Grace Lutheran Church
November 29, 2026
Grace News and Tidbits

YOU ARE WELCOME! WORSHIP WITH US!

Grace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

To **ANSWER** the CALL of our Savior.
To **CONNECT** with people in their everyday lives.
To **ADVANCE** the Gospel through God's Word and fellowship.
To **LEND** ourselves in service, so that we may become instruments.
that **LEAD** others to salvation.

WORSHIP SUNDAY
November 29, 2026

11/28	5:00 pm (No Communion)
11/29	8:00 am (No Communion)
11/29	10:30 am (No Communion)

HYMNS
Behold Our God
LSB 332 ***Savior of the Nations, Come***
SoG 41 ***I Love You, Lord***
LSB 339 ***Lift Up Your Heads***
READINGS: Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:32-37

SoG = Songs of Grace | LSB = Lutheran Service Book

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SERVICES

ADVENT WORSHIP
Wednesdays - 7:00 pm
December 2, 9, and 16

CHRISTMAS EVE
Thursday, December 24 - 5:00 pm with Communion
Thursday, December 24 - 11:00 pm Candlelight service with Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY
Friday, December 25 – 10:00 am with Communion

DECEMBER WORSHIP CHANGES
NO WORSHIP SATURDAY, 12/26
ONE SERVICE, 10:00 AM, 12/27

SUNDAY SCHOOL

11/29/2026, 9:15 am
No Class Infants – 12th Grade
Adult Bible Classes
- The Youngs (Boardroom) 1st & 2nd Thessalonians
- Pastor Woods (Fireside Room)

12/3/2026, 9:15 am
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Adult Bible Classes
- Pastor Knutson "Faith at Home" for Parents of young children (7th Grade Classroom)
- The Youngs (Boardroom) 1st & 2nd Thessalonians
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12/10/2026, 9:15 am
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ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to sponsor flowers for the altar for a church weekend worship service? If interested, please call Karen at the church office.

The cost is **$40 per vase**. Checks should be made payable to **Grace Lutheran Church** and placed in an envelope marked *"Altar Flowers"* or noted on the memo line.

If you take the flowers home, please leave the green metal insert so it can be returned to the florist.

KIDS CHURCH
SUNDAY, 12/13
AGE 4 – 4TH GRADE

During the **late service**, children are dismissed to the **Kids of Grace area in the gym** and return before the service concludes.

Children ages 3 and under are welcome to attend **with a parent or grandparent.**

