

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

Grace Notes

April, 2019

Paul wrote: “For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness of God.” How beautiful! My heart is right with our Father because of His Son and nothing else. What a relief, because I seem to fail too often. In Jesus, I am free of the Law and live by grace alone. The Holy Spirit overwhelms me with love that pours out of my heart of faith like an unstoppable waterfall. While I walk in the light, I will cry, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

How wonderful it is to be home with my family and friends in faith. Thank you so much for welcoming me back with love. It is a joy to be here and to see you every week.

Join us for our Grief and Loss Group at Grace on Thursday, April 11th from 6 to 7pm. We depend totally on grace. Grief can take away our ability to know the comfort of that grace. Together, we can work to heal and know grace again. All are welcome. Any grief is accepted.

Grace needs your help. We have a ministry we want to create, which will share our time and love with our kids, a truly fulfilling ministry. We need some adults to help lead a junior high youth group. The commitment would be once a month during the school year. You would help plan games and activities for our youth so they feel that our church is a place for them. Let me or Katie know if you are interested.

Janet Kokko and Karl Rundman are part of my Teaching Committee, which helps me to learn and grow as a minister. You are encouraged to share your insights about my ministry with them. Your voice is important, so please let them know your thoughts.

Join us Wednesdays for our Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30pm. The service is truly beautiful, so please be there.

Do you have dreams for our church? Have you had an idea you wish you could try out on our congregation? Talk to me. Grace is your church. Let's make it what you need it to be.

As always, I am here for you and want to hear from you. Drop by my office, grab me after church or stop me at Walmart... I look forward to talking with you.

With faith and hope and love,

Micah

Kiitos Paljon

Thank you to those who offer their service each Sunday morning, and for the volunteer coordinators who make this possible.

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.

Birthdays

Steve Kneebone 1	Brynlee Hanner 2
Patience Griggs 3	Bill Mannisto 5
Tyler Andrews 6	Lilia Cavaleri 8
Riley Anderson 9	Jamie Harju 10
Christopher Lystila 12	Kayla Semmens 15
Shaylee Waltanen 17	Vinny Kaster 18
Kiera Sweeney 19	Kai Krznarich 20
Chris Davis 24	Louis Raffaelli 24
Rebecca Frost 27	Jeanine Baillod 28
Pam Long 28	Ralph Tapani 29
Christa Harju 30	

Anniversaries

Paul and Katie Bridgers 6
Dave and Tammy Harju 10
Chris and Marianne Bohjanen 17
Steve and Melissa Nicholas 18

Sunday School

Sundays at 10:00am to 10:45am
Join us for some wonderful stories about Jesus. All children welcome!
Last day of Sunday School is
Sunday, May 19th.

Quilters
Wednesday,
Mar. 6th & 20th

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

Synod Assembly

We are still looking for two members to go to the NGL Synod Assembly in May. This year the assembly will be at Bethany Lutheran Church and Bay College in Escanaba, MI. If you are interested, please see Cheryl. Please prayerfully consider going to this wonderful event. It is a great experience.

Econo Receipts

Turn in your Econo Receipts and 1% of your total will go to Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you! Your receipts make a huge difference!! Keep them coming!!!

Do you have something you want to put in the newsletter, the Tuesday Grace note, or even a prayer request? Please email Katie or let her know your request.

April

Worship Text

Sunday, April 7

John 12:1-8

Mary anoints Jesus
for his burial.

Sunday, April 14

Luke 22:14-23:56

The passion and
death of Jesus.

Thursday, April 18

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The service of Christ:
foot washing and meal.

Friday, April 19

John 18:1-19:42

The passion and
death of Jesus.

Saturday, April 20

John 20:1-18

Seeing the risen Christ.

Sunday, April 21

Luke 24:1-12

Women proclaim
the resurrection.

Sunday, April 28

John 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds
of the risen Christ.

Lutheran Dictionary

by: Walter Lieder
Concordia Publishing House
Saint Louis, Missouri

Maundy Thursday: The Thursday of Holy Week, the anniversary of the institution of the Lord's Supper. Maundy means mandate, or command, from "the new commandment" of Christ in John 13:5, 34.

Good Friday: The day commemorating the Savior's death on the Cross, being the Friday before Easter.

Easter: The day on which the resurrection of Christ is commemorated, being the first Sunday after the full moon in spring, coming as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

Resurrection: The rising again from death, especially (1) the rising of Christ with glorified body after His death and burial (Rom. 4:25); (2) the raising of all mankind on the Last Day by the power of Christ (John 5:28-29; 11:25).

