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Monroe, Wisconsin

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Worship Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 PM & Sunday, 9:00 AM

Sunday School, 10:00 AM

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Monday-Friday, 8:30—12:00 / 1:00—4:30 PM

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Thanksgiving Day is a few weeks away. Decorations with turkeys and Pilgrim will replace Jack-o-lanterns and ghosts. Families and friends will gather for feasts and football games. Colorful and elaborate parades take place. Turkey, cranberries and naps are usually on the menu.

It seems to me that Thanksgiving Day has lost some of its luster in recent years. Sandwiched between Halloween and Christmas; for some Thanksgiving has become only the day before Black Friday.

Historically, Thanksgiving is the American expression of a harvest festival as a day to celebrate and give God thanks for the fruits of the land from the growing season. The hard days in the fields are complete and a winter's rest is at hand. I think we are blessed to live here where agriculture remains vital. Even if we are not working in agriculture, we can see and understand where much of our food is coming from. Alongside all the hard work and the science that allows crops and animals to flourish, there is a sense of wonder.

It is in that place of work and wonder that we give thanks to God. It is not just one day that we are encouraged to do this, but all our days. This exemplifies living in a state of gratitude.

Behavioral psychologists have noted that grateful people are generally happier people. It is all too easy to focus on the bad, the harmful and the hurtful. We may do so much of it, that our lives are twisted to seek more of it. What we look for, we usually find.

To be grateful is to look for the good, the supportive, the life giving. It orients our lives and viewpoints to see the wonder and divine that is all around us.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” I Thessalonians 5:16-18

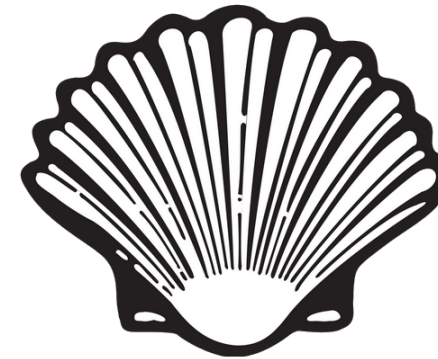
Pastor John

NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

Sarah Goebel
Derek Wahler
Barb Moser
Miles Gerber
Billy Flisram
Ryan Camron
Madalyn Leck
Rosemary Hoover

Lance Sathoff
Autumn Wurm
Penny Jahnke
Dominick Rath
Janice Peterson
Sydney Schultz
Millie Stauffer

Kaitlyn Wardlow
Ethan Mueller
Tereesa Schroeder
Kendrick Rath
Anthony Reynolds
Kim Tallman
Donna Gilbertson



We're sorry if we missed your November baptism. Please call the office to let us know of your baptism date so that we may include your name next year!

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Emmett & Sandy Huston
Shawn & Julie Miller
Dale & Janice Peterson
Lenny & Sharon Potts
Dennis & Lori Timm
Leland & Wendy Drewes



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Larry Lancaster	11/1
Glenene Hardel	11/2
Morgan Kamholz	
Anna Nesbitt	11/5
Jerry Weldon	
Henry Hemmerling	11/6
Joel Dieckhoff	11/7
Melanie Zentner	11/9
Sue Patterson	11/10
Grayson Boyd	11/11
Matthew Sinkule	
Christine Tabaka	
Annette Voegeli	11/12
Grace Mathiason	11/13
Trent Newcomer	11/14
Zachary Wand	
Dennis Meighan	11/15
Janice Everson	11/16
Logan Derendinger	11/17
Willis Kolden	11/18
Louis Scherer	11/19



Randy Whipple	11/19
Valerie Torkelson	11/23
Martha Breisath	11/25
Gordie Wahler	11/26
Jenna Wehinger	
Alicia Kuester	11/27
Jeanette Carpenter	11/28
Sam Mathiason	
Wanda Grossen	11/29
Emilee Olson	
Lori Wehinger	11/29

We're sorry if we missed your November birthday. Please call the office to let us know of your birthdate so that we may include your name next year!