Please Pray For

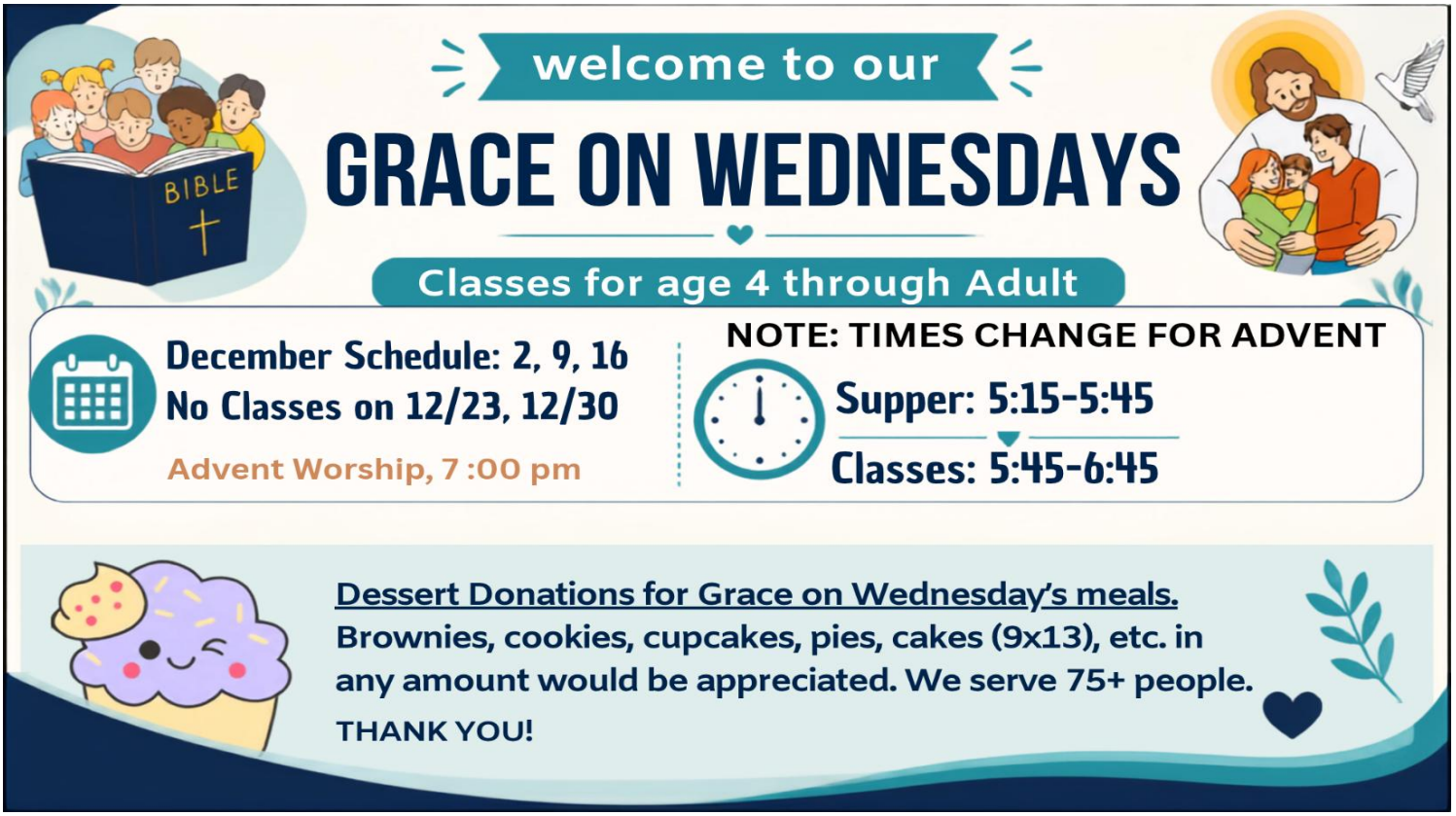
Members: for **Sue Neathamer**, **Mikelene Higgins**, **Kenny Morris**, **Mitzi Lyon**, **Nona Bell**, **Greg Gatsos**, **Dawn Karalfa**, **Serene Loppnow**, **Shelia Elliott**, **Rick Danner**, **Willard Schlesener**, **Lorna Hoeppner**, **Marty Hoeppner**, **Debbie Gleason**, **Frank Putirka**, **Wayne Sheffler**, **Ron Zwald**, **Andy Razor**, **Connie Beickman**, **Bill Wirth**, **Tim Minich**, **Brandin Leffler**, **Jackie Rakes**, **Marc Deardorff**, **Carie Lamb**, **Harry Ross**.

Friends & Loved Ones: for **Jeff Neal** (son-in-law of David & Lyn Back), **Shirley Swanson-Jones** (sister of Anna Luhrsen), for **Peggy Snook** (friend of Becky Fetz), **Zoey Goodwine** (acquaintance of Becky Fetz), **Staci Harris** (mother of Samuel Bottom), **Mary "Dolores" McBeth** (mom of Debbie Wirth), **Flynn Acton** (3 month old son of a friend of Joe Franklin), **Lando White** (friend of Debbie Gibson), **Kathy Litch** (Gwin Kahl's sister), **Tracy Serbick** (friend of Danielle Delorme), **Maya Strehler** (1 year old great niece of Auggie Hinz), **Jackie Ralston** (sister of Doug Longest), **Carlotta McKnight** (friend of Luella Franks), **Juli Meyer** (sister-in-law of Sara (Loppnow) Scudder), **Jennifer Parr** (friend of Debbie Boyle & Chrissy Clifford), **Lisa Cottrell** (Barbara Sziklay's sister), **Deb Pillivant** (friend of Barbara Sziklay), **Stephen Korner** (Knut's brother), **Charlotte Crockett** (Rose Ebling's mom), **Amy Sander** (friend of Kathy Hicks), **Keith & Kathy Brown** (brother & sister-in-law of Rick Fetz), **Rick Shafer** (Colleen Garber's brother).

Prayers for Our Military: **Shane McNamara** (stepson of Ruth McNamara), **Lukas Faith** (Air Force, son of Jeff & Sara), **Stephen Hougland** (National Guard, Mississippi), **Thomas Kendall** & **Michael Kendall** (Army, sons of Patrick & Ruthie), **Alona Warren** (Marines, California, daughter of Diana & Mark), **Megan Harbol** (Army, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), **Orrin Harbol** (Army, husband of Megan), **Will Mersmann** (Navy, acquaintance of Becky Fetz), **Lauren Mitchell** (Navy, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), **Jonah Windell** (Navy, grandson of Larry & Donna Oexman), **Samuel Franks** (Army, grandson of Luella Franks).

PRAYER LIST UPDATES NEEDED

If you have a friend or loved one listed on our Sunday prayer list or in the weekly Prayer Letter, we'd love to hear how they are doing. Whether there is an encouraging update to share, a new request for prayer, or it's time to remove a name, your updates help us pray more meaningfully. **Please reach out to Karen in the church office** by **phone or email** her at secretary@glcna.org.



