

Calendar Events



Please continue to watch for updates on our website, email and Facebook. Feel free to contact the office with any questions 920-848-2177.

MARCH 1

Lenten Meal 6PM
Hosted by Choir
Rescheduled Ash
Wednesday Service 7PM

MARCH 8

Lenten Meal 6PM
Hosted by Women of Grace
Lenten Service 7PM

MARCH 12

Daylight Savings
Spring Forward

MARCH 15

Lenten Meal 6PM
Hosted by Council
Lenten Service 7PM

MARCH 20

Worship & Music 6PM
Council 7PM

MARCH 21

4th Grade Parent/Student
Faith Milestone Class
6PM

MARCH 22

Lenten Meal 6PM
Hosted by Men's Group
Lenten Service 7PM

MARCH 29

Lenten Meal 6PM
Hosted by EPIC Youth
Lenten Service 7PM

COMING IN APRIL

APRIL 1

Cantata 7PM

APRIL 2

Palm Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:45AM
Cantata 2PM

Week of April 3
Holy Week Services

Messenger



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Oconto Falls, WI 54154

And those who know Your name will put their trust in You,
For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.
Psalm 9:10

Greetings Grace Family

God uses His amazing words to teach us the things He wants us to understand and to show us how we should live our lives for Him. One of the many aspects God reveals to His followers in His words in the Bible describe who God is and how He works in our lives and in His creation. We sometimes call those "The attributes of God." So, in the Bible we see God's qualities, character, and traits as God sees them and describes them to us.

William Shakespeare once wrote "what is in a name?" and it's true that a rose would smell just as wonderful if we were to call it by any other name. However, there are different kinds of roses and different colors of roses as well. For example, my wife Barbara likes yellow roses. So if I were to simply tell Mel Rice that I want a dozen roses she would need to ask several follow-up questions to make sure she had the right description of what I was really looking for.

That same principle applies to The Creator of the universe. God uses specific descriptive words to describe and define who He is and how He works in His creation. Believe it or not, The LORD uses over two dozen distinctly different titles and descriptions to reveal His attributes and traits to His followers.

So, God reveals Himself to His followers through many different names in the Bible. It shouldn't surprise us too much that no single name can describe all that God is any more than one single name could describe every rose that exists. And God uses each and every one of His names (or titles) to reveal a different aspect of His character to us. When we see these names in the context shown in Scripture, each of these names has the greatest of significance for His people. However, just as every rose has beauty, every name of God leads us to trust Him and praise Him.

In His peace,

The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
The righteous runs into it and is safe
Proverbs 18:10

Pastor Gary

OFFICIAL ACTS—FEBRUARY 2023

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Service</u> (includes designated giving) | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offerings Received</u> |
|-------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Feb 5 | 8:30am | 68 | \$4,118.12 |
| | 10:45am | 51 | |
| | Online Giving | | \$ 973.00 |
| Feb 12 | 8:30am | 83 | \$6,095.57 |
| | 10:45am | 66 | |
| | Online Giving | | \$ 773.00 |
| Feb 19 | 8:30am | 53 | \$4,790.75 |
| | 10:45am | 74 | |
| | Online Giving | | \$ 798.00 |
| Feb 22 | CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER (Ash Wednesday) | | |
| Feb 26 | 8:30am | 65 | \$2,816.03 |
| | 10:45am | 39 | |
| | Online Giving | | \$ 518.00 |

Financial Report

Operations Checkbook (GENERAL OFFERING) - Month of February 2023

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance 1/31/2023 | +\$22,568.21 |
| Deposits Operating Fund | +\$18,479.22 |
| Disbursements Operating Fund | -\$16,872.77 |
| Ending Balance 01/31/2023 | +\$24,174.66 |
| | |
| Mortgage Loan Balance 2/08/2023..... | \$62,969.05 |
| Monthly payment of principal..... | \$ 1,698.26 |
| Monthly payment of interest..... | \$ 183.74 |
| Additional principal..... | \$ 398.00 |

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eGiving brings flexibility to your generosity. You can direct funds, set up one-time or recurring payments from your phone or tablet and give from anywhere at any time! Learn more about our eGiving options by visiting the church's website at

<https://www.graceocontofalls.org/giving>

OR download the Vanco Mobile App on your mobile phone.

Questions? Contact the office at (920) 848-2177.

