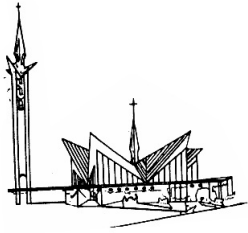


## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)



**November 5, 2023**

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**All Saints' Day (observed)**

**Sermon Notes:**

Announcements

Upcoming Events

Weekly Schedule

**BIBLE STUDY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL...**Join us as we begin a NEW Bible Study, “A Study of the Faith.” We will dive deep into the topics of Holy Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord’s Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles’ Creed, and Confession & Absolution. All are welcome to attend, especially those who are interested in understanding the Faith better, along with those who want to become new members!

**GUEST PASTOR...**Pastor Marklevitz is attending the second of three Doxology Conferences in Beavercreek, OH today, along with Jeff DeYoung and Tom Hoffman attending as lay leaders. We are blessed to have Pastor Daniel Lepley (LCEF Vice President for the English and Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church districts) to guest preach and to teach Bible Study for us today.

**PASTORAL CARE...**If you want pastoral care, Pastor Marklevitz will have open hours for Individual Confession and Absolution on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If a particular sin continues to burden and trouble you, this is an opportunity for a clear conscience in the forgiveness of Christ Jesus. (Note: if you need to see pastor outside of these hours, he is available, via phone or in-person especially when he is in the office and the door is open).

**GRIEF SHARE...**Once again we are offering GriefShare classes here at Grace. We are happy to offer these classes to members as well as the community. We meet on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Anyone walking a new (or old) path where they have lost someone can find encouragement and ultimately joy in sharing this journey. If you are interested, please call Barb Quist at 616-240-8402.

**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH...**Grace’s Second Church Plant, gathers Sundays at 8:00 a.m. for Divine Service. They meet in the building of United Lutheran Church, 15424 Lake Michigan Dr, West Olive MI 49460.  
Website: <https://christevangelicallutheran.org>

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY...**We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. We are studying the book of *Habakkuk* whose major theme is growing from a faith of perplexity and doubt to the height of absolute trust in God. Come join us as we learn together. Contact Barb Quist at 616-240-8402 with questions or to sign up.

**SPECIAL ENVELOPE/EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS...**for STREAMS Healthy Neighborhood Hub. STREAMS is a registered nonprofit organization seeking to plant the seeds of positive change in our neighborhood and demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way. STREAMS offers after school recreation, homework help and tutoring, summer reading programs and counseling. STREAMS has a medical clinic staffed with a doctor and nurse and dentist. They have a food pantry, cooking classes and a fitness class. We will be collecting donations from you throughout October and November with all donations being dedicated at the Thanksgiving Eve service. These financial gifts will then be sent with a letter to STREAMS. Thank you for your consideration and participation in this outreach opportunity.

**IT’S POINSETTIA TIME...**It is that time of year again and we are looking ahead to Christmas Poinsettias for church. Help us adorn the sanctuary with beautiful Christmas Poinsettias. Please return an order form and payment to the church office or place it in the poinsettia basket on the devotional table in the Narthex **by Sunday, November 12.**

**TAKE NOTE...**Confirmation Sunday is May 19, 2024, the Day of Pentecost.

**YOUNG AT HEARTS...**Save the date and plan to join us! Young at Hearts will be hosting its Thanksgiving potluck on Thursday, November 16. Remember, Young at Hearts includes anyone of any age that has the afternoon free and would enjoy some good food and fellowship. To encourage you even more, let me tell you about the entertainment for that afternoon. Our Savior Lutheran School Choir will be joining us to present their gifts and talents through music. We hope to fill the Sanctuary to hear their joyful voices. Young at Hearts will provide the turkey. There will be a sign up sheet on the showcase to indicate who and how many will be attending as well as what you would like to bring - either a side dish or dessert. We will eat at 12:00 and the program will begin at 1:00. I truly hope that you will join us.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS...**Next summer we will be attending the Higher Things Conference! It will be held at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon, June 25-28. Early Bird pricing ends January 31, 2024. Please let Pastor Marklevitz know if you are interested in attending. More information to follow.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER, OCT–DEC 2023...**Don't forget to pick up your copy of *Portals of Prayer* for October thru December 2023. They are on the devotional table (to the right of the mailboxes).

