



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gathering in grace, growing in faith, serving in love

March, 2021

Pastor's Ponderings



Dear Friends,

This Lent, we're exploring the gifts of baptism. For many of us, baptism was long ago, and we don't necessarily remember them. But baptism isn't just a one-time event that happened years ago. Though we only need to be baptized once, our baptism affects us every day and has everything to do with how we live out our lives of faith. Martin Luther talked about how we don't say, "I WAS baptized. Instead we are to wake up every morning and say, "I AM baptized into Christ."

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The gifts we receive in baptism are abundant. We're welcomed into God's family, we become members of a Christian community, we're washed clean from the burdens of our sins, and we're promised eternal life after this life is over. Historically, the Christian Church has used Lent as a time to instruct newcomers in the Christian faith. It was almost like a 6-week Confirmation Class. And at the end of that time, believers would be baptized at the Easter Vigil (Easter Eve) or on Easter morning.

This Lent, I encourage you think about your own baptism and what it means to you now. What do you know about your own baptism? What do you remember about other meaningful baptisms you've attended? How does your baptism impact you now?

Maybe exploring the promises we make at Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) will help you think about your baptism & how you live it out.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word & deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Those gifts of discipleship are our calling as baptized children of God. How can they enrich our lives and bless the lives of others?

To learn more, join us for Bible study on Monday nights and Midweek worship on Wednesday evenings to explore our baptismal calling.

In Christ,

+Pastor Jennifer



March Highlights:

Mondays **Living Our Baptism Study** at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. **Midweek Worship** on Facebook and Channel 986

March 14 - **Drive-Thru Communion and Soup** from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

March 28 – **Palm Sunday Parking Lot Service, Communion and Soup** from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Midweek Lent Worship Series

Living Our BAPTISM... 5 Gifts of Discipleship

This Lent, we continue to be part of a shared midweek Lenten worship series with three other congregations in our area – East Koshkonong, Paul's Liberty, and Central Lutheran in Edgerton. Each Wednesday service is being led by a different pastor from his/her church, giving us the opportunity to hear different preachers, see different churches, and enjoy different musicians as we explore the promises we make in baptism. These services will be broadcast on Facebook & on Charter Cable **Channel 986** on Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

(replayed Thursdays at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m., as well)

LIVING OUR BAPTISM...*Five gifts of discipleship*

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

March 3

"Hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper"

Pastor Jennifer Jelinek– Grace Lutheran Church

March 10

"Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed" -

Pastor Jerry Pribbenow-Central Lutheran Church

March 17

"Serve all people, following the example of Jesus"

Pastor Kristin Rice – East Koshkonong Lutheran

March 24

"Strive for justice and peace in all the earth"

Pastor Holly Slater-St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran

In-Person Worship

Since COVID positivity rates dropped below 5% last month, Church Council decided to begin offering in-person worship, with limited attendance. Masks are required. Right now, we can have 25 worshipers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning, but all worshipers need a reservation. To make a reservation, go to Grace's website and click on the Sign-Up Genius link. No internet capabilities? Call Virginia Becker at 623-680-3696. Reservations need to be made before Noon on Fridays. Because Sunday, March 21 is First Communion, all spots that Sunday will be reserved for 5th graders and their families.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is March 28. In addition to our regular 9:00 a.m. worship service, we'll also offer a Palm Sunday Parking Lot service at 10:00 a.m. (weather-permitting) Join us in your car, listen on your car radio (or through our outdoor speakers) as we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Communion will be served at this service, and soup will be available to take home. Hosanna in the highest!



"Drive-Through Communion" will be offered on March 14 this month at 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Communion will also be offered at the Parking Lot service on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Lent Bible Study

Our Lent Bible study is following the theme of our Wednesday night worship – "Living Our Baptism...5 Gifts of Discipleship" and continues on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86933953190?pwd=cWdVRW8vREQRU1VOandqbEN1d3FiZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 3395 3190 Passcode: 277591

All are welcome.

