



# Good News of Grace



## May 2025

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.”*

### May Highlights

#### **May 1 - 25 ~ Undy 500 Clothing Drive**

The UNDY 500 is a clothing donation drive that will take place during the month of May. See page 3 for details.



#### **May 10 - 7pm Bobby Jo Valentine Concert**

Join us on Saturday, May 10 at 7pm here at Grace for an evening of heart-opening pop with Bobby Jo Valentine. The poetic nature and spiritual focus of his stories and songs has resulted in notable awards and a growing, loyal following around the country.



There is no charge for this concert, but a free will offering will be collected.

#### **May 11 - 10:15am Last Day of Sunday School**

Kids, join us for Sunday School on May 11 at 10:15am following worship. Come for fellowship with the families of Grace! The kids will have a blast!



### 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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**Custodian: Fred Lynk**

# Pastor's Patio Ponderings and Other News

## Pastor's Patio Ponderings

Pastor's patio ponderings is our summer educational opportunity at Grace Lutheran. It is a one night /one topic discussion that happens on the pastor's patio. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in the gathering area at the church. Please bring a lawn chair and be prepared for some interesting discussion.

**June 18 @ 7pm** - Christian Nationalism - Much of the news recently has talked about Christian Nationalism. This is a repeat conversation from this past winter. We will discuss the questionable biblical basis for Christian Nationalism and how believers should respond.

**July 2 @ 7pm** - What is the ELCA? How can denominations be helpful? - Why are there so many different kinds of Lutherans? What kind of Lutheran are we? What is a 'predecessor church body'? Where do my offerings go? What does the ELCA believe and practice?

**July 16 @ 7pm** - What is God's Will? How does the Bible guide us through turbulent times? So many times when things happen, people will respond, "Well, it must be God's will." Handy excuse or biblical reality?

**July 30 @ 7pm** - The Revelation of John or What is heaven? - The Revelation of John (the final book of the Bible) gives us some amazing views of heaven. Is this what we can expect? What about all those people who 'went to heaven' and came back?

**August 13 @ 6:30pm** - Confirmation Class Questions - Each week we ask our confirmation students to do sermon notes. On these sheets they can ask questions about the worship or the scriptures. These questions have been so thought provoking we wanted to share them with the rest of the congregation. Come hear what the younger members of our congregation ask, and bring some of your own questions as well.



## Renovation Debt Reduction Status

Below is the status of the renovation debt reduction as of March 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>	\$423,939
<b>Interest Paid:</b>	\$43,821
<b>Principal Paid:</b>	\$29,426
<b>Renovation/Debt Reduction Fund Balance:</b>	\$83,252

## 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

## Memorial Fund Activity for March

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$1</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$12,293</b>
	(Designated: \$8,231)
	(Available: \$4,062)

## Easter Eats 'Thank You'

Thank you to Dan & Theresa Umhoefer, Jim & Judy Button, and Terry & Kathy Young for coordinating a wonderful Easter continental breakfast between worship services on Easter Sunday. Thank you also to the Karthausers for providing the beautiful plants for the tables. A final thank-you to Cedarburg Pet Care for providing eggs from their hobby farm.

# Birthdays and Other News

## May Worship Leaders

**5/4**

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

**5/11**

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

**5/18**

**Greeter:** TBD  
**Reader:** Michelle Hogan  
**Wine:** Michelle Hogan, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** TBD

**5/25**

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



## May Birthdays

Name	Date
Liz Streubel	3
Hudson Radiske	5
Aiden Hollander	15
Keegan Hollander	15
Gretchen Stahle	15
Bonnie Kern	16
Maya Rauen	17
Taylor Farris	18
Todd Habermann	19
Erica Campbell	21
Ben Zeller	21
Matt Junker	22
Mike Buczynski	23
Mary James	23
Beth Buczynski	25
Dave Huebschen	29
Gerald Laabs	30
Calvin Krogstad	31
Miles Stone	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!*



## The Undy 500 is back!

The UNDY 500 is a clothing donation drive that will take place during the month of May for The Guest House of Milwaukee, a men's homeless shelter. This is an important event because most of the individuals served at The Guest House are in need of undergarments and basic items.

Items most in need are boxer briefs and boxers in sizes S, M and L. Other items appreciated are T-shirts and socks. This year they are also collecting women's underwear as part of their outreach program for women. Cash donations are also welcome if you don't want to do the shopping.

## 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.

## 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 **May 7 and 21**.



## In Memoriam

We rejoice and mourn that lone (Oney) Ashworth entered the church triumphant a few weeks ago. Please keep Oney's family in your prayers as they continue to grieve.

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Worship with Holy Communion:**  
Sundays at 9am  
Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

**Bible Study:**  
Thursdays at 12pm

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*“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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# May 2025

Grace Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

May 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				12pm - Bible Study		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Council Installation 8:15am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship - Chancel 10:15am - Chancel Choir 10:15am - Community 11am - Men's Chorus	Cinco de Mayo	12:10pm - Devotional 5:30pm - Scouts 852	9am - Guest House 6:30pm - SBG Singers	12pm - Bible Study		9am - SBG Band 7pm - Bobby Jo Valentine
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day 8:15am - Chancel Choir 9am - Worship - Chancel 10:15am - WAM Team 11am - Bell Choir	Office Closed 2:30pm - Violin Lesson - 6:30pm - Scouts 3852 in	12:10pm - Devotional 5:30pm - Scouts 852 6:30pm - Council	3pm - Violin Lesson	12pm - Bible Study		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8am - Bell Choir Warmup 9am - Worship - Bell Choir 10:15am - Faith 10:15am - Final S. School 10:15am - GG Team 11am - Bell Choir	2:30pm - Violin Lesson -	12:10pm - Devotional 5:30pm - Scouts 852	9am - Guest House 3pm - Violin Lesson 6:30pm - SBG Singers	12pm - Bible Study		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9am - Worship	Memorial Day 2:30pm - Violin Lesson - 6pm - Scouts	12:10pm - Devotional 5:30pm - Scouts 852	3pm - Violin Lesson	12pm - Bible Study		9am - All Choir Groups