

# Grace's Mountain View

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## Grace Lutheran Church

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2nd Annual

# Minne "Soda"

Hotdish Challenge & Dinner

Sunday, February 10, 2019 — 4–6 p.m.

## Grace Lutheran Church



## Recipe for a Good Time!

The great Minne "Soda" Hotdish Challenge will feature the **best-of-the-best hotdish recipes** from area churches and businesses.

New this year—we will also be featuring the **best-of-the-best dessert bar recipes!**

Celebrity Judges will determine the 2nd Annual Minne "Soda" Hotdish Challenge Champion... trust me, you'll want this trophy!

Free Will Donation to benefit Grace Lutheran Church and their Charity of Choice.

Hotdish, dinner roll, dessert bar and soda provided (while supplies last).

Get here early and enjoy this traditional  
Lutheran church social.

Contact Jim Brogren for more information — 218-841-2968

— Thank you to our Sponsors —



February 7<sup>th</sup> is the start of Polar Fest and will include the lighting of King Isbit's Ice Throne and playground at 7:00 p.m. followed by parties. The palace will remain on display until the end of Polar Fest.

Grace will be hosting the **HOTDISH COOK-OFF**. We will need to provide bars and workers to help with this event. Proceeds will be given to the church. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex or contact the office if you are willing to help.

See <http://iceharvestdl.org/liv-e-feed> for more details. In the meantime, circle these dates for a whole lot of fun in Detroit Lakes!



Ever notice how some topics seem to show up in multiple places so that you cannot avoid thinking about them? The subject of loneliness was featured last week on the national news and this week an article appeared in *Christian Century* regarding a study from Cigna, one of the major health care companies.

The study claims that loneliness is at the root of “an emerging health crisis. Twenty-seven percent of Americans rarely or never feel understood, while two in five sometimes or always feel their relationships are not meaningful. There are physical ailments linked with loneliness too, according to one meta-analysis, loneliness increases our odds of dying early by 45 percent.”

There is an organization here in Detroit Lakes which is providing an opportunity for socializing for people who are dealing with mental health issues.... It's called A Place 2B. When we were invited to an open house a few months back, the social workers remarked that the clients who were spending time with other people throughout the day were less likely to be hospitalized or have as many trips to the doctor or emergency room. In part it could be because issues were caught early. In part it could be because of the benefits of friendships and feeling like they belonged.

God created people to be in relationship.... both with God and with other people. Friendships that are meaningful need to be cultivated....and require that a person be vulnerable and honest. One of the problems with social media such as Face book is that people will often only post things are celebratory and that people viewing them feel their own lives do not measure up by comparison.

Part of the value of a smaller congregation is that your presence is noticed. You cannot get lost in the crowd. But it is still necessary to do the hard work of being honest with yourself and others with both joys and sorrows.

One of the proverbs reminds us that “Friends double our joy and divide our sorrow.”

Desmond Tutu, the retired bishop from South Africa “once intimated, God created us with our differences with the hope that we could learn to love each other.”

Sounds like a good and healthy idea.

God's peace be with you!

Pastor Ann

## President's Corner

February 2019

Well here we are the day after our Annual Mtg., and I am now writing my last newsletter article as president of the church council. Many thoughts are going through my head and honestly, feeling a little sad.

Sad, that I was not able to get all of the things done that I wanted to get done and yet, grateful for all that we as a congregation and church council members did get done. In a church family there is always one more thing that we can do to help grow our family, provide outreach to our community and further our mission of spreading God's word to the masses. I found in the past year as president, while accomplishing one task, there is always another to follow and another, and another and another and so on. It seems as if one good thought follows another and sparks an urge to do more. Of course, we know that we cannot do all things, especially at my age. The desire and the will are always there but for some strange reason the body goes "NOPE! Not this time".

But I remain hopeful and will always have faith that if it is God's will, our church will continue to thrive and grow as long as we as members are willing to stretch a little, take that next step and perhaps even go outside the box. Do something, even if it is only one thing, that you would not have normally thought you could do to help further our mission as a congregation. I do remind myself of our mission statement: "Grace by Grace seeking to be God's Faithful People." It is only through His grace that we are still here working. It is through His grace that I am able to do anything.

