

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gathering in grace, growing in faith, serving in love

April 2022

Pastor's Ponderings



After 2 years of not being able to do many things we'd typically do, this spring we're as close to normal as we've been. That means you have the opportunity to fully participate in Holy Week in ways you haven't been able to since 2019. The moving events of Holy Week are at the very center of our faith. Participating in these worship services is extremely powerful. Here's a little more about our Holy Week commemorations.

Palm Sunday – April 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday is the day that Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was welcomed with palm branches and cloaks spread on the road, as the crowds shouted, "Hosanna!" In worship, we celebrate that joyful day while also realizing how quickly the shouts of celebration would turn to shouts of condemnation.

Maundy Thursday – April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday is typically the day when we celebrate Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples. In John's Gospel, the events are different, and Maundy Thursday is the day when Jesus washes his disciples' feet. In worship, we offer Individual Absolution – each person is invited forward for the laying on of hands and God's forgiveness pronounced to them. Maundy Thursday worship ends with stripping the altar and chancel, preparing the Sanctuary and our hearts for the austerity of Good Friday.

Good Friday – April 15

On Good Friday we remember Jesus' Passion – his trial, his journey to the cross, his crucifixion and death. There are 2 Good Friday options:

Community Service in Veterans' Park at Noon

At the Community Service, we'll gather in Veterans' Park with Christians from all over the community to hear the Passion. Feel free to bring a lawn chair.

Tenebrae Service at Grace at 7:00 p.m.

The Tenebrae service is a "Service of Shadows". As we hear and sing the story of Jesus' Passion, light decreases and shadows increase, until we're left in near-darkness at Jesus' death. It's a powerful service reminding us of the incredible things our Lord did for us.

Easter Sunday April 17 at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. in the Parking Lot

Easter is the greatest celebration of the year – Christ is risen! We begin the service with shouts of "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" Whether you join us inside at 9:00 or outside at 10:30, be prepared to be uplifted and overcome with the joy of Jesus rising from the dead FOR YOU. Come celebrate!

We are blessed to be children of a God who gave his Son to die for us and to rise for us. This is what Christianity is all about, my friends. Please join us as we share in this powerful week together.

In Christ,

+Pastor Jennifer

*The Sunday services will be available on Facebook and Charter Cable channel 987.
Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be available on Facebook.*

Lent Midweek Worship

There's just 1 more Midweek Lenten service, held on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for Holden Evening Prayer and to learn about the final faith practice – Study. Our preacher will be former Grace pastor, Pastor Jerry Pribbenow.

Also livestreamed on Grace's Facebook page.

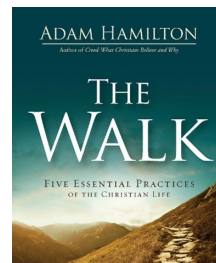
Lent Study

This month at our Monday night study, we'll finish our Lent study of the spiritual practices in the study "The Walk," by Adam Hamilton. You can participate in-person at Grace Mondays at 7:00 p.m. or at home over Zoom. All are welcome.

April 4 – Study

April 11 – 5 Practices from the Cross

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88276544453?pwd=VIZGskVuZldlK3MvYVpVMjd3VDJJQT09>



Lent Soup Suppers

There's just 1 Soup Supper left! Join us on Wednesday, April 6 for a Soup Supper prepared and served by our Confirmation students and their mentors. Dinner is served from 5:30-6:15 p.m., and soup-to-go will be available after the service as well.

Holy Week Worship



Palm Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Community Service at Noon at Veterans' Park

Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Easter Outdoor Worship at 10:30 a.m.



Kenneth's Recital

Kenneth Hoversten, our wonderful Organist and Director of Music, is completing his Master's Degree in Vocal Performance at the University of Wisconsin. You are cordially invited to attend Kenneth's Master's Recital on the evening of Saturday, May 7 at 6 pm at Morphy recital hall. Look for more details to come.

Palm Sunday Goodies

Join us for worship on Palm Sunday (April 10) as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week. And stick around for Coffee Hour and some special goodies made and served by our youth. All donations will support this summer's Mission Trip on the Mississippi River.

Holy Humor Sunday

The Sunday after Easter (April 24) is what we call "Holy Humor Sunday." We take the opportunity to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and to "laugh at death" by sharing jokes and funny stories during worship. We'd love for you to share any (appropriate) jokes or stories for us to share during that service. Please send or bring your offerings of humor to Pastor Jennifer by Easter, April 17.



