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From Lillian Hughes

The Cross

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Constitutional Reform

During our last church's meeting, our pastor, the Rev. Germán Novelli Jr., has presented a special reform of Grace's Constitution and congregational By-Laws. The new documents were prepared following the guidelines established by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. You can read pastor's proposal of a new Constitution in this Grace Note's issue.



THIS MONTH AT GRACE



Monday, October 8
COUNCIL MEETING | 6pm

Saturday, October 13
CRAFT FAIR | 9am—5pm

Wednesday, October 31
LUTHERAN REFORMATION
SERVICE | 7pm

WWW.GRACE-OK.ORG

3030 W. Oklahoma Av. Milwaukee, WI. 53215

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS



After several meetings with different leaders of our church, we believe that a change in the structure of our organization will help us to be more effective to accomplish our goals and to fulfill our mission. That is why, in conjunction with the President of our congregation, and others members, we have prepared a total reform of our congregational constitution and by-laws. The next step is to create a committee who will review all these articles before presenting the final reform to our Voters Meeting. After the approval of these two documents, both the constitution and the bylaws, we're going to send the final document to the Synod for final approval. Right now, our congregation is experiencing difficult challenges that we are going to face with the participation of each one of us. Unfortunately, our past constitution is not adapted to the new times that we live in our modern world, nor to the current reality of our congregation. We believe that more than changing our rules, we seek to inspire our members to participate more in our church's affairs, to work together, to continue sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone in our communities, neighborhoods, and city. Please, join us in this new effort we do for the sake of our beloved GRACE COMMUNITY. God Bless You! **Pastor Germán Novelli Jr.**

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONSTITUTION OF 2018

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of this Christian congregation shall be Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Our congregation will also be known as GRACE, Grace Community, and/or Comunidad de Gracia.

ARTICLE 2: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

GRACE shall exist for the purpose of carrying out our Lord's Command and make disciples of all nations within our congregation, in our community, and throughout the world.

Because we are God's mission, and a multiracial and multigenerational congregation, our purpose is to know Christ and make Him known to all peoples, as we GATHER, GROW and SOW.

We GATHER around Jesus Christ and invite others to gather with us to receive God's love and be changed by that love revealed and received through Christ.

We GROW in Christ's likeness in character, faith, love and service, and provide opportunities for others to do the same.

We SOW the seeds of God's love in the world as followers of Jesus Christ, that still others may know Christ and make Him known.

ARTICLE 3: CONFESSIONAL STANDARD

This congregation accepts without reservation:

- a. The Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice.
- b. All the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church contained in the Book of Concord (1580 A.D.) as a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

As a Christian church, we distinguish between three types of congregational membership.

Baptized members are all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and who are under the

spiritual care of the pastor of this congregation, including the children who have not yet been confirmed into communicant membership. Communicant members are those baptized members who have been instructed and are familiar with the contents of Luther's Small Catechism and the doctrines of the Lutheran faith, and accept the confessional standard of this Constitution. Voting members are communicant members who have reached the age of 18 years.

ARTICLE 5: RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

The members of this congregation are received in the following manner:

- Baptized members are received through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism or through the consent of one or both parents in the case of children who have been baptized in another Christian congregation.
- Adult members are received through the rite of confirmation and Sacrament of Holy Baptism as appropriate; through transfer from a sister congregation; or through profession of faith or reaffirmation of faith.
- Eligible communicant members may be received as voting members upon application for such privilege upon approval of the voters assembly.

ARTICLE 6: DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Members of this congregation shall conform their entire lives to the authority of God's Word and to that end shall make diligent use of the means of grace, exercise faithful stewardship of God's many gifts and talents, impart and accept fraternal admonition as the need of such admonition becomes apparent, and be readily available for service in the

kingdom of Christ within and beyond the congregation.

Members of this congregation are encouraged to: attend divine services regularly, participate in church activities and events, partake of the Lord's Supper frequently, attend Bible Studies and Sunday School, and teach their children to do likewise.

ARTICLE 7: ADMISSION, TRANSFER, AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

- a. A person whose certificate of transfer has been accepted by a vote of the Board of Elders at a regularly convened meeting shall be admitted as a communicant member.
- b. A person not having a certificate of transfer may be accepted into communicant membership by a vote of the Board of Elders at a regularly convened meeting after a prospective member has conferred with the Pastor in order to establish his eligibility.
- c. A communicant member desiring to be transferred to a sister congregation shall apply to the Pastor for such transfer. The Pastor shall issue the transfer upon approval by vote of the Board of Elders.
- d. Membership in this congregation shall be terminated as follows:
 - Membership shall be terminated by transfer to a sister congregation, by joining a congregation outside the fellowship of this congregation, by excommunication or self-exclusion, or by death.
 - Communicant members who conduct themselves in an un-Christian manner shall be admonished according to Matthew 18:15-20. If they remain impenitent after proper admonition,

they shall be excommunicated. Each case of excommunication or self-exclusion shall be presented to the voters assembly for a decision. A two-thirds majority vote of the voters assembly shall be required.

