



# February 2025

## ♥ Newsletter ♥

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### A Message from God's Word for February The Love Chapter

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned<sup>[b]</sup> but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. <sup>5</sup>It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears<sup>[c]</sup> all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup>but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup>Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.



# From the Pastor's Desk



**Pastor Ryan Henning**

**What I've been reading:**

**- From the Bible:**

Time of Solomon (1 Kings, 2 Chronicles, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes) I've moved firmly into the life and writings of Solomon. The plan I'm following has bounced back and forth from historical accounts paralleled in 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles, and the wisdom writing of Solomon recorded in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. I

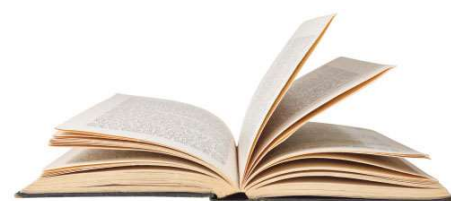
recently studied the Wisdom Literature in my last year of Seminary, so it's been fun and enlightening reading them again with fresh eyes. Ultimately, when we look at the grandeur of Solomon's life, the rich abundance of material goods and wisdom he attained, we might marvel and envy what he had. But in the end of it all, Solomon came to this conclusion: "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Everything is meaningless!" (Ecclesiastes 12:8). We all come to the same end. The rich and the poor, the wicked and the righteous, the wise and the foolish. All die. So, what do we look for in life? "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6). Learn the Lord's ways. Trust in him, for he blesses you richly. That's true wisdom.

**- From Forward in Christ:**

I enjoyed reading Jim Aderman's article on his faith-filtered perspective on cancer, especially after I attended a workshop on cancer care a couple weeks ago. In this month's edition, you can learn what hurkle-durkling is, hear about a new movie made about the life story of a WELS pastor, try to answer the question "How can God condemn people if they've never heard the gospel?" and see more about Isaiah's prophecy from January 26-27. I also just (finally) finished the January edition. I particularly enjoyed the Isaiah article (pp. 32-33) and the devotion on the back page (p. 36) of the strength and freedom we find in Christ. It was also neat to see how Member Ministry (pp. 18-20) is done in congregations around the country, much like we have our Member Ministry Program here at Grace. What abundant opportunities we have to serve our God! Here's a link to find past issues: [www.forwardinchrist.net](http://www.forwardinchrist.net)

**- For fun:**

So far, my reading habit is off to a good start for the New Year. I finished Atomic Habits. Then, I read a few shorter books: a booklet on what Lutherans believe, and a delightful children's novel called The Puppets of Spelhorst by one of Cait's favorite authors. Next, I read a few books that were on my shelves, but I didn't take the time to read before. Melissa: A Father's Lessons from a Daughter's Suicide was by a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and offered a Christian perspective on dealing with suicide. Finally, I just finished Sticky Church, a quick read on making church "sticky," getting people to stay in church using sermon-study-based small groups. I'm still a newbie to small group ideas, and I found this book to be an easy starter perspective to the idea as a whole.



# Lights, Camera, Action!

We are excited to be undertaking a new pictorial and need your help!

## 1. Sign Up

Go to <https://book.useseession.com/s/PqqJI4pPKd>, use the QR code, or with the assistance of the Pictorial Committee please sign up. Slots are available on the following dates and are on a first-come, first serve basis.



- **Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>: 1-8:30 pm**
- **Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>: 1-8:30 pm**
- **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: 11 am-6:30 pm**
- **Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: 1-8:30 pm**

If you have a large family and/or would like a clothes change, let us know or sign up for two slots. Please keep evenings available for families, if possible.

Remember there is no obligation to purchase photos and as a thank you for participating you will receive a free 8x10 or 5x7 photo.

## 2. Additional Photos

Do you have photos of Grace events? We would like to have a copy to add; preferably from within the last two years. Feel free to send or email below.

## 3. Can you help?

Volunteers will be needed to assist with checking participants in and making sure session times are adhered to. Sign-ups are present in the fellowship hall.

Any other questions take a look at the information sheet in your mailbox or contact:

- Carol Stubbe 608-220-4090 [cjscakes@icloud.com](mailto:cjscakes@icloud.com) -or-
- Derrick Gossen 920-619-1750 [derrick.gossen@fmglobal.com](mailto:derrick.gossen@fmglobal.com)

Thanks,

***Your Pictorial Committee***  
***Grace Lutheran Church***



# NEWS FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

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We held our annual Open House on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M until noon. We had a number of interested families attend.

