

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

# Grace Notes

## March, 2019

On Ash Wednesday, the prophet Joel urges us to turn to the Father: “Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning...” When we fast and mourn and weep for our sins and the sins of our country and the sins of the people around us, we have received an awesome gift of life from the Father. That groaning is the movement of the Holy Spirit in our hearts turning us back to the Father who brings us back from the dead in His Son Jesus. Find a quiet room and let that groaning out. That is deep prayer. Feel the longing you have for forgiveness... and know that in Jesus you were forgiven before you ever turned to Him for mercy. You are in the embrace of the Father before you ever know you are home.

It is time to return to the UP! My time in Japan has been wondrous. I have learned to communicate in Japanese... in one word sentences, but it works. I have seen temples and shrines that have been around for a thousand years. I have eaten deliciously curious things. And now it is time to return to my friends and family in faith. I look forward to seeing you all the second Sunday in March.

How should I honor Lent? Lent is a time of repentance. We are baptized in the waters of life. Turn back to that life the Father gave you in His Son through the power of His Holy Spirit. Feel the gifts of faith and hope and love in your heart. That is the life of Jesus Christ. We all have need of repentance and want to turn back to our Father. That desire alone is the stirring of the Holy Spirit within you. That is the feeling of faith breaking through sin. So, this Lent, remember that you are baptized and that you can never lose the love of the Father. He is always faithful even when we are faithless. Celebrate your baptism and rejoice that Jesus gives Himself to you in the bread and the wine.

Grace needs your help. We are looking for a few young adults with families to supervise the nursery during our worship. The supervisors do not need to be in the room, but they should be available to the kids who are volunteering to monitor the nursery if the monitors need guidance or assistance. Your service will not keep you from participating in worship and will make it possible for other parents to share in worship with us more attentively. Let us know if you are interested in helping out or learning more.

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 all those who helped remove snow from the church and parsonage roof.

## 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

Janet Kokko 7

Justin Nicholas 14

Sherril Lystila 21

Susan Slinde 22

Chris Bohjanen 25

David Aro 7

Connor Raffaelli 17

Emma Juntunen 21

Heather Aro 23

Sam Jenkins 25



## Anniversaries

Sam & Joleen  
Jenkins 20

Bruce & Sandra  
Maki 25

## Quilters

Wednesday,  
Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

## Sunday School

Sundays at 10:00am to 10:45am  
Join us for some wonderful stories  
about Jesus. All children welcome!

## Knit, Pray, Crochet

Every Tuesday,  
1:00pm  
All are welcome.

## Are You Chilly During Worship?

If so, there are shawls and lap afghans in the narthex for your use. Please return them after worship. Thank you to our Knit, Pray, Crochet group for making these.

*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
**GROW**  
CLOSER TO JESUS

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.

## March Worship Text

### Sunday, Mar. 3

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]  
Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.

### Sunday, Mar. 10

Luke 4:1-13  
The temptation of Jesus.

### Sunday, Mar. 17

Luke 13:31-35  
Hen gathering her brood.

### Sunday, Mar. 24

Luke 13:1-9  
The parable of the fig tree.

### Sunday, Mar. 31

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
Parable of the forgiving father.

# Lutheran Dictionary

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**Ash Wednesday:** The first day of Lent, 40 days before Easter; named from the (Roman Catholic) custom of placing “blessed” ashes upon the foreheads of worshipers on that day.

**Fasting:** Abstaining from food, or limiting one’s food, especially as a religious observance; not commanded in the New Testament.

**Lent:** The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter. If all Sundays are excluded, which have never been days of fasting, there are 40 days of Lent.

**Nave:** The middle part, or body, of a church. From Latin, “ship,” to which the Church of Christ may be likened, as sailing toward the heavenly harbor.

## Lenten Service and Soup Supper Schedule

Ash Wednesday  
Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm

Starting March 13<sup>th</sup>

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

March 13<sup>th</sup> ~ LCW

March 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Choir

March 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Christian Education and Evangelism

April 3 ~ Council and LRVRT

April 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Mutual Ministry and Hospitality

April 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Palm Sunday

April 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Maundy Thursday at 6:30pm (at Grace Lutheran)

April 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Good Friday at 6:00pm (at First Lutheran)

April 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Easter Sunday

If anyone would like to donate bread  
or milk, please sign up in the narthex.

*Thank you to those who prayed for Paul, Chance and me during the preparation time for Paul's operation and the long surgery. It meant so much to us to have your support. It is a good feeling to know that we have such a loving and caring church family who is there for us. Paul is doing great and finding a new normal, while he is home recovering for a month. Thank you again for your love and support.*

*Paul, Katie and Chance*



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.



*Show love in everything you do.*

*1 Corinthians 16:14*

### **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 March

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
<b>Counters</b>	M. Bohjanen C. DeForge	C. Stimac H. Aro	J. Baillod C. Davis		K. Johnson
<b>Reader</b>	Jean Baillod	Annette Mattfolk	Pam Long	Carolyn Rundman	Chris DeForge
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul and Sue Slinde	Dave Aro Heather Aro	Don and Sally Rule		Tom and Cheryl Stimac
<b>Acolyte &amp; Bell Ringer</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Pam Long	Jean Baillod	Chris DeForge		
<b>Greeter</b>	Chris Bohjanen	Macy Raffaelli Pearl Raffaelli	Pam Long	Cheryl Stimac	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Birthday and Anniversary	None	None	None	Potluck
<b>Sunday School Teacher</b>	Janet Kokko	Lauri Kneebone	Katie Tormala	No Sunday School	Chris DeForge



## 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.

Called to Serve

Thanks  
Ushers and Greeters

### 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  
Heather Aro 482-0341 Katie Bridgers 482-2011

#### Grace Lutheran Council

Cheryl Stimac (President)  
281-7909  
Pam Long (Vice President)  
482-4065  
Laurie Aho (Treasurer)  
482-0817  
Joe DeForge (Secretary)  
482-8068  
Vicar Micah Cavaleri  
281-9558  
Chris Bohjanen (482-8459)

Jean Baillod (482-3240)  
Janet Kokko (482-2368)  
Jan Maierle (482-2011)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  8:00 AA	2
3  9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Birthday and Anniversary Fellowship 12:00 Worship and Music Meeting	4	5  1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	6  10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service	7  12:30 Games at Grace	8  8:00 AA	9
10  9:45 Choir  10:00 Sunday School  11:00 Worship	11  12:00 LCW	12  1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	13  9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 4:00 Confirmation 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lent Service	14  12:30 Games at Grace	15  8:00 AA	16
17  9:45 Choir  10:00 Sunday School  11:00 Worship	18  4:00 Prayer Service	19  1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet  6:30 Joint Council at Grace	20  10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 4:00 Confirmation 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lent Service	21  12:30 Games at Grace	22  8:00 AA	23
24  9:45 Choir No Sunday School 11:00 Worship	25	26	27  9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 4:00 Confirmation 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lent Service	28  12:30 Games at Grace	29  8:00 AA	30
31  9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Healing Service 12:00 Potluck		1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet		12:30 Games at Grace	8:00 AA	



