

# Grace's Mountain View

THE MOUNTAIN VIEW is published monthly. The purpose of the NEWSLETTER is to inform the congregation about upcoming events and activities in the life of the Church. Articles for the Newsletter should be submitted by the 20th of the month.

ISSN # 00303532.

Mission Statement---Grace by Grace, Seeking to be God's Faithful

**March 2021**

**Volume 57**

**Issue 3**

## Grace Lutheran Church

213 Roosevelt Avenue  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501  
218-847-4568

Email: [gracelutheran@arvig.net](mailto:gracelutheran@arvig.net)

Website: [www.gracedetroitlakes.org](http://www.gracedetroitlakes.org)



## Pastor

Pastor Ann Newgard-Larson  
Home—218-844-7270

## Office Manager

Glennis Olson  
Home: 218-844-6132  
Cell: 218-234-5547

## Custodian

Lynn Ohman  
Home: 218-847-2780  
Cell: 218-234-7011

**Organist:** Audrey Savig  
Home: 218-439-6534



**MARCH IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH** and Grace is responsible for providing workers at the Becker County Food Pantry! Shift hours are from 11:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You need to be able to lift up to 40 pounds. To volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex or call Glennis at the office. We need to provide 2-3 workers each shift.

*Please volunteer your time to help out at the Becker County Food Pantry!*

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR EASTER PLANTS!** Orders are due in on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**WINDOW UPDATE**---The first set of 10 windows have been installed on the south side of the sanctuary thanks to fund raising efforts, designated funds, memorials and gifts. It is now time to look at replacing the 10 windows on the north side of the sanctuary with the same type of window. The next set of 10 windows will be ordered when we have raised half of the funds (\$3,750). Windows will arrive 7 to 10 weeks after they are ordered. If you are willing to help, windows and installation cost \$750 per window. Any donations, memorials, etc. are welcome.

The Property Committee: *Blace Schmidt, Gerry Nybo, Dan Kregel*



March 2020

As I said in last Sunday's sermon, it feels like we have been in the season of Lent for more than a year now! Remember when we thought this would all be over in two weeks' time? I think it all became real for me when the library was closed. My older daughter was an English major when she was in college, so she has a bookcase full of literature in her old room, but she did take all her favorite books with her when she moved to Grand Marais. I am glad the library reopened before I ran through her left-overs!

I remember hoping I could get my haircut and when it finally happened, it seemed I was five pounds lighter! You too, have discovered what you used to take for granted and how many experiences you have been looking forward to as well as how many ways you have learned to adapt as you are challenged by changes.

Through it all, God has been present with us as God has always promised to be.... just as Jesus was proclaimed to be God's beloved child when he came out of the waters of the Jordan....so are we.... claimed by God's promise of love and support and belonging.... given a purpose of bearing witness to God's love for us and for all people.

During the season of Lent we are reminded that taking up the cross of Christ is part of our calling. It means daring to speak out against injustices, being willing to work to change the world for the better of others and not just ourselves, looking at what we think we know "for sure" and being willing to have our suppositions challenged. The message of the cross of Christ is often in opposition to those who hold power. We have to remember that dying to self also means rising with Christ.... learning to live as God intends for us to live. You'll hear Peter protest that message again this coming Sunday when Jesus announces what being the Messiah really means for both himself and for the world. Chapter 8 of Mark is the turning point and when Jesus and the disciples leave Caesarea Philippi where the announcement of the cross and resurrection are first made.... the steady journey to Jerusalem and the cross begins.

Lenten services will be on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. followed by confirmation class. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7:00. Thanks to Jim Brogren for faithfully recording our worship services for broadcast on Facebook! It's wonderful for us to have that option as well as the opportunity to worship live in the sanctuary at 9:30 on Sundays. On-line worship is a gift that has come from the pandemic... look around and see what other unexpected gifts you have been blessed with during this last year.... more time to be creative, learning to value simplicity, hearing from old friends by phone or letter....and banana bread!

It's good to know many of you have been able to receive your vaccine! Blessings to you during this season of Lent and know that Easter is coming!

