



THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

April 2025

A Newsletter for Members and Friends of
Grace Lutheran Church
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Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. (John 12:3)

Dear People of Grace;

We use versions of the word “service” for many roles in society. Presidents and all elected leaders are called *public servants*. Public employees are public servants. People in law enforcement use the phrase *to protect and to serve*. Caregivers spend time with people in need, some homebound and otherwise unable to live a fully independent life. They will walk with their clients, prepare meals, and offer companionship to people who have long days of isolation. In our church, deacons are called to lives of service for the equipping of the people of God. Teachers and administrators serve the learning needs of all children, no matter their family situation at home, their physical, emotional and cognitive abilities. Service to the whole community is a type of first principle that has been part of the framework of our society.

The *service industry* is filled with people who are taught to be self-composed and deferential to kind and cranky customers alike. Nursing assistants and nurses serve patients bedside, when patients are at a very low point. Empathy and compassion bear the fruit of service for the wellbeing of others.

Here in the human family, service finds resistance. Public servants can take advantage of public trust, enriching themselves in many ways. Communities can feel suppressed and suspicious of law enforcement. Customers at restaurants can interact with servers in demeaning ways. There is a lot that can go wrong.

God teaches and commands service to others. Within this faith practice, the follower of Jesus is invited to simultaneously be the presence of Christ and recognize the presence of Christ in others. Strangely, these acts of service do not negate, delete, or cancel others – they help to bring others to a new and free kind of wholeness. When Christ is the subject and object of service, there is dignity.

April 17 will be our Maundy Thursday service. Within that time of worship, we will set aside time for foot washing. This is an opportunity to do just that, to love and tenderly care for others in Christ. It's a vulnerable thing to do, which is why we should do it. Our spirits need this biblical model of love today.

In loving service,
Pastor James Aalgaard

THE MISSION OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission.

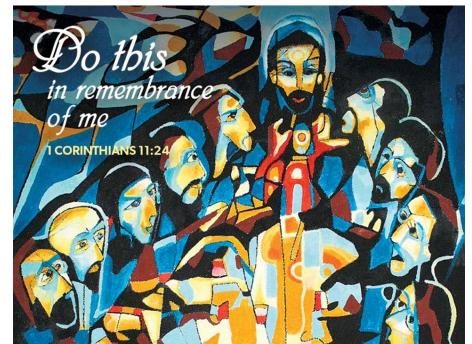


Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17

Supper: 6:00 p.m.
Worship: 7:00 p.m.

We gather together for supper at 6:00 pm, with a Holy Communion service at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary including foot washing. The stripping of the altar after celebrating the Lord's Supper will be a poignant reminder of the final hours of Jesus' life. **The supper will be a coordinated meal taken from past Grace Lutheran Church cookbooks.** Recipes will be provided ahead of time, and we hope you can bring one of the dishes to contribute to the meal. Also, do you have a heart for serving? Please let us know if you would like to be on a **serving team**, and Pastor James will then give instructions once the serving team has formed. Signups will be found in the fellowship hall.



Good Friday

Friday, April 18

7:00 p.m.



We gather near our labyrinth at 7:00 pm (weather permitting) to walk the Stations of the Cross. This centuries-old devotional practice draws on visual and scriptural images that emerged over generations about the day of Jesus' crucifixion. These stations invite us into the contemplation of Jesus' sufferings and the sufferings of the whole creation. Readings include quotations from *Laudato Si'*, an encyclical written by Pope Francis in 2015. These quotations draw upon scripture, theology and science to describe the ecological crisis in the 21st century. We will make accommodations for worshipers with mobility challenges.

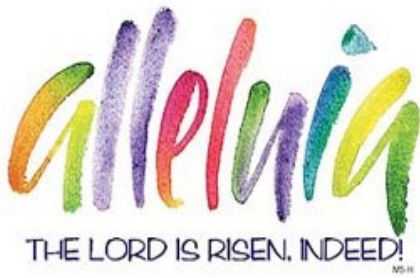
Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19

8:00 p.m.

