

Grace's Mountain View

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Wednesdays...9:30 A.M.
Fellowship/Game Day...Wednesdays...1:00 A.M.
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.
Church Council.....3rd Tuesday...6:30 P.M

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

Worship @ 9:30 A.M. **Dinner @ 11:00 A.M.-
2:00 P.M.**

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

Worship @ 6:00 P.M.

Good Friday, April 7th

Worship @ 6:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Worship @ 9:30 A.M.



*During Sunday School
Sunday, April 2nd*



April 2023

Blessings to you as this season of Lent winds down. Only two more Wednesday worship services, then on to Holy Week and Easter on April 9. Lent comes from an old German word meaning “Spring”. That’s hard to believe given the snow pack! But we have hit the Equinox, the days are getting longer and the light is getting brighter!

The light is making visible a number of dust bunnies who have taken up residence in our living room and highlights places that could use a good scrubbing. Our mudroom has collected more than its share of dirt dragged in our shoes. No wonder people have the habit of spring cleaning. There is something gratifying about fresh starts and clean rooms. Many people think of Lent being the season of spring cleaning for our lives.

I ran across a passage in a Lenten devotion book, *TOO DEEP FOR WORDS* which is from 2014 and published by Augsburg Fortress.... (I found it while cleaning out a book shelf.)

“I know that all things work together for good. I know this but I forget it. I know this but I choose the idolatry of my own worry. (What a wonderful description of the irrationality of worrying as though WE can change matters through worrying!)

And the author continues....” And this is why I love the disciplines of Lent that draw me back to the One who has called me according to his purpose.”

May the discipline of Lent help you to see where God is calling you and may the discipline of Lent remind us that God is holding us and keeping us and that we can depend upon God’s grace...”. that all things will work together for good for those who love God and who are called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

God’s peace,

Pastor Ann

So many exciting things are happening at Grace Lutheran Church in April. Have you volunteered to help in this holiest of months?

It takes everyone's time and talent to make our Church function smoothly. And as in any organization or club it seems only a small fraction of membership volunteer on a regular basis. This is OUR church and it is OUR responsibility to collectively share in the duties. When is the last time you graciously volunteered? There are many options for you to help out, ushering, greeting, lector reading, snow shoveling, kitchen duties, and so much more. Your time will be greatly appreciated.

Pastor Ann's last service will be Sunday, April 23rd. Please join us in thanking her for her call to Grace Lutheran by celebrating with cake and coffee following worship service that day.

Have a wonderful April as we look forward to Spring and its new beginnings.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



April 5

Naomi Dahl

April 6

Loghen Olson

April 11

Gerry Nybo

April 12

Ethan Carrier

April 13

Allan Honer
Megan Schwoboda
Pastor Ann Newgard-Larson

April 24

Glennis Olson

April 25

Andrew Honer

April 30

Tarin Ladwig

April 30

Elaine Jenson

April 30

Jordan Lane

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



No Anniversaries this month

**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!

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS March 21, 2023)

† Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
 † Devotions given by Ranae Sexton
 † Correspondence was read from NW MN Synod Spring Appeal and Mahube requesting camp scholarships. It was decided that monies would be given to our camp scholarship fund in place of Mahube camp scholarships.
 † Pastor’s Report—Reported on Lenten services, reported on Great Synod-Get-Together held in Bemidji which was attended by Pastor Ann and Michelle Pary. Congregations are having a hard time finding a Pastor due to Pastor shortage. May seek SAMS to fill clergy vacancies. Attended Homeless Shelter meeting. It has been suggested that a consulting firm be hired at the cost of \$12,000.00. Shelter needs to be open to everyone so grants can be sought.
 † Secretary report approved as read.
 † **Finance report** approved as printed.

