

# Grace's Mountain View

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### REGULARY SCHEDULED EVENTS

- Pastors' Text Study.....Tuesdays...11:30 A.M.
- Quilters.....Wednesdays...9:30 A.M.
- Fellowship/Game Day...Wednesdays...1:30 A.M.
- Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.
- Bible Study.....Thursdays...10:30 A.M.
- GLCW.....1<sup>st</sup> Monday...6:00 P.M.
- Church Council.....3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday...6:30 P.M.

## “CABIN FEVER SUPPER”

### TICKETS

Adults: \$10.00  
Kids 4-10: \$5.00  
Kids 3 & under: Free



### MENU

Lefsa  
Meatballs & Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn, Buns, Coleslaw  
Pickles, Desserts,  
Beverages

Come out of "hibernation" and indulge in good food and good friends!

### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

213 Roosevelt Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN (218)847-4568

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

Grace by Grace, Seeking to be God's Faithful People

Proceeds will be used to help Emma's Project for homeless youth and for church maintenance.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!

The Cabin Fever supper is fast approaching and we are asking for your help to make this a successful event! There are sign-up sheets on the Narthex bulletin board where you can sign up to donate food items, donate money to purchase items, and for you to help out at the different work stations.

Some of the proceeds will be going to "Emma's Project" which helps the area homeless students. The rest will be going towards church maintenance.

***PLEASE HELP OUT!!!***



Easter moves around within a six -week time span. It's determined by the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. This year, Easter will be April

12. Counting backwards, that means Ash Wednesday is less than a week away! Lent will begin on February 26 this year. Supper will be at 6, worship will be at 7. The church council will be preparing supper on February 26. The rest of the Wednesday evenings are assigned to work groups and various organizations here at Grace. Check the schedule in this newsletter and come and eat, come and worship and come and serve when it's your turn! As in the past, services will be round robin. Our theme this year is The Seven Deadly Sins.

Thanks to Ruby Kiihn for her many years of service as the head of GLCW. She announced at the annual meeting it was time for a change for her and for GLCW. Mission accomplished, Ruby!

Thanks also to Michelle Peterson for taking on the responsibility as president of the church council. Since her schedule is so busy, council meetings will be before church the second Sunday of each month. As members, you are invited to attend and if you wish to raise issues for the council's consideration, please let us know so you can be put on the agenda.

Please keep the new council in your prayers. They will be installed on Sunday, February 23, and we celebrate the baptism of Willow Rose Renner and we get ready for Lent with a Mardi Gras pancake feed headed up by the education committee. Thanks Traci, Becky and Glennis and anyone they have recruited to help. Thanks to Becky also for teaching the first communion students who are preparing for Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> as their first- time partaking in the Lord's Supper.

Congratulations to Ava and Anita for their wins in the Hotdish and Bar cook-off which was part of Polar Fest. Look for their recipes in the newsletter and thanks to Jim Brogren who has been instrumental in making it such a delightful event!

See you at the Cabin Fever Supper! Thanks ahead of time for sharing your time and talents as we continue to feed the community and share part of the proceeds with Emma's Project, an effort to help our homeless students in our school system.

Blessings!

*Pastor Ann*

# Lent



## DO YOU KNOW.....

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection.

Lent begins on February 26, 2020 and ends on April 11, 2020, which is the day before Easter. Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter.

In most churches, the decorations are purple, the royal color, to prepare for the King.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles.

In many countries, the last day before Lent (called Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Carnival, or Fasching) has become a last fling before the solemnity of Lent. For centuries, it was customary to fast by abstaining from meat during Lent, which is why some people call the festival *Carnival*, which is Latin for *farewell to meat*.

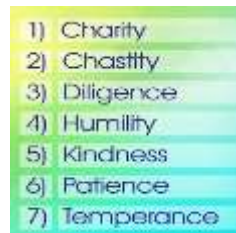
The purpose of the liturgical calendar is to relive the major events in Jesus' life in real time, which is why Lent is forty days long. If Jesus were born on 25 December, then His conception—thus also His incarnation—would have been nine months earlier, on about 25 March. That is when the angel Gabriel would have announced Jesus' birth to Mary. Thus 25 March is known in the historic church as *The Annunciation*.

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Our theme for this year's Lent is "The Seven Deadly Sins". Pastors from Grace, First Lutheran in Audubon, Eksjo, and Richwood will have a round robin Lenten Pulpit Exchange.