GRIEFSHARE®

SUNDAYS

at church, 1:00-3:00 pm

November 29 - No Class

December 6 - Grief & Your Household

December 13 - Grief & Friendships

December 20 - Questions for God

December 27 - No Class

WISHING YOU COMFORT AND PEACE AS YOU NAVIGATE THROUGH YOUR GRIEF.

Advent Worship Series

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, December 2, 9, 16

"Clothed in Promise"

December 2 - *Clothed in Mercy*

Genesis 3:7–21 The God Who Covers Our Shame

Adam and Eve attempt to cover themselves with fig leaves, but God provides garments for them. Even in judgment, God acts mercifully toward fallen humanity.

December 9 - Clothed in Righteousness

Isaiah 61:1-11 God Dresses His People for Salvation

December 16 - Clothed for Redemption

Zechariah 3:1-10

Signs of Christmas

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 20

10:30 am

Below are practices for the program.
Please plan to attend.

Wednesday, December 2 at 5:45 pm

Sunday, December 6 at 9:15 am

Wednesday, December 9 at 5:45 pm

Sunday, December 13 at 9:15 am

Saturday, December 19 from 10:00-11:30

Sunday, December 20 at 9:15 am

Please let me know if your child plans to be a part of the Christmas Program.

- Mitzi Lyon, Director of Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry "Good Samaritan" Project

Ronald McDonald House Charities®

On **Dec. 9 & 13** the children will be learning how to be a "Good Samaritan." They will be putting together 100 snack bags for Ronald McDonald House.

Please consider donating Items needed for this project

ITEMS NEEDED:

Protein Snack
Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers, Beef Sticks.

Salty Snack
Snack Mix, Goldfish, Pretzels.

Sweet Treat
Rice Krispie, Cookie, Granola Bar, Bowl Fruit /Apple sauce Squeeze.

Small bottle of Water.

All donations needed by Sunday, 12/6

Joy to the World

CRAFT FAIR & COOKIE WALK

DECEMBER 6, 10:00AM - 2:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran School Gym

1507 St. John's Church Rd, Lanesville, Indiana

Lunch: Soup Served - Free will offering

Shop: Several local vendors

Santa: Visit and take your own photo

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

AT GRACE LUTHERAN

CHRISTMAS EVE: 5:00 & 11:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: 10:00 AM

NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON SATURDAY, 12/26.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM ON SUNDAY, 12/27.

JINGLE, MINGLE & BINGO

Join Us for a Joyful Evening of Christmas Trivia, Bingo, and Fun for the whole family!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

DECEMBER 16

DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 5:15-5:45PM
FAMILY ACTIVITIES FROM 5:45-6:45

Grace Lutheran Church, New Albany, IN

Golden Saints

Ages 50+

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10, Noon
Church Fireside Room



Bring only a dish to share.
Everything else is provided.

SIGN UP OUTSIDE CHURCH OFFICE

POINSETTIA ORDERS

$9.50 each

Poinsettias are used to adorn the church for the Christmas season. You can contribute to this festive display while honoring a loved one's memory, seeking God's blessings, or simply celebrating the glory of God.

To participate, please sign up on the sheet outside the church office. Your contribution will help create a warm and welcoming environment for all who visit during this special time of year.

Checks payable to:
Grace Lutheran Church

Payment envelopes are on the table under the sign-up sheet, or place in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" along with your name.

Bring Your Can to Church

If you are able, please bring a bag or two of food to church on the weekend of 12/5 or 12/6. The first weekend of the month is designated as "Bring Your Can to Church Sunday", but donations to the pantry are welcome all month.

The donations you provide will be used to help those that are in need. Please make sure to place perishable items in the Food Pantry freezer-located in the hallway behind the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

All donations are deeply appreciated and will be used to provide for families in need.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR CHURCH STAFF

If you wish to show your gratitude to our church staff for their devoted service to our Lord and congregation, please consider placing a cash gift in an envelope and submitting it in the offering plate before Christmas. Be sure to label it "Staff Christmas Gift." To facilitate the distribution of the gifts, the Elders encourage cash gifts, if feasible, instead of checks. Thank you, and may you have a blessed Christmas. — The Elders Team of Grace Lutheran Church



Christmas Gifts for Kids!

Door Offerings
Nov. 29 and Dec. 6

Help support children in our congregation and community this Christmas. Financial donations will be used to purchase clothing, gifts, and other essential items for kids in need. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran and note "Kids Gifts" in the memo line.

Church Members who need assistance purchasing Christmas gifts or other items for their children this year are asked to contact the church office as soon as possible at 812-944-1267.
All requests will be handled with care and confidentiality.

