

Grace Lutheran Church is a caring community of disciples, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

# Grace Notes

## March 2017

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY Coming to Grace Lutheran Church**

God is generous! Wonderful things are happening in our church. God's Word is being proclaimed and we are sharing our lives together doing Christ's work in this world. It is all about God's Grace!

Now let's see what God is doing as we "Welcome, Worship, and Witness."

Over the next six weeks, our congregations will think together about God's gifts and our Christian response to this amazing Grace.

On Stewardship Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will all be asked to make a financial pledge for the coming year. We will celebrate God's generosity! It is important for all of us to reflect on our personal giving to God's work in this church. How can we grow personally and as a congregation in response to God's Grace? What is God calling me to give? How does my offering reflect my own belief in a generous God?

A luncheon to thank you for your generosity will follow worship on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. You are warmly encouraged to attend.

Our stewardship ministry continues to focus on God. Your generous response will provide the resources to build our ministries together.

God is at work in this congregation, this community, the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*

*~ Philippians*



## Kiitos Paljon



Thank you to all those who volunteer their time and talents helping with the Sunday School, After School Program and Confirmation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Birthdays

Nancy Harris 4	Joshua Karvakko 5
Janet Kokko 7	David Aro 7
Billy Griggs 12	Justin Nicholas 14
Rick Schulze 16	Sherri Lystila 21
Emma Juntunen 21	Sue Slinde 22
Heather Aro 23	Chris Bohjanen 25
Sam Jenkins 25	

### Anniversaries

Sam and Joleen Jenkins 20  
Bruce and Sandy Maki 25

### Notes from the office

Would you like to start receiving a weekly devotion from the church office on Mondays? Please send Katie your name and email address.

Newsletter items are due in the office the last week of the month.

Please save your Econo receipts and return them to a box in the library. Grace receives 1% of the total receipts.

If we do not have your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.



Anyone who would like to help with Lenton suppers, please let Katie know. Bread, butter and milk are needed, plus homemade soup.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** Soup Supper: Grace Choir  
**March 15<sup>th</sup>** Soup Supper: ASP and SS  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** Soup Supper: LCW  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>** Soup Supper: Council/LRVRT  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>** Soup Supper: Outreach

**Quilters**  
 Wednesday,  
 Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

**Knit, Pray,  
 Crochet**  
 Every Tuesday  
 1:00pm  
 All are welcome.



# LENTEN CALENDAR

## Ash Wednesday

**Pastor Bob Langseth**

March 1<sup>st</sup> at Grace Lutheran, 6:30pm

## Wednesday Lenten Services

Soup Supper at 5:30pm and Service at 6:30pm

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## Maundy Thursday

**Pastor Peter Norland**

April 13<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran, 6:30pm

## Good Friday

**Pastor Peter Norland**

April 14<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran, 6:30pm

## March Worship Text & Pulpit Supply

**Sunday, Mar. 5**  
w/ Cheryl Stimac  
Matthew 4:1-11  
The temptation  
of Jesus

**Sunday, Mar. 12**  
w/ Pastor Norland  
John 3:1-17  
The mission  
of Christ; saving  
the world

**Sunday, Mar. 19**  
w/ Pastor Langseth  
John 4:5-42  
Woman at the well

**Sunday, Mar. 26**  
w/ Pastor Norland  
John 9:1-41  
The man born blind



## 2 New Programs Coming to Grace Lutheran

### "Let's Eat" Program

The council has voted to do the "Let's Eat Program". Our church will be the location and the meals will occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, starting Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The menu will be spaghetti, salad, rice pudding and beverages. This menu may vary in the future. All from the community are invited and there is no fee for this meal.

The South Range Apostolic Lutheran Church, the Methodist Church in Painesdale, Our Saviour's in Atlantic Mine and Grace will be doing this as a joint effort, but we will be looking for sponsors (\$200 + workers) each month. We are also included in a grant through the Portage Health Foundation.

There will be opportunities for you to volunteer as we need a total of 10 workers from churches and sponsors each month to cut up veggies, set up, do the dishes, clean up and to greet and register people.

We are very excited to be included in this great program. Chassell, Ontonagon, Baraga and Hancock have been doing this for a while and they have had great results and the number of people they serve continues to grow.

If you have questions, contact me or any of the council members.

*Cheryl Stímac,*  
Council President

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### Gentle Exercise

Prepare for an active summer by participating in a gentle exercise program for seniors on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10a.m. at Grace Lutheran. This four week session will start April 17. Posture, breathing, flexibility, strength and balance will be the focus. Participants may do the exercises in sitting or supported standing. Enrollment will be limited to 12 people to allow instructors to provide one on one guidance during a 45 minute session.

Finlandia University Instructors:

Hilary Sproule, PT and Julia Daavettila, Student PTA

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

If you are aware of anyone that is in need of a home visit, please contact Katie at 482-2011.