Soup, Anyone? Lent is a time when we traditionally eat soup together. Since we can't do that this year, we're offering drive-through soup to pick up at the back door of church on the Sundays before Easter that we serve drive-thru Communion,

Soup Sundays: 10:00-10:30 a.m. Feb. 28th, March 14 & March 28th

Lenten Devotional If you missed receiving a Lenten Devotional on Ash Wednesday, you can pick one up at the Little Lending Library at church, or check out the



Easter Flower Order Form-2021

The following plants are available to decorate our Sanctuary this Easter.

*Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and mail them to Grace Lutheran to get here no later than **Sunday, March 14, 2021***

Easter Lilies _____ \$17.00

Potted Mums _____ \$14.00

Potted Tulips _____ \$28.00 (8 inch pot)

Potted Daffodils _____ \$13.00

Potted Hydrangeas _____ \$28.00 (3 blossoms) or _____ \$30 (4 blossoms)

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Check # _____ *Amount: \$* _____

Worship Broadcasts

Sunday worship services are broadcast on Charter channel 987 and on Grace's Facebook page. Wednesday services are broadcast on Charter channel 986 and on Grace's Facebook page. Sermons are posted on Grace's YouTube channel after Sunday worship as well.

Grace Gab

Feeling like chatting with Pastor Jennifer and other Grace folks? Join us Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for Grace Gab on Zoom. There's no agenda, no topic – just a chance to check in and chat with others from Grace. Here's the NEW link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421306312?pwd=ckRmTUZpVkJXeDM1VE9UKyt6aWhHZz09>

Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 864 2130 6312 Passcode: 741370

Confirmation Corner

Confirmation classes are on hiatus until after Easter, but students and mentors should be working on their 3-session unit on Holy Communion. As soon as students finish their first or second packets of 6 sermon notes at home, they can return them to Pastor Jennifer for the next packet, on the table outside her office.

Skaalen Reps

Have you ever had a loved one who's lived at Skaalen Home in Stoughton? We're looking for someone to serve as Grace's Skaalen representative at their Annual Meeting on Zoom on March 7. If you're able, please contact Pastor Jennifer ASAP.

Synod Assembly

Each year, representatives from our Synod meet to worship, to learn, and to do the business of the Synod. Each congregation sends representatives to have voice and vote. This year Synod Assembly will be on Zoom. We're looking for a man and a woman who would be willing to serve as our Synod Assembly reps this year May 1-2. Interested? Contact Pastor Jennifer. Thank you!

Grace Staff Availability

As staff works more from home than from church, please call their cell phones or e-mail them.

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Diane Russo – 847-826-0131 gracelutheranfinance@gmail.com

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 7 p.m. Lent Bible Study on Zoom	2 10:30 a.m. Grace Gab	3 7 p.m. on Cable 986 - Midweek Lent Worship Service	4 6:30-7:30 p.m. First Communion Class	5	6
7 9 a.m. Worship SERVICE-Cable Channel 987, facebook, & limited in-person by sign up	8 7 p.m. Lent Bible Study on Zoom	9 10:30 a.m. Grace Gab	10 7 p.m. on Cable 986 - Midweek Lent Worship Service	11 * last day to send in Easter Flower order to church office 6:30-7:30 p.m. First Communion Class	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Begins 9 a.m. Worship SERVICE-Cable Channel 987, facebook, & limited in-person by sign up 10:00-10:30 a.m. Drive-thru Communion	15 7 p.m. Lent Bible Study on Zoom	16 10:30 a.m. Grace Gab	17 7 p.m. on Cable 986 - Midweek Lent Worship Service	18 6:30-7:30 p.m. First Communion Class	19	20
21 First Communion 9 a.m. Worship SERVICE-Cable Channel 987, facebook (in-person worship for 1st Communion families, only)	22 7 p.m. Lent Bible Study on Zoom	23 10:30 a.m. Grace Gab	24 7 p.m. on Cable 986 - Midweek Lent Worship Service	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 9 a.m. Worship SERVICE-Cable Channel 987, facebook, & limited in-person by sign up 10:00-10:30 a.m. Outdoor Service / Drive-thru Communion	29	30	31	1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday	

Sunday School 2020/2021

Teresa Neuenschwander,
Christian Education Coordinator
teresa478@hotmail.com
608-658-7844



Check out our Facebook group called *Grace Lutheran Sunday School*

This group was created to inform you about Sunday School Happenings! Please feel free to post pictures or videos from lessons that you do, ask questions or even to just say Hi!