We gather in our Memorial Garden at 8:00 pm, where we light the first "Easter Fire," then move indoors to hear the story of God's saving acts throughout history, rejoice in the gift of Holy Baptism by reaffirming our baptismal covenant, sing the first "Alleluias" of Easter, and celebrate Holy Communion.





Easter Sunday Sunday, April 20

**Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.**

We gather for a potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am. Our festive Easter worship with Holy Communion begins at 10:30 am.

Come observe the Great Three Days to make your Easter celebration all the more glorious!



Spring Cleanup Day

Our semi-annual cleanup day will be held on Saturday, April 5, from 9am - noon. Your Building and Grounds Team needs volunteers to help spruce up our church home for Holy Week and Easter, both inside and out. Please mark your calendars, and come join the fun!



Easter Flowers

The worship team invites you to participate in Easter worship by bringing flowers to the church that can be added to the chancel and other areas of our worship space. We are asking for a variety of flowers, potted flowers, including single stem. We ask for a variety, as some people have strong allergic reactions to Easter lilies. Please bring the flowers to the church starting Maundy Thursday, April 17.

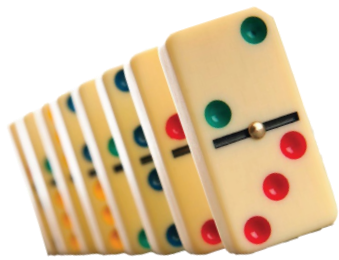


Lenten Soup Suppers Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

Join us for our weekly Lenten Soup Suppers, each Wednesday during Lent. Volunteers are needed to provide soup and bread or rolls. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Meals are served at 5:15 p.m.

Midweek Services During Lent

Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary on Wednesdays for an evening service organized by the confirmation class, their families and prayer partners. The theme of the series is encountering God's presence with the five senses. We hope you can join us!



Friday, April 25
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Do you like to play board games, card games, dominoes, Bunco?

We invite you to join us for **Family Game Night on Friday, April 25, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack and your favorite game to share. EVERYONE is invited to an evening of fun and fellowship!



All are welcome! Please park in the lot just off of Elliott street and use the East Entrance.

Join Us for Wenatchee Sings MESSIAH

We are delighted to invite you to the Wenatchee Sings MESSIAH event, an extraordinary evening of music and community spirit. This special audience-participation concert will feature choirs, families, and choruses from Chelan County, along with four professional soloists, a piano accompanist, a string quartet, and invited guest conductors and accompanists—all performing in a Community Sing setting.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Friday, May 9, 2025
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Avenue, Wenatchee, WA

This event is generously underwritten by the Zacher Fund, and all proceeds will benefit a newly established arts and music foundation in honor of Barbara Tilly.

The Wenatchee Sings MESSIAH event will also be live streamed, allowing you to join us from the comfort of your home. The event will be supported by donations and gifts to the foundation, helping to nurture and support the arts in our community schools, particularly benefiting low-income families.

Adding a unique touch to the evening, two quick-sketch artists will capture the singing and playing in real time, creating a visual memory of this joyous occasion.

For more information, please contact Deacon Ruth Anderson at 509.663.2189.

We look forward to celebrating this unforgettable evening of music and community with you!

NOTE: To ensure a seat in our limited space, reservations are required ... first come, first served. Reserve your (free) seat early. Call the Grace Lutheran office (509-663-2189), leaving your name, voice part, phone number and email address. A limited number of scores will be available on loan. Please indicate if you need to be on the list of borrowers.

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Father Ambrose Press | Partner in the venture philanthropy organization, the 7 Arts Foundation and business development partners with publishers, recording labels and studios around the globe. Emily Hall, Foundation Fellow.

