

November Worship

All Saints’ Sunday (November 5) leads off a month of unique and special worship services. During both worship services we will offer thanks for “all the saints,” particularly those who have been baptized in the last 12 months (the Church Militant) and those who have passed forward in that same time frame (the Church Triumphant). In a very somber moment, we light a candle for each person in this latter group.

If you are a family member or close friend of anyone in either of these groups, you are graciously invited to attend.

These remembrances include all those who have been baptized by Pastor Brodbeck and those members whose funeral or memorial services were conducted by Pastor Brodbeck or Pastor Powell.

On Tuesday, November 21 at 7 p.m. we hold a special time of worship in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday. During the service worshippers will be invited to share what they are thankful for this year. It’s a special time indeed.

Finally, capping off the church calendar year, we celebrate “Christ the King Sunday” on November 26.

Join us each week!

Join Us at The Springfield Manor!

At 2:00, on the *first Sunday* of each month, our Grace family has the privilege of sharing church with the precious residents of Springfield Manor. Please join us as we celebrate our Lord at 404 E. McCreight Avenue, bringing a loving message and singing beautiful hymns in His honor.

You’ll have the chance to share fellowship and prayer with people, like Cookie; who, in such earnestness, insisted she attend church last Sunday because of her upcoming surgery. She craved to hear our prayers to Jesus said for her. *And* we pray to have you, our Grace brothers and sisters, join us. You will be blessed and be a blessing to them.

If you have questions, please reach out to Steve and Andy Schumacher, or Deb O’Neal. We’ll be happy to provide additional information.

“Only a life lived for others is the life Worthwhile.”

-Albert Einstein

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Messenger



A reflection for this
year month of
November, 2023

A Letter From
The Pastor

Tom Brodbeck

I type these words a few days after the unconscionable terrorist attack on Israel as that nation celebrates Yom Kippur, and before a retaliatory attack from Israel on Hamas and its territory. So much more will likely have happened between now and the time you read these brief words.

Historically Yom Kippur, as you may know, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, a day of repentance and forgiveness, a day of confession, and a day of fasting and prayer. The attitudes and responses to the attack were at the complete opposite of the

spectrum from the intent of the holiday. That’s not surprising, nor is it unwarranted.

Beyond this tragedy, my mind has been focused on the upcoming Advent season. I will be using a single word as my Advent theme: *Hark!* I want to focus on the messages delivered by the angels in the Christmas story. One of those messages is, of course, “Peace on earth.” I’m not sure how I will preach that sermon right now. I suspect God will guide me into a different message that what I originally thought.

Those angelic words remind me of a simple little Christmas tune. I offer it to you as a fitting prayer for these days:
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

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I am Praying you remember our group from Malawi who provided our Breakfast Break in July of 2022. Are you interested in taking a mission trip to Malawi? They are currently organizing a trip for 2024 and looking for interested people. Reach out to Sandy Thompson if you are interested and she will connect you with the

organizer: sandy.thompson@grace-nalc.org or call the Grace office.



St John's Food Pantry

November is one of our months to serve at St John's Food Pantry on Wednesday mornings. If you are interested in helping to distribute food, please contact Judy Fredrich at 937-925-1177. They could also use cereal, fruit, soup, and Ramen Noodles. PLEASE PLACE IN ST JOHN'S GROCERY CART BY 11/19/21



Feeding the Community

Baskets of Grace: Formerly Christmas Food Baskets, our team will be collecting food items to prepare boxes and deliver to needy families for Thanksgiving time again this year. Please watch the Narthex for cards labeled with food items needed to fill the boxes/baskets and return these items by November 19th. Please only bring items identified on the cards. Please Contact Sally or Larry Cisler with any questions.



Snow-vember Coat Drive Plus: The needs at Snowhill School are very high this year and I pray that Grace can rise up to the challenge to help our local kids stay warm this winter. **New Hope Church and Living Water OPC** will be helping us out this year as well. What a great opportunity to partner with neighboring church's to help our local school building. We will be collecting new or like new winter coats for our friends at Snowhill School. Please watch for coat shaped tags in the Narthex in early November. Each tag is for a specific child. **PLEASE** keep the tag with the coat donated.

All donations are due back by November 26th. If you'd like to help but prefer not to do the shopping, see Sandy Thompson for options to donate and have someone else do the shopping for you.



Needed: Winter hats, gloves and socks: Springfield City Schools is also collecting winter hats, gloves and socks to help their kids stay warm as they walk to school this winter. If you'd like to help with their collection, see Sandy Thompson.

Young At Heart

The Young At Heart Ministry (Age 55 and up) was recently reignited by Team Coordinators Roger Bentz and Sonya Ryhal. Our plan is to gather once or twice monthly to provide socialization and ministry to our age bracket. We fit Grace's mission and values by praising God, fostering spiritual growth, nurturing fellowship, and tending to the needs of others in and around our community.

Recently eleven of us visited the Farm and Fish Festival in Urbana. A great time was had by all. We Also recently attended the World House Choir performance at High Street Methodist Church. Future events include La Comedia Dinner Theater on Nov 3rd to see Miracle on 34th Street musical and enjoy the buffet meal. If interested, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Roger or Sonya. The Cost is \$10 in advance to Roger. Also, we will be going to the Cedarville Christmas celebration on Dec 3rd. This will be a free event. Stay Tuned for other outings. Get out, meet others, have fun.



Fall Congregational Meeting

The annual fall meeting of our Grace Congregation will be held at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, November 19 in the Grace sanctuary. The key agenda items in this meeting include the adoption of our 2024 budget and the election of members to both the church council and endowment committee. Those attending will also hear important updates on several other important items and activities in the church.

The meeting is open to everyone. Members, of course, should plan to be present. There will be no live stream option available this year, so we look forward to seeing everyone in person that morning.

Matthew 25:14-25

God has given us spiritual gifts to serve his kingdom.

We must first identify our spiritual gifts and be good stewards with them, we need to exercise our gifts like muscles. The parable of the talents shows us when we bury our talents we miss out on fulfilling Gods purpose for us.

God is *more than enough* to help us use our talents to please him.

Charlie Lantz

Financial Stewardship Team

The Joyful Trumpet and Sacred Jazz
for Peace, Praise, and Worship

Tanya Walker



Hear ye! Hear ye! We share biblical commandments to “press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phillippians 3:14). We are inspired from our Bible fellowship studying Romans 8: 1-11, to be spiritually-minded in life and with peace. That is our goal as you listen, praise, or worship with us.

On November 12th our hearts and voices will share the prayerful improvisational Negro spiritual traditions in ballad style, titled, “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart”. Be there with us at our 8am service and meditate as we share these lyrical prayer verses.

We are inspired to share love notes and sounds of “like mindedness and chords” in the keys of the will of God defined in Ephesians 5:18-19. “...be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord”.

It is our hope and prayer that these seeds of sound rest in the good soils of our church family, and sprout inspiration.

New Members’ Class

Our next “New Members’ Class” will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, November 5 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. An optional building tour will be offered when the class is finished.

This class is an ideal opportunity for anyone interested in church membership or in simply learning more about Grace Church. You will meet several leaders of the church, learn about our beliefs and vision and get all of your questions answered as well.

To register, call the Grace office at 937.399.6257

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