



GOOD NEWS

from the grace vine!

Grace Lutheran Church

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February 2024

FIRST COMMUNION MILESTONE 2024

Preparation Class Sunday, February 04 at 10:15 – 11:00 am

Receive First Communion Sunday, February 25 at 9:00 am Worship Service

This is a milestone time when we provide instruction for our fifth-graders for receiving their First Communion; and yet, any baptized child showing desire to receive Jesus in Holy Communion is welcome to come to First Communion preparation!

Which children/youth?

- Fifth grade is recognized as a natural time for preparing for Holy Communion. Children begin thinking about sin and death at this age and are able to understand concepts and actions taught in this preparation.
- Younger children showing desire to receive Communion are welcome to come to this preparation! Anyone baptized is welcome at the Lord's Table. All we ask is to have this preparatory conversation with Pastor Julie before their First Communion. Please speak with Patti Gaedtke, Director of Children's Ministries, if you wish to have your child attend preparation and receive Holy Communion at this time.

Older children and youth or adults, who have not received this preparatory teaching, are urged to come! God's grace is too amazing to miss.

Must parents come along?

It is important and valuable for parents to attend. The preparation for and receiving of first communion is a special milestone in your child's faith journey. It is also a chance for you as parents to come together with your child in a way that we don't do often enough—to grow together in faith. Godparents and grandparents are also welcome to come along or when parents are unable to attend.

Contact information: Patti Gaedtke 612-2000, gaedgram@charter.net

Pastor's Pondering



This year the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, falls on Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day. It is a strange coincidence because the two days seem very different from one another. Valentine's Day is a time of celebrating relationships in joyous ways, and Lent seems more like a time of quiet reflection and repentance. But perhaps there is a connection between the two if we look deeper.

On Ash Wednesday we are given a cross of ashes on our forehead reminding us of our mortality, "*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.*" But that cross also reminds us that we are beloved children of God who are redeemed by Jesus through his death on the cross and his resurrection. That cross is first traced on our heads with oil at our baptism with the words, "*Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*" That cross reminds us that we are part of God's family because of Jesus and that death will not separate us from God. So, the cross we receive is a reminder of our fragile human life but also the everlasting love God has for us in Jesus. Now that's a love story to celebrate!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Julie



GRACE CARES INITIATIVE

Pastor Kathy Tulman

GRACE CARES visitation initiative

The decades old *Happiness Study* led by researchers since before WWII, which tracks individuals over their lifetimes, has found that over 60% of individuals state they have felt lonely or isolated in the previous year. This same study also found that the key to happiness in life is the maintaining of relationships with family and friends. "People who are more connected to family, to friends, and to community, are happier and physically healthier than people who are less well connected," they report. The trick is, relationships must be nurtured.

The purpose of the *Grace Cares Visitation initiative* is to nurture both interpersonal and faith with one another, particularly focusing on those unable to attend worship at Grace due to health, age, or infirmity. Seven members of Grace met with pastor Kathy on January 6th to begin a new 'visitation' ministry. Together, we discussed the Biblical and Theological call the faithful have to care for and be in relationship with one another. We shared experiences and discussed ways to initiate and maintain deeper conversations with others. Several of the initial team are also being trained to bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend face to face worship services at Grace. Team members will begin visiting members in care facilities and those who are homebound prior to Ash Wednesday.

If you have the gift of mercy, encouragement, or prayer, and sense a call to visiting others as part of Grace, please contact Pastor Kathy to join our group. If you are interested in being visited by a team member, please call the church office or one of the Pastors and let us know.

GRACE CARES worship

Pastor Kathy provides worship experience in each of the four Tomahawk Care Facilities each month. Singing, praying together, hearing God's word spoken and preached, and receiving Holy Communion as a community are all part of our time together. Up until now, we have used YouTube and Amazon Music to provide our music accompaniment. If you have the gift of music – either playing piano or guitar – and would like to assist Pastor Kathy in leading any of these worship services, please contact her and share your interest.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

WEEKLY GRACE NOTES: TUESDAY 8 AM
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: Monday, February 19 by 8 AM

Special Offering for February - Grace Endowment Fund.

The purpose of the Grace Endowment Fund is to serve as a means for donors who wish, through their charitable gifts, to advance the mission of the church by providing permanent funding for special missions, scholarships and outreach ministries of the Congregation and wider church.