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

2025 Benevolences

At the February Social Concerns Team Meeting the following Benevolences were chosen to receive funding on a quarterly basis:

♦ LLC	\$1,000.00
♦ Tanzania	\$ 525.00
♦ Pantry	\$ 525.00
♦ Packing Friendship	\$1,025.00
♦ Families in Need	\$ 525.00
♦ Lutheran World Relief	\$1,000.00
♦ Christmas	\$ 525.00

Total per quarter \$5,125.00 per quarter; \$20,500 annually

Nearly 1-in-10 people – 733 million – in our world are hungry.



As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. (Source: www.elca.org)

You can help support ELCA World Hunger this spring with our Noisy Offering!

Please start saving your loose change for our annual World Hunger Noisy Offering collection day on Sunday, April 13. The Social Concerns Team will have Noisy Offering boxes available during Lent. Fill them up with your loose change and bring them back to church on **Palm Sunday, April 13.**



Lent Giving Tree

During Lent, we will have a giving tree in the Fellowship Hall. The tree has ornaments with different animals that can be gifted to support families in need. Just choose the gift that means the most to you.

Make your check payable to “ELCA Good Gifts” and mail it with the tag to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 15, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace. If you have questions, feel free to contact [Linda Sinnett](#) or [Faye DeJong](#).

Miriam Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Bartlett. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

April Worship Assistants

	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech	Communion Assistant
4/6		Kate Gregg		Rose Applegate		Karen Zanol
4/13	Dennis and Lisa Burgett	Lisa Zanol	Lisa Zanol	Denise Miller		
4/20			Dee Ann Gregg			
4/27	Zanols					

Seeking Worship Helpers

Volunteer helpers make our worship run smoothly. We would love to expand our volunteer pool. [Here is a link to a "google sheet"](#) where you can put your name on an open slot. If you are having a hard time navigating the google sheet, please call (509-663-2189) or email our [church office](#) or [Pastor Aalgaard](#) and we can help.

Please note! The google sheet is a single document that can be changed (and added to) by anyone who has the link. You are very welcome to add your name to a slot that's empty, but please do not remove others' names or otherwise change the form.

LECTIONARY READINGS

April 6
5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 13
Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56

April 20
Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 27
2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Morning Prayer

We invite you to Morning Prayer, meeting Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. (as an effort to accommodate people's work schedules). The following is a description of our typical morning prayer routine:

- + a time of reflecting/sharing together about the upcoming scripture for Sunday
- + lighting candles during a time of informal prayers, which can be offered aloud or silently
- + light refreshments and fellowship afterward at approximately 7:40 a.m.

It's a great way to start the day! Hope to see you there.

PRAYERS OF GRACE

- ♦ Scott Marboe (friend of Alan and Colleen Smith) - on hospice receiving end of life care after a battle of recurring renal cell cancer.
- ♦ Joyce Owens – preparing for heart surgery, date to be determined.
- ♦ John Hergert – heart valve replacement surgery on April 17.
- ♦ Dave and Dan Martinson (Ann Bartlett's brothers) – they are both home. Prayers for healing.
- ♦ Mim Schwich (Jody Marquardt's mother) - receiving end of life care.
- ♦ Bonnie Howeler – as she adjusts to her new home in the Seattle area.
- ♦ Paul Arndt – pulmonary fibrosis which is untreatable.
- ♦ Patty Christensen - receiving hospice care.
- ♦ Erling Rivedal – receiving hospice care.

To submit a prayer, please call (509-663-2189) or email our [church office](#) or [Pastor Aalgaard](#). Please share with us details that are pertinent to the request. If you are asking us to pray for a person other than yourself, please seek that person's permission. Prayer requests are published for four weeks. You are welcome to resubmit your request if you would like it to remain on the list longer. Updates are welcome, also. We will do our best to help your request have a balance of privacy protection and sharing information. The ministry staff at Grace reserves the right to edit requests.

