

March 2024 Newsletter



Grace, mercy, and peace are yours in Christ Crucified for you! Amen.

Dear Family of God at Grace,

As I write to you, we have just heard about the deaths of two saints of God, Darlene Hanley, and Rae Anne Ouillette. A third dear saint, Don Thomas, is close to being with the Lord

in his heavenly rest as well. These dear saints of God have fallen asleep in Jesus. They have walked through the valley of the shadow of death with their Good Shepherd and He has delivered them home! Death is never easy. It is the enemy: sin, death, and the devil--the big three. We are sinners; therefore, we die. The devil uses sin and death to drive a wedge between us and God. The devil is good at what he does. He is the great deceiver.

This Lenten season we have seen how the devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness; how he tried to prevent Jesus from winning victory for us over sin, death, and the devil. The devil could not beat Jesus...so now he turns his attention to us. The devil, the great deceiver, tries to sow discord and division. He does this in our church, in each of our families, and in our own hearts. St. Peter is clear, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8 ESV). Thankfully, Jesus has pulled all the lion's teeth and claws, so he can only gum you and bat you

Let me give you updates about the school and future staffing at Grace. We had a great visit with Patrick and Alexa Steckbeck and their precious little son, Ryker. Things continue to move positively in the direction of hiring Patrick and bringing him here for the Classical Homeschool Hybrid that we hope to start in the Fall. At the Voters' Meeting coming up in March, we will discuss and vote to move forward with the school. Keep an eye on the bulletin about the budget for Gratia Classical Academy.

The Elders voted to move forward with filling out a Vicarage Application. What does this mean? It means that we could get a Vicar (Student Pastor) for a year. The Vicarage would start in July and end in June. A Vicar would be a stopgap as we spend time talking to all of you about the direction you want Grace to go in. Whomever we bring in will need to step into some beloved and big shoes that Kami Jo is leaving. Having someone for a year that comes and goes, like a vicar or intern is a great way to begin to set up the next full-time Called staff member for success. This gives Grace some time to rejoice and to mourn our loss and the changes that are happening.

It is the Church Council's desire to have two informational meetings on Thursday, March 21st at 11:30am and at 6:30pm. It will be the same meeting both times. These meetings are open to the entire congregation. Come and share your thoughts on what direction

you would like to see Grace go: DCE, DCM, Family Life Ministry, Pastor or...you tell us. At these meetings we will spend some time explaining what the alphabet soup of DCE, DCM, Family Life Ministry, DCO, Deaconess, Pastor is all about and then we want to hear from you! We will do these meetings more than just this once.

Lastly, we want to thank Pastor Just and Linda for a wonderful time together. We have been blessed to have them. Pastor Just will be returning to the seminary to teach classes in the Spring quarter, which will begin March 11th. Pastor will return to be with us for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. He will also return at the end of April for a weekend when I'll be gone for my brother-in-law's Fiftieth birthday. We look forward to them returning next season. Thank you again for your wonderful service to Grace!

Blessed Saints, have a great March!
In His Service,
Pastor Lingsch

**Daylight
Savings Time
Begins
March 10, 2024**

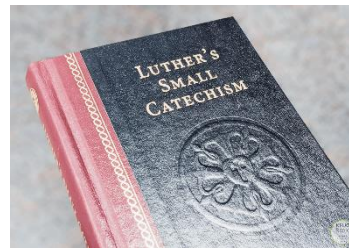


**Saturday Evening services with Communion
are held at 4:00pm
and will continue thru March 23, 2024**



EVERYONE HIS WITNESS Classes will continue the first Saturday of every month at 9:00AM. Join in when you are able. Learn tools for

sharing the good news of Jesus with your neighbors! These classes are for everyone at Grace, so all ages are welcome! We pray that we will see you on Saturday, March 1st.



Adult Information Class

Learn more about our Lutheran Faith and Grace Lutheran Church as you

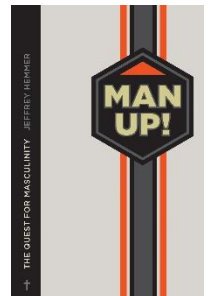
study Luther's Small Catechism with Pastor Lingsch.

Classes are being held at noon on Sundays and a light lunch will be provided.