God's peace

*Pastor Ann*

# CHURCH MEETINGS



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

† **Worship**---In-person worship resumed on Feb. 7 with about 10 people in attendance. Ash Wednesday was postponed until February 24<sup>th</sup>. A gift card will be given to Jim Brogren Jr. for all the work he has done recording worship. We need someone else to learn how to record and post worship services on Facebook. If you are willing, please contact the office.

† **Old Business**---Annual reports are due by each Committee by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

† **New Business**---Discussed investing in monthly purchase of “printable” stamps-- decided not worth it financially. Conference 6 meeting is being held on-line on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Voting members for Synod Assembly on May 22<sup>nd</sup> should attend: Michelle Peterson, Glennis Olson.

Ministerial dues of \$250 are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Ash Wednesday worship service will be Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Easter Sunday worship service on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. Annual meeting is Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Synod Assembly is on-line on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Next Council meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Becky Esser*

Rebecca Esser,  
Council Secretary

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—February 16, 2020

- † Meeting was called to order by President Michele Peterson.
- † Devotions were given by Michelle Peterson
- † Secretary minutes were approved with corrections.
- † Pastor Ann gave her report.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

January Total Income	\$9,894.50
January Total Expenses	\$10,607.14
Checkbook Balance 1/31/2021	\$1,425.25
Rainy Day Fund	\$39,416.01
Savings Account Balance	\$9,343.53
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,023.30
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,147.63
Mortgage Balance	\$162,295.28

\* PPP Loan through Bell Bank was FORGIVEN!!!!

\*Thank you to everyone who continue to send in or bring in their offerings. Thanks to those who have given HOPE offerings. A special thank you to Cathy Schwoboda who made kitchen towels and to Myrna Schmidt who made doll clothes to sell during the Christmas season. The proceeds will be used towards the windows.

† **Property**---There is a need for a new stove/oven in the kitchen. A committee will be formed to check into this matter. Chad Schmidt has offered to paint the sanctuary which will be done this Spring. Efforts are ongoing for the second half of the windows. All contributions will gladly be accepted!!!

† **Education**---Sunday School and Confirmation classes have resumed in-person. Confirmation classes will be held following Lenten Worship Service. Pathways Camp brochures have been handed in. Early Bird registration deadline is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Grace will pay \$50 towards registration fee.

† **Stewardship**---A \$100 donation was given to Lakes Crisis Center on giving Hearts Day. March is food pantry month where Grace is responsible for supplying workers. Please sign up or call the office to volunteer your time. March charity donation will be given to the B.C. Food Pantry. March donation will go to the Lutheran Disaster Relief.

† Outreach---Facebook Live continues as well as in-person worship. During the Polar Fest drive-thru hotdish dinner, approximately 90 meals were served with a profit of \$618.55 which will go towards the windows. 10% will be given to the Boys & Girls Club. Thanks to all who worked and donated items.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PSALM</u></b>	<b><u>LESSONS</u></b>	<b><u>GOSPEL</u></b>
March 7, 2021	Psalm 19	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
March 14, 2021	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
March 21, 2021	Psalm 51:1-12	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
March 28, 2021 PALM SUNDAY	Psalm 31:9-16	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47

### **NURSING HOME MINISTRY:**

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

Frazee Assisted Living

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

Emmanuel Transitional Care

**Naomi Dahl**

**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to Audrey Savig (our organist) on the death of her husband, Jim Savig. The funeral will be held Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. at Bakke Lutheran Church. Sympathy to the family of Aziz Burieve- grandson-in-law of Vern Herman. Sympathy to Brad Endersbe on the death of his mother, Marie Endersbe.

**TECHNOLOGY HELP IS NEEDED** to relieve Jim Brogren Jr. Thanks to him, we have been able to broadcast worship services live on our Facebook Page. To give him a break now and then, we would like someone to learn how to broadcast the worship service on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the office or Tim Brogren Jr.

***Jim has been GREAT in his help, but he has done this without any time off since last March 2020!***

*HINT---Would a Confirmation student be interested in doing this? A good way to earn Confirmation credits!*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rebecca Esser who has agreed to serve on the Pathways Board of Directors! She currently is our Pathways representative from Grace Lutheran.