I encourage all of you to continue to support each other and support our mission through volunteering, contributing as you can financially and, recognizing what an excellent bunch of folks we all are. Step outside the box. What you might think won't work just might work. It might just be the one thing that will cause a growth in our church family. Take that chance! Invite friends, relatives, neighbors to our worship service as well as to our fellowship times here at Grace. Be a proud congregation. Tell others what we are doing here at Grace. Never believe that it won't help but always believe that if you are willing to take steps. God will be there to help you. Never lose your faith.

I thank you all for allowing me to serve as council president for the past year. It has brought fulfillment to me as a Christian. I am sure that our next president will do a wonderful job! Who knows? It could be one of you!

*Lillian*

# CHURCH MEETINGS

## GLCW

Grace Lutheran Church Women will meet on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 P.M.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

## CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M.



### (UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—January 15, 2019)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Lillian Nybo
- † Devotions given by Glennis Olson
- † Secretary report approved.
- † Finance report approved as printed.

December Total Expenses	\$12,542.00
December Total Income	\$11,813.55
Savings Balance	\$11,755.03
Rainy Day Fund	\$12,574.07
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,071.22
Mission Investment Savings Fund	\$1,004.08
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2018	\$2,562.25

- † Property---Gerry has been getting bids for putting new furnaces in as backup for the Geo-Thermal system.
- † Christian Education---Sunday School is growing with new students! April 1<sup>st</sup> will be First Communion during worship.
- † Stewardship/Benevolence---Noisy Offering for Jan.-March will be going to the Becker County Food Pantry. Quilt donated to a fundraiser for April Goodrich.
- † Evangelism/Outreach---Working on a new Web site.
- † Worship---Lenten Services will be round robin as in the past. Ash Wednesday will be at Bakke with meal at 6:00 P.M. and worship at 7:00 P.M. Bakke will have services on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> & April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Grace will have services March 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>. A concert will be held at St. Peter's church on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>. The churches involved in the round robin will be paying \$100.00 towards the cost of the concert.
- † GLCW---Ruby Kiihn will head Cabin Fever Supper with request for lots of help from all congregational members.
- † Old Business---February 10<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Polar Fest Hot Dish cookoff which is held here at Grace. Details to come. Nominating committee will present Dan Kregel, Mabelle Kregel, and Blace Schmidt as candidates for the Church Council at the annual meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>
- † New Business---\*Discussion held on how to handle donated stocks. Glennis will check with Matt Carrier to get his advice. The stocks will be sold and money put in checking account. Amount will be transferred to the maintenance fund.
- \*Conflict resolution policy discussed and tabled. \*The 2019 was approved. It will be presented at the annual meeting.
- † Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.
- † Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Lillian Nybo will provide devotions and treats.

Gale LaFerriere

Council Secretary

# FEBRUARY USHERS, GREETERS,-- 10:00 A.M. Service

Sonia Anderson, Coordinator 847-8555
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DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
February 3, 2019	Annette & Hunter Korth	Terry Bowers Sonia Anderson	Sonia Anderson
February 10, 2019	Marlys Brasel	Lois Flatau Sonia Anderson	Lois Flatau
February 17, 2019	Annette & Hunter Korth	Vivian Wittnebel Sonia Anderson	Ruby Kiihn
February 24, 2019	Irene Carnegie	Maggie Schmit Sonia Anderson	Sonia Anderson

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
February 3, 2019	Psalm 71:1-6	Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
February 10, 2019	Psalm 138	Isaiah 6: 1-13 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 4:1-11
February 17, 2019	Psalm 1	Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
February 24, 2019	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 1 Corinthians 15:35-38-42-50	Luke 6:27-38

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	SERVERS
February 3, 2019	Clarice Anderson, Glennis Olson, Ranae Sexton
February 10, 2019	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda, Dan & Tarin Ladwig, Dan & Kari Lane
February 17, 2019	Sheri Blaney, Joann Eliassen, Casey Bennett
February 24, 2019	Irene Sloan, Ardis Tollefson, Joyce Hanson, Elaine Jenson

**SEND A VALENTINE TO THE MEMBERS BELOW!!**

### NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

*Don't forget our members in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities.*

Emmanuel Nursing Home-1415 Madison Ave.

