



Grace Lutheran Church

Manitowoc, Wisconsin

"His Light on the Lakeshore"

The Season of Lent 2024 - Congregational Newsletter

WHAT GRACE IS THIS?

What grace is this! My Lord and King Has set his face
to suffering. My God eternal dies to bring Eternal life
to me.

What grace is this - That very God Would stoop to lift
a cross of wood and walk a road of rock and blood, A
sinner's road, for me.

What grace is this! Though Lord of all, He yields to
Pontius Pilate's law and lets the Roman hammers
draw a rush of blood for me.

What grace is this! Rude agonies! With common
thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sinless Son bears
each misdeed. He pays for all, for me.

What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths and gently
laid in manger trough, He's taken, dead, from
wretched cross and wrapped again for me.

What grace is this? How can it be? He wears this raw
humility to lift me to eternity.
Such grace - sweet grace - for me.



Wednesday, February 14th
Supper 4:30 / Worship 6:00

Wednesday, February 21st
Supper 4:30 / Worship 6:00

Wednesday, February 28th
Supper 4:30 / Worship 6:00

Wednesday, March 6th
Supper 4:30 / Worship 6:00

Wednesday, March 13th
Supper 4:30 / Worship 6:00

Wednesday, March 20th
Supper 4:30 / Worship 6:00

May God Bless Our Celebration of the Season of Lent!

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Please Join Us Worship During The Season
of Lent and During Holy Week!

March 24th – Palm Sunday

8:00 and 10:45 A.M.

Monday, March 25th – 6:30 P.M.

March 28th – Maundy Thursday

6:30 P.M.

March 29th – Good Friday

1:30 and 6:30 P.M.

March 31st – Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.

Breakfast Between Services

A Message to All From Our Staff Minister, Mr. Robert Fink

I would like everyone to know that our Bible study starting in March will be called *"Spiritual Questions -- Biblical Answers."*

I am hoping that members of Grace will submit questions they have always wondered about, but never received a satisfactory answer. These can be questions about something you've read in the Bible, something someone else believes but we do not teach, a spiritual question you are personally wrestling with, and the like. They can be anything, really. I will do my best to give you an answer from the Bible.

There is a stack of question forms in the gathering area at church where you can write your question and put it into a container marked **"Spiritual Questions -- Biblical Answers."** I will prepare an answer and make it a topic of discussion in a Bible class. If you cannot get to Bible class, I would gladly email the answer to you. I look forward to hearing from you and – with God's help – answering your Spiritual Questions with a Biblical Answer.

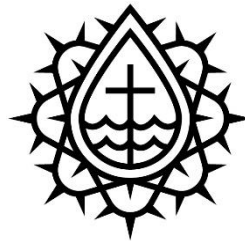
A second thing I want everyone to know is that from now to March 7th the fourth season of the television series called **"The Chosen"** is being shown at the AMC Theatre here in Manitowoc. The schedule is as follows: Episodes 1-3 are shown in one sitting from now until February 14th, episodes 4-6 are shown in one sitting from February 15th to February 28th, and episodes 7-8 are shown in one sitting from February 29th to March 7th.

"The Chosen" is a very well-done portrayal of the life of Jesus. If you have seen any of the episodes from the first three seasons, you know how powerful, thought-provoking and emotional they can be. If you are not familiar with the series, we have DVDs of the first three seasons in our church library. The first three seasons are also available on Netflix and Prime Video.

Lent



Forty Days – Our Lenten Journey



BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH

Fasting and prayer have been important observances in the lives of the people of God from time immemorial. Often they preceded important events or special revelations from God. Moses fasted for forty days in preparation for receiving the Ten Commandments from God (Exodus 34). Elijah fled for his life through the wilderness, fasting forty days and nights until he arrived at Mt. Horeb. There God revealed to Elijah his plan for overcoming his enemies. (1 Kings 19). Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert after his baptism where he fasted and prayed for forty days before beginning his mission to redeem the world. (Matthew 4).

Lent is a forty-day period of repentance and renewal that prepares us for Easter. It provides us with a special time to recall the suffering, death and finally the resurrection of our Lord. Lent prepares us for a more meaningful observance of Holy Week and Easter.

Christians have observed Lent ever since the early days of the church. Originally it was a time for emphasizing repentance and baptism. Baptisms were performed in the early church on Easter Eve after a long period of instruction.

The forty-day observance of Lent is still an important part of our corporate life as members of God's family of believers, not just Ash Wednesday, but all forty days. We don't arrange for baptisms any more on Easter Eve, but we still emphasize repentance as an important part of our preparation to celebrate our victory in Christ over sin, death and the grave. And we remember that in our baptism we began a new way of life.

