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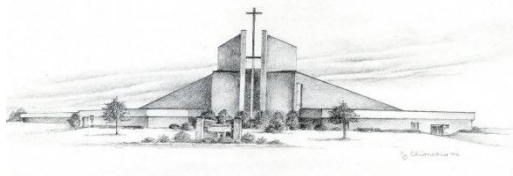
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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

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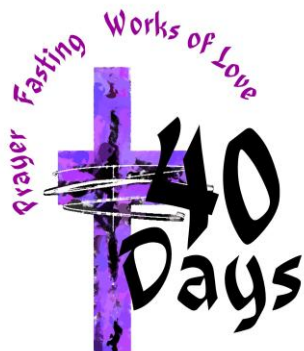
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## *Worship Services*

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- March 2 - Worship Service at 8:30 am (In person and online)
- March 5 - Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm (In person and online)
- March 9 - Worship Service at 8:30 am (In person and online)
- March 12 - Lenten Service at 6:30 pm (In person and online)
- March 16 - Worship Service at 8:30 am (In person and online)
- March 19 - Lenten Service at 6:30 pm (In person and online)
- March 23 - Worship Service at 8:30 am (In person and online)
- March 26 - Lenten Service at 6:30 pm (In person and online)
- March 30 - Worship Service at 8:30 am (In person and online)

**Grace Lutheran's Mission:**

**We Gather to Worship, Grow, Care, and Share**

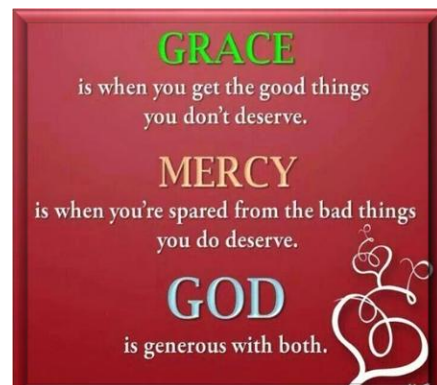
**"All Are Welcome In This Place"**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I saw a meme on social media the other day that said, “*Grace is when you get the good things you don’t deserve. Mercy is when you’re spared from the bad things you do deserve. God is generous with both.*” I liked the simplicity of this explanation, but it left me pondering what the Bible says about God’s mercy.

Here are a few Bible verses:

- For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful. If you return to him, he will not continue to turn his face from you. - 2 Chronicles 30:9b
- Remember, O Lord, your compassion and unfailing love, which you have shown from long ages past. Do not remember the rebellious sins of my youth. Remember me in the light of your unfailing love, for you are merciful, O Lord. - Psalm 25:6-7
- Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. - Psalm 51:1-2
- So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. - Hebrews 4:16
- But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) - Ephesians 2:4-5
- He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. - Titus 3:5



Mercy is at the heart of who God is. It’s God’s compassion, patience, and love poured out even when we don’t deserve it. We see it throughout Scripture—in God’s forgiveness of wayward people, in Jesus healing the broken, and ultimately, in the cross, where Christ takes on what we deserve so that we might receive what we could never earn.

One of the most powerful illustrations of mercy is the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). A young man recklessly squanders his inheritance and finds himself destitute, ashamed, and desperate. Deciding to return home, he expects to be met with disappointment, maybe even rejection. But instead, his father sees him from a distance and runs to him—embracing him, restoring him, and celebrating his return. This is a picture of God’s mercy. We don’t get what we deserve; we receive love, forgiveness, and a fresh start.

Paul writes in Romans 12:1, “*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.*” When we truly see God’s mercy—when we grasp how deeply loved and forgiven we are—it changes us. It moves us to live differently, to respond with gratitude, and to extend mercy to others.

This Lent, we will explore what it means to live “**In View of God’s Mercy**” in our mid-week worship series. Each week, we will reflect on different aspects of God’s mercy and how it transforms our faith and daily lives. I invite you to join us on this journey as we open our hearts to the incredible mercy of God—mercy that welcomes, restores, and renews.

*Pastor Rebekah Tarras*

### Lifting Up Names in Prayer

We will now be including prayer requests in the bulletin each week. If you would like to include someone for the congregation to lift up in prayer, please fill out a blue prayer card from the pew, or call, or email the church office.

