



Good News of Grace



September 2021

Grace Lutheran Church
303 Green Bay Road
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.”

September Worship Updates

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*)!

Interested in Membership?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the congregation, please talk to Pastor Bill or call/email the office. We will receive new members in September, exact date TBD. Watch Grace Notes for updates.

Men’s Bible Study

By Dick Reuter, printed in his memory

Our meeting once a month at the church is truly a happy get together for men on a Saturday morning at 9am guys! Consider coming to one, and if you don’t like it, don’t come back.

We discuss a portion of the Bible, Pastor Bill leads the lesson and we take turns providing goodies for breakfast (sweet rolls or donuts)! I realize that working hard all week you look forward to a weekend off, but again, just try it once!

We are hoping to start meeting again this fall. Watch Grace Notes and bulletins for updates. See you there!



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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Letter from Pastor Bill

Dear Congregation of Grace

It has become almost laughable to be using the phrase “these are unprecedented times.” The challenges that we have faced in the last 17 months have seemed to be right out of a science fiction book. It can be difficult for us to grasp the reality of what we are living through and that can leave us frustrated and yes, even angry. As the pastor and spiritual leader, my main goal and objective has been to provide spiritually for this congregation, while keeping people as safe and as healthy as possible.

As a pastor the most difficult thing is the fact that in one moment (March 13, 2020) my whole concept of ministry and my whole way of doing ministry changed with the simple decision to stop in-person worship. Imagine working in a job for 30 years and all of a sudden one day the boss comes in and tells you that you cannot keep doing your job the way you have been, but leaves you with no guidance or manuals to teach you how to do your job anew. That is what has happened to pastors and congregations all over our country.

In the past couple of months I have had to learn new skills like video editing, and research new concepts like trauma and PTSD that have never been a part of my ministry in the past. The challenge of finding new ways to connect people with God through virtual means can be interesting when that has never been a part of your ministry before. It seemed every day there was something new I had to learn. Something new I had to address. Some new challenge placed in my path that had to be met. And it appears as if we are not done yet.

Because of all of this, there are many ways in which I feel I have failed the congregation. Phone calls have not been made. Connections have not been maintained. Sometimes when you are a pastor your job gets in the way of doing your job. And for that I am truly sorry and humbly ask for your forgiveness and grace.

I am not trying to make an excuse for the ways where I have missed the mark when it comes to the ministry of Grace. But, I hope that an explanation of what has been happening might help people see that while I may have been lacking in one area, that was allowing more energy to flow in other areas of ministry.

There are added challenges to ministry as well. Everyone has different needs and wants and it is my desire out of my pure love for the members of this congregation to meet every one of those needs. But, I cannot always do that instinctively.

I would like to ask the congregation to commit to partnering with me in ministry at this challenging time. If you have a need, please contact me and let me help. If you are sick, need a visit, or are just in need of a caring conversation, I want to be there for you. Please feel free to give me a call. There is nothing wrong with asking for your pastor to be there for you.

Often times people will be going through something and they will say, “well, the pastor should know I need his help” or “the pastor is too busy for this issue.” But, that is not the case. Sometimes people are going through things and it can be difficult to guess people’s spiritual needs. So, I ask that you please reach out and let me know. In this way we can partner together and build a stronger congregation.

We have a fantastic ministry here, but it is changing. We as people are changing. And our world is changing. This will allow us new opportunities to reach out to our community. But, I need your help. Starting in September I will be working harder to connect and reconnect with the members of our congregation. It is my hope in this, that we can begin to find new and exciting ways to build this ministry.

Peace,
Pastor Bill

Birthdays & Other News

September Worship Leaders

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

9/5

Reader: Bev Leidel
Wine: Sandy Smith, Nancy Perez
Usher: Dieter Bruhnke
Comm. Setup: Sandy Smith

9/12

Reader: TBD
Wine: JoAnn Holdmann
Usher: Sandy Smith
Comm. Setup: Bev Leidel

9/19

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

9/26

Reader: Dawn Omernik-Nimmer
Wine: TBD
Usher: TBD
Comm. Setup: TBD

September Birthdays

Name	Date
Paul Petersen	3
Betty Thompson	5
Jack Smiley	7
Rip McManus	9
Grace Roeker	9
Steve Mussatti	13
Robin Koch	16
Joan Grothman	17
Corey Wolf	17
Nicholas Habermann	18
Paul Goniou	19
Dylan Ellner	20
Courtney Meyer	21
Maren Stahle	21
Emily Buczynski	22
Ross Greinke	22
Gerald Lohr	23
Tatum Scheithauer	24
Ione Ashworth	25
Nancy Spindler	25
Kathy Maciejewski	28
Ross Sibley	28
Laura Petersen	29

*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!*



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, **September 1 and 15.**



Outreach for Hope



You can still sign up for the Saturday, September 25 **Outreach for Hope 2021 Ride Run Walk** (formerly the Family Bike Ride), and help FUNdraise \$150K for grants to central city congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod!

Contact Jordan Beck with any questions at jordanpbeck@gmail.com.

Learn more at OFHRRW.org

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!

Memorial Fund Activity for July

Income:	\$14
Expenditures:	\$0
Balance:	\$15,175
(Designated:	\$11,416)
(Available:	\$3,759)

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September 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)
12:10 Devotional Svc., Sanctuary
6:30pm Scouts

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

9am Meals on Wheels, F.H.

Other Events & Meetings

September 2 (Thursday)

9am Quilting

September 14 (Tuesday)

6pm Council Meeting

September 20 (Monday)

5:30pm Lakeshore Modern Quilters,
Fellowship Hall

2021 Grace Council Members

In the event you would like to speak to a council member, below is the 2021 list of members. This list will be included in the Good News going forward.

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