May we pray for you?

If you know of any prayer concerns, please contact Katie at 482-2011.



Grace Lutheran is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Did you hear?  
There are two new programs coming to Grace Lutheran in April.



### **Our Hearts to Their Homes**

Elaine Aro at home  
Jan Mikkola at home  
Delores Paavola at home  
Eleanor Maki at the Bluffs  
Amanda Mountjoy at home  
Susan Koskela at Lighthouse  
Nancy Harris at Omega House  
Bill & Sandra Mannisto at home

### **Gentle Reminder**

The office and financial staff do not work on Sunday mornings. Thanks for respecting their worship time with their families.

# Service Workers for March

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26	
<b>Counters</b>	C. DeForge H. Aro	K. Bridgers C. Davis	S. Slinde K. Johnson	J. Baillod M. Bohjanen	
<b>Fellowship</b>	None	Open	None	Potluck	
<b>Ushers</b>					
<b>Acolyte &amp; Bell Ringer</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	
<b>Communion Assistant</b>					
<b>Reader</b>					
<b>Sunday School</b>	Heather Aro	Janet Kokko	Chris DeForge	No Sunday School	
<b>Pulpit Supply</b>	Cheryl Stimac	Pastor Peter Norland	Pastor Bob Langseth	Pastor Peter Norland	

## A Prayer for Lent

Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts, tempting and inviting thoughts, which could so easily have distracted you from your task, your mission, your vision. Yet you emerged, stronger and more attuned to all that had to be done, despite a time constraint that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless. We, too, live in stressful times. Demands are made of our time, that leave so little for the important things of life. We are easily distracted in the wilderness of our lives, by every call to go this way or that, to turn stone to bread, leap from mountains, and do all that would keep us from the truth. We listen to the voices of this world, and ignore the one who endured all this and so much more, and emerged triumphant, that we might not have to suffer so. Forgive us, Father, when we get distracted from our task. Forgive us those times when we try to be all things to all men, and fail to be anything to anyone. Amen

## February Council Highlights

A handheld microphone and a new lapel mic was ordered and will be paid for by a donation for that purpose.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to go forward with the "Let's Eat" meal here at Grace on the second Sunday of every month beginning in April. A letter will go into the bulletin and the newsletter about the program in more detail.

No action will be taken at this time regarding putting the financial information in the bulletin. The information is still currently posted regularly on our bulletin board.

Council representatives will update committee membership lists including vacancies.

The Village of South Range is currently updating their web page. This will include Grace Lutheran Church's contact information, time of services and events. The web site will be up and running in the near future.

### Grace Lutheran Congregational Contact Information

#### Volunteer Coordinators

Acolytes/Bell Ringers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Altar Duty	Chris Davis	482-5567
Communion	Chris DeForge	482-8068
Counters	Marianne Bohjanen	482-8459
Funeral Servers	Patty Savola	281-5100
Readers	Cheryl Stimac	281-7909
Fellowship	Carolyn Rundman	482-6344
Ushers	Pam Long	482-4065
Greeters	Heather Aro	482-0341
Ride Coordinator	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Office Volunteers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Gardening	Janet Kokko	482-2368

#### Building & Grounds Maintenance

Paul Bridgers	482-3665	Dave Aro	487-6161
Tom Stimac	281-7910	Pennie Makela	281-4667
	Heather Aro	482-0341	

#### Parsonage Maintenance

Paul Bridgers	482-3665	Dave Aro	487-6161
Katie Bridgers	482-2011	Cheryl Stimac	281-7909

#### Grace Lutheran Council

Cheryl Stimac (President)	281-7909
Joe DeForge (Vice President)	482-8068
Laurie Aho (Treasurer)	482-0817
Julie Belew (Interim Pastor)	
Heather Aro (Secretary)	482-0341
Chris Bohjanen	(482-8459)
Pam Long	(482-4065)
Janet Kokko	(482-2368)
Dave Aro	(487-6161)

## Pennie's Pick of the Month

When life gets too  
hard to stand; kneel!

~ author unknown



## Did You Know

There is a binder full of past council minutes located in the library.

The current council minutes and the financial reports can be found on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

## The Season of the Church Year

(From The Lutheran Handbook)

