



Good News of Grace



November 2024

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.”

November Highlights

November 3, 9am ~ All Saints Sunday

Join us as we gather to give thanks to God for the baptismal journeys of those who have gone before us.

November 3, 17 at 10:15am ~ Grace Kids Sunday School

Kids are invited to stay after worship for Sunday School at 10:15am.

November 16, 9am - 2pm ~ Winter Craft Fair.

Join us for the Winter Craft Fair on November 16, from 9am-2pm, here at Grace in the fellowship hall. Shop handmade crafts from a variety of local vendors, food and drinks, raffles and a wine pull. \$8+ bottles of wine donations for the wine pull are still appreciated!

There are sign-up sheets on the communication desk for volunteers. Parent/Child teams are needed as well.

November 24, 9am ~ El Salvador Sunday

On November 24 we will be celebrating our ongoing relationship with Pastor Julio and our partner church, Mi Bien Jesus in Puerto Parada, El Salvador. At that time, we will be taking up a collection to support our college scholarship program for members of Pastor Julio's ministry.



A Note from Pastor Bill

I guess as we move into the fall month of November it's pretty clear that we have an election coming up. I voted early and when I cast my ballot I asked if after I cast my vote will all the ads on TV stop automatically. They all wished that was the way it went.

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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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A Note from Pastor Bill and Other News

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In just a few days the season of lawn placards, debates, and conversations about politics around the water coolers will come to an end. We are human and will experience a bit of a "let down." So much of our attention and energy has been put into November 5th that we will find ourselves with a blank hole in our days and conversations.

While the outcome of this election will elate some and frustrate others, it is important for us to remember that it is our responsibility in this republic to cast our votes and participate in the process. In one regard I will say it is good to see the energy people put into supporting their candidate and party.

As a spiritual leader, however, it also brings the question - what would happen to our world if we put the same amount of time and energy into learning the teachings of Jesus? What would our world look like if we truly looked to the scriptures to build for us a worldview that was the same as the Kingdom of God...which, by the way, we are called to build.

It is sad as a pastor to see people leaving congregations over political differences. It is frustrating to see those at the podiums invoking the name of Jesus only to leave it empty...vain... is the word used in scripture. It is difficult to watch the anger and the hatred building in people's hearts and minds.

Whatever the outcome of this election, it is incumbent upon us as believers to follow Jesus. While our country commits itself to new leadership, it is our job to renew our commitment to the one who gives us light and love. This election season is also a time for us to bring Jesus back to his rightful place as the leader of our hearts and the shepherd of our lives.

After this election, friendships may need to be rebuilt. Families will have some healing to do. And the faith we share in our baptism needs to once again find its place in our lives.



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.

Dan Umhoefer Theresa Umhoefer
Matt Junker Pam Stockbridge

Wedding Bells!

Congratulations to Phil & Mela Beyer who were married here at Grace on October 12. Phil is Pastor Bill's oldest child.

Congratulations also go out to Todd and Katherine Habermann, whose marriage was blessed at Grace the following week, October 19.

May God bless both of these happy couples with marriages full of faith, love and laughter!

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

As you all know, winter is right around the corner! 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.



Birthdays and Other News

Worship Volunteers

11/3

Greeter: TBD
Reader: Dawn Omernik
Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, TBD
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD
Coffee Fellowship: WAM Team



11/10

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

11/17

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



Sign up
online here

11/24

Greeter: Kim Nagel
Reader: TBD
Wine: Kim Nagel, Janie Robbins
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: TBD
Coffee Fellowship: TBD, TBD

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.



In Memoriam

We rejoice and mourn that Shirley Warber entered the church triumphant on October 16. A memorial service was held here at Grace on October 26. Please continue to hold Shirley's family in your prayers as they grieve.



November Birthdays

Name	Date
Gretchen Karthaus	2
Natalie Knuth	2
Hayley Plank Kucharski	4
Jim Button	7
Charlotte Koch	7
Luke Kamarainen	9
Maddie Gehr	11
John Stockbridge	11
Elsa Beck	15
June Sibley	17
Madalynne Baum	20
Libby Biggin	20
Adam Hamm	21
Neal Karthaus	22
Becky Martin	22
Antonio Baum	23
Trina Brown	23
Mark Wendling	26
Lila Thornton	28
Katy Koppa	29
Samantha Wolf	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!*



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, **November 6 and 20**.



Cancellations Due to Weather

With the cold weather coming, we want to remind you that when the M-T Schools cancel classes due to weather conditions, Tuesday worship, Bible Study, and Meals on Wheels will also be cancelled.

Memorial Fund Activity for October

Income:	\$208
Expenditures:	\$0
Balance:	\$8,060
	(Designated: \$7,711)
	(Available: \$349)

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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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November 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

Nov 3 (Sunday)

- 10:15am Sunday School

Nov 10 (Sunday)

- 10:15am Community Life Team Meeting

Nov 16 (Saturday)

- 9am Craft Fair

Nov 17 (Sunday)

- 10:15am Sunday School