Serving in November 2018

ACOLYTES

Sat., November 3.....Brady Wyss
 Sun., November 4.....Matthew Sinkule
 Sat., November 10.....Jaryn Wardlow
 Sun., November 11.....Taylor Herbst

Sat., November 17.....Brady Wyss
 Sun., November 18.....Brandon Bassett

Thur., November 21.....Matthew Sinkule

Sat., November 24.....Kaden Kuester
 Sun., November 25.....Brandon Bassett

ALTAR GUILD

Flower Committee

LITURGISTS

Sat., November 3.....Trent Weber
 Sun., November 4.....Ann Hunter

Sat., November 10.....Jerry Casselberry
 Sun., November 11.....Traci Newcomer

Sat., November 17.....Jim Munro
 Sun., November 18.....Ellen Mathiason

Thur., November 21.....Beth Faith

Sat., November 24.....Alyssa Sinkule
 Sun., November 25.....Dennis Everson

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

Nov. 3 & 4.....Grace Lutheran Church
 Nov. 10 & 11.....Women of Grace
 Nov. 17 & 18.....Helen & Millie Stauffer
 Nov. 24 & 25.....Bob & Ruth Leistikow

(The Missionary Sponsorship calendar is located on the bulletin board by the church office. The cost is \$35 per week.)

ORGANISTS

Sat., November 3.....Natasha Patterson
 Sat., November 10.....Eric Tabaka
 Sat., November 17.....Maynard Heins
 Sat., November 24.....Eric Tabaka

Sundays in November.....Ann Uresk

USHERS

Saturdays in November.....Bruce Bahler
 Sundays in November...Ariel & Bobbie
 Thomas & Erik Onsrud

Thank You

OCTOBER PARISH ACTIONS

FUNERALS



Melody Manthei, daughter of
Jackie & Richard Carpenter
October 11, 2018

William J. Hefty
October 19, 2018

CONFIRMANDS 10/28/18

KYLIE MORGAN MILLER, daughter of Shawn & Julie Miller
TIMOTHY SHANE OLSON, son of Shane & Errin Olson
ANIKAH JAYNE RATH, daughter of Phil & Greta Rath

MANY THANKS FOR CONFIRMATION PHOTOS! Thanks goes out to Angie Wardlow for taking pictures on Confirmation Sunday. Angie volunteers this service to us, and we are appreciative. Thank you!

WOMEN OF GRACE THANK YOU The Women of Grace would like to thank the family of Eveline Phillips (daughters: Penny Jahnke & Tereesa Schroeder) for their generous memorial gift to the Women's Group. New dishes for the Fellowship Hall were purchased with this memorial. A sincere thank you to all who made this possible. They are gratefully received in loving memory of Eveline.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP will be held here on **Wednesday, November 21st at 6:30 PM.** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and give thanks!

ALTAR GUILD MEETING NIGHT

CHANGE All Altar Guild members are asked to attend the quarterly meeting which is being held at church on **Thursday, November 29th at 6:00 PM.** Please come! Altar Guild members will be installed in worship on **Sat. & Sun., November 3 & 4.** We hope you can all attend one of these worship services.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Parish Education

There will be no Parish Education meeting in November.

Sunday, November 25th

Sunday School children will be singing in church. Please be at church by 8:40 am to practice the songs.

Mission Project Update

The children helped put together our first set of games for the Box of Balloons program. They created a relay game with cups, spoons and ping pong balls to be placed in the birthday boxes for families in need. Amanda, from Box of Balloons, was very excited to add our games to their boxes.

This Month's Bible Verse:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

October's Family Day We had a wonderful time roaming through Romans at the family day held on Sunday, October 28th. We learned all about God's love for us. The families went through 5 stations, where they learned five verses from Romans that tell us how much God loves us. The children presented Love Awards for their parents, where they wrote what they loved about their mom and dad. Look up these verses and read the wonderful words telling us that God loves us very much!

Romans 3:23

Romans 5:8

Romans 5:11

Romans 6:23

Romans 8:38-39

Christmas Program Christmas will be here soon. We will begin practicing for the program in November. Please come to Sunday School, so you can be a part of this wonderful program.

Mutual Ministry: Did not meet.

Christian Life: Did not meet.

Pastors’ Thoughts: Pastor met with Nikki Matley from Thrivent to talk about getting more of our members to take advantage of the action dollars available. Most of the church committees are low on committee members.

New Business: Read the resignation of Ryan Ackerman due to health reasons. Motion to accept by Bruce; 2nd by Ranee. Motion carried.

Bruce Stiner volunteered to finish out the council as Vice-President. Motion was made to accept offer by Kristine; 2nd by Ariel. Motion carried. Committee budgets due next month.

Old Business: Cheese Days parking netted \$1488 for the Youth Fund.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting by Kristine Leck; 2nd by Bruce Stiner. Motion carried.

NEW MEMBER CLASS OFFERED If you are interested in learning more about Grace Lutheran Church, or would like to become a member, you are cordially invited to attend a New Member Class. If you are without a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider making Grace Lutheran your church home! Those interested will meet with Pastor John on **Sunday, November 18 & Sunday, November 25** during the Sunday School hour from **10:15—11:00 AM**. If you have questions or concerns please give the church office a call.