— An excommunicated person who repents and asks forgiveness shall be reinstated as a member by vote of the Congregation.

ARTICLE 8: AUTHORITY OF THE VOTERS ASSEMBLY

The voters assembly shall be the governing body of this congregation and shall be empowered to administer and manage all its affairs. No member, elected officer, pastor, Council, Board, Committee, Synod, nor District's decision will have the power to change the decisions adopted by the voters assembly. The establishment and conduct of all organizations and societies within the congregation or related directly to the congregation shall be subject to the overall authority and general oversight of the voters assembly.

All matters before the voters assembly shall be decided by a majority vote unless otherwise specified by this constitution or bylaws. Matters of doctrine and conscience shall be decided only on the basis of the Word of God.

ARTICLE 9: SEPARATION

If, at any time, a separation shall occur in this Congregation on account of doctrine or for any other cause (which God may graciously prevent), the property of this Congregation and all its benefits shall remain with those members who adhere to this Constitution. Any person who transfers from the Congregation, who is excommunicated, or who removes himself from our fellowship shall relinquish all claims upon any part of the property of the Congregation.

ARTICLE 10: CALLED CHURCH WORKERS

- a. The voters assembly of this congregation shall have the exclusive right to call ordained ministers. The right to call commissioned ministers also belongs to the congregation and ordinarily shall not be delegated to a smaller body and never to an individual.
- b. The pastoral office shall be conferred only upon ordained ministers who are members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, candidates for the pastoral ministry who have satisfied the qualifications and requirements for assignment of first calls by Synod, or ordained ministers who are members in good standing of church bodies that have been formally recognized to be in altar and pulpit fellowship with the Synod when agreements for such calls are in place.
- c. Only those commissioned ministers shall receive a call who adhere to the confessional standard set forth in this constitution, who are qualified for the work of the ministry to which they are called, who have been endorsed by and are members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, who are candidates of LCMS colleges and universities who have satisfied the qualifications and requirements for assignment of first calls, and who are commissioned ministers in good standing from church bodies that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
- d. Called ordained or commissioned ministers may be removed from office in Christian and lawful order by a two-thirds majority ballot vote of the voters assembly for one of the following reasons: persistent adherence to false doctrine, scandalous life, willful neglect of the duties of office, the inability to perform those duties, or domineering in office.
- e. When a vacancy occurs in an office of an ordained or commissioned minister, the congregation shall notify the president of the district to receive assistance in temporarily filling the vacancy and to receive his counsel in calling a new pastor or other ordained/commissioned church worker.

ARTICLE 11: OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

- a. This congregation shall have the following officers and boards in addition to any which the congregation shall establish from time to time. The officers, the director of the Board of Elders, and the pastor as an advisory member, shall constitute the membership of the church council. Those officers identified by state law shall serve as legal representatives of the congregation, and must be elected by the Voters Assembly.

- b. The officers of this congregation, elected by the Voters Assembly, shall be:
The President, who shall conduct the meetings of the voters assembly; the Vice-President, who shall serve in the chairman's absence or inability to act; the Treasurer, who shall be responsible for the financial records of the congregation; the Financial Secretary, who shall be responsible for the receipt of all contributions and shall deposit the same in an account established in the name of the congregation; and the Director of Trustees, who will be responsible for the proper maintenance and repair of church property, the representation of the congregation in all legal matters, and the general protection of the congregation against loss or damage of whatever nature.

- c. The Voters Assembly shall elect the members of the Board of Elders who will assist the pastor in the spiritual life of the congregation. The elders shall elect a director for their board, who will be part of the Church's Council.

- d. The President, following the advisory of the pastor and the other members of the Council, will appoint Christian individuals and members of this congregation as directors of the different committees needed for the development of the church and its affairs. These appointments do not need the approval of the Voters Assembly, nor the Council. However, the decision might be revoked by the Voters Assembly, by virtue of the Article 8 of this Constitution.

- e. Any elected or appointed official of the Congregation may terminate his term of office upon acceptance of his written resignation at a meeting of the Congregation. Any elected official of the Congregation may be removed from office by the Congregation if the individual remains impenitent after a proper admonition, is excommunicated, or is self-excluded.

