



2024 SCHEDULED EVENTS

1. **BULLETIN TIDBITS** - Each week in the church bulletin there will be TIDBITS of history related to the founding of Lutheranism, the Missouri-Synod denomination, and Grace Lutheran Church.
2. **SOUPER FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY** - January 28th, 2024 - Enjoy a bowl of soup and fellowship with your church family and friends after the 10am Sunday Service.
3. **SAY CHEESE** - May 4th, Saturday, 3:15pm SHARP - be part of the 100th Year picture that will be taken at the church prior to the honorary dinner celebrating the 100th Year Anniversary.
4. **CELEBRATORY DINNER** - May 4th, Saturday, 4pm - directly after the photo-op, join your Grace Family and Friends for a celebratory dinner (catered by the Model T) in the CLC.
5. **100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE** - May 5th, Sunday, 10am - District President, Pastor John Pingle is scheduled to provide the message in honor of the Lord blessing Grace Lutheran Church over the past 100 years. Service will be followed by a cake celebration in the Social Hall.
6. **FORMER PASTORS/DCE VISITS** - Former pastors of Grace as well as a former DCE of Grace will return to deliver a message sometime in 2024.
 - A. Pastor Eddie Scheler - date yet to be determined
 - B. Pastor John Shubert - October 6
 - C. Pastor Seth Kunze, former Grace Lutheran Church DCE turned pastor - was to be May 19th however, he and Jacque are having their 6th child in May, so return date has not yet been determined.
7. **OTHER EVENTS HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY** -
 - A. 100th Anniversary Nook - nook was designed and constructed in the Social Hall highlighting past church photos, founding fathers of Grace, and a 100th Anniversary Scrapbook.
 - B. 100th Anniversary Scrapbook - located on the tea table in the "100th Nook" featuring various photos of Grace's history beginning back in the 1920's.
 - C. Candy Apple Red 100th Anniversary Lighters featuring Martin Luther's seal continue to be available, \$25/each.

Upcoming Sermon Series

Feb. 4th – What Does the Cross Mean to Our Faith? - Pastor Barry
Feb. 11th – What Does the Cross Mean to Jesus? - Pastor Barry
Feb. 14th – Ash Wednesday - Pastor Barry
Feb. 25th – Pastor Bill Wilson
March 4th – What Does the Cross Mean to My Sin? - Pastor Barry
March 10th – Pastor Bill Wilson
March 17th – Pastor Bill Wilson
March 24th – What Does the Cross Mean to The World? - Pastor Barry
March 28th – The Blessing of Us - Pastor Barry
March 29th – What Does the Cross Mean to The Church? - Pastor Barry
March 31st – What Does the Cross Mean to The Grave? - Pastor Barry
April 7th – What Does the Cross Mean in Heaven? - Pastor Barry



THREE WORDS - WHY DO THEY MATTER?

... my past can be forgiven (Colossians 2:14)

“By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with it’s legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

... my present is under control (Philippians 4:13)

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

... my future is secure (John 3:16)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

NEWS

Grace Lutheran Church Marking its 100th Year in Bradford, PA

The biography of Martin Luther is entitled, HERE I STAND, and Grace Lutheran Church, 79 Mechanic Street will be celebrating their One Hundred Anniversary in 2024.

From modest beginnings, holding services in the former Lyceum building, 33 Main Street, led by a visiting minister from Olean, New York, Rev. Polzin and Layperson Paul Kautz of Bradford, to their first church building on Boylston and Florence Street, where the laundromat is located, to the corner of Corydon Street and South Avenue, now a parking lot, to 79 Mechanic Street, this church has continually strived to minister to Bradford's Lutheran denomination population. Grace has grown under the direction of its early ministers, and in recently times, individuals like Rev. J. Authur Cox who served the Church for 25 years and was the catalyst for its current location to Rev. Eddie Scheler, who enhanced Grace's ministry by establishing and building the Community Life Center as an enrichment facility for the citizens of Bradford.