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, we began another pilgrimage with our Savior to Jerusalem. We are going again to a mockery of a trial, to a scene of horrible violence on Calvary, to a funeral, and to recall an unbelievable ending to the greatest story ever told — the resurrection.

We are going on this pilgrimage again to remember and to give thanks for all that God has done for us in Christ. We are going again to renew the relationship with our Lord, begun in our baptism, renewed as we celebrate his victory over our worst enemy.

None of us are scheduled to be baptized on Easter Eve. We've already experienced that. But for these special forty days we want to stay focused on our baptism and what it means for us. **The theme of our midweek Lenten devotions will be "Baptized into His Death."** Each Wednesday we will have an opportunity to focus on our own baptism.

A little girl asked a question when her baby brother was baptized — a neat question that is at the heart of our Lenten pilgrimage. She heard the pastor say, "Receive the sign of the cross on your head and on your heart to mark you as a redeemed child of God." When the ceremony ended she ran to her grandmother, brushed aside her bangs, raised her head and asked, "Is it still there?" That just may be the question we all need to ask ourselves again during Lent. Are you ready and eager to join us on our pilgrimage?



Our Congregation's Current Call Situation...

As of this writing, Pastor William Monday of Appleton is holding a Call to be our next pastor. We'd ask all of our members to keep Pastor Monday and his family in your prayers as he considers where best to serve his Lord.

Currently, we do not have a Call extended for a preschool teacher and director. We hope to issue such a

Call very soon. May God bless our congregation and preschool as we search for an individual to serve Him as Jesus' Lambs of Grace Director and 3K Lead Teacher.



Jesus' Lambs of Grace

Our Jesus' Lambs of Grace Preschool continues to share the precious message of Jesus' love. Forty-one students hear lessons about their Savior each and every day. May God continue to bless the work being done in our preschool!

With our current Director Apprentice Elise Matthies asking to be reassigned at the close of this school year and with our current director, Mrs. Peg Janke, hoping to retire at the end of June, we continue to search (by

Calling) a new Director and 3K lead teacher. We place this vacancy into the hands of our Lord knowing that He will lead us in the way He knows to be best. Please keep Elise, Peg and the entire staff of Jesus' Lambs in your prayers.

Our preschool's summer camp program is already at capacity. A waiting list has been started as our director works to find open spots for those seeking summer childcare. Staffing of our summer camp continues to be an area with which we wrestle, but we are confident that we will be able to run the program as planned. May God bless our efforts.

Jesus' Lambs of Grace is always looking for help with the day-to-day running of our program. If you are interested in helping and wish to know more, please contact our director.

Our thanks to all in our congregation who support and pray for the continued ministry of our preschool! May all we do be done for His glory as we share God's love with our children.



Come the month of March, getting to Grace Lutheran and to Jesus' Lambs of Grace Preschool may become somewhat challenging. Rapids Road (Highway R) will be under construction. We understand you will only be able to reach our driveway heading south on Rapids Road. Please be safe, be patient and plan ahead! Hopefully the construction will be short lived.

Member Ministry Corner

Do you ever find yourself in charge of a project with a group of people to help? The group might be any size - 2 people, 10 people, or any number of people. There are so many things to do and with the other people on the team, so many hands to get the job done.



However, because you've overseen this project or event several times before, you happen to know everything that needs to be done, where the others may not. Your job as the leader is to delegate tasks and responsibilities to the others in the group and ensure that the end result is what it is supposed to be.

Your team will need your guidance and direction in order to help. If anything happens to be somewhat complicated, it will take longer to teach them what to do. It might seem easier to just assign simple tasks to others and do all the things that need more explaining, perhaps the more difficult things, yourself.

Rather than spending the time mentoring others so they learn and can do more next time, maybe even lead the team, you just continue to burden yourself with way more than you need to because it just seems easier, and quicker at the time, to do it yourself. By the end of this project, how are you feeling? How do you think those who really could have done more but you did not give them that opportunity are feeling?

Now hold that thought and let's shift our thoughts for a moment to Moses when he was in the wilderness after he had brought the Israelites out of Egypt. At the time, he was serving as judge for ALL the people. The people stood around him from morning till evening bringing their disputes to him to *"decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and instructions"* (from Exodus 18:15-16).