There are several ways the members of Grace can support the Grace Endowment Fund:

*Volunteer! You can be a member of this committee. There are seven Grace committee members. Six are nominated and elected from the membership at the Congregation's annual meeting, with the seventh being appointed by the President of the Congregation Council. Terms are 3 years for committee members. We also have advisors from Grace who help the seven committee members.

*Donations: Use the special offering envelope and mark it for the February Special Offering. The Committee may receive funds through gifts, bequests, trusts, etc., from any individual, corporation, organization or from any other source. Distributions are from income only. Each year 90% of the income is distributed with 10% reinvested to continue growth of the Fund. Over \$17,000 distributed income through its inception since 1998.

Welcome New Members



**Dan and Lori Brandt
and granddaughter, Lakelyn.**



Ron & Marsha Wadzinski



Thank you to all who participated and supported our Lasagna Cook Off on Sunday Jan. 21! Here's some of the winners from our Lasagna judging and People's choice winners for dessert. Funds raised help our youth to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024.

Our Prayers and Sympathy go out to the families of:



**Everette Lange
Helene Annette Hoglund
Carol Halverson
Jessie John Tobias
Eleanore "Ellie" Magnant**

May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

Marriage Milestones

With Valentine's Day, we celebrate the committed relationships of love in marriage milestones of Grace members. **As part of worship on February 17 & 18**, we will recognize these couples who are celebrating anniversaries of every 5 years. **Join us in celebrating these couples after worship with a special fellowship time on Sunday Feb. 18.** Our Grace family supports these couples with prayer for continued blessings from God.

Couples who are celebrating a marriage milestone listed below, please submit a photo either from your wedding or a current couple photo to Faye Witulski (you can send to her email at fayewitulski@gmail.com or drop off a photo to her through the office). Deadline to be included is Feb. 11.

70 years or more

♥ **Edward & Darleen Winkler (74 yrs)**

♥ Longest Married Sweethearts

60 years or more

Rich & Lynn Brown (61 yrs)
LeRoy & Lucille Charles (60 yrs)
Gerald & Joan Check (62 yrs)
James & Janis Nelson (63 yrs)
Art & Jeanie Osero (60 yrs)
Dick & Ruth Ann Richardson (60 yrs)
Terry & Judith Schlinkmann (60 yrs)
Duane & Irene Strauss (61 yrs)
Jim & Jan Van Norman (61 yrs)
Gil & Mary Wessel (61 yrs)
Gene & Roselie Wiedow (61 yrs)

50 years or more

Gregg & Margaruite Albert
Paul & Dorothy Andersen
David & Linda Barrows
Dale & Nancy Braatz
Bill & Patricia Erickson
Gerald & Mary Frickenstein
Patrick & Sandra Granrath
Gary & Joan Hilgendorf
E William & Sandra Martinson
Steven & Kathy Metzenbauer
Jim & Steph Pellitteri
Oscar & Diane Popp
Allan & Janet Raatz

50 years or more cont.

Dewey & Barbara Reilly
Florian & Barb Ringwelski
Dan & Kay Salewske
Don & Mary Schumacher
William & Carol Sparr
Steven & Vicki Stromberg
Earl & Peg Thomas
Stan & Karen Torkelson
Bruce & Karen Wiedeman
Paul & Darlene Wechsler
John & Kathleen Wolfe

45 years

James & Julie Dentler
David & Dixie Erickson
Kevin & Debra Wickstrom

40 years

Michael & Sue Gerber
Dennis & Patricia Jeske
Russell & Amy Sudbury
Jerry & Kelly Van Strydonk
Timothy & Margie Welke

35 years

Dr. Paul & Therese Hesse
Gary & Dana Zehner

30 years

Ken & Jane Brokaw
Devin & Jody Decker
Shad & Kim Harper
Donald & Tammy Hupf
Brian & Sandy Redmond

25 years

Michael & Julie Brigham
Terry & Sarah Mann
Jay & Lori Mott
Michael & Kerri Svacina

20 years

Don & Susan Christian
Roman & Shirley Derleth
Steve & Suzy Garrison
Greg & Mary Lenkart
Adam & Renee Loka
Charles & Siri Pankow
Dewey N. & Karina Reilly
Michael & Katie Taylor

15 years

Brent & Keri Kelley
Robert & Danielle Lucas
Greg & Amanda Hilgendorf

10 years

Bill & Carrie Dalgetty
Katie Hilgendorf & Ivy Sayles
Daniel & Amanda Kriese
Adam & Jennifer Massa
Ryan & Heather Niede