Today, Grace Lutheran Church offers not only Sunday services and Bible studies, but their Community Life Center (CLC), dedicated on September 14, 2003, strives to provide an activity outlet for the youth, young adults, and a sports center. Their child development center 'Growing with Grace (GWG),' started in February 2014, offers a year-round program for children six week of age through pre-K, before/after school, and summer programs for school age children, while maintaining a 4-star rating with Keystone STARS accreditation. The 'CLC' is a community facility for gatherings, holiday mercantile showplace and a general reunion activity facility, accommodating usage more than 1500 times, from senior walkers to a 'Read for Fun' program, parties (birthday, anniversary, and graduation), sports leagues and church functions.

The Church is of a Lutheran denomination in which its early parishioners desired to continue worshipping in the direction of its founder, Martin Luther as he envisioned in 1517, today serving all of Bradford and surrounding community; standing and supporting those in the tradition of Luther's hymn (paraphrased), as a 'Mighty Fortress to Their God.'

Grace Lutheran Church, an affiliation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is the Church that sponsors the world's oldest continually broadcast Gospel radio program, 'The Lutheran Hour' beginning in 1930, and today reaches out in eighty languages. Grace welcomes all to visit, attend, and enrich their spiritual as well as physical life by drawing a closer connection to the Savior, Christ the Lord, and becoming a part of this Church - keeping in mind their One Hundred Anniversary slogan: 'Faith in Our Father, Faith for the Future.'

Celebration events includes a planned 'Hymn-Fest' of traditional/contemporary Christian music, commemorative mementos marking this anniversary, visitation by former Pastors of Grace Lutheran, each providing a sermon and other events as planning evolves.

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30 NIV)*

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not
published on-line.

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Sent By

Beverly Hull

Art & Barb Steinhauer

Shirley Presher

Hailie Cox



FEBRUARY SERVICE

SCHEDULE

CHURCH

COUNTERS

Al & Amy Dexter

ALTAR

COMMITTEE

Amber Mays

Mary Thompson

READERS

Gayle Gallman

PRAYERS

Vicki Sander

Gifts of Grace Gift Card Program

(to Benefit Growing with Grace Preschool)



Order with payment must be

Submitted by noon on the

FIRST Sunday of each month.

NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER

February 4th, 2024

**New participants: Tops Friendly
Markets and Big Lots!**

Questions? See Jackie Streb

Please remember our shut-ins:

Pastor and the deacons try to ensure that each person gets visitation and Communion at least once a month. BUT, a card, a phone call or a brief visit brightens the day for our brothers and sisters who can no longer attend services regularly. Cards and a list of our shut-ins are available in the Social Hall.

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Bradford, PA 16701
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814-596-3439

Judy Signor
28 Brookline Ct
Bradford, PA 16701
814-779-1066

Sandy Reese
Bradford Manor
50 Langmaid Ln.
Bradford, PA 16701

Debbie Kelly
The Pavilion at BRMC
200 Pleasant St.
Bradford, PA

Donna Lannen
The Pavilion
200 Pleasant St.
Bradford, PA 16701

Charlotte Reinhardt
230 Rutherford Run
Bradford, PA 16701

Ray Eidson
100 St. Francis Dr.
Apt. 107

Betty Jean Austin
100 St. Francis Drive
Bradford, PA 16701

Rose Hager
144 Davis St., Apt 2
Bradford, PA 16701



Grace Memorials / Altar Flowers

Prayerfully consider donating to the Grace Memorial fund when you wish to make a memorial donation. When you donate to the Memorial Fund, a card is sent to the family of the person that you are remembering.

Also, you may sign up for Altar Flowers on the chart posted in the Social Hall. This can be in memory of a loved one or friend or to commemorate a special event.

To make a donation you may use one of the envelopes in the Welcome Center and place in the collection plate, the safe or call the Church Office at 362-3244.

FYI

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is the **Church Secretary: 362-3244.**

Council Meeting

Church Council meeting will be at 6:30pm **February 13th, 2024** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome!

Deacon's Meeting

The next Deacon's meeting will be at 6:00pm **February 7th, 2024** in the Social Hall.

