



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
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**Worship services: Sundays at 9am,
 Tuesdays at 12:10pm**

CHURCH STAFF

Bill Beyer - Pastor

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Brian Dearing - Organist/Music Director

Shonda Schaff - Nursery Attendant

Online Giving

Our Mission: "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

COVID-19 Protocol: Please note COVID-19 Protocols now in effect.

Mask use is left up to your personal choice while in worship. Please try to keep some sense of physical distancing around those choosing to wear masks. Thank you!

Welcome to Worship: We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

Communion Instruction: Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. **Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free.** If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

Offering: Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

Hearing Assistance Available: This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Nursery Available: We love to have children in worship with us. For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

PRELUDE (Organ) Paul Kickstat (1893-1959), *6 Lenten Chorales for Organ* (1993)

1. Ah, Holy Jesus – Tune: Herzliebster Jesu (ELW #349)
2. Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless – Tune: O lamm Gottes, unschuldig (ELW #357)
3. O Darkest Woe – Tune: O Traurigkeit
4. From Calvary's Cross I Heard Christ Say – Tune: Da Jesus an des Kreuzes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST PRELUDE (Chancel Choir) Gregg Skipper and Russell Mauldin (arr.), "God Leads Us Along (includes 'He Leadeth Me' and 'God Leads Us Along')" (2001)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation.... Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God... and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

KYRIE

(ELW 157)

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the
 Lord. For your
 Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.
 peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
 word, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
 Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
 mer-cy. A-men.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) God of Justice.....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as con - quers death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

FIRST READING: Job 1:6-12

⁶One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. ⁷The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ⁸The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil." ⁹Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." ¹²The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!" So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 98



In righ-teous-ness will the LORD judge the world.

L: Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C: O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

L: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. R

L: Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

L: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity. R

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW 177)



Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:31-46

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*The gospel is announced*)

³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit

me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *What Feast of Love*

(ELW 487)



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

HOLY BAPTISM

P: People of God, do you promise.... their new life in Christ? **C: We do.**

P: We give you thanks.... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Michael/Lola, I baptize.....the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks...both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Michael/Lola, child of God.....cross of Christ forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let your light so shine.....Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

L: We lift our prayers to you ... through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

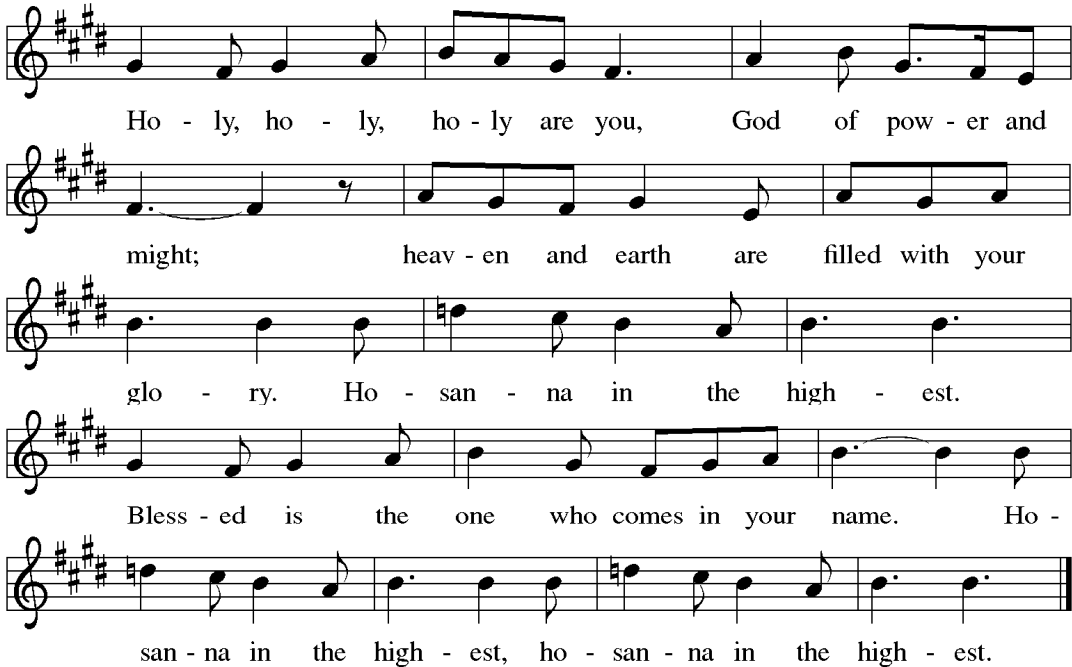
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty...join their unending hymn: ***Holy Holy Holy (ELW 191)***



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe..... the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection.... Grace our table with your presence. **C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us justice, peace, and love. **C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones now and forever. **C: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God*

(WOV 621)

1 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

2 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

3 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

(ELW 479)

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Praise to You, O God of Mercy (Vs. 1 only)* (ELW 208)



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God.....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

(ELW 686)



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (Organ) Paul Kickstat (1893-1959), "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God" from *6 Lenten Chorales for Organ* (1993) – Tune: Christe, du lamm Gottes

