

**THIS MONTH'S
Pastor Page...**
Pastor Grant shares some
thoughts on where to
look when we struggle
with doubt.



**MEN! Heads UP
"No Regrets" is...**
Saturday Feb. 1st
at the Radisson
in Fond du Lac.
Door open at 6:45a.m.

**Awana
CLUBS**

Jan. 05 - Scarf Night
Jan. 12 - S'More Night
(Bring S'more Friends = Double points)
Jan. 19 - Crazy Sock Night
Jan. 26 - Luau Night

Feb. 02 - Hearts Night
Feb. 09 - NO Awana Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 16 - PJ Night
(NO SLIPPERS PLEASE)
Feb. 23 - Glow Stick Night

Grace
>>> Kids

*Winter
is
coming...*

**Wondering what to do in the case of
INCLEMENT WEATHER??**

Check out the Grace website or Facebook
page. If you do not have these you can tune
into KFIZ 1450AM or KFIZ.com to see or hear
about any Event cancellations due to weather.
You can also call the Elder on Call number.
920.948.9262



Hello Grace Family,

In the gripping naval/spy movie “*Hunt for Red October*” (1990) the race is on to track down the Russian submarine, *Red October*, as the crew makes use of their cutting-edge stealth propulsion system to evade the American and Russian navies.

There is one scene that I would like to draw your attention to. During their evasive maneuvers, *Red October* navigations officer, Kamarov, makes the following statement: “Give me a stopwatch and a map, and I’ll fly the Alps in a plane with no windows!”

Timing is essential when it comes to navigation. Marine chronometers are precision timepieces that have been used since the 1700s to determine a ship’s longitudinal position in relation to Greenwich Mean Time. Accurate knowledge of the time over a long voyage, along with gazing into the heavens to see the position of various constellations, helped determine a ship’s exact location.

A watch which uses a quartz crystal is very accurate for everyday use, but it can lose about one thousandth of a second over the period of six weeks. Thankfully, since ships move relatively slowly (20-30 miles per hour), any error in navigation can be quickly corrected using visual cues or landmarks. But what would happen if we had something traveling a little faster?

The NASA Space Shuttles can reach speeds upward of mach-20 (15,300mph). The Voyager spacecraft is capable of speeds more than mach-54 (41,700mph). If a standard quartz watch is used to assist in navigating a spaceship traveling at this speed, the craft could be off course by as much as 200 miles over a period of six weeks. To combat this inaccuracy, the scientists at NASA have developed the “Deep Space Atomic Clock”. This clock uses mercury ions which are fifty times more stable than atomic clocks on GPS satellites.

Now you might be wondering: As interesting as this is, what’s your point? Consider the Lord’s words on Day 4 of creation:

And God said, “*Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.*” And it was so.
Genesis 1:14-15 ESV

The Lord set the stars and planets in their places to benefit those observing from the earth. He placed them to follow a specific path with predictable movement through the heavens. Astronomers can predict with pin-point accuracy the movement and trajectory of any heavenly body for years to come due to the incredible precision with which they move. Humanity’s most accurate atomic clocks need to be checked against the movement of the planets to correct their inaccuracies, yet skeptics will look at the splendor of creation and make the claim: “There is no evidence for a Designer or Creator!”

Consider the words of the psalmist:

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.” Psalm 19:1-4 ESV

When you experience moments of doubt, pause and look up. Consider the handiwork of the Lord and trust Him.

PASTOR GRANT

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 1st

New Year's Day
Office Closed

3rd

New Office Schedule begins
Closed on Fridays

5th

Communion Sunday
Regular Sunday
programming resumes.