RECYCLING: Keep saving your nickel cans and nickel plastic bottles! Please leave them in the Social Hall for pick-up. Thank you!
Remember: "With God all things are possible." The total raised for 2023 was **\$5,144.63.**



Deadlines for Weekly Slides, Bulletin Items

Just a reminder that the deadline to have items placed in the weekly bulletin is Wednesday morning and the deadline for slides is Thursday morning. Please write the information in the manner you would like church secretary to print it.

The Women's Bible Study Group

We are doing a Bible Study on Daniel - "Daniel - Spiritual Living in a Secular World." We would love to have you join us and bring a friend.

We will be meeting **February 8th** and **February 22nd** in the church social hall at **10:30a.m.**

If there are any questions, please call
Vicki Sander 814-465-3137 or
Laura Keesler 814-465-9388.



HISTORY

Grace Lutheran Church Ministers – Bradford PA

Rev. Emil Polzin of Boston, New York would conduct the first service in 1924. The years that followed, Rev. Martin Gallmaier of Olean, New York, Rev. R.W. Huebsch and Rev. Emil Polzin of then Allegany, New York, and Vicar Eric Malte conducted services at various locations around the community; the Lyceum Theater, 33 Main Street, the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, then located corner of Mechanic Street and Walker Avenue and the Women’s Christian Temperance Union Building, corner of Congress and East Corydon Streets. Following, Rev. Eric C. Malte was called as the first resident pastor in 1927.

	Pastor Name	Years of Service	Date of Birth – Date of Death
1	Rev. Eric C. Malte	1927 – 1930	01/01/1904 – 02/01/1970
2	Rev. Arthur A. Kleindienst	1930 – 1940	11/15/1904 – 03/16/1966
3	Rev. Edward Brusick	1940 – 1941	01/12/1913 – 06/06/1968
4	Rev. Arnold C. Schaller	1941 – 1942	02/21/1906 – 08/01/1995
	VACANCY	1942 – 1943	-----
5	Rev. Edward Brusick	1943 – 1945	See above #3
6	Rev. Fredrick W. Holz	1945 – 1947	10/05/1915 – 11/30/1947
	VACANCY	1947 – 1949	-----
7	Rev. John William Christopher Fey	1949 – 1952	12/29/1903 – 10/24/2001
8	Rev. Ronald E. Haase	1952 – 1961	10/31/1909 – 12/02/1994
9	Rev. Guy Warke	1961 – 1964	08/03/1935 – 03/11/2022
10	Rev. George Gibson	1964 – 1970	02/26/1938 – 07/15/1915
11	Rev. Richard H. Drankwalter	1970 – 1973	07/04/1944 –
12	Rev. William C. Willson	1973 – 1974	10/20/1945 –
	VACANCY	1974 – 1975	-----
13	Rev. Dr. J. Arthur Cox (James)	1975 – 2000	08/05/1940 – 02/02/2018
14	Rev. Eddie Scheler	2000 – 2006	02/23/1965 –
	VACANCY	2006 – 2007	-----
	Rev. Dr. J. Arthur Cox (Interim Pastor)		
15	Rev. John Schubert	2007 – 2010	01/30/1973 –
	VACANCY	2010 – 2011	-----
	Rev. Dr. J. Arthur Cox (Interim Pastor)		
16	Rev. Patrick Cox	2011 – 2018	09/02/1964 –
	VACANCY	2018 – 2019	-----
	Rev. Gerald leFeber & Rev. Donald Loos		
17	Rev. William Waterman	2019 – 2023	11/30/1960 –
	VACANCY	2023 –	-----
	Rev. Barry Keurulainen (Interim Pastor)		

