



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

feels like home

Weekend of April 23, 2017
The Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Grace!

Our Mission

...to nurture people to love God, love others, and to make disciples.

Please Contact the Church

- if you have a prayer request.
- if you are entering the hospital.
- when you have a new baby.
- if you have a new address.



Welcome to Grace

Grace is more than just the name of our church and school. Grace is the love and forgiveness that God has for us, even though we do not deserve it. God sent His Son to suffer, die and rise again for us, so that we might receive the gift of salvation, and the opportunity to live with Him forever in heaven. As a response to this gift of God, we reach out to one another and to our community with the Word of God that tells us of forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ. This message lies at the heart of our mission and ministry as Grace Lutheran Church and School!

For your convenience, Hearing Assistance Devices are available at the Welcome Center. The nursery is staffed during the 9:30AM Sunday service.

Traditional Worship Sunday, 8:00AM

Rejoice Worship Saturday, 5:00PM
Sunday, 9:30AM & 11:00AM

Pastor of Family Ministry and Missions..... *Joel Howard*
Pastor of Adult Ministry and Discipleship .. *Aaron Kuehn*
Pastor Emeritus..... *Warren A. Granke*
Deaconess *Christiana Ewert*
Interim School Principal..... *David Koopman*
Minister of Music *Bill Cahill*
Business Manager *Carol Bird*
Facilities Manager..... *Brian Arndt*

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This Week:

Flowers on the Altar

Were given by Jerry & Tracy Siegle *in Memory of Florence Siegle & Judy Wodushek.*

Being Baptised

Annabelle Olwig - daughter of Michael & Lisa

General Announcements

Town Hall Meeting - Sunday, April 30 at 12:30PM

Presentation will be made by Capri Senior Communities to share the building plans with the congregation before the Planning Committee meets.

Our Prayer Partners are eager to pray for you or celebrate God's work in your life. Email prayer requests to prayer@grace-connect.org or contact the church office. **A Prayers and Squares** quilt to comfort and reflect the care of prayer can also be requested.

Pen & Prayer Ministry would like to thank Thrivent for their contribution to support our outreach to shut-ins, college students and those in military service. All are welcome to join us or share a name of someone who would appreciate some words of encouragement. Notify the church office or jmueller@grace-connect.org.

Visitation Team - Please contact the church office with names of anyone you know who is homebound and would benefit from home visits.

Ways to Serve

Walk for Breast Cancer - May 6. If God put this cause on your heart and you would like to walk or sponsor a walker please contact Deaconess Christiana and she will get you connected.

Servant Saturday, May 13 – Volunteers Needed

There are ways for the whole family to become involved and serve the community during Grace's

annual Servant Saturday. Most projects are in the morning and range from playing games with residents at Linden Grove/Riverview Village, visiting with shut –ins, cleaning up outside at homes, Place of Refuge and parks, assisting at food pantries and serving at Streetlife Communities. Volunteers are also needed to serve lunch to the volunteers. For more information on the projects, check out the sign-up sheets in the narthex or online at www2.mysignup.com/servantsaturday.

Blood Drive - May 13; 10:00AM - 2:00PM. In conjunction with Servant Saturday, Grace will be hosting a Blood Drive. If you are willing to give the gift of life by donating blood. Visit bcw.edu/grace or contact John Schulz atjschulz33@wi.rr.com /262-894-8150 to schedule a time to donate on May 13th.

Acts of Grace is looking for Thrivent members who can live generously by applying for Thrivent Action Team Grants that can be used to support the ministry of Acts of Grace. Please contact Deaconess Christiana; deaconess@grace-connect.org

House Clean up Sign up - Do you know of a person who is unable to clean up around their yard for spring or do you need assistance in cleaning up your yard? You can contact the church office (262-251-0670) to sign up to have one of volunteers come to your home on Sat., May 13 as part of Servant Sat. You can also complete a form located in the Community Connections

Be a Sponsor for Ignite's Summer Wayfarer Retreat by taking an envelope from the narthex April - July and returning it with the suggested donation as well as praying for the youth and leaders.

GIFTS of Grace (Grace Infant Family Team) is a support system for moms of babies born/baptized into the Grace family. We provide a meal for the family & small gift for the baby. Email Amanda; aschneider@gracemenomoneefalls.org or Jenny; jwinkelman@gracemenomoneefalls.org.

Volunteer Kitchen Coordinator(s) needed for our new church kitchen. If interested contact: 262-251-0670/info@grace-connect.org.

Family size bath-size soap is needed for Lutheran World Relief victims of disaster. Please drop off in the bin adjacent to the Church Commons.

To find out more about G3 monthly visitations to residents contact Dee Jobe at 262-255-5251:

- The Arboretum: Mon - May. 8, 2:00-3:00PM.
- Menomonee Place: Thurs - Apr. 27, 10:15AM.

