



# Good News of Grace



## May 2022

Grace Lutheran Church  
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Thiensville, WI 53092

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*“Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith and care for all creation.”*

### May Highlights

#### ***Worship in Fellowship Hall***

May worship continues in Fellowship Hall for all services due to the renovation in the sanctuary.

Masks are still required at the 8am service. They are left to your personal preference at the 9am and Tuesday 12:10pm services.

#### ***Renovation in Full Swing!***

If you would like to keep up with what is going on with the renovation and in the life of our congregation, please follow us on Instagram at “gracelt53092” or on YouTube at *Grace Lutheran Thiensville*.



#### ***May 1st 10:15am GRACEful Giving Campaign***

Please stay after worship for the kickoff of this campaign for the renovation project.  
*(See pages 3 & 4 for details)*

**GRACEful Giving**



Rebuild, Renovate, Restore

### Worship and Education

#### Worship Schedule:

**Sundays at 8am & 9am**

**Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm**

Education: ***Currently Suspended***

### Grace’s Welcome Statement

Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.

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**Custodian: Fred Lynk**

# News and Notes

## Grace Brewer Game Outing!

With baseball season upon us and our church services back to normal, there has been interest in Grace sponsoring an outing at a Brewer game. The date selected is Sunday, July 24 against the Colorado Rockies. Game time is 1:10pm and it is an Omar Narvaez bobblehead day. Game tickets are \$30 per person for Terrace Box seats. There will be a tailgate before the game and contributions toward the cost of food, beverages etc. can be made at the tailgate. Please sign up by June 15 as a block of tickets will be purchased at that time. Those interested can sign up at the communication desk or can contact Terry Young. [ (414) 573-9563 [tyoung5@wi.rr.com](mailto:tyoung5@wi.rr.com)]



**Rockies vs Brewers**  
**Sunday, July 24**



## Social Concerns Update

The mission of the Social Concerns Team is to "use the blessings of our community to continue the work of Christ by reaching out to assist people in need and advocate for social action on the issue of social justice." To fulfill this mission, Social Concerns is currently focusing on the following projects:

- Donation of \$500 towards humanitarian relief in Ukraine
- Donations of clothing and food to All People's Church
- Making and delivering sandwiches to the Guest House Men's Homeless shelter
- The "Undy 500" collection of men's underwear and clothing for the Guest House (coming up in May!)
- Support for our missions in El Salvador, including student scholarships and support to Pastor Julio's congregations
- Participation in the Family Promise Program, in which Grace members can provide a meal for homeless people in Ozaukee County.

We are in need of assistance with many of these programs, but we could especially use help with meal preparation for the Family Promise Program. As part of this Program, we share a week of dinner preparation with Mequon United Methodist Church 6 times a year. On one day of each of our assigned weeks, Grace members prepare a complete meal for delivery to the Chalet Motel where the homeless are currently housed. This can mean up to five families with children at any given week. Our next Family Promise assignment week is June 13-17. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Alice Sedgwick or Pastor Bill. Reimbursement is available to purchase the food for these meals.

Current members of the Social Concerns Team are Mark Ortell (President), Chris Larsen, Mary Karthaus, Alice Sedgwick, Matt Bartz (Council Liaison), and Pastor Bill as our advisor. We welcome any church member who would like to be involved in our missions. Just contact Pastor Bill if you are interested or want to learn more.



# GRACEful Giving

## GRACEful Giving Fundraising Campaign Kickoff on May 1

We are very excited to see the sanctuary renovation project begin on April 18! This is the fourth remodeling of the sanctuary in the history of our congregation, but the first one in over 40 years. There are numerous benefits that our congregation will gain from the renovation project, including:

- Platform. We currently have a very tall platform at the front of the sanctuary where the altar used to sit. It is hazardous, not functional, and is not ADA compliant. The new platform will be lower and larger with a ramp. It will be a central area used by our choirs, improving our music programs. This brings worship, the Word and sacrament more central to the life of the congregation.
- Sacristy. Our current sacristy is not functional. Planned renovations will benefit all of our worship leaders as well as the volunteers who make preparations for worship.
- Children's Space. The current space on the north side of the sanctuary near the front is not used well. This space will be transformed into an area that families with young children can use. Children are extremely important to the life of our congregation, and this will be a quiet space for them to hang out and still be involved in our worship services and fellowship activities.
- Seating. We will have new comfortable seats that are movable. This will give us great flexibility to accommodate many different worship and fellowship situations.
- Flooring. The current carpeting is falling apart. The new flooring will provide for a clean modern look, improve our acoustics, and will be much more durable for the future.