ATTENTION! Men of Grace

The Men of Grace will be discussing a new book by Jeffrey Hemmer titled MAN UP! The Quest for Masculinity. The book is available on Amazon. Hope to see you there on Tues, March 5th at 6:30pm.

Man Up! doesn't tell you to take down the feminists or reclaim your God-given role and rights. Real masculinity starts with giving of yourself for the good of those around you and in your care. It's counter-cultural--and it's exactly how God designed biblical manhood. This book is a call to fix your eyes and your hope on the Man up on the cross and to find in His selfless sacrifice the perfect example for manliness in our self-indulgent, self-centered society. That's where Man Up! really stands out in the crowd. Don't pick up these pages expecting to find an ideal man you should strive to be. This book is anchored in a different ideal. In the person of Jesus Christ, God became man. What Adam lost in his rebellion, Jesus restored in His Incarnation. Jesus is the perfect man. His example sets the paradigm for perfect masculinity. But more importantly, His sacrifice obtains forgiveness and mercy for the rest of us men who are bound to fail in this God-given task to be good men. Men in all stages of life will appreciate this refreshing perspective--whether you're searching for footing in this crazy culture, seeking a godly relationship with your wife, or looking for guidance on raising children.





Organ Recital

Sunday, March 10 at 3:00pm

A piano/organ recital

featuring

Jonathan Birner & Emily Christman

We all know Jonathan Birner, our beloved Director of Music, but who is Emily Christman?

Emily Christman is a 15-year-old pianist and organist based in Fort Myers, Florida. She started her piano studies at age 5 with Betsy Randolph and has also studied with Steven Van Loozenoord; currently she studies with Asya Teruni-Minasyan. In early 2022, she began playing organ at St. Michael Lutheran Church at the behest of their music director, Colton LaMay. Since then, she has studied with Ben Ball and is currently studying with Jonathan Birner.

Emily has participated and received honors for the past nine years in our local Music Teachers National Association's Student Day. She has also competed at The Florida Sacred Music Competition, winning 1st (organ) and 3rd place (piano). She has played for church services on organ at Saint Michael Lutheran in Fort Myers and Grace Lutheran in Naples.



St. Patrick's Day Fish Fry
Hosted by the Grace Lutheran Elders
Sunday, March 17, 2024

4:00 – 6:00pm

Menu includes:

Fish, Shrimp, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Hush Puppies and Desserts

There will be holiday Appropriate Beverages

Location: Fellowship Hall

Free Will Offerings to Support Transition Expenses for Future Staff at Grace



YOUTH EVENTS

Thank you for supporting the Youth Valentine Bake sale! The youth earned \$348 for their youth fund. Thank you for your generous support!



Daylight Savings Time Begins
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Grace Lutheran Movie Night Beautiful night to be together with Grace!



March 3: Youth Night, 5:00-7:00pm

March 9: Habitat for Humanity

March 24: Easter Egg Hunt at 12:15pm, meet in Fellowship Hall

March 24: Youth Night, 5:00-7:00pm

March 31: Youth-Hosted Easter Breakfast

Donations Needed

Pre-filled plastic Easter eggs are needed for our annual Easter egg hunt. Eggs can be filled with stickers and trinkets or non-chocolate candy and dropped off in the narthex before March 23rd.

Thank you so much. ~DCE Kami Jo Mogelvang



Easter Egg Hunt

March 24th

Meet at 12:15pm sharp in Fellowship Hall

Kids will be put in age groups and sent with an adult
for the outdoor hunt!

Contact DCE Kami Jo with any questions.



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Women of Grace!

Calendar dates for 2024

March 10 - LWML Sunday

March 16 - Spring Rally

March 31 - Easter Sunday

April 20 - Membership Meeting 10:00am

May 7 or 11 - Spring Luncheon



**Come join the
Knit / Crochet and/or Quilting groups.
10:00am in Fellowship Hall**



Women of Grace Quilters are in need of material for making Quilts! (Quilters prefer quilters' cotton—no heavy fabrics-- and pieces that are large enough to make a 21-inch square are preferred!)

Also, we need new or gently used sheets in any size, color, or design. Pillowcases are also useful, as we fill them with small scraps of fabric to make beds for local animal shelters.

Donations can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall.