Volunteers Needed: Drummer, Keyboardist, Sound Board Mixer, Small Group Leaders. Contact: 262-251-0670/info@grace-connect.org.

The Manna Food Pantry needs peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, cereal & toilet paper. Drop off bin is adjacent to the Commons. *Volunteers* call Arlene Dassow at: 414-466-8797.

Connect to the Community

Bible classes meet in the 1st floor Conference Room unless otherwise noted.

- **Sunday** - 9:30-10:30AM, **God's Prophets to Israel & Judah**, led by Sarah Kostrzewa & Dick Maas.
- **Monday Men's Bible study** - Journey through 1 John at 7PM Monday. Feel free to join us!. Contact Paul Schulz - 414-573-2865 or Paul Brozowski - 414-530-6830 with questions.
- **Mon night (in 5K classroom) or Wed afternoon Women's Study** - *Entrusted* (Feb. 20 - May 15; 7:00-8:30PM) or (Feb 22 - May 17; 1:00 - 2:30PM), led by Maurene Maaske. Contact Deaconess Christiana for more info at 262-251-0670 or deaconess@grace-connect.org.
- **3rd Monday of the month** at 1:00PM - Marianne Hornung's **Bible study**.
- **Tuesdays**, 11:45AM-12:45PM - Study of **Hebrews** with Deaconess Christiana.

- **Pastor Kuehn's Brown Bag Bible Class** 1st & 3rd Wed of the month - 11:00AM in Commons.
- **Men's Study** - Thursdays, 7:00-8:30PM in Room 202, contact Jeff Theys; jtheys@sbcglobal.net

Knitting 2nd & 4th Monday at 6:30PM in the resource room. Call Jane Fritsch at 262-628-5052 with questions.

Mens basketball - Wednesdays, 8:00PM in Grace's school gym for all men ages 18 & up.

Children & Youth Ministry



VBS

Save the Date!

July 31st - August 4th

www.myvbs.org/gracemenomoneefalls

JAM & THRIVE

JAM meets from 9:30-10:30AM upstairs -

Through puppets, crafts, stories & snacks, we will make the Bible come alive! All children from 3K-2nd grade are welcome anytime!!

Thrive meets from 10-10:30AM upstairs - Thrive concentrates on learning what it means to become a disciple by spending time with God (Up), each other (In) & by participating in mission projects (Out). All children from 3rd-5th grade are welcome any time!!

"IGNITE"

High School Small Groups—Ignite is looking to start a few small groups in homes. If you are interested in being an adult leader and hosting or a youth interested in joining please contact Pastor Howard.

Sunday night Ignite (6th- 12th) meets every Sun night unless there is a special event that weekend (see "Ignite Upcoming Events").

- **Jr. High Youth** - 5:30—7:30PM
- **H.S. Youth** - 7:00—8:30PM

IGNITE Upcoming Events

- ♦ **April 23 - No Sunday Night Youth** for Spring break.
- ♦ **April 29 - Confirmation Retreat** in Youth Room; 8:30AM - noon.
- ♦ **May 3 - Night of Witness** at 6:30PM
- ♦ **May 6 - Confirmation Rehearsal** 8 - 10AM
- ♦ **May 7 - Confirmation Sunday** at 1:30PM - **No Sunday Youth.**
- ♦ **May 14 - No Sunday Youth** for Mother's Day
- ♦ **May 21 - "Stepping Up" Celebration Event.** More info coming.

Lutheran High School

Grace Church supports Lutheran secondary education & subsidizes the tuition of members attending one of the Missouri Synod Lutheran high schools. Contact Sue Jaeckel at: sjaeckel@wi.rr.com

Lake Country Lutheran High School

Fri. & Sat., April 28 & 29 – at 8:00PM each evening – Spring Play – **“All in the Timing”**

Martin Luther High School

Wed, May 3: 9:30AM – 7:00PM; Thurs, May 4: 9:30AM – 3:00PM; Fri, May 5: 9:30AM – 1:00PM; Sat May 6: 9:30AM – 1:00PM & **BAG DAY** paper bag full - \$5.00 & large items 50% off **ML Guild Rummage Sale.**

Fri. & Sat., May 19 & 20 – **Spring Concert & Art Show.**

Milwaukee Lutheran High School

Fri. April 28 – Sun., April 30 - Spring Musical – Rodgers & Hammerstein's **“Cinderella”**. Call the school (414-461-6000) For reserved/preferred seating.

All 4 of the Lutheran High Schools – accepting registrations for summer programs for students

entering Kindergarten through 12th grade. Call the school for more information.

Grace Lutheran School

School Resumes Monday, April 24.

