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March 2026



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Lasagna and Dessert Cook off Fundraiser for Wilderness Group



Thank you to everyone who came to the Lasagna Cook off Jan. 25th. The Wilderness Group thanks you for your generosity and continued support as this helps support them on their travels to Glacier National Park in July. Our Judges Choice lasagna winner was Shirley Derleth and Isaac Derleth. The Judges Choice dessert winner was Margie Welke. The People's Choice lasagna winner was Marissa Schumacher and in second, Lynn Wurl. The People's Choice dessert winner came in as a tie, between Gail Wilson and Dixie Erickson.

First Communion

On Sat. January 31, three students made their First Communion at our 5 pm worship; Lilly and Liam Fossum and Lily Wilber. The students met with Pastor Julie to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion. The students then made their communion bread at home to be shared with their family on this special day. We celebrate this faith milestone with you and pray for you as you grow in faith. Welcome to God's table Lilly, Liam and Lily!



Lily Wilber and family.



Lilly & Liam Fossum's family.

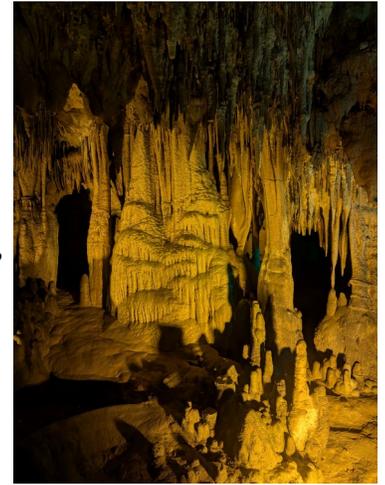
Pastor's Pondering – March 2026

When I was in Florida, we got a chance to see a cave system. It was so amazing to see the formations like stalactites and stalagmites that had formed from long ago. Drip by drip, the formations grew over thousands of years into beautiful creations of art. These icicle creations are fragile because it takes so long to form them. Stalactites hold tight to the ceiling and stalagmites push up with all their might. Eventually with enough time, the two meet and form a column. Meeting in the middle, they become stronger together.

It seems to me that faith can be like those cave formations. It takes time and patience in developing our personal faith and our faith community. We have many people with varied backgrounds who have had many different experiences. And yet, when we gather and we share worship with the Lord's Supper, moment by moment, we become connected in those faith-filled times. We build on one another and support one another by praying and serving outside of the church too. We livestream worship and bring communion out to those who are homebound. We are a part of a faith much bigger than ourselves.

Even if we have varied viewpoints, we can meet in our faith in Jesus and we become stronger together. We have our core faith that keeps us strong in the love and grace of Christ. Our faith is built on our ancestors who over 2,000 years ago, believed and persevered through many different trials. Still their faith developed the foundation built on our rock Jesus. Even with all the turbulence we feel today, there is nothing that can shake our faith loose from the strong and everlasting faith built moment by moment. We are each a part of this faith formation, adding our part to this formation knowing it will continue to thrive long after we are gone.

Blessings,
Pastor Julie



With love and gratitude

After worship on Feb. 1, we had an appreciation party for Shirley Derleth in recognition of her outstanding role as Treasurer at Grace. Members of Grace enjoyed cake and shared sweet gratitude for a job well done. Shirley will still be a member at Grace and we look forward to seeing where God will continue to work in her life. Thank you Shirley!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to use my gifts to serve as treasurer for Grace Lutheran Church over the past almost ten years. It has truly been a blessing and an honor to walk alongside you in this role. Through every report, meeting, and moment of service, I have felt supported, encouraged, and deeply connected to this church family.

The "retirement" social was more than I ever expected. The kind words spoken, the thoughtful cards, and the generous gifts touched me in ways I cannot fully put into words. I left that day overwhelmed with gratitude and reminded once again how incredibly blessed I am to call Grace my church home.

I wish Cheri every blessing as she steps into this role. I know she will be supported and uplifted just as I have been.