VANCO
FAITH

**Grace Lutheran Council Minutes
February 20, 2023 @ 7:00PM**

Meeting was called to order by President, Jared Alfson at 7:08pm.

Present: Andy Shamburek, Grace Shamburek, Jeff Schullo, Jennifer Lyng (via phone call), Allie McDonald, Jared Alfson, Melanie Rice, Kent Lyng, Lyle Nichols, Ellen Pritzlaff

Absent: Dave Borisch, Brooke Siolka, Andy Mercier

Opening Prayer by Jared Alfson and Devotion by Pastor Gary

Secretary's Report: No corrections were made. A motion was made by Lyle Nichols and seconded by Grace Shamburek to approve the January 2023 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Shamburek provided a paper report detailing a net ordinary income of \$4,600 but a net loss of \$2,700. We finished 2022 with a net loss of \$700 which was better than anticipated. Giving is still down. Grace Shamburek made a motion to approve the report and Allie McDonald seconded it.

Old Business

- **Benevolences** – Jeff Schullo suggested that we add the International Children's Fund to our support list. Ellen Pritzlaff made a motion to reduce the Sunshine Fund giving amount to \$200/month and to use the \$600 benevolence balance to gift \$100/month for the remainder of 2023. Lyle Nichols seconded the motion.
- **Furnace replacement update** – Kent met with Jeff McDonald to determine a course of action for the new furnaces. 3 furnaces were purchased for \$4,500. Since Kent was able to repair the existing systems, Kent and Jeff will wait until warmer weather to reconfigure the heating system and install the new furnaces. New duct work pieces will need to be fabricated.

New Business

- **New office and booth computer** – Allie McDonald made a motion to approve the purchase of new computers for the church office and sound booth. Grace Shamburek seconded the motion.
- **Planning workshop** – Jared Alfson suggested that we meet outside for a half-day to discuss some long-range planning and ideas for encouraging more in-person attendance and participation from the congregation and members. He suggested March/April. We will continue to discuss this idea.

Upcoming Events:

- February 22 -Ash Wednesday service 7PM
- February 24 – FYI – Funeral for Bruce Radke – Friday – 6pm
- February 24-26 – Pastor Gary and youth to Silver Birch Ranch
- March 1, 8, 15, 22 – Wednesday Lenten meals and services
- March 26 – 4th Grade Faith Milestone presentations at both services (Class on March 21)
- April 1, 2023 – Cantata performance 7PM
- April 2, 2023 – Cantata performance 2PM
- April 6, 2023 – Maundy Thursday service 7PM
- April 7, 2023 – Good Friday service 7PM
- April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday services 8:30AM & 10:45AM

Committee Reports:

Evangelism – Jeff Schullo – shared that the For God's Glory soup lunch has been increasing in numbers – it's gone from 8 to 20 to 40! Thank you to all who have contributed. He will work on a few flyers to pass out at Kingdom Come Food Pantry.

Parish Education – no report this month

Parish Fellowship – no report this month

Property & Maintenance – Kent Lyng reported 2 building usage requests – Friends of the Oconto Falls Fire Depart-

ment using the kitchen on 3/15 and 3/16 from 8-3 and a baby shower will be hosted in the Narthex on June 10th from 12-4. Allie McDonald made a motion to approve the requests and Ellen Pritzlaff seconded it. Allie McDonald made a motion to approve the purchase of a smart TV and cart for JAM, EPIC Youth and bible study groups to use. The cost will be approximately \$700-\$800. Grace Shamburek seconded the motion.

Public Relations – Jennifer Lyng reported that the 1045 livestream is on pause until the sound can be improved. She will be working on all the ads for the upcoming events in the next couple of months. 50 people attended the bowling event at Lena Lanes on 2/19. Pastor Gary had the high score!

Stewardship – Ellen Pritzlaff reported that the directory picture dates have been set with Mike Kallies from MK Photography. The pictures will be on 11/5, 11/8 and 11/12. More details will follow.

Youth Ministry – Grace Shamburek reported that EPIC Youth will be attending Silver Birch Ranch Feb 24-26.

Worship & Music – Lyle Nichols reported that the new hymnals are in and the memorial stickers have been added. They will be used on the March 5th service. We had a great response from the congregation to purchase them. Thank you! We will consider a new advent wreath. The cost is about \$1,000.

Endowment – Melanie Rice reported no update at this time.