February is a busy month in Preschool. We have lots of celebrations. We started with the Lunar New Year at the end of January with a presentation by Richard Kang, an exchange student at Manitowoc Lutheran High School who is currently living with the Kolar family. We had a delicious feast with lots of yummy food to try. Mr. Revak brought in some snakes for us to celebrate the Year of the Snake.



## Jesus' Lambs of Grace

We look forward to celebrating Groundhog Day, checking to see if the Groundhog sees his shadow.

We're excited about the Super Bowl. We are invested in the teams, having followed the Packers and all the winners of the playoff games that have led to the Eagles / Chiefs showdown. We all have our favorites and will enjoy snacks and football themed fun on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Valentine's Days will be celebrated with a scavenger hunt, card exchange, special crafts, and making Valentines for the Veterans at the Veteran's Hospital in Tomah, WI.

Pastries with Parents has moved to April. Watch for more information about this fun event.

Our Bible Lessons are revolving around the ministry of Jesus. We will be matching our lessons with the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday so we will know the true reason for rejoicing on that very special day.

Mrs. Barthel and I will be taking a class through Wisconsin Early Education Shared Services Network called "Build It Strong: Child Care Business Foundations." The class runs from February 4<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope to gain more skills and strategies to help sustain Jesus' Lambs of Grace.

Your continued prayers and support of our preschool program are greatly appreciated! May God continue to bless this ministry.

***Debbie Heiderich, Director***

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## Our Grace Lutheran Church Library

Did you know that Grace Library has thirty-one daily devotion books? I know you have the choice of online devotions, monthly Meditations or your own Bible reading, but if you enjoy holding a book in your hand, you can have that too! Try one of our books; no hurry to return it. Do you have to read it cover to cover? No! Bring it back and try something different. Faith in Jesus is strengthened by spending time hearing and reading the Bible! If you have any questions, please contact Donna Langman at 920-901-7270 or email her at [kdlangman@yahoo.com](mailto:kdlangman@yahoo.com).





# Repeat Performance of Manitowoc



## Supporting the Ministry and Mission of Manitowoc Lutheran High School

The Lord continued to bless the efforts of Repeat Performance Resale Shop during 2024. Repeat Performance accepts cash donations and other items of personal or real property which are sold for cash. The proceeds are used for the education and charitable purposes of Manitowoc Lutheran High School. During the year 2024, Repeat Performance was able to give \$299,535.00 to MLHS making 2024 another record year of contributions. That contribution equates to more than a \$1,000 reduction in a student's tuition.

Repeat Performance reached its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2024, making the December contribution checks to MLHS extra special. Those checks brought the total given to MLHS over those 20 years of grace to \$3,011,435.00. To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done!

Repeat Performance is located at 4341 Enterprise Court in Manitowoc. Please visit us whenever you can. Bring your donations, bring your wallets, and think about also volunteering your time. Many hands make light work! We currently have about eighty-five truly dedicated volunteers that help in various capacities, volunteering 15,000 hours during 2024.



The hours of operations are Monday through Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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Don't forget to turn in the questionnaire that was distributed on January 26<sup>th</sup>. It asks for opinions concerning the distribution of communion, the collection of offerings and church dismissal. You can place your completed questionnaire in the box located in the narthex of church.

Thank you for sharing your input.



## News from Your Coordinating Council at Grace Lutheran Church

Your Coordinating Council is busy at work serving the congregation at large. A number of projects are underway as we continue to travel into 2025.

A review and possible revision of our essential documents is underway. Chairman for document committees have been set and these gentlemen are looking for a review and revision team. The following list shares the committees and the chairman of each:

*Constitution and Bylaws – Tod Hauf*  
*Policies and Procedures – Mike Remiker*  
*Mission Statement – Jeremy Falck*  
*Plans and Goals / Position Descriptions – Bob Fink*

If there are members of our congregation that would be willing to help serve on our R/R committees, please contact the chairman listed, our CC chairman or our church office. Please consider serving in this way.

Our Coordinating Council officers have been selected for 2025. They are:

*Tom Meineke – Vice Chairman*  
*Derrick Gossen – Congregational Secretary*  
*Cody Guenther – Treasurer*

The Coordinating Council will soon be studying the results of a congregational survey that is currently underway. This survey will seek opinions from members about the following topics:

*Communion Distribution*  
*The Collection of Offerings*  
*Dismissal from Worship*

Please turn in your opinion surveys before Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Your thoughts and comments matter! Please be a part of these important discussions and decisions. Thanks!

Your prayers and support for those who serve as your Coordinating Council are greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless the efforts of all who serve!



