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# Grace Notes

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From Pastor Novelli Jr.

# Anger

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## Phase 1: COMPLETED!

Rejoice GRACE! The first part of our building projects was completed this Summer. The planned work included a new roof, changes in the structure of our church steeple, insulation of the entire building, and landscaping. We've made an investment of about \$140,000. This is the house of the Lord, and we are taking care of it. Well done faithful servants!



## THIS MONTH AT GRACE



Monday, September 10th  
ELDERS MEETING | 6pm

Wednesday, September 12th  
COUNCIL MEETING | 6pm

Sunday, September 16th  
VOTERS MEETING | 12pm

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EPHESIANS 4:26

DO NOT LET THE SUN GO DOWN  
ON YOUR ANGER.

**A**nd right there are the two... looking each other in the eye... husband and wife face to face ... both are tired of yelling and arguing... days have passed without speaking to each other... it has been weeks since the last hug, and they do not remember the last time they kissed... she knows, in the bottom of her heart, that she doesn't want a divorce... he regrets saying what he said... they both agree on something: they spoke from anger, and not from the heart.

Do you know how many marriages have ended after a moment of anger ... do you have an idea of how many children have left home after a fight with their parents that could have been avoided... do you know how many churches have been divided or closed their doors because of the things that someone said in a moment of anger.

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something that leads us to harm other people... to shoot words that we later regret ... to hurt the hearts of those who are important ... to harm, fracture, break, and destroy ... anger is dynamite and fire.

Psychologists say that it is an emotion that we have compressed inside us, that is within us, and that some people have accumulated since they were children.

The problem is not having anger, this is perhaps something we cannot avoid, the problem is what happens when it leads us to explode, when we don't know how to control it, when we let the anger manage us and not us manage it. There is the real problem!

St. Paul says:  
**"Be angry but do not sin..." (Ephesians 4:26)**

And this is what it is about... anger may be inevitable... in the end we are human beings ... we have feelings and emotions within us all the time ... what we should try to avoid is to act from anger, to control our anger, and know how to apologize and to ask for forgiveness when we spoil something driven by rage.

***You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.  
James 1:19-21***

This September, every Sunday, we will be preaching on James' letter, which actually talks to us about putting our faith into practice. No one can proclaim Christ

with their lips, when their actions are totally opposed to what Christ teaches us to do. St. Francis of Assisi once said: *“Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.”*

James wanted Christians to be able to give a testimony from the pulpit of their lives; he wanted people to see Jesus Christ in our good deeds and love for others. And deep down, Christ also wanted this, when he said:

***“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (Jn. 13:34-35)***

James, the brother of our Lord, lived in a society of much evil, hatred, and anger. The church in Jerusalem, after the resurrection of Christ, suffered persecution. Christians had enemies everywhere: Romans, Jews, pagans ... they all hated Christians.

I bet you that, with all these enemies, Christians also had a lot of bitterness accumulated in their hearts.

That’s why James, more than a simple invitation, begged believers not to let themselves be carried away by hatred, but by love ... not to be carried away by anger, but by the meekness of God.

James is telling us that we should look at God, and especially we should see how He is with everyone of us.

God does not take into account our evilness, but He seeks us and forgives us. He doesn’t remain in the anger, nor in the disappointment that our daily sins produce, but He looks for us and builds the bridge of reconciliation. He has mercy on all of us who believe in Him.

**“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.” (Psalm 103)**

He strips us of all impurity and all evil when He cleanses us with the waters of our Baptism, when He builds us up in the power of the Holy Spirit, when He transforms our lives with the power of His Gospel, when He gives us life through the work of Christ on the cross, because right there, on the cross of Calvary, God satisfied His wrath for our sins, and forgave us all our iniquities.

And now we, when we know that we are forgiven by God, then we are renewed, and our hearts are finally transformed by God.

He forgives our anger, and the times we have hurt others with our anger, and He leads us to forgive (when someone fails us) and to ask for forgiveness (when we are the ones who have failed).

Dear reader, today God encourages you, me, everyone, to be doers of the Word, and to live the faith that we proclaim, through hearts that spill love and not anger.

Today God works through us, so that instead of anger we flood the world with His love, and instead of a faith based only on traditions and legalisms, we have a faith which works good for others, especially for people in need.