The **seven deadly sins** can be cured by the **seven virtues**: Below are the seven virtues:

- \* **Kindness** cures **envy** by placing the desire to help others above the need to supersede.
- \* **Temperance** cures **greed** by putting the desire to help others above storing up treasure for one's self.
- \* **Charity** or love cures **greed** by putting the desire to help others above storing up treasure.
- \* **Humility** cures **pride** by removing one's ego and boastfulness, therefore allowing the attitude of service.
- \* **Diligence** or Zeal cures **slothfulness** by placing the best interest of others above the life of ease and relaxation.
- \* **Patience** cures **wrath** by taking time to understand the needs and desire of others before acting or speaking.





# LENTEN SEASON 2020



## LAKES AREA CHURCH PUPLIT EXCHANGE

### “Seven Deadly Sins”

According to Christian tradition the seven deadly sins are:

LUST---Strong passion or longing    GREED ---An excessive pursuit of material goods

GLUTTONY---An excessive and ongoing eating of food or drink

SLOTH---An excessive laziness or the failure to act and utilize one’s talents

WRATH---A strong anger and hate towards another person

ENVY---Intense desire to have an item that someone else possesses



PRIDE---An excessive view of one’s self without regard for others.

**LENT 2020**---The Lenten worship services will be round robin involving: Pastor Ann Newgard-Larson from Grace Lutheran, Pastor Dean Grier from First Lutheran of Audubon, Pastor Roy Noel from Eksjo/Augustana, and from Richwood. A light supper meal will be served prior to the worship services beginning February 26<sup>th</sup>. Below is the schedule for worship services and the groups responsible for the Lenten meals:

<u>Ash Wednesday</u>	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u>	<u>April 1</u>
<b>Feb. 26</b> Worship @ 7:00 P.M. Meal at 6:00 P.M.	Meal at 6:00 P.M. Worship @ 7:00 P.M.	Meal at 6:00 P.M. Worship @ 7:00 P.M.	Meal at 6:00 P.M. Worship @ 7:00 P.M.	Meal at 6:00 P.M. Worship @ 7:00 P.M.	Meal at 6:00 P.M. Worship @ 7:00 P.M.
Pastor Ann	Pastor Ann	Pastor Dean	Pastor Roy	Davy Alder	Pastor Ann
Topic: “7 Deadly Sins”	<i>Wrath</i>	<i>Sloth/Greed</i>	<i>Lust/Gluttony</i>	<i>Pride</i>	<i>Envy</i>
<b>Church Council</b> is responsible for meal	<b>Group 1</b> is responsible for meal	<b>Group 2</b> is responsible for meal	<b>Group 3</b> is responsible for meal	<b>Grace Quilters</b> are responsible for meal	<b>Education Committee &amp; youth</b> are responsible for meal



# CHURCH MEETINGS

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 A.M.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 P.M.

## CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Marian Dwyer celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 16<sup>th</sup>. A surprise birthday celebration was held in her honor during the fellowship time. Grace Lutheran members wish Marion many more happy years. She is looking forward to her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday when, according to Kathy Coyle, she has said she would do the Polar Plunge!



(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—February 2, 2020

- † Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Blace Schmidt.
- † Elections were held and the meeting was turned over to the new President---Michelle Peterson
- † Since this was an organizational meeting, no reports were given. Election results are the following:
  - President---Michelle Peterson
  - Vice-President---Blace Schmidt
  - Secretary---Becky Esser
  - Treasurer---Glennis Olson
- † Council meetings will be held the second Sunday of each month prior to worship at 8:15 A.M.
- † Pastor needs a new computer as hers is using Windows 7 which is no longer supported. Nick will look into options for making sure both Glennis and Pastor have up-to-date computers.
- † Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Mardi Gras celebration with a pancake/sausage feed following worship. The free will donation will be given to Christian Education who are serving the meal. Games with prizes are being planned for all ages. Michelle and Nick have offered to help where needed.
- † Lenten season was discussed. Church council will serve the Ash Wednesday meal at 6:00 p.m. prior to Worship at 7:00 p.m. Serving schedule was discussed.
- † On March 29<sup>th</sup> a representative from Pathways will visit the church. Early bird deadline will be extended.
- † March 7<sup>th</sup> is Cabin Fever Supper. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Blace will be in charge of this event. A part of the proceeds from the event will be going to "Emma's Project" to support homeless students with needs.
- † Someone from MN Development Corp. did visit the property to assess for things needed to be done.
- † The Northwest MN Synod Training at Grace is on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-3:30. Grace will serve lunch.
- † Next Council Meeting is Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. Blace Schmidt will provide devotions and treats.
- † Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Becky Esser*

