

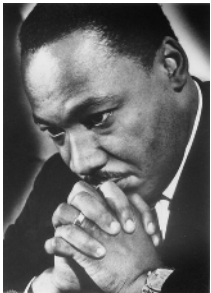


Good News of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church

Green Bay, Wisconsin
January 18, 2017

*We celebrate Christ,
teach Christ,
witness to Christ,
and care for others
as though they are Christ.*



At the service honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Divine Temple Church of God in Christ on Monday, Pastor Randy Argall of First Presbyterian Church in Green Bay was one of the speakers. He made a great point based on the reading from the Gospel of John for this past weekend in which John the Baptist identifies Jesus as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

Somehow, Jesus takes away the sin of the world. Some New Testament writers think Jesus took away the sin of the world, because the crucifixion was a sacrifice of “atonement” for the forgiveness of sins. But the writer of the Gospel of Luke doesn’t believe this about the crucifixion. Luke believed that forgiveness comes from Jesus’ words on the cross, not from his execution on the cross (Luke 23:34). John also didn’t believe that forgiveness comes from Jesus’ death on the cross. John believed forgiveness was assigned by Jesus to the apostles, to the leaders of the church (John 20:23)

In the Gospel of John, Jesus is crucified when the Passover Lambs are slaughtered. So in the Gospel of John, Jesus is the New Passover Lamb. Even though the original Passover Lambs were not sacrificed for the purpose of forgiving sin, there is still a way in which Jesus, as the New Passover Lamb, takes away the sin of the world.

In the Gospel of John, we become a part of God’s Reign on Earth and are born again “through water and the Spirit” (John 3:5). As part of God’s Reign on Earth, we are forgiven and we participate in “salvation” which Jesus describes as having abundant life (John 10:10) and eternal life (John 11:25-26). Sin stands in the way of people enjoying abundant life. The Lamb of God takes away sin not only through forgiveness, but by making us new kinds of human beings, human beings who love as Jesus loved, laying down our lives for one another so we might have abundant life. (John 13:34)

As a good disciple of Jesus, this is what Martin Luther King did: he loved as Jesus did; he died

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT GOOD NEWS OF GRACE: The next “Good News of Grace” will be sent out the week of January 30. Please have articles in to the Church Office by 12:00 noon on Monday, January 30.

trying to restore abundant life to people in our society who had been denied that opportunity. Does everyone in our society now enjoy equal opportunity to succeed? Some people think so. Every child has a school to go to, right? So we're all equal, right?

Teachers who work in public schools in poor neighborhoods know about whether or not poor kids have an equal opportunity to succeed. Here's a quote from a teacher with 20 years of experience teaching poor kids in Albuquerque, New Mexico: "Getting rid of bed bugs, that took us a while. Night terrors, that took a little while. Hoarding food, flushing a toilet and washing hands, it took us a little while. You spend some time with little ones like this, and it's gut-wrenching. .??. These kids aren't thinking, 'Am I going to take a test today?' They're thinking, 'Am I going to be okay?'" ("Majority of US Public School Students are in Poverty," The Washington Post, Lyndsey Layton, January 16, 2015, https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/majority-of-us-public-school-students-are-in-poverty/2015/01/15/df7171d0-9ce9-11e4-a7ee-526210d665b4_story.html?utm_term=.a6a30ce9b3e7)

Well, maybe we're all equal in the eyes of the law. A lot of statistics aren't helpful here. But these do make a strong case that we are not equal in the eyes of the law:

national household surveys show that whites and African-Americans use and sell drugs at roughly the same rates ... yet, in 2003, black men were nearly 12 times more likely to be sent to prison for a drug offense than white men. African - Americans, who are 14 percent of drug users, make up 34 percent of those arrested for drug offenses and 45 percent of those serving time for such offenses in state prisons.

Jim Wallis, who cites these statistics his book America's Original Sin, joins many other Christians who deplore the lack of equality in the eyes of the law. Another sad but excellent book to read in this regard is Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson.

