



Good News of Grace



November 2022

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 6 - All Saints Sunday

We gather to give thanks to God for the baptismal journeys of those who have gone before us. Please call or email the office if you want anyone who has passed in the last year to be included in the service.

November 13 - El Salvador Sunday

On November 13 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.



November 13 - New Member Sunday

Also on November 13, we will be receiving new members. If you would like a new member form, please contact the office. If you have already received a form please either email it back or drop it off at the office. Thank you!

November 23 - Thanksgiving Worship

Join us for a joint Thanksgiving worship service with the area churches on Wednesday, November 23. The service will be held here at Grace at 7pm.



November 27 - Parents Day Out

Save the date! Watch the Grace Notes and bulletins for details.

Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sundays at 8am & 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.

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Notes and News

Museum Hopping Small Group

By Nancy Spindler

Hello, I'm Nancy Spindler and I am coordinating a small group to go museum hopping. Come join me each time or when something strikes you as interesting. We will be going on Fridays and/or Saturdays. If we have a group for Friday and a group for Saturday for a museum, that's great, we'll go both days. Here's the plan as of now:

Grohmann Museum of Work (at MSOE), Saturday, Nov 19, Admission is \$5. This is an art collection dedicated to the evolution of human work.

If you are interested in going along, please talk to me so we can figure out what time works the best for the next adventure.

Card/Game Night!

Card Night is on hold until January, at which time it will return as Game Night.



Poinsettias

You are invited to contribute poinsettias again this year in honor or memory of important people in your life. Designations will be printed in the Christmas bulletins.

Plants are \$10 each.

Forms are available on the welcome desk and will also be emailed with the Grace Notes.



Christmas Pageant Program

Mark your calendars for Sunday, **December 18**, when we will gather for worship with holy communion and the Christmas program.

Memorial Fund Activity for September

Income: **\$3,551**

Expenditures: **\$13,144**

Balance: **\$11,649**

(Designated: \$4,160)

(Available: \$7,489)

Mutual Ministry Committee (MMC)

Now that we are in our beautiful new sanctuary, it might be a good time to refresh memories as to the purpose of the Mutual Ministry Committee (MMC).

The MMC is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff. If a member has a compliment or concern about anything in regards to worship, use of the building or other concerns about the building, the MMC is your resource. All conversations are confidential unless there is a need to reveal the identity of the person with the concern. The person will be contacted before identity is revealed.

The members of the committee are Dan/Theresa Umhoefer, Matt Junker, and Pam Stockbridge. Their name tags have a different color so members are able to identify them. A member can contact them at church, via email, or by phone. Council members, who have a different color name tag, can also be contacted.

2022 Grace Council Members

Dan Driewer

Morgan Bernard

Jim Martin

Cindy Karthaus

Beth Buczynski

Pam Stockbridge

Beth Beck

Terry Young

Matt Bartz

Sanctuary Seat Donations

You may still purchase a seat for \$250 as a donation to support the renovation project. Those that have already done so are listed on page 3. Thank you for your donations!

Sanctuary Seating Donations

Thank you to those who are supporting the renovation by purchasing pieces of the sanctuary seating! These seats replace the pews that were generously donated over 30 years ago by the Mantz family in memory of Earl Mantz. The pews were recently given to someone in the process of developing a new chapel area, a nursing home, and a few other people for community projects.

Name	In Memory/Honor of
Bill Beyer – Playground furnishings	In memory of sister Shelley Anne Beyer
Dieter & Elsbeth Bruhnke – 1 seat	In memory of loved ones
Jim & Judy Button – 8 seats	
Pat & Dennis Ellner – 1 seat	In honor and memory of our family, past and present
Suzie George – 2 seats	Steven C. George (Memory), Steven D. and Charles D. George (Honor)
German Club Ladies – 1 seat	
Paul & Mary Gieschen – 2 seats	
Karen Glanert – 3 seats	In memory of Paul R. Glanert In honor of Jack Callahan In honor of Maggie Callahan
Holly Grassin-Kremmel – 4 seats	In memory of Erich Grassin (German immigrant-furniture maker, for Grace Church and his girls) Lynne (Grassin) Huebschen (honor) – treasured daughter Bonni (Grassin) Cotter (honor) – treasured daughter Heidi (Grassin) Conrad (honor) – treasured daughter
Joan Grothman – 2 seats	In memory of Harold Grothman
Helga Ickert – 1 seat	In memory of my husband Ewald Ickert
Karen & Brian Karthauser – 2 seats	
Chris & Karen Larsen – 1 seat	In memory of Tom Gauthier
Alice Neitzel – 1 seat	In memory of Elmer Neitzel
Florence Panning – 4 seats	In memory of Martin H. Panning
Nancy Perez – 5 seats	In memory of Josephine & Walter Bublitz (church founders and first organist) In memory of Ruth & Peter G. Hatzinger – parents of Nancy Perez In memory of Peter C Hatzinger – brother of Nancy Perez
Karla Corcoran & Charlotte Nordstrom – 10 seats	In memory of Paul D. Pratt and Marguerite Olson Pratt of Gardner, ND
Bob & Carol Raymond – 2 seats	In memory of Clarence & Betty Raymond (Bob's folks) In memory of Fritz & Esther Mielke (Carol's folks)
Diane Weber – 1 seat	

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Art Piece Information

For the next few Sundays you will see a beautiful art piece hanging above the baptismal font. This art piece (a gift from some of our congregational artists) is a beautiful celebration of our past and our future.