Enrollment for the new school year beginning in the fall of 2017 is now open to all prospective 3K-Gr. 8 students at Grace Lutheran School. Contact us at 262-251-7140 for more information, a visit and tour or interview with the principal.

Box Tops for Education—Are you clipping Box Tops? Last year GLS earned over \$2000! Box Tops are found on a variety of grocery items& extra points coupons can be earned at the check out. Please clip & drop off in the collections bins in the commons. Thank you for helping raise funds for our school!

Grace Lutheran School day is May 9 at SMART COW . This is our most popular dining fundraiser of the year! Stop in at Smart Cow on Appleton Ave. in Menomonee Falls from 12-9PM on May 9 and a percent of all sales will go to GLS! No coupon required!

Other News

Spring Retreat for 55 & Up, Wed., May 17 at Cedar Valley Retreat Center in West Bend. Pick up brochure in the Connections Corner. For complete info., go to swd.lcms.org or call Peg at the District office, 414-292-0744.

Thrivent Choice Dollars - You can designate your choice dollars to Grace by going to Thrivent.org & choosing the *Making a Difference* tab or calling Thrivent at 800-847-4836. **Your dollars do not transfer unless they receive a request from you.**

LCMS South WI District is hosting a Singles Retreat on April 29 at Cedar Valley Center in West Bend. Registration fee is \$25.00. Contact Linda Gerbitz at 262-336-6631 or gerbs3@aol.com for more info.

Did you know....Your IRA may make the very best gift to Grace Lutheran Church! Last year the federal

government passed the charitable giving provision called the “IRA Rollover.” This provision allows individuals age 70 ½ to “roll over” their annual required minimum distribution (RMD) from their IRA directly from the account administrator to Grace Lutheran Church or other qualified charity. Individuals benefit by satisfying their RMD and do not incur the income tax associated with it. Contact Ray Pagels, our Christian Gift Planning Counselor at 224-387-3857 or ray.pagels@lfnd.org.

Community Outreach Health Clinic at Froedtert Health - Community Memorial Hospital in Menomonee Falls is looking for clerical & medical volunteers for the free clinic. The clinic is open Tues. - Thurs. from 5 - 9pm. Contact Linda Smith at 262-257-3394 or linda.smith@froedtert.com.

Join Friends of Concordia and travel to the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson for on SAT., APR. 29. to see SOUTH PACIFIC. Reservations available by calling Sandy Vick (262) 243-4333.

Blessed Again Resale Shop located at 7624 W. Hampton Ave., Milwaukee, exists to support **A Place of Refuge**, our LCMS ministry to pregnant women and their children. Please consider donating furniture, household appliances, clothing (for all ages), shoes, jewelry, toys, artwork, books, radio’s, TV’s, entertainment centers, etc. Volunteers are always welcome. Call 414-464-9099 for more info. Items can be dropped off at **Blessed Again** between 10AM and 4PM, Mon. - Sat.



You can donate, or make payments to church and/or school all from your smart phone! Check it out!

Please Pray for Our Grace Family

Prayers for Health

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| Rolf Andersen | Scott Kalsow |
| Barb Baas | Burdella Miller |
| Ken Bahr | Arden Rummler |
| Rollie Hilger | |

Shut-ins

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| Marlene Arndt | Kent Hein |
| Marj Brown | Norma Radmann |
| Virgil Boese | Natalie Sawitzke |
| Evelyn Dietz | Phillip Sikes |
| Marjorie Fick | Charlie Weiss |
| Tom Grupp | Arlene Wendler |

Staff

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Christiana Ewert | Aaron Hoeppner |
| Melissa Flynn | Pastor Joel Howard |
| Pastor Warren A. Granke | Sue Hustad |

Military

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| Taylor Bauer | Tyler Metzger |
| Michael Blevins | Nathan Morgan |
| Michael Colvin | Tyler Vossekuil |
| Leesa Klatt | Andrew Wahl |
| Lance Klatt | Tom Wendler |
| Tom Kondziella | Danielle Zandi |
| Alex Kubiak | |

South Wis. District Missions

Remember our **District’s Muslim Outreach**, through the efforts of missionary Ebou Faye, in your prayers this week. Having been brought up as a Muslim in West Africa and then brought to faith in Christ, ask that God will bless his ministry among Muslim Somalis at Bethany and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Churches in Milwaukee.

Electronic Giving

Simply give by texting 262-222-2451.

- ♦ **Pick up an instructional brochure in the Connection Corner with all the funds and their keywords listed for the school and the church.**

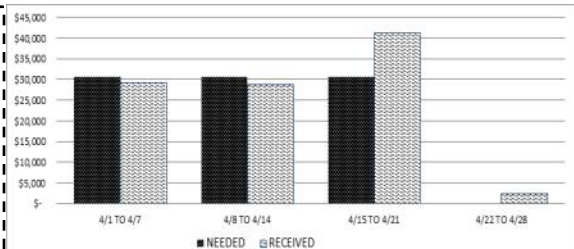
OR, give on-line by going to www.grace-connect.org; click on “Worship”, then “Online Giving”.

