can do the same in our birthday month. We can look at the reformation of the church started by Martin Luther and ask ourselves how we are doing with Luther's vision. How are we doing with the goals Luther had for spiritual people in our world?

When the Reformation began, it was a call to return to the scriptures. Luther had gone through seminary and had never picked up a copy of the Bible itself. When he finally did, he realized the scriptures did not say what the prevailing culture (i.e. the Church) was saying. When he drew attention to it, he was excommunicated from the Roman Church and thus began the Re-Form-ation of the Church.

As a pastor and a theologian, one of the most difficult things is looking at our prevailing culture and seeing the gross misinterpretations of scripture being passed off as the Word of God. This cannot be. As it was in the times of Luther, people will still twist and manipulate scripture to either control people and/or gain power. That is why Jesus' teachings that the kingdom is not of this world was so mind boggling to the first century believers.

Paul tells us to "test everything."
(1 Thess. 5:21) There is a reason that admonition appears in scripture. The twisting and manipulation of the Word of God is not new. It occurred in the days of Jesus. It occurred in the days of Luther. It occurs today.

We are the people of the Reformation. We follow Martin Luther's call to be faithful to scripture and its interpretation. The process of Reformation is a continual process. Luther did not complete the work of reformation, he simply began it.

So, in this our birthday month, let us take the time to recommit ourselves to understanding the scriptures in their truest sense. Where we are in error, Adonai*, correct us. Where we are weak, strengthen us. Where people are in need, motivate us.

* Adonai is the Hebrew term for "Almighty".

2024 Council Members

Below are the 2024 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Beth Buczynski (President)
Pam Stockbridge (VP)
Jen Bartz (Treasurer)
JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary)
Ryan Bernard
Steve Mussatti
Janie Robbins
David Rockwood
Kevin Sibley

2024 Mutual Ministry Team Members

Below are the current 2024 Mutual Ministry Team members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders. The MMC is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff.

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| Dan Umhoefer | Theresa Umhoefer |
| Matt Junker | Pam Stockbridge |

Endowment Team Scholarships

The Grace Endowment Team is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for 2024 from college students for a scholarship to help fund their college expenses. The program's requirements and directions about how to apply are set forth in the application, which is available on the welcome desk and our website. We encourage all members who are enrolled in college to apply for this years' awards by November 1, 2024.

Are You a Thrivent Member?

We are looking for people who are Thrivent members who can apply for Thrivent grant cards to help fund the many activities we do here at Grace. There is a sheet on the communication desk where you can let us know if you are a Thrivent member and if you have already applied for a grant this year to help us fund an activity. Please stop by the communication desk to provide that information. Thank you.

Sunday School Family Letter

Hello Families of Grace!

Welcome to the 2024/2025 GRACE KIDS Sunday School program!

The main focus of our program is our kids and building a sense of community with our families. We want our children to be a part of all aspects of church life, from participating in worship, to helping with charitable work, to having fun as a group with lessons, crafts, games and music.



We understand that our Grace Families have conflicting priorities — from school, to sports, to family events and beyond. We take those demands into account when planning our program calendar. We only plan for two Sunday school sessions each month and they are individual lessons that don't require regular attendance to be meaningful!

If you can only make it to one session every month or two that is OK. We want our families to know that they can come as often as they are able! Please do not feel you cannot come if you are only able to attend once in a while. Everyone is welcome at every session!

Some things that are new / updated this year:

- We are going to expand on splitting sessions with older and younger kids to include a junior youth group
- We are going to be forming a Children's ministry committee or as we call them here at Grace, a team. This team will help us to continue to expand on our Grace Kids ministry offerings and keep us moving forward.
- The Community Life team has many events that the kids and families can participate in above and beyond our Sunday Sessions

We are including our Grace Kids Year Calendar as it highlights the Sunday School sessions, this is to help as you plan your year. *Please note - we will be updating this calendar over the year as we have additional events planned, and if there are any updates that are needed. We will send out new calendars when that happens (calendar on page 4).*

To help with communication for our families so they have an easy way to access any and all information about GRACE KIDS:

- The Blue Sheet in our weekly service bulletin
- The Grace Lutheran Website www.grace53092.org
- Regular emails to the parents
- We are also exploring a few apps that will help us with communication, more to come.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas or just want to discuss the program, please feel free to call myself, Katy Koppa or Pastor Bill.