GIVING TREE OPPORTUNITY Again this year we are pleased to be able to help foster families in our community by providing Christmas gifts. We will post the ages and wished-for-gifts in the narthex. We invite you to choose a gift tag, purchase a gift, and bring the gift with tag attached to church. Please do not wrap them. Keep an eye out in the narthex for your chance to participate in the Giving Tree, and thank you in advance for caring!



THANKSGIVING BASKETS will be delivered again this year to our shut-in and home-bound members. There will be a board in the narthex with slips for donations. We will need baked goods (homemade cookies & quick breads), some purchased snacks, monetary donations to cover bags, tissue, fruit and miscellaneous items and people to help deliver the baskets. Items will be needed by **Friday, November 16th**. Baskets will be ready to deliver Saturday-Monday. Thank you for considering this outreach ministry to our members who are no longer able to be with us at our worship services.



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

Members Present: Ariel Thomas, Bruce Bahler, Shane Olson, Cathy Smith, Bruce Stiner, Kristine Leck, Ranee Ellefson-Jones, Pastor Joh Tabaka

Members Absent: Phil Rath, Ryan Ackerman, Traci Newcomer

Kristine opened with Devotions.

Secretary’s Report: No minutes available. Motion by Bruce to table until next month, 2nd by Cathy. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s & Finance Reports: Portico has not been paid for the months of July and August. Bob Leistikow will be stepping down from Finance. Motion to accept by Ranee; 2nd by Ariel. Motion carried.

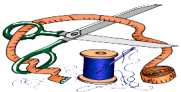
Memorial: Would like to donate \$5,000 towards windows in Sunday School wing. Chairs in the narthex and basement are reupholstered.

Staff Support: Beth’s 30-year anniversary celebration is set for November 11th. Potluck is planned. The Sunday School children will open with singing. Staff Support reviews are complete and given to Phil Rath for the last step in the process.

Women of Grace: The new dishes have arrived. Thanks to Ruth and Chris for unpacking, washing and putting away. The Moose Lodge has purchased the old dishes. Sunday School children helped put together LWR school kits. Items were made possible by the use of Thrivent Action Dollars.

Parish Education: No meeting.

Property: The sign on the north side of the church is installed. The sign is made possible with the generous donation from Hans and Helen Kneubuhler for the sign. The light was donated by Shane & Errin Olson. Roof on the white house is slow going due to rain. Eight windows on the west side of the Sunday School wing will be requoted by Bruni Miller. East gutters on the church have been looked at and will be replaced. Bathroom toilets in Sunday School wing need replacing. Two of the east pole lights are not working. Looking further into the problem.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 2018				1 8:30 AM, Quilters 	2	3 5:00 PM, All Saint' Day Worship w/Altar Guild Installation
4 9:00 AM, All Saints Day Wor- ship w/Altar Guild Installation 10:00 AM, Sunday School	5 9:30 AM, Women of Grace Board Meeting	6 9:00 AM, Sarah Circle 7:00 PM, Property Committee	7 9:00 AM, Adult Bible Study 5:00 PM, Praise Band 6:00 PM, Adult Choir 6:00 PM, Confirmation Class 7:00 PM, Handchimes	8	9	10 5:00 PM, Worship
11 9:00 AM, Praise Band Worship 10:00 AM, Sunday School 10:15 AM, Potluck to Celebrate 30th Anniversary of Beth Faith in Fellowship Hall Downstairs	12	13 4:00 PM, Memorial Committee 5:15 PM, Staff Support 6:00 PM, Worship & Music	14 9:00 AM, Adult Bible Study 5:00 PM, Praise Band 6:00 PM, Adult Choir 6:00 PM, Confirmation Class 7:00 PM, Handchimes	15 8:30 AM, Quilters 	16	17 5:00 PM, Worship
18 9:00 AM, Worship 10:00 AM, Sunday School 10:15 AM, New Member Class	19 7:00 PM, Lydia Circle	20	21 6:30 PM, Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service w/ Communion	22 Happy Thanksgiving! Give Thanks! Church Office Closed	23	24 5:00 PM, Worship
25 9:00 AM, Worship (Sun. School Sings) 10:00 AM, Sunday School 10:15 AM, New Member Class 4:00 PM, Loaves & Fishes Free Community Meal	26 7:00 PM, Church Council Meeting 	27	28 9:00 AM, Adult Bible Study 5:00 PM, Praise Band 6:00 PM, Adult Choir 6:00 PM, Confirmation Class 7:00 PM, Handchimes	29 6:00 pm, Altar Guild Meeting	30	