



Good News of Grace



February 2021

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.”

Small Group Worship

In-person worship is still suspended until further notice. Please watch Grace Notes for further updates. Online worship continues on YouTube (Search for *Grace Thiensville*).



Together in Mission

The Synod is sponsoring their *Together in Mission* event online through Zoom this year. Our congregation will pay the congregational fee so anyone from the congregation can participate in these workshops. Please consider joining one or more. Visit the Milwaukee Synod website at milwaukee-synod.org and find the *Together in Mission* event under ‘Events’ and click **Learn More** to register. As you complete the registration, choose the option to pay later. Call the office if you need help registering. The workshops are on February 13, 20 and 27.



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.



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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Notes and News

Thank You Dorene!

For the past 28 years Dorene Achterberg has taken it upon herself to send birthday and holiday cards to Grace members who are over 90 years old. Perhaps you received one or more of these special cards! She will be stepping down from this wonderful ministry she started so long ago, and we would like to thank her for her devotion and thoughtfulness throughout the years. Thank you Dorene!



In Memoriam

We rejoice and mourn that Tom Gauthier has entered the church triumphant on January 13. A private family funeral was held at Grace on January 22. The recording of this service can be viewed on the Grace YouTube channel. On YouTube search for *Grace Thiensville*. Please continue to hold Tom's family in your prayers during this difficult time.



January 2021 Special Synod Assembly Notes

By Nancy Spindler

The Greater Milwaukee Synod (GMS) desired to change the cluster structure that has been in place since the beginning of the ELCA in 1988. These changes are desired to be in place prior to the next fiscal/operational year that will soon begin. This allows the election of officers to be done with the new structure in place.

The business conducted was as follows:

- 1) The term cluster was changed to conference. The driver was a desire to segregate ministry functions from administrative functions.
- 2) The number of clusters was 10 and has been changed to 6 conferences. These changes are to better reflect how the churches of the GMS are currently operating and to create an environment of greater equity. Which churches are in each conference will be done by the GMS council in the next few weeks.
- 3) In light of the change of language, a vote was needed on updating language of the GMS by laws. In addition, the number of at large seats on the synod council was increased. At large seats are used to give voice to specific groups, such as youth, which creates a council that is better equipped to react to what is going on in the community at large.

Other things to note:

- 1) Tom Gauthier was the GMS Treasurer. His service was recognized and the interim treasurer introduced.
- 2) GMS received a PPP loan and various grant monies over the last year which was used for community support such as food support. GMS is in a good place financially.
- 3) Lakeside Lutheran was introduced and needed a vote to join the GMS. They are a new church formed from the merger of two churches in Kenosha.
- 4) The 2021 Synod Assembly will be in late April and will be virtual

DawnMark Bacon-Johnson and Nancy Spindler represented Grace at the special assembly.

Birthdays & Other News

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, **February 3 and 17.**



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. 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!

It's a Boy!!

Leo Jackson DeVinney was born on December 15 to Sarah and Drew DeVinney. He is the grandson of proud grandparents Kathy and Terry Young. Congratulations to the whole family!



Memorial Fund Activity for December

Income:	\$674
Expenditures:	\$0
Balance:	\$9,865
(Designated:	\$2,580)
(Available:	\$7,285)

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
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!*



Holy Baptism

On January 9 we welcomed Leo Anthony Balistreri to God's family through holy baptism. Leo is the son of Rachel Laabs and Dominic Balistreri. Congratulations to the family!



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*All In-person Services Currently
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