



Good News of Grace



April 2023

Grace Lutheran Church
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“Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith and care for all creation.”

April Highlights

April 2 - 9am Palm Sunday Worship

Join us Sunday, April 2 at 9am as we worship on Palm Sunday, the commemoration of our Lord’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem five days before his crucifixion.

April 6 - 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship

April 7 - 2pm & 7pm Good Friday Worship

April 9 - Easter Sunday 8am & 10am Worship

Festive worship with brass players, flowers, full music, including hymns and our music ensembles.



9am Easter Breakfast

Sign up at the welcome desk!

9:40am Easter Eggstravaganza



April 23 - 10:15am Sunday School

Grace Kids, join us for Sunday School on April 23 at 10:15am following worship.

Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 9am

Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

Education:

Bible Study on Thursday 12pm

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.

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A Message from the Pastor and Notes

A Message from the Pastor

By Pr. Bill Beyer

What is the human, that you are mindful of them? - Psalm 8:4

Some of you may not know this, but I hold a brown belt in Tae Kwon Do. TKD is a Korean form of martial arts using the hands and the feet for defense and protection. Don't get too excited, this was a long time ago and I'd be hard pressed to remember much of what I learned at that time in my life. But, I do remember enjoying it and I still remember a few things.

Because this martial art deals with self defense we learned a lot of techniques designed to protect oneself. One of those techniques created a very bad habit for me. We were often taught to be aware of your surroundings. The comings and goings of individuals and the happenings about you. If you ever watch Secret Service protect our President you will see them wearing sunglasses. This allows them to look around without being distracting to others.

However, I do not wear sunglasses, and this has created a habit for me that can often get in the way of my ministry. I am always checking out what else is going on around me. Not necessarily what is happening right in front of me in that moment. This has created a lack of mindfulness in my life.

But, I am not alone in this lack of mindfulness. Have you ever been sitting with someone and they pull out their phone to write a text message to someone else? Have you ever been cut off in traffic because someone was not paying attention to the road? Have you ever been halfway through a conversation only to forget what you were talking about because your head is filled with so many other thoughts and ideas? Then you have experienced the opposite of mindfulness.

Mindfulness in its most simple definition is being aware of the present moment. I have noticed that my ability to be mindful of my present moment has slipped in my life and ministry over the years. In ministry as in all our lives, mindfulness is an important part of our

ability to focus and care for the person or event in our most immediate orbit.

I started learning about mindfulness just over a year or so ago. And since then I have learned to take precautions to protect my present moment so I can be most effective in communication and focus. This does not mean I do not think about the future or plan for it. But, I am learning to be more mindful of the person I am ministering to at that moment.

The passage above has a great Hebrew word that translates as "mindful." It is the Hebrew word "zakar" and it means "to be mindful", "to bring back to remembrance", and "to take thought." Remember reading the story of Noah in Genesis and seeing the passage that said, "And God remembered Noah"? That is the word "zakar". God never forgot Noah. God simply brought their own recognition back to Noah and his journey in the ark. What is the human that you should bring your remembrance back to them? What is the human that you should take thought of them?" Great question!

While on my sabbatical I will be learning how to be more mindful in my own life and faith, so I can be more mindful in my ministry as well. Perhaps I will learn how to use the phone again as a TOOL for ministry and not an appendage to be given more attention than the soul in my presence. This time to learn about mindfulness will be a blessing to us as it will provide us the focus we crave in this scattered world.



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 Wednesdays, **April 5 and 19.**

News and Notes

2023 Leaders

Below are the members of the Council and Mutual Ministry Team for 2023 in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Council

Beth Buczynski (Pres.)	Jim Martin
Cindy Karthausser (VP)	Janie Robbins
Jen Bartz (Treasurer)	Pam Stockbridge
JoAnn Holdmann (Secr.)	Terry Young
Morgan Bernard	

Mutual Ministry Team - The MMT is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff.