5 years

Ian & Nicole Azarian
Nicolle Behnke & Nicole Behnke-
Welke
Caleb & Cassidy Grabow-
Hohensee
Josh & Renee Merrigan

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 4 Epiphany 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Annual Meeting 10:15am Sunday School	29 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	30 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	31 6:30pm GLOW and Confirmation Faith In Action	1 1:00pm OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans)	2	3 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
4 5 Epiphany 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School and First Communion Instruction	5 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	6 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	7 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	8	9	10 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	12 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	13 9:00am Quilters R. Hall 11:30am Joyful Noise Luncheon at Pizza Hut 4:00pm Staff meeting 6:00pm Church Council	14 Ash Wednesday 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 1:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 3:30pm GLOW 5:15pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Lent Church Service 7:15pm Confirmation	15	16 Quake Event	17 Quake Event 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary Marriage Milestones
18 1 Lent Quake Event 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Marriage Milestones Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School	19 Newsletter deadline 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	20 9:00am Quilters R. Hall 4:00pm Stewardship Meeting	21 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting 3:30pm GLOW 5:15pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm Confirmation	22	23	24 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
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Lent

Feb. 14 =Ash Wednesday- worship with imposition of ashes at 1 pm & 6:30 pm* (Livestreamed)

Lenten Midweek Services- 6:30 pm Wed. Feb. 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20

Our Lenten Mid-week services are focused on the theme of **Turning Towards God's Abundance**. Lent is a season of repentance, turning to God and asking for God's goodness to wipe away our sins and show us how to live anew. This Lenten midweek service turns us toward God's abundance by **focusing on five attributes of God: faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love**. We are planning music from Holden Evening Prayer and an interactive time to engage in during the Message similar to last year.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup's On for Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 pm on Feb. 14, 21, 28, & March 6, 13, 20

This is a time to enjoy fellowship and food before sharing faith in our Lenten midweek worship. There will be a sign up in the Gathering area to bring a soup or dinner item to share or to help set up, serve or clean up.

Worship Cancellation Notification

If we have inclement weather or another situation where regular worship could not be held, members of Grace Lutheran may be notified via email, a post on the Grace Lutheran Facebook page and on WJJQ radio. Some people are not able to receive the information in these ways. If you would like to be called about worship cancellation, notify the office: (715)453-4066

January 16, 2024 Council Meeting Highlights for Newsletter

Where Have We Seen God at Work?

Sugar and hugs; Feeling a “nudge” to check the propane level and refilling before running out; In the support shown for the families who have lost loved ones; God’s omnipresence; Stillness; Sunset; Hearing reassurances from others, and memories of moms; When music came together quickly before a worship service; The Blue Christmas service; Jordy reading the story of Samuel

Council Agenda Highlights

- **Treasurer’s Report**
 - Offerings in 2023 were down over \$17,000 from 2022.
 - The special offering for the Gift Catalog - Projection Screens took in over \$12,000 in December.
- **Calling Tree**
 - The office may compile a list of people who would like to be called if church services are canceled. Information will be in the February newsletter.
- **Part-time Secretary Position**
 - An offer will be made to an individual, which will allow the office to be staffed on Fridays.
- **Council finalized plans for the Annual Meeting**
 - Annual Meeting is January 28
- **The shared Bible study with Greater Galilee begins January 20.**
 - Trinity in Waupaca may also join the study.

DECEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT			
	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 41,795	\$ 31,642	\$ 10,154
Year-to-date Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 320,157	\$ 328,539	\$ (8,382)
Mortgage Loan Balance as of December 2023			\$ 288,844.62
December Special Offering: Gift Catalog - Projection Screens Other Donations: Food Pantry			\$12,329.71 \$51.18

AA/ALANON MEETINGS

Grace Lutheran

- AA and Alanon: Saturday. 9:00 am

Grace Community House

- AA: Sunday 10:10 am
- AA: Friday 7:30 pm (open)
- AA: Wednesday 12:10 pm

St. Paul's (12 E. Wisconsin Ave.)

- AA and Alanon: Monday 7:00 pm

If you have a problem with alcohol or if someone you know suffers from the disease, AA (for the alcoholic) or Alanon (for family or friend of alcoholic) could be your lifeline. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of both these groups. If you would like to speak with someone personally, the church office, 453-4066, or Pastor can put you in touch with an AA or Alanon member.
All communications will be confidential

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Sunday: 9:00 am

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