This service allows your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis when circumstances prevent you from attending. Contributions can be debited ***automatically*** from checking accounts, debit or credit cards. *Please remember to check the box to give an extra 3% to help offset the credit card processing fee.* **Note: If you give electronically you may use the laminated cards in the pew to put in the offering basket.**

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY APRIL 2017

| | 4/1 TO 4/7 | 4/8 TO 4/14 | 4/15 TO 4/21 | 4/22 TO 4/28 | TOTAL | 16/17 Fiscal YTD 4/14/2017 |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| NEEDED | \$ 30,769 | \$ 30,769 | \$ 30,769 | | \$ 92,308 | \$ 1,292,308 |
| RECEIVED | \$ 29,222 | \$ 28,809 | \$ 41,449 | \$ 2,517 | \$ 101,997 | \$ 1,174,847 |
| DIFFERENCE | \$ (1,547) | \$ (1,960) | \$ 10,680 | \$ 2,517 | \$ 9,690 | \$ (117,460) |

As of 4/21/17 we show a **shortfall of \$117,460** in our year to date giving. Reaching our annual goal of \$1.6 million is essential in order to reach our total budgeted income and complete the work at Grace that God is calling us to do. We encourage everyone to continue their generous support and to look at our options for electronic giving.



| | Sat. 4/29/17 5:00PM | Sun. 4/30/17 8:00AM | Sun. 4/30/17 9:30AM | Sun. 4/30/17 11:00AM |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Readers | Missy Vraney | | Gary Hurst | Keven Stelzel |
| Elders | Dave Maaske Gary Lippert | Ken Alvord Tom Bingen Dave Maaske Gary Lippert | Ken Alvord Bob Mason | Tom Bingen Bob Mason |
| Ushers | 2A | 2 | 3 | 4A |
| A/V | Jill Kagerbauer | Noah Brozowski | Noah Brozowski Ron Bernardini | Noah Brozowski Ron Bernardini |
| Nursery | | | Margaret Erdman Julila Purko Calla Laabs Lydia Trinastic | |
| Altar Circle | | Julie Kren Trudie Yunto | | |
| Greeters | Bob & Nancy Lehrmann | Jim & Carolyn Koebert | Glenn & Kris Erdman | Robert & Debra Cutler |
| Prayer | | Dick Maas | | |
| Coffee | | | Rick & Sharon Gale | |

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

SUNDAY 8:00AM

Greeting/Announcement

Opening Hymn.....*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*; LSB 457

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading.....**Psalm 118:26-28**

Holy Gospel.....**John 20:19-31**

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Day.....*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*; LSB 475

Sermon.....Authentically New - Pastor Joel Howard

Offering

Offertory Response.....*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn.....*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won* LSB 490



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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-6000209>.

REJOICE SERVICE

Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 9:30AM & 11:00AM

Pre-Service Music.....*This Is Amazing Grace*

Greetings/Announcements

Invocation

Sacrament of Holy Baptism.....Annabelle Olwig

Opening Song.....*Same Power*

We Confess Our Sins

The Apostles' Creed

Words of Institution

Songs During Communion.....*What A Beautiful Name; In Christ Alone*

A Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering.....*Arise*

Old Testament Reading.....**Psalm 118:26-28**

Gospel Reading.....**John 20:19-31**

Message Song.....*Open The Eyes of My Heart*

Message.....Authentically New - Pastor Joel Howard

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Closing Song.....*Made New*

Concerning the Lord's Supper

In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's Body and Blood in faith, trusting in His Word and promises that proclaim the forgiveness of sins and strength for our faith. As we partake of this sacrament together, we testify to our faith in Jesus *and* to our unity of faith and bond of Christian fellowship.

If you wish to partake of the Lord's Supper, please be guided by your response to these questions:

- ◇ Do you believe that you are a sinner and in need of forgiveness from God?
- ◇ Do you believe that this forgiveness is found only in Christ, and is offered by Christ in the Lord's Supper?
- ◇ Do you believe that Christ's body and blood are *truly present* in, with, and under the bread and wine as Christ promised?
- ◇ Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, as taught at Grace, and by your participation in the sacrament, give testimony to the faith we share?
- ◇ Do you desire by the power of the Holy Spirit and the instruction of God's Word to live a life pleasing to Him?

Before communing for the first time at Grace, you are asked to please speak with one of the pastors. Children are welcomed at the Lord's Table to receive a blessing, but should not partake of the Sacrament prior to Communion instruction. God's richest blessings to all who come to His table!