**LWML...**Carol Klein will be holding pre-convention English District LWML meetings in Detroit, Friday, November 3 thru Sunday, November 5.

**QUILTERS WORKSHOP...**The quilters meet monthly, typically on the third Wednesday of the month, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. They always welcome extra help and are very thankful for the donations of full and queen size sheets. And yes, we could always use more! Thank you very much. The quilters meet next on Wednesday, November 15.

**75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...**The Grace Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary Committee needs your help! We are putting together a "Save the Date" postcard to send to our members, former members, former called workers, former office staff and the like. If you have addresses for any of these folks please let Paula DeYoung know either in an email (prvdy2330@comcast.net) or via the DeYoung church mailbox.

Throughout 2024 we hope to have some special events leading up to the Celebration Dinner on October 12th and will cap off our celebration October 13th where Bishop Jamison Hardy will share with us God's Word at the 9 am Divine Service. Thank you for your assistance. We appreciate any help we receive.

Paula DeYoung, 75th Anniversary Committee head

**LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND...**If you are looking for a place to keep your money safe and you are a member of the LCMS, check out the LCEF flyers on the wall at the south end of the Narthex. Feel free to contact Rev. Daniel Lepley with any questions or further assistance.

**DEAR GRACE LUTHERAN MEMBERS...**Lauren and I want to thank you for your generous and thoughtful gifts after our house fire in June. We are extremely grateful and blessed and we cannot express our gratitude and kindness enough. This has really touched our hearts and has made a big impact on our lives, learning how to start over again. We will never forget your thoughtfulness during our difficult time. We certainly have a long road ahead of us, but it's comforting to know that we are not alone. We are humbled by it all!! What makes a home is the people and love inside, and LOVE of family and friends. We're so blessed by everyone who has helped us through this challenging time. From the bottom of our hearts THANK YOU!!

Beth and Lauren Cronkright

**WINGS HAS APPLE PIES AVAILABLE!!...**Impress your friends by baking a home-made apple pie! If anyone would like to purchase a frozen pie, please see Diane Long or Linda Franks. The price is still \$12 per pie (\$12.50 for Sugar Free). If you would like to order some for the future, fill out an order form (located on the showcase) and give it to us, or put it into our mailbox. God Bless all our workers, buyers and sellers.

Women in God's Service (WinGS)

**TO THE FAITHFUL OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH...**Beloved in the Lord, Christ our Lord says in the 23rd chapter of Matthew: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

Thankfully, you have heeded this admonition and in faith are willing to gather us under your wings in order that God's Word may be proclaimed to the lost of our generation through this fledgling church plant on the western shores of Michigan! We give thanks to God for your faith, for the guidance and support of your pastor, your elders and your church council.

Though we are not physically with you, we want you to know that you are in our prayers and invite you to celebrate with us today in your Divine Service, giving all praise and glory to the One True God.

God bless you as you receive His Word and Sacrament and give back to Him your thanks, praise and faithful service.

In Christ, The Faithful of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.