**Dorina Sundeen, Red Sloane, Phyliss McLeod**

Frazee Assisted Living

**Wilma Leitheiser** (219 West Maple Ave. #20, Frazee, MN 56544)

Oak Crossing Nursing Homes-1040 Lincoln Ave.

**Darlene Nordlund,**

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



**February 1**  
Kelly Westrum

**February 2**  
Elijah Sims

**February 7**  
Zachary Schumann

**February 10**  
McKenna Kregel  
Kim Renner  
James Zick

**February 16**  
Marian Dwyer

**February 23**  
Terry Bowers  
Brad Endersbe

**February 26**  
Jim Brogren Jr.

**February 28**  
Heather Peterson



# FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**February 22**  
Chad & Maggie Schmidt

**GOD BLESS YOU  
ON YOUR  
ANNIVERSARY**

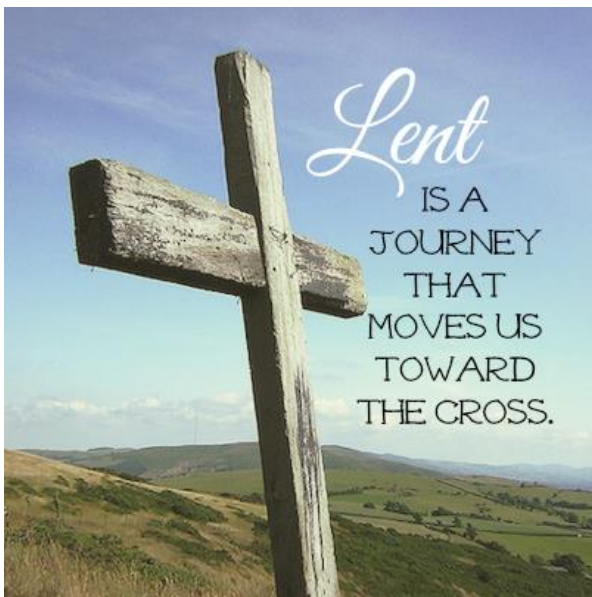
If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.

# IT'S A GRACE THING!

## THE LENTEN SEASON IS APPROACHING!!!



**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at Bakke Lutheran with a meal being served at 6:00 P.M. with worship service at 7:00 P.M. We will be alternating Wednesdays with Bakke. Lenten Service will be at Grace on March 13<sup>th</sup> with meal at 6:00 P.M. and worship service at 7:00 P.M. The last Lenten Service on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church with a musical concert. Maundy Thursday worship service will be at Bakke on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> with meal at 6:00 P.M. and worship service at 7:00 P.M. Good Friday worship service will be held at Grace on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. There will be no meal served. Easter worship services will be held at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Bakke. Grace will hold Easter worship services at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.