Exodus chapter 18 continues to tell us that it took Moses's father-in-law, Jethro, to come to him and tell him that what he was doing was not good. The workload was too heavy for him and he could not handle it alone. He told Moses to TEACH the people God's decrees and instructions, to SHOW THEM how they were supposed to live and behave. He goes on to tell Moses to SELECT capable men and APPOINT them as officials over others. He should have others SERVE as judges for the cases they could decide themselves and bring only the difficult cases before Moses. Not only would it make Moses's load lighter, but this is what God commands. Not only would Moses then be able to stand the strain, but all the people would go home satisfied too.

OK, let's go back to your project now. How did you feel by the time it was done? I think it's safe to say you were exhausted, burned out, and probably a bit cranky. How do you think the other capable people on the team felt after you did not trust that they could handle the bigger things you took on yourself? They most likely felt undervalued, disappointed, and maybe even a little bored during the planning process because they weren't given much to do. Maybe they were a bit shy not knowing other people on the team and weren't comfortable telling you that they could handle more so they were just waiting for you to ask them, but you didn't!

By not mentoring and teaching others, we may actually be discouraging others. There are so many gifts and talents not just within every church, but out in the world. If we don't explore that as leaders and equip and empower others because we don't want to bother anyone, or think it's just easier to do it ourselves, we are hindering God's command for ALL to serve. And likewise, if leading is not our gift, we do have other gifts to contribute. If we don't step up to help and share the load of others, the capacity of those who do lead and serve will eventually be met and they will become so overwhelmed that they can no longer carry the load.

Let's all do our part as God commands us. Whether that is leading and equipping others to serve or being a helper and part of a team. No matter what part we play, we are all working together to build up the body of Christ, to grow God's Kingdom. And nothing is more valuable than that!

Heidi Malley, Member Ministry Coordinator



GRACE LUTHERAN

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Your Grace Lutheran Church Coordinating Council continues to serve their Lord and our congregation by planning, coordinating and overseeing the day-to-day operations of our church.

In our January meeting, the Council appointed the following positions:

Mr. Derrick Gossen – Secretary of the Congregation
Mr. Tom Meineke – Vice Chairman
Mr. Bob Fink – Interim Treasurer of the Congregation

The Council will evaluate the Lenten Services time change this year and will determine whether or not the switch to one Wednesday evening service during Lent is a good fit for our congregation. The CC is also working with various groups to offer Lenten suppers once again.

On Sunday, April 14th, the Council hopes to offer a sampling of “Non-Traditional Worship” here at Grace Lutheran. Our services that morning – while sharing God’s Word in its truth and purity – will offer a different style of worship in regards to music, liturgy and sermon. The question as to whether this type of service is something we do at Grace Lutheran on a regular basis is being studied. Join us for this unique experience, and may God bless our efforts!

Your Coordinating Council is still operating with a vacancy. Our Finance Elder is currently being filled by Bob Fink. Bob’s position is considered an interim position. If you might be interested in becoming a part of our Council and serving as our Finance Elder, please contact President Steve Janke.

My God continue to bless the individuals who serve on our Coordinating Council, and may their service be one in which they “serve the Lord in gladness.” To Him be the glory!

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Outreach	Bruce Bitter	(920) 901-8160	brucebitter57@gmail.com

EASTER LILY DONATIONS.

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for display on Easter morning, you may do so at a cost of \$12.00 per plant. You can find a sign-up sheet on the round table display in the Fellowship Hall. We'd ask all to sign up by Monday, March 24th so that orders might be placed. If your donated lily is in memory of a loved one, please include that information on the sign-up sheet so it can be shared in our Easter bulletin. Your payment of cash or check (payable to 'Grace Circle') may go into one of the envelopes provided on the round table. Please include your name on the envelope and place your payment into the container provided. Our thanks in advance to all who donate – helping beautify our church as we celebrate Christ's resurrection!



Homeless Hygiene Drive. Grace Lutheran Church is a collection sight once again for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. We are asking for donations of NEW hygiene and cleaning items for our Manitowoc County local crisis agencies. This drive will run from February 11th through March 3rd. There is a large collection box in the fellowship hall in which you may place your donations. Please do so by Sunday, March 3rd. These products make it possible for the agencies to dedicate their limited financial resources towards providing qualified personnel, education, counseling, safe housing, and nutritious food to those they serve. Hygiene and cleaning products are not covered by Wisconsin Food Share (food stamps / SNAP). There are lists of the items needed by our display. Your donations will remain in this community. More information is available at thefamily.net or by calling 800-236-9364. Thank you very much for your willingness to contribute to this important cause.



From Heidi Malley. I'm so excited to tell you about an Easter project we will be working on that will take us out into our community! I've connected with a couple of the shelters in Manitowoc, and we are going to be taking a small group from Grace to InCourage, which supports victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault! More than ever their guests need to know how much their Savior loves them!



