



GOOD NEWS

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March 2024

March 2024 Lenten Worship Schedule

March 6th, 13th & 20th

soup meal & fellowship at 5:15 until worship

No Worship Service on Wednesday March 27

Maundy Thursday
 March 28th at 6:30pm
 (Will be livestreamed)

Good Friday
 March 29th 1pm & 6:30pm
 (6:30pm service will be livestreamed)

No Worship Service on Saturday March 30th

Easter Sunday
 March 31st at 7am & 9am
 (9 am service will be livestreamed)

Easter Flowers

Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths will be ordered from Scarlet Garden. If you would like to share a plant for Easter services, please fill out the info below. **Please note your purchase is for a flower not a specific plant variety or color.** You may pick up a plant after the Easter service on March 31. **Thirty plants have been ordered. (When all plants have been spoken for, orders will be closed.)**

Memory of: _____ Honor of: _____

From: _____

You may bring this form to the office or drop it in the offering plate along with a check for \$16.00. Please make your check payable to: Grace Lutheran Church

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Relationships + Growing Faith

Pastor's Pondering

If we made a list of the 10 ten things that people detest, I bet waiting would be on that list. Mike and I recently had an experience with waiting in the airport for a delayed flight that reminded me of why waiting is so hard. We are so used to having control over time in our lives that when we don't, it's frustrating. My time was not being used the way I wanted it to be, so it felt like a waste. But what I learned is that even though my time was spent differently than I wanted, it still was valuable. Reading and



people watching are two things I like to do, and I certainly had ample time to do that. But even more so, our group of people sitting together for many hours shared a common experience and bond. We got to talk and share some about our lives. It helped to know that we were not alone. We are in the season of Lent and the waiting of 40 days. It seems hard to wait and we want to rush past this time to the joy and celebration of Easter. But within this time is an opportunity to slow down our lives. To take time to read Scripture and pray. To attend midweek Lenten worship and connect with Jesus and each other in this journey of the cross. Lent prepares us for the times in life when we have to wait showing us that Jesus is with us in the wait. Whether it's waiting for test results or waiting for news about a loved one, we are not alone. We know the waiting of Lent will end with the glorious celebration of Easter when Jesus overcame sin and death by his resurrection. So, we travel on our life with Jesus and each other making the most of this journey knowing it is worth the wait.

Peace,
Pastor Julie

Grace Cares Initiative

The season of Lent has traditionally been a time to 'give something up'. The thought is that if we *fast from something we love*, it will remind us of our sin and what Jesus has done for us in his sacrifice. Recently, some have chosen alternatives to fasting from particular foods or social media, instead opting for another option. Here are just a few to consider:

- Add a worship service – like Wednesday evening Vespers
- Send a note to someone reminding them they are loved – or commit a 'secret' or not so secret act of kindness for someone each day of lent
- Commit to a Lenten bible study or devotion time to jumpstart spending more time with God
- Fast from holding grudges and make an effort to reconcile with someone
- Visit a member from our congregation you don't usually see; bring them a Lenten basket of goodies. Yum!

Imagine every day what it's like to Live Forgiven.
Peace, Pastor Kathy

A Lenten Prayer, by Kate Bowler

God, here we are [on] this Lenten path.

A path of promise, of hope, and of refreshment, but we feel the pull of the mundane.

It's a kind of restlessness. Not some aberration, but the norm, because we know we live inside our own contingency, scrunched into time and circumstance, as if we have woken up in the middle of a play that has already started, a plot in motion. But we have glimpsed its meaning, its end, and it is glorious.

If only we could know the lines, the entrances and exits, the way to move through with grace and beauty and patience.

Because it's your story, God, and ours.

We live here, in the in-between, bearing the weight of the paradox that simultaneously, we see ourselves from the inside, in our fragility and dependence, and at the same time from the outside, in our heart-bursting possibility.

And honestly, it is miserable sometimes. Unless, God, you walk us through this wilderness. Step by step. Because you know it from the inside out.

Amen.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Grace Notes-Weekly, Tuesday, 8 am
Newsletter-Monday, March 18, 8 am

Special Offering for March: The EYG is held on July 16-21 in New Orleans and involves youth from across the U.S. Not only do the youth and chaperones get to experience inspirational music and speakers but they are involved in service and learn about being an advocate. Your special offering this month will help our group of 8 youth and 3 adults with the transportation and hotel costs for our group. This is a great way to show our support for our youth for this amazing faith event.