### A Prayer for Lenten Grace

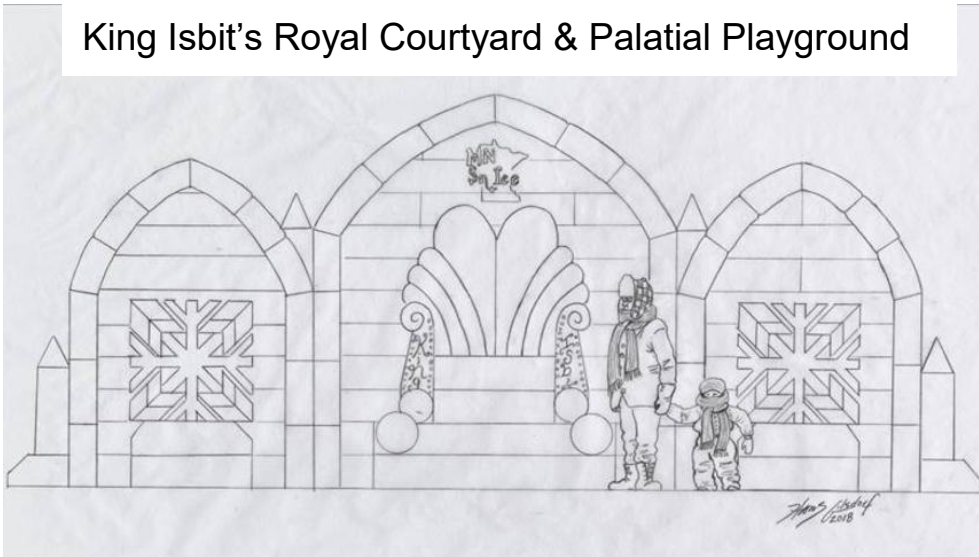
Loving God,  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
Amen.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**POLAR FEST 2019** is happening February 7 - 18 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Visit King Isbit's Royal Courtyard & Palatial Playground! Grand lighting on Feb 7, professional ice sculptures Feb 8 - 18 and area high school art classes will create snow sculptures on Feb 13. Come join us at Grace Lutheran and bring a Hotdish recipe for a good time! Submit your best Hotdish recipe and become the Minne"Soda" Hotdish Challenge Champion!

King Isbit's Royal Courtyard & Palatial Playground



## MEMORIAL GIFTS



<i><b>IN MEMORY OF</b></i>	<i><b>FUND</b></i>	<i><b>GIVEN BY</b></i>	<i><b>DATE</b></i>
Gladys Braun	Undesignated	Gary & Dona Rosell	January 13, 2019
Lowell Baker	Undesignated	Gary & Dona Rosell	January 13, 2019
Alice Olson	Mortgage	Carol Hanson	January 27, 2019



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- \* If students are in need of offering envelopes, please ask Traci Mace or Becky Esser.
- \* We are in need of treats for the remainder of the year. If your family would be interested in providing a healthy snack, please drop off with Glennis in the office. For suggestions on treats, see Glennis.
- \* Sunday School students will be singing February 10, 2019.
- \* There will be NO Sunday School on February 17, 2019.
- \* Sunday School students will be singing on + Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019  
+ Mother's Day, May 12, 2019.
- \* The last day of Sunday School is May 19, 2018.
- \* **CAMP SUNDAY** will be during Sunday School on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have a representative from Camp Emmaus during worship. Then the representative will lead Sunday School. If you are interested in attending Bible Camp this summer, please try to attend this Sunday to learn all the fun facts!!!

## CONFIRMATION

† Ash Wednesday Worship Service is on February 14, 2018 at Grace Lutheran. Meal will be served at 5:30 P.M. with the worship service beginning at 6:30 P.M. There will not be Confirmation during the Lent Season. Instead students should be attending the Lenten worship services. 2 Lenten Sermon notes are **required**.

† **Come and hear about Camp Emmaus Bible Camp on March 3<sup>rd</sup>!** A representative will talk about the Camp Experience during worship. Then during the Sunday School time, they will answer any questions you may have about the Camp Experience. Confirmation students are **recommended** to experience summer Bible camp at least once during the three years of confirmation and are **recommended** to participate in one or more of the various youth retreats offered either locally or by our synod during the three years of confirmation.



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## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion Classes for current 5<sup>th</sup> graders will begin on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> during their Sunday School class. Classes will also be: March 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. The class will be taught by Glennis Olson. Pastor Ann will hold the Seder Meal on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> with practice following the meal. First Communion will be held on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. Letters will be forthcoming.



