

## Pastor's Corner



Rev. Beth Petzke

Dear friends in Christ,

Looking into February, though short in number, there are many opportunities to engage and enhance our faith and relationship with God and one another. Approaching the season as part of the larger community and with intentionality can help us feel more alive in these winter months, so I hope you'll join us and bring a friend, as we serve God and love our neighbor around the table – the table of Christ, of love, of grace, and forgiveness.

By now, most people have abandoned their new years resolutions. February can invite us more into intention during these potentially long winter months. When we gather as people of faith, we are nourished in body, mind, and spirit. I hope you'll join us as we begin the season of Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter, not counting Sundays – when we gather around Christ's table together, reflecting on Jesus' ministry of fellowship, grace, and radical inclusion.

We begin on Ash Wednesday with something different this year. Join us for a special Ash Wednesday worship service and meal on Wednesday, February 18 at 5:30 p.m. As we gather at table, we will share a meal, share our faith, receive the imposition of ashes, and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. To help us plan, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office by February 15 to let us know you will be attending (include your name, number attending, and any food accommodations – i.e., allergies, vegetarian, etc.).

Throughout Lent, we will continue to gather on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. (2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25) for a simple meal, a brief worship service, and a hands-on service project to benefit others in our community as we seek to be fed and transformed through the example of Jesus' ministry.

The theme for our Lenten season on Sundays at 10 a.m. (2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29) this year stems from Dr. Marcia McFee, "Listen." I invite you to be present with us as each Sunday as we quiet things down and heighten our attention to the still, small voice of God and our own true self.

I recently read about the importance of listening, and how interesting that the word silent and listen have the same letters, words that go hand in hand. Sunday worship will include listening through prayer, as well as meditation on holy texts is an ancient Lenten practice.

Come and rest, come and listen.

## Upcoming Sundays –

Sunday, February 8 – 10 a.m. worship, followed by our annual “Soup”er Bowl Fundraiser to sample soups and sit at table to warm are our bodies and spirits. Bring a friend – soup is only \$10 and is available to go.

Sunday, February 15 – 9 a.m. Sunday School followed by 10 a.m. intergenerational worship that will include blessing of our new altar paraments. We will also be gathering gifts in the narthex for the Laundry Love mission that offers free laundry services, detergent, and quarters to low-income or unhoused residents, fostering community connections at local laundromats. We are collecting laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and cash to support this mission that allows those in need to have the dignity of clean clothes.

Sunday, February 22 – 10 a.m. worship on the first Sunday in Lent

Friends in Christ, join us for Lent to explore re-orienting ourselves toward the Holy. What we pay attention to is what we are formed by, so let us begin this season of listening, of hearing that still, small voice, and finding our own true selves.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Beth



Greetings to my Grace UCC family. Here we all are, embarking on a new year full of possibilities. Anticipation for what God will bring, fills us with expectation.

I ask for your assistance as I embark on the journey of being Church Council President. Prayers for strength, leadership, & discernment would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to serving God in this capacity.

May the year be filled with hope, joy, & love.

Sincerely, Joya Cox

Hello Grace Members!

I was blessed earlier this year to work the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl on January 2, 2026 in Fort Worth Texas.

It was an amazing experience. We were told by the Bowl Committee that all we need is to get ourselves down there and they would take care of the rest. They did not let us down.

They treated us and our families to transportation, hotel rooms, snacks and meals, along with some nice "swag" gifts.

Sarah, Brenna and Molly went down there with me and we had a wonderful time.



The teams for the bowl game were Rice and Texas State.

It started off as a close game but Texas State ended up winning 41-10.

It was a beautiful day and every once in a while during the timeouts

I would look around and take in the scenery around me.

Feeling blessed in having friends and family's support, helping me accomplish my goals in officiating.

Dan Montgomery

# UPDATES



Bible Study will be 'on hold' during Lent and will resume following Easter. Please join us for Wednesday night Lenten gatherings beginning at 5:30PM with a simple meal including: worship and a hands on community service project!

## KRINGLE FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all who supported the Kringle fundraiser. As always the taste did not disappoint!

Special thanks to 'the village' that helped unload and sort the MANY boxes on a cold morning - you know who you are. Kudos to Dan Montgomery for making it happen. Dan reports that Grace sold 85 Kringle this year. Our profit is \$4.75 per Kringle or a total of **\$403.75.**

Great job Grace!