Their guests currently include ten children. This number changes on a regular basis. We would like to spend some time with these children and bring a small version of Easter for Kids to InCourage! If you would like to be part of this service opportunity, to go and share the story of Easter and our Savior and do a couple of Easter crafts with these kids, **please**

email me to let me know. More planning still needs to be done and we would love it if you would join us to help plan and/or go spend some time with the kids! **The date we will be going to Incourage is March 23rd.** The time is yet to be determined.

We will also be collecting donations to make up Easter baskets for all of the children. We will be putting an invitation for these families to our Holy Week services and Easter breakfast in the baskets as well. There will be a bin in the fellowship hall for donations of snacks, candy, or trinkets for the baskets.

Again, **please email me if you would like to be a part of this group.** I'm looking into possibly having T-shirts for our volunteers that go as well, so if we can have a group together by February 23rd we can get T-shirts, crafts planned and supplies ordered so to be ready by March 23rd.

If you have any **questions or thoughts** please let me know! Thank you! May God bless this outreach!

MLHS Lancer Gala 'A Grand Night of Giving'

Please join us for the giving event of the year!

Saturday, March 23, 2024 starting at 5PM at the Inn on Maritime Bay. This will be a semi-formal event where all funds raised will go to completing our new locker rooms. The Gala includes dinner (Ribeye, Salmon, Italian Chicken) drinks, live music, live and silent auctions, golden ticket raffle, red carpet and more! To learn more/register

visit www.mlhslancers.org/lancergala



MLHS Call Report

On 1/29 the MLHS Board of Control extended two calls. First, Rev. **Daniel Bondow** was called to teach in our theology department. Second, Mr. Mark Moldenhauer was called to teach English & Geography and to be head softball coach.

On 2/1, **Mr. Nathan Hochmuth**, who currently serves as our math department chair, instructor, football coach and strength and conditioning coordinator received a call to teach math at Arizona Lutheran Academy. Please keep Nate and his entire family in your prayers as he deliberates.

On 2/2, **Miss Charis Scharf**, who currently serves as our band director (jazz band, marching band, pep band, symphonic band) as well as instructor received a call to serve at St. Croix Lutheran Academy in West St Paul, MN. Please keep Charis in your prayers as she deliberates.

Junior Lancer Baseball Registration Now Open

Open to all boys grades 7-8 in a LLS and or area WELS congregations. Join us today and become part of the Junior Lancer family! Season is May - July, Cost \$125 Visit www.mlhslancers.org/jrlancers to register or learn more.

Job Opportunities at MLHS

Director of Finance

MLHS is looking for a full-time employee to manage all aspects of finance associated with the high school. This includes budget preparation; preparing financial reports; developing and maintaining an effective system of accounting; managing the payroll system, maintaining accurate financial records for audit, working with tuition assistance, and helping in administering the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. In addition, this person will be responsible for Human Resources, which includes responsibilities in functional areas such as benefits, compensation, and maintaining required paperwork. Full-Time.

Food Service Coordinator

Responsible for planning, coordinating, serving, and maintaining the hot lunch program at MLHS. Regular Part-Time; Hourly.

Assistant International Coordinator

The assistant international coordinator works with the international coordinator with all tasks related to our international students. Regular Part-Time; Hourly.

For more information about job openings at MLHS call the office (920-682-0215),

visit www.mlhslancers.org/jobs or email David Uhlhorn duhlhorn@mlhslancers.org for more information.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

This is the theme passage for the 2024 **Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat** held in Oshkosh, WI on March 1-3, 2024. We are pleased to announce that registration for 2024 Pathways to Christ Retreat is now open! Please go to our website <https://pathwaystochrist.org/> for more information about speakers, topics, accommodations, and more! On our website you have the choice to download and print a PDF registration form to mail in, or there is an additional link to our Eventbrite link to register online. Please reach out via email at pathwaystochristretraet@gmail.com with any questions.



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ISAIAH 40:9

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Member Spotlights

*Members are randomly chosen each month



Bob and Sue Fink

Bob and Sue Fink became members of Grace in 2016 when Bob accepted the call to serve our congregation as its part time staff minister.

Bob was born and raised on a farm in the Bonduel, WI area. He was baptized and confirmed at Friedens Lutheran Church in Bonduel and graduated from Bonduel High School in 1971. He went on to get his bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from UW Stevens Point. After graduating, Bob taught math for one semester at UW – Stevens Point before going to DMLC to earn his certification to teach at a WELS school.