Long Range Planning – no report this month

Pastor's Report – Pastor Gary reported no update at this time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Schullo and seconded by Melanie Rice.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allie McDonald
Council Secretary

EASTER BLOOMING PLANT ORDERS

Orders due by MARCH 26th.

All plants are \$24.00 each and will be decorated with foil and a bow & include a memorial gift tag.

(Specify Number)

Easter Lily _____

Tulip _____

Mum _____

Kalanchoe _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____

x **\$24.00**

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

The Flower Shoppe will use their best judgement to select best quality and colors for you.

In MEMORY or in HONOR of _____
(CIRCLE ONE)

In MEMORY or in HONOR of _____
(CIRCLE ONE)

FROM: _____

Orders may be placed by completing & returning this form to the church office.
Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and write "Easter Plant" in the memo line.



MARCH Birthdays



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| 1— Ryan Thomson Hannah Zischka | 17— Macy Magnin Rylea Lealiou |
| 2— Bryent Magnin Lillian Olson Brady Vorpahl | 18— Joe Collar Jake Mogged Jane Sutrick |
| 3— Abby Gardebrecht Will Johns Hailey Peitersen | 20— Stu Anderson Kent Lyng |
| 4— Marshall Klitzka John Marquardt | 23— Jenna Lefevre Cara Peterson Brooke Siolka |
| 5— Paul Schmidt | 24— Liam Spillane Dean Tappa Nicole Warner |
| 6— Shannon Jarvey Richard Helstad | 26— Daylen Hischke Jim Rouse |
| 7— Makayla Derouin | 27— Mark Leitzke Diane Peitersen Matthew Tappa |
| 8— Kurt Delzer Brian Lealiou | 28— Collin Schindel Bernice Stuckey |
| 10— Dorothy Ellner | 29— Carol Marquardt |
| 11— David Kowenstrot Travis Schindel | 30— Robert Klimpke Brian Rajkovich |
| 13— Myles Jahnke | 31— Kraig Patenaude |
| 14— Kelly Brabant Andy Shamburek | |
| 16— Suzi Bukowski Reuben Radke | |

Prayer REQUESTS

GRACE MEMBERS

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| Carol Burns | Health concerns |
| Dorothy Ellner | Strength/healing |
| Barb Merwin | Alzheimer's |
| Lorraine Murphy | Strength/healing |
| Randy Nelson | Macular degeneration |
| Barb Nickel | Health concerns |
| Diane Peitersen | Strength/healing |
| Julia Schullo | Strength/healing |
| Aidan Spillane | Army @ Ft. Bliss |
| Jane Sutrick | Health concerns |
| Bob Thomson | Health concerns |
| Don Voermans | Health concerns |
| Mary Vowinkel | Cancer treatment |

FAMILY/FRIENDS OF GRACE

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Annie Boehmer | Sight loss - diabetes Loss of Greg |
| Janice Bloemer | Breast cancer & dementia |
| Ashleigh Mercier Bordelais | Breast cancer |
| Liam Britzke | MPGN-Disease of kidneys |
| C.J. Edwards | Brain cancer |
| Kim (Capelle) Fischer | Health concerns |
| Rick Fries | Heart problems |
| Cody Fries | Continued healing |
| Angela Heim | Health concerns for end of life |
| Larry & Barb Hillyer | Healing & support |
| Bryant Hodkiewicz | Cancer treatment |
| Carol Hostrawser | Health concerns |
| Cathy Kaster | Rare progressive dementia |
| Judy Melotte | Health concerns |
| David Majeski | Continued strength/healing |
| Greg Meilahn | Liver transplant |
| David Nelson | Awaiting new kidney |
| Brett Nichols | Strength/healing |
| Sharon Raatz | Health concerns |
| Rollyn Radke | Health concerns |
| Amira Rynish | Leukemia |
| David Schefdore | Dialysis |
| Bob Schindel | Health concerns |
| Mary Thompson | Cancer treatment |
| Ruth Trudell | Healing & recovery |
| Gail Venne | Cancer treatment |
| Carol Weber | Healing & recovery |
| Amy Winkler | Cancer recovery |

HAPPY Anniversary!