All lessons and activities will be sent by email or can be found on the Grace Lutheran Sunday School Facebook group.

Sunday, March 7th *The Story of the Prodigal Son, A parable to teach us that God's love has no limits, and we are always welcome to come back to HIM. Lesson from Luke 15:11-31*

Sunday, March 14th • ZOOM Call • 10:00am *The Rich Man and Lazarus God calls us to care for those who feel abandoned and neglected by society. Lesson from Luke 16:19-31 We will have a fun doing an object lesson and experiment. Watch email and Facebook for supplies.*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84922468833?pwd=MHU0Q3BYTXhFajlnVWZoZXhNUGxOdz09>

Meeting ID: 849 2246 8833

Passcode: 496607

Sunday, March 21st *The Story of the Zacchaeus Jesus brings salvation to outsiders who receive him with faith and joy. Lesson from Luke 19:1-10*

Sunday, March 28th & Sunday, April 4th – Holy Week

The Story of Easter – Watch your doorstep, for fun activities to do as a family during Holy Week.

5th Grade 1st Communion Class- Thursdays in March 6:30-7:30

March 4th – 5th Grader and one parent. Class with Pastor Jennifer

March 11th & 18th – Just 5th Grader. Class with Teresa Neuenschwander

Classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall; please wear mask & practice social distancing

Sunday, March 21st - 5th Grade 1st Communion during 9am Worship Service

Outreach & Social Justice News

"In the last year, as the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together in hope for the time when we **"will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes"** (Revelation 7:16-17).

This very yearning is at the heart of who we are as church together. Yet our longing has never led to inertia or despair, despite the discouraging forecasts. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross but trusting in faith that God's story does not end on that hill."

--ELCA World Hunger brochure

We invite you to go to the ELCA.org/40 Days website for more stories and information on World Hunger programs, which is the focus of our 2021 Lenten challenge. With your help, we hope to reach our goal of \$2000 by Easter Sunday. Please make checks out to Grace Lutheran, with "Lenten challenge" in the memo line and return by mail or drop off at drive-through communion.

Thank you, and God's blessings to each of you.

WORSHIP: Begin your week with the Word of God, preparing your heart and mind to learn more about what it means to hope during the season of Lent.

STUDY: Use ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving weekly Lenten study at home to dive deeper into stories of hunger & hope this Lent. Download at ELCA.org/40 Days

REFLECT: Use these days to revisit and reflect on the weekly study readings.

PRAY: Use the prayers on the Wednesdays on the calendar below as we humbly ask for God's care and blessing over all creation.

GIVE: As you journey through Lent, consider the ways in which your own gifts to ELCA World Junger can create hope throughout the world. Consider using a 40 Days of Giving jar, setting a specific goal each day, or selecting one of the ideas on the calendar below.

HEAR: Read & reflect on each week's Bible verses.

SING: To close each week, & remind yourself of the salvation to come in the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ, read the hymn texts aloud listed below on Saturdays of Lent.

ELCA World Hungers 40 DAYS of Giving				March 2021		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WORSHIP	STUDY	REFLECT	PRAY	GIVE	HEAR	SING
	1 The honesty to which we are called forces us to confront the pain of the world with a vision to transform it. Read more in this week's study, "Honesty."	2 What are some things you hunger for that do not include food (such as companionship, love, acceptance)? How might you & your community provide these to feed people in mind, body & spirit?	3 Gracious & loving God, through the power of the cross & the glory of the empty tomb, you bring us the truth of your love for us & for all people. Help us to live into that truth & to share it with the world. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	4 Around the world, 688 million people face hunger, & each of them has a story to tell. You can make a significant impact on someone's life with a give of \$2 a day. Consider setting aside that amount through the season to donate to ELCA World Hunger.	5 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14	6 "By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread. For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace we have been fed." <i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i> (ELW 469)
7 Read and reflect on John 2:13-22	8 Around the world, God is at work through communities driven by hope that things can change. Read more in this week's "Justice."	9 Where is there a need for justice in your community? What will a "just world" look like in your neighborhood?	10 Gracious and loving God, at the font, you wash us in water and the word, and you name us all your beloved children. With that love, inspire our prayers, work & generosity, that all may have an abundance of clean, safe water. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.	11 A simple water well or other water point can help as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water. A gift of \$250 can provide a share of a clean water project.	12 "In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of God's grace that God lavished on us." Ephesians 1:7-8a	13 "Let justice flow like the streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure." "Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed." <i>Let Justice Flow Like Steams</i> (ELW 717)