Sue was born and raised in Muskego where she was baptized and confirmed at St Paul Lutheran Church. She graduated from Muskego High School in 1971 and went on to earn degrees in Early Childhood Education, and Staff Ministry. She met Bob in 1976 at DMLC in New Ulm, MN and they were married in summer of 1978.

Bob's first call was to Redeemer Lutheran grade school in Fond du Lac in 1977. After one year, he accepted a call to Huron Valley Lutheran High School where he taught for ten years. In 1988 he accepted a call to teach at Manitowoc Lutheran High School where he served for 20 years. Upon retiring from teaching in 2008, he went to work at Emerging Technologies in Two Rivers in the design and development of automation and testing equipment. Bob accepted the call to Grace as a part time staff minister in 2016 where he continues to serve to the present time. His work for Grace is varied, with primary responsibilities being Bible studies, visiting shut ins, utilizing technology for the church's website, and PowerPoint prep for the worship services. Bob also serves on the Coordinating Council as the interim Finance Elder. Out of his love for his Lord and others, Bob puts in many hours above and beyond his part time status, including a jail ministry to visit, support, and share God's Word with the area prison population.

Sue has worked as a teacher, Hospice and Community Volunteer Coordinator, nursing home activity professional, and a free lance writer. Her recent books focus on self-care and include: ***Self-Care, Selfish or Sacred?***, and the children's book, ***Lila the Ladybug Learns about Self-Care***. Sue is currently working on writing her next book, ***Communicating with the Dying - Preventing Regrets***. Sue has enjoyed serving others at Grace through her participation in the GriefShare program, the Jesus Cares Ministry, and in helping with transportation for others to attend worship services and Bible studies.

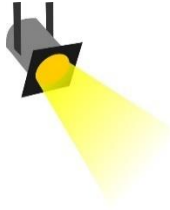
Bob and Sue have 3 married children. Jacob (wife Shelly) live in Milwaukee, Anna (husband Andrew) who live in Holland, Michigan and Jared (wife Abbey) reside in De Pere, They have been blessed with one granddaughter, Euphemia (Effie) Lila Fink.

In their spare time, Bob enjoys reading, gardening, carpentry, cooking, and baking. In addition to her writing, Sue enjoys attending group Bible studies, exercise, and yoga.

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Mike, Jenny, & Brynn Remiker

Jenny Remiker has been a member of Grace since 2000 when she moved to the Manitowoc area. Mike became a member by profession of faith in 2010 at the time of their marriage.



Jenny grew up in Monticello, WI which is near Monroe, WI in Green County where she was baptized and confirmed at Mount Olive Lutheran. She graduated from Northwestern Prep Lutheran High School, Watertown, WI. in 1995. Jenny continued her education at North Central Technical College in Wausau and went on to earn a degree from UW-Oshkosh in Special Education with an emphasis in educational interpretation for the deaf and hard of hearing. Mike was born and raised in Manitowoc where he attended Holy Innocents grade school and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1983. Mike and Jenny met each other at an employer sponsored Christmas party in 2009.

Mike and Jenny are both long-time employees of Manitowoc Public Schools (MPS). Mike worked at MPS for 32 years in facilities management and maintenance. He retired from that job in 2021. Since his retirement from MPS he has served Grace in a part time position as its building maintenance manager. Jenny is in her 26th year as an educational interpreter at MPS and works part-time for ABLE in Manitowoc. ABLE assists children, families, and young adults with special needs. Brynn is an active 7th grader at First German Lutheran grade school where she participates in soccer and volleyball.

Mike is currently in his 4th year on the Coordinating Council where he serves as Property Elder. He also serves on the ushering and PowerPoint/livestreaming teams. Mike is active at his daughter's school, serving on First German's school board and finance board. Jenny serves at Grace as a worship service interpreter and has also helped with Vacation Bible School and the Jesus Cares ministry. She is a member of the Christian Parents Organization at First German. Jenny is also a Member Ministry Core team member at Grace, whose mission is to assist our members in discovering and developing our God given gifts and talents to serve both God and others.

Mike's hobbies are fishing and repairing small engines. Jenny enjoys flower gardening. Together they enjoy hunting for beach glass on the shores of Lake Michigan and also look forward to attending the family fellowship opportunities at Grace.

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Lisa, Jacob, and Leah Gilmore

Lisa became a member of Grace in 2003 when her parents, Mike and Kris Erdmann, joined Grace. She and her husband, Todd, have 2 children, Jacob and Leah, who were baptized at Grace and are also members here with Lisa.

Lisa is employed at Braun Building Center in Manitowoc and works in inside sales, while Todd works in maintenance at Great Lakes Cheese.

