



Good News of Grace



February 2020

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

February Highlights

February 12, 26 - 10:15am Sunday School



February 16 - 11am Chili Lunch
(See page 5 for details)



A Note from Pastor Bill

“Four score and seven years ago our (fathers) brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all (men) are created equal.” The amazing words of Abraham Lincoln. Our 16th President who preserved the union and freed the slaves. But, dude! What’s with all the sexist language??

Language is a funny thing. It changes and morphs. Words change their meanings based on context and time. In Lincoln’s day and age the word “men” was universally understood as “mankind” or “all people.” This was a change even from the days of George Washington where the phrase “men” simply meant “land owners.”

Lincoln had a way of being sensitive to the feelings and struggles of the people he served. This may have been the impetus of the Emancipation Proclamation. If he were to write today after listening to the struggles of people in our culture he may have said:

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Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sunday - 9am

Tuesday Devotional - 12:10pm



Education

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.

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News and Notes

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Four score and seven years ago our ancestors brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all are created equal.

Lincoln was a listener. Lincoln heard things that were not even spoken. There was a tradition of Lincoln's that I really enjoyed learning about. On Tuesdays the President would sit in his office and one by one would allow ANY citizen to come in and speak to him for 10 to 15 minutes. This open door policy gave him an opportunity to hear from normal, ordinary citizens. It was this openness and this ability to listen that made Lincoln a great man.

But, we in 2020 do not listen anymore. The divisions we have in this country are the results of us ceasing to listen to one another. The political and religious divides are all evidence of our inability to listen to each other and to understand.



The Prayer of St. Francis says, "Help me not so much seek to be understood as to understand." This means that, as Christians, we have an obligation when we sit with each other to work hard to understand the person sitting with us. We do not have to agree with them, we do not even have to like what they say, but when we understand we become stronger as a Church.

There are things in my ministry that are a factor now that have never been a factor before. When I sit with families who have just lost a loved one I have to have a conversation with them about staying off social media for 24 hours until all the family can be contacted. I have heard stories again and again of people who found out that a family member had died on Facebook.

The interesting thing about social media is that it removes the concept of listening from our lives. What would happen if we had a conversation with someone and just listened to what they had to say? No comments, no correction, no debate....just listen. I wonder what that would do to our bonds.

Abraham Lincoln remains one of my favorite historical figures because he was a man who listened to those around him. While I am not very good at it myself, I am seeking to become a better listener myself in 2020. It is my prayer that we strive to be better listeners and grow stronger in the process.

Together in Mission

Every year the Greater Milwaukee Synod sponsors an event that allows us as a congregation to grow in our faith and our ministry. Together in Mission, is not only an educational event, but it is also a chance for us to meet people from other congregations and share ministry ideas and challenges. Members of congregations are invited to attend. It always proves to be a good time for everyone involved. Worship, workshops, and fellowship make this an event that will energize and encourage you to bring a sense of vitality to this congregation. Please consider joining us this year. Information and registration can be found at: <https://milwaukee-synod.org/event/together-in-mission/>



The church will pay the registration fee for this event. Please let Pastor Bill know if you are interested in going.

Upcoming Museum Hopping Events

By Nancy Spindler

Fri Feb 21 Wisconsin Quilt Museum – Infinite Ivory & Blue Exhibit
Cost is \$8/person (\$7 for seniors).
View quilts from the 1800s – present.
Meet at church at 10am or at the museum at 10:20am

Sat Mar 21 Historic Milwaukee Sky Walk Tour
Cost is \$10/person. Tickets can be purchased in advance on the Historic Milwaukee Website. This is an architectural and history tour.

Interested? Talk to Nancy Spindler
414-510-7050.

FEBRUARY LEADERS

	GREETERS	HOSTS
	9:00 am	
2	Jim & Judy Button	Helga Ickert
9	Stacy Rauen	Jim & Anna Martin
16	Kathy & Terry Young	Sandy Smith
23	Steve Mussatti	Diane Umhoefer

READERS	
	9am
2	Gretchen Karthaus
9	Ross Greinke
16	Andrew Knuth
23	Mary Karthaus

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS		
	Bread	Wine
2	Jim Button	1. Helga Ickert 2. Elsbeth Bruhnke
9	Rip McManus	1. Rosa McManus 2. JoAnn Holdmann
16	Tom Gauthier	1. Holly Grassin-Kremmel 2. Karen Petersen
23	Ross Greinke	1. Mark Wendling 2. Pam Johnson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP (sign up with a buddy!)	
2	Scout Troop 852
9	
16	Beck family in honor of Elsa & Luther's baptism
23	Nancy Perez and TBD