ARTICLE 12: REPEALS, ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- Article Three of this Constitution shall not be altered or repealed. Any action which is at variance with the Confession of Faith laid down in Article Three shall be null and void. Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing and shall be read at two consecutive meetings of the Congregation. Ratification of the proposed amendments(s) at each of the two meetings by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Voting members present is necessary for passage.



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| 10/01 Charles Zielesch | 10/21 Barb Ferrier |
| 10/03 Amy Socha | 10/23 Susan Heim |
| 10/05 Michelle Coppens | 10/24 Virginia Potter |
| 10/05 Daniel Gaus | 10/24 Dennis Szymborski |
| 10/06 Clifford G. Hoelt | 10/25 James VanAcker |
| 10/06 Nancy Houlihan | 10/25 Cynthia Ermis |
| 10/13 James Ferrier | 10/27 Chester Zbrozek |
| 10/14 Megan Lovas | 10/27 Yaidi Jalan Cancel |
| 10/18 Dianne Jubeck | 10/29 John Buege |
| 10/18 Terrie Klebar | |



- Brian & Sharon Maney, Oct. 9
- Daniel & Katherine Tobias, Oct. 16
- James & Ann Marie Barndt, Oct. 19
- Dennis & Lorene Zolinski, Oct. 21
- Gregory & Angela Kowalski, Oct. 21
- Acsie and Barbara Sanders, Oct. 24

The Keith Iwen Memorial Gospel Concert



Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 6:00pm
 Divine Shepherd Church
 9741 W Beloit Road
 Milwaukee, WI 53228

This pass admits your entire party
 A Love Offering will be received

Featuring

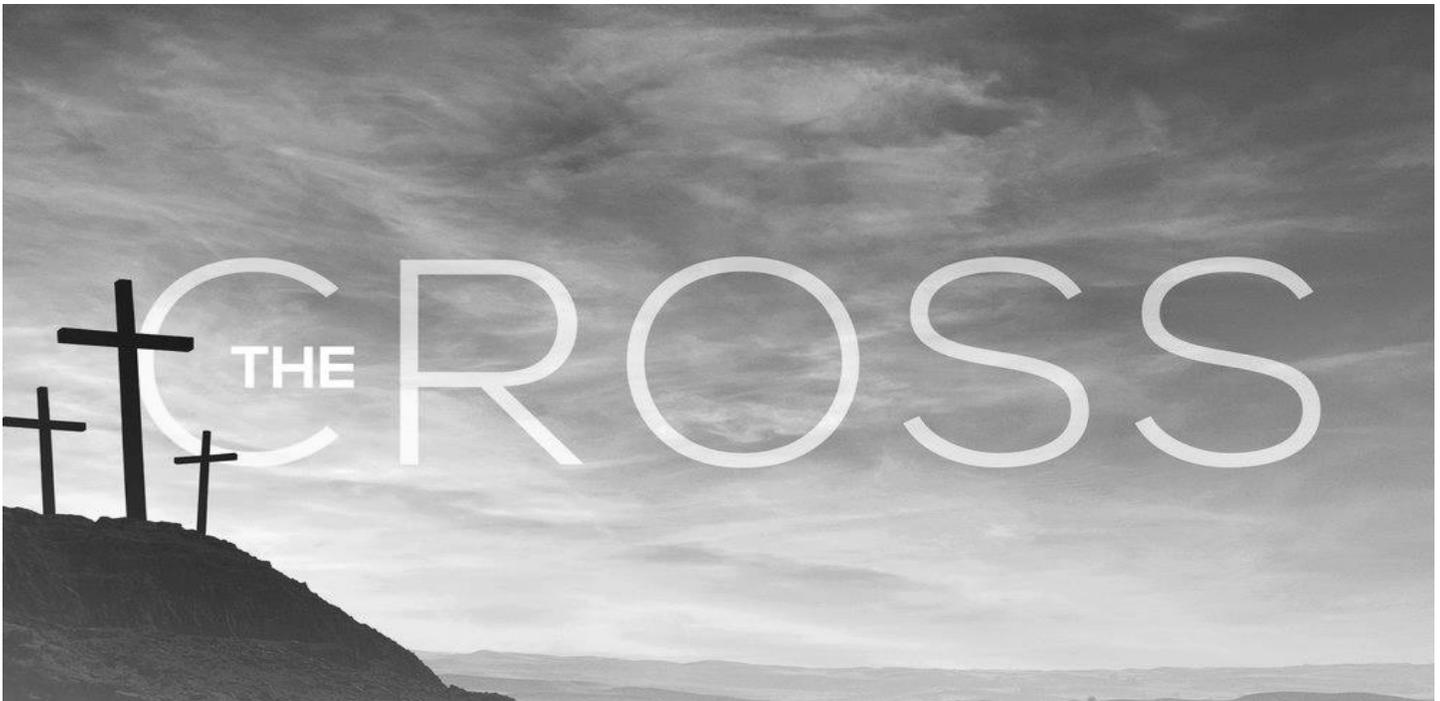
"The Blackwood Quartet"