Confirmation has been busy with Faith in Action projects this year. We participate in this once a month as part of class. In December, each mentor group chose their own project. We had one group make cards for nursing homes, another group make hygiene kits for Our Sisters House and to give out at church, and another group deliver the piano to its new home and do some cleaning projects around church. In January our 8th graders participated in the ministry trainings of ushering, projection, and reading. 9th graders met with Pastor Julie to talk about their spiritual gifts. For our February Faith in Action the educational team led a prayer experience for both Confirmation and Glow. Lifelines spoke about their experience with prayer, and the youth got to experience prayer at many different stations. Finally, throughout Lent Confirmation youth will be helping with services on Wednesday nights through ushering, projection, reading, and music. Confirmation and Glow will also put on a soup supper.

Thanks,
Renee

OWLS NEWS

Join us for our next meeting on Thursday March 21 at 1 PM. Pastor Julie will be sharing photos from her trip to the Holy Land. This timing is appropriate since the following week is Holy Week. Snacks will follow the presentation.

Pastor Susan will share with us her collection of antique quilts at our April meeting on April 18 again at 1 PM. Snacks will follow.

We are investigating some outings for the summer. Possibly the Langlade County Historical Museum in Antigo for a day trip and maybe some overnight trips to Bayfield (Big Top Chautauqua), Green Bay or Cedarburg.

We are in the process of updating our email chain to include everyone who is interested. If you have any ideas for outings, meetings or you would like to be included in the email chain contact Pam Kopp at pamelajkopp@gmail.com.

QUAKE Update:


Nine youth and four adult leaders attended QUAKE in Wisconsin Dells! Through music, worship, prayer, speakers, workshops, and games we were able to immerse ourselves in this year's theme...Breathe! We would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and financial support in helping to make this important faith forming event possible.

Adult Leaders: Patti Gaedtke, Renee Loka, Brian Michael, and Heather Tobias

Youth Pictured: Back Row: Autumn Merrigan, Madilynn Tobias, Amirah Dickens, Mya Loka, Toby Scott, Front Row: Molli Feltes, Zachary Scott, Eli Scott, Landyn Michael



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 st Betty Hudson Mary Schumacher Jan Van Norman	14 th Andrew Kluck Eugene LaNou Samantha Lund Jennifer Massa Bill Strand Emily Johnson	22 nd Katherine Hirt Paula Norman Ava Renn
3 rd Jered Decker Mary Lenkart Sandra Olsen	15 th Marleen Lehnherr Chelsea Marten Todd Walstrom	24 th Mary Sparks Jacey Teal Peggy Winter
4 th Harrison Hirt A.J. Massa	16 th Isaiah Ristau Troy Taylor	25 th Megan Gustafson Eric Hesse Carol Mueller
5 th Patti Gaedtke Kirk Kind Andrew Mielke Lisa Miller Wyatt Mohr	17 th Olivia Brown Hogan Stevenson Kole Svacina Brant Arnott	26 th William Burcalow Ashley Diermeir Andrew Harper
6 th Alexis Diermeir Tyler Jones Aiden Schreiner Mason Schreiner Logan Schreiner	18 th Nona Arthur	27 th Michael Bellile Kamron Olson Kelly Van Strydonk
7 th Dale Arnott Kaye Mathwich Gordon Schultz	19 th Hope Baacke Jax Loka Luke Maule William Schiltz Aliya Winter	28 th Allan Raatz Hannah Schmit Gene Wiedow
9 th Ella Azarian Sheryl Garfield	20 th Dixie Erickson Forrest Gibeault Margaret Thomas	29 th Gabriel Lobermeier
10 th Julie Sinkula	21 st Deb Narloch Whitney Osero Skye Scheffler	30 th Marlee Kiander Molly Mott Janet Raatz
11 th Addison Beining Ruth Ann Richardson		31 st Karen Calhoun Dane DeKiep
13 th Jared Kiander John Kromm Bristol Reinke		



Our Prayers and Sympathy

go out to the family of Ellie Magnant. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

Check out the NEW WEBSITE!

Please note, Grace Lutheran URL website has changed. The new website is still being updated. Some of the tabs may not have current posts. Please be patient, this is a huge undertaking. Eventually, anyone using the old URL will be redirected to the new website.

