



# Good News of Grace



## November 2019

Grace Lutheran Church  
303 Green Bay Road  
Thiensville, WI 53092

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262-242-1174

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

### November Highlights

#### **November 3, 9am - All Saints' Day**

We gather to give thanks to God for the baptismal journeys of those who have gone before us.

#### **November 3, 10:15am - Sunday School**



#### **November 10, 9am - Pulpit Swap**

We welcome Pastor Paul Bulgerin from Grace Lutheran in Grafton as he and Pastor Bill swap places for the morning.

#### **November 17, 10:15am - Sunday School**

#### **November 17, 6pm - Confirmation Class**

#### **November 24, 9am - El Salvador Sunday**

This a day to celebrate Grace's partnership with the church in El Salvador. If you wish to support our scholarship recipients please mark your check 'El Salvador Scholarship' in the memo line.



#### **November 27, 7pm - Thanksgiving Worship at Immanuel Lutheran**

Join us for worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedarburg, as we gather with area churches and give thanks for all of God's blessings!

Address: W61N498 Washington Ave, Cedarburg



### Worship and Education

#### Worship Schedule:

**Sunday - 9am**

**Tuesday Devotional - 12:10pm**



#### Education

**Faith Formation - Sundays 10:15am**

**Bible Study - Thursday 12pm**

### Over 55 Greenhouse Tour

Over 55 will visit the Karthaus & Sons Greenhouse on Saturday, November 30. We will gather at the greenhouse at 11am for a light lunch followed by a narrated tour by Brian. Sign-up will run November 3-24 with a limit of 30 participants. There is no cost involved in this outing, just great fellowship. We hope that we will have a good showing for this event.



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# Renovation Visioning Minutes

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9/22/19

## Grace Lutheran Church Renovation Visioning

- I. Welcome – Ryan Bernard
- II. Prayer – Pastor Bill
- III. Introduction – Paul
- IV. Design Considerations
  - a. Liturgical Symbols of the Spirit: Fire, Water, Wind, Sustenance of the Earth
    - i. All of these are free-flowing and ever-changing
    - ii. Church structural design is also dynamic, every-changing
  - b. Altar/Table
    - i. Key part of sacramental worship
    - ii. Consider how people experience/connect with the altar based on altar's positioning
    - iii. Distance from the altar is a barrier to participation in worship
    - iv. Consider benefits of flexible structures
  - c. Table Fellowship
    - i. Often occurs after service, outside of sanctuary
  - d. Lectern/Pulpit (Place where the Word is spoken)
    - i. Consider accessibility
  - e. Music
  - f. Children's Sermon/Dramas
  - g. Digital Technology
  - h. Font
  - i. Diversity of the Congregation
    - i. Consider children in worship
    - ii. Variety in parenting styles/needs
    - iii. Aging members
    - iv. Mobility abilities
    - v. Vision/Hearing abilities
  - j. Vigil/Flame
- V. Discussion
  - a. Liturgy & Music
    - i. Challenge: Music is shoved in the corner
    - ii. Challenge: Choir turns to the side to see music leader
    - iii. Vision: Put the band in the main space
    - iv. Vision: Highlight the organ pipes that are now hidden
    - v. Challenge: if we move the music out of the corner, how will we make use of the existing side space?
    - vi. Vision: get people closer to the table or allow for flexible options
    - vii. Challenge: communion rail is currently used infrequently. Consider removal

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## b. Technology in Worship

- i. Challenge: current speakers have limited integration with each other and control panel that is outside of worship space
- ii. Vision: Update speaker system to accommodate music, readers, pastor, etc.
- iii. Vision: Consider sound-person convenience and ease of technology so that we are not dependent on just one person who knows how to operate the system
- iv. Challenge: hearing impaired members – we have little option to accommodate
- v. Vision: use technology to assist hearing impaired and vision impaired
- vi. Vision: screens that blend in with the worship space
- vii. Vision: flexibility to be able to move screens or speakers to meet the needs of the presentation
- viii. Vision: consider technology that would allow us to record and broadcast
- ix. Vision: technology should be unobtrusive
- x. Vision: use of technology in the coffee fellowship area to share announcements and updates

