

# Grace Notes



Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin

February 26, 2023



## First Sunday in Lent Gathering Liturgy

### CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity  
☩ one God, who journeys with us  
these forty days, and sustains us  
with the gift of grace.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us acknowledge before  
God and one another our need  
for repentance and God's mercy.  
Holy God,

**C** we confess to you our  
faults and failings. Too often  
we neglect and do not trust  
your holy word; we take for  
ourselves instead of giving  
to others; we spoil rather  
than steward your creation;  
we cause hurt though you  
call us to heal; we choose  
fear over compassion.

**Forgive us, renew us, and  
lead us, as we seek to follow  
in your way of life. Amen**

**P** Hear the good news: God so  
loved the world that God gave the  
only Son, so that all may receive  
life. This promise is for you! God  
embraces you with divine mercy,  
☩ forgives you in Christ's name,  
and revives you in the Spirit's  
power.

**C** Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "the Glory of  
These 40 Days" (ELW #754) vv.  
1 & 4

*1: The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of  
praise;  
for Christ, through whom all  
things were made,  
himself has fasted and has  
prayed.  
4: Then grant, O God, that we  
may, too,  
return in fast and prayer to you.  
Our spirits strengthen with your  
grace,  
and give us joy to see your face.*

### GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all.

**C** And also with you.

KYRIE (ELW p. 138)  
*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.*

*For the peace from above, and  
for our salvation, let us pray to  
the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*For the peace of the whole  
world, for the well-being of the  
Church of God, and for the unity  
of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*For this holy house, and for all  
who offer here their worship and  
praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Help, save, comfort, and defend  
us, gracious Lord.*

**Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the  
struggle between good and evil  
rages within and around us, and  
the devil and all the forces that  
defy you tempt us with empty  
promises. Keep us steadfast in  
your word, and when we fall,  
raise us again and restore us  
through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Scripture for First Sunday in Lent

### Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

he LORD God took the  
man and put him in the  
garden of Eden to till it  
and keep it. And the LORD God

commanded the man, "You may  
freely eat of every tree of the  
garden; but of the tree of the  
knowledge of good and evil you

shall not eat, for in the day that  
you eat of it you shall die." ...

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was  
more crafty than any other wild  
animal that the LORD God had

made. The serpent said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

## Psalm 32

**1**Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!  
**2**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

**3**While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.  
**4**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

**5**Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**6Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

**7**You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**8“**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

**9**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

**10Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

**11**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## Romans 5:12–19

**J**ust as sin came into the world through one human being, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the trespass of one human, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one human, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

And the free gift is not like the effect of the sin of one human being. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the trespass of one, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as the trespass of one person led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one person leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the disobedience of one the many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one the many will be made righteous.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

*Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.*



## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12

**J**esus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But Jesus answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6saying to him, "If you are the

Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'God will give you into the angels' charge,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to the devil, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the realms of the

world and their splendor; 9and said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus said to the devil, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God; serve God alone.'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Just As I Am, without One Plea" vv. 1 & 4 (ELW #592)

1: *Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

4: *Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

### CREED

P Let us proclaim our faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic**

**church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

VERSE: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (ELW #752)

*Lord, listen to your children  
praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this  
place;  
Lord, listen to your children  
praying,  
send us love, send us power,  
send us grace.*

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration (*especially...*). Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to

the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards (*local sources of food and food distributors may be named*), that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labor. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would pervade all the regions and nations of the world. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P You are a hiding place for all in distress. Draw near to exiles, and accompany all refugees and immigrants, especially children who travel alone. In times of trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your people with your steadfast love, especially:

- the family and friends of David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
- the family and friends of Dennis Houston (Dawn's father-in-law)
- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Pastor Barker, Rachel Bruns, and baby Barks

- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
  - Doug Becker (Marlene's son)
  - Pat Bernacchi
  - Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
  - Jean Boothe
  - Hank Buehrens
  - Andrew Calvert
  - Barb Caputo
  - Holly Cummings
  - Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn's boyfriend)
  - Pastor Rafael Escobedo
  - Gregory Foster
  - Judy Gregory
  - Shirleen Gulick
  - Cogan Holly Hall
  - Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
  - Christine Hill
  - Sydney & Skyler Houston
  - Karen Kempinen
  - Becky McCarthy (Jarlene's sister)
  - Gail Miller
  - Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
  - Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
  - Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
  - Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
  - Marcia Swanson
  - Joyce Swift
  - Andrew Tate
  - Ron and Linda Wadham
  - Steve & Heather Waldron
  - Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
  - Timothy Walker
  - Dottie Watts
  - Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
  - Kristi Weiss
  - Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P** You offer abundance to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially worship greeters, coffee hour hosts, and nursery attendants (*other ministries of*

*care and hospitality may be named).* Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** You alone are God. We praise you for the faithful departed in every age. Unite our prayers with theirs, until our wilderness journey is complete, and we rest in you. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## MEAL