If you have questions, call Carol Borchelt at 239-529-3172. Thank you.



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

LWML Sunday March 10th

Celebrate with us as we remember that each of us has a vital role in sharing the Good News of Jesus here and in our extended communities. Members of LWML will serve at each service and breakfast will be served between services. A freewill offering will be taken and used to support missions.



Everyone is encouraged to take a Mite Box and fill it with coins and/or paper money during the month of March. Boxes should be returned by March 31st. The Mites are sent to the national organization and are then used to support LCMS missionaries around the world.

LWML Spring Rally

All ladies are welcome to attend. Enjoy a time of worship, Bible study and fellowship!

Money may be given to Carol Borchelt who also has more details about the event.

Saturday, March 16th

8:30am Registration

at Marco Lutheran Church.

The cost is \$10.00, which includes lunch.



Many thanks to everyone who came to the Women of Grace Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Your generous contributions raised \$550, all of which will go toward supporting our wonderful Missions.

Grace Lutheran Preschool Wish List 2023-2024

MARCH Pompoms of all sizes
APRIL Sidewalk Chalk **MAY** Buttons

Altar Flower Donations

Would you like to remember your birthday or anniversary with a special offering to God?
 Would you like to remember someone special in your life who is with the Lord?
 Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary with a special offering of flowers?



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for you to claim the date for your special occasion. The cost of the arrangements is \$45.00.

EASTER FLOWERS

Help decorate our Narthex with Easter flowers!

Please fill out an order form and return it in an envelope marked 'Easter flowers' with your payment in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church.

Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 24

Forms for flower donations are available at the Welcome Desk!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL WORSHIP SERVICES!

There are multiple opportunities for you to volunteer for weekend services at Grace.

We need Ushers, Lectors, Altar Guild Members, Greeters, Crucifers and Acolytes, Sound Board Operators, and people to prepare for Coffee Hour.



April Sign-up link is

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AA9AA2CA0F49-47014585-april#/
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May Sign-up link is

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AA9AA2CA0F49-47774126-may2024>

June Sign-up link is

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AA9AA2CA0F49-47774125-june>

July Sign-up link is

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AA9AA2CA0F49-47774156-july>



Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

We are always looking for people to set up or clean up Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you want more information, please email Lori at lorilingsch@yahoo.com



Mark These Dates on Your Calendar!

March 5 Men of Grace 6:30pm
March 8 Preschool Easter Craft at 10:00am
March 9 Habitat workday 8-12:00pm
March 10 Piano/organ Recital
March 16 LWML Spring Rally at Marco Lutheran
March 17 Elders' Fish Fry 4-7:00pm

March 24 Easter Egg Hunt 12:15pm
March 28 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm
March 29 Good Friday Service 7:00pm
March 30 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Service 7:00pm
March 31 Youth Easter Breakfast 9:30am

WEEKLY EVENTS



Cool Moms Bible Study--Tuesdays
9:00am Contact Kami Jo

Adult Bible Study-- Wednesdays
10:30am Fellowship Hall

Monthly Book Club—1st Wednesday
4:00pm Discussion of "Lies about Human Nature & the Truth That Sets Us Free," by Pastor Christopher S. Esget
Contact DCS Linda Nobili

Women's Bible Study--Thursdays
10:00am Contact Kami Jo

Wednesday Dinner
5:15pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Prayer Service
6:30pm

Men of Grace--Tuesdays
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
6:30pm

Grief Share
Thursdays, 1:00pm

Quilters--Tuesdays, 10:00am
Fellowship Hall

Knit / Crochet Group --Tuesdays,
10:00am Fellowship Hall



Choristers
Wednesday,
4:15PM



Grace Chorale
Wednesday,
7:00PM



Grace AMR Ringers
Thursday, 6:00PM

Happy Birthday!