Let’s support one another in faith through the power of prayer.

## COUNCIL MEETING

### 1.13.25

President Linda called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call.** Present; Linda Reetz, Terry Wallace, Becky Olsen, Jody Ziemann, Craig Chovanec, Bob Prellwitz, Anita Lind, Heidi Schramer, and Pastor Rebekah. Absent Sandy Peschke. No audience.

**Opening Devotion.** Terry provided.

**Approval of the Agenda.** Linda added Finance Committee Recommendation to New Business. Motion made by Anita to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Jody, agenda approved.

**Audience Remarks.** No audience remarks.

**Secretary's Report.** December meeting minutes read. One date correction was made. Motion made by Jody to approve minutes as read with the correction, seconded by Terry, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report.** Sandy provided copies of the written reports. Motion made by Craig to accept report as provided, seconded by Bob, motion carried.

**President's Report.**

**Medical Leave Update.** Jess will be on leave 6.3.25-6.15.25.

**Committee Reports for Annual Report.** The Endowment Committee is meeting this week, all other committees have submitted their reports.

**Listing any known prayer requests in the bulletin.** Discussion held on returning to the practice of listing prayer requests in the weekly bulletins. Linda will ask for input from the congregation and bring results back to the council.

**Pastor's Report.**

**Accomplishments/Activity Highlights.** Visited most of the homebound members, studied and prepared sermons. Prepared and led weekly Bible study at First. Worked on preparations for the Christmas programs at both churches, conducted staff reviews with council presidents at both church attended the meeting of the Oshkosh Conference, attended various other meetings and church activities. Wrote letters for the Giving Statements and the Annual Reports.

**Priorities for the next period.** Congregational Annual Meetings, leading Bible studies on the Gospel of Luke at both churches, developing a training course for lay preachers and offering training for lay members to assist with visitation for both congregations. Offering an informational session for new members at First and plan for the mid-week Lent services.

**Challenges/Roadblocks.** Between funerals and all of the meetings for both congregations, I am finding it hard to cover the visitation needs for both churches along with regular ministry responsibilities.

**Lessons Learned/Opportunities for Improvement.** As I am reading the book "Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life" by Jeff Vanderstelt, I am being challenged to think about how consistently I speak about Jesus in my ministry and in all areas of my life. Are we as a church consistently speaking about Jesus?

**Pastoral Acts.** Funeral for Daniel King on 12.20.24. Funeral for Lawrence Clark at First on 1.4.25. Baptisms of Aker Olsen at First and Bently Tetzlaff at Grace on 1.12.25.

In addition, Pastor received and shared a Thank You note from Lutheran Social Services expressing their gratitude for our annual support.

**Committee Reports.**

**Fellowship and Caring.** Jody reported that the group met yesterday. They will continue to encourage others to sign up for fellowship. The annual report is completed. Upcoming events include; putting together a basket for the Bingo Event, sending Valentine cards to shut-ins, and Palm Sunday brunch. They are also looking into giving items from the Caring Closet to the Berlin High School, as they have an in-house needs program, and some items in the closet are becoming outdated. Next meeting is 2.16.25

**Building and Grounds.** Bob reported that he has met with a Krumenauer representative, receiving quotes for a new commercial dishwasher. The door type model dishwasher quote is \$7,135.00, the ventless door type model

quote is \$12,895. Other work completed includes; snow removal and salting, furnace filters were changed and is researching hot water heater pressure concerns. Future needs include snow removal, salting as needed and continuing dishwasher research if council approves. Next meeting is on 2.11.25.

**Christian Education.** Anita reported that the group has not met. Reminded members that Christian Ed. will pay half the cost of upcoming Summer Camps. She also encouraged members to share the Weekly Bible Study via their social media.

**Worship and Music.** Heidi provided a written report including her recap of Advent and Christmas services. Choir has resumed and will sing 1.19. Praise Team will resume on 1.15 and sing on 2.23. 'The Scott Street Puppets', will perform at a Joint Parish service on 2.9 at 10am, with a potluck following. The committee will meet on 1.19 to start planning for midweek Lenten Services. A Joint Parish service is planned for Palm Sunday, 4.13 at 10am. Heidi also shared that the Bingo posters and yard signs are complete and articles have been written for the paper.

