

Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin



March, 2024

Congregation Elects New Church Council

Grace members met after the worship service on February 11 for the annual meeting of the congregation and elected new officers to the church council:

- Bert Felland, President.
- Gregory Foster, Vice President.
- Senja Underwood, Treasurer.
- Jarlene Kriehn, Secretary.
- Randy Pierce, Building and Grounds.
- Karen Cassiday, Outreach and Evangelism.
- Leah Schaut, Stewardship.
- Gracie Underwood, Worship and Music.
- Vivienne Clyne, Love One Another Ministries.
- David Underwood, Youth, Family, and Faith Formation.
- Rich Knapp, member at large.

The congregation officially approved hiring Gracie Underwood as Music Director.

Members approved a 2024 budget of \$200,272.

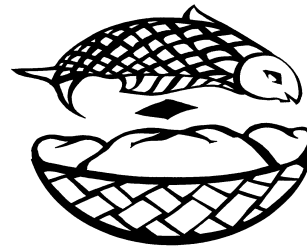
Get Your Tickets for March 8 Fish Bake

Grace Lutheran's Lenten fish bake is Friday, March 8 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Dine in or carry out.

Adult dinner: \$15.00. Kids mac 'n' cheese dinner: \$5.00
Adult dinner includes baked cod, baked potato, cole

slaw or corn, rye bread, and dessert.

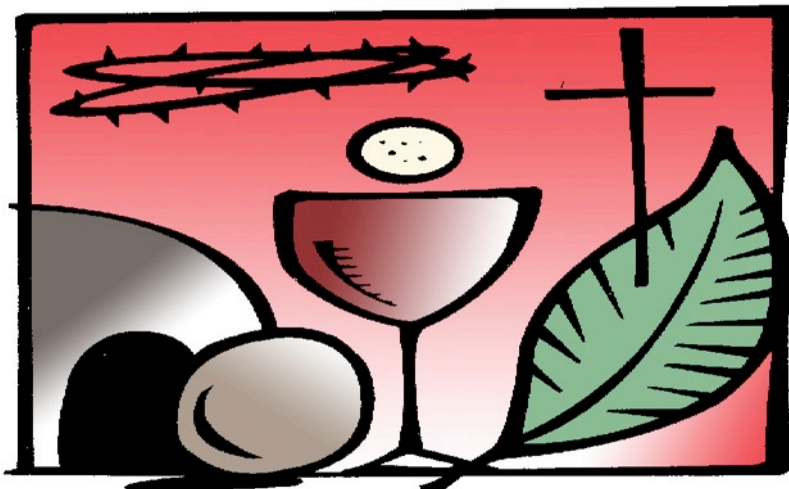
Kids' meal includes macaroni &



cheese, cole slaw or corn, and apple sauce cup.

Coffee and water included; soda for purchase at \$1/can. Tickets are available at church on Sundays, or call 262-654-9143.

Holy Week Services at Grace



Grace plans to have the annual Palm Sunday potluck brunch after the worship service on Sunday, March 23. Watch for a sign-up sheet to let us know what dish you would like to bring. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, serve, and clean up afterward.

We commemorate Christ's Last Supper at a special Maundy Thursday communion service, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29, Pastor Jonathan will lead an evening service at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31, celebrate Christ's resurrection at our 9:30 a.m. festival service.

Fourth Sunday in Lent Gathering Liturgy

AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME STATEMENT

P Let us affirm our welcome statement

C 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.

GATHERING SONG: "Put Not Your Hope in the Nation"

1: *Put not your hope in the nation;*

*Put not your hope in a king.
Trust in the only one who opens eyes
and sets the prisoner free.*

2: *He is the maker of heaven;
He formed the earth and the sea.
Our help will come from the Lord our God,
our gracious king of peace.*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

3: *He is the hope of the hungry;
He is the Lord of the feast.*

*Our Father's house always opens wide
to welcome refugees.*

4: *The fatherless find a Father;
The widow rests in His strength.
The heart of God is forever home
to all the poor and weak.*

Refrain.

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Scripture Reading for Fourth Sunday in Lent

Exodus 5:1–10

Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness.'"

But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should heed him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go."

Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has revealed himself

to us; let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to the LORD our God, or he will fall upon us with pestilence or sword."

But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their work? Get to your labors!"

Pharaoh continued, "Now they are more numerous than the people of the land and yet you want them to stop working!"