So Martin Luther King's dream has not yet come true. Sin stands in the way. But love and care for people that comes from Jesus can take away the sin of the world. Love and care for people that comes from Jesus can make abundant life

possible for them. Love and care for people that comes from Jesus can make King's dream come true.

And it's not just King's dream. In his "I Have a Dream" speech, King said his work was an attempt to make the dream of those who wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence come true: that all people are created equal and that all people have "unalienable rights" among which are the right to "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." Sin stands in the way of this dream, too. But love and care for people that comes from Jesus takes away the sin of the world. The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: he's our only hope.

Pastor Larry



FOOD FIGHT THANK YOU

Thank you for participating in the annual "Food Fight". 1710 items of food and \$2057 were collected! Who "wins"? Our neighbors who receive assistance from our pantry! Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

General Fund as of December 31, 2016	
Budget /Anticipated income	\$ 52,564
Actual income	\$ 100,550
Actual expenses	\$ 51,967
Year-to-date budget	\$ 315,384
Year-to-date actual income	\$ 313,866
Year-to-date actual expenses	\$ 298,174



PRAYER REQUEST INFO.



SILENT AUCTION

It's never too early to start thinking about how you might be a part of our 2017 Silent Auction! What might you have to offer? Time and talent? Donated (new) items? Be creative and know that your gifts will benefit our July Mission Trip to Washington D.C.

All items should come to the church office by Sunday, February 26. Bidding begins on Saturday, March 4 and closes at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 5th! And, yes! There will be a tasty brat fry on Sunday morning!

Save the dates and contact Carrie (education@gracegb.org or 432-0308) if you have questions! (also see Page 6)

PRAYER LIST INSTRUCTIONS:

If you would like to include the names of people for publication in the church newsletter prayer list please note the following:

- ◆ members of Grace may call the church office and request that first and last names of individuals be placed on the list.
- ◆ Names must be **called** into the church office (no email).
- ◆ The caller will be asked to confirm that the name being placed on the prayer list was done so with that person's permission. Please do not submit names for publication without first receiving permission from the person for whom you are requesting prayers.
- ◆ The prayer list is open to anyone for whom you have a prayer concern whether they are members of Grace or not.
- ◆ Please note there will be no other identifying information published in the prayer list beyond the person's first and last name.

(You may share the reason(s) for the prayer request if you wish but permission is needed for that as well.)



"YOUNG AT HEART" CORNER

Each month there will be the listing of all the programs scheduled for Young at Heart. Mark the 2nd Friday of each month on your calendar for Young at Heart. We meet at Noon in the North Basement for food, fun, & fellowship. The cost of the meal is \$8.00. Here is some of the schedule for 2017:

- FEBRUARY 10 Kevin Cullen, Deputy Director, Neville Museum, Icons of Southeast Asia
- MARCH 10 Bellin College of Nursing Student's service trip to Chicago
- APRIL 14 GOOD FRIDAY (**NO YOUNG AT HEART**)
- MAY 12 Tammy Sze, Father's journey with Alzheimer's
- JUNE 9 Melanie Skalmoski, Identity Theft

Hope to see you at many of the interesting programs scheduled.

Bev Larsen
Health Ministry Coordinator

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

WOODSIDE VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

We need one person (or it's fun for a couple too) to assist getting residents to Chapel at Woodside. We meet there the 2nd Sunday each month around 9:30am. We bring residents in wheelchairs to Chapel and then back to their rooms after Chapel. We assist with setting up and giving Communion during the service. We are normally done a little after 11am. Anyone interested should contact Kitty Nagel, kitnagel@yahoo.com or 339-0706.



CONGREGATION NEWS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Saturday, January 21 at 5:00 & Sunday, January 22 at 8:00 & 10:30

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Events:

10:30-First Communion

10:30-LifeGuard Band

Readings:

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 & Sunday, January 29 at 8:00 & 10:30

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Events:

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday School Jammie Party

Teacher In-Service Mtg.

Readings:

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

Saturday, February 4 at 5:00 & Sunday, February 5 at 8:00 & 10:30

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

Events:

Pizza Pick-up

Fair Trade Coffee/Chocolate/Tea Sale

Readings:

Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 112:1-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, Matthew 5:13-20



INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE:

If the Green Bay Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all church related activities (meetings, classes, etc) will be cancelled at Grace for that day (and evening). Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED

please call the church office or the pastors.

