



Good News of Grace



May 2021

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.”

May Worship Updates

In-person worship will resume on Sunday, May 2, with two services at 8:30am and 10am. The Tuesday devotional service will resume on May 4 at 12:10pm. Please see page 2 for the full letter/email that was sent out April 22 detailing the protocols to keep everyone safe as we gather again.

Online worship videos continues on YouTube (Search for *Grace Thiensville*).



Volunteer Request

As we move to two services on May 2, this means we will need twice as many readers and ushers on Sundays during worship. If you are not already on one of these lists, please consider helping out in these areas. You may call or email the office if you would like to be added to the list. Please call or email if you need to be removed from the list.

Pastor’s Patio Ponderings

Pr. Bill will be resuming his Patio Ponderings this year, so if you have any ideas for topics, please either let him know or call/ email the office.



Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sundays at 8:30am & 10am
Tuesday Devotionals 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.

Grace Lutheran Staff

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Letter from the Church Council

Dear members of Grace,

The Council of Grace Lutheran Church met in special session on Tuesday, April 20 to discuss reopening the church. We recognize that life during a pandemic is a paradox: we must ensure that our spiritual needs to congregate and worship are met while also doing our best to ensure our health and physical safety. By unanimous vote the Congregational Council has decided to reopen the church with significant modifications. These modifications are necessary to minimize the risks that are inherent in congregating. We will not be able to eliminate all risk. We therefore encourage congregation members to base their decision to participate in worship on their own personal balance of spiritual and physical needs. Recorded worship services will continue to be provided for the foreseeable future. We are also actively looking into technology that would allow us to livestream our worship services.

We ask that anyone attending worship services will familiarize themselves with the modifications and safety precautions we will be making:

- Sunday worship services will be at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM and resume on May 2. There will be no coffee hour. There will be weekday services starting on Tuesday, May 4 at 12:10 PM. We ask that you arrive no more than 10 minutes before each service. After services, please exit the church building.
- There will be no need to register for which service you want to attend. It is our hope that the congregation will divide in such a way that we will be staying within guidelines for indoor capacity.
- If you are feeling ill, have been exposed to the virus, or have a fever we ask that you please stay home and worship safely and return to public worship when you are feeling better.
- Sunday services will be shorter than prior to the pandemic to mitigate potential exposure.
- No contact communion will be used.
- There will be no singing or playing of wind instruments for the time being.
- We will monitor and take into account regional, national and ecclesiastical recommendations/guidelines as it relates to Covid19.
- Social distancing will be required; as such certain pews in the church will be stanchioned off. Additional seating will be available in the Narthex.
- Wearing masks will be required. Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose. We know that children will do their best; no judgement will be passed.
- It is our hope that as well as keeping the congregation safe, these precautions will limit Pastor Bill's exposure as much as possible to ensure his health and safety.

This is a phased reopening of the church. As the guidelines and recommendations evolve, so too will our own church guidelines and policies. Above all, as we have done in the past as a church family, love and respect one another.

Sincerely,

Daniel L Driewer
President, Grace Lutheran Church

Birthdays & Other News

All Peoples Church Food Pantry



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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!

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, **May 5 and 19.**



Shopping Opportunity

Do you need a unique gift for Mother's Day, a birthday, or just for yourself?! Stop by Thiensville's Do It Best Patio Place and Hardware on Main St., where Grace member Maygie May has some of her creative jewelry on display! Her pieces are made from the store's washers and are in the display area just past the register to the right. Happy shopping!

Memorial Fund Activity for March

Income:	\$678
Expenditures:	<u>\$0</u>
Balance:	\$12,269
(Designated:	\$3,185)
(Available:	\$9,084)

May Birthdays

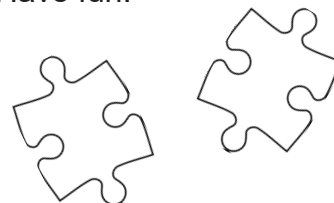
Name	Date
Stevie-Lyn Zenke	4
Aiden Hollander	15
Keegan Hollander	15
Gretchen Stahle	15
Bonnie Kern	16
Maya Rauen	17
Taylor Farris	18
Todd Habermann	19
Erika Campbell	21
Ben Zeller	21
Matt Junker	22
Christine Bettridge	23
Mike Buczynski	23
Mary James	23
Chelsea Karthaus	23
Erin Umhoefer	23
Harold Umhoefer	23
Beth Buczynski	25
Dave Huebschen	29
Gerald Laabs	30
Calvin Krogstad	31
Miles Stone	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!*



Jigsaw Puzzle Fun!

The puzzle shelf is still going strong in the library. If you have one to share, place a note on top indicating if the puzzle is "intact" or if it is missing pieces. Also note the date you drop it off. That way, someone wanting to take it home can see if the box has been resting 3 days or more before taking it. There are no other stipulations. Have fun!



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