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March/April 2021

Sunday WORSHIP	Monday STUDY	Tuesday REFLECT	Wednesday PRAY	Thursday GIVE	Friday HEAR	Saturday SING
<p>14 Read and reflect on John 3:14-21</p>	<p>15 If we are going to end hunger, we need to invest in one another by sharing resources, listening to each other and building relationships that will ensure justice in the world God has promised. Learn more in this week's study, Investment.</p>	<p>16 Think, share or journal about a time when someone showed you kindness and mercy. What did you learn? How did it feel?</p>	<p>17 Covenant God, since ancient times you have led and fed your people through many wilderness journeys. In this time, give us strength to invest your gifts in our neighbors and communities, that all might be fed. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.</p>	<p>18 A woman might have the dream and skills to start her own small business, but with little savings or access to credit, getting started can be a challenge. A gift of \$125 can fund a microloan, which can be just what a woman needs to create a steady source of income to help her family overcome poverty.</p>	<p>19 "O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those the Lord redeemed from trouble & gathered in from the lands, from the east & the west, from the north & from the south." Psalm 107:1-3</p>	<p>20 "Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord." <i>God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind</i> (ELW 400)</p>
<p>21 Read and reflect on John 12:20-33</p>	<p>22 Ending hunger takes action within the community. It is fostered by the hope and trust that, with each step, God is moving our world closer to the goal of a world where all are fed. Read this week's study, <i>Action.</i></p>	<p>23 Where is there a need for action to end hunger in your community and the world? What will it take to move this action forward?</p>	<p>24 God of promise, God of hope, God of fullness, God of peace, guide us, your people, to be your hands and feet, to work together as you build on our rocky soil a new, just world where all are fed. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great</p>	<p>25 Your gifts matter—in India, the United States, Colombia, and other countries all around the world. Continue to learn more at ELCA.org/Hunger. Thank you!</p>	<p>26 "Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." 2 Corinthians 3:4-6</p>	<p>27 "All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task: this, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set everybody free." <i>All Earth is Hopeful</i> (ELW 266)</p>
<p>28 Read and reflect on Mark 15:1-39</p>	<p>29 O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy & to the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love, we might come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, & Lord, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>	<p>30 Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love might not grow cold in your service, and that we might not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</p>	<p>31 Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>1 Gather all you've collected throughout your Lenten journey & add up your total gift to ELCA World Hunger. Make your donations through the mail to Grace Lutheran (Lenten Challenge or ELCA World Hunger in memo line). Thank you for working creatively and courageously toward a just world where all are fed.</p>	<p>2 "Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him and endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrew 12:1-2</p>	<p>3 "Hope and freedom join the circle: Mary to the garden came, saw the radiance of the marvel, heard the Risen call her name; boldly may we heed Christ's call, step beyond the garden wall: beautiful the feed proceeding with good news of death's defeating." <i>Signs and Wonders</i> (ELW 672)</p>

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Christ is risen!
Alleluia!
Read, reflect on & rejoice in:
Mark 16:1-8,
John 20:1-18



Snow Shoveling Needed for the Month of March

We are seeking folks who are willing to shovel the church sidewalks on days it snows. Staff & members are in and out of church throughout the week, so safe access is important. The front entryway will need shoveling prior to 9 a.m. weekdays and prior to 8:00 a.m. Sundays on days it snows this winter. Even a light snow is slippery, so we hope that those who can commit to helping will come shovel even if there is just an inch on the ground. Salt and shovels are at each door. Please email the office if you can help & you will be given a key for supplies. Thanks so much!