AED & Emergency Training

Grace has a new AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) in case of cardiac emergencies in the building. Cambridge EMS has kindly agreed to lead a training on how to use the AED, as well as other emergency procedures. The date is pending. If you're interested in attending such a training, please watch Facebook, listen to worship announcements, or contact Pastor Jennifer to be notified when a date is scheduled.

Want to worship from home? Here's how!

Grace's Sunday services continue to be broadcast on Charter cable channel 987 Sundays at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 & 10:30 p.m. Sunday and midweek Lenten services are also livestreamed on Grace's Facebook page.

Just looking for sermons? Check out our YouTube Channel, which has dozens of past sermons (with Bible readings):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdWxSntOyuupFnyLgxSU8aw>

Masks Optional

Following a sharp decrease in COVID numbers and the end of the Dane County Mask Mandate, Grace Council has decided to make masks optional in the building. People who are unvaccinated or are high-risk are still encouraged to wear masks. We appreciate your care for your neighbors.



Piggly Wiggly Receipts

Did you know that if you bring your Piggly Wiggly receipts to church, Grace gets back 1% of what you spent? It's an easy and wonderful way to help support a local business and your congregation.

Receipts can be left in the drawer of the table in the front entryway.

April Volunteers

April 3 - Usher: Tim & Evy Jeffers

Reader: Tim Jeffers

Communion Set up: Ruth Circle

Coffee Hour Hosts: N. Johnsons & Thompsons

Assisting Minister: Kelly Witte

April 10 - Ushers: Gary & Sharon Haberkorn

Reader: Brenda Lovick

Communion Set Up: Ruth Circle

Coffee Hour Hosts: Mission Trip Youth

Assisting Minister: Shawn Koebke

April 14 - Ushers: Sharon Erb & Cindy Hartman

Communion Set Up: Ruth Circle

Assisting Minister: Shawn Whitman

April 15 - Ushers: Merlin and Tiana Borchardt

Reader: Shawn Whitman

Assisting Minister: Jen Helberg

April 17

9:00 am - Ushers: Richard & Jean Scott

Reader: Jean Scott

Communion Set Up: Ruth Circle

Assisting Minister: Eric Olsen

10:30 am - Ushers: Dale & Marcia Klemp

Reader: Marcia Klemp

Communion Set Up: Ruth Circle

Assisting Minister: Andrya Coutts

April 24 - Ushers: Tom & Chris Watson

Reader: Chris Watson

Communion Set Up: Geis Family

Coffee Hour Hosts - Tufes & Grenders

Assisting Minister: Shawn Koebke

Altar Guild - Cheryl Allegretti, Ann Adsit and Donna Punsel



Thank You!



All the people and leadership of Grace give an enormous Thank You to Michael Rehak and Pira Mueller. Pira and Michael have been members of Grace for many years and have done so much for our congregation – Sanctuary decorating, organizing, leading the Sanctuary renovation, sewing, cooking, maintaining Grace's property, and so much more. In addition, Michael served as Interim Pastor at Grace from 2007-2009. Michael and

Pira are moving to Eau Claire in early April, so we want to take the opportunity to say thank you and bless this next phase in their lives. Please join us in worship on Sunday, April 3 as we join in a Blessing of Farewell and Godspeed for Pira and Michael and as we say thank you for their generosity, leadership, creativity, and love.