NEWS

100th Anniversary Directory Project

With 2024 being Grace's 100th Anniversary we want to leave a record of who are members, attend, work, or call Grace Lutheran Church their home. This directory will also serve as a tool for when Grace Lutheran calls a new pastor. You can include as little or as much as you desire on your family, as long as doesn't exceed front and back of normal sheet of paper. Pictures can be digital, hard copy (we will scan and return your picture if you desire picture to be returned) or we can even take a picture of your family. If you can't input your picture(s) into the document, no problems just include them with your submission. Below is a sample of information you wish to provide. It can be handwritten or typed. You can email to glcmail@agraceplace.org, drop off at church or mail to 79 Mechanic St Bradford, PA 16701. This information WILL NOT be posted on the internet. Basically, provide information and the Project team will make the formatting and have picture added to your family page. If you have any questions please call the church office, and they will get you in touch with Lynda Krakat or email her at glcmail@agraceplace.org. For those who submit their family's information by Feb 28, 2024, you will be entered to win a gift card. You can get a sample Word document by visiting Grace's website and clicking on the Word or PDF format under 100th Anniversary Directory - <https://agraceplace.org/?p=6384> . Lastly provide your email or phone number in case we need to contact you on your input. Thank you.

John and Mary Smith (Bart and Davy)

John Birthday Dec 2, 19XX

Mary Birthday Jun 1, 19XX

(You don't have to include the year born - this is up to family)

Children:

Bart 8 years old Birthday Feb 11, 2016

Davy 5 years old Birthday October 20, 2018

(You don't have to include the year born - this is up to family. Can include current year of school, date of birth, baptism date, confirmation date.)

Family Information:

John has been a member of Grace since he was baptized at Grace in 1970. John and Mary were married at Grace in November 1990. They are proud parents of 2 boys, Bart and Davy.

Occupation:

John – Retired in February 1997 from Dresser Rand after 25 years. John was a welder.

Mary – Retired in August 2007 from Zippo after 30 years. Mary worked in accounting.

(Can include past work history)

Other Family Information: John is Laura Jones' brother. Laura is also a member of Grace.

Hobbies: John enjoys history and has traveled extensively, visiting 32 countries. Mary enjoys computers and her dogs. Bart and Davy enjoy playing ball.

Other information: Anything you would like to include about your family. Where children are going to school/college, what they are studying, their families, grandchildren, etc.

Share a tidbit about Grace Lutheran Church: Share something about Grace in honor of Grace's 100th Anniversary. Areas you may be volunteering at Grace, past or present.