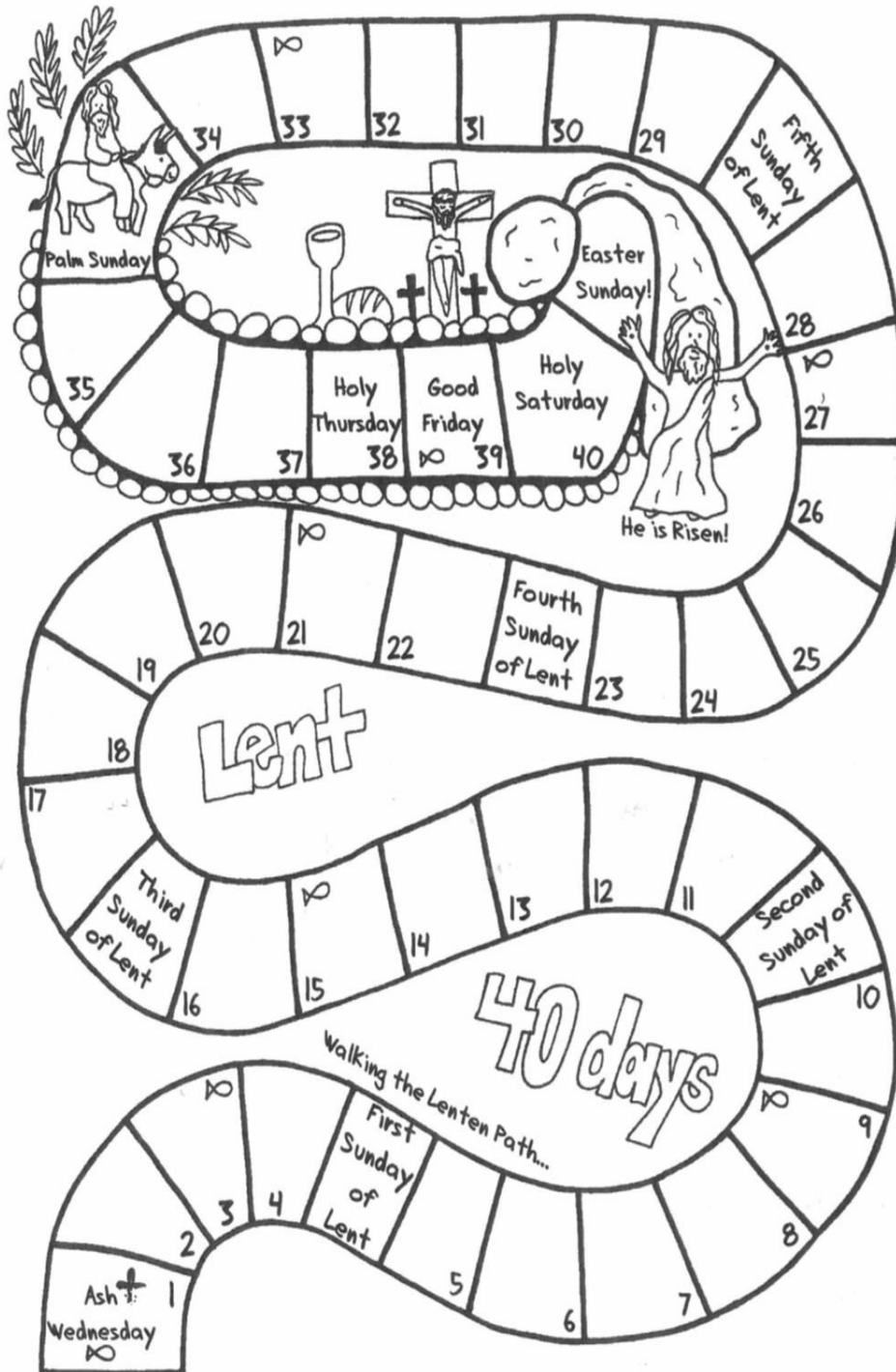
**Lent** is a season when we turn toward God and think about how our lives need to change. This is also a time to remember our baptism, and how that gift gives us a new start every day! The color for Lent is purple, symbolizing repentance. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays) and ends on the Saturday before Easter Sunday.





# Kids' Korner

## Lenten Road Map



March

Sunday School

Sunday, March 5

Love & Kindness

Sunday, March 12

God First

Sunday, March 19

God Guides

Sunday, March 26

No Sunday School



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 3:00 ASP/Con. 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service w/ Pastor Langseth	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  8:00 AA	<b>4</b>
			<b>5</b>  9:45 Choir  10:00 S.S.  11:00 Worship	<b>6</b>  3:30 Prayer Service	<b>7</b>  11:30 Knit, Pray, Crochet Lunch at Kangas Café  1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	<b>8</b>  10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 3:00 ASP/Con. 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service
<b>12</b>  9:45 Choir  10:00 S.S.  11:00 Worship	<b>13</b>  7:00 LCW	<b>14</b>  1:00 Primetimers Hunan Restaurant  1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	<b>15</b>  10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 3:00 ASP/Con. 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  8:00 AA	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>  9:45 Choir  10:00 S.S.  11:00 Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet  6:30 Council	<b>22</b>  10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 3:00 ASP/Con. 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  8:00 AA	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  9:45 Choir  11:00 Worship  12:00 Potluck	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet  6:30 Worship and Music Meeting	<b>29</b>  10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service  No ASP or Confirmation	<b>30</b>  10:00 Let's Eat Steering Committee Meeting	<b>31</b>  8:00 AA	