Jacob and Leah, alumni of Jesus Lambs of Grace Preschool, both attend

Bethany Lutheran School. Jacob is in 8th grade and Leah is in 5th. They both enjoy playing basketball both at Bethany and for Jr. Lancers. As an added bonus, their mom is also a coach for both! They also both play soccer for Bethany and Lake to Lake Soccer.

Jacob and Leah sing with the junior choir at school and Jacob also belongs to the handbell choir. Jacob's interests also include playing baseball and video games, while Leah likes drawing and math. Whew! This is one busy family!!

Lisa has enjoyed coaching basketball for several years both at Bethany and for the Jr. Lancers. She also enjoys walking. The last couple of years, the family has had fun delivering Christmas cookies to some of our homebound members and are hoping to be able to help pick the corn this year for the MLHS fundraiser.

Together, the family likes to hang out at grandma and grandpa's cottage, watch movies, take bike rides, and play with their dog, Koda! Ask them sometime how Koda helps call them for dinner!

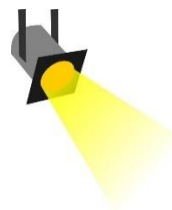
Lisa, Todd, Jacob, and Leah, it's been fun getting to know you better!!



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Adam & Melissa Kieselhorst

Adam and Melissa are relatively new members here at Grace who quickly became involved in our church. Adam transferred here from Immanuel Lutheran in January of 2019, while Melissa was confirmed here at Grace and became a member in June of 2021. One month later they were married, having met at a bonfire hosted by mutual friends. Adam moved to Manitowoc from Greenleaf when he was in second grade; Melissa is a lifelong Manitowoc resident. Adam, a graduate of MLHS, earned a degree in sports management from UW Parkside. Melissa graduated from Roncalli.



Adam worked at WFS for about 3 years, and for the past 3 years or so he is serving our community as a Manitowoc police administration clerk. Melissa worked at a grocery store and a daycare before becoming a collection specialist at AmeriCollect, where she has worked for the past 13 years. She enjoys her job, which even before covid, enabled her to work from home.

Presently without any children of their own at their residence on Memorial Drive, they enjoy attending many athletic contests throughout the area, following their niece and nephew, who are both multi-sport sophomores at 2 different area high schools. Adam also watches football games on TV, while Melissa enjoys reading.

So far their vacations as a relatively recently married couple revolve around extended family get-togethers. As many as 16 to 18 of Melissa's family gather annually at a cabin on Evergreen Lake near Wild Rose, while Adam's family chooses different locations to visit. This summer they plan to meet Adam's family and visit the Shed Aquarium in Chicago as part of their itinerary. If you have suggestions for a vacation for just the two of them, be sure to pass them along to the Kieselhorsts.

Both Adam and Melissa enjoy their involvement in Grace Church activities. Together, they serve on our Early Childhood Board (for 2 years and counting), and they have helped with both our Easter breakfasts and church picnics. They also helped with FallFest 2023. It's great to have Adam and Melissa as fellow church members who are actively serving our Lord by helping us with church programs and events.

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Feb 3	Melissa Pfister	920-860-2210
Feb 10	Kent & Donna Langman	920-684-4062
Feb 17	Tom & Debbie Meineke	920-323-4369
Feb 24	Denise Haese	920-901-2242
Mar 2	Chuck Bast	920-682-9620
Mar 9	Egerer Family	920-946-3209
Mar 16	Greg & Lori Stuebs	920-553-7829
Mar 23	Tod Hauf	920-860-2221
Mar 30	Patty Levendusky	920-782-0383
Apr 6	Melissa Pfister	920-860-2210
Apr 13	Kent & Donna Langman	920-684-4062
Apr 20	Tom & Debbie Meineke	920-323-4369

February, March and April Vacuuming Schedule.

Thank You to All Who Help Clean!



Red Cross Blood Drive

We will be having a blood drive here on **Thursday, February 15th from 2:00 -6:00 P.M.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or you can register at redcrossblood.org.