RECIPE CORNER

A New Month Of Faith And Blessing

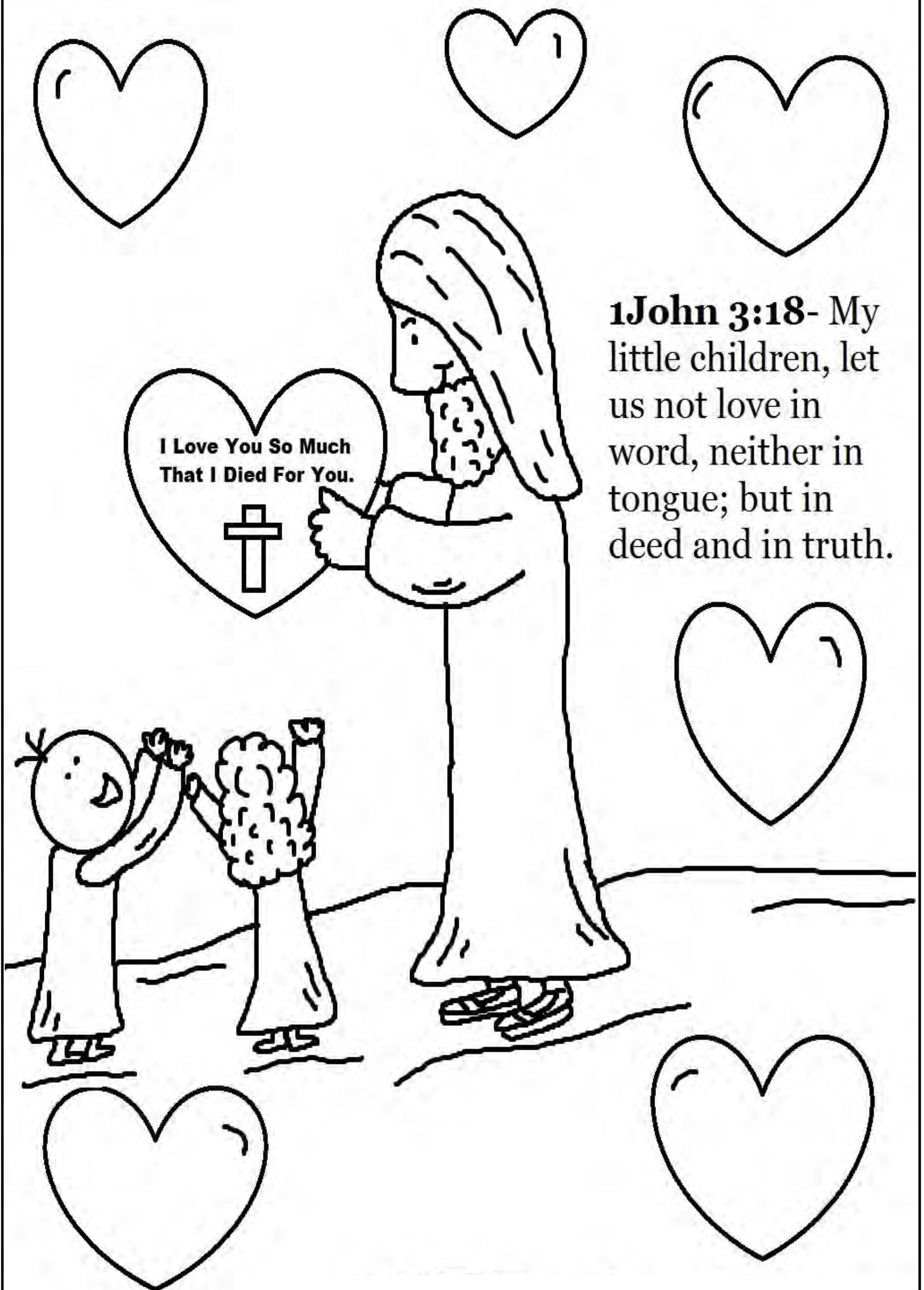
As the new month of February dawns, I come before You, Almighty God, with a heart full of gratitude and expectation. This month, known for love, warmth, and renewal, is a reminder of Your constant care and unchanging love for me. I ask for Your blessings, guidance, and protection over every aspect of my life and the lives of those I love in the days to come.

I submit to You every plan, every hope, and every fear. May this month be filled with spiritual growth, joy, peace, and fruitful labor. I stand in faith, knowing that Your promises are true and that You are with me every step of the way.