None of the hospitals inform us of the hospitalization of members of Grace in a consistent manner. Thank you!

WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday at 5:00 pm and
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am



Our Worship is Broadcast on
Radio 1400AM at 8:00 a.m.



So what can you get for 600 grand?

Come and find out at the Annual Meeting!
Sunday, January 29 between the worship services
Quorum of 100 voting members required...

- A Narrative (of our \$630,769) Budget for 2016
- Time for questions about the Annual Report for 2016
- An update on the Visioning Process with Jim LaDoux
- An update on the finances for the present fiscal year
- The capital budget for 2017
- The election of officers and board members for 2017

FEBRUARY 2017

For Room Numbers see "Today at Grace" on the monitor in the Lobby.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30-Meal 6:00-Chimes 6:08-Moms 6:15-Adult Education 6:30-Confirmation 6:45-New Song Chorus 7:30-LifeGuard	2 6:30-Chancel Choir	3 9:00-Food Pantry 6:00-Pizza Making	4 5:00-Worship Pizza Pick-up
5 Pizza Pick-up 7:45-Child Care 8:00&10:30-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Holy Donuts 9:15-Sunday School 9:15-Sunday Buzz 9:15-Adult Education	6 6:30-Chancel Bells	7 10:30-Women's Bible Study 1:00-Food Pantry 5:45-Scouts 6:00-Bd. Structures & Grounds 6:30-Bd. Outreach	8 10:30-WOC Bible Study 5:30-Meal 6:00-Chimes 6:08-Moms 6:15-Adult Education 6:30-Confirmation 6:45-New Song Chorus	9 6:30-Chancel Choir 6:30-Scouts	10 9:00-Food Pantry 12:00-"Young at Heart" Lunch	11 4:30-NEW Com. Shelter Meal 5:00-Worship
12 7:45-Child Care 8:00&1030-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Holy Donuts 9:15-Sunday School 9:15-Sunday Buzz 9:15-Adult Education 11:30-Youth & Family Board	13 6:30-Chancel Bells	14 9:00-Sarah Circle 1:00-Food Pantry 6:00-Bd. Education 6:30-Bd. Personal Growth	15 5:30-Meal 6:00-Chimes 6:08-Moms 6:15-Adult Education 6:30-Confirmation 6:45-New Song Chorus 7:30-LifeGuard	16 8:30-Mission Sewing 6:30-Chancel Choir	17 9:00-Food Pantry	18 9:00-Worship Band Reh. 5:00-Worship
19 7:45-Child Care 8:00&1030-Worship 10:30-Worship Band 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Holy Donuts 9:15-Sunday School 9:15-Sunday Buzz 9:15-Adult Education	20 6:30-Chancel Bells 6:30-Health Cabinet	21 10:30-Women's Bible Study 1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Bd. Stewardship 6:30-Bd. Celebration	22 5:30-Meal 6:00-Chimes 6:08-Moms 6:15-Adult Education 6:30-Confirmation 6:45-New Song Chorus 7:30-LifeGuard	23 6:30-Chancel Choir	24 9:00-Food Pantry	25 5:00-Worship
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What do you say when ...

Your kids ask what happens when you die?
Or the new family next door has two moms?
Or your co-worker is a Moslem?

We know kids ask great questions.

Now *everyone* has questions!

Get take away tips to help you with ...



*what do you say when
you're the one who gets one of those questions!*

All Sunday mornings starting January 8 between worship through May 21
(except Annual Meeting (January 29), Palm and Easter Sundays (April 9 & 16), and the Budget Meeting (May 7))

All Wednesday evenings starting January 11 at 6:15 p.m. through May 17 except Lent and Holy Week
(March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12)

YOUTH & FAMILY CONT'D.

Silent Auction and Brat Fry

Washington D.C. Mission Trip Fund Raiser

Sunday, March 5

Bidding begins: following Saturday service

Sunday Brat Fry: 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Bidding ends: Sunday at 12:15 p.m.