MARCH

- 5—Kris & Christy Garbrecht
6—Paul & Sue Mogged
18—Robb & Kelly Brabant
25—Jeffrey & Rachel Hosking

If anyone knows of someone in need of a home visit, please contact the office at 920-848-2177 or email grace@graceocontofalls.org



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GRACE MEETINGS & SCHEDULES

MARCH/APRIL COMMUNION DUTIES

March 5:

SET UP 8:30: Pam Langlay
CLEAN UP 8:30: Pam & Brad Langlay
CLEAN UP 10:45: Sue Mogged

March 19:

SET UP 8:30: Rosemary Lyng
CLEAN UP 8:30: Rosemary Lyng
CLEAN UP 10:45: Nancy Weiss/Joy Schmidt

April 2: (Palm Sunday)

SET UP 8:30: Kriss Krause
CLEAN UP 8:30: Kriss Krause / Vicki Thomson
CLEAN UP 10:45: Nancy Weiss / Joy Schmidt

April 6: (Maundy Thursday)

SET UP 7:00: Holli Kussow
CLEAN UP 7:00: Holli Kussow

April 9: (Easter Sunday)

SET UP 8:30: Sue Mogged
CLEAN UP 8:30: Rosemary Lyng
CLEAN UP 10:45: Holli Kussow

April 16:

SET UP 8:30: Rosemary Lyng
CLEAN UP 8:30: Rosemary Lyng
CLEAN UP 10:45: Nancy Weiss / Joy Schmidt

April 30: (Combined Service @ 9:30AM)

SET UP 9:30: Pam Langlay
CLEAN UP 9:30: Pam & Brad Langlay

WORDS
OF HOPE



CARD WRITING MINISTRY


Monday, March 6th @ 6PM



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Tuesday Morning

BIBLE



8:00AM


STUDY

FAITH, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

MEN'S BREAKFAST

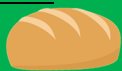


Saturday, March 4
8:00-10:00am



March 14
6:30PM
All women welcome!

COMMUNION BREAD SCHEDULE MARCH/APRIL



MARCH 5: Sue Mogged
MARCH 19: Pam Langlay
APRIL 2 (Palm Sunday): Susan Krumrei
APRIL 6 (Maundy Thursday): Kelly Haselhuhn
APRIL 9 (Easter Sunday): Sue Mogged
APRIL 16: Rosemary Lyng
APRIL 30: (Combined service) Pam Langlay

WEDNESDAY LENTEN FELLOWSHIP MEALS – 6PM

Groups that serve the meal also serve as ushers, greeters and readers for the service.

March 1st - Choir * Ash Wednesday Service that was previously cancelled
March 8th – Women of Grace
March 15th - Council
March 22nd - Men's Group
March 29th - EPIC Youth

SUNDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Come Join Us

Adult Bible Study
Between Services
Hearth Room

MONTHLY MEETINGS

March 20
Worship & Music Meeting 6PM
Council Meeting 7PM

GRACE EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE the LORD....

for your generosity at the OCC cupcake sale! Grace Lutheran you gave \$697 for the shoeboxes this year. 100% of your donations purchase items for the excited children who receive your gifts because we purchase items and pack the boxes right here at Grace. Your generosity will certainly be used by the Lord to bless children around the world with the Gospel.
Thank you!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Sunday, March 12
Set your clocks
forward one hour!

TO GOD'S GLORY



FREE LUNCHEON / SOCIAL

It is beautiful to watch God work through our Christian Family!! "A city on a hill cannot be hidden" Praise God for you being His light!!
Thanks to all who came and helped! -Jeff

UPCOMING DATE!

Free Luncheon / Social
Tuesday, March 14 @ Grace
Serving 11:30AM-1:30PM
All are welcome.

EASTER CANTATA



MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!

Performances:
Saturday, April 1 @ 7PM
Sunday, April 2 @ 2PM



The 2023 nominating committee is looking for members of the congregation who are interested in serving on the church council. Each term is for 2 years. The council positions whose terms are ending are: Evangelism, Parish Education, Long Range Planning, Public Relations, Secretary and Stewardship. Because of space limits, it is a bit hard to explain each of the open positions in this newsletter so if you have any interest in any of these committees and want to know more, please contact Pam Langlay at 920-373-2731 (call or text) or email planglay@gmail.com. Also feel free to talk to any members of the nominating committee or Pastor Gary when you see them. The nominating committee is: Pam Langlay, Barb Schullo, Jenny Mercier, Renee Klitzka and Sarah Rajkovich. Each one of these committees is so important and we would love to see more people involved in all the wonderful things God's church is doing.