## c. Seating & Arrangement

- i. Challenge: hard to picture anything other than what it is now. Need examples.
- ii. Vision: accommodate various mobility devices and physical abilities
- iii. Vision: provide flexible seating options to allow persons with mobility to sit where they need to in order to engage in worship
- iv. Vision: Seats with armrests to accommodate physical needs; these need to be repositionable
- v. Challenge: fixed structures/seating do not allow people to sit where the worship is occurring – they can only sit where the seats that meet their needs are positioned
- vi. Vision: flexible seating to accommodate creative worship elements like dramas or other presentations
- vii. Vision: we like the Word being spoken in the middle of our church; consider a way that seating allows us to continue to do this.
- viii. Vision: comfortable seating for all
- ix. Vision: variety of seating (benches, chairs with armrests)
- x. Concern: unfixed chairs shifting around when bumped or pushed
- xi. Challenge: kids hitting their head on structures/chairs/book-holder
- xii. Suggestion: Allow members to test seat options
- xiii. Challenge: members bring coffee in mugs to church and put them on the ground, always worried about them getting kicked or tipped over
- xiv. Vision: cupholder on the back of the chairs?

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- d. Parenting & Care
  - i. Challenge: kids currently run away to nursery area, difficult to incorporate them into church
  - ii. Vision: Option to incorporate a space for kids in the worship space
  - iii. Vision: have the worship be the “fun space” so that the worship is not the “boring space” and the nursery is the “fun space”
  - iv. Suggestion: Consider keeping bathroom in front of sanctuary in place if a children’s area will be located nearby. Be aware that bathroom is currently un-heated.
- e. Environment & Aesthetics
  - i. Vision: traditional symbols (like wood carvings in the front) are respected and maintained (open to relocation)
  - ii. Vision: allow for the sanctuary to be decorated during different seasons
  - iii. Vision: Flexibility with where to place/position artwork (or our giant Christmas tree)
  - iv. Suggestion: Include worship & Arts committee
  - v. Comment: sanctuary is currently a ship-shape. This is appreciated
  - vi. Challenge: overflow seating goes outside the sanctuary
  - vii. Vision: consider ways to incorporate overflow seating into the sanctuary
- f. Anything Else
  - i. Challenge: current fellowship after church is prohibited by small kitchenette
  - ii. Vision: better service area with counter space to allow members to flow and food servers to access kitchen;
    - 1. Comment: we have a big kitchen area upstairs in fellowship hall. Discussed that this may be available, but it is challenging to engage visitors in fellowship that is upstairs
  - iii. Vision: Need for flexibility and expression of music and arts; options to share communion
  - iv. Challenge: prioritization of all the above visions
    - 1. Goal of design will be to allow options that will allow us to move forward with features now or later in the future (depending on budget and priorities)
  - v. Comment: Coat rack area by the bathrooms are not used
  - vi. Challenge: Bathroom has industrial feel currently, Vision – could be updated

## VI. Next Steps

- a. Review and summarize vision
- b. Connect with any additional leader representatives (Arts)
- c. Bring design options back to the church

# Social Concerns News

## Annual Cookie Sale

**Date:** Saturday, December 7

**Time:** 9am - Noon

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

The Board of Social Concerns is once again gearing up to host our annual cookie sale.

This event is the primary fundraiser for Social



Concerns, and allows us to support various ministries throughout the year, including All People's, El Salvador, and Guest House.

But we need your help. First, we need people to bake cookies and/or any other homemade baked goods (popular items include mini breads, cupcakes, and gluten-free sweets). Second, we need people to come by and buy cookies, so tell all your neighbors about the cookie sale!

We also need helpers to set up the Fellowship Hall the night before the sale, Friday, December 6 at 6 pm, as well as helpers on the day of the sale. Look for sign-up sheets (coming soon) on the communications desk.

Thanks to everyone who has made this event so successful year after year. Let's bake our way to another great year!

## Christmas Wish Lists

### **Guest House**

**Deadline: December 9**

Every day, men who live without homes find shelter and hope at the Guest House in Milwaukee. Help brighten their Christmas with a \$10 gift card from Walgreens.