Dan/Theresa Umhoefer
Matt Junker
Pam Stockbridge

Holy Baptism

In February and March we welcomed four children to God's family through holy baptism.
Tellier "Tillie" Rose Kucharski - February 5
McKenzie James Krogstad - February 26
Michael Eugene (Trey) Johnson III - March 26
Lola Jane Johnson - March 26

Blessings and congratulations to the Kucharski, Krogstad and Johnson families!



Sabbatical Team Update

At one of the first meetings, the sabbatical team expressed the importance of maintaining community and family between members while Pastor Bill is gone. It was decided that for the Sundays of the sabbatical, the organized coffee fellowship would return. The community life team was asked to coordinate this aspect of support of the sabbatical and agreed. In the near future, you may be contacted by the community life team or your team chair to help on a specific Sunday. The objective is fellowship so please provide a MINIMAL snack. If you have any questions about this, contact me, Janie Robbins, or Morgan Bernard.

Thanks for your help with this.

Pam Stockbridge

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

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

Grace Membership

If you have been visiting Grace either in person or online and are interested in becoming a member, please call the office or let Pastor Bill know by Easter. We will be receiving new members on April 23.

Quilt Fabric Update

At this time we no longer need fabric for quilting, due to all the wonderful donations received! Thank you to those who have dropped off fabric!

April Choir Schedule

Palm Sunday	4/2	9am Bell Choir
Maundy Thursday	4/6	7pm Chancel Choir
Good Friday	4/7	7pm Chancel Choir
Easter Sunday	4/9	8am All Groups
		10am All Groups
Sunday	4/16	Chancel Choir
Sunday	4/23	Bell Choir
Sunday	4/30	SGB Band

- Bells warm up at 8am. Other groups warm up at 8:15am prior to worship
- SBG Band practices at 9am every other Saturday

Memorial Fund

Activity for February

Income:	\$1
Expenditures:	\$0
Balance:	\$11,211
	(Designated: \$3,682)
	(Available: \$7,529)

News and Bowling Fun

From the President

Hello members of Grace! I wanted to fill you in on some of the work the Grace Council has been busy with the last couple of months.

The church council voted on and approved two new measures that will help guide all teams at Grace. The first decision was to replace the word “committee” or “board” with the word “team” as a general term for all the various bodies that help serve Grace Lutheran and its members. It was rather confusing that some of those groups were called “boards” or “committees” or “teams” and we felt it would add clarity to have them all labeled as teams.

The second measure that was approved will be a continuing resolution (C.4.04.A23) in our current constitution particularly focusing on Chapter 13. We voted to adopt Guiding Principles for Grace Teams. You may be asking yourself “what are guiding principles and why are they necessary?” Guiding principles are any principles or precepts that guide an organization throughout its life in all circumstances, irrespective of changes in its goals, strategies, type of work, or management. They are necessary for a few reasons:

1. They ensure cohesive goals around Grace’s mission statement
2. They add clarity around the team’s purpose
3. They help to prioritize the important values the church embodies
4. They maintain the legacy and documentation of the committees for future prosperity.

I won’t list all the guiding principles here but will mention a couple of the key principles (The full set of guiding principles will be shared with all teams in the coming weeks):

1. Teams will be inclusive, accepting, and respectful, and ensure safety while maintaining confidentiality when needed.
2. Each team must have a mission statement that supports Grace's Mission statement.

I hope that by adding these new measures, teams and members of Grace will feel empowered and guided by the council to step up as leaders of the congregation at Grace.

Blessed be, your council President,

Beth Buczynski

Bowling Fun!

As you can see, everyone had fun bowling at Cedar Lanes in March. Especially Jim Button, who earned the high score of 215 for the day!



