



# Good News of Grace



## October 2021

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.”*

### October Worship Highlights

#### Covid Protocol Status

We continue with worship following the CDC guidelines which currently state masks are recommended regardless of vaccination status. Singing will be limited for the time being.

Livestreaming is now available on our YouTube channel (*Grace Lutheran Thiensville*)!

#### New Member Sunday

We will be receiving new members at the **October 10 9am** worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member of the congregation, please talk to Pastor Bill or call the office if you haven't already done so.

#### 2021 Grace Council Members

In the event you would like to speak to a council member, below is the 2021 list of members.

Dan Driewer (P)	Matt Bartz
Jim Martin (VP)	Beth Beck
Beth Buczynski (Treas)	Joby Brown
Adam Hamm (Sec)	Pam Stockbridge

#### 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,

**October 6 and 20.**



### 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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**Nursery Attendant: Shonda Schaff**

**Custodian: Fred Lynk**

# News and Notes

## A Farewell to Shalom

In January of 1977 a group of ladies formed what was to become Shalom Circle of Grace Lutheran Church. They met once a month in the evening for Bible Study and dessert. More recently they met in the morning for Bible Study, coffee and donuts.

Membership changed through the years but was generally 8-12 ladies (See photos in narthex). All of us were active in other aspects of Grace ministries. Many were part of the music program, ushers, readers, servers for funerals, altar guild, Sunday School teachers, visiting shut-ins, delivering flowers, yearly coats for kids, folding bulletins, quilters, book club, 55 and older, fine arts group and many other things. We also had a pot luck in January in honor of our anniversary and included our husbands.

With our changing times and older ages, we have decided to close the books on Shalom. To end our 44 years, we had a luncheon on Nancy Perez's lovely patio on August 16th. There were ten of us and once again we had fun sharing memories of years past.

We voted to donate our leftover funds of \$1,343.61 to the renovation committee for a new microphone that will tie into the new sound system for the church.

There is also \$650 left for the quilters for batting. Anna Martin has graciously agreed to work with Sandy in the office when batting is needed.

Members attending the luncheon were Dorene Achterberg, Anna Martin, Marcia Seehusen, Sally Wolf, Fran Grant, Holly Grassin-Kremmel, Pam Liegeois, Leigh Benson, and Karen Petersen.

A wonderful ending to over four decades of service.

With blessings and love,  
Leigh Benson



## Fall Church Cleanup!

Please join us here at Grace on Saturday, October 23 at 9am to help clear out all the various items no longer needed in the building.



## Quilters Update

This year the quilters were able to support those in need locally by providing 30 quilts to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge and 87 quilts to St. Ben's! Both of these organizations are located in Milwaukee and provide for the homeless and those in need.



## New Quilting Opportunity

Can you tie a knot? Then we want your help! We are opening up quilting for one night a month. We need at least three volunteers to participate. We've decided to donate our work of love to local charities in need. If you know of any charity that is in need of quilts, please let me know, and then sign up to be involved in this project. Contact Anna Martin if you have questions or want to participate 414-750-2477.

## Sewing Update

Hello sewers, our first sewing night is **October 7 at 6:15pm** in the basement room across from the bathrooms. Anyone wanting to join in is welcome to come. I'm hoping to sew some lap quilts for Lasata residents. If you've never sewn come try it, it's just straight seams. See you soon!

### Memorial Fund Activity for August

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$14</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>___\$0</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$15,189</b>
(Designated:	\$11,416)
(Available:	\$3,773)

# Congregational Meeting Invitation

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Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church of Thiensville,

We are reaching out to you in regards to the Congregational meeting scheduled to be held on October 24th, 2021 at 10:15am (after Sunday service) to discuss and vote on a proposed budget for the Grace Lutheran sanctuary renovation.

Over the last two years a team of your fellow members have been tasked with researching and developing a proposal for renovation of Grace Lutheran's sanctuary space. With the agreement of the church council, we are now ready to bring the initial proposal and construction estimate to the congregation for an initial vote.

The initial impetus for the pursuit for this renovation stems from the aging carpeting within the sanctuary space that has reached the end of its functional life. As many may already know, the carpet in the sanctuary overlays an old tile floor that predates the carpeting. The tiling, due to its age, contains asbestos, which when damaged or disturbed can be released into the air and is toxic. As such, when the carpet is removed the tiling will need to be professionally removed as well. The removal of carpet and tiling will require an emptying of the entire sanctuary space and as such it was determined that this would be the best time to pursue any other sanctuary renovations.

To aid the renovation team, Groth Design was selected to help with the planning and design. Groth was selected due to their previous work for Grace Lutheran and their background in religious affiliated construction. Paul Barribeau, who has knowledge of the previous Grace Lutheran project, has been working with the renovation team on behalf of Groth.

During the planning stages, the renovation team reached out to church groups to determine items of interest and concern regarding the renovation. The renovation team also held an informal congregational meeting to elicit feedback from the greater congregation.

Based on the above meetings the renovation team determined the following as a proposed structure for the sanctuary renovation:

- New tiling for the entire sanctuary space. This is required due to the carpeting and asbestos tiling needing to be removed.
- Removal & replacement of the concrete stairs/alter with a single height raised platform. The existing stairs are both unsafe and not ADA compliant which puts those using the space at risk. The new platform will not only be safe but will also create a greater flexibility of use for current and future congregational functions.
- Children/Parent Space, "Pray-ground", being created where the bells are currently set up in the left wing. With the new platform, the bells will no longer need to be sequestered along the left wing of the church. This space will be converted into a Pray-Ground that allows families to feel more integrated with the congregation during services.
- General aesthetic updates to the front and sidewalls are proposed.
- Sacristy updates are proposed to create greater functionality of the storage space behind the sanctuary.
- Review updates to seating arrangements and styles to increase functionality of the worship space.