6th

Elders Meeting
6:30pm

14th

Deacons Meeting 6:30pm

18th

Women's 
Prayer Meeting 9:00am

19th



Have-a-Heart Campaign Begins

27th

Elders Fellowship 6:00pm
Carol Out of Office 27th - 31st

31st

Movie Night 6:30pm

FEBRUARY 1ST

NO REGRETS CONFERENCE

20-23RD

WOMEN'S 
PRAYER SUMMIT

22ND

WOMEN'S AWAKEN CONFERENCE

23RD

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS
HYGIENE DRIVE BEGINS




Thanks to the generosity of our Church family we sent out 8 Amazon \$50.00 dollar gift cards to active military personnel connected to Grace on Dec. 12th. We also were able to support a unit heading out on deployment with some cases of Energy Drinks they requested. A big thank you goes out to all the Discipleship Classes, AWANA program, Youth Group and all of you who wrote a total of 75 letters this year! God truly used His people this Christmas to bring a glimpse of love, support and hope for our men and women serving.

We would also like to thank all our vets who took part in the Veterans Day Celebration on Nov.10th. Thanks also goes to the church staff for making our celebration a success. May you all feel blessed by being a blessing to someone else during this Holiday Season.

1 Cor 9:7 says: "For God loves a cheerful giver." We are continuing to collect monetary donations for our Adopt-a-Soldier program and will decide who else we can support with the extra funds that come in. If you know of someone serving or if anyone has changed their address, please let the Church office know or contact Bonnie Springborn.

Blessings

Evangelism Committee



Dear Grace Family,

Thank you to all who helped support the **GIVING TREE**.

This year we provided gifts for the **YOUTH FOR CHRIST** Parent Life Program and some of our **GRACE FAMILIES**.

Thank you for helping **SPREAD JOY** to so many this Christmas Season.

Blessings,
Jamie Trewin
Giving Tree Coordinator

Read through the BIBLE in 2025

The beginning of a new year is a great time to start your Bible reading adventure. We have several different resources **available at the Prayer Station** in the Connections Center which you can check out as you think about embarking on reading through the Bible this year. For those looking for a digital option, the Bible Project has their "**Read Scripture**" app. It includes captivating, informative videos, and you can do it all on your phone or computer. We also have hard copies of their daily reading plan if you choose not to use the app. There are other several other materials and plans as well. You will find them all at the Prayer Station.

Let 2025 be the year you read from Genesis through Revelation... whether for the first time, or the tenth time (or more), there is always something more to discover in God's Living Word!



More Info CCFDL.org

Join Community Church for the

Awaken 2025

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 22, 2025 8:30am -3:30pm

Therie Wagner



Global Missions Local Outreach



MOBILEPACK

Saturday March 8, 2025

Fond du Lac Fairgrounds Recreation Center

Sign Up Begins January 5th
at the Connection Center

Have a Heart Fundraising Campaign begins
January 19th @ the table in the Narthex.

Sign Up EARLY to get your
Preferred time slot.

Come Join US for...

MOVIE NIGHT

Fri. Jan. 31, 2025
Doors Open at 6:30pm
Movie Starts at 7pm

Here at GRACE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

Consider joining us on
Thursday - Sunday, Feb 20 - 23rd
Green Lake Conference Center

Womens Prayer Summit

an extended time of Prayer, Worship,
and Fellowship. It is unique from
other prayer gatherings. The Holy Spirit
is our leader. Though not an intercessory
prayer meeting, the Holy Spirit may lead
us in that direction. Neither is it a Teaching
Conference. Yet, the Holy Spirit will bring
instruction in a variety of ways.

Please visit the Info Board for
registration information.

If you have questions or would like to hear more,
contact Robin Fuhrman at:
robinfuhrman@charter.net
see her at church!

NO MEN'S CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 1, 2025

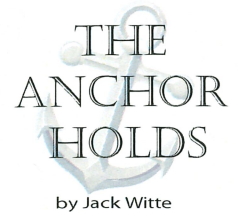
RESCUED

No Regrets Men's Conference

Guys, make plan now to come together with other men of faith on **Saturday, Feb. 1st** at the **Radisson Hotel** here in Fond du Lac for a day of worship, teaching, breakout sessions, and fellowship! Tickets are available at the Connections Center, Thursday and Saturday Men's Groups, or the Church office. Cost is \$35 (under 18: \$25) or \$45 at the door. You can also get tickets at Reach Out Books or online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Doors open at 6:45am. The first session begins at 7:15, with the main session beginning at 8:00am. Sessions and speakers will be part simulcast and part in-person presenters. Lunch begins at 1:00 and the day ends around 2:00pm. Morning Coffee and donuts, and a box lunch are provided.