That same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, as well as their supervisors, “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves. But you shall require of them the

same quantity of bricks as they have made previously; do not diminish it, for they are lazy; that is why they cry, ‘Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.’
“Let heavier work be laid on them; then they will labor at it

and pay no attention to deceptive words.”

So the taskmasters and the supervisors of the people went out and said to the people, “Thus says Pharaoh, ‘I will not give you straw.’”

Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Drive Out the Darkness”

Refrain: *Come O come be our light
Drive out the darkness
Come Jesus come*

1: *Ev'ry year under the thorn
Ev'ry wrong that we have known
Ev'ry valley will be raised
The ancient ruins will be remade*

2: *Ev'ry weapon made for war
Ev'ry gun and ev'ry sword
Will be melted in the flame
To be used for gardening*

3: *In the emptiness of grief
Through the night of suffering
Ev'ry loss and in the tears
God our comfort O be near*

Ending: *Come O come be our light
Drive out the darkness
Come and end all the violence
Come and do not be silent
Come we cling to Your promise
Come You'll break all injustice
Come Jesus come*

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VERSE: “This Is My Song” (ELW #887)

1: *This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

3: *This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

P You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

P You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land (*regions in conflict may be named*). Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

P You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick, especially:

- Darlene Bard
- Kate Barker
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene’s son)
- Eric Berge (Paul’s brother)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy’s sister-in-law)
- Andrew Calvert
- Cameron Carr (Karen Cassiday's nephew)
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield
- Jan Dugdale
- Barb Ehlen
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory

- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Bob Kauffman (Dick's brother)
- Dick Kauffman
- Norma Larson
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Mary Jean Preston
- Rex Reeve
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Patti Shields
- Jill Swails
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Andrew Tate
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Steve & Heather Waldron
- Henry, Florence, and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's brother and sisters)
- Charles and Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
- Pam Wisse
- Kristi Weiss.

Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

P You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family (*especially...*). We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

P Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, (*especially Carthage College and...*) that they may be lively places for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth, and live to the praise of your glory both now and forever. Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

P You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C Amen.

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.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

*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 debts
As we forgive our debtors*

*And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen*

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*Oh my savior, draw me in
4: As I stumble through this
journey
Restless in my endless searching
Fill me with your love each
morning*

Oh my savior, draw me in
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

SONGS: "Take My Life And Let It Be"

*Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose
Every power as thou shalt choose
Take my will and make it thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is thine own
It shall be thy royal throne
It shall be thy royal throne
Take my love my Lord I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store
Take my self and I will be
Ever only all for thee
Ever only all for thee*

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"Draw Me In"

*1: In the hunger of the desert
Let your fast renew my senses
Feed me with the words of heaven
Oh my savior, draw me in*

*2: When my days are endless taking
Anything to fill the aching
Show me all the good you're making
Oh my savior, draw me in*

Refrain: *Draw me in with your tenderness
Speak abundance to my emptiness
Set your table in this wilderness
With the feast I long to taste*

*3: Christ you know my deepest longing
Seeds you planted now are forming
Let me hear the still voice calling*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and, ✝ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
ELW #325

*1: I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*2: In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*3: When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

DISMISSAL



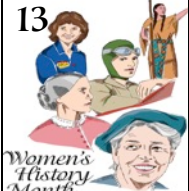

P Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God!

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March Birthdays

March 3: Autumn May
March 23: Samuel Underwood

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>St. David</i> 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	2 Executive Council meeting
3 9:30 am Worship service 10:30 am Men's group 7:00 pm NA	4 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing 9:00 am Prayer group 6:30 pm L'Arche	5 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	6	7 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry	8 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 4:30-7:00 pm Fish Bake	9 <i>Daylight Saving Time begins tonight</i> 
10 9:30 am CDT Worship service 10:40 am New members class 7:00 pm NA	11 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing 9:00 am Prayer group	12 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	13  <i>Women's History Month</i>	14 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry	15 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	16 <i>St. Urho</i>
17 <i>St. Patrick</i> 9:30 am Worship service 10:40 am Church council 7:00 pm NA	18 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing 9:00 am Prayer group	19 <i>St. Joseph</i> 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	20	21 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry	22 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	23
24 <i>Passion of Our Lord</i> 9:30 am Worship service 7:00 pm NA	25 <i>Anunciacion</i> 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing 9:00 am Prayer group	26 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	27 	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:30-9:00 am GWC breakfast 9:00 am Foot washing 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry 6:30 pm Worship service	29 <i>Good Friday</i> 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 6:30 pm Worship service	30
31 <i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i> 9:30 am Worship service 10:50 am Worship planning group 7:00 pm NA	April 1 <i>St. Misbehavin</i> 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing 9:00 am Prayer group 6:30 pm L'Arche	2 <i>Spring election</i> 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	3	4 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry	5 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	6

Lent Midweek Services; Thrivent Programs; Lenten Reflections

Trinity and Lakeside Lutheran Churches offer Lenten midweek services on alternating Wednesdays. Lakeside, 3833 Eighth Avenue, hosts March 6 and 20; Trinity, 7104 39th Avenue, hosts on March 13. Soup supper is served at 5:30, the worship service follows at 6:00.