**Mission and Outreach.** Craig reported that the Mission for January is hurricane disaster relief. Reported that in late 2024 two massive hurricanes struck Florida and the southeast part of the U.S. Hurricanes Helene and Milton left devastation in their wake. There was heavy rain and wind, deadly flooding, and powerful storm surges. Millions of people were left without power. These were some of the area's strongest hurricanes in decades. Recovery efforts take time and people are still feeling the effects. Immediate help was sent in the form of food, water, and clothing from many states including Wisconsin, but a long time response is needed. Recovery doesn't happen overnight. Major disasters require time, work, and money to repair what was lost. Hopefully Grace will support the people who were hard hit last December. February Mission will be Damascus Road.

**Finance.** Terry provided the written report as follows.

1. Budget vs Actuals-2024 is the first year that giving decreased a little, (decrease of \$8000.00) since the split. We decided that passing the plate on Christmas (and probably Easter) was lucrative as the giving at Christmas doubled what was given last year. (offering of \$200.00 received Christmas 2024)
2. Want to include a pie chart or Narrative report of 2024 actual income and expenses in the Annual report to make easier reading for those who
3. Council has approved the budget for 2025.
4. We discussed making the bulletins in black and white ink vs. color as that could save \$1500.00/year. We would still print reports (including Annual) and special projects in color.
5. Sandy talked to RBC and they will set up the new Auxiliary Fund whenever we want. She did talk with woman Becky Guden referred her to who will help with Quik Book to clarify how to do the accounting.
6. We discussed at length how and when to present the idea to the Congregation of using some of the Leonard Jones Fund for community outreach based on a percent of the fund. (Suggestion was 1% of 5 year average of year end totals). We decided to recommend to Council at their Monday Jan. 13 meeting that we do a presentation at the Annual meeting giving a little history of the Leonard Jones Fund; share it's growth and ask interested congregation members to join a committee to look into this and develop a plan, criteria and parameters for how this would be done if approved by the Congregation (in the future). Sue agreed to put together a rough outline of the points we want to recommend to the Council and have Finance Committee members review and edit so we can have it ready for next Monday's Council meeting.
7. Next Meeting- Tuesday Feb. 18, 2025 at 1pm. Respectively submitted by Terry Wallace Investment. Jean Dretske provided a written copy of our investments. All investments showed a loss in December.

#### **Unfinished Business.**

**Commercial Dishwasher.** Terry recommended that the council purchase a new water softener, as one is needed for the existing sanitizer or new dishwasher. Terry indicated that the plan is to go with the ventless type dishwasher model, (\$12,895). This figure does not include the cost of kitchen demolition and repair of the area needed for the dishwasher or for the installation of the dishwasher. In addition he stated that the present hot water heater is not functioning properly, it is 8 years old. He indicated that this may be why the present sanitizer may not be functioning efficiently. He also stated that a new water softener would need to be purchased, as one is required to ensure proper functioning of a new dishwasher. Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a new water softener and the cleaning or replacing of the present hot water heater. Terry made a motion to allow Buildings and Grounds to spend up to \$3000.00 to clean the present hot water heater and to purchase a new water

softener, motion seconded by Craig, motion carried. Pastor added to the motion that the \$3000.00 can be funded through the Capital Improvement Fund. 2025 Council Goals. Linda presented the Congregational Council Goals for 2025

1. Develop lay leadership for Bible studies, leading worship, and even preaching.
2. Develop Visitation ministry
3. Incorporate more youth into worship services

Linda will submit articles for the newsletter and the bulletins to ask for input and feedback from the congregation.

#### **New Business.**

**Ink Costs for Bulletins.** Discussion held on cost of color ink vs black ink for weekly bulletins. Linda shared the costs that Sandy had compiled. Weekly bulletins printed in color are \$.22, black and white are \$.02. Decision made to return to black and white ink for weekly bulletins and to utilize colored ink bulletins for special occasions and holidays, saving an annual cost of approximately \$1500.00.

**Finance Committee Recommendation.** Terry provided this written documentation.

The Finance Committee is making a recommendation to Council to have a short presentation at the Feb. 2025 Annual meeting asking for Congregational participation on a committee that would establish criteria and set parameters for using a small amount of the Leonard Jones fund for community outreach.