How will we pay for the project? A fundraising committee has been formed to develop a campaign to raise funds to support the project. On the committee are Jim and Judy Button, Jordan Beck, Susie LaCrosse, Chris Larsen, Paul Gieschen, and Pastor Bill. We welcome anyone else who would like to help.

At the January 2022 congregation meeting, the congregation approved taking out a line of credit of up to \$550,000 to fund the project. The line of credit is currently at 3.75%. In order to keep our debt obligation manageable, we need a special fundraising campaign starting as soon as we can.

### GRACEful Giving



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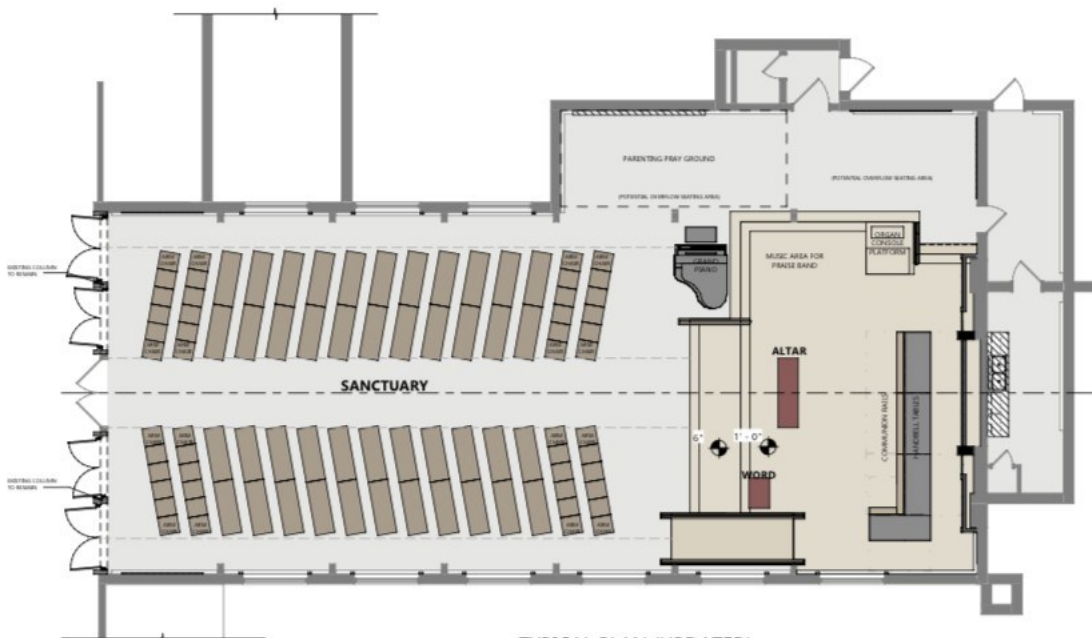
There will be a "Celebration of GRACEful Giving" gathering after the 9:00am worship service on **Sunday, May 1**. Please plan to attend this meeting to review the renovation project and hear how the GRACEful Giving campaign will roll out. We will be asking for everyone's support, and there will be many ways that you can participate.

Pastor Bill notes that this renovation project is critical to the long-term growth of Grace Lutheran. He said, "we are taking a leap of faith, but we are a people of faith." Amen.

Grace Lutheran is blessed to have a legacy of a loving and welcoming faith community that has enriched the lives of so many people for over 90 years, from our gathering space and throughout the world. Our congregation has again decided to step out in faith to undertake a significant renovation project that will ensure that current and future generations benefit for many years to come from a modern worship space that is more flexible, functional, and welcoming.

With everyone's support, this will happen!