*Pastor Germán Jr.*  
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SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

DEVELOPING A  
THE BOOK OF  
**JAMES**

FAITH THAT WORKS

BIBLE STUDY | Sunday, 10AM

GRACE

KNOW  
CHRIST

MAKE HIM  
KNOWN



GATHER  
GROW & SOW

CHURCH VOTER'S MEETING  
Sunday, September 16  
**12PM**

*It's more than just a meeting... it is all about our church!*



**VOTER'S MEETING**

# God is patient, God is merciful

**N**ehemiah 9:17: *“But you are a forgiving God, gracious, compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love”*. The prophet Jonah was called by God to go to Nineveh to preach repentance. Why did Jonah rebel at this command? Nineveh, an important city of Assyria, was the Isis of that day and a major threat to Israel. Rather than have them find mercy through repentance, he reasoned that they deserved justice through punishment. Did God punish him for his disobedience? Did He give him what he deserved? No.

He, in fact, went to great lengths to teach Jonah a lesson in repentance. Jonah 2: 7 – 9: *“When my life was ebbing away I remembered you Lord and my prayer rose to your holy temple. Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. But I, with song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord.”*

So he went and preached to the Ninevites and by the grace of God they believed his words and repented. Did Jonah respond with song and thanksgiving? No. He did not believe that they truly repented so he settled in to witness that God’s justice would reign down upon them. Instead, the tables were turned and Jonah was the one who suffered. He was so angry he wanted to die. Did God give up on him? No.

He again went to great lengths, this time to teach him a lesson in priorities. Jonah 4: 10, 11: But the Lord said, *“You have been concerned about this vine, though*



*you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than 12,000 people who cannot tell their right hand from their left and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?”*

I have to admit I could relate to Jonah. When vandals threw a rock through our beautiful stained glass window and damaged others at Grace, I did not think to pray for them. I realized my priorities, however, when they were included in our intercessory prayers. What’s more important - damaged but replaceable windows, or desperate irreplaceable souls?

Romans 3: 22 – 24: *“...There is no difference. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by the grace of God through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”*

Well there is one difference. By the grace of God we believe and confess this truth and we can pray on behalf of our enemies. God teaches us how to pray for our enemies. Colossians 1:13 *“For he rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*

Prayer based on Colossians 1:13: ***Merciful Father, we thank you for rescuing us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. We pray this same blessing for those who do not know their right hand from their left. In the power of your divine working, lead them to redemption, the forgiveness of sins, lead them to Jesus who died for all. Amen.***

*Lillian Hughes*



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 KNOW CHRIST  
 MAKE HIM KNOWN

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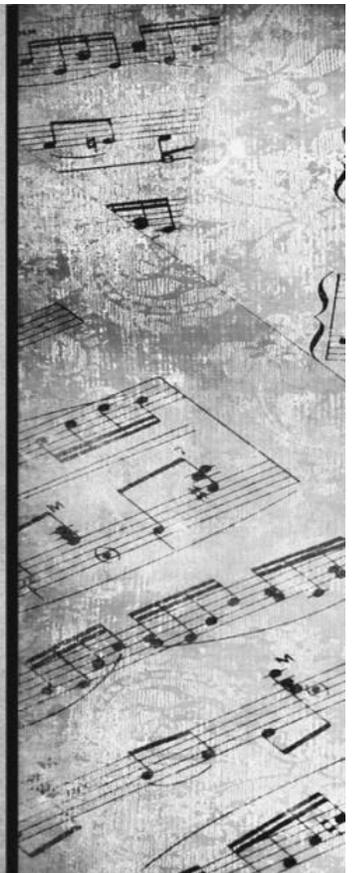
— GRACE MUSICAL GROUPS —

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!**

**PRACTICES WILL RESUME  
 ON SEPTEMBER 5TH**

**GRACE BELL CHOIR  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY | 6PM**  
 — Michelle Lenski (414) 403-0546 —

**GRACE VOICE CHOIR  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY | 7PM**  
 — Dennis Szymborski (262) 895-6558 —



*"Let  
 the little  
 children  
 come to me;  
 do not stop  
 them;  
 for it is  
 to such  
 as these  
 that the  
 kingdom of  
 God  
 belongs..."*

**Sunday School**

**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**  
**SUNDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 16 | 10am**

*...Truly  
 I tell you,  
 whoever  
 does not  
 receive the  
 kingdom  
 of God  
 as a little  
 child  
 will never  
 enter it."  
 JESUS took  
 them up  
 in his arms,  
 laid his hands  
 on them,  
 and blessed  
 them.  
 Mk. 10:14-16*

## Notes from Dave and Deb

**W**hen Deb and I came back from my Mission work in Japan, we joined Peace Lutheran out in New Berlin, WI. We joined Peace because Debi's folks were charter members.