**There will be a box available to deposit these cards, no envelope necessary.**

### **All Peoples Church**

**Deadline: December 9**



All Peoples  
Church

Please consider providing a Christmas gift for a child from All People's.

Look for tags on the Christmas giving tree in the narthex. Tags will have gift suggestions.

**All items must be new.**



### **Lasata Care Center**

**Deadline: December 9**



Make the season bright for residents of Lasata with these gifts.

#### Toiletries

Aftershave lotion, cologne, hand and body lotions, perfume

#### Candy

Decorative tins of cookies, sugar-free candy, wrapped soft chocolates

#### Clothing (Men and Women)

Long sleeved tops (M, L, XL), sweat pants, lounge pants (M, L, XL), socks with gripper soles, sports team clothing

#### Miscellaneous

Throws, afghans, decorative pillows (no feathers), clip earrings, pins, necklaces, stuffed animals (a favorite), large-faced watches (men's and women's), DVD movies, picture books related to golf, Packers, Brewers, Badgers, music CD's (Elvis, polka, big band, country, 1950's)

**All items must be new.**

**Please do not wrap gifts.**

# News and Notes

## All Peoples' Church Food Pantry Item Update

All Peoples' is very much in need of non-perishable food items. Please drop items in the bin in the narthex.



## Guest House Sandwiches

We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month, on the first and third Wednesdays, at 8:15am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesday, **November 6 and 20.**



## Drivers Needed

If you would be interested in helping other members of Grace get to and from Church in the event their normal means of transportation is not available, please call or email the office. A list of drivers will then be created for those members to call upon should they need a ride.

## Quilting News

129 quilts were sent to LWR and several quilts were purchased on Quilt Sunday! Thank you to everyone who helped, including the ones who donated fabrics. These Knotty Ladies meet the first and third Thursdays of each month, as well as time on their own at home, to make the beautiful quilts. Thank you Knotty Ladies! A special thank you to the Karthausers, who give us boxes every year and then deliver them to the railway.



Thank you to everyone who has donated quilt backings, they are very much appreciated! Keep them coming if you have any solid color sheets for quilt backings. You can drop them off in the office or the quilting room.

## November Birthdays

Name	Date
Gretchen Karthausers	2
Hayley Plank	4
Daniel Greinke	6
Jim Button	7
Charlotte Koch	7
Luke Kamarainen	9
John Stockbridge	11
Shane Reddemann	12
Elsa Beck	15
Madalynne Baum	20
Libby Biggin	20
Adam Hamm	21
Neal Karthausers	22
Becky Martin	22
Antonio Baum	23
Trina Brown	23
Mark Wendling	26
Lauren Miller	27
Samantha Wolf	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!*

## Shalom Circle News

Shalom Circle has purchased 24 winter jackets for needy children. They will be given to Family Sharing of Ozaukee County and to All People's Church.



## Memorial Fund Activity for September

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$34</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$5,371</b>
(Designated:	\$2,640)
(Available:	\$2,731)

## Christmas Pageant Program

Mark your calendars for Sunday, **December 15**, when we will gather for worship with holy communion and the Christmas program.

# Fall Gathering Fun

Great fun was had by all at the Grace Fall Gathering on October 20!



Thanks to Maygie May for capturing all the fun in these photos!



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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Worship with Holy Communion:**

**Sundays: 9:00am**

**Tuesdays: 12:10pm**

**Education:**

**Faith Formation - Sundays 10:15am**

**Bible Study - Thursdays: 12pm**



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**Christmas Poinsettia Order Form**



Please fill out this form, attach a check, and place in the offering plate, in the box on the Communication Desk, or send to the office before Sunday, November 24th.

You are invited to contribute poinsettias in honor or memory of important people in your life. Designations will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Plants are \$10 each. Please print name(s) as clearly as possible.

\_\_\_ In Memory/Honor (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church (Memo: "Poinsettias") and return this form on or before November 24th.