9 Grammys
 27 Dove Awards

With Special Guest

"Steadfast"

Milwaukee's Favorite
 Praise Band



When your life feels hollow, what can fill it with meaning? If someone asked you, “What makes Christianity different from any other religion?” How would you answer? When you need reassurance that someone deeply loves you, where can you turn?

Max Lucado, Christian author, addresses these questions in his book, *No Wonder They Call Him the Savior* (Chronicles of the Cross). “The cross rests on the time line of history like a compelling diamond. Its tragedy summons all sufferers. Its absurdity attracts all cynics. Its hope lures all searchers.”

The Portals of Prayer, September 14, speaks of the quiet, mighty word of the cross. Portals of Prayer July 14 speaks of Curses and Trees: The tree of forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden was there as a test of loyalty for the first family, man and woman, created in the image of God (the defining difference between man and all other

creatures created by God). Convinced that they too could be gods, Adam and Eve failed the test. Curses followed.

For the serpent – Genesis 3:14, ***“Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.”***

For Satan – Genesis 3:15 ***“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head and you will strike his heel.”***

Adam and Eve – Genesis 3: 17-19 tells their story. First they had a rude awakening when they lost the privilege of visiting with God each day. Second they lost the pristine environment, paradise, as the consequence of their disobedience. Furthermore, their offspring and all of creation became contaminated. From now on, life would not be

easy. Genesis 3:19, ***“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”*** Yet within the curse there was hope, a Savior who would crush the head of their enemy. God still loved them and did not abandon them.

Satan too got the message and in his fury made it his mission to lure as many humans as possible into his kingdom. When he saw God’s plan going into action, he focused his efforts on his opponent, Jesus. His goal was to break Jesus and all humanity would fall with him. The perfect opportunity came when Jesus was alone in the desert, preparing for his public ministry by prayer and fasting. Satan waited until he was at his most vulnerable to attack. We all know how that worked out for him. But he did not give up. He pursued Jesus right to the cross. On the cross, Jesus suffered the bitter consequence of our sins – death.

During his mission on earth, Jesus as the Son of man, set aside his divine power, with the exception of the miracles of compassion that he performed. In victory, Jesus, the Son of God, rose from the dead in his glorified body. We call him Savior. In our baptism God rescues us from Satan's domain, the world, into his kingdom.

As a daily reminder of God's grace, my prayer is: Dear Lord, in the power and strength of my Holy Baptism, enable me this day to subdue my old sinful attitude that my new life in Christ might dominate my thoughts, words, actions and interactions. That I might love God with all my heart and soul and my neighbor as myself. And when tempted, Dear Spirit, point me to the cross and Christ's victory on my behalf and lead me to the path of righteousness. Amen.

Lillian Hughes

NATURE'S CREED

I believe in the book as it wanders
from hillside into glade'
I believe in the breeze as it whispers
when evening's shadows fade;
I believe in the roar of the river
as it dashes from high cascade;
I believe in the cry of the tempest
mid the thunder's cannonade;
I believe in the light of the shining stars;
I believe in the sun and the moon;
I believe in the flash of lightning;
I believe in the night-bird's croon;
I believe in the faith of the flowers;
I believe in the rock and the sod,
For in all of these appeareth clear
the handiwork of God.

Submitted by one of our members

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Lutheran Women in Mission

2017-2019 LWML MISSION GRANTS

1. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children, \$40,000
2. Mercy House for Women and Children, \$100,000
3. Christ for Veterans and Their Families, \$27,750
4. Tanzanian Sewing Center, \$25,000
5. Current Missionary Need, \$100,000
6. Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide, \$100,000
7. Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt, \$100,000
8. NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting, \$100,000
9. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, \$80,000
10. Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti, \$100,000
11. Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries, \$93,000
12. Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda, \$48,000
13. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life - Y4Life, \$25,000
14. Laborers of Love, \$100,000
15. Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities, \$100,000
16. Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants, \$100,000
17. Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team, \$25,000
18. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians, \$75,000
19. RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28, \$50,000
20. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018, \$36,500
21. Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips, \$60,000
22. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses, \$97,000

Learn more about these grants on our webpage:
www.lwml.org/mission-grants



The date and time of the next Grace Ruth Guild / LWML meeting will be announced at a later date.