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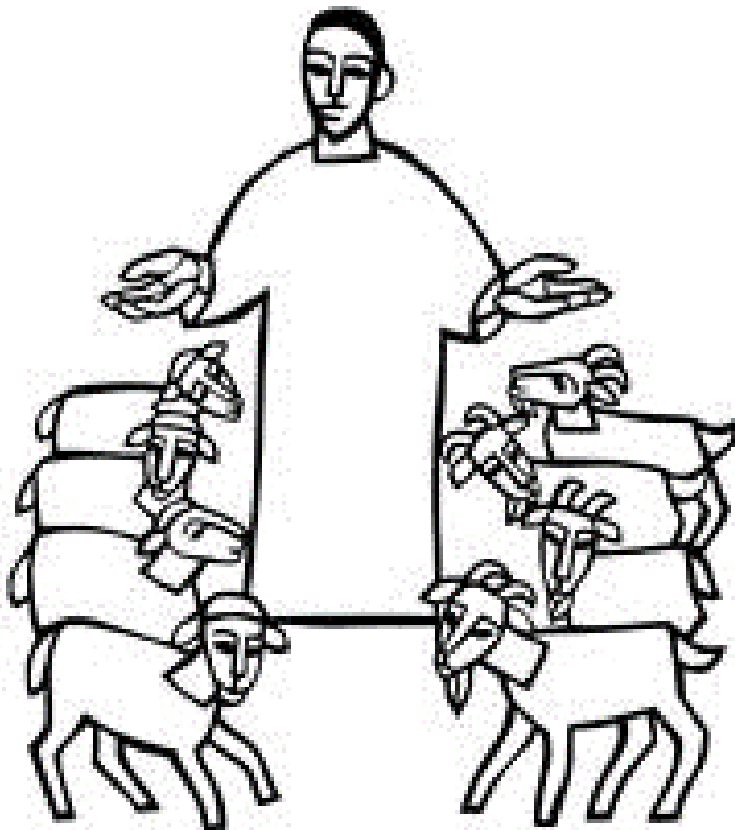
As the Last Prelude, the Chancel Choir presents a medley of “He Leadeth Me” with words by Joseph H. Gilmore (1834-1918) and music by William B. Bradbury (1816-1968) and “God Leads Us Along” by G. A. Young. The flowing accompaniment provides a gentle backdrop to the voices, which vary in texture from women to men to four parts.

The Hymn of the Day is by Delores Dufner, OSB, who wrote this hymn in 1986. The tune is the familiar “Greensleeves” melody, which dates back to at least 16th century England. Dufner, born in North Dakota in 1939, attended a one-room country school before becoming a Benedictine sister. She was a member of the executive committee of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

The organ music is by Paul Kickstat, based on Lenten chorale tunes. Kickstat was a German organist and music teacher. He was a conservatory theory and church music teacher and was cantor at the Klopstockkirche in Hamburg-Ottensen for 20 years. These pieces are mostly in three parts, with the melody often in the pedal. The pedal is not always the lowest sounding part – it depends on what stops are drawn. If a 4’ stop is drawn (as we hear in this morning’s preludes), the pedal melody will sounder higher than the manuals.

Next week: Chancel Choir warms up at 8:15am, sings for 9:00am worship, and rehearses after worship at 10:15am. Bell Choir rehearses at 11:00am. All singers are welcome at 2:00pm for rehearsal for special Good Friday music.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday's Worship Leaders

Reader: Holly Grassin-Kremmel
Wine: Nancy Perez, Geri Schesel
Usher: TBD
Comm. Set Up: JoAnn Holdmann
Greeter: Stone Family

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders

Reader: Dawn Omernik-Nimmer
Wine: Kim Nagel, Bobby Koppa
Usher: TBD
Comm. Set Up: TBD
Greeter: TBD

This week at Grace

- Sun 3/26 8:15am Chancel Choir Warm's Up
9am Worship Chancel Choir Sings
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11am Bell Choir Rehearsal
2pm Rehearsal for Special Good Friday Music
- Mon 3/27 6pm Scouts
- Tue 3/28 12:10pm Devotional Worship
6pm Scouts
6:45pm Sabbatical Committee Meeting
7pm Messiah Soloists Rehearsal
- Wed 3/29 6pm Band Practice
7pm Lenten Scripture Study - Deuteronomy
- Thu 3/30 8am Organ Tuning
12pm Bible Study
- Fri 3/31 9am Piano Tuning
- Sat 4/1 9am SBG Band Practice
- Sun 4/2 *Palm Sunday*
8:15am Chancel Choir Warm's Up
9am Worship Chancel Choir Sings
10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:15am Community Life Meeting
11am Bell Choir Rehearsal
2pm Rehearsal for Special Good Friday Music



Grace's Welcome Statement: Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.

Grace Membership: If you have been visiting Grace either in person or online and are interested and becoming a member, call the office or let Pastor Bill know by Easter. We will be receiving new members later in April.

