



# Good News of Grace



## February 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.”*

### February Highlights

#### **February 4 & 18: Sunday School**

Kids, join us for Sunday School on February 7 and 21 at 10:15am following the 9am service. Come for fellowship with the families of Grace! The kids will have a blast!

GRACE KIDS



#### **February 10: Valentine Dance**

Join us for a fun night with live music from local band "String Along" at 7pm on Saturday, February 10. Snacks, beer, and wine will be available for purchase. There will be a pie auction as well. Free will donations are appreciated, or you may reserve an 8-top table for \$100. Please contact Nancy Perez at 414.412.7669 to reserve a table.



All donations will benefit the Grace Lutheran Church boiler project. We can't wait to see you there!

#### **February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship**

Join us at 7pm for Ash Wednesday worship.



#### **February 21- March 20: Lenten Scripture Study**

This Lent, Pastor Bill will be offering a five week scripture study entitled "The Ten Commandments: Then and Now" in the weeks following Ash Wednesday. The study sessions will be held on the following **Wednesdays at 11am and 6:30pm:**

February 21	March 13
February 28	March 20
March 6	

### Worship and Education

#### Worship Schedule:

**Sunday at 9am**

**Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm**

#### Education:

**Bible Study on Thursday 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)

### **Grace Lutheran Staff**

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**Music Coordinator: Brian Dearing**

**Nursery Attendant: Shonda Schaff**

**Custodian: Fred Lynk**

# News and Notes

## A Note from Pastor Bill

Recently, I got new glasses. There was a bit of a struggle with the prescription, but in the end we were able to pinpoint the exact numbers I need to be able to see. And ever since I was a little boy, (I've been wearing glasses since I was nine), every time I put on new glasses I want to sing, "I can see clearly now the rain has gone."

Our approach to scripture should be treated with the same care we do our eyes. Yet all too often we do not. We read an article on the internet or hear some TV preacher say something about a passage of scripture and we cling to it. When in all actuality the teaching may not be what the scriptures were actually trying to communicate.

We seem to have lost the idea that scripture is meant to be discussed. Scripture is meant to inform us of God and the realm we are called to build in the here and now. Jacob wrestled with God at the river's edge and yet we have not had the same energy.

With Lent approaching, we are going to hold a study on the ten commandments. During the five weeks of Lent (Feb 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20) we will be hosting a discussion on "The Ten Commandments: Then and Now." The class will be offered at two different times to accommodate busy schedules. A morning class at 11am and that same class repeated at 6:30pm.

Scripture is vital to our lives and our faith. It is important that we approach it with the same care we approach our physical health. Join us as we grow in knowledge and faith.



## 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.



## Memorial Fund

### Activity for December

Income:	\$30
Expenditures:	\$2,000
Balance:	\$3,404
	Designated: \$3,404
	(Available: \$0)

## 2023 Mutual Ministry Team Members

Below are the current 2023 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 262-227-8841  
Theresa Umhoefer 262-227-8840  
Matt Junker 262-242-1023  
Pam Stockbridge 262-366-0162

## 2023 Council Members

Below are the 2023 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Beth Buczynski (President) 208-946-9140  
Cindy Karthaus (VP) 414-357-7317  
Jen Bartz (Treasurer) 414-550-5231  
JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary) 262-290-1609  
Morgan Bernard 920-418-5235  
Jim Martin 262-899-1498  
Janie Robbins 262-646-4628  
Pam Stockbridge 262-366-0162  
Terry Young 414-573-9563

## In Memoriam

We rejoice and mourn that Sally Wolf entered the church triumphant on January 22. Arrangements to celebrate Sally's life are pending. Please continue to hold Jeff and the rest of Sally's family in your prayers during this time of grief.

# Birthdays & Other News

## February Worship Leaders

**2/4**

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

**2/11**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Dawn Omernik  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** Beth Buczynski  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD



**2/18**

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



Sign up  
online here

**2/25**

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

## Blood Drive ~ February 22

Please consider signing up for the blood drive on February 22. Visit [tinyurl.com/qlct11923](http://tinyurl.com/qlct11923) and find Grace by entering 53092 to schedule your donation time. You may also call 877-232-4376. There are slots from 1pm-6pm in the fellowship hall. Thank you for helping save lives!



## February Birthdays

Name	Date
Donna Eigel	1
Randy Radiske	4
Wendy Blank	5
Sylvia Sampe	5
Kim Nagel	6
Chris Cunningham	8
Beverly Smiley	11
Elliot Nimmer	16
Karen Martin	19
Terry Young	19
Steve Karthaus	20
Edna Steitz	20
James Laabs	21
Jim Nutter	24
Grace Bartz	26
Gary Plotkin	27
Ralph Buchweitz	28
Diane Weber	28
Alice Sedgwick	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, **February 7 and 21**.

## Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

If you have any 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. They are particularly in need of men's items, but items of all sizes are appreciated!



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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:  
Bible Study - Thursdays:12pm



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### February Calendar

#### Recurring Events

##### Sundays

9am Worship/Comm.  
10:15am Choir Rehearsals  
10:15am Sunday School (Grace Kids Cal.)  
10:15am GGT Meeting (3rd Sunday)  
11am Bell Choir Rehearsal

##### Mondays

5:30pm Lakeshore Quilters (3rd Mon.)  
6:30pm Scouts (2nd & 4th Monday)

##### Tuesdays

12:10pm Devotional Service  
6pm Council (3rd Tuesday)  
6:30pm Scouts

##### Wednesdays

9am Guest House Sandwiches, F.H.  
(1st and 3rd Wednesday)  
6pm Band Practice, Sanctuary

##### Thursdays

9am Quilt Tying (2nd Thursday)  
12pm Bible Study - Library

##### Saturdays

9am SBG Practice (every other Sat.)

#### Other Events & Meetings

##### February 4 (Sunday)

10:15am Community Life Meeting  
10:15am Sunday School

##### February 8 (Thursday)

9am Quilt Tying

##### February 10 (Saturday)

7pm Valentine Dance

##### February 13 (Tuesday)

6:30pm Scouts Fundraising Dinner - F.H.

##### February 14 (Wednesday)

7pm Ash Wednesday Worship

##### February 18 (Sunday)

10:15am Sunday School  
10:15am Grateful Giving Team Meeting

##### February 21 (Wednesday)

11am Lenten Scripture Study  
6:30pm Lenten Scripture Study

##### February 22 (Thursday)

1pm -6pm Blood Drive

##### February 24 (Saturday)

10am Scout Crossover Ceremony - F.H.

##### February 25 (Sunday)

10:15am Faith Formation w/Brian Dearing

##### February 28 (Wednesday)

11am Lenten Scripture Study  
6:30pm Lenten Scripture Study