Thank you to Grace Lutheran for your continued generous support of the Cambridge Food Pantry. The pantry continues to operate no-contact grocery pick up for clients on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30. A new online ordering option has been introduced to give clients a quicker way to order groceries ahead of time. Clients can place their order through a google form link posted on the CRP Facebook page as well as the CAP website. Clients who order online can pick up their groceries with less wait time during normal pick up hours on Monday evenings. The CFP is also working on a safe reopening plan for in-person shopping for clients by the end of March. *Stay tuned!*



If you could donate to the Pantry, current needs are:

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| laundry & dish soap | pasta sauce |
| shampoo & conditioner | crackers (saltines, Ritz, etc.) |
| canned Spam | egg noodles |

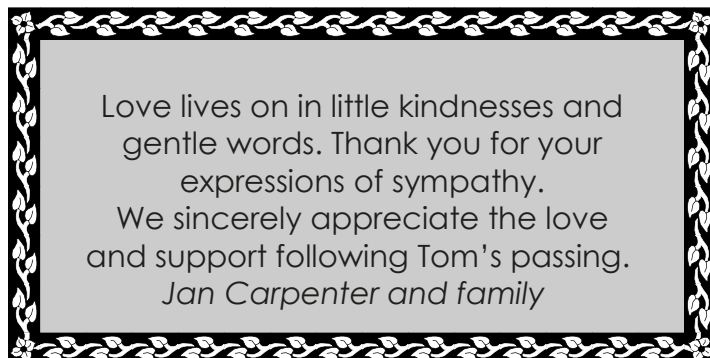
Thank you again for your support!

Women's Group Meeting by Zoom

Ruth Circle is meeting by Zoom the 1st Wednesday of each month, if you don't have Zoom, you may join them by phone :

1-312-626-6799	Meeting ID: 88914923776	Password: 018885
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OUR HOMEBOUND
Jon Bakken 309 Oriole Lane Cambridge, WI 53523
Mary Ellen Smith 912 Monroe St., Apt. 11 Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
Shirley Engelstad Home Again Assisted Living 110 Stuart St. Columbus, WI 53925
Char Kenseth 555 W. Madison #5 Cambridge, WI 53523



Greetings from the Grace Evangelism Committee

It's amazing how profound our witness can be in the lives of those around us, how we can even be unaware that we are sharing the Good News of Jesus's saving grace and forgiveness of sin. I had an embarrassing, unprofessional moment while delivering the Pastor's sermon one Wednesday evening, when I began to cry while reading of those who laughed at Jesus as he approached a home to heal a child (Mark 5:40). In that moment, I remembered a time when my faith was weak, and during a men's bible group, how a member cried for the suffering endured by Jesus on the cross, and thinking, I hope one day I should so love the Lord as to be moved to tears like this faithful servant. And so his witness became a prophecy that came to pass. May God bless those who unknowingly do the Lord's will.

-Shawn Whitman

Stewardship Committee Looking to Grow

The Stewardship Committee is looking for new members! Are you feeling called to do something in Christian service, miss connecting with people, or are just sick of doing the same puzzle for the 20th time or binge watching Netflix?

If so, email **Jennifer Hellberg** at jenniferhellberg7@gmail.com or call (608) 764-2060 to learn more.



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2021 Via Zoom from Home

(Minutes below aren't approved until next month's meeting)

Call to Order. Meeting called to order by President Steve Geis at 7:32 p.m.

Attendance. Steve Geis, Tim Neuenschwander, Amanda Kosanda, Tom Kosanda, Jean Scott, Mary Behling, Ann Engelstad, Kari Jermain, Jennifer Hellberg, Shawn Whitman, Kris Tobias, and Pastor Jennifer Jelinek.

Devotions. Pastor Jennifer offered a prayer to open the meeting. For devotions this year, each member will choose a meeting at which to offer devotions, whether that be a Bible verse or other meaningful story or event for them, followed by a prayer. Shawn volunteered for March.

Approval of January Minutes. Ann Engelstad moved to approve the Minutes for the regular January meeting as written, Tim Neuenschwander seconded and they were unanimously approved.