Youth news

MARCH

Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



JAM will be rolling into the Spring curriculum soon. We are still always looking for volunteers to help. No experience necessary and it is super easy! Consider helping today! Contact Brooke Siolka if interested. (920) 373-4709



FAITH MILESTONES

March Faith Milestone

4th Grade

Parent / Student Class: March 21st @ 6:00PM

Presentation: March 26th @ both services

Watch the mail for your 4th Grader's invitation.



CONFIRMATION & EPIC YOUTH WILL HOST THE LENTEN FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE ON MARCH 29, 2023.

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS.



WINTER JAM 2.0 was a huge success. 30 youth spent the weekend at Silver Birch Ranch. A special shout out to parents, leaders, drivers & the SBR staff.

Service Duty Schedule MARCH/APRIL

MARCH SERVICES

March 5 - Communion

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Pat Spillane & Beth Lehner

Lay Reader: Josh Wendt

Communion Set Up: Pam Langlay

Communion Assistant: Pam & Brad Langlay

Communion Clean Up: Pam Langlay

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Andy & Jenny Mercier train Jerry & Vicki Fischer

Lay Reader: Heidi Anderson

Communion Assistant: Sue Mogged / Ellen Pritzlaff

Communion Clean Up: Sue Mogged

March 12

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Adam & Kelly Haselhuhn train Becky Pytak

Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Shamburek Family

Lay Reader: Grace Shamburek

March 19 - Communion

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Wally Krueger / Kent Lyng

Lay Reader: Sally Krueger

Communion Set Up: Rosemary Lyng

Communion Assistant: Barb & Jeff Schullo

Communion Clean Up: Rosemary Lyng

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Jerry & Donna Heim

Lay Reader: Donna Heim

Communion Assistant: Teresa & Nathan Raddatz

Communion Clean Up: Nancy Weiss / Joy Schmidt

March 26

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Don & Sharon VanArk

Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Jeff & Allie McDonald

Lay Reader: Allie McDonald

APRIL SERVICES

April 2 - Communion (Palm Sunday)

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Pat Spillane & Beth Lehner

Lay Reader: Josh Wendt

Communion Set Up: Kriss Krause

Communion Assistant: Barb & Jeff Schullo

Communion Clean Up: Kriss Krause / Vicki Thomson

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Nathan & Teresa Raddatz

Lay Reader: Nathan Raddatz

Communion Assistant: Kandice Bero / Zoey Thomson

Communion Clean Up: Nancy Weiss / Joy Schmidt

April 6 (Maundy Thursday) 7:00PM Service

Ushers: Don & Sharon Van Ark

Lay Reader: Josh Wendt

Communion Set Up/Clean Up: Holli Kussow

Communion Assistant: Andy & Jenny Mercier

April 7 (Good Friday) 7:00PM Service

Ushers: Andy & Lisa Shamburek

Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols

April 9 - Communion (Easter Sunday)

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Kent Lyng, Wally Krueger, Jerry & Vicki Fischer

Lay Reader: Lyle Nichols

Communion Set Up: Sue Mogged

Communion Clean Up: Rosemary Lyng

Communion Assistant: Barb & Jeff Schullo

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Paul & Sue Mogged, Donna & Jerry Heim

Lay Reader: Sue Mogged

Communion Assistant: Shamburek Family

Communion Clean Up: Holli Kussow

April 16 - Communion

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Brad & Pam Langlay / Becky Pytak

Lay Reader: Pam Langlay

Communion Set Up/Clean Up: Rosemary Lyng

Communion Assistant: Barb & Jeff Schullo

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Jeff & Allie McDonald

Lay Reader: Allie McDonald

Communion Assistant: Donna & Jerry Heim

Communion Clean Up: Nancy Weiss / Joy Schmidt

April 23

8:30AM Service

Ushers: Don & Sharon VanArk

Lay Reader: Sally Krueger

10:45AM Service

Ushers: Jerry & Vicki Fischer

Lay Reader: Heidi Anderson

April 30 (Combined Service) 9:30AM Service

Ushers: Andy & Jenny Mercier

Lay Reader: Ellen Pritzlaff

Communion Set Up/Clean Up: Pam & Brad Langlay

Communion Assistant: Brad & Pam Langlay