Wrappers and Shoppers

Need volunteers to wrap and shop.
See Jude Garber if you can help.

Thank you for helping us share Christ's love and joy with children and families this Christmas season.

2026 Kentuckiana Zone LWML

Stocking Stuffer Project

Please join us to help stuff stockings for children in need:

📅 **Date: Tuesday, December 8th**
🕙 **Time: 10:00 AM - Noon**
📍 **Location: Fellowship Hall**
🍽️ **Lunch Provided**
👨 **Men are welcome to help too!**

These stockings will bring joy to children with incarcerated parents, those in youth and homeless shelters, and others facing hardship this Christmas.

Items Needed (must fit in a stocking):

- Small toys (including McDonald's toys)
- Coloring books & crayons
- Christian-themed items
- Small stuffed animals
- Mittens, gloves, hats
- Children's personal care items, hair decorations
- Card games, baseball cards
- Crafts, art supplies, games, stickers, small cars/trucks
- Small school supplies
- Dolls, jewelry, playdough, small books.

Anything that will fit in a stocking.

🚫 *Please avoid gum, toy guns, or any items that promote violence.*

📦 Donation Drop-Off:
Items may be brought to church on project day, 12/8 or dropped off at church 9:00-4:00 weekdays.

Contact Dolly Jenkins at 812-989-3093 or email jenkinsfamily09@twc.com if you plan to join in stuffing stockings or drop off items **before** 12/8.



A Weary World *Rejoices*

An Invitation to our Ladies Christmas Party

December 6th Following Late Service in the Fireside Room

Enjoy a delicious Fried Chicken Dinner, Wassail/Fellowship, Devotions, a Harpist, Christmas Carols, Dedication of Mites, Games, Door Prizes, and much, much, more!

Join our Dessert Contest...

Just bring your favorite dessert and enter it to win a prize.

Our ingathering will be Christmas gloves, hats socks and toys for our LWML Stocking Stuffer Project.

There will also be a collection for a family in need.

We will dedicate Mites (Mite Boxes are available in the Narthex).

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Sunday, 11/29
Pat Johnson
Amelia Garber
Lilly Bottom

Monday, 11/30
Josh Reisenbichler
Levi Lee

Tuesday, 12/1
Keith Meyer
Alona Warren
Knox Moeller

Wednesday, 12/2
Phyllis Vanover
Connie Beickman
Glenn Murphy
William Carwile

Thursday, 12/3
Dana Bohn
Ricky Warren

Friday, 12/4
David Dehnke
Alaina Donley
Amber Leininger

Saturday, 12/5
Michael Beickman
Linda Herrmann
Darrell Shewmaker
Jim Bell
Teresa Moser
Beth Jenkins
Julie Rice

Sunday, 12/6
Debbie Wittman
Ryan Smith
Creighton Faske

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday, 12/2
Bob & Claudia Alles
Jim & Debbie Woods

Friday, 12/4
Jason & Michele Henderson





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Services, Events, Ministries, Grace News and More!
Facebook
Like us and follow for up-to-date news and tidbits.
360-degree Tour
On Google, type *Grace Lutheran Church New Albany, Indiana*.
Click the map to the right of screen and take the 360^0 tour of our church.



The **Grace News & Tidbits** and **Pastor Woods' Weekly Devotion** available via e-mail. If you would like to receive either or both by e-mail, please call Karen at the church office, 812-944-1267 or e-mail her at secretary@glcna.org and let her know. (Please check spam/junk folders and make church a safe sender in your e-mail settings, so we are not blocked by your e-mail.)



BEWARE OF SCAM MESSAGES

If you receive a message that looks like it is from a church member or staff—especially one of the pastors—please confirm with that person before opening or responding. There are a lot of scams going around, and we want everyone to stay safe.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are hospitalized or have a change of address or just something that needs pastoral care, please call the office, or let the pastors know directly. Since hospital and nursing facilities are not allowed to disclose patient information of any kind, they do not call the church. If you cannot call the church or one of the pastors yourself, please ask someone to do so for you. The pastors would be grateful to hear from you or family when care is needed. We want to be there with you at such important times.

WAYS TO GIVE to GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mail or place in offering plate at church or give online at www.glcna.org.

Weekly Attendance Report

Saturday, 11/21	5:00 pm	48
Sunday, 11/22	8:00 am	63
Sunday, 11/22	10:30 am	154

Budget Needed weekly: $17,003.00.

Sunday, November 22 Total: $16,206.01

$ 6686.10	Envelopes
$ 175.00	Loose Plate
$ 7744.91	Vanco
$ 1600.00	Other General Fund

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Saturdays, 5:00 pm
Sundays
8:00 & 10:30 am

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