Introductions. Steve Geis welcomed the new members. All Council members then introduced themselves and told a little bit about their family and how long they have been members at Grace.

February 19, 2021 Council MINUTES continued

Consent Agenda. Jean Scott noted that the Outreach Committee continues to work on the Lenten challenge, but it has not been finalized. No other committee reports.

Property Report. Pastor Jennifer noted that the new boilers are in, but are not heating to expectations. Dale Klemp is working with Richter. They came last week and discovered a board had gone bad. It is being replaced at no cost, but the building isn't heating to thermostat settings, particularly in the Sanctuary. They will continue working on it. Tom Kosanda reported that he has been busy getting volunteers for snow shoveling with all the snow lately.

Treasurer's Report. Tim Neuenschwander presented the treasurer's report. Total giving for January was down over December. General giving was up a little over December, but down as compared to 2020. Expenses were up, but included \$16,000 for the new boilers. Without that, there would have been a small net profit for January. \$50,000 was paid on the MIF loan, leaving a principal balance of \$36,544.86, with about \$20,000 in reserve earmarked for loan payments. Jen Hellberg moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Jean Scott seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Discussion was then held regarding the budgeted amount for organist salary which looks like it could be too low. It was agreed to wait until we see how the year is going, if we hire someone, etc., before making any decision.

Pastor's Report. Pastor Jennifer reported that the Lent team has continued to meet. Grace will have a live service broadcast at 7 p.m. on Ash Wednesday and "Ashes to Go" will be offered at two times that day. They will also be giving soup containers away that night and are considering expanding that to additional Wednesdays during Lent. Judy Brandt's daughters have come and taken Judy's items from the church. CD Players, Women's Choir, and others have been asked to come as well and remove items that we were storing at the church during Judy's music leadership. Pastor's husband has received his first Covid vaccine shot last week through Rock County. Dane County is handling pastors differently, however, so she is on a wait list. Pastor reminded Council that Council discussions should not be communicated to the congregation as having been decided before final votes are taken. Pastor will be on vacation the week after Easter and has arranged for a layperson-led service.

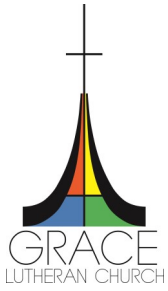
New Business. Kris Tobias presented a plan for reviewing the Church's technological resources, needs, priorities and visions. He suggested that a temporary committee, without purchasing authority, be convened to explore those issues and develop recommendations to present to Council, followed perhaps by a permanent committee to oversee these issues. Discussion was held regarding such a committee and it was agreed that Kris would explore who might be interested in putting together an ad hoc group to get started. Ann Engelstad then brought up Michael Rehak's request at the Annual Meeting for Grace to undertake some "green" initiatives. Council reiterated their prior decision that this is not an issue they feel able to take on right now, but Michael is welcome to put together a group to work on this. Ann will send a list of Michael's suggestions to Council members.

Old Business. (a) Lent Planning. Pastor is working with several area churches on pre-recorded services alternating among the churches. Devotion books will be released on Ash Wednesday and bulletins for the whole season will be available.

(b) Music Director Update. The candidate who was going to play for the January 31 service had to cancel due to a medical issue, but will be rescheduling.

(c) Return to in-person worship planning. Council reviewed the proposal that was developed at a planning meeting yesterday and discussed a few changes. The proposal is basically to return to limited in-person services on February 21, with no more than 25 persons, plus all staff for the service, allowed in the church. Reservations must be made in advance and walk-ups will not be allowed. Masks will be required and pews will be arranged based on reservations for good social distancing. There will be no singing by the congregation. Collection plates will be located in the back of the church and communion will be "to go" when offered. Lingering in the church will be discouraged. Lori Jensen had put together a list of duties for the ushers and that was incorporated in the proposal. Tim Neuenschwander moved to approve regathering in person based on the proposal, Jen Hellberg seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Adjournment. There being no further business, Jean Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Amanda seconded the motion and it was approved. Next meeting will be March 11, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. The meeting was adjourned, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Report submitted by Mary Behling, Council Secretary.



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