We feel it would be important to include in that presentation the following information:

- Feeling so Blessed to have been gifted this money and how it has grown. This would be a way to give back to the community.
- There are members of the Congregation who feel this money should be partially spent in outreach in the community and not just for Grace Lutheran itself.
- History of Leonard Jones and what he expressed in his will about why he was gifting this money to Berlin and groups he wanted to help or to see benefit from the money. (Jean)
- Share with Congregation the gains in the Fund despite what we have used.
- This committee could develop a protocol for how money could be distributed and determine criteria as to who and where. For example, if it is decided to distribute 1% of a five-year average of the total fund year end totals, in 2024 that would have been \$12,000.00
- Interested persons should contact a Council member.

Pastor also suggested that once this recommendation is presented, a committee has been established, and a criteria has been set that this committee will bring it back to the congregation for approval.

**Closing Prayer.** Provided by Pastor Rebekah.

**Adjournment.** Motion made by Bob to adjourn, seconded by Terry, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Olsen 1.15.25

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## Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5

Our mid-week Lent Theme this year is “In View of God’s Mercy”

Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God’s mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed. Jesus helps us to see the richness of God’s mercy in his life, death and resurrection. The mid-week services will focus our eyes of faith on the meaning behind God’s mercy made manifest in Christ.

Join us for worship mid-week

- Wednesday, 1:30 pm at First Lutheran, Poy Sippi
- Wednesday, 6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran, Berlin

Note there are no confirmation classes during Lent.



### Soup Suppers

Soup suppers will begin on Ash Wednesday with serving starting at 5:45pm.

Soups for Ash Wednesday are chicken with rice and corn chowder. Please sign up on the kiosk or call the office if you can make a soup or dessert.



The ELCA is bringing back the Living Lutheran print publication. We heard you—and listened. We have found a way to bring back the magazine’s print publication in a quarterly fashion.

Each issue (spring, summer, winter and fall) will feature the stories you know and love, along with updates on the church and your ELCA community. The cost for one year will be \$19.95 for an individual subscription and \$17 per year for a congregation group subscription.



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## First Communion Class

Pastor Rebekah will be offering communion instruction for any students in 3rd grade and older who have not yet had their first communion. The class will be on Sunday, March 30, 1:00-4:00 pm at Grace Lutheran in Berlin.

To ensure we have enough materials, please sign up by March 16 by emailing the pastor at [pastortarras@gmail.com](mailto:pastortarras@gmail.com) or calling 715/897-5393.

## Lay Preaching Class - Introductory Session

Are you interested in exploring the art of preaching? Join pastor Rebekah for the introductory session of our Lay Preaching Class on **Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran.**

After this introductory session, those who are interested in continuing will determine when and how frequently to meet (approximately 6 times). The goal of this class is to provide an overview of the skills and heart of preaching, including how to craft and deliver a sermon rooted in scripture.

It's a great opportunity to grow in your faith and leadership! If you'd like to participate, please contact Pastor Rebekah by email at [pastortarras@gmail.com](mailto:pastortarras@gmail.com) or 715/897-5393.

## Communion Visitor Training Sessions

Pastor Rebekah is offering a training session for those who are interested in serving as part of our visitation ministry. There are two different sessions available Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 pm at Grace in Berlin or Wednesday, March 12 at 9:30 am at First in Poy Sippi.

The purpose of the training is to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to serve as Communion Ministers to our members who are homebound or in care facilities, ensuring they feel connected to the congregation and spiritually nourished.

The expectation is to visit at least one time each month supplementing the visits by the pastor. For more information or to sign up, please contact Pastor Rebekah by email at [pastortarras@gmail.com](mailto:pastortarras@gmail.com) or 715/897-5393.

## Homelessness - Mission of the Month

Advocap's Homeless Prevention Program provides assistance to individuals and families at imminent risk of homelessness by providing temporary emergency housing. Advocap is committed to ensuring that everyone in our community has access to safe, stable housing.

Their prevention programs provide support to those experiencing homelessness or fleeing from domestic abuse, helping people regain stability and rebuild their lives. They also provide other homeless resources such as transitional resources and services that help the needy.