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

- 9am**
- Feb. 2** Jim & Anna Martin
Feb. 9 Ross Greinke
Feb. 16 Kathy Young
Feb. 23 Dieter & Elsbeth Bruhnke

USHERS

- Feb. 2** Sandy Smith & David Rauth
Feb. 9 Sandy Smith & David Rauth
Feb. 16 Nancy Perez & Alice Sedgwick
Feb. 23 Nancy Perez & Alice Sedgwick

ACOLYTES	
	9 am
2	Sadie Ferguson
9	Luke Kamarainen
16	Antonio Baum
23	Logan Hamm

COUNTERS

- Feb. 2/3** Mark Ortell* & Jim Button
Feb. 9/10 Marcia Seehusen* & Diane Umhoefer
Feb. 16/17 Carol Raymond* & Alice Neitzel
Feb. 23/24 Steve Mussatti* & Beth Buczynski

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!

Pews: Ross Greinke

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00am Men's Bible Study
2 8:00am Bell Choir Warm-up 9:00am Worship/ Com. 10:30am WAM Team Meeting	3	4 12:10pm Worship/Com 6:30pm Scouts	5 8:15am Guest House Sandwiches 6:30pm Band Practice	6 9:30am Quilting 12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	7	8 9:00am SBG Practice
9 8:15am SBG Band Warm-up 9:00am Worship/ Com. <i>Blood Pressure Screening Before/After Worship</i> 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Chancel Choir Reh.	10	11 9:00am Northshore Retired Clergy Mtg. 12:10pm Worship/Com 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Council Meeting	12 6:30pm Band Practice	13 12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	14	15 9:00am Men's Bible Study
16 8:30am Chancel Choir Warm-up 9:00am Worship/ Com. 10:30am Chancel Choir Reh. 11:00am Chili Lunch 2:30pm Henning Recital	17 5:30pm Lakeshore Modern Quilters	18 12:10pm Worship/Com 6:30pm Scouts	19 8:15am Guest House Sandwiches 6:30pm Band Practice	20 9:30am Quilting 12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	21	22 9:00am SBG Practice TBD Arneson Wedding
23 8:00am Bells, Women, Men Warm-up 9:00am Worship/ Com. 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Women's Choir Reh.	24	25 12:10pm Worship/Com 6:30pm Scouts	26 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship	27 12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	28	29 5pm Cub Scout Blue/Gold Ceremony

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, **February 5 and 19.**



The Music Man!

The School District of Brown Deer Presents: THE MUSIC MAN! Featuring our very own Gretchen Karthaus.

Thursday, 2/13, 7pm
Friday, 2/14, 7pm
Saturday, 2/15, 7pm
Sunday, 2/16, 2pm



\$10 Adult; \$7 Senior Citizen; \$5 Student
Brown Deer High School Theater
8060 N. 60th St. Brown Deer, WI 53223.

Memorial Fund Activity for December

Income:	\$3,035
Expenditures:	\$0
Balance:	\$8,414
(Designated:	\$2,580)
(Available:	\$5,834)

February Birthdays

Name	Date
Donna Eigel	1
Randy Radiske	4
Sylvia Sampe	5
Kim Nagel	6
Chris Cunningham	8
Beverly Smiley	11
Elliot Nimmer	16
Lucy Koch	17
Karen Martin	19
Drew Wagner	19
Terry Young	19
Wayne Aschauer	20
Steve Karthaus	20
Edna Steitz	20
James Laabs	21
Jim Nutter	24
Dick Reuter	24
Gary Plotkin	27
Ralph Buchweitz	28
Diane Weber	28
Alice Sedgwick	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!

Over 55 Chili Lunch Reminder

By John Stockbridge

Over 55, in coordination with Thrivent, is going to sponsor a chili lunch for everyone at Grace Lutheran. This event is a fundraiser for Guest House of Milwaukee and St. Ben's.

The chili lunch will be in the fellowship hall on February 16, 2020 starting at 11:00am with entertainment. Tickets for the chili lunch can now be purchased. The prices are \$10 per individual or \$25 per family. The lunch will include chili (and an opportunity to vote for your favorite), salad, drinks, bread of some kind, and a dessert. We hope that many people of all ages will join Over 55 for this event.



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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Tuesdays: 12:10pm

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