A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have used Thrivent's generosity programs to support our church. Once again you showed us how, together, we can make a difference by helping to strengthen communities and change lives. Go to Thrivent.com/generosity to learn more.

Outreach for Hope's 2024 Lenten devotions, "Bridges of Hope: Reflections on the Power of Partnership," are in full swing! We hope these daily video reflections from OFH Ministry Partners, supporters and staff have inspired you to reflect on the importance of relationships this Lenten season. Copies are in the narthex.

Grace News Briefs

Men's group will meet this Sunday, March 3 after the worship service to plan a chili fundraiser.

L'Arche

L'Arche meets in the narthex at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 4 and every first Monday of the month. Everyone interested in the issues of intellectual disabilities and neurodivergence is invited.

New Members Class

New members class meets again Sunday, March 10 after the worship service.



Welcome Center New Phone

Grace Welcome Center can now be reached at 262-452-0212.

Good Friday Office Hours

Grace church office will close at noon on Good Friday, March 29.

Compressor Repair Progress

The compressor for the church building's heating system was repaired this week. The cost of this repair is \$4,100; so far, members and friends have designated \$1,050 in gifts toward this necessary project.

We appreciate everyone who has generously donated towards this repair already, and we hope those who have not donated will consider making a donation—every donation helps get this paid for.

Receipts February 25, 2024

General offering \$ 781.76
 Benevolence..... \$ 5.00
 HVAC Compressor \$ 25.00
 Fish bake \$ 100.00
 Pastor's salary..... \$ 25,000.00
 From friends of the congregation:
 General offering \$ 550.00

Pastor's benefits package..... \$ 50.00
 Grace Welcome Center \$ 55.00
Minus internet banking fees..... \$(24.94)
 Total \$ 26,541.82

You can contribute by mail, or electronically through the "Donations" link at GraceKenosha.com.

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM:

We will have a display of Easter lilies around the cross and the altar on Easter Sunday, March 31. This is the order form for your lilies.

After the worship service on Easter Sunday, you may take your lily home with you. A sheet will be posted in the narthex listing your name and the lilies you ordered. Someone will be available in the sanctuary to help you get your flowers.

The deadline to order your Easter lilies is Thursday, March 17. You may place this order form in the offering plate, mail it to church or place it in the secretary's mail box in the office.



Name _____ Env. # _____

Phone/email _____

Amt. enclosed \$ _____ for # _____ Easter lily/lilies at \$20.00/ea.

Check one: In honor of In memory of:

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Sunday services at 9:30 a.m.; Maundy Thursday & Good Friday at 6:30 p.m.
in person and livestreamed at www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranKenosha
Pastor Jonathan Barker: jonathan.w.barker17@gmail.com ☎ 626-864-6404
Church office: graceoffice@wi.rr.com ☎ 262-654-9143
Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday



Grace Lutheran Church Fish Bake

Friday, March 8 4:30-7:00

Adult \$15 Child \$5

- Cod
- Baked Potato
- Cole Slaw or Corn
- Rye Bread
- Dessert
- Drinks: Coffee, Water
Lemonade
- Soda will be available
for purchase
- Mac and Cheese
- Corn
- Apple Sauce Cup
- Juice Box
- Dessert

You can dine - in or take it to go

Stop by the Grace office from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm Tuesday -Friday to purchase tickets

"Songs With Friends Concert Series" Presents:
A benefit concert for Local Community Missions

Featuring internationally known folk singer/songwriter

Joe Jencks!



Saturday, March 16 at 7 p.m.
Immanuel United Methodist Church
5410 Sheridan Road in Kenosha
(Use the car port entrance)

Suggested donation: \$25 at the door
No one turned away
For \$20 pre-sale tickets, see our Facebook event at:
"Immanuel United Methodist Church Kenosha"
OR email "songswithfriendsconcert@gmail.com"