Contact a prevention specialist and complete an assessment at Berlin Advocap at 237 Broadway, Berlin, WI or call 920-361-9880.

## Making an Impact: Use Your Thrivent Choice Dollars for Our Church

**Did you know that if you're a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars available to direct to our church at no extra cost to you? Through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding—allowing you to support the ministries and mission of our church in a meaningful way.**

### It's simple to do:

1. **Check Your Eligibility** – If you have a Thrivent insurance or investment product, you may qualify for Thrivent Choice Dollars.
2. **Direct Your Choice Dollars** – Visit [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 to allocate your funds.
3. **Make an Impact** – Your Choice Dollars will help support the work of our church, ensuring we continue to serve our congregation and community.

These funds are a powerful way to strengthen our mission without any additional cost to you. However, Choice Dollars do not carry over indefinitely—so be sure to direct yours before they expire on March 31.

January Income		January Expenses	
Weekly Income	19,719.31	Wages and Payroll Expenses	\$16,917.12
RBC Earnings	3,154.00	Building & Grounds /Utilities	2,027.55
Bulletins/Radio Ministry	350.00	Worship Expenses	347.21
Thrivent Choice Dollars	38.00	Radio Ministry	300.00
Shared Ministry	8,338.57	Office/Miscellaneous	366.42
		Postage/Advertising	370.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 31,599.88</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,327.90</b>
Missions (In/Out)	\$1,766.00	Missions (In/Out)	\$ 0.00
Good Samaritan Fund	25.00	Good Samaritan	0.00
Soul Food	59.23	Soul Food	0.00
Women of Grace	70.00	Women of Grace	464.81
Men of Grace	0.00	Men of Grace	0.00
Youth Income	0.00	Youth Income	0.00
Scholarship Fund	25.00	Scholarship Fund	1,000.00
<b>Beginning Balance January 2025</b>		<b>Ending Balance January 2025</b>	
<b>Investments:</b>			
Leonard Jones Fund	\$ 1,361,456.39	\$ 1,392,346.06	
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 321,917.64	\$ 328,079.58	
Endowment Fund	\$ 123,890.51	\$ 127,126.52	

## Lutheran World Relief Kits

We will be in need of baby sweaters and blankets (crocheted, knitted, fleece, or quilted) for the baby layette kits. Now is the time to start working on them. For more information contact the office.





**“The Sound of Gravel” by Ruth Wariner** is the book the Grace Book Club has chosen as their read for March. Ruth Wariner was the thirty-ninth of her father’s forty-two children. Growing up on a farm in rural Mexico, where authorities turn a blind eye to the practices of her community, Ruth lives in a ramshackle house without indoor plumbing or electricity.

At church, preachers teach that God will punish the wicked by destroying the world and that women can only ascend to Heaven by entering into polygamous marriages and giving birth to as many children as possible. After Ruth’s father—the man who had been the founding prophet of the colony—is brutally murdered by his brother in a bid for church power, her mother remarries, becoming the second wife of another faithful congregant.

In need of government assistance and supplemental income, Ruth and her siblings are carted back and forth between Mexico and the United States, where Ruth’s mother collects welfare, and her stepfather works a variety of odd jobs. Ruth comes to love the time she spends in the States, realizing that perhaps the community into which she was born is not the right one for her. As she begins to doubt her family’s beliefs and question her mother’s choices, she struggles to balance her fierce love for her siblings with her determination to forge a better life for herself.

We will meet to discuss **“The Sound of Gravel”** on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Masticola’s on Broadway at 12 Noon. If you are interested in this title and would like to read it, please contact Cindy Wallace for a copy. If you have already read **“A Sound of Gravel”** and would like to discuss it, we would love to have you join us on March 4<sup>th</sup>.