**GRACE LUTHERAN**  
COORDINATING COUNCIL

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**Valentine's Day is February 14<sup>th</sup>.**



Join us in supporting

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY MARCH 29 5:00 PM



AT  
**FARM WISCONSIN**  
DISCOVERY CENTER  
7001 GASS LAKE ROAD, MANITOWOC, WI



REGISTER BEFORE FEBRUARY 2025 USING DISCOUNT CODES BELOW  
"**TEARLY**" FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TICKET OR "**BEARLY**" TO REGISTER A TABLE OF 8  
(Individual ticket: \$100 before Feb. or \$125 after February)  
(Table of 8 Ticket: \$800 before Feb. or \$960 after February)



Night to  
**Shine**<sup>TM</sup>  
TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

Please RSVP by January 15th

REGISTER NOW



[www.mlhsnighttoshine.org](http://www.mlhsnighttoshine.org)

**WHO IS INVITED?**  
ANYONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, AGES 14 AND UP!

**WHERE ?**  
MANITOWOC LUTHERAN H.S.  
4045 LANCER CIRCLE, MANITOWOC

**WHEN?**  
FEBRUARY 7, 2025 | 5PM

Guests will receive VIP treatment including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining stations, corsages and boutonnieres, karaoke, limo rides, and of course, dancing!  
Every guest of Night to Shine will experience a red carpet welcome complete with friendly paparazzi.  
Night to Shine is a spectacular celebration of God's gift of life!



**Join us for the Sunday morning “Second Hour.”**

- Adult Bible Class
- Teen / Young Adult Bible Class
- Sunday School for Preschool / Elementary Students

Worship 9:00 A.M.

“Second Hour” begins around 10:15 A.M. **JOIN US!**



**USHERS AND GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.  
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!**

DATE	COMMUNION ASSIST.	USHERS	GREETERS
Feb 2 – Sun 9am	Tod Hauf (860-2221)	Ken Peroutka(793-6580)	Laverne Mattes
Feb 3 – Mon 6:30pm		Dave Kappelman (370-3759)	Mary Hassemer
Feb 9 – Sun 9am		Aaron Mueller (242-6286)	Kim Mueller
Feb 10 – Mon 6:30pm		Steve Malley (973-1987)	Tammy Brunner
Feb 16 – Sun 9am	Bruce Wigand (323-3703)	Wayne Pearson (905-0630)	Patty Levendusky
Feb 17 – Mon 6:30pm		Derrick Gossen(619-1750)	Krystal Gossen
Feb 23 – Sun 9am		Jerry Krueger (901-1291)	Wendy Krueger
Feb 24 – Mon 6:30pm		Kent Langman (684-4062)	Donna Langman



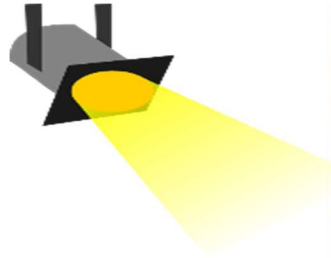
Please make every effort to be at the service you are listed for above. See side box for instructions if you are not able to serve when scheduled as well as other miscellaneous information.

Thank you!





# New Member Spotlight



## Anthony & Olivia Perez

Anthony recently transferred to Grace from Bethany after marrying Olivia Kolar, who has been a member of Grace since 2006. They were married on October 25, 2024 and are living in Manitowoc.

Olivia and Anthony both grew up in Manitowoc. They both attended Jesus Lambs of Grace preschool, having Debbi Heiderich as their teacher during her first tenure at Grace. Olivia went on to attend grade school at First German, while Anthony attended Bethany. It was not until they were both attending MLHS that they got to know each other and started dating in their Senior year of high school.

After graduating high school, Anthony attended LTC for a bit, but then changed his focus and began working at the YMCA as a Youth Sports Coach. His grandparents owned a cleaning business for which Anthony and Olivia both worked for several years as well. Eventually, they both left the cleaning business to pursue other jobs. In June of 2024, Anthony started working as a teller at Associated Bank.

After MLHS, Olivia attended Martin Luther College for one semester. She then decided to switch gears just a bit and started pursuing a degree in Psychology at UWGB. She graduated this past December with a Bachelor's in Psychology, along with a minor in coaching. She is currently a lead 3k teacher at our own Jesus Lambs of Grace preschool.

Anthony has been involved in Bethany's VBS for many years and has also helped with our VBS at Grace. Olivia, along with her family, has been a crucial part of our VBS program at Grace. She has also helped with many of our events at Grace for many years, including Fall Fest, Easter for Kids, Easter on the Road, church picnic, and Fall cleanup. Anthony and Olivia both attend our teen and young adult Bible Class on Sundays at Grace. They both have a heart for the community and enjoy helping with projects from time to time at nonprofit organizations.