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 2 Lent 9:00am Family Worship Service First Communion 10:15am Sunday School	26 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	27 9:00am Quilters R. Hall 4:00pm Staff meeting	28 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW 5:15pm Lenten Meal & Post Quake Bible Study 6:30pm Lenten Worship & Confirmation	29	1 World Day Of Prayer	2 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
3 3 Lent 9:00am Worship Service-New Member Welcome 10:15am Sunday School	4 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	5 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	6 3:30pm GLOW 5:15pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Lenten Worship & Confirmation	7	8	9 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
10 Day Light Savings Time 4 Lent 9:00am Worship Service-Church Council Installation 10:15am Sunday School 2:30pm Mission Follow Up Meeting	11 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	12 9:00am Quilters R. Hall 11:30am Joyful Noise - Nachos 4:00pm Staff meeting	13 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 5:15pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Lenten Worship & Confirmation	14 6:00 pm Church Council	15	16 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Baptism 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
17 5 Lent 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	18 Newsletter deadline 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	19 Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	20 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting 3:30pm GLOW 5:15pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Lenten Worship & Confirmation	21 1:00pm Owl's (Older Wiser Lutheran's) Pastor Julie sharing photos from trip to Holy Land	22	23 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary
24 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am No Sunday School-Spring Break	25 School Spring Break 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	26 School Spring Break 9:00am Quilters R. Hall 4:00pm Staff meeting	27 School Spring Break No GLOW OR Confirmation 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters No Worship	28 School Spring Break 6:30pm Maudy Thursday Worship	29 School Spring Break 1:00pm Good Friday Worship 6:30pm Evening Worship	30 9:00am AA/Alanon No Worship Service
31 Easter Day 7:00am Sunrise Service 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Easter Fellowship After Worship 10:15am No Sunday School-Spring Break	1 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Pastor Susan's Knitters Group	2 9:00am Quilters R. Hall	3 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	4	5	6 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary



New Address, Phone and/or email?
If you have moved, please help us keep your information up to date by letting the office know of the following changes.

Please fill-out and return to:

Grace Lutheran office or

Call 715-453-4066 or email: gracetomahawkoffice@gmail.com

Name: _____

New address: _____

New Cell: _____

New Email: _____

Council Meeting Highlights

February 13, 2024 Council Meeting Highlights for Newsletter

Where Have We Seen God at Work?

Joy and relief in a loved one finding her path; In the new Council members who heard the call and are willing to serve; The new Community Care Team; A Super Bowl commercial that created conversation about Jesus, and a star player showing his faith; The beauty of Florida, and much-needed family time and vacation.

Council Agenda Highlights

Treasurer's Report

- *The special offering for January for Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers took in \$1,108.71.
- *The projection screens funding is going well, with over \$16,000 collected thus far.

Building Update

- *Interior motion lights are being installed in some of the darker areas of the church. This project has been paid for by a Thrivent Action Team.

Secretary Update

- *We welcome secretary Kristen Wilber!
- *Beginning March 1, the office will again be open on Fridays. Office hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Election of Officers

- *Elected were Steve Heikkinen as president, Pete Wurl as vice president, and Jen Beaumier as secretary.

Restricted Funds Discussion

The Council is reviewing the restricted funds to determine how best to use the money in dormant funds in a manner that would honor donors' intentions. The remaining funds under the Via de Cristo restricted fund (\$370.31) will be moved to the New Members restricted fund.

JANUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT			
	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 33,746	\$ 25,976	\$ 7,770
Year-to-date Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 33,746	\$ 25,976	\$ 7,770
Mortgage Loan Balance as of January 2024			\$ 285,315.61
January Special Offering: TAIV			\$ 1,108.71



Summer Camp dates will be available soon. Families stay tuned for an email from Patti Gaedtke.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Reminder
If you are a Thrivent member and would like to direct your choice dollars to Grace Lutheran Church, the deadline is March 31st.

Worship Cancellation Notification
If we have inclement weather or another situation where regular worship could not be held, members of Grace Lutheran may be notified via email, a Grace Lutheran Facebook page post and on WJJQ radio. If you would prefer a phone call about worship cancellation, please let the office know at (715) 453-4066.

AA/ALANON MEETINGS

Grace Lutheran

- AA and Alanon: Saturday. 9:00 am

Grace Community House

- AA: Sunday 10:10 am
- AA: Friday 7:30 pm (open)
- AA: Wednesday 12:10 pm

St. Paul's (12 E. Wisconsin Ave.)

- AA and Alanon: Monday 7:00 pm

If you have a problem with alcohol or if someone you know suffers from the disease, AA (for the alcoholic) or Alanon (for family or friend of alcoholic) could be your lifeline. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of both these groups. If you would like to speak with someone personally, the church office, 453-4066, or Pastor can put you in touch with an AA or Alanon member.

All communications will be confidential

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