### Flowers

March 2 - In Honor of Diane Warning by her prayer pal.  
March 9 - Open  
March 16 - Open  
March 23 - Open  
March 30 - Open

### Radio Ministry

March 2 - Open  
March 9 - Open  
March 16 - Sponsored by the Goettl Family  
March 23 - Open  
March 30 - Open

### Bulletins

March 2 - Open  
March 9 - In Honor of those who cook and serve at church events  
by Henry and Lois Sark  
March 16 - Sponsored by the Goettl Family  
March 23 - In Honor of Sydney and Matt Renik's 4<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary by Sue Shemanski  
March 30 - Open

### Fellowship

March 2 - Mary & Cindy  
March 9 - Meg Roggow  
March 16 - Michelle Klawitter  
March 23 - Penny  
March 30 - DeAnna, Alie & Amber

### Greeters

March 2 - Bonnie Kline  
March 9 - Phyllis Luttrupp  
March 16 - Bev Chadwick  
March 23 - Sue Cutts  
March 30 - Open



## Scholarship Applications

Any graduating seniors, college students, or graduate students who are members of Grace English Lutheran Church may apply for a scholarship.

Pick up an application in the Church office or call 920-361-1820 to request an application mailed to you. Deadline for applying is April 1, 2025.



Happy Birthday

### March Birthdays

- 3 Dona Eury
- 5 Paul Gravunder  
Becky Retzlaff
- 6 Heather Hermanson  
Lauren Murkley
- 7 Bronson Paulsen
- 8 Beverly Chadwick  
Chris Krebs
- 9 Meg Roggow
- 13 Ryan Gravunder
- 15 Ellen Lehr  
McKala Nitzke
- 16 Susan Calabresa
- 17 Luke Dretske  
Kenneth Peschke
- 20 Jen Retzlaff  
Michael Moe
- 21 William Carpenter  
Tony Goettl
- 22 Sydney Lee  
Stephanie Malson
- 23 Lexi Falk
- 25 Kathy Fredrick
- 26 Ryan Dobbs  
Kaitlynn Retzlaff  
James Gropp
- 28 Steven Koscher  
Kelly Zabel



Happy Anniversary

### March Anniversaries

- 18 William & Fay McMonigal
- 23 Don & Connie Koscher - 40th
- 26 Matt & Sydney Renik

**If any birthdays or anniversaries were missed please let the office staff know.**

### CRAFTING GROUP

We are again establishing our once a month day of creativity. It will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month, and we will alternate between Grace Lutheran and First Lutheran.

The first gathering will be Saturday, March 8th at Grace Lutheran in Berlin, from 9:00am to 4:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME, so share the invite. I plan on bringing chili for lunch (feed them and they shall come). We hope you can join us!

If you have any questions contact:

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920-716-4530

### Thank You from "Outside the Box Committee"

Thank you to all who donated to the Boys & Girls Club. We collected 50 pairs of gloves and mittens, 53 hats and 25 scarves.

Watch for our next Outside the Box Project!

If you have any suggestions, please put your idea in the box in the Fellowship Hall.





# 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 Food Pantry Sunday 8:30 am Worship with Communion and Sunday School	3 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran 4:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	4 9:00 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am – 5:30 pm Berlin Community Blood Drive 12:00 Noon Book Club 6:30pm Communion Training	5 8:30 am Exercise Class 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:15pm Choir Practice	6 12:40 pm Soul Food River Shores Hosts 6:30 pm Bible Study at Grace	7	8 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at First Lutheran 9:00 am–4:00pm Crafting at Grace Lutheran
9 8:30 am Worship with Communion and Sunday School	10 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran 7:00 pm Congregation Council Meeting	11 9:00 am No Staff Meeting 9:00 am Conference Pastor's Meeting 9:00 am LWR Sewing	12 8:30 am Exercise Class 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Wednesday Lent Service 7:15pm Choir Practice	13 12:40 pm Soul Food All Saints Hosts 6:30 pm Bible Study at Grace	14	15
16 8:30 am Worship with Communion and Sunday School	17 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran	18 9:00 am Staff Meeting 9:00 am LWR Sewing 7:00 pm Lay Teaching Class at Grace Lutheran	19 8:30 am Exercise Class 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Wednesday Lent Service 7:15pm Choir Practice	20 12:40 pm No Soul Food 6:30 pm Bible Study at Grace	21	22
23 1:30 am Worship with Communion – No Sunday School	24 1:30 pm Bible Study at First Lutheran	25 9:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	26 8:30 am Exercise Class 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Wednesday Service 7:15pm Choir Practice	27 12:40 pm No Soul Food 6:30 pm Bible Study at Grace	28	29
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