The building depicted on the fabric hoops is what was affectionately called in Thiensville, “The little white church on the corner.” Grace was the first congregation to build a permanent worship space in Thiensville. This building was located on the corner of Green Bay and Grand Ave (Where our parking lot is now.) This building served as our central place of worship until our current space was built in 1958.

The other two panels depict what is called the “Luther Rose.” There is a great article on Wikipedia about this Lutheran “coat of arms”. You can read more on Wikipedia under *Luther Rose*.

This piece centers us not only in our past and our tradition, but also reminds us of the ministry we have to the cross and the life of faith we all share in baptism. When we take a few moments in worship to look at and enjoy this work of art may God’s Spirit guide us in our baptismal promises to share the gospel.

Thank you to Jill “Maygie” May and Dawn Omernik-Nimmer for their artistic talents!

November Choir Schedule

Sunday, 11/6 SBG Band Leads Worship
Sunday, 11/13 TBA
Sunday, 11/20 Bells Ring
Sunday, 11/27 Chancel Choir Sings

- Groups warm up at 8:30am prior to worship.
- SBG Band practices at 9am on the Saturday prior to their scheduled Sundays.

Intersex Awareness Day

On October 26, people across the country and the world will recognize Intersex Awareness Day. Intersex is an umbrella term for unique variations in reproductive or sex anatomy. Variations may appear in a person’s chromosomes, genitals, or internal organs like testes or ovaries. Some intersex traits are identified at birth, while others may not be discovered until puberty or later in life. There are over 6 million intersex people in the United States alone. 1.7% of the world’s population identify as intersex.

Persons who are born intersex often face many surgeries and abuse from those who do not understand what is going on with their bodies. Many families who are struggling with intersexuality will often face these challenges in private, since there is a stigma attached to intersexuality and our unwillingness to learn and understand it.

We are blessed in our faith community to have DawnMark who has helped to educate on the struggles and challenges of intersexuality. Without this personal perspective our congregation would not have challenged itself to understand and grow. DawnMark is available to discuss and answer any questions one may have about intersexuality.

For further reading online, go to interactadvocate.org under *sex definitions* and Wikipedia under *intersex*.

Mr. Bob’s Under the Bridge

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



Birthdays & Other News

November Worship Leaders

Please watch Grace Notes for the link to sign up to volunteer, or call/email the office.

11/6 9am

Greeter: Helga Ickert

Reader: Mary Karthausen

Wine: Stacy Rauen, TBD

Usher: TBD

Communion Setup: JoAnn Holdmann

11/13 9am

Greeter: TBD

Reader: Bev Leidel

Wine: TBD, TBD

Usher: TBD

Comm. Setup: TBD



11/20 9am

Greeter: TBD

Reader: TBD

Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, TBD

Usher: TBD

Comm. Setup: TBD

11/23 7pm Thanksgiving Worship

Greeter: TBD

Reader: TBD

Wine: TBD, TBD

Usher: TBD

Comm. Setup: TBD

11/27 9am

Greeter: TBD

Reader: TBD

Wine: TBD, TBD

Usher: TBD

Comm. Setup: Bev Leidel

November Birthdays

Name	Date
Gretchen Karthausen	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 Karthausen	22
Becky Martin	22
Antonio Baum	23
Trina Brown	23
Mark Wendling	26
Lauren Miller	27
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!



All Peoples Church Food Pantry

At this time the pantry food supply is still very low; so for the foreseeable future we hope to collect non-perishable food items again. When you shop for your family, please pick up an extra item for the pantry. Thank you!



Scholarship Opportunity for Grace Members

The Grace Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications 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. We encourage all members who are enrolled in college to apply for this year's awards by December 1, 2022. The application is on our website, on the welcome desk, or you can contact the office for a copy.

Guest House Sandwiches

We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month, on the first and third Wednesdays, at 9:00am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesdays, **November 2 and 16.**



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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Sundays at 8am & 9am
Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

Education:
Bible Study - Thursdays:12pm



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November Calendar

Recurring Events

Sundays

8am Devotional Svc (no singing)
9am Worship/Comm.
10:15am Choir Rehearsals
11am Bell Choir Rehearsal

Mondays

5:30pm Lakeshore Quilters (1st Mon.)
6:30pm Scouts (4th Mon. each month)

Tuesdays

12:10pm Devotional Svc.
6:30pm Council (2nd Tue.)
6:30pm Scouts

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

12pm Bible Study - Luther Room

Saturdays

9am - SBG Practice (every other Sat.)

Other Events & Meetings

November 1 (Thursday)

7pm Messiah Soloists Rehearsal

November 6 (Sunday)

10:15am Community Life Meeting

November 8 (Thursday)

7pm Messiah Strings Rehearsal - Sanctuary

November 13 (Sunday)

10:15am Grace Kids Sunday School

November 20 (Sunday)

10:15am Social Concerns Meeting

November 23 (Wednesday)

7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
10:15am Faith Formation with Brian Dearing

November 27 (Sunday)

TBD Parents Day Out