JANUARY 2024 CHURCH ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

January 7th and 8th - $77 + 37 + 16 = 130$

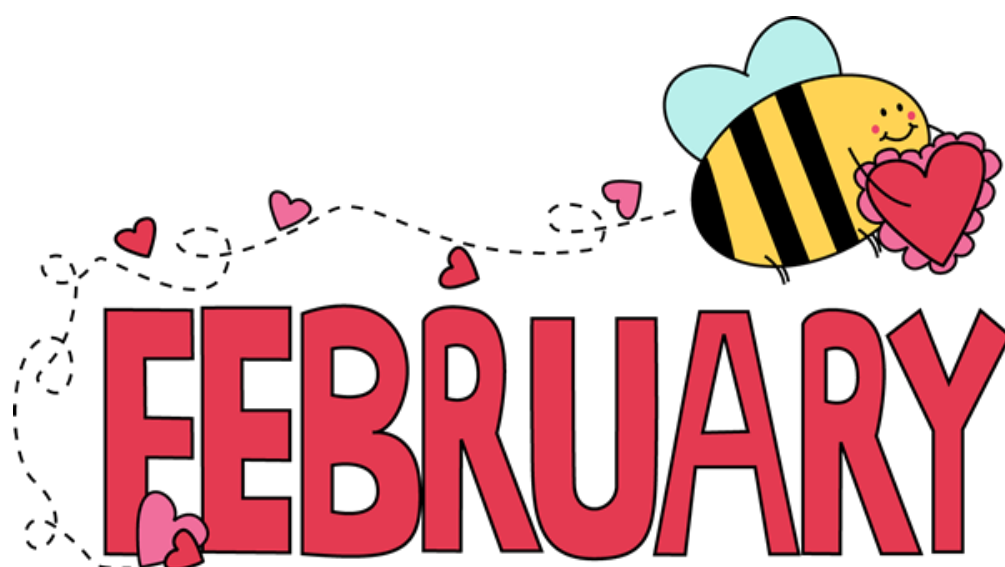
January 14th and 15th - $60 + 21 + 16 = 97$

January 21st and 22nd - $71 + 39 + 29 = 139$

January 28th and 29th - $131 + *96 + 21 = 227$ MLHS Lancer Singers Here on January 28th

Happy Birthday and God's Richest Blessings!

NAME	BIRTHDAY	NAME	BIRTHDAY
Brynn Schamburek	2/2	Annaliese Sielaff	2/15
Ramon Prado	2/5	Katelyn Hagenow	2/18
Miley Schamburek	2/5	Dan Walters	2/18
Mia Prado	2/6	Alicia Troge	2/20
Heidi Johnson	2/8	Mary Stegemann	2/21
Jennifer Johnson	2/8	Scarlett Meerdink	2/22
Cheryl Schild	2/9	Joshua Sielaff	2/22
Neal Schmidt	2/9	Cullen Kubsch	2/23
Renee Conrad	2/10	Travis Schroeder	2/23
Austin Kortens	2/11	Luella Soukup	2/23
Trey Peitersen	2/12	Chelsea Stubbe	2/23
Alexa Malley	2/13	Mitchell Haese	2/25
Brittany Kostichka	2/13	Charlee Malley	2/25
Andrea O'Hearn	2/13	Minna Liddell	2/26
Sally Likas	2/14	Brad Claxton	2/27
Derek Pritzl	2/14	Karen Christensen	2/28
		Heather Carstens	2/29

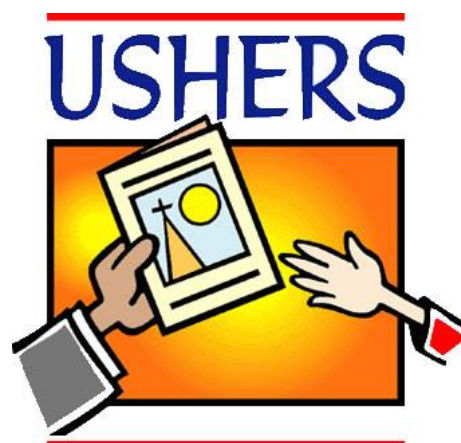


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NAME	BIRTHDAY	NAME	BIRTHDAY
Bridget Peroutka	3/1	Aiden Krause	3/20
Korbin Blashka	3/3	Michael Erdmann	3/21
Maddox Blashka	3/4	Brenda Dolski	3/22
Sara Zutz	3/4	Judi Freiboth	3/22
Scott Krueger	3/5	Laura Kubsch	3/24
Chuck Bast	3/6	Ryan Stubbe	3/24
Ashley Berry	3/7	Kinsley Christianson	3/25
Leonard Dolski	3/7	Jamie Pearson	3/25
Jim Lindemann	3/7	Sophia Berry	3/26
Dick Christensen	3/8	Abbey Bubolz	3/26
Marie Roekle	3/8	Jeremiah Colborn	3/26
Shawn Egerer	3/9	Dennis Buck	3/27
Aaron Mueller	3/10	Kris Erdmann	3/29
Montanah Ackley	3/13	Bryan Revak	3/29
Andrew Colborn	3/14	Beverly Maurice	3/30
Adam Kieselhorst	3/14	Eugene Springstube	3/31
Jack Meisner	3/14		
Karolyn Schultz	3/15		
Bruce Bitter	3/17		