As I step aside, my prayer for each of you is that you continue to listen for that gentle whisper of God's voice, guiding you to use your own unique gifts and talents in service to Him and to one another.

With love and gratitude,
Shirley Derleth



Is it I, Lord?

Near the close of Lent, during Holy week, we will once again present a re-enactment of Jesus' last night before his crucifixion. You will not need to memorize your script, though spending time with it will help you better present your part to the congregation.

We are in need of willing individuals to portray Jesus and his disciples, a couple individuals to serve the group and provide water for foot washing, and a couple more who will act as soldiers.

We will meet Thursday, March 26th at 6:30pm to receive roles and an initial practice. We will meet again on Thursday, April 2nd at 5pm for a dress rehearsal. (If you are working and unable to join us at 5pm, but can be there before 6pm simply let me know.)

The Maundy Thursday service will commence at 6:30pm.

Nancy Herbison and I look forward to working with you to present a meaningful worship experience.

Contact Pastor Kathy ktulman09@gmail.com with your interest to participant as an actor or behind the scenes.



Easter Services

April 2 Maundy Thursday
6:30 pm Worship Service

April 3 Good Friday
12:30 pm Worship Service
6:30 pm Worship Service

April 4 No Worship Service on Saturday

April 5 Easter Sunday Services
7:00 am Sunrise Service
9:00 am Easter Service

Easter Flowers

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 April 5. Thirty plants have been ordered. (When all plants have been spoken for, orders will be closed.)

Memory of: _____

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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

March 2026 Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| 1 9:00am Worship Service | 2 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study | 3 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters | 4 Lent 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Lent Worship with Confirmation | 5 | 6 | 7 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary |
| 8 Day Light Savings Time Begins 8:45am Grace Kids 9:00am Worship Service | 9 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study | 10 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Grace is hosting a Synod Conference Meeting 9:00am Quilters 4:00pm Pastor Julie at Mutual Ministry Meeting | 11 Lent 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Lent Worship with Confirmation 8:00pm Wilderness Trip Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary |
| 15 9:00am Worship Service | 16 Newsletter deadline 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study | 17 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters | 18 Lent 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Lent Worship with Confirmation | 19 2:00pm OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) Meeting Nancy Herbison & Marcia Sattelberg's trip to Scotland 6:00pm Church Council | 20 9:15am Worship at Riverview 10:30am Worship at Tomahawk Health 1:00pm Worship at Milestone | 21 9:00am AA/Alanon 10:00am Greater Galilee ZOOM Bible Study 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary |
| 22 Installation of Church Council and Marissa Schumacher as Communication Coordinator 9:00am Worship Service | 23 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:30pm 4-H Club | 24 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters 11:30am Red Cross Blood Drive | 25 Lent 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Lent Worship with Confirmation | 26 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters Retreat 6:30pm Last Supper Practice | 27 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters Retreat | 28 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/ Communion Sanctuary |
| 29 Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship Service | 30 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study | 31 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters | 1 3:30pm No GLOW: Spring Break 6:30pm No Confirmation: Spring Break | 2 5:00pm Last Supper Dress Rehearsal 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship | 3 12:30pm Good Friday Worship Service 6:30pm Good Friday Worship Service | 4 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm No Worship |

OWLS NEWS or News from the OWLS

Thanks to John Krueger and Nimsgern Funeral Home for their presentation in February. It was informative and much appreciated.

Get ready to travel to England, France and Scotland on March 19 at 2 PM. Nancy Herbison and Marcia Sattelberg will share photos and experiences about their trip to Scotland. Sandy Wick will cover her family trip to London and Paris.

Jim Torgerson will give an address about financing long-term care and a Thrivent representative will give a presentation as well. The date in April 16 at 2 PM.

On May 21 we are planning a work day to help with landscaping and/or gardening projects at the church.

