



Good News of Grace



April 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.”

April Highlights

April 13 & 27 - Sunday School

Kids, join us for Sunday School on April 13 and 27 at 10:15am following the 9am service. Come for fellowship with the families of Grace! The kids will have a blast!



April 13 - 9am Palm Sunday

Join us Sunday, April 13 at 9am as we worship on Palm Sunday, the commemoration of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem five days before his crucifixion.

April 17 - 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship

April 18 - 2pm & 7pm Good Friday Worship



April 20 - 8am & 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship

Festive worship with music from all our music ensembles, with Easter Eats (See page 3 for details) and an egg hunt between services.



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

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9am

Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

Education:

Bible Study on Thursday at 12pm

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A Note from Pastor Bill and Other News

A Note from Pastor Bill

My father was a wonderful man. He was always full of optimism and joy. His sense of humor was subtle, but appreciated by all. When winter was dreary and cold, and the snow was flying, and people were feeling the pressure of winter, he would always say, "every day gets us closer to Spring." He wanted people to remember this was not the end. This was just one stop in the process.

Recently, I have noticed during the prayers of our community, more and more names are being added both in our printed prayer list and being lifted up during the time of intercession. It seems more and more people are in need of prayer, compassion, support, and empathy.

As I look at this 'trend' I cannot help but think of my father's saying, but by tweaking it a bit, "every day gets us closer to Easter." The promise, the power, the reality, the feeling, the understanding, and the light of the resurrection is the center of our theology and practice. We do what we do and we are what we are because of the resurrection.

Before we can get to that day however, there are still some dark days ahead of us. In just a few days we will be passing through Maundy Thursday (the day of the mandate) and Good Friday (the day of the crucifixion). These days are solemn, penitent, and powerful.

Tony Campolo, a preacher and teacher of blessed memory, was called one day to preach at a congregation on Good Friday. He stood before the congregation and he simply said these words, "It's Friday, but Sunday is coming." That was it. He simply repeated that over and over until the sermon was complete.

Right now, we have a lot of people facing health problems. We are waiting for our snow birds to return so that our joy may be complete. The cold, dreary days of winter continue to drag on. And wherever we look, we see people looking for hope. In that space we say, "every day gets us closer to Easter."

In the power and promise of the resurrection, God gives us the ability to trust and know that God is in control and we rely on that. God's gift and blessing of resurrection carries us through our darkest times and into the light of the reminder that HE IS RISEN!

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.

Renovation Debt Reduction Status

Below is the status of the renovation debt reduction as of February 28, 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:	\$425,045
Interest Paid:	\$42,580
Principal Paid:	\$28,320
Renovation/Debt Reduction Fund Balance:	\$90,315

Memorial Fund Activity for February

Income:	\$76
Expenditures:	<u>\$0</u>
Balance:	\$12,293
	(Designated: \$8,231)
	(Available: \$4,062)

2025 Church Council Installation

Please note the 2025 members of Council will be installed during worship on Sunday, May 4th.

2025 Council Members

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

Birthdays and Other News

April Worship Leaders

4/6

Greeter: TBD
Reader: Pam Johnson
Wine: Nancy Perez, Michelle Hogan
Usher: TBD
Communion Setup: JoAnn Holdmann
Coffee Fellowship: TBD

4/13 ~ Palm Sunday

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

4/17 Maundy Thursday 7pm

Reader: TBD
Wine: Michelle Hogan, JoAnn Holdmann
Usher: TBD
Comm. Setup: TBD

4/18 Good Friday 2pm 7pm

Reader: TBD **Reader:** TBD
Usher: TBD **Usher:** TBD

4/20 Easter 8am 10am

Greeter: TBD **Greeter:** TBD
Reader: TBD **Reader:** Michelle Hogan
Wine: TBD, TBD **Wine:** TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD **Usher:** TBD
Comm. Setup: JoAnn Holdmann (8am&10am)

4/27

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



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.



Birthdays

Name	Date
Diane Omdahl	2
Emma Wolf	2
Sandra Gleisner	3
Kathy Young	3
Kyle Smith	4
Peter Smiley	6
Bobby Koppa	8
Kim Lohr	10
David Sampe	10
Katie Ferguson	11
Lisa Knuth	12
Doreen Goniu	13
Ken Hogan	15
Hugh Masterson	15
Dennis Ellner	20
Kay Freyer	20
Ethan Brown	21
Oona Masterson	21
Art Habermann	23
Nels Blank	25
Rita Karthaus	29
Stella Rockwood	29
Heather Sibley	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!*



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 on Wednesdays, **April 2 and 16**.



Easter Flowers

There is still time to order Easter flowers. Order forms, which are available on the communication desk, are due April 6. Plants are \$10 each.

Easter Eats

This year, between the 8am and 10am worship services, Community Life will be hosting 'Easter Eats' where you can enjoy some fellowship and a continental-type breakfast.



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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

Lenten Book Study:
Sundays at 6:30pm
Mondays at 10:30am

*"At Grace, we strive to Guide and nurture all
individuals to be Resilient, Accepting Children of*



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

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Insert ~ April calendar

April 2025

Grace Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Apr 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		12:10pm - Devotional 5:30pm - Scouts 852	9am - Guest House 2pm - Piano Tuning 3pm - Violin Lesson 6:30pm - SBG Singers			9am - SBG Band
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship - Chancel 10:15am - Chancel Choir 10:15am - Community 11am - Women's Choir 6:30pm - Book Study -	10:30am - Book Study - 2:30pm - Violin Lesson -	12:10pm - Devotional 5:30pm - Scouts 852 6:30pm - Council	3pm - Violin Lesson	8am - Organ tuning		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday 8am - Bell Choir Warmup 9am - Worship - Bell 10:15am - Chancel Choir 10:15am - S. School 11am - Men's Chorus 6:30pm - Book Study -	10:30am - Book Study - 2:30pm - Violin Lesson - 6:30pm - Scouts 3852 in	Tax Day 12:10pm - Devotional 5:30pm - Scouts 852	9am - Guest House 3pm - Violin Lesson 6:30pm - SBG Singers	7pm - Maundy Worship	2pm - Good Friday 7pm - Good Friday	9am - All Choir Groups
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday 7am - Choir Warmups 8am - Easter Worship ~ 9am - Easter Eats & Egg 9am - Egg Hunt 10am - Easter Worship -	Easter Monday 2:30pm - Violin Lesson -	12:10pm - Devotional 5:30pm - Scouts 852	3pm - Violin Lesson	12pm - Bible Study		9am - SBG Band
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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