Hosted by Fond du Lac Christian School: (920) 924.2177;
email office@fcsfdl.org

Don't miss it!



“Listen” and “Silent” are spelled with the same letters ... Think about it ...

I think God likes it when we come to Him in silence, for the Bible gives us many verses on the gift of being silent as we listen for God to speak. Being silent before the Lord can sometimes be a real struggle, but it is a wonderful virtue to practice. Ecclesiastes 3:7 reminds us that there is *“a time to keep silent and a time to speak.”* James 1:19 instructs us, *“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.”*

In a world filled with noise and chaos, what better way to approach our Heavenly Father than to approach Him in silence? Over the years, my wife Janet and I have tried to practice this gift whenever we have found ourselves in a difficult situation. We turn to what Has become our verse to share with each other as we approach such challenging times. Psalm 46:10 always brings us comfort. ***“Be still and know that I am God.”*** In silence and stillness, we can experience a deeper sense of God’s presence, for we find peace in knowing He is in control.

If you are facing a difficult situation today, what better time is there than right now for you to go to God in silence? Experience the knowledge of knowing God is with you and that He is in control.

“Be still and know that I am God!”

“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived, the things that God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

I was thinking and wondering ... what heaven must be really like. Heaven is a place where God reigns. There will be no doubting or wondering if God is real because He will be there to touch and feel. Jesus will walk the streets greeting all who invited Him into their lives, for He knows each of us by name. Heaven must be a place where we know nothing but love - love that is continuous and endless. A love and peace that no man or evil spirit can disrupt. There will be no war, no poor, no violence, no power-hungry government. There will be angels adorned in pure white, giving God constant praise, and each of us will do the same. I think the landscape will be filled with endless flowers and rivers of the purest water. Heaven will be a place where we never need sleep, where we constantly enjoy God’s presence and goodness.

The saints of God will be so close we can touch them. Moses and Jacob... Peter and Paul... Luke and John... they all will be lifting God’s name in praise. Can you imagine the joy of being reunited with your family and friends? Can you imagine what that reunion will be like? I will see all those whom I loved on this earth. My mother and father, Janet’s parents, her sister Sally and our granddaughter, Kelly, who we lost at birth will be there too.

I imagine that heaven will be so glorious that my imagination cannot even begin to comprehend what it will be like. I cannot wait to be in such a beautiful place, and I have God’s assurance that I will be. For I believe Romans 8:1 to be true, *“There is, therefore now, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”* Do you want the peace of knowing, without a doubt, that you will one day share the experience God’s children are enjoying at this very moment? It is so simple. Love Christ. Accept Him into your heart as your personal Lord and Savior. Admit your sins and ask His forgiveness. Then, live the rest of your days on this earth following His direction and leading. When you do, I can promise you, the rewards will be **“OUT OF THIS WORLD”**

Have a listen to “I Can Only Imagine” by Mercy Me: https://youtu.be/N_lrrq_opng

“Your Anchor will hold... in spite of your Storms.”



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Corporate Prayer Opportunities

Sunday mornings at 8:45am
 Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm
 Wednesday AM Men's prayer at 6:00am
 3rd Sunday of the month Women's Prayer at 9:00am

**All meet at
 GEFC
 Building**

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

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| 11.03.24 | \$14,268.00 | 194 |
| 11.10.24 | \$ 5,584.00 | 184 |
| 11.17.24 | \$ 6,380.00 | 197 |
| 11.24.24 | \$ 10,954.00 | 187 |

Averages: \$9,364.00 187

Weekly average needed to meet
 Budget: \$8,928.00

YTD Giving: \$175,294.00
 YTD Expenses: \$86,013.00

Shortfall: \$10,719.00



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