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am SBG Rehearsal 5pm Rolyan Event F.H.
3 ALLSAINTS' DAY 8:30am Chancel Choir Warm-Up <b>9:00am Worship/ Com.</b> 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Women's Choir Reh.	4	5 9:00am Pr's Colectivo hrs. <b>12:10pm Worship/Com</b> 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Messiah Reh. in Sanctuary	6 8:15am Guest House Sandwiches  5:30pm Larsen Band Practice	7 9:30am Quilting  12:00pm Bible Study  6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 PULPIT SWAP 8:30am Chancel Choir Warm-Up <b>9:00am Worship/ Com.</b> <i>Blood Pressure Screening Before/After Worship</i> 10:30am Chancel Choir Reh.	11	12 9:00am Pr's Colectivo hrs. <b>12:10pm Worship/Com</b>  6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm Messiah Reh. in Sanctuary	13  5:30pm Larsen Band Practice	14 12:00pm Bible Study  6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	15	16 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am SBG Rehearsal  10:00am Xiong Baby Shower
17 8:15am SBG Warm-Up <b>9:00am Worship/ Com.</b> 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Chancel Choir Reh. 6:00pm Confirmation Class	18  5:30pm Lakeshore Modern Quilters	19 9:00am Pr's Colectivo hrs. <b>12:10pm Worship/Com</b>  6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Messiah Reh. in Sanctuary	20 8:15am Guest House Sandwiches 9:00am Northshore Retired Clergy Mtg. 5:30pm Larsen Band Practice	21 9:30am Quilting  12:00pm Bible Study  6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 EL SALVADOR SUNDAY 8:15am Bell/Chancel Choir Warm-Up <b>9:00am Worship/ Com.</b> 10:30am Women's Choir Reh. 2:00pm Thanksgiving Choir Reh.	25	26 9:00am Pr's Colectivo hrs. <b>12:10pm Worship/Com</b>  6:30pm Scouts	27 5:30pm Larsen Band Practice <b>7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Immanuel Lutheran</b>	28  <i>Office Closed</i>	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30 9:00am SBG Rehearsal

# NOVEMBER LEADERS

	GREETERS	HOSTS
	<b>9:00 am</b>	
3	Judy Button	Jim Button
10	Alice Sedgwick	John Richmond
17	Trina Brown	Gerri Schesel
24	Matt Bartz	The Beck Family

READERS	
	<b>9am</b>
3	Dawn Mark Bacon-Johnson
10	John Richmond
17	Mark Ortell
24	Mary Karthaus

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS		
	Bread	Wine
3	Tom Gauthier	1. Sandy Smith 2. Pam Johnson
10	Ross Greinke	1. Helga Ickert 2. Elsbeth Bruhnke
17	Rip McManus	1. Rosa McManus 2. JoAnn Holdmann
24	Karen Larsen	1. Holly Grassin-Kremmel 2. Karen Petersen

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP (sign up with a buddy!)	
3	Alice Neitzel, John Walch, & Diane Umhoefer
10	Gerri Schesel & TBD
17	TBD
24	El Salvador Sunday

**COMMUNION SET-UP (See Diane Umhoefer to sign up)**

9am	
Nov. 3	Helga Ickert
Nov. 10	Beth Buczynski
Nov. 17	Lisa & Andrew Knuth
Nov. 24	Leigh Benson

**USHERS**

Nov. 3	Leigh Benson and David Rauth
Nov. 10	Leigh Benson and David Rauth
Nov. 17	Alice Sedgwick and Sandy Smith
Nov. 24	Alice Sedgwick and Sandy Smith

**COUNTERS**

Nov. 3/4	Mark Ortell* and Jim Button
Nov. 10/11	Ralph Buchweitz* and Christa Buchweitz
Nov. 17/18	Carol Raymond* and Alice Neitzel
Nov. 24/25	Steve Mussatti* and Beth Buczynski

ACOLYTES	
	<b>9 am</b>
3	Madalynne Baum
10	Luke Kamarainen
17	Caitlin Brown
24	Maya Rauen

**Pews:** Stacy and Maya Rauen

***Help us Serve!***

**Please help us out in the office by letting us know if you would like to be a worship volunteer. Try something new! We'll get you trained and ready to go!**