Rite of Confirmation April 26, 2026

12 youth from Grace will take part in their **Rite of Confirmation on April 26th at the 9:00 am** service. They will be showcasing their Faith Boards after service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food and refreshments to celebrate their special milestone. Please come and support our youth as they affirm their baptisms! The faith reception will follow the 9:00 am service. Everyone is welcome to gather in fellowship with the confirmands to see their faith journeys and gather for fellowship time.

Meet the Council: Dixie Erickson

My name is Dixie Erickson, I was baptized at Grace and have been a member ever since. I love Grace Lutheran Church because of all the caring & kind Christians. I served on the Church Council about ten years ago and then I was asked to serve last December. I am a retired Special Education Teacher. Growing up, I was two blocks from church because I was in my safe haven; my faith grew tremendously when I was in high school because I was in Colanhi (a choir of college & high school members of Grace with Judy Boyens as our director). We would sing at soup kitchens, also churches in Chicago and Minneapolis. On one of our adventures, Pastor Boyens' car was broken into, while parked in Old Town, and my suitcase and a few other suitcases were stolen, also Mark Gaedtke's guitar! During those times, I realized how blessed I was to be living in the small town of Tomahawk and to have such a beautiful church. I am a downhill skier and in the summer I plant a lot of flowers. My husband, Dave & I have been married 46 years and we have two sons, Derik and Christopher. One of my favorite Bible verses is:

Isaiah 41:10-So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I Am your God, I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



SOUP'S ON

**Please come join us For Good Soup & Fellowship
Wednesday Nights – during Lent – 5:15 pm -6:15 pm**



Photos from the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper. A special thanks to all who donated soups, desserts, volunteered and enjoyed a great meal.



March Special Offering: The Lutheran World Relief Quilters at Grace

The Lutheran World Relief Quilters at Grace Lutheran Church have been volunteering their talents for many years. (Ardys Larson said they were already busy at work when she moved to Tomahawk in 1962.) The quilters have relied on donations of fabric. The tops are sewn at home by volunteers and the backs are made of donated or purchased sheets. The quilts are pinned, tied and sewn together by our Tuesday morning quilting group. In recent years, the quilters had begun purchasing batting for the filler—thus the need to fund our budget. The batting costs \$304.00 for 2 rolls, and they go through at least 5 rolls/year. The quilters also need funds for thread, sewing machine repair, scissor sharpening, etc. The quilters greatly appreciate your support through this month's Special Offering.

February 12, 2026 Council Meeting Highlights for Newsletter

Full Council meeting minutes can be found in the binder in the gathering space.

Where Have We Seen God at Work?

- The Outdoors with the beautiful sunsets
- A fundraiser for a sick child, with so much support and the amount of money raised
- Shirley Derleth's Celebration – An observation of how God is working through Shirley & the many lives that she is having a positive effect on.
- Grace's ministries which are helping all people in our community with all types of needs

Council Agenda Highlights

~Marissa Schumacher was hired as Communications Coordinator

~Cheri Perrault took over as our new Treasurer

~\$50,000 of the C.D. that comes due on February 22nd will be put towards the church mortgage

~P.P.P. group did fantastic work on the church entry – even painting behind the Jesus statue!

JANUARY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Receipts | Spending | Difference |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Monthly Receipts vs. Spending | 20,725 | 33,997 | (13,272) |
| Year to Date Receipts vs. Spending | 20,725 | 33,997 | (13,272) |
| Mortgage Loan Balance | | | 174,399 |
| Special Offering - Fredericks House | | | 1,079 |
| Other Benevolence: | | | |
| Food Pantry | | | 125 |
| ELCA Good Gifts | | | 250 |

In Loving Memory



Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of Russell Hinsa. Russell's Funeral services were held at Grace on Saturday, February 7th. May the family be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

Our prayers and sympathy go to the family Colson J. Harper who passed away February 4, 2026. Funeral services were held Friday, February 13, 2026 at Generations Funeral Home.

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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