DATE	COMMUNION ASSIST.	USHERS	GREETERS
Feb 4 – Early	Steve Janke (262)352-8742	Wayne Pearson (905-0630)	Heidi M. / Tammy B.
Feb 4 – Late	Tod Hauf (860-2221)	Ken Peroutka (793-6580)	Laverne Mattes
Feb 5 - Mon		Dave Kappelman (370-3759)	Mary Hassemer
Feb 11- Early		Jack Meisner (323-7779)	Steve & Peg Janke
Feb 11 - Late		Aaron Mueller (242-6286)	Kim Mueller
Feb 12 - Mon		Steve Malley (97-1987)	
Feb 14-Wed. 6pm		Dick Pritzl (323-4221)	Joanne Pritzl
Feb 18 - Early	Bruce Wigand (323-3703)	Jim Pearson (374-9384)	Tom and Debbie Meineke
Feb 18 - Late	Troy Stubbe (860-2731)	Tod Hauf (860-2221)	Stacy Stubbe
Feb 19 - Mon		Kent Langman (684-4062)	Donna Langman
Feb 21-Wed. 6pm		Bruce Matthias (901-4312)	Lorna Matthias
Feb 25 - Early		Jim Smith (629-3531)	Shawn Smith
Feb 25 – Late		Niel Conradt (946-5066)	
Feb 26 - Mon		Dave Bergquist(905-4945)	
Feb 28-Wed. 6pm		Greg & Sam Kolar(860-4121)	Erin Kolar



DATE	COMMUN. ASSIST.	USHERS	GREETERS
Mar 3 – Early	Steve Janke (262) 352-8742	Dick Pritzl (323-4221)	Joanne Pritzl
Mar 3 – Late	Tod Hauf (860-2221)	Ken Peroutka (973-6580)	Laverne Mattes
Mar 4- Mon		Steve Malley (973-1987)	Mary Hassemer
Mar 6 – Wed. 6pm		Jack Meisner (323-7779)	
Mar 10 – Early		Tom Meineke (323-5151)	Debbie Meineke
Mar 10 – Late		Troy Stubbe (372-8008)	Stacy Stubbe
Mar 11 - Mon		Dave Kappelman (863-1045)	Mary Hassemer
Mar 13 – Wed. 6pm		Dave Bergquist (905-4945)	
Mar 17 – Early	Bruce Wigand (323-3703)	Jim Pearson (374-9384)	Hailey & Olivia Kolar
Mar 17 – Late	Troy Stubbe (372-8008)	Ken Peroutka (973-6580)	Stacy Stubbe
Mar 18 - Mon		Dennis & Shawn Egerer (946-3209)	Teresa & Isaac Egerer
Mar 20- Wed. 6pm		Jerry Krueger (901-1291)	Wendy Krueger
Mar 24 – Early Palm Sunday		Kevin & Josh Sielaff (619-3014)	Tammy B. & Heidi M.
Mar 24 – Late Palm Sunday		Aaron Mueller (242-6286)	Michael Krause
Mar 25 - Mon		Kent Langman (684-4062)	Donna Langman
Mar 28 – 6:30 Maundy Thursday	Steve Janke (262-352-8742)	Aaron Mueller (242-6286)	Peg Janke
Mar 29 - 1:30 Good Friday		Jack Meisner (323-7779)	
Mar 29 – 6:30 Good Friday	Troy Stubbe (372-8008)	Rod Ash (493-8368)	Stacy Stubbe
Mar 31 – 7am Easter Sunday		Bruce Matthias (901-4312) Aaron Mueller (242-6286)	Lorna Matthias
Mar 31 – 9:30am Easter Sunday		Bruce Bitter (901-8160)	

**SEE
YOU
IN
CHURCH!**

**Psalm 122:1 says,
*I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the
house of the LORD.”***

**Have you been missing worship? We’d love to see you
back! Join us Sunday mornings, Monday evenings and
Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent!**

This brings the newsletter to a close, but the news will continue! Keep yourself up to date with all things Grace Lutheran by:

- Listening to the after-worship service announcements, and
- Reading the onscreen announcements found on the monitors in church, and
- Checking your church mailbox for weekly announcement sheets, and
- Reading the weekly “Church News” emails sent from our church office, and
- Calling the church office with your questions.

It is our desire to keep our entire church family in the know. May God bless our efforts to do so, and may God bless all of you!

