



Good News of Grace



December 2020

Grace Lutheran Church
303 Green Bay Road
Thiensville, WI 53092

www.grace53092.org
262-242-1174

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

Small Group Worship

In-person worship is still suspended until further notice. Please watch Grace Notes for further updates.



Christmas Worship

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

In YouTube, search for *Grace Thiensville* to find our videos. You are encouraged to hit **SUBSCRIBE** once you are on this channel to receive notices about upcoming videos.

Worship with us Online!

Worship and Education

Worship Schedule: *Currently Suspended*

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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Annual Report Reminder

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

Social Concerns News

Better than an Oreo? Yes!!!

By John Stockbridge

A cookie a day keeps sadness away, according to one “old wives’ tale.” That works in two ways with the Board of Social Concerns virtual cookie sale. When you buy some virtual cookies – that is make a donation of any amount to the ministry of Social Concerns in our area – hopefully you will feel that you have done a good, generous and caring thing for struggling people in Ozaukee and Milwaukee counties. The other half of this feel good cookie is experienced by the people who have sandwiches at Guest House of Milwaukee, and by people who have food and shelter as a part of Family Promise in Ozaukee county.

So far the cookie sale promises to be a success. If you haven’t made a contribution, you can do so until the end of the year. Gifts can be made in memory of a loved one, or in honor of some special person in your life.

Because the cookies are virtual, they have no calories, and you don’t have to worry about gluten or nut allergies. You can “eat” as many as you like and never get full, never gain any weight. And you can realize that you are doing something to help struggling neighbors. We suggest donations of \$5.00 for each dozen virtual cookies that you “buy.”

Donations can be sent to Grace Lutheran Church with “Social Concerns” in the memo line. Donations in memory of someone or in honor of someone will be listed.



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, **December 2 and 16.**



Update on the 2020 Giving Tree

By Mark Ortell

For reasons that may be obvious, the Board of Social Concerns will not be directly collecting and distributing gifts as we would normally do for All People’s Church, Lasata Senior Care Center, Guest House, and Luther Manor.

These organizations still need our support though and we ask everyone to still consider giving to these organizations. You may visit Allpeoplesgathering.org, Guesthouseofmilwaukee.com, or Luthermanor.org for online giving opportunities. See page 4 for more details on Luther Manor Love Lights. For Lasata Senior Care Center you can mail a check with *Christmas Gifts* in the memo line to:

Lasata Care Center
W76 N677 Wauwatosa Rd.
Cedarburg, WI 53012



El Salvador Scholarships

On Christ the King Sunday, Grace celebrated its partnership with Mi Buen Jesús Lutheran Church in Puerto Parada, El Salvador. One of the ways we accompany this congregation, and its sister congregations in the eastern region of El Salvador, is by supporting their university scholarship program. Grace currently supports two students. Nicolas Torres is in what is expected to be his final year of study, pursuing a degree in public accounting. Emilio Torres continues to study diligently for his English degree. As it has here, the COVID-19 pandemic has hit El Salvador hard. Nicolas was supposed to graduate this year, but the pandemic will likely delay his graduation until 2021. The community is hopeful that Emilio will graduate in 2021 as well. But the program, which depends largely on contributions during El Salvador Sunday, needs our help. Please consider supporting this program by sending your contribution to Grace as soon as possible. To be sure your check goes to the scholarship program, please write “El Salvador Scholarships” on the memo line. The ministries of Pastor Julio thank you sincerely!

Birthdays Other News

December Birthdays

Name	Date
Dieter Bruhnke	2
Dee Christofferson-Robar	5
Bill Luebke	6
Kari Gilhams	9
Haley Carney	10
Tom Leidel	12
Steve Smiley	16
Kris Ertl	17
John Junker	17
Aaron Zenke	18
Becca Laabs	19
Karen Larsen	20
Dorene Achterberg	21
Suzy Wagner	21
Laurie Plotkin	23
Tony Ferguson	25
Kevin Sibley	25
Sophie Biggin	30
Emily James	30
Jennifer Hamm	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!



Time & Talents Sheet



Don't forget to turn in your Time and Talents sheet by the first of the year!
Thank you!

Communion

If you would like to receive communion, please call Pr. Bill at 262-674-4714 to have him either come to your home or organize no contact communion at the church.



Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study

Pr. Bill has started a Zoom Bible Study on the book of Ephesians. This study meets on Zoom every Monday evening at 7pm and is open to anyone who would like to attend. You do not have to attend every session. There will be much to glean from each lesson. The link with information to join the Zoom group will be in the Grace Notes each week.



Poinsettia Order Form



Please fill out this form, attach a check, and return it to the office before **December 11**.

You are invited to contribute poinsettias in honor or memory of important people in your life. Designations will be printed in the Grace Notes. 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 before **December 11**.

Donated by _____

Total \$ _____

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

All Services Currently Suspended



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Luther Manor Love Lights

By Anna Martin

The Love Lights Tree will be lit in three weeks. Love Lights is a long-standing tradition at Luther Manor. Residents and families honor and remember loved ones with a light on the Love Lights Tree, a large beautiful pine tree in front of Luther Manor's Health Care Center on 92nd St. This year we want to make Love Lights extra special for our residents. Please consider sponsoring a light (\$5.00 each) for one or more residents.

Let's honor every one of them. A special sign will hang on their door with your name.

To make a gift, contact Cherie Swenson at Luther Manor. 414-831-8950

Thank you!



**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. Suggestions are: canned meats, tuna, vegetables, noodles, dried beans, cereal, peanut butter, and jellies. When you shop for your family, please pick up an extra item for the pantry. Thank you very much!



**All Peoples
Church**