Winning bidders will be called after 12:15 p.m. as necessary

**New or handmade items for the Auction
are greatly appreciated!**

Donation deadline: February 26.

**Donation forms are available in the church office or
Sundays in the Sacristy.**



Auction Ideas:

- Baskets with a theme (movie night, goin' fishin', busy stuff for long drives, etc.)
- Handmade items (toys, crafts, fabrics)
- "Gift certificates" for services you can offer (music, babysitting, taxes, health club time, etc.)
- New items you'd like to "re-gift" or donate

WORSHIP MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Preacher: Pastor Dick Schmeling
Lector & 8:00 – Phyllis Seidl, L&CA
Com. Assist.: Mildred Watermolen,
Byron Froelich, CA
10:30 - Gayle Schmeling, L&CA
Bob Mead, Kitty Nagel, CA
Ushers: 8:00 - Jim & Dorene LaViolette,
Russ & Lois Kopidlansky,
Janet Petersen, Charles DeClerc
10:30 - Doug & Kathleen Nelson, Mark
Waggoner, Iris Camacho,
Ben Taylor
Acolytes: 8:00 - Alivia McNabb
10:30 - Paris Riggle
Accompanist: Denise Zenko
Special Music: 8:00 - Chancel Choir
10:30 - LifeGuard Band and
Sunday School Students
Altar Guild: 8:00 - Linda & Dave Rabe,
Debra LaHaye, April
Swim, Ryan Davidson,
Joseph DeClerc
10:30 - Diana Perrault, Susan
Lambert-Tease, Sharon
Lambert-Rademacher,
Kathy Poels
Greeters: 8:00 - Lisa and Grace Herman
10:30 - Cheryl Kremer, Dana Nava

SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 5:00

Lector & Comm. Assist.: James Silha
Ushers: Rick & Janis Olson
Accompanist: John Kopp

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Lector & 8:00 - Hannah Willi, L
Comm. Assist. Lisa Willi, Jeff & Kathy
Koehler, CA
10:30 - Bob Mead, L&CA
Paul & Helen Gubics, CA
Ushers: 8:00 - Bill & Dee Kaehler, Bea and
Byron Froelich, Ted & Barb
Gloeckler, Pete Diemer
10:30 - Kim Selissen, Paul & Jessica
Wikgren, Bill Stollberg, Dick
Destree, Daniel Selissen,
Lilly Helminger,

Acolytes: 8:00 - Juell Jahnke
10:30 - Skyler Vandenack,
Mia Quasius
Accompanist: John Kopp
Special Music: Chancel Bells
Altar Guild: 8:00 – Amy Vanko, Karen
Neumann, Warren
Neumann, Lisa Herman,
Jake Jazgar
10:30 - Kitty Nagel, Linda Wier, Judy
Taylor, Gayle Schmeling, Jack
Uslabar, Natasha Vandenack
Greeters: 8:00 - Bill & Dee Kaehler
10:30 - Dick & Gayle Schmeling

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4, 5:00

Lector & Comm. Assist.: Karen Pangborn
Ushers: Andrea Hansen, Pam Anderson
Accompanist: Denise Zenko



“YOUNG AT HEART”

The February 10th's Young at Heart Lunch will have baked chicken, baby reds, coleslaw, green beans with almonds, & homemade desserts. Our speaker will be Kevin Cullen, Deputy Director at Neville Public Museum. Kevin lived & studied in India. He will talk about some of the most ancient & diverse landscapes in the world. He explored 4000 years of architecture that you will see. Please bring a non-perishable food item if you are able for our food pantry. The sign-up sheet is on the Courtesy Desk in the parlor or call the church office



ACCESS TO GRACE

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Worship Service Times:

Fall & Winter

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. with Holy Communion
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion

Christian Education each Sunday from 9:15-10:15 a.m. (fall & winter)

Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend

Thursday at 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

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New Song Chorus and LifeGuard Band Director: Don Crane

Adult Choir Director: John Kopp

Chancel Bells Director: Pam Anderson

OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH WEEK AT 8:00 A.M. ON WDUZ RADIO 1400 AM

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