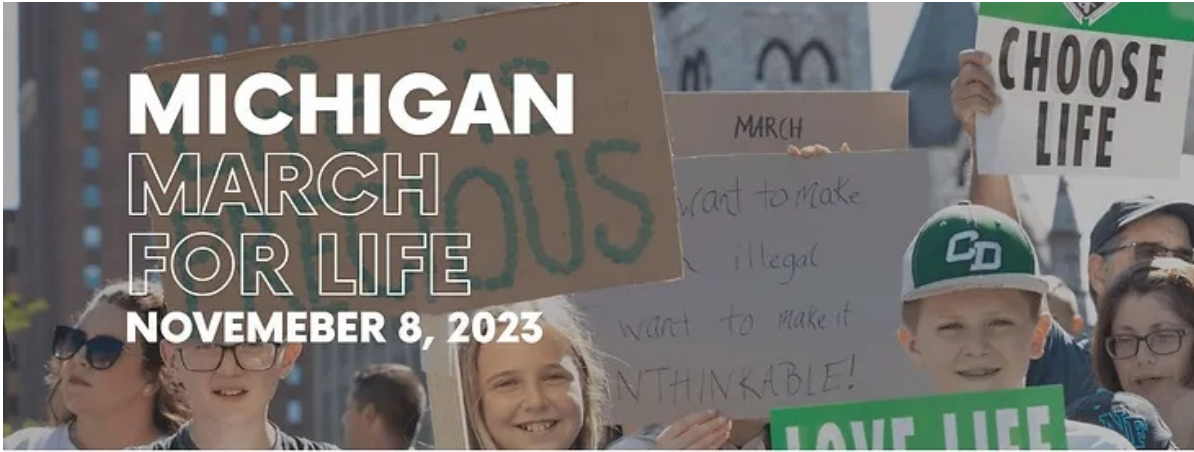
# GRACE LIFE COMMITTEE

† “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10 †

What does the Bible say about: *I formed You in the Womb.*

“Before I formed you in the Womb, I knew you and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. Psalm 139:13



**NOVEMBER 8, 2023**  
Lansing, MI  
Register Today!

**Schedule**  
11:00 am – Rally at Capitol  
12:00 pm – Michigan March for Life



## WEST MICHIGAN LUTHERAN

**Serving Grades 7 - 12**

Christ Centered - Student Focused

Academics.....Activities.....Achievement

- † Individual attention so **each student** can achieve their goals;
- † Integration of the **faith in every class** throughout the day!

**NOVEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR...**Once again this year WML will be sharing our November Prayer Calendar. If you don’t find one in your church mailbox, extras are on the shelf outside the church office. We hope you will join us again in lifting up WMLHS in your prayers.

**WML BAND & CHOIR CONCERT...**Join us for a West Michigan Lutheran High School Band & Choir Concert on Tuesday, November 14. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with music starting at 7:00 p.m. (601 36th Street SW, Wyoming). For questions contact the school office at 616-455-2200 or email office @wmlhs.org.

**WML HERMAN'S BOY COFFEE AND FUDGE SALE...**West Michigan Lutheran is having their annual Herman's Boys Coffee and Fudge sale. A listing of available items can be found on the showcase. Orders are due by Thursday, November 16 with pickup at the high school on Thursday, November 30 at 3:00 p.m. To order, find your WML student or staff at church or contact the WML office at 616-455-2200 or email [office@wmlhs.org](mailto:office@wmlhs.org).

**SAVE THE DATE...**Come celebrate 20 years of Lutheran education! Join us in commemorating WML on Friday, April 12, 2024 at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Guests will have a chance to explore the 1st floor of the museum and enjoy a ride on the carousel. There will be a formal buffet dinner, as well as guest speakers. Ticket pricing coming soon. For questions contact the school office at 616-455-2200.

**LUTHERAN APPAREL SALE...**WML is selling "LUTHERAN" sweatshirts and t-shirts. See the WML bulletin board here at Grace for available styles, colors and prices. If you would like to order online, go to <http://wmlhs-apparel.square.site/>. You can also contact the school office at 616-455-2200.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED:**

Anna Barber; Debra Barber; Althea Barnes; Rev. Ryan Beffrey; Mae Conkright; Beth Cronkright; Lauren Cronkright; Hugh Eisen; Marilyn Franks; Randal (Randy) Franks; Barbara (Barb) Hoffman; Vicki Kik; Dawn Klein; Lois Klooster; Elfriede (Elfie) Koehler; Jan Kutschinski; Allen (Al) & Kathryn (Kay) Miiller; James (Jim) Pellerito; Mark Schrader; Albert (Al) TePastte; Joseph (Joe) Theuerkauf; Sharon Theuerkauf; Amy Woods.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED:**

Alice Barnes (Barnes); Dawsyn Bates (Schrader); Avery Bauman (Molly DenBraber); Shannon Bieber (Tonya Blomeling); Douglas Christensen (Scott Christensen); John Cross (Larson); Vicky Drougl (Tim & Althea Barnes); Anna Fanco (Brian and Dawn Klein); Christopher Ferguson (Dawn Schrader); Liz Hoffman (Tom Hoffman); Jayce & Sarah Holtzlander (Dawn Schrader); John Hume (Barb Quist); Beverly Karel (Paula DeYoung); Bridget Kimmel (Gorman); Cathy Kutschinski; Faith LaHaine (Karen Gorman); Richard Ohse (former member); Dalton Palmer (Jan Kutschinski); Lulu Prins (Tonya Blomeling); Charlene Prince (Iris Kamradt); Violet Redner (Patrick & Cheryl Markletvitz); Bonnie Seher (Iris Kamradt); Ty Tanis (Richard & Jan Kutschinski); Vicky Thompson (Tom Hoffman); Maggie Whitley (daughter of Dave & Kathy Helak); Josiah Whitley (newborn son of Maggie Whitley).