April Calendar

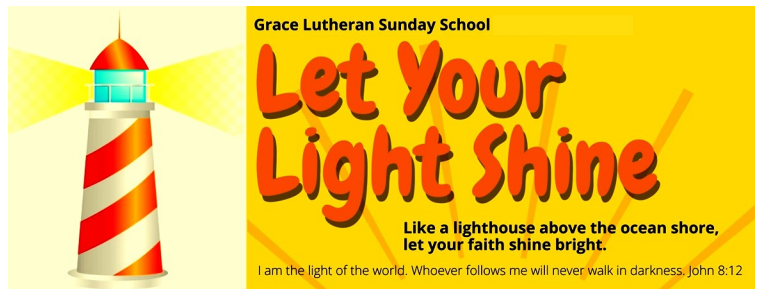
Sunday	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27 9 am Worship SERVICE -Also on Cable Channel 987 & Facebook 10:00 am Sunday School	28 9:30 am Quilters 1 pm Newsletter crew 7 pm Lent Study	29	30 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Lent Midweek Worship	31	1	2
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10 9 am Palm Sunday SERVICE -Also on Cable Channel 987 & Facebook 10 am Sunday School	11 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Lent Study	12 7:30 pm Grace Council Mtg.	13 9:30 am Lydia Circle	14 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	15 Newsletter articles due 12 pm Community Good Friday Service 7 pm Good Friday Service	16
17 9 am Festival Easter SERVICE 10:30 am Parking Lot SERVICE -Both services on Cable Channel 987 & Facebook NO Sunday School	18 Church Office Closed 9:30 am Quilters	19	20 6:30 pm Confirmation & Pre-Confirmation	21	22	23
24 9 am Worship SERVICE -Also on Cable Channel 987 & Facebook 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Stewardship Cmte Mtg 10:45 am New Member Gathering	25	26	27 6:30 pm Confirmation & Pre-Confirmation	28	29	30



Grace Office Hours

The Church Office is open from 9:00 am – noon, Monday through Friday. There are additional hours, but those vary. Please contact us if you'd like to make an appointment. (608) 423-3135 or gracelutherancambridgewi@gmail.com

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Sunday School Schedule

April 3rd - Milestones *Classes will prepare for their presentation on April 10th*

April 10th – Palm Sunday; Students will help with worship with their Milestones. *Celebration during Sunday School Class*

April 17th – Easter – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 24th – Regular Sunday School

May 1st – Last Day of Sunday School

Confirmation Corner

As we finish Lent, Confirmation students and mentors should be completing their reading of Gospel of Mark. Students must attend either the Maundy Thursday service or the Good Friday service (both at 7:00 p.m.) to experience those worship services and to take sermon notes.

After Easter, Mentor Night is April 20, and we'll be back to regular classes April 27.

Eastern Europe Crisis Response

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine on Feb. 24, nearly 3 million people have fled the country and are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Moldova. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, to provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Gifts designated to "Eastern Europe Crisis" will be used in full (100%) for direct response to assist those affected. Visit <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>.

Outreach and Social Justice

Thank you for your donations to our **Lenten Challenge**. As of mid-March, we were a little over halfway to our goal of \$2000! There is still time to reach that goal by Easter, and with your help, we will!



The people of Afghanistan continue to suffer from lack of food and medical supplies after years of war. 8.7 million people are on the verge of starvation. Afghanistan has one of the least developed health care systems in the world. Through Lutheran Disaster Relief, our money will go directly to help them, not to the government. You may donate by writing a check to Grace, with Lenten Challenge in the memo line, or use VENMO.

We are not overlooking the obvious needs of the Ukrainian people, however our Afghan challenge was already planned when the Russian invasion began. They are all our brothers and sisters in need. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying companion churches and ecumenical partners as they respond to the crisis in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. For more information and to donate, use the flyer in the pews or visit [ELCA.org/disaster](https://elca.org/disaster).

Thank you for giving and Easter Blessings.
Respectfully submitted by Marcia Sivesind

Stewardship Made Easy!

Don't forget you can make your Grace giving easy with the Venmo app. Use this QR code for quick and easy donating. If you are asked for a cell security code, enter #0131.



The Cambridge Food Pantry is currently seeking donations of coffee, cereal, cookies, crackers, laundry detergent, body wash, and granola bars.

For more information, visit the Cambridge Food Pantry website at

<https://cambridgecap.net/programs/nutrition/food-pantry/>

Thank you for your continued support of your Cambridge neighbors!

Coming in May - Ministry Fair

Things have changed a great deal in the last 2 years, including here at Grace. There are new challenges, new opportunities, new needs, as well as all the ministries that we continue to do. You have gifts and talents that God calls you to share, and we'd love to connect you to opportunities to serve. On Sunday May 1 after worship, Grace will hold a Ministry Fair, with booths and informational tables about the many ministries we're involved in. Come to learn about what we're doing, what our needs are, and find an area that you're interested in getting involved with.

Sheets and Fabric Needed!

Grace Quilters are still in great need of clean, stain-free, cotton sheets. Please consider donating sheets by bringing them to the church office.

Any sewers who have unused fabric around (we all do!), think of Grace Quilters when you're cleaning out. Donations can be dropped off at the church office.