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

# MARCH Birthdays

March 2  
Dennis Forsell

March 6  
Kraig Erickson

March 7  
Joyce Hanson

March 16  
Kacee Brogren

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.





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- \* Sunday School is back to being held in-person. Even though the numbers are low, we are taking all precautions set out by the CDC.
- \* Early Bird deadline for Bible Camp is Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Bible Camp brochures have been handed out to the children. The church will provide \$50 per student for their registration.
- \* Easter books will be given to the Kindergarteners on Palm Sunday.
- \* An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> following Sunday School class.
- \* There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## CONFIRMATION

- \* THANKS to Mason Carrier, Lohgen and Lake Olson for braving the cold to deliver the meals to the cars during the Polar Fest Hotdish Drive-Thru.
- \* Confirmation classes will meet following the Lenten Worship Services on Wednesdays.



**THANK YOU** to all who helped with the Polar Fest Hotdish Drive-Thru. Thanks to Jim Brogren Jr. for coordinating the event. The following people helped with preparation work: Ranae Sexton, Linda Leitheiser, Glennis Olson, Lois Flatau, Pastor Ann, Jim Brogren Jr., and Traci Mace. Helping on Saturday were: Becky Esser, Traci Mace (who braved the cold to collect money and hand out tickets), Dan & Mabelle Kregel, Gerry Nybo, Pastor Ann, Gary & Dona Rosell, and Glennis Olson. Mason Carrier, Lohgen Olson, and Lake Olson were the "hearty" boys who braved the cold to deliver the meals to the cars. Everyone's help was much appreciated. We served approximately 90 meals and made a profit of \$687.27. 10% was given to Boys & Girls Club and the remainder \$618.54 was deposited in the window savings fund.

# **EVENTS HAPPENING AT GRACE!**



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER---March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.** The World Day of Prayer 2021 host country is Vanuatu and the theme is “Build on a Strong Foundation”. Vanuatu is an island east of Australia and west of Fiji. This year the event will be held at United Methodist Church of Detroit Lakes.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE---March 5<sup>th</sup>** Red Cross will be at Grace to hold another Blood Drive from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Please register with the Red Cross. [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) | [facebook.com/RedCrossBlood](https://facebook.com/RedCrossBlood)

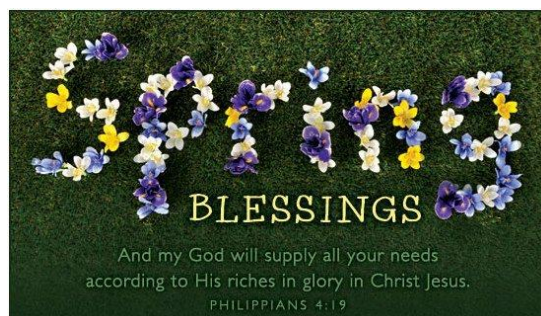
## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING---April 18<sup>th</sup>**

This meeting was postponed from January 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be called to order following the worship service. We still need volunteers for the Church Council. Please consider becoming a member of the council—one monthly meeting a month! Let Gerry or Lillian Nybo know if you would be interested in a position on the Council.

## **LIFE LINE SCREENING---April 27<sup>th</sup> @ GRACE LUTHERAN**

**CHURCH---**This is a 5-test package to thoroughly check you for risk of stroke, cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions. You will receive 5 important screenings for only \$149 ---a savings of \$181!

Please call toll-free 888-814-0416 to register for your screening and to receive a \$10 discount. You can also visit [www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners](https://www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners)





**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**in America**

213 Roosevelt Avenue

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School Sept. - May 10:00 A.M.

Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round

Office Hours 9:00 A.M. until Noon M – F

*“Come and join us in growing into  
 God’s amazing Grace.”*

**EXPERIENCE GRACE AT GRACE**

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

Presorted Standard

Non-profit org.

U.S. POSTAGE PAID



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**



 **Palm Sunday**

*March 28, 2021 @ 9:30 A.M.*

 **Maundy Thursday**

*April 1 @ 7:00 P.M.*  
*First communion*

 **Good Friday**

*April 2, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.*

 **Easter Sunday**

*April 4, 2021 @ 9:30 A.M.*



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