Upcoming LWML Events:
Sunday, October 7th –
LWML Sunday –
“Our Rest in a Changing World”

Ruth Guild Nut and Candy Sale – time is running out to order nuts and candy. Orders need to be in by October 14th.

Saturday, October 20th –
LWML Zone 1 Fall Rally here at Grace church.

Thanks and Blessings

Sue Pritzlaff

Please help our Ruth Guild Support the Lutheran Bible Translators and the Deaf Ministry.

LWML SWD 2018-2020 BIENNIUM MISSION GRANTS

	Grant Recipient	Amount
1	Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach	\$12,000
2	Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Food & Clothing Co-op	\$10,000
3	Scholarships for Low Income Campers at Camp LuWiSoMo	\$20,000
4	LCMS Mission Central Support for Missionary Expenses	\$10,000
5	Shelter My Sheep – Free at Last Ministry	\$20,000
6	SOS Center Enrichment Program	\$22,580
7	Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World	\$12,000
8	SWD Church Worker Grant	\$30,000
9	Alaska Native Discipleship Teen Camp	\$16,795



BIBLE STUDY | Every Sunday, 10AM

Kids Guitar Performance by St. Martini's Youth Group

REFORMATION

S E R V I C E

YOU'RE INVITED

Wednesday | October 31st, 2018
7PM



Celebrating our 123th Church's Anniversary

GRACE | Comunidad de Gracia
3030 W. Oklahoma Ave. Milwaukee, WI
www.grace-ok.org

A quick review from the fellowship meeting



20 tickets are reserved at the Sunset Playhouse November 3rd, for Mary Poppins for \$20.00 They will be going on sale shortly as well as the tickets for the Brat and hotdog day.

October 7th, Brat and hot dog Sunday and Packer Game. Playing Detroit Lions at Detroit. A 12:00 game. Sign up sheet for snacks and dip. And hors d'oeuvres. There may be a problem getting the game in the Hoge Hall, as we no longer have cable. We were not aware of this at the time of the planning of the game.

This situation is being worked on.

Food drive to start last week or so in October for our families at Grace, balance to go to Hunger Task Force.

We have talked about many things to do in the future, before the year end.

In January the board will be taking a hiatus from planning activities and let the congregation take the initiative to plan things as Terry, the president, and

Pastor have been talking about disbanding the boards and the directors of them. This is to get the congregation more involved. Please let them know your opinions, and concerned. This was also talked about at the last voters meeting. PLEASE attend them as they are critical to the church's functions. We remain yours in Christ

Judy Z. and the rest of the fellowship committee!

THE PIECE MAKERS:

In need of hands, we don't get much done when only 3 people come, and we have absent people. When 1 is gone, that is a third of our group, and that does happen. Please think about coming and helping us or the crafters as we are part of their group.

MERCY MATS:

Thank you for all the plastic bags that you have given me, this will help keep the bags out of the landfills and help the homeless to be a little warmer. If you are interested in helping we meet at the West Allis library on Wednesday evening at 4.

OCTOBER USHERS

OCTOBER 7

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

OCTOBER 21

David and Danny Gaus
Sheryl Pelican, and Lori Eshelman

OCTOBER 31

Art and Amy Socha,
Terry and Jane Doanldson

OCTOBER 14

Art and Amy Socha,
Terry and Jane Doanldson

OCTOBER 28

Chuck and Alana Zielesch,
Don and Karen Ewert

NOVEMBER 4

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

Happy Crafters

Mark your calendars for October 13, from 9am to 5pm, when we will have our Craft Fair. We need to bake goods for our bake sale table. The sign up sheet is in the fellowship bulletin board. Bring your family and friends. We also will be going to the Village of Manor Park for the Craft Bazaar.

Shirley Lovas



**Piece Makers
Every Thursday
9:00AM-1:00PM**

Come join us for a time of fellowship and in piecing together quilts to keep our veterans warm.

All are welcome!

**Any questions please call
Judy Zarzynski at 414-327-5759**

**GRACE: COMUNIDAD DE GRACIA
NEW OUTREACH WORKSHOP**

**EVERY
ONE**

HIS WITNESS

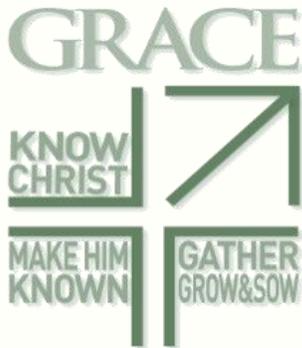
LUTHERAN EVANGELISM

NOVEMBER

Registration is Now Open: Church's Office (414) 384 3520

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