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE DURING THE RECOVERY PROCESS:**

Timothy (Tim) Barnes; Willis (Jack) Edwards; Ella Cathleen Ennis (Phyllis Neitzel); Bruce & Ruth Harder (Vicki Kik); Theresa Holzhausen; Donald Karel (DeYoung); Jennifer (Jenny) Peterman.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH ON GOING HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Jeanne DeMeester; Michael (Mike) Dykstra; Robert (Bob) Johnston; Iris Kamradt; Terry Larson; Norman (Norm) Long; Margaret (Marge) Morgan; Vernon (Doc) Wendt.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES:**

Robert Barber; Klorissa Brown, Nick Payne & Katie Collins (Gorman family); Blake Hoffman (Hoffman); Travis Knapp & Mr. Britten; Jackson Miller, Christopher Ferguson & Alex Gaunt (Schrader).

**WE PRAY FOR OUR GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:**

Rev. Steven & Martha Mahlborg; Nora Leon.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR GRACE SUPPORTED SEMINARIANS:**

Noah Dunsmore; Nathan Publitz.

**WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING** birthdays and anniversaries this coming week that their celebrations would lead to rejoicing in God’s goodness once again this year and to give Him thanksgiving for all His blessings.

**Happy Birthday this week to:**

Wednesday, November 8 - Beth Cronkright

Thursday, November 9 - Althea Barnes

- Carol Klein

- Anne-Sophia Wynsma


Friday, November 10 - Hailey Cutler

**Happy Anniversary this week to:**

Thursday, November 9 - Ed & Karen Gorman - 27 years

TOGETHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY IN WORD AND STEWARDSHIP		
Sunday, October 29, 2023	9:00 a.m. Worship	Attendance: 87 Communion: 73
Sunday, October 29, 2023	Offering & Joyful Response:	\$3,605.00
Sunday, October 29, 2023	Noisy Offering:	\$247.68

Those serving this week and next at Grace:

	<b>All Saints' Day (observed)</b>  11/5/2023 9:00 a.m.	<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  11/12/2023 9:00 a.m.
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Keith Eastland	Dan DenBraber
<b>Deaconess/Deacon</b>	Jill Reyers	Martha Robach
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Barb Edwards Linda Franks	Janet Dykstra Martha Gottschall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	James Gottschall Elizabeth Reynolds	Molly DenBraber Hailey Morse
<b>Sound:</b>	Scott Christensen	Gray Ferguson
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Gottschall	Gorman

Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Director: Diane Long

Organist: Charles Gottschall

Finance Team November: Norm Long, Phyllis Neitzel, Linda Franks

Altar Flowers: by Janet Dykstra: In honor of my parents 62nd wedding anniversary.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>(All Saints' Day - observed)</b>
Divine Service . . . . . 9:00 a.m.		
<i>Sanctuary Choir</i>		
Fellowship following Worship . . . . .		
Bible Study/Sunday School . . . . . 10:45 a.m.		
Doxology Conference (Beavercreek, OH) . . . . .		
<b>Monday, November 6, 2023</b>		
Pastoral Care . . . . . 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.		
<b>Tuesday, November 7, 2023</b>		<b>(Election Day)</b>
Women's Bible Study . . . . . 9:15 a.m.		
<b>Wednesday, November 8, 2023</b>		
Handbell Rehearsal . . . . . 5:45 p.m.		
Choir Rehearsal . . . . . 6:30 p.m.		
<b>Thursday, November 9, 2023</b>		
<b>Friday, November 10, 2023</b>		
Yarn Benders . . . . . 10:00-11:30 a.m.		
<b>Saturday, November 11, 2023</b>		<b>(Veterans Day)</b>
<b>Sunday, November 12, 2023</b>		<b>(Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)</b>
Divine Service . . . . . 9:00 a.m.		
<i>Handbell Ensemble</i>		
Fellowship following Worship . . . . .		
Voters Meeting . . . . . 11:00 a.m.		