2025 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts:	Marshall Thomas
Building & Grounds:	Dave Coe, Tom Gausman
Endowment:	Karen Zanol
Faith Formation:	<i>Open</i>
Fellowship:	<i>Open</i>
Graceful Garden:	Linda Sinnett
Pastoral Support:	Julie Banken
Staff Support:	<i>Open</i>
Social Concerns:	Mike Sweeney, Bob Bartlett
Stream Team:	Marlena La Paz
Worship:	Kathy Gavin
Youth & Community:	Sue Coe
Memorial Garden:	Ernie Bentsen

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Suellen Harris
Vice President:	Dave Coe
Treasurer:	Dennis Burgett
Secretary:	Chad DuLac
Members-at-Large:	Tory Schmidt John McQuaig Paula Salter Tami Woolsey

Church Directory

Church Family!

Grace Lutheran Church Council has decided it is time for a new photo directory for our congregation. It will be created “in house” and not through a professional directory company such as Olin Mills. There will be two options to get a photo into the directory. First, you can send in your own photo! If that does not work for you, there will be a time when you can come to church and have your family photo taken. We are planning this for the weekend of May 16th, 17th, and 18th. We will also have a weeknight time available, but the date and times have not been determined yet. A form will be provided for you where you can complete your family information and family photo if this is the option you choose.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Brooke Palmer	4/1	Ben Kramer	4/12	Ryan Paiva	4/24
Michael Buehn	4/3	Rhonda Stradling Lara	4/12	Sloan Westerman	4/24
Melanie McQuaig	4/3	Candy Koch	4/15	Judy Pratt	4/27
Adelaide Didesch	4/4	Charlotte Turner	4/16	Faye DeJong	4/29
Mary Ann Arndt	4/7	Gavin Johnson	4/18	Patrick Dymond	4/29
Marcus Foster	4/7	Jim Caulkins	4/19	Ken Fulkerson	4/29
Shirley Wurl	4/8	Phil Gregg	4/19	Tracy Gausman	4/29
Jackie Jaspers	4/9	Josie Bruehl	4/20	Cheryl Hatch	4/29
Carolyn Bentsen	4/11	Alyse Goller	4/21	Cara Henson	4/30
Emily Boersma	4/11	Dennis Burgett	4/23	Melinda Johnson	4/30
Dick Smith	4/11	Katie Stefanides	4/23		

Growing In Grace—Faith Formation for Children

We invite the children of Grace (and friends!) to Growing in Grace. Two 45-minute meeting options are offered: Wednesday at 4:30 pm, and Sunday at 9:15 am. The Wednesday class will be repeated the following Sunday morning. Music, faith practices, Bible stories, liturgical education and other activities will typically be part of the lesson. Ages 3 to 5th grade. See you there!

Our last meetings for this program year will be Wednesday, April 30 and Sunday, May 4.

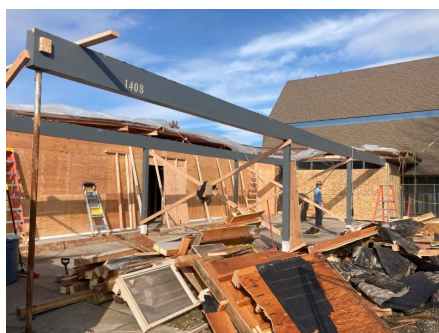
Graceful Garden Team News

On April 3rd over 80 -Washington School 2nd Graders will walk across the street to plant radishes. Sherry Krebs, Dean O'Daffer and Linda Sinnett will be joined by Sheila Wellman, former Garden Manager, to help with the planting while Tami Woolsey presents a tutorial on how a seed grows. Sheila also plans to bring worms for the students to add to their garden boxes. In May the students will return to harvest their radishes. This is the second year for this fun event.

There are still some raised beds available for rent. The rental cost is \$15, per plot, for the season. Each raised bed is 4 ft. x 8 ft. and has its own drip system. Irrigation water should be available mid-April. The Garden Team has opened rental opportunities to