OFFERING: "We Give Thee but Thine Own (ELW #686)

*1 We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**C Amen.**

DIALOGUE & PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your

Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven:**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)  
*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin  
of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to  
save: have mercy now, we pray.*

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin  
of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and  
grave: have mercy now, we  
pray.*

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin  
of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you  
made: give us your peace, we  
pray.*



SONG: "It Is Well with My Soul" (ELW #785)

1: *When peace like a river  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows  
roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast  
taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain: *It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2: *Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my  
helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for  
my soul. REFRAIN*

3: *He lives—oh, the bliss of this  
glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the  
whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it  
no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
O my soul! REFRAIN*

4: *Lord, hasten the day when  
our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a  
scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the  
Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul.  
REFRAIN*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray.  
Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a

making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

#### SENDING

##### BLESSING

**P** God, the giver of love, **+** Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C** Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" (ELW #618) vv.

1 & 3

1: *Guide me ever, great  
Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren  
land.*

*I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful  
hand.*

*Bread of heaven, bread of  
heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.*

3: *When I tread the verge of  
Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hells  
destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and  
praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.*

#### DISMISSAL

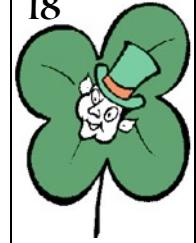
**P** Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

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Thank you to Paula and Randy Pierce for sponsoring worship bulletins in February.

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## Lent Midweek Services at ELCA Outreach Center

During Wednesdays in March, Grace will participate in joint midweek Lenten worship services at the ELCA Outreach Center, 6218 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. The Spirit Alive! band will lead us in song. Pastor Barker will be one of five Kenosha pastors taking turns presiding over the worship service at this and other locations in town.

The Outreach Center includes a soup meal as part of

the worship service. Grace has been asked to provide soup for the meals on March 8 and 22.

### Holy Week Services

We are asking members and friends to sign up to indicate which Holy Week worship options would most interest you.

Options are for either morning or evening worship services on Maundy Thursday,

April 6, and on Good Friday, April 7. Please see the response form on page 7.

## March Birthdays

March 3: Autumn May  
March 16: James Lemke  
March 23: Sam Underwood  
March 25: Linda Lemke

## Holy Week Worship Preferences

	Morning	Evening	Name
Maundy Thursday			
Good Friday			

## Welcome Center Service Remembers Guests Lost in 2022

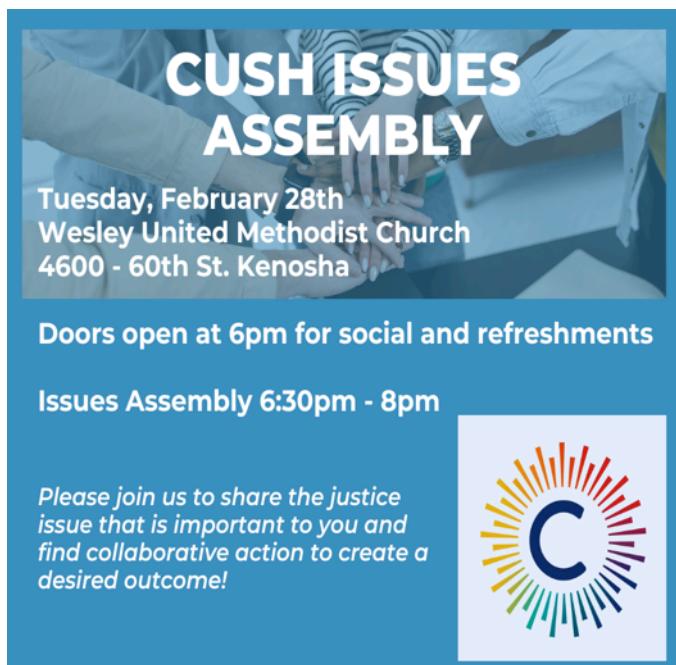
Grace Welcome Center lost many beloved guests in 2022. Many of the individuals that passed last year were there the opening day of Grace Welcome Center, and we will have a service to honor

them and share remembrances. The service will be this Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

## Receipts February 19, 2023

General offering .....	\$ 1,652.32
Ash Wednesday .....	\$ 10.00
Benevolence.....	\$ 175.00
From non-members:	
General offering .....	\$ 170.00
Total .....	\$ 2,007.32

You can contribute by mail, or electronically through the "Donations" link at GraceKenosha.com. 2022 giving statements were sent out in January to our members and regular contributors. If you have any questions, please email graceoffice@wi.rr.com or phone 262-654-9143 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.



## God Sightings: Seeing God's Movement in Our Day

### 2023 LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Join Outreach for Hope for 40 days of devotion videos by our Ministry Partners, supporters and staff. Hear stories of God at work in congregations and ministries across our synod!