Lenten Service and Soup Supper Schedule

Soup Supper at 5:30pm with Lenten Services at 6:30pm

April 3 ~ Council and LRVRT

April 10th ~ Mutual Ministry and Hospitality

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 14th ~ Palm Sunday Service at 11:00am

Thursday, April 18th ~ Maundy Thursday at 6:30pm (at Grace Lutheran)

Friday, April 19th ~ Good Friday at 6:00pm (at First Lutheran)

Saturday, April 20th ~ Easter Vigil at 6:00pm (at Grace Lutheran)

Sunday, April 21st ~ Easter Sunday Service at 11:00am

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

By: Daniel Thornton

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!
Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!
Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord!
Death cannot keep his Prey, Jesus, my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!



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

Grace Lutheran Church is one of a very few churches in this area that has a choir, and we are extremely proud of that. The choir is always looking for more voices to join them. The ability to read music is not necessary, nor do you have to worry about the type of voice you have. All you need is a love for singing and praising the Lord through song. The choir practices on Sunday mornings from 9:45am to 10:45am, from September to May. Join the Grace choir; you'll be glad you did! See Emily for more information.

He is not
here; for he
has been
raised, as he
said. Come;
see the place
where he lay.

Matthew 28:6

He is Risen

Our Hearts to Their Homes

Susan Koskela at home
Jean Simila at the Bluffs
Delores Paavola at home
Elaine Aro at Gardenview
Eleanor Maki at the Bluffs
Jan Mikkola at the Bluffs
Amanda Mountjoy at home
Bill & Sandra Mannisto at the Bluffs

Service Workers for April

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Counters				
Reader	Alice Kolehmainen	Jeanine Baillod	Chris Davis	Janet Kokko
Ushers		Bridgers Family		
Acolyte & Bell Ringer	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
Communion Assistant		Katie Bridgers		Pam Long
Greeter	Katie Bridgers			
Fellowship	Birthday and Anniversary	Fellowship	None	Potluck
Sunday School Teacher	Janet Kokko	Lauri Kneebone	No Sunday School	Chris DeForge



ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS RISEN

Attention Volunteer Coordinators!

There is now a monthly sheet in the mailboxes located in the library. Please write down your Sunday service workers on this sheet for Katie. This will help simplify the line of communication between you and Katie.

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	Chris Davis	482-5567
Readers	Cheryl Stimac	281-7909
Fellowship	Carolyn Rundman	482-6344
Ushers	Pam Long	482-4065
Greeters	Chris Davis	482-5567
Ride Coordinator	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Office Volunteers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Gardening	Janet Kokko	482-2368

Building & Grounds Maintenance

Tom Stimac 281-7910 Joe DeForge 482-8068
Tom Savola 281-5494 Katie Bridgers 482-2011

Grace Lutheran Council

Micah Cavaleri 281-9558
Vicar
Pam Long 482-4065
Vice President
Joe DeForge 482-8068
Secretary
Laurie Aho 482-0817
Treasurer
Jean Baillod 482-3240
Janet Kokko 482-2368
Jan Maierle 482-2011
Cheryl Stimac 281-7909
Chris Bohjanen 482-8459

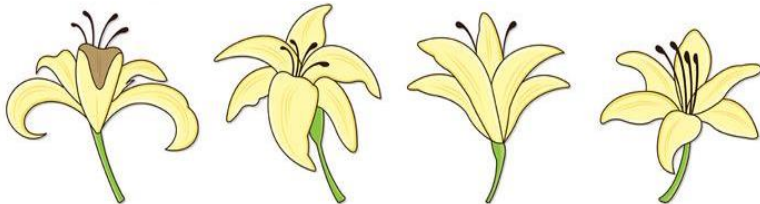
Would you like to supply the church with an Easter lily or other spring flower in memory or honor of a loved one?

In memory/honor of:

From: _____

After Easter:

_____ I will take my plant
_____ Use it at the church




Games at Grace

Do you enjoy playing board or other games? Join us for Games at Grace every Thursday. Share a light lunch at 12:30pm followed by games at 1pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00 LRVRT & Christian Ed Meeting 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	3 9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 4:00 Confirmation 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lent Service	4 12:30 Games at Grace	5 8:00 AA	6
7 9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Birthday and Anniversary Fellowship	8 12:00 LCW	9 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	10 9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 4:00 Confirmation 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lent Service	11 12:30 Games at Grace 6:00 Grief and Loss Group	12 8:00 AA	13
14 9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School Palm Sunday 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship	15 4:00 Prayer Service	16 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet 6:30pm Council	17 9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 4:00 Confirmation	18 12:30 Games at Grace 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service at Grace Lutheran	19 6:00 Good Friday Service at First Lutheran 8:00 AA	20 6:00 Easter Vigil at Grace Lutheran
21 Easter Sunday 11:00 Worship Little Brothers Easter Meal	22	23 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	24 9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 4:00 Confirmation	25 12:30 Games at Grace	26 8:00 AA	27
28 9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Potluck	29	30 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	