However, after a misunderstanding with the new Pastor, we started our new journey to find a new church for our family. We checked out two to three congregations before coming here to Grace. While the other congregations were cool, the Lord still brought us here to Grace.

When we walked in, we were welcomed by so many awesome people. Debi immediately felt a connection with Kenny Lovas, Mark Jubeck, and Leonard and Hope Lovas because she had gone to school with them at Martin Luther. Pastor Richter was such a blessing for our family as he was so open with us, and welcomed us into the Grace Family. We truly felt that the Lord directed us here to Grace and we continue to grow in our faith.

With many changes, all positive, it is a great joy seeing how things change. Our Lord is an awesome God and I love how God graced us with Pastor Germán. He truly is a breath of fresh air for our congregation and I can't wait to see what our Lord has planned for us with his guidance!

Take care and God Bless us all !



*Dave and Deb Biermann*

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in two locations; Emmanuel Lutheran Church in West Allis and Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Delavan. These locations offer God's Word and Sacrament ministry to the Deaf in American Sign Language (ASL).

In addition to these churches, satellite ministries are also available to the Deaf in our District. These satellite ministries are offered where pockets of Deaf are found and outreach through Word and Sacrament can be accomplished. One such ministry is in Onalaska and is hosted and supported by Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Others are in Sheboygan, Menasha and Random Lake, and Pastor Palmer is always interested in knowing where others can be served.

The LWML has helped to support the training of four deaf deaconesses, and one deaf deacon is working toward becoming a pastor to the def. More are needed! Our South Wisconsin District has been involved in Deaf Ministry since 1898. Support of this ministry today is critically needed to continue this important work to people who live in a silent world.

***Members of the South Wisconsin LWML visited the office in April to deliver a check and learn about the work their gift will fund.***

The office staff of Lutheran Indian Ministries were please to host a group of women from our local South Wisconsin LWML, a group dedicated to supporting active mission ministries, like LIM.

**S**eptember meeting, Sunday, September 30th, following the 9:00 am service. Please note the date and time of the meeting. To the ladies of Grace – come join us and see what is going on at Ruth Guild / LWML.

**Saturday, September 29th at 9:30am. Zone 1 – LWML Board meeting here at Grace church.**

**Saturday, October 20th at 9:00am – Zone 1 – LWML Fall Rally here at Grace church.**

#### **Ruth Guild Nut and Candy Sale –**

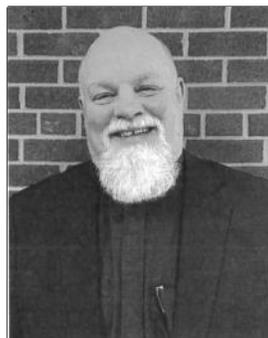
You will be able to order nuts and candy from the second week of September through the second week of October. Order forms will be available.

**Grace Ruth Guild:** LWML Mites for Missions Sunday, the third Sunday of each month. Mites collected to help fund SWD and National Mission Grants.

#### **Mites at Work**

##### **Current Mission Grant Highlights:**

Pray for Rev. Wm. (Bud) Palmer's Deaf Ministry, Emmanuel Deaf, West Allis and Holy Cross Deaf, Delavan, 414-839-9178, wpalmer182@gmail.com.



Rev. Wm. (Bud) Palmer serves the Deaf in our District, primarily

#### **Upcoming LWML Events:**

**Friday and Saturday, September 21st and 22nd – LWML SWD Fall Retreat, Hilton Gardens, Oshkosh, WI**

Register today and join us for a fun, Spirit-filled weekend. Jan Struck is our keynote speaker, and will help us look with humor, at life's up and downs, safe in our Savior's love. Psalm 36:7 is our retreat verse, reminding us of God's steadfast love, our refuge at all times. Missionary Jonathan Federwitz and family, along with Pastor David Blas, will update us on their work. The deadline for reduced hotel rates is Aug. 26.