1 Bill Kiehl
 3 Elaine Ehmann
 Christian Gomez
 Jessica Zimmerman
 4 Lee Geltz
 4 Rachel Lingsch
 5 Mary Mathew

6 Isaac Koehneke
 7 Bette Olson
 Lisa Perri
 Lukas Ruzicka
 8 Erik Mogelvang
 9 Bettina Burns
 Bonnie Steffens
 11 Dennis Scharf

12 Diny Biehler
 Jessica Gettel
 Martie Young
 13 Michael O' Keefe
 16 Gary Laveen
 Keira Tahirovic
 18 Thora Jean Rhodes
 19 Kyle Ray

20 Barbara Dalton
 Don Nelson
 22 Cindy Mogelvang
 23 Sydney O'Keefe
 25 Barbara Kroemer
 26 Brian Heidel



12 Andrew & Nicole Lingsch
 15 Michael & Monica O'Keefe
 16 Larry & Patty Polster
 18 Kirt Fickel & Naomi Hutcheson
 22 Christian & Sandra Mogelvang





Missionary of the Month - Pamela Boehle-Silva

Pamela graduated with a master's degree in Deaconess Studies from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, in 2011. She serves as a deaconess at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rocklin, California, providing mercy care to those suffering in body and soul. She received a Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Nursing from California State University, Sacramento, in 1983. As a Registered Nurse, she has wide-ranging nursing experience: neonatal intensive care, pediatric oncology, pediatric ICU, public health, home health, and hospice nursing. In 1996, she completed the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Parish Nurse Distance Learning Program and became a parish nurse for Holy Cross. Since 2006, Pamela has traveled to Kenya, Sudan, South Africa, Madagascar, Tanzania, and India, working alongside deaconesses and pastors to promote Christ's mercy of body and soul. As of 2022, she has been to Kenya twelve times and continues her mercy work there. Pamela is one of the founding directors of both *Always Mercy* and *Rehema Open Door*.

Always Mercy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the poor and needy of Kenya.

The roots of Always Mercy were planted in 2006 when Pamela Boehle-Silva, RN, from Rocklin, California, was invited by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) to educate church workers, specifically deaconesses, on HIV-AIDS awareness, treatment, and prevention. Tragically, many with this diagnosis or even a hint of that horrible "skinny disease" were shunned by their families, their village, and even their church. In Kenya, shame and stigma are very real experiences for those who are visibly ill. Even from her first visit in 2006 and subsequent visits, it became evident to Pamela that the need for care extended far beyond HIV-AIDS. Many Kenyans suffer needlessly from pain, chronic but treatable illnesses, or untreatable, terminal illnesses. To learn more about this charity, visit

www.alwaysmercy.org

Tune in for good Lutheran music and Bible teaching.



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<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.jacapps.kfu>

You can listen to our livestream 24/7, find all our podcasts, our program schedule, record a comment to send to us, and more. We are very thankful to the LWML for a generous Mission Grant from the LWML that made this project possible. Read more about the grant at lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-17.



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A gift planning counselor is a built-in companion for the journey so that you don't have go through the estate planning process alone.

"I am so tired of having to do everything by myself," said Jenny to her friend Marsha. "Since Frank died, there has just been so much to do, and I must do it all by myself. I never realized how much he took care of." "I know what you mean," Marsha responded. "It's spring and I know it will be time to mow the grass soon. Bob always used to take the mower into the

shop every March to get it tuned up. But I have no idea how I could get my mower into the back of my vehicle. I'm so worn from trying to do all this."

The experience of Jenny and Marsha is common to many people who have been married for some years, with a spouse who has now gone to heaven. Handling finances, investments and even legal questions falls into the category of things one spouse might have always handled. The good news is that tackling the job of putting an estate plan together, or maybe just tweaking a plan that already exists, is something with which an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. The counselor has been through many plans and knows what to do to get you prepared to speak with your professionals. They are part of your family of faith. They are here to help.

To get connected for this journey, Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291
or tony.hunt@lfnd.org



Daylight Saving Time Starts

March 10, 2024

Remember to set your clocks **ahead** one hour Saturday night or Sunday morning the weekend of **March 11.**



Holy Week

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March 24 Palm Sunday:
Worship: 8:00 & 10:30am with
Holy Communion

Easter Egg Hunt 12:15pm

March 28 Maundy Thursday
Worship: 7:00pm with
Holy Communion



March 29 Good Friday
Tenebrae Worship: 7:00pm

March 30
Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
Service 7:00pm with
Holy Communion



March 31, Easter Sunday:
Worship: 8:00 & 10:30am with
Holy Communion

He Is Risen!!!

March 31 Easter Breakfast, sponsored and
hosted by our Youth between services