They both enjoy being active and doing things together including playing volleyball weekly, hiking, traveling, listening to music, and trying different foods.

Individually, Anthony enjoys coaching youth sports, playing video games, and watching sports. Olivia enjoys playing piano, reading, and collecting and listening to vinyl records.

We are so excited to have Anthony join us as a member at Grace, and sincerely congratulate Olivia and Anthony on their recent marriage. We look forward to the blessings they both bring to our church and family at Grace.



# Grace Lutheran Coordinating Council 2025

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President	<b>Steve Janke</b>	(262) 352-8742	<a href="mailto:sjanke76@gmail.com">sjanke76@gmail.com</a>
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Outreach	<b>Jeremy Falck</b>	(920) 901-0275	<a href="mailto:falckj02@gmail.com">falckj02@gmail.com</a>

DATE	NAME	PHONE #	DATE	NAME	PHONE #
Dec 14	Melissa Pfister	920-860-2210	Feb 15	Melissa Pfister	920-860-2210
Dec 21	Kent & Donna Langman	920-684-4062	Feb 22	Patty Levendusky	920-782-0383
Dec 28	Tom & Debbie Meineke	920-323-4369	Mar 1	Greg & Lori Stuebs	920-973-3438
Jan 4	Denise Haese	920-901-2242	Mar 8	Denise Haese	920-901-2242
Jan 11	Chuck Bast	920-682-9620	Mar 15	Chuck Bast	920-682-9620
+Jan 18	Egerer Family	920-946-3209	Mar 22	Egerer Family	920-946-3209
Jan 25	Greg & Lori Stuebs	920-973-3438	Mar 29	Greg & Lori Stuebs	920-973-3438
Feb. 1	Tod Hauf	920-860-2221	Apr 5	Tod Hauf	920-860-2221
Feb 8	Kent & Donna Langman	920-684-4062	Apr 12	Patty Levendusky	920-782-0383

**Vacuuming Schedule is Above. Thank You for Your Help!**





# February Birthdays



**Happy Birthday to All!**  
**May God Bless Your Special Day!**

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 Conradt	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

And now these three remain:



but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13





# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 8am Men's Breakfast BC
<b>2</b> 9am Worship with Communion 10:15am SS/Teen/Adult BC	<b>3</b> 10am Pastor @ Circuit Meeting at First German  5pm Catechism 6:30pm Worship with Communion	<b>4</b>  6:30pm Bible Class	<b>5</b> 10:30am Pastor @ St. Mary's / Fel.Village 1:15pm Bible Class 3pm Bob @ Sylv. Cr. 5:30pm JLOG Staff Mtg 6pm Choir	<b>6</b>  5:30-8:00pm Stamp Camp Fellowship Hall	<b>7</b> Jesus' Lambs Super Bowl Party in Fellowship Hall  5-9pm Night to Shine @ MLHS	<b>8</b> 9am Worship at the Cross @ Bethany 9am MLHS Federation Meeting Men of His Word Conf. Oshkosh
<b>9</b> 9am Worship Baptism of Cameron Weincke 10:15am SS/Teen/Adult BC	<b>10</b>  5pm Catechism 6:30pm Worship	<b>11</b> 9am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Bible Class	<b>12</b> 10:30am Bob @ Harbor View 1:15pm Bible Class 3pm Bob @ Sylvan Cr. 6pm Choir	<b>13</b> No Jesus' Lambs - Teacher's Conf.  No Grace Circle Mtg  6pm Council Meeting	<b>14</b> No Jesus' Lambs - Teacher's Conf.	<b>15</b> 9am JCM Bible Study @ Grace
<b>16</b> 9am Worship with Communion 10:15am SS/Teen/Adult BC 1:40pm Pastor @ Shady Lane & 2:30pm MHCC	<b>17</b>  5pm Catechism 6:30pm Worship with Communion	<b>18</b>  6:30pm Bible Class	<b>19</b>  1:15pm Bible Class 3pm Bob @ Sylvan Cr.  6pm Choir	<b>20</b>  2-6pm Blood Drive @ Grace  5:30pm Jesus' Lambs Brd Mtg	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9am Worship 10:15am SS/Teen/Adult BC	<b>24</b>  5pm Catechism 6:30pm Worship	<b>25</b> 9am Staff Meeting  6:30pm Bible Class	<b>26</b> 10:30am Bob @ Harbor View 1:15pm Bible Class 3pm Bob @ Sylvan Cr. 6pm Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Dare to Lead Conf. in Green Bay	<b>1</b> Dare to Lead Conf. in Green bay 8am Men's Breakfast BC