New Member Gathering

Are you interested in joining Grace? Or do you know someone who is? We're holding a New Member Gathering on Sunday, April 24 at 10:45 a.m. to share information about Grace and to get to know one another. At that time, we'll schedule a date for New Member Reception. If you're interested but can't attend, please contact Pastor Jennifer.

Death Announcement



Laverne Lunde, wife of former Grace Lutheran Pastor, David Lunde, died on March 22, 2022 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her obituary is available at <https://www.springgrove.org/obituary/laverne-trilby-lunde/>

Cards can be sent to their daughter, Mari, at 8948 Hollyhock Dr, Cincinnati, OH 45231.

Funerals:

Amy Stilling - March 4

Richard Simdon - March 5

Patti Kilburg - March 22

Member Death:

Margaret Anderson - Feb. 2

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2022, Via Zoom from Home
(Minutes below not approved until next Council meeting)**

Call to Order. Meeting called to order by President Kris Tobias at 7:03 p.m.

Attendance. Present: Kris Tobias, Shawn Whitman, Tim Neuenschwander, Kelly Witte, Jim Jermain, April Mickelson, Jen Hellberg, Bill Becker, and Pastor Jennifer Jelinek.

Absent: Mary Behling, Ann Engelstad, Bill Reay

Devotions and Introductions. Kris led with his faith story. Tami offered a prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of January Minutes. Jim Jermain moved to approve the Minutes, Jen Hellberg seconded the motion, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Approval of Agenda. Jim Jermain moved to approve the consent agenda, Bill Becker seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Correspondence. No update

Treasurer's Report. Tim Neuenschwander provided his reports and summary. He noted that February revenue and expenses were lower month-over-month compared to January. General giving decreased approximately 34 percent. The biggest drop was in Administrative Expense, which declined approximately 34 percent. All other expense categories were relatively stable month-over-month. Based on a drop in gross revenue, the church reported a net operating loss for February. By comparison, the church reported a net operating loss through the same period of 2021. Tim continues to reach out to members to form a Finance Council for 2022. Discussion continued around future funding ideas for stain glass windows. It was agreed to formally table the item while we determine how to get congregational input. Kelly Witte moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Jen Hellberg seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Pastor's Report. Lent is underway and she and other area pastors continue to lead mid-week services at each other's congregations. She thought the funeral planning forum after church on March 6th went well. She then reminded us that the church will participate in a Godspeed Ceremony for Michael Rehak and Pira Mueller on April 3rd. Pastor will be on vacation March 24th-April 1st. She requested that we be diligent with locking doors and turning off lights in her absence. Also, our former intern Eric Hanson accepted a call with East Koshkonong.

Committee Reports. Jen Hellberg had no updates from Stewardship committee report in writing and Jim Jermain (Hospitality) reported they are underway with soup suppers and Mother's Day is next on their planning. Outreach committee reminded us of the Afghanistan Lenten challenge.

Old Business. (a) Covid Updates and Protocols. Grace will be moving to a mask optional. **(b) Funeral Policy.** Pastor Jennifer shared a tentative policy for Grace Lutheran church. She is continuing research on current policies of churches in the area and we will discuss finalizing a Grace policy in the near future. **(c) Sabbatical Policy.** Discussion was to move this item to the Personnel Committee. **(d) AED Training.** Training is scheduled for March 20 at 10:00 a.m. **(e) Fellowship Hall Lighting Project.** Electricians are scheduled for March 9th to provide estimates and suggestions for lighting options.

New Business. (a) Sanctuary Windows. Discussion continued around future funding ideas for stain glass windows. It was agreed to formally table the item while we determine how to get congregational input. **(b) Energy Costs.** Alliant Energy was discussed as an entity to come out and assess the efficiency of our building and offer potential solutions. Jim Jermain offered to reach out. It was also mentioned that this might be project for the property committee.

Adjournment. There being no further business, Jennifer Hellberg moved to adjourn the meeting, April Mickelson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting will be April 12th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom unless decided otherwise. The meeting was adjourned, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Report respectfully submitted by Kelly Witte.

We Learn How Much Jesus Loves Us in Sunday School



Quilters Bid Farewell to Pira



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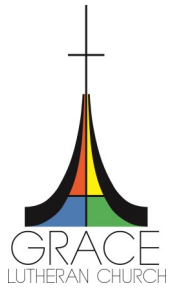
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Holy Week Worship



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