Birthdays & Other News

April Worship Leaders

4/2 Palm Sunday 9am

Greeter: TBD

Reader: Dawn Omernik-Nimmer

Wine: Bobby Koppa, Kim Nagel

Usher: TBD

Communion Setup: Delaine Jacobs

4/6 Maundy Thursday 7pm

Reader: Pam Johnson

Wine: Stacy Rauen, TBD

Usher: TBD

Comm. Setup: TBD

4/7 Good Friday 2pm

Reader: TBD TBD

Usher: TBD TBD

4/7 Good Friday 7pm

Reader: TBD TBD

Usher: TBD TBD

4/9 Easter 8am

Greeter: TBD

Reader: JoAnn Holdmann

Wine: Nancy Perez, TBD

Usher: TBD

Comm. Setup: JoAnn Holdmann

4/9 Easter 10am

Greeter: Kevin Sibley

Reader: JoAnn Holdmann

Wine: Janie Robbins, Kim Nagel

Usher: Heather Sibley

Comm. Setup: JoAnn Holdmann

4/16 9am

Greeter: TBD

Reader: Mary Karthaus

Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, TBD

Usher: TBD

Comm. Setup: Bev Leidel

4/23 9am

Greeter: TBD

Reader: Bev Leidel

Wine: TBD, TBD

Usher: TBD

Comm. Setup: JoAnn Holdmann

4/30 9am

Greeter: TBD

Reader: Pam Johnson

Wine: Stacy Rauen, JoAnn Holdmann

Usher: TBD

Comm. Setup: TBD



April Birthdays

Name	Date
Curtis Umhoefer	1
Diane Omdahl	2
Emma Wolf	2
Sandra Gleisner	3
Kathy Young	3
Kyle Smith	4
Peter Smiley	6
Bobby Koppa	8
Kim Lohr	10
David Sampe	10
Katie Ferguson	11
Lisa Knuth	12
Doreen Goniu	13
Reid Liegeois	16
Dennis Ellner	20
Kay Freyer	20
Ethan Brown	21
Art Habermann	23
Rita Karthaus	29
Heather Sibley	30

*If you have a birthday this month and your name is not listed, we apologize. Please call the church office so that we update our records.
Thank you!*



All Peoples Church Food Pantry

At this time the pantry food supply is still very low; so for the foreseeable future we hope to collect non-perishable food items again. When you shop for your family, please pick up an extra item for the pantry. Thank you!



String Along Band Concert

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 21 at 7pm to come enjoy the music of the String Along Band. Watch Grace Notes and bulletins for more details.



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Worship with Holy Communion:
Sundays at 9am

Tuesday Devotional at 12:10pm

HOLY WEEK

April 6 Maundy Thursday 7pm

April 7 Good Friday 2pm & 7pm

April 9 Easter 8am & 10am

Education:

Bible Study - Thursdays:12pm



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April Calendar

Recurring Events

Sundays

- 9am Worship/Comm.
- 10:15am Choir Rehearsals
- 10:15am Community Life Team Meeting
(1st Sun.)
- 11am Bell Choir Rehearsal

Mondays

- 5:30pm Northshore Quilters (3rd Mon.)
- 6:30pm Scouts (4th Mon. each month)

Tuesdays

- 12:10pm Devotional Svc.
- 6pm Council (3rd Tue.)
- 6:30pm Scouts

Wednesdays

- 9am Guest House Sandwiches, F.H.
(1st and 3rd Wed.)
- 6pm Band Practice, Sanctuary
- 6pm Girl Scouts (3rd Wed.)

Thursdays

- 12pm Bible Study - Library

Saturdays

- 9am SBG Practice (every other Sat.)

Other Events & Meetings

April 6 (Thursday)

- 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship

April 7 (Friday)

- 2pm Good Friday Worship
- 7pm Good Friday Worship

April 9 (Sunday)

- 8am Easter Worship
- 9am Easter Breakfast
- 9:40am Easter Egg Hunt
- 10am Easter Worship

April 11 (Tuesday)

- 7pm Messiah Orchestra Rehearsal

April 18 (Tuesday)

- 7pm Messiah Orchestra Rehearsal

April 21 (Friday)

- 7pm String Along Band Concert

April 23 (Sunday)

- 10:15am Faith Formation in Sanctuary

April 30 (Sunday)

- 9am Volunteer Appreciation Sunday