Monday - Saturday | Ash Wednesday - Easter Vigil



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Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$
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Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Golf Galaxy \$25.00	8%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	8%		\$	Gordon Food Service Store \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$25.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	Hallmark \$25.00	4%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Honey Baked Ham \$25.00	12%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	8%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	13%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Sendik's Food Market \$25.00	4%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$25.00	8%		\$	Lane Bryant \$25.00	8%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	7%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Little Caesar's Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$	SUBWAY Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	8%		\$	Lowe's \$20.00	4%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Cheddars \$25.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Meijer (not AK and HI) \$25.00	3%		\$	TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3%		\$	The Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
Cinemark Theatres \$25.00	4%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Columbia Sportswear \$50.00	12%		\$	Nike \$25.00	12%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Container Store \$25.00	9%		\$	Nordstrom \$25.00	6%		\$	Williams Sonoma \$25.00	8%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$				
Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$				
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$				
Crate and Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$				
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$				
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Payless Shoes \$20.00	13%		\$				
Dressbarn \$25.00	8%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$				
EB Games \$25.00	3%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$25.00	4%		\$				
Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$								

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# Congregation Approves Becoming Reconciled In Christ

Grace members attending the annual meeting of the congregation last Sunday voted to extend a call to Rev. Stephen Gifford during Pastor Barker's family leave later this year, approved a 2023 budget, elected the church council, and endorsed becoming a Reconciled in Christ (RIC) congregation.

Rev. Gifford will serve as Family Leave Pastor from Monday, April 17 to Sunday, July 16.

Members approved a church council recommendation to join the roster of RIC congregations, making a public commitment to welcome, include, and celebrate LGBTQIA+ people. In doing so, the congregation endorsed a statement that is printed in full on the back page of this edition of *Grace Notes* and will appear henceforth in Sunday bulletins.

The council has been expanded to twelve members with the addition of chairs for Peace & Justice Ministries and Love One Another Ministries.



The Youth & Family chair has been renamed Youth, Family & Faith Formation chair.

Elected to the church council are:

- Dawn Houston, President
- Bert Felland, Vice President
- Jarlene Kriehn, Secretary
- Krisan Knapp, Treasurer
- Randy Pierce, Building & Grounds
- Greg Foster, Outreach & Evangelism
- Dennis Eirich, Stewardship
- Sydney Houston, Worship & Music
- David Underwood, Youth, Family & Faith Formation
- Leah Schaut, Peace & Justice Ministries
- Vivienne Clyne, Love One Another Ministries
- Senja Underwood, Member at Large

The 2023 budget as presented was amended to add approximately \$1,200 for the Grace Pollinator Garden and Porch Pots for the neighborhood to be given out during a Grace Welcome Center food pantry night. This brings the total budget for the year to \$141,600.

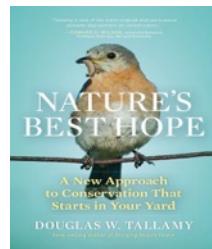
## Book Study Group Meets at Museum This Monday

Karen Kempinen leads our next book study group starting on Monday February 13; the group will run to March 20. The group will meet on Monday evenings at 5:00 p.m. at Grace.

The book we are studying is *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That*

*Starts in Your Yard* by Douglas Tallamy. The book is available in the narthex and through most on-line booksellers.

We will take a field trip to the Kenosha Public Museum to see



"Pollination Investigation" and "Wild Ones — Native Plants, Natural Landscapes" this Monday, February 27 at 3:30 p.m., followed by the book study. This study will prepare us to care in new ways for our pollinator Garden in 2023.

## Kauffman to Lead Safety at Church Talk Sunday

Immediately following worship this Sunday, February 26, retired social worker and ongoing direct service consultant, Grace Member Dick

Kauffman, will lead a safety event at Grace Lutheran Church focusing on de-escalating frightening situations and other ways to respond. Dick brings

decades of experience working with high risk populations, and will offer much wisdom as well as answering questions that arise.

## Grace News Briefs

Men's group will meet this Sunday after the safety presentation.

The church office will be closed Wednesday afternoon, March 8.

Prayer Group meets at the church every Monday morning at 8:00 a.m.

"Fridays for Our Future" advocates at 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 75<sup>th</sup> Street Fridays at 1:00 p.m.



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## Grace Reconciled in Christ Statement

Grace Lutheran Church commits to live as a community of people seeking reconciliation and wholeness in our life together and in our ongoing outreach to the world. We commit to the work of anti-racism, anti-ableism, liberation, and environmental justice for all of God's beloveds. We affirm the sacredness of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We

affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because of race, culture, disability, age, or physical demeanor. We affirm the sacredness of those who wrestle with addiction,

physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. You are absolutely invited to share your gifts as you join us in this lifelong journey. We welcome and embrace all who are seeking God's love and grace. We need each other and our sincere hope is by being in community together we will

know the kin-dom of God has come near.

—language adapted from *A Community Called Grace in Bemidji MN*