Peace,

Cindy

Contact Info for Cindy:

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ciindykarthauser@yahoo.com

GRACE KIDS CALENDAR 2024-2025



Sunday School days



Special events



Christmas program



Holidays

September 2024

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SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF!

October 2024

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TRUNK OR TREAT

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Christmas Program

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EASTER HUNT!

May 2025

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LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 2025

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FUN BEFORE THE FOURTH!

July 2025

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August 2025

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

OCT 27 - TRUNK OR TREAT

APR 20 - EASTER HUNT

JUN 28 - FUN BEFORE THE FOURTH

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

DEC 1, 7, 8, 14 - PROGRAM REHEARSALS

DEC 15 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!!

Birthdays and Other News

Worship Volunteers

10/6

Greeter: JoAnn Holdmann
Reader: JoAnn Holdmann
Wine: Nathan Campbell, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: Beth Buczynski
Coffee Fellowship: Holly Grassin-Kremmel

10/13

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



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Sign up
online here

10/20

Greeter: Sandy Smith
Reader: TBD
Wine: Nancy Perez, JoAnn Holdmann
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: JoAnn Holdmann
Coffee Fellowship: TBD, TBD

10/27

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



Food Pantry Update

The following items top the list for those needed at the food pantry this week:

1. Canned Pasta
2. canned fruit
3. Soup (not tomato)

Thank you to those that have and plan to donate items. The other items listed in Grace Notes and bulletins are still appreciated.



October Birthdays

| Name | Date |
|-----------------------|------|
| Robert Lohr | 2 |
| Holly Grassin-Kremmel | 3 |
| David Rauth | 3 |
| Pam Stockbridge | 3 |
| Valerie Gilhams | 5 |
| Denise Christofferson | 9 |
| Corrine Mattson | 9 |
| Quinn Buczynski | 11 |
| Florence Panning | 11 |
| Shonda Schaff | 11 |
| Jordan Beck | 12 |
| Greg Gleisner | 13 |
| Bryce Umhoefer | 13 |
| Todd Zeller | 13 |
| Drew Liegeois | 14 |
| Robert Koch | 16 |
| Carol Raymond | 17 |
| Chris Larsen | 18 |
| Emily Martin | 18 |
| Colleen Lohr | 20 |
| Ian Liegeois | 22 |
| Brian Karthaus | 25 |
| Jeff Wolf | 26 |
| Jaycee Christofferson | 27 |
| Mary Karthaus | 30 |
| Kelly Umhoefer | 30 |
| Colleen Umhoefer | 30 |
| Matt Bartz | 31 |
| Caiden Maciejewski | 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!



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, **October 2 and 16**.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made "God's Work, Our Hands." a successful day of service to the community on September 8!

Memorial Fund Activity for September

Income: \$1
Expenditures: \$0
Balance: \$7,852
 (Designated: \$7,711)
 (Available: \$141)

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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:

Thursday Bible Study at 12pm



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October Calendar

Recurring Events

Sundays

9am Worship/Comm.

10:15am Community Life Team (1st Sun.)

10:15am GG Team (3rd Sun. every 2 mo.)

Tuesdays

12:10pm Devotional Service

6:30pm Council (2nd Tuesday)

Wednesdays

9am Guest House Sandwiches, F. Hall
(1st and 3rd Wednesday)

Thursdays

12pm Bible Study

Other Events & Meetings

Oct 3 (Thursday)

1pm Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

Oct 6 (Sunday)

10:15am Sunday School

Oct 20 (Sunday)

10:15am Sunday School

Oct 27 (Sunday)

3pm Trunk or Treat

Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, September 22 we received the following people as new members of the Grace family.

Liz Streubel, Vince Masterson, and their
children Hugh and Oona

Ruth McDuffie-Marks

Denise Morris

Richard and Sherry Siebers

