

Our Purpose?
Bless the World: be God's Grace!

Ministry Announcements for the week of April 07, 2019

TODAY IN WORSHIP!

✠ As a gift of grace, members of the prayer team are available for you in the prayer chapel (across the hall from the chapel) following the 9:30 worship.

POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE IS COMING

Spring sprung this week, which means graduations are around the corner.

Once again, our parish has scheduled a Graduate Sunday (last Sunday in April - April 28). Please let the church office know if your son or daughter is graduating this year by Palm Sunday (April 14).

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 13—come join us for the annual Easter egg hunt in Brenner Hall. Bring your children—bring your grandchildren! Fun for all kids!

Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. The hunt and fun begin at 10:00 a.m.

EASTER PLANT SALE

At this time of year, we are looking forward to Easter and Spring and to Spring flowering plants. This year's lily, tulip and daffodil plants are once again a way to contribute toward the cost of the Vacation Bible School program and to decorate the church at Easter. This year's flowering plant sale will be held from March 10—April 7. Order forms will be available for this purpose. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the Vacation Bible School program here at Grace for 2019.

~Grace Lutheran Christian Education Committee

Make a Joyful Noise!

The Bible does not say to make a “perfect noise”. It does say make a “joyful noise”. We, the choir, would love to have more voices join us in the choir.

Please do not worry if you think your voice isn't “good” enough, with Jesus' help you can make a lovely contribution. There will be lots of helpers in the choir itself too, including Peter (the choir director) and all of us who already know some of the music. Debby Reeb, our wonderful organist, is also always helpful about playing this part or that one. Some of us still don't get it right (and never do we rise to “perfect”), but if we don't keep trying, we never will, right?

There is a famous hockey player who said that you miss 100% of the shots you don't make (or something close to that). If you don't even try, how will you know whether you can? Please come and add your joyful noise to ours. We practice Thursday nights at 8pm, except during Lent (then it is on Wednesday night after the service). We look forward to seeing you and adding your voice to ours!

~A Joyful Choir Member

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LAST LENTEN POTLUCK LUNCHEON AND SUPPER

Wednesday, April 10 is our last Lenten Luncheon and Evening Potluck, Study & Worship. The featured food item for the evening potluck is lasagna. Please still bring a dish to share, it can be a salad, casserole, vegetable or dessert.

Many thanks to all the people who have helped with the noon set-up, Karlene Jaquillard & her helpers. Thanks Marilyn Lohmann and Nancy Johnson for the potluck set-up, to Fritz Gootch, Debby Reeb, Nancy & Debbie Johnson, Barbara Wright, Marilyn Lohmann for preparing the featured food items. To all people who brought food items and a special thanks to the committees who helped with clean-up. It takes many willing workers to make things run smoothly and I sincerely thank all of you.

Pastor Al, thank you for the wonderful studies & worship each Lenten Wednesday, and Cathy Holewinski for the office details.

~Marilyn Lohmann

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Have you been reading your Bible? You can pick up your 2019 Daily Bible Reading Program on the table outside the office.

Come on! Enter God's Word with us!

Apr. 07 2 Samuel 8-12
Apr. 08 2 Samuel 13-15
Apr. 09 2 Samuel 16-18
Apr. 10 2 Samuel 19-21
Apr. 11 2 Samuel 22-24
Apr. 12 1 Kings 1-2
Apr. 13 1 Kings 3-5

CALLING ALL VENDORS AND CRAFTERS! INSPIRED BY GRACE IS HOSTING A SPRING BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE APRIL 27.

Vendor space starts at \$35 (\$20 for Grace Lutheran Church members) and once again, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the GLC Youth Group. Please call/text or email Jan if you are interested in Vendor space, or to volunteer or donate baked goods or items. Vendor forms are available in room 6 or outside the main office.

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UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

Wednesday, April 10	Lenten Luncheon/Teaching/Worship (11:30am) Lenten Dinner/Teaching/Worship (6:00pm)
Saturday, April 13	Easter Egg Hunt—10:00am to noon (check-in 9:45am)
Sunday, April 28	Graduate Sunday—9:30am service
Sunday, May 5	Affirmation of Baptism
Sunday, May 19	Semi-Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 11	Congregational Information— Sharing Day
Sunday, October 13	Congregational Information—Sharing Day
Year 2020	Grace Lutheran's 120th Anniversary (Sept. 13, 2020)

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Healthy People! Healthy Parish!

Small Steps week 5!

People!

This is the activity that takes us from quiet time to spending quality time with family and friends. Research has found that there really are health benefits when interacting with others including:

Helping to cope with stress. Research found that people use their family and friends as a stress buffer talking about problems instead of turning to negative ways of coping like drugs, alcohol, and smoking.

May lengthen your life. Studies show that as we age the more we interact with others the better our mental health, thinking, processing and lowering wear and tear on our body from being stressed.

Improved psychological well-being. One study found that people who view their friends and families as supportive reported a greater sense of meaning in life and felt like they had a stronger sense of purpose.

Is good for your heart! Stress can encourage inflammation in the arteries which can be a precursor to atherosclerosis or clogged arteries. Having good friends and a strong social support system can relieve stress.

So, attending church and talking with people in church as well as at fellowship is actually good for us. Just think what it does for a visitor when we welcome them? Volunteering is also a great way to interact with others which helps to decrease our stress level while benefiting others. Then there is the phone which is great for connecting with others if we can't actually be with them.

People Contact is so important!

April 11 is National Pet Day!

Having a pet has also been shown to help reduce stress. Enjoy your pet and give you pet a special treat this day!

April 13 is National Scrabble Day!

Another way to be with family or friends and to hopefully decrease your stress.

Don't forget the Interfaith Blood Drive June 22 and 23 and the evening Celebration of Life Program on Sunday June 23.

Watch for Bike Safety Course in June for your kids and grandkids!

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Assisting Minister:

Reader:

Ushers:

Fellowship Hosts:

Next week's Fellowship Hosts:

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Fritz Gooch

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Mike Holewinski, Rick Sharp, Laura Rubley,
Grace Peterson

Sue Melchert & Karen Weimer

Nancy Johnson and Debbie Johnson