February Total Income	\$9,069.51
February Total Expenses	\$10,791.37
Checkbook Balance 2/28/2023	\$-346.15
Rainy Day Fund	\$17,129.28
Savings Balance	\$49,178.03
Mortgage Balance	\$132,240.05

† Discussed membership booklet.
 † **PROPERTY**---Tasks to be completed this spring are repainting of church steeple and fixing the handicapped ramp.
 † **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---6 children have signed up to attend Bible Camp. The church has agreed to pay part of camp costs which will amount to a total of \$680. A motion was made and passed that the proceeds from the Lenten suppers be given to the camp scholarship fund.
 † **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**— no report
 † **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**--- The need for placing an ad in the local paper was discussed. It was voted on and approve that Jim look into getting an ad placed in the local paper and also on Facebook.
 † **WORSHIP**---Jim will be contacting the person working on installing the video programming in the sanctuary to see when the project will be completed. It was noted due to the noise from the kitchen, next year’s Lenten services will be held in sanctuary.
 † **OLD BUSINESS**—New kitchen utensils have arrived and been arranged in marked drawers by Ranae Sexton.
 † **NEW BUSINESS**—Palm Sunday Dinner was discussed and plans were made for preparation. This will be held on Sunday, April 2nd. Council members will be in charge of this event. Work days and times were set up.

Minutes continued →

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. Traci Mace has devotions and treats.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 18th at 5:45 P.M.



Ranae reported on the need for a new commercial mixer for the kitchen. This was tabled until next meeting. Cake will be served in Pastor Ann’s honor during the Fellowship Hour on Sunday, April 23rd. This will be her last day preaching before she retires. Gift in her honor will be given to the First Lutheran Homeless Shelter. Spring rummage sale will be held Friday, May 5th and Saturday, May 6th. Gale has volunteered to help with the Rummage Sale. Next council meeting is on April 18th with Traci Mace giving devotions and provided treats. Meeting was closed with Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glennis Olson

Council Secretary

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
April 2, 2023	Psalms 31:9-16	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippines 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66
April 9, 2023	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts: 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4	Matthew 28:1-10
April 16, 2023	Psalms 16	Acts: 2:14a, 22-32 1 Peter: 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
April 23, 2023	Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
April 30, 2023	Psalms 23	Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10

APRIL USHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS--9:30 A.M.

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
April 2, 2023	Marlys Brasel	Sheila Longfors Sonia Anderson	Ruby Kiihn
April 9, 2023		Steve Swanson Sonia Anderson	Ruby Kiihn
April 16, 2023	Dan & Kari Lane	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Steve Swanson
April 23, 2023	Gerry Nybo		Becky Esser
April 30, 2023	Dan & Kari Lane		

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing #110 1040 Lincoln Ave.

Audrey Ronning

Emmanuel #13 1415 Madison Ave.

Vern Herman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * Sunday School is still going!!! Please try to have your child/children in attendance.
- * The Sunday School children will be singing on Palm, Sunday, April 2nd. Please have the children in church 15 minutes prior to the worship service. (9:15 A.M.)
- * The last day of Sunday School will be on May 14th, Mother's Day. The students will be singing that day also.
- * Graduates will be honored on May 14th. We have 3 graduates:

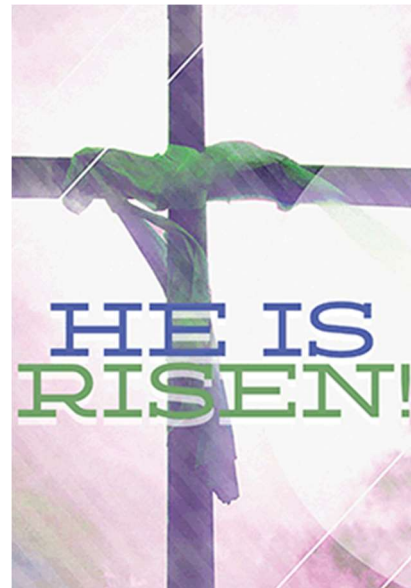


Ethan Carrier
Hunter Korth
Maren Westrum

These graduates will be honored during the worship service on May 14th. Please join us during fellowship time for cake in honor of these graduates.

CONFIRMATION

- * Confirmation students are reminded to attend the Holy Week worships services:
Maundy Thursday---April 6th @ 6:00 P.M.
Good Friday—April 7th @ 6:00 P.M.
- * Confirmation classes will resume in the fall. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023.





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Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America

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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 till 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



There will be coffee and cake during Fellowship/Coffee hour on Sunday, April 23, 2023 in honor of Pastor Ann’s retirement. We wish her the best as she enters this new phase in her life!

Come & enjoy cake!



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