



Good News of Grace



November 2020

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.”

Small Group Worship

As COVID cases continue to rise in here in Wisconsin, we are following the bishop and synod council recommendations to take a conservative approach in our response to the current conditions by suspending in-person worship until further notice. Please watch Grace Notes for further updates. See page 4 for online worship opportunities.



Email/Text Scams

Email and phone scams continue to be a problem. If you receive a suspicious email from what appears to be a church member in need of help, please contact the office before responding.

Annual Report Reminder

Just a reminder to those who are responsible for providing annual reports, the deadline to turn them in is December 15.

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 Wednesday, **November 4 and 18.**



Worship and Education

Worship Schedule: *Currently Suspended*
Sunday - 8, 9, 10 & 11am (signup)
Tuesday - 12:10pm (signup)

Education *Currently Suspended*
Faith Formation - Sundays 10:15am
Bible Study - Thursdays 12pm

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.

Grace Lutheran Staff

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Birthdays and Social Concerns News

November Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gretchen Karthausen	2
Hayley Plank	4
Daniel Greinke	6
Jim Button	7
Charlotte Koch	7
Luke Kamarainen	9
John Stockbridge	11
Maddie Gehr	11

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Elsa Beck	15
June Sibley	17
Madalynne Baum	20
Libby Biggin	20
Adam Hamm	21
Neal Karthausen	22
Becky Martin	22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Antonio Baum	23
Trina Brown	23
Mark Wendling	26
Lauren Miller	27
Samantha Wolf	29



Virtual Cookie Sale

This year, 2020, has been very difficult to say the least. It has been hard to be isolated in so many ways. Imagine how much more difficult it would be if you had NOWHERE to call home. That is the situation that homeless men, women and children have to endure now.

For the Board of Social Concerns it is our ministry that tries to help our homeless neighbors. This is accomplished in part through volunteers making sandwiches twice a month for The Guest House of Milwaukee. Funding for this outreach ministry usually comes from our annual Christmas Cookie Sale. But this year we do not think we can responsibly hold our normal cookie sale. Therefore, we invite you to participate in our **virtual cookie sale** to raise money to help feed homeless people in Milwaukee. There are two phases for this fund-raiser: (1) instead of enlisting people to bake holiday cookies, we ask that bakers donate the money that would have been spent for ingredients, and (2) instead of buying a dozen cookies, we ask for donations in the equivalent of \$5.00 per dozen cookies that you probably would have purchased. Unlike the traditional cookie sale, your donations can be designated in memory of someone or in honor of someone. These designated donations will be listed in the January, Good News. The **virtual cookie sale** will run through the month of December.

Advantages of our virtual cookie sale:

1. If you are not a baker, you can “bake” cookies this year by donating the cost of ingredients.
2. If you have some medical concern (gluten, lactose, etc), you will be able to indulge in more virtual cookies
3. Virtual cookies have no sugar or fat and are calorie free so you can splurge more this year.
4. You will not have left over ingredients
5. You will not have to store the cookies until Christmas.
6. If your gatherings are limited due to COVID or other, you will not have to limit the number of cookies
7. You will be able to help Social Concerns meet the needs, of which there may be more this year, of our community.

Last year the Board of Social Concerns raised almost \$1200. The challenge in 2020 is to raise a similar amount to fund the sandwich ministry for Guest House. We need your generous donations if we are to reach this goal.

See form on page 3 to participate.



VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

TO SUPPORT SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

THIS IS A VIRTUAL COOKIE SALE. NO COOKIES WILL BE MADE. THE COOKIES YOU BUY ARE NOT ACTUAL COOKIES. THIS IS A FUN WAY TO DONATE TO SOCIAL CONCERNS.

I would have made _____ dozen cookies. The cost of the ingredients would have been \$_____.00 which I will donate to the Social Concerns ministry.

I would normally buy _____ dozen cookies. At \$5.00/ dozen I will donate \$_____.00 to the Social Concerns ministry. This donation will feed homeless people through the sandwiches that Grace Lutheran makes for Guest House.

I would like to buy _____ dozen virtual cookies in memory of _____

At \$5.00/ dozen I will donate \$_____.00 to the Social Concerns ministry.

I would like to buy _____ dozen virtual cookies in honor of _____

At \$5.00/ dozen I will donate \$_____.00 to the Social Concerns ministry.

Please mail your checks to:

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Name: _____

Please fill out this form and mail it to the church with a check made out to Grace Lutheran Church with "Cookie Sale" in the memo line.

Another option is to email the form to the church office (padmin@grace53092.org) and send a payment to **\$Grace53092** using Cash App on your mobile device. If you don't already have the app, it can be downloaded from the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (android). It can then be linked to a credit card or bank account.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Worship with Holy Communion:

Sundays: 8, 9, 10, 11am

Tuesdays Devotional 12:10pm

All Services Currently Suspended



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Christmas Worship Update

Christmas services will be online this year. Watch for the links in an email or find them on Youtube as usual (see **Online Worship** below).

On Christmas Eve at 7pm you are invited to gather outside the church, wearing a mask, to hear the Gospel and sing Silent Night holding candles!

Online Worship

Below is the web address for the Grace YouTube channel where you can watch the videos. You are encouraged to hit SUBSCRIBE once you are on this channel to receive notices about upcoming videos.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVuwfqNTuz2ldJyrrLTZ9Xg?view_as=subscriber

Worship with us Online!