

# Grace's Mountain View

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Maundy Thursday Worship Service---**April 1, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.**

Good Friday Worship Service---**April 2, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.**

Easter Worship Service---**April 4, 2021 @ 9:30 A.M.**



April 2020

Blessed Holy Week! Its almost upon us and since we missed it last year, I for one will appreciate the significance of the events more than ever. We are using Mark's gospel this year which has an odd enough ending that those copying the original text created not one but two alternative endings. Look at Chapter 16 in Mark and see that scholars surmise that the ending at verse 8 is most accurate...." And they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid." Obviously, someone had to have said something about Jesus' resurrection or we wouldn't know about it today! Keep in mind that the stories about Jesus were passed around orally long before they were written down, and each Gospel writer had a particular perspective they emphasized in what stories they chose to include. Remember when Mark's gospel begins, there is no birth narrative, instead, we are introduced to John shortly before he baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River. Its soon time to meet for Bible study in person, so let me know if you are interested in particular times or days of the week.

It's also soon time for our postponed annual meeting: April 18 following worship in the sanctuary. Please be there so that you have a voice in the direction of Grace's ministry to our community and our world. If you are asked, please prayerfully consider serving on the church council. If you are available to serve, please let a member of the council know so that your name can be put into consideration. We don't like to "draft" people to serve....one of the reasons some folks are afraid to come to the annual meeting (we know it happens!) The newly elected council will consider each member's schedules so let the nominating committee know if you can be flexible.

The purpose of a council is to create a vision for ministry and help determine HOW we can do WHAT we deem to be important and one of the questions we should always be asking ourselves is WHY are we doing what we are doing? When people have a sense of purpose, they are less likely to burn out and will find meaning in the activity which in turn makes it more fulfilling.

Thanks to those who are leaving the council, those who are continuing on and those who are willing to serve!

God's peace to you during this time of resurrection and renewal!

*Pastor Ann*

# CHURCH MEETINGS



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

† **Worship**---Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday. Confirmation Service will be held on April 25. We will honor graduates that day also. We will purchase cupcakes to send home in their honor. May 1<sup>st</sup> will be funeral for Annette Pawlak.

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

† **New Business**---Set up Annual meeting agenda for April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Easter Service will be held at 9:30 A.M. in sanctuary. Synod Assembly will be held virtually on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with Pastor, Michelle P. and Glennis attending. Pastor requested vacation for June 7-15 and August 16-22. Will need Pulpit Supply for those two Sundays. Also Pastor Ann will be taking Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> off. There will be a recorded worship service from the Synod that will be used that day.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** 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. Graduate Recognition and Confirmation Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Synod Assembly is on-line on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Next Council meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Becky Esser*

Rebecca Esser,  
Council Secretary

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—March 16, 2020

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

February Total Income	\$10,573.39
February Total Expenses	\$12,612.10
Checkbook Balance 2/28/2021	\$4,937.91
Rainy Day Fund	\$35,977.46
Savings Account Balance	\$7,319.07
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,023.73
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,147.63
Mortgage Balance	\$162,295.28

\* First set of windows have been installed and paid for. A local church is buying *Celebrate* inserts from us. Thanks to those who gave to special HOPE offering. Thanks to Girl Scouts Troop #30993 who donated paper products for the use of the building. Thank you to everyone who continue to send in or bring in their offerings.

† **Property**---The second set of windows has been ordered. At least half the money has been given through donations and memorials. Ranae and Jim continue to look for a stove for the kitchen. They were encouraged to get quotes for up to \$7, 500.

† **Education**---Pathways early-bird camp registration deadline is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Pathways Annual meeting is on March 21<sup>st</sup> with Becky Esser as our delegate. Two Kindergarteners will receive Easter books on Palm Sunday. First Communion will be held for 4 students on April 1<sup>st</sup> during Maundy Thursday worship service, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday School numbers are way down. Contacts have been made with families. Concerns are growing for the lack of students attending Sunday School.

† **Stewardship**---A \$100 donation will be given in March to the Becker County Food Pantry along with Souper Bowl donations. April donation will go to the Lutheran World Relief for the Companion Synod of India.

† **Outreach**---Facebook Live continues as well as in-person worship. Red Cross Blood Drive went on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Life Line screening @ Grace on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Idea was brought up for having an ice cream/summer social to invite neighbors.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
April 1 2021 Maundy Thursday	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Exodus 12:1-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 2, 2021 Good Friday	Psalm 22	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
April 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY	Psalm 118:2,14-28	Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
April 11, 2021	Psalm 133	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
April 18, 2021	Psalm 4	Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 25, 2021	Psalm 23	Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18

## **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**

**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!***

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

## April 4

Bertha Anderson

## April 5

Naomi Dahl

## April 6

Loghen Olson

## April 11

Gerry Nybo

## April 12

Ethan Carrier

## April 13

Pastor Ann  
Megan Schwoboda  
Alan Honer

## April 24

Glennis Olson

## April 25

Andrew Honer

## April 30

Elaine Jenson  
Jordan Lane  
Tarin Ladwig

# APRIL 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.

Thanks to the following people who are providing flowers for Easter:

Clarice Anderson & family, Shirley Gulden,

Dennis & Tracy Mace & family, Connor & Ruby Nelson,

Gerry & Lillian Nybo, Matt & Kelly Carrier & family,

Gary & Dona Rosell,

Glennis Olson.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- \* There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- \* First Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. Congratulations to the students who have completed their First Communion Instructions: Liam Blaney and Katelyn Carrier.
- \* We will be honoring our 2 graduates on April 25, 2021---Ashtyn Carrier and Evan Westrum. They will each receive a quilt. We will also be serving cupcakes and coffee in their honor.

## CONFIRMATION

- \* Confirmation classes finished up on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- \* The Rite of Confirmation will be held on April 25, 2021. The 3 confirmands are Ethan Carrier, Hunter Korth, and Maren Westrum. Congratulations!



**To Jim Brogren Jr.** who has been streaming our worship services to our Facebook page. We thank him for his faithful diligence in being here every Sunday and Wednesday to bring the services to you online.

**To Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda** who cleaned up the front flower gardens and hauled away the debris. We are now ready for those spring flowers to pop out of the ground!

**To Lois Flatau** who has also worked cleaning out the gardens. Thanks also for watering the plants inside the church.

## **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](http://www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners)



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7	8	9	10	<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
12	13	14	15	16	17	<b>18</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
19	<b>20</b> Church Council 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24	<b>25 CONFIRMATION &amp; HONOR GRADUATES</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
26	<b>27</b> Life Line Screening @ Grace beginning at 9:00 a.m.	28	29	30	<b>Custodian</b> Lynn Chiman Home-218-847-2780 Cell-218-234-7011	<b>Organist</b> Audrey Sawig Home-218-439-6534



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**in America**

*God's work. Our hands.*

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*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*

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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**

**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.



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