# Renovation Drawings



TYPICAL PLAN (UPDATED)



Total Seating: 140

- Single Chairs: 32
- Arm Chairs: 16
- 3-Bench Seats: 44 x 3 = 132
- Overflow: 0 shown

# Birthdays & Other News

## May Worship Leaders

Please watch Grace Notes for the link to sign up to volunteer, or call/email the office.

### 5/1 9am

**Reader:** JoAnn Holdmann  
**Wine:** Nancy Perez, JoAnn Holdmann  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Communion Setup:** Theresa Umhoefer

### 5/8 9am

**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** Nancy Perez, JoAnn Holdmann  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** Delaine Jacobs

### 5/15 9am

**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** JoAnn Holdmann

### 5/22 10:30am

**Reader:** Linda Finnigan  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** TBD

### 5/29 9:00am

**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** TBD, TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** TBD



## Cribbage/Euchre/Scrabble

Mark your calendars for the next game night! On Monday, May 16 at 6:30pm, join us for games, snacks and great fellowship! We can teach you if you are interested. Contact Janie Robbins with questions.



## Memorial Fund Activity for March

**Income:** \$594  
**Expenditures:** \$6  
**Balance:** \$12,590  
 (Designated: \$7,004)  
 (Available: \$5,586)

## May Birthdays

Name	Date
Stevie-Lyn Zenke	4
Hudson Radiske	5
Aiden Hollander	15
Keegan Hollander	15
Gretchen Stahle	15
Bonnie Kern	16
Maya Rauen	17
Taylor Farris	18
Todd Habermann	19
Erika Campbell	21
Ben Zeller	21
Matt Junker	22
Mike Buczynski	23
Mary James	23
Chelsea Karthaus	23
Erin Umhoefer	23
Harold Umhoefer	23
Beth Buczynski	25
Dave Huebschen	29
Gerald Laabs	30
Calvin Krogstad	31
Miles Stone	31

*If you have a birthday this month and your name is not listed, we apologize. Please call the church office so that we update our records. Thank you!*



## All Peoples Church Food Pantry



All Peoples  
Church

At this time the pantry food supply is still very low; so for the foreseeable future we hope to collect non-perishable food items again. When you shop for your family, please pick up an extra item for the pantry. Thank you!

## Guest House Sandwiches

We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House twice each month, on the first and third Wednesdays, at 9:00am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesdays, **May 4 and 18.**



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**Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm**

**Education: *Currently Suspended***



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### May Calendar

#### Recurring Events

##### Sundays

8am Devotional Svc (no singing)  
8:30am Choir Warm-ups  
9am Worship/Comm., Fellowship Hall  
10:15am Choir Rehearsals  
11am Bell Choir Rehearsal

##### Mondays

5:30pm Lakeshore Quilt Group - F.H.  
(3rd Mon. each month)  
6:00pm Scouts (2nd & 4th Mon.)

##### Tuesdays

12:10pm Devotional Svc., Fellowship Hall  
6pm Council (2nd Tue.)  
6:30pm Scouts

##### Wednesdays

9am Guest House Sandwiches, F.H.  
(1st and 3rd Wed.)  
6pm Band Practice, Fellowship Hall  
6pm Girl Scouts (3rd Wed.)

##### Thursdays

12pm Bible Study - Basement Room

##### Saturdays

9am - SBG Practice (every other Sat.)

#### Other Events & Meetings

##### May 1(Sunday)

10:15am GRACEful Giving Kickoff

##### May 8 (Sunday)

10:15am WAM Team Meeting

##### May 15 (Sunday)

10:15am Social Concerns Meeting

##### May 16 (Monday)

6:30pm Euchre/Cribbage/Scrabble - Narthex

### May Choir Schedule

Sunday	5/1	9am Worship - SBG Band 11am Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	5/8	9am Worship - Men's Chorus 10:15am - <b>No Choir Reh.</b> 11am - Bell Choir Reh.
Saturday	5/14	9am - SBG Band Practice
Sunday	5/15	9am Worship - Bell Choir
Sunday	5/22	9am Worship - SBG Band

**11am - Bell Choir Rehearsals (last one 5/8)**