



# Good News of Grace



## March 2025

Grace Lutheran Church  
303 Green Bay Road  
Thiensville, WI 53092

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262-242-1174

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

### March Highlights

#### **March 2, 16, & 30 - Sunday School**

Kids, join us for Sunday School on March 2, 16 and 30 at 10:15am following the 9am service. Come for fellowship with the families of Grace! The kids will have a blast!



#### **March 5 - Ash Wednesday Worship**

Join us at 7pm for Ash Wednesday worship.



#### **March 9, 10 - “Gravity and Grace” Book Study Begins**

Discussion meetings will be Sunday evenings beginning March 9th at 6:30pm or Monday mornings beginning March 10th at 10:30am. The course will continue until Holy Week. See Pastor Bill if you are interested in the book.

#### **March 15 - Shamrockin’ with String-A-Long**

Mark your calendars for a fun evening of fellowship and music provided by *String-A-Long* band on Saturday, March 15, at 6pm. There will be snacks and drinks for purchase, auctions, and lots of fun. Watch Grace Notes and the blue sheets for more details.



### **A Note from Pastor Bill**

A few years back we had a congregational member who has since completed his baptismal journey. Tom Gauthier would always sit towards the front.  
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### 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**

### **Grace Lutheran Staff**

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**Music Coordinator: Brian Dearing**

**Nursery Attendant: Shonda Schaff**

**Custodian: Fred Lynk**

# A Note from Pastor Bill and Other News

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I could always count on Tom to bolster any comments I made on how things change with the response, "CHANGE?!?!" This exchange rises from an old joke that asks the question, "How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?" And the response is "CHANGE?!?!" (Or my personal favorite, "You want to change the lightbulbs? My grandmother donated those!")

Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, is quoted as saying, "Change is the only constant in life." Say what you want, this is truth and it is reality. Physically, our bodies are always changing. Minute by minute skin cells sluff off our bodies and new ones are created. The neuroscientific concept of neuroplasticity teaches us that even our brain structures and neuro pathways can change in our brains.

While change may be constant, it is also difficult. Lent is a season of self examination. As we enter into this time of self reflection, we have to understand there is a reason for it. It is designed to bring out changes in our faith and life. While change is exciting, it can also be uncomfortable. We like where we are at. We don't want to change the ways we think, act, or present ourselves. Where we are is comfortable.

As we go through the scriptures, we see time and time again God calling the people to change their ways - the ways that go contrary to God's direction in our lives. Lent allows us the time to reflect on our lives and our actions to make sure they are in alignment with God.

Heraclitus points out to us that change is constant and that reality gives us pause. While our bodies, our faith, and our world are all constantly changing, there is one thing we can be certain of, God does not change. (Malachi 3:6)

The God we worship is constant. The God we worship is sure. The God we worship is the one in whom we can place our trust and hope. Lent is our time to make sure we are focused on the sure foundation of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. When we rest sure in our faith, then the change we see around us, whether it be on the cellular level, the neuroscientific level, or the cultural level, we can be certain that God is there, God is faithful, and God will never change.

## 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 January 31, 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.

<b>Loan Balance:</b>	\$426,014
<b>Interest Paid:</b>	\$41,204
<b>Principal Paid:</b>	\$27,351
<b>Renovation/Debt Reduction Fund Balance:</b>	\$89,775

## Memorial Fund Activity for January

<b>Income:</b>	\$1
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$12,217</b>
	(Designated: \$8,156)
	(Available: \$4,061)

## Grace Membership

If you are still interested in becoming a member of Grace but have not yet contacted Pastor Bill, please let him know, or call the office (262-242-1174). We will be receiving new members at a date yet to be announced.

## Marjorie Ackermann

A memorial service for Marjorie will take place at 1pm on March 6 in the Alexian Village Chapel. Please continue to hold her friends and family in your prayers as they grieve. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Bill.

# Birthdays and Other News

## March Worship Leaders

3/2

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

3/5 ~ Ash Wednesday

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

3/9

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Dawn Omernik  
**Wine:** JoAnn Holdmann, Michelle Hogan  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD  
**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD

3/16

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

3/23

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Michelle Hogan  
**Wine:** Nancy Perez, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** TBD



3/30

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

## Birthdays

Name	Date
Pam Liegeois	1
Emma Wendling	1
David Umhoefer	2
Adam Maciejewski	2
Jim Martin	5
Janie Robbins	5
Marjorie Ackerman	6
Marshall Stone	6
Michelle Hogan	11
Oliver Ortell	12
Astrid Stahle	13
Jason Blank	14
Michelle Ferguson	15
Larry LaCrosse	17
Diana Koppa	19
Emma Bartz	21
Tillie Kucharski	21
Rachel Nemcek	21
Nate Awe	24
Katelin Awe	25
Lauren Biggin	25
Geri Schesel	25
Allison Cunningham	26
Logan Hamm	26
Bernard Roeker	27
Jennifer Bartz	28
Pat Ellner	28
Craig Koch	28
Richard Siebers	30
Morgan Bernard	31
Mitch Nemcek	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 on Wednesdays, **March 5 and 19.**



## Food Pantry Update

Donations to the food pantry are appreciated more than ever as the need continues to increase. You may drop items off by the Luther room in the narthex.



## Easter Flowers

You will once again have the opportunity to contribute Easter flowers in honor or memory of loved ones for Easter this year. Forms will be available on the communication desk. Plants are \$10 each.

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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**

*"At Grace, we strive to Guide and nurture all individuals to be Resilient, Accepting Children of God rooted in the Enrichment of God's word."*



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**March Calendar**

**Recurring Events**

**Sundays**

9am Worship/Comm.  
10:15am Community Life Team (1st Sun.)  
10:15am GG Team (3rd Sun. every 2 mo.)  
10:15am Choir Rehearsals  
11am Choir Rehearsals

**Tuesdays**

12:10pm Devotional Service  
6:30pm Council (2nd Tuesday)

**Wednesdays**

9am Guest House Sandwiches, F. Hall  
(1st and 3rd Wednesday)  
6:30pm SBG Singer Rehearsal  
(Every other Wed.)

**Thursdays**

12pm Bible Study

**Saturdays**

9am SBG Band Practice (Every other Sat.)

**Other Events & Meetings**

**March 2 (Sunday)**

10:15am Sunday School

**March 5 (Wednesday)**

7pm Ash Wednesday Worship

**March 9 (Sunday)**

6:30pm *Gravity and Grace* Book Study

**March 10 (Monday)**

10:30am *Gravity and Grace* Book Study

**March 15 (Saturday)**

6pm Shamrockin' with *String-A-Long*

**March 16 (Sunday)**

10:15am Sunday School

10:15am WAM Team Meeting

6:30pm *Gravity and Grace* Book Study

**March 17 (Monday)**

10:30am *Gravity and Grace* Book Study

**March 23 (Sunday)**

6:30pm *Gravity and Grace* Book Study

**March 24 (Monday)**

10:30am *Gravity and Grace* Book Study

**March 30 (Sunday)**

10:15am Sunday School

6:30pm *Gravity and Grace* Book Study

**March 31 (Monday)**

10:30am *Gravity and Grace* Book Study