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Ruth Guild

theme:  
"Our Rest  
in a  
Changing  
World"

 LWML  
Lutheran Women in Mission  
SUNDAY

October 7th, 2018

The group came to hand deliver a portion of LIM's Hawaii Ministry grant which was approved during the LWML national convention last summer in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"It's a great experience," one woman explained. "I love to actually see the check handed off and hear, first hand, the work we help make possible."

Over the years, LWML grants, from both national and local districts, have made a profound impact on the work our ministry staff is able to do. WE are forever grateful for these generous and faithful women!

*Sue Pritzlaff*

*'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'*  
(Matt. 25:23)

**Our** dear sister and friend, **Hildegard Mullarky**, (98), was carried home to heaven in the arms of Jesus on August 28, 2018.

Hildegard trusted fully in Jesus for her salvation - and we rejoice that she is now at perfect peace with our Savior!

During her life among us, she was a servant of God in so many ways, especially within the LWML, and we all are going to miss her a lot. (Funeral at GRACE: Tuesday, September 4th @10:30am)



### THE TEACHER'S PRAYER

My Lord, I do not ask to stand  
As king or prince of high degree.  
I only pray that, hand in hand,  
A child and I may come to thee.

Help me to share what thou dost give  
And be a friend, a trusted guide.  
As in thy sight, oh, let me live.  
May selfishness be crucified.

Thou art the life, the truth, the way  
That leads to God, that saves from sin.  
Oh, may my teaching, day by day,  
Help those in need, thy life to win.

O, grant thy patience, Lord, to share  
Thy holy purpose, life to bring.  
May I the inexperience bear  
Of those who need love's fostering.

*Submission by Bonnie Mathe*

# September

- 9/2 Janet K. Blaesing
- 9/6 Susan Hensch
- 9/9 Lisa Rabideaux
- 9/12 Walter Pelican
- 9/13 Latif Hukarevic
- 9/13 Emma Telles-Hernandez
- 9/16 Jeff Tuuri
- 9/17 Riley Andrae
- 9/18 Arlensiu Garcia
- 9/22 Autumn VanAcker
- 9/22 Bonnie Hanoski
- 9/23 Ernst W. Leichnetz
- 9/26 Denise Zellmer
- 9/28 Don Ewert
- 9/30 Ann Marie Heding
- 9/30 Randy Houlihan



# Happy Crafters

**W**e are very busy getting ready for our **1st Annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale on October 13th**. Come and see all the items we have and also the other crafty people that will join us.

We continue to meet each week, on Thursdays from 9am — 11am (sometimes until noon, depending on what we are doing). Come and join us, and let us have a good Christian fellowship.

Our Grace Happy Crafters will take our pieces and creations to the Village of Manor Park's Craft Fair 2018, in November.

*Shirley Lovas*

Sept. 1st.— William & Mary Draeger

Sept. 2nd.— Craig & Sally Plain

Sept. 7th.— Daniel & Mary Wichman



## SEPTEMBER USHERS

### SEPTEMBER 2nd

Art and Amy Socha,  
Terry and Jane Donaldson

### SEPTEMBER 9th

Sue Pritzlaff, Lynda Trapp,  
Brenda Nitz, and Shirley Lovas

### SEPTEMBER 16th

Dave and Danny Gaus,  
Sheryl Pelican, and Lori Eshelman

### SEPTEMBER 23rd

Chuck and Alana Zielesch,  
Don and Karen Ewert

### SEPTEMBER 30th

Jim Barndt, Mark Jubeck,  
Dave Biermann, and Chester Zbrozek

### OCTOBER 7th

Art and Amy Socha,  
Terry and Jane Doanldson

# REFORMATION SERVICE

Wednesday | October 31st, 2018  
**7PM**



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NEW OUTREACH WORKSHOP**

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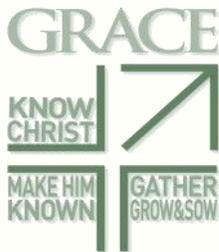
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# THIS FALL

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