### February Birthdays

2nd Nancy Christian

11th Corliss Kummer

3rd Robert Multer

15th Brenda Protzmann

8th Shoshanna McKnight

20th Charlie Knepfel

10th Jean Limberg

24th Brandon Payne

10th Michael Skeris

**Uncle Mike's**  
A little bit of Heaven in every bite.

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Make Checks Payable to \_\_\_\_\_  
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FUNDRAISER FOR GRACE UCC  
Orders Due: Jan. 13, 2026  
Pick Up: Thurs, Jan. 22, 11 am-3 pm  
Make Checks Payable to Grace UCC



### February Anniversaries

9th Beth and Daniel Petzke

19th Ann and Chuck Ebert

28<sup>th</sup> Diana and Robert Multer



# Announcements

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRACE

## Sunday, February 8

10AM Worship Service

11AM Soup-erBowl following worship

## Wednesday, February 10

5PM Confirmation

6PM Bible Study

## Sunday, February 15 Intergenerational (Family)

9AM Sunday School

10AM Worship

**Support Laundry Love! Bring your cash/quarters, laundry detergent and/or dryer sheets.**

## Wednesday, February 18

5:30PM Ash Wednesday Meal - including worship, ash imposition and communion - all 'at table'.

## Sunday, February 22

10AM First Sunday of Lent Worship

## Wednesday, February 25

1PM Friends of Grace at Cafe Bellas

5:30PM Lent meal, worship service and hands on service project

Hygiene items are welcome Feb. 22 - March 26



## USHER SCHEDULE

Feb 1st. - Betty Jones (8am Service)

Feb 1st. - Mike & Susie Wandschneider

Feb 8th. - Maureen Faucher

Feb 15th. - Marge Horneck & Karen Groth

Feb 18th. - Ash Wednesday 5:30PM

**No ushers needed**

Feb 22nd. - Carol & Mike Skeris

## LITURGIST / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb 1 Margy Horneck

Feb 8 Karen Groth

Feb 15

Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday 5:30PM

Feb 22





Lent begins February 18th

Our Ash Wednesday experience will begin at 5:30pm with dinner that includes a time of worship, concluding with communion and imposition of ashes.

A signup sheet is available in the narthex so we can plan accordingly.  
All are welcome.

## SUPPORT LAUNDRY LOVE



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We will be gathering gifts in the narthex for the Laundry Love mission that offers free laundry services, detergent, and quarters to low-income or unhoused residents, fostering community connections at local laundromats. We are collecting laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and cash to support this mission that allows those in need to have the dignity of clean clothes.

**Friends  
of  
Grace**

Wednesday,  
February 25th  
1:00PM  
at Cafe Bella  
725 Indiana Ave  
Sheboygan, WI  
All are welcome  
to join us for lunch!  
Just show up!!



## **HYGIENE DRIVE - MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

TOILET PAPER

PAPER TOWELS

SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER

BODY WASH

LAUNDRY DETERGENT

DEODORANT (MEN'S & WOMENS)

FEMINE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

DISH SOAP

ALL PURPOSE CLEANER

TOILET BOWL CLEANER

CLEANING/DISINFECTANT WIPES



*Help for the Homeless*  
**HYGIENE DRIVE**

Feb. 22

through

**March 26**

# FINANCIAL CORNER

Regular giving helps Grace not only pay the bills but continue it's important ministry and mission.



Weekly worship attendance averages about 25 people and we have a regular online viewing audience. But there is a good percentage of people that we don't hear from and we ask that you consider evaluating your financial contribution and remember your church with a gift.

If you would like envelopes for your 2026 giving - please notify Pastor Beth or Sue in the church office.

These gifts can be sent in various ways:

- Via Mail: 500 School Street, Kohler, WI 53044
- Electronically: [Link for Online Giving](#)
- Electronic Transfer of Funds:

Contact your bank/financial advisor



**Thank you for your generosity to Grace Church, supporting the mission and ministry that helps spread the good news of God's love for all!**



With Hearts full of Gratitude.....

Lifting up in thanks - Lynn Green for hosting the coffee hour on January 25<sup>th</sup> prior to the annual meeting. Thanks also to Dan & Sarah Montgomery for providing the delectable, yummy Kringles.

Continued thanks to all those who meet weekly to help count offerings with Dan Montgomery. Your willingness to take time from your weekly schedule is deeply appreciated.

Patience is a rare gift, and your vast reserves of it have been a tremendous support. Thank you for always being patient with me. Sue Kaiser - Church Secretary

Nothing 'just happens' here at Grace. It literally takes a village! For those who give of their time and talent to make things happen – whether anonymously or accidentally not included here, please know that we are grateful for ALL of your efforts!



*I want to share a special thank you to all who contributed to covering in my absence, as my family and I navigated my dad's death.*

*Thank you for all your prayers, support, and grace.*

*I am deeply grateful to serve alongside such a caring community. -- Beth*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



PASTOR: Rev. Beth Petzke

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CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Joya Cox

TREASURER: Dan Montgomery

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