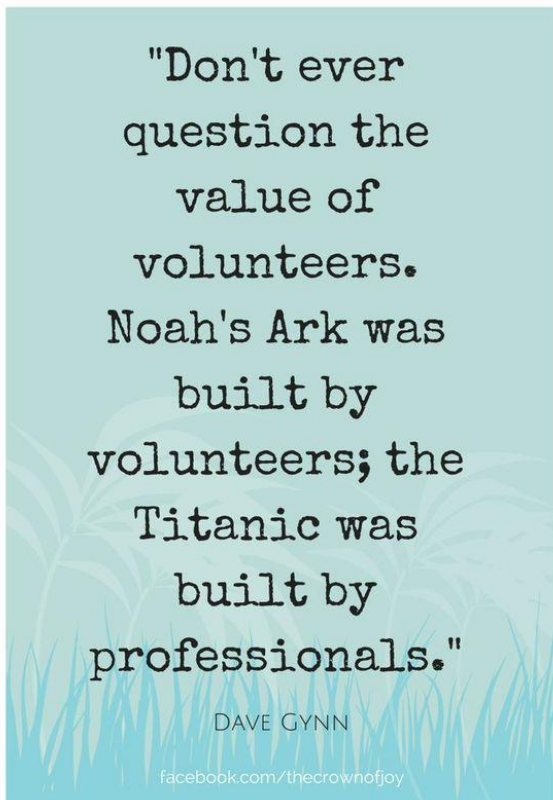


**THANK YOU** to the church members who stayed for the annual meeting held on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. New council members elected were Blace Schmidt, Dan Kregel, Mabelle Kregel. We are still in need of 1 more person on the nominating committee and 2 members to attend the Northwest Synod Convention held in June. If you are interested in attending, please see Pastor Ann or Glennis.

**THANK YOU** to Jeff Leitheiser for keeping our church yard plowed. A special thank you from Glennis as he has a path plowed on the snowy mornings, so that I can get into the church!!! 😊

**THANKS** to Gerry Nybo who has been dealing with the problems that we are experiencing with the Geo-Thermal system. He has also be going out to get bids so that we can install 2 new gas furnaces that will be back-up when the Geo-Thermal goes down.

**A BIG THANK-YOU** to Lillian Nybo for serving as church council president during 2018. She has been patient and understanding when dealing with the problems that creep up here at Grace. Grace has thrived under her leadership! Thank you, Lillian, for a good year at Grace Lutheran Church!



## February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>3 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING</b> 9:15-9:50 a.m.--Coffee/Fellowship 10:00 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.----<b>Sunday School</b> 10:45 a.m. Cabin Fever Supper Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. GLCW Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b> 11:30 a.m. Pastors' text study</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games &amp; Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p>	8	9
<p><b>10 POLAR FEST HOTDISH CHALLENGE</b> 9:15-9:50 a.m.-- Coffee/Fellowship 10:00 a.m.-----Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:30 a.m.----Sunday School Winter Activity following Sunday School 4:00-7:00 p.m. Hotdish Challenge @ Grace</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 11:30 a.m. Pastors' text study</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games &amp; Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>14</b> 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Finance Meeting</p>	15	16
<p><b>17</b> 9:15-9:50 a.m.-- Coffee/Fellowship 10:00 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion <b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 10:45 a.m. Christian Education Meeting</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 11:30 a.m. Pastors' text study 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games &amp; Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p>	22	23
<p><b>24 INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL</b> 9:15-9:50 a.m.-- Coffee/Fellowship 10:00 a.m.-----Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:30 a.m.----Sunday School</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 11:30 a.m. Pastors' text study</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games &amp; Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p>		



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Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

February 2019

Vision Statement---Grace Lutheran Church seeks to be a serving and witnessing people of God, united to share the Gospel with all. Through the Holy Spirit, we respond by reaching out with concern and support to the varied needs of a diverse people.

**Address Service Requested**



**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ Bakke**

meal 6:00 P.M. worship 7:00 P.M.

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ Grace**

meal 6:00 P.M. worship 7:00 P.M.

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ Bakke**

meal 6:00 P.M. worship 7:00 P.M.

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ Grace**

meal 6:00 P.M. worship 7:00 P.M.

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Bakke**

meal 6:00 P.M. worship 7:00 P.M.

**LENTEN WORSHIP & CONCERT, April 10<sup>th</sup> @ St. Peter’s**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE @ Bakke**

meal 6:00 P.M. worship 7:00 P.M.

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE @ Grace**

worship 7:00 P.M.

*SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M....COME JOIN US...YOU ARE INVITED*