Rebecca Esser,  
Council Secretary

# **MARCH USHERS, GREETERS,---**

## **9:30 A.M. Service**

Sonia Anderson,  
Coordinator  
847-8555

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>
March 1, 2020	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda	Dave & Judy Stowman	Judy Stowman
LENTEN SERVICE March 4, 2020	Vivian Wittnebel	Bev Berg	---
March 8, 2020	Tarin & Will Ladwig	Blair & Marin Westrum	Ruby Kiihn
LENTEN SERVICE March 11, 2020			---
March 15, 2020	Vivian Wittnebel	Annette & Hunter Korth	Glennis Olson
LENTEN SERVICE March 18, 2020	Marin Westrum	Kelly & Marin Westrum	---
March 22, 2020	Vivian Wittnebel	Annette & Hunter Korth	Glennis Olson
LENTEN SERVICE March 25, 2020	Conner Nelson	Sara & Conner Nelson	---
March 29, 2020	Tarin & Will Ladwig	Tarin & Will Ladwig	Ruby Kiihn

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
March 1, 2020	Psalm 32	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
March 8, 2020	Psalm 121	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
March 15, 2020	Psalm 95	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
March 22, 2020	Psalm 23	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
March 29, 2020	Psalm 130	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

## **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR MARCH**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
March 1, 2020	Gale LaFerriere, Terry & Laurie Bowers, Matt & Eleesha Olson
March 8, 2020	Church council will be serving left overs from Cabin Fever Supper (March 7)
March 15, 2020	Naomi Dahl, Sheila Longfors, Elvie Zitzow, Lue Rawson
March 22, 2020	Lois Flatau, Marlys Brasel, Jim & Clarice Zick
March 29, 2020	Dar & Tarin Ladwig, Dan & Kari Lane, Jim Brogren Jr.

### **NURSING HOME MINISTRY:**

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

Emmanuel Nursing Home-1415 Madison Ave.  
**Red Sloane, Phyliss McLeod**

Oak Crossing Nursing Homes-1040 Lincoln Ave.  
**Darlene Nordlund, Norm Danielson**

*Frazee Assisted Living*

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

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

# MARCH Birthdays

**March 2**  
Dennis Forsell

**March 6**  
Kraig Erickson

**March 7**  
Joyce Hanson

**March 16**  
Kacee Brogren

**March 17**  
Phyllis McCleod

**March 25**  
Daniel Lane

**March 26**  
Robert Bennett

**March 31**  
Geri McDermond

# MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

NO anniversaries this month

GOD BLESS YOU  
ON YOUR  
ANNIVERSARY

# IT'S A GRACE THING!

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.



## Shamrocks, saint and shillelaghs

*St. Patrick's Day, celebrated March 17, honors Ireland's legendary patron saint, who died on that day in 461.*

<p><b>Shamrock</b></p> <p>Small, three-leafed plant appears on U.K.'s coat of arms with English rose, Scottish thistle</p> 	<p><b>Irish flag</b></p> <p>Green represents Catholics; orange, Protestants; white, the wish for harmony</p> 	<p><b>Leprechauns</b></p> <p>Fairies who work day and night mending shoes of other fairies</p> 	<p><b>Shillelagh</b> (shi-lay'-lee)</p> <p>Walking stick; Irish for stout oak club or cudgel; also a forest that once stood in County Wicklow</p> 
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**Patrick: Saint and legend**

<p><b>387 A.D.</b> Born in Britain to a Roman family; his father served as a magistrate; his original name was Maewyn</p>	<p><b>Early 400s</b> Taken to Ireland as a slave; after six years, he escaped to France where he studied for priesthood</p>	<p><b>432</b> Sent to Ireland as a Christian missionary by Pope Celestine I, who named him Patricius, which means noble in Latin; he introduced Roman alphabet, Latin literature; Christianized the land</p>	<p><b>Familiar legend</b> He drove the snakes from Ireland by beating a drum</p>
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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- \* Sunday School classes are going fine, but we are seeing fewer students. We encourage everyone to join us on Sundays for a lesson, craft, music, and an activity.
- \* Sunday School students will be singing on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The students will be waving their palms as they enter the sanctuary for the worship service. Following Sunday School will be an egg hunt. Come join in the fun!
- \* There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Sunday School students will sing on Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- \* On May 10<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring the 2020 graduates.
- \* May 17<sup>th</sup> is the last day of Sunday School classes.

## CONFIRMATION

- \* Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 P.M. Even though 2 classes have been cancelled, Confirmation classes will be ending on My 6<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be no Confirmation classes on Wednesday night, BUT students should be attending the Lenten Services. Remember there are Lenten worship notes required.
- \* Confirmation students will be holding a breakfast featuring various sweet rolls on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Parents & students will prepare & serve the rolls along with juice and coffee. Free will offering goes to offset the costs of Confirmation retreat



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

First communion classes for the current 5<sup>th</sup> grades (Ava Esser and Harmony Sims) will be held on Tuesday evenings from 4:45-5:30---March 3-10-17-24. The Seder Meal will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be taught by Becky Esser. First Communion for these students will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.