Oatmeal Artisan Bread Recipe

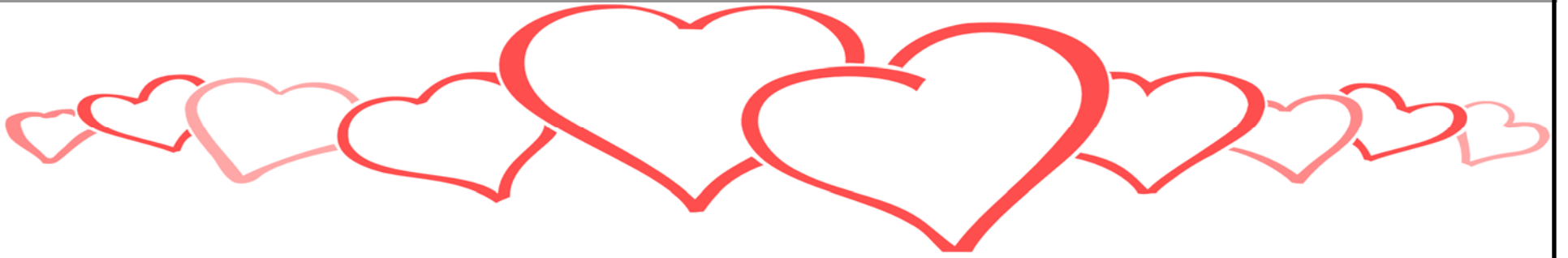
- **Dry ingredients:**
 - 3 1/4 cups bread flour
 - 1/2 cup rolled oats (or use a hot cereal blend such as Bob’s Red Mill 5-grain hot cereal)
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons rapid rise yeast (also known as quick rise yeast)
 - 1/3 cup roasted sunflower seeds or pumpkin seeds (or a mix of both!)
 - 2 tablespoons flax seeds (not flaxseed meal)
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - **Wet ingredients:**
 - 1 cup water
 - 1/2 cup milk of choice (I use dairy free milk)
 - 1/3 cup honey
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - **Additional:**
 - A few tablespoons extra flour for shaping
 - 1 tablespoons sunflower or pumpkin seeds for on top of bread
- In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, oats, yeast, sunflower seeds, flax seeds and salt.
- In a microwaveable bowl, add water and milk and heat up for 1 minute until slightly warmer than bath water or approximately 115 degrees F. Stir the honey and olive oil into the water/milk mixture once warm. Add wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix with a wooden spoon until just incorporated, do not over mix.
- Cover with plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature for 2 hours or until doubled in size.
- After the dough has risen, place it on a well-floured surface and sprinkle it with a little flour. Using a scraper (or your hands is fine), fold dough over about 8-10 times and then flip over and shape into a ball. Place dough in a parchment paper-lined large bowl and cover with a warm towel. Allow the dough to rest again for about 45 minutes to an hour.
- Right around the 30 minute mark of your dough resting, place a 4 to 6-quart Dutch oven with lid on in the cold oven and preheat to 425 degrees F and allow the pot to heat up in the oven for 20 minutes. Once the oven has preheated all the way, remove the pot from the oven and immediately add the parchment paper with the dough to the hot pot (be careful as you do this!). Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon extra sunflower seeds or pumpkin seeds, then cover with the lid and bake for 25 minutes.
- After 25 minutes, remove the lid from the pot and return to the oven, uncovered. Bake for 10-15 more minutes until bread is nice and golden on top to your liking. Allow bread to cool for an hour before slicing. Makes 1 loaf, about 12 slices. This bread is great when toasted and served with butter and a little salt. I love it for dipping in soups and making sandwiches too!

CHILDREN'S CORNER



1John 3:18- My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Valentine's Prayer



*Give us a heart inclined to you, O Lord,
a heart that listens in silence,
a heart that rejoices in truth,
a heart that celebrates what is good,
a heart that sings amid the many scars
and pains of infidelity and betrayal,
unkindness and unfriendliness,
a heart that is whole and undivided
in courage and freedom to do what
is most loving, most self-sacrificing
and self-giving like that of Jesus Christ.*

*Let us not be carried away
and worst, give rise to the commercialization
of Valentine's Day that we forget the
true meaning of loving which is
forgetting one's self and thinking more of
the other person; how lovely it is to read how
you, O God, directed Noah to build an ark
to save his family from the great flood:
Everyone inside the ark was in pair -
Noah and his wife, his three sons and each one's wife
as well as the animals with one male
and one female each to show us that
love is never alone, always with another person
with a community of believers!
Many times, O Lord, we miss your point because we are so
caught up with our own thoughts and ideas
that our eyes cannot see, and ears cannot hear.
Teach like our brother saints today,
St. Cyril and St. Methodius to seek your holy will
so we may love truly like Jesus Christ who*





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Join Us For Worship!

Sunday
10:00am Blended

9:00am Family Education

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The Web!*

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Grace Lutheran Ministries

(Live Streaming Sundays 10am)

*Growing with Grace
Christian Preschool*

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Feb. 2nd
Groundhog Day

Feb. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Deep Roots

Feb. 7th
Deacon's Meeting 6pm

Feb. 8th, 22nd
Women's Bible Study 10:30am

Feb. 13th
Council Meeting 6:30pm

Feb. 14th
Ash Wednesday Service
1:30pm & 7pm
Valentine's Day

Feb. 17th
Food Auction @ CLC

Feb. 19th
President's Day

Feb. 23rd
Youth Ministry @ CLC
6pm-8pm

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