Easter Flower Orders: You are invited to contribute Easter flowers (\$10) in honor or memory of important people in your life. Order forms are available on the communication desk. There will be a variety of plants to choose from when you pick up your flowers after Easter worship. Please order by March 30. You may also order online using the QR code on the bulletin cover or through our website by clicking the *Donate* menu item, then clicking *Donate Now* and selecting the *Easter Flower* tile (www.grace53092.org).

Lenten Scripture Study: The final Book of Moses to be studied on March 29 at 7pm is Deuteronomy. You are encouraged to read the book prior to the session and join us for any questions you may have. If you have any questions prior to the study, please contact Pastor Bill.



Easter Breakfast: Easter breakfast is coming back and will be served between the 8am and 10am Easter Worship services on April 9. You can sign up to help set up, serve, and/or clean up at the welcome desk. You may also sign up if you plan on attending. A free will offering will be collected.

Grace Kids Easter Eggstravaganza! The Easter morning EGGSTRAVAGANZA Easter egg hunt is back! All kids are welcome to join at 9:40am on April 9 after the Easter Breakfast, before the 10am service.

Worship Volunteers: There is a hard copy of the SignupGenius form on the welcome desk for those that find it easier to sign up on their way in or out of church. The link sent out in the Grace Notes is still active and available, this is just another option. Emails and phone calls are welcome as well. Thank you for all your help!

Important News from the Sabbatical Committee: *Concerns during sabbatical*

One concern has been what will happen if I or a family member has an emergency during the sabbatical. Pam Johnson, sabbatical committee member, is working on scheduling pastors who will handle emergencies for members of Grace. We plan to follow the existing pattern used by cluster pastors who fill in for emergencies. Exact details will be published before the sabbatical begins. If there is a death of a member of Grace or family member, the family has two options. The funeral/memorial service can be officiated by the pastor covering emergencies or the service can be scheduled with Pastor Bill when he returns.

The other concern has been communicating with Pastor Bill. Part of the gift of love of the sabbatical is not contacting Pastor Bill. Pastor Bill has also committed to avoid any communication about church issues. That does NOT mean that you cannot speak to him if you see him out in the public grocery store, restaurant, etc. The conversations at this time may not be about church or personal pastoral care issues.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me (262-366-0162) or any other committee member.

Pam Stockbridge

6 Sundays until Pr. Bill's Sabbatical

Sabbatical Committee Members: If you have questions regarding Pr. Bill's sabbatical, which begins in May, you may contact one of the team members on the Sabbatical Committee:

Pam Stockbridge (Chair)	Cindy Karthaus
Dan Driewer	Ben Lindsay
Pam Johnson	Stacy Rauen

2023 Council Members: Below are the 2023 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Beth Buczynski (President)	Morgan Bernard
Cindy Karthaus (VP)	Jim Martin
Jen Bartz (Treasurer)	Janie Robbins
JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary)	Pam Stockbridge
	Terry Young

2023 Mutual Ministry Committee Members: Below are the current 2023 Mutual Ministry Committee members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders. The MMC is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff.

Committee Members: Dan/Theresa Umhoefer, Matt Junker, Pam Stockbridge

An Illustrated Lent for Families - Reflections on Prayer: It's not too late to pick up this devotional guide at the communication desk!

Quilting Fabric: We currently have plenty of quilting fabric thanks to some very generous donations. At this time we do not need to collect any more, but would like to thank those that have donated what we have in stock!

Seat Donations: You may still purchase sanctuary seats for \$250 to help pay down the loan for the renovation. Forms are on the welcome desk.

Guest House Sandwiches: We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month – on the first and third Wednesdays, at 9:00am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesday, **April 5 and 19.**



Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church): Donations to the food pantry are still very much in need. Popular items appreciated include pancake mix, syrup, canned pasta, tuna, tuna helper, spam, baked beans, spaghetti, canned pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, canned greens. Hygiene items needed include deodorant, toothpaste, single toothbrush, lip balm, body lotion (4-8oz), dental floss. You can drop items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays: Allison Cunningham - 3/26, Logan Hamm - 3/26, Bernie Roeker - 3/27, Jennifer Bartz - 3/28, Pat Ellner - 3/28, Craig Koch - 3/28, Morgan Bernard - 3/31, Mitch Nemcek – 3/31, Curtis Umhoefer – 4/1, Diane Omdahl – 4/2, Emma Wolf – 4/2

Anniversaries: None this week.

Prayers: Doris McMahan (Pam Liegeois' mother) **Sandy Smith, Judy and Bill** (Mother and Stepfather of Sandy Smith's best friend), **Jack** (Florence Panning's son-in-law), **Kate** Autry (daughter of Pam & John Stockbridge), **Chevelle** Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), **Henry** Walicki (Veronica Junker's brother), **Fred** Rehbein (friend of John & Patty Richmond), **Roland** Junker (Matt Junker's father), **Gary** Brandenburg (Florence Panning's son-in-law), **Katie** (friend of Steve & Kevin Mussatti), **Michael** Caughill (Diane Omdahl's son-in-law), **Vicki** Schlaak (friend of Dawn Omernik-Nimmer), **DawnMark** Bacon-Johnson, **Grace** McCandless.