**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE SYNOD LUNCHEON**

which was served on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Coordinating the event were Gerry & Lillian Nybo and Glennis Olson. Thanks to the following who made muffins for the event: Clarice Anderson, Glennis Olson, Pastor Ann Newgard-Larson, and Linda Leitheiser. Thanks also to the following who helped serve the event: Gerry & Lillian Nybo, Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda, Glennis Olson, Clarice Anderson, Marlys Brasel, and Irene Carnegie. Thanks to Blace & Myrna Schmidt who drove to Fargo to purchase the lasagna at a good price!!! Blace is good at looking for bargains!

**THANK YOU** to those who help on Sundays with ushering, greeting, and lecturing. We appreciate your participation in our Sunday worship services. A BIG thanks to Sonia Anderson who arranges our volunteers. We can always use new faces to add to our list! See Sonia or contact her at 218-847-8555.

**THANKS** to those who helped with the Mardi-Gras Pancake Family Event on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone enjoyed a pancake breakfast served by the Christian Education Committee and the youth of Grace. Various family games were enjoyed by those attending. The free-will offering which was collected will go towards Bible Camp Scholarships.

**POLAR FEST HOTDISH CHALLENGE**



Karen & Kathy with Ms. Minnesota



The happy winners, Anita and Ava pose with Ms. Minnesota!



**Taste Testing the hotdishes and desserts!**  
Mmmm they are delicious!  
Which one should we vote for?



## POLAR FEST HOTDISH CHALLENGE WINNER

Anita Hill

### *Chicken Nacho Casserole*

1 bag Nacho Doritos crushed  
2 cups shredded chicken

Mix together---1 can cream of chicken soup, 1 can Rotel Tomatoes, ½ cup sour cream,  
½ cup milk, ½ package of Taco Seasoning, 1 can black beans

Spray 9x13 pan. Spread ½ bag of crushed Doritos on the bottom of pan.  
Spread shredded chicken on top of Doritos.  
Spread the mixture of items on top of the chicken.  
On top layer, spread the rest of crushed Doritos and the shredded cheese.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.



## POLAR FEST DESSERT CHALLENGE WINNER

Ava Esser

### Raspberry-White Chocolate Cheesecake Bars

#### Raspberry Puree

4 cups frozen raspberries  
½ cup sugar  
2 T water  
4 tsp Clear Gel or corn starch (Ava used Clear Gel)

Combine raspberries, sugar, water, and clear gel in a pot and simmer 2-3 min until it begins to thicken. Remove from heat and smash any remaining raspberries. Set aside to cool.

#### Graham Cracker Crust

3+ cups of graham crackers, crushed  
2 T sugar  
¾ tsp salt  
6 T melted butter (Ava used salted)

Combine cracker crumbs, sugar, salt and mix. Add melted butter until moistened. Spread mixture in lightly sprayed 9x13 glass pan and press. Bake for about 12 minutes at 350 degrees until the crust is toasty and fragrant. Set aside to cool completely. **Turn oven down to 325 degrees.**

#### White Chocolate Cheesecake

32 oz cream cheese, softened at room temperature (4 blocks)  
2/3 cup sugar  
Pinch of salt  
14 oz of white chocolate, melted (Ava used white chocolate chips)  
4 eggs- room temperature

Beat cream cheese, sugar and salt until fluffy and smooth. Beat in melted white chocolate until combined. Beat in eggs, one at a time; do not overmix. Pour mixture over graham cracker crust and spread into an even layer. Wait 5-10 minutes, the dollop raspberry puree on top of cheesecake layer and swirl designs into top ½ inch of cheesecake. Bake for 28-30 min at 325 degrees. Do not overbake. Cool completely and refrigerate overnight to set.





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God’s amazing Grace.”*

**EXPERIENCE GRACE AT GRACE**

*Grace Lutheran Church...a place to belong*



Holy Week  
Worship  
Schedule



**PalmSunday**

*April 5, 2020 @ 9:30 S.S. sing  
Confirmation students serving rolls  
following worship service.*



**MaundyThursday**

*April 9, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Meal served @ 6:00 P.M.  
First communion will be held for current 5<sup>th</sup> graders.*



**GoodFriday**

*April 10, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.*



**EasterSunday**

*April 12, 2020 @ 9:30 A..M.*



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M....COME JOIN US... YOU ARE INVITED**

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Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

March 2020

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**