The October 24th congregational meeting will be held to discuss and vote on the setting of an initial budget estimate for the above proposed renovation project. At the meeting, the renovation team along with Groth, will present the above process and resulting proposal to the congregation at large. While this meeting will be open to discussion on specific renovation topics, the vote will be only to set the initial construction budget. All finalization of plans and congregational vote to proceed with construction will occur at a later date, pending initial budget approval.

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Speaking for the renovation team, we believe that the above proposed renovation will not only better serve the existing congregation but will allow Grace Lutheran to attract new members and evolve as our congregation grows and changes in the coming years. We are excited to share our vision with you in hopes that you, our congregational family, will be equally as excited and supportive of this proposal as we are.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Ryan Bernard

## **EL Salvador Building Project**

Below is a picture of Pastor Julio's church building in El Salvador that Grace helped build through contributions for the construction.



## **Endowment Update** **By Paul Gieschen**

Do you have Grace included in your estate plans? By doing so, you can support Grace's mission beyond your lifetime. Thanks to some farsighted planning of sainted members, our Endowment Fund is very healthy and is a tremendous asset of our church. It supports Grace's mission by providing funds for capital improvements, debt reduction, seminary scholarships, charitable organizations in our local community, and international mission support.

This year's Endowment Committee is Chris Larsen, Kari Gilhams, Maren Stahle, Courtney Meyer, and Paul Gieschen. We meet quarterly to make decisions on how best to distribute financial grants to worthy charitable organizations. If you have a recommendation on an organization that could be supported by a grant, please fill out a grant request form. You can find the form on Grace's website or in the church office. If you would like guidance on how you can include Grace in your own estate plans, please contact one of the committee members.

## **Unused Jewelry Wanted!**

If you have any unwanted jewelry pieces cluttering up your jewelry box that have beads or baubles that can be removed and repurposed, please consider dropping them off at the church for our creative Maygie May. She will stop by periodically to pick up any items that are dropped off.



# Birthdays & Other News

## October Worship Leaders

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

### 10/3

**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** TBD  
**Usher:** Sandy Smith  
**Comm. Setup:** TBD

### 10/10

**Reader:** Pam Johnson  
**Wine:** Sandy Smith, DawnMark  
 Bacon-Johnson  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** Bev Leidel

### 10/17

**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** Sandy Smith, TBD  
**Usher:** Nancy Perez  
**Comm. Setup:** TBD

### 10/24

**Reader:** TBD  
**Wine:** Sandy Smith, Nancy Perez  
**Usher:** Dieter Bruhnke  
**Comm. Setup:** TBD

### 10/31

**Reader:** Bev Leidel  
**Wine:** TBD  
**Usher:** TBD  
**Comm. Setup:** Bev Leidel

**October Pew Worker:** Joyce Winghart

## October Birthdays

Name	Date
Serena Kujawski	2
Robert Lohr	2
Holly Grassin-Kremmel	3
David Rauth	3
Pam Stockbridge	3
Valerie Gilhams	5
Denise Christofferson	9
Corrine Mattson	9
Quinn Buczynski	11
Florence Panning	11
Shonda Schaff	11
Jordan Beck	12
Greg Gleisner	13
Bryce Umhoefer	13
Todd Zeller	13
Drew Liegeois	14
Robert Koch	16
Carol Raymond	17
Chris Larsen	18
Emily Martin	18
Colleen Lohr	20
Ian Liegeois	22
Brian Karthaus	25
Jeff Wolf	26
Jaycee Christofferson	27
Mary Karthaus	30
Kelly Umhoefer	30
Colleen Umhoefer	30
Matt Bartz	31
Caiden Maciejewski	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!*



## Holy Baptism

On Sunday, September 12, we welcomed Madison Jean Maciejewski to God's family through holy baptism. She is the daughter of Adam and Kathy Maciejewski, and sister of Caiden. Blessings and congratulations to the Maciejewski family!



## All Peoples Church Food Pantry

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 very much!



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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm*

*Education: **Currently Suspended***



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### October 2021 Calendar

#### Recurring Events

##### **Sundays**

8am Devotional Svc (no singing)  
9am Worship/Comm., Sanctuary

##### **Mondays**

9am Meals on Wheels, F.H.

##### **Tuesdays**

9am Meals on Wheels, F.H.  
9am Guest House Sandwiches, F.H.  
(1st and 3rd Tue. each month)  
12:10pm Devotional Svc., Sanctuary  
6:30pm Scouts

##### **Wednesdays**

9am Meals on Wheels, F.H.  
6pm Funky Band, Sanctuary

##### **Thursdays**

9am Meals on Wheels, F.H.  
12pm Bible Study  
6pm Bell Rehearsal

##### **Fridays**

9am Meals on Wheels, F.H.

#### Other Events & Meetings

##### **October 7 (Thursday)**

6:15pm Sewing downstairs

##### **October 10 (Sunday)**

10:30am Stone Baptism

##### **October 12 (Tuesday)**

6pm Council Meeting

##### **October 18 (Monday)**

5:30pm Lakeshore Modern Quilters,  
Fellowship Hall

##### **October 20 (Wednesday)**

6pm Girl Scouts

##### **October 23 (Saturday)**

9am Church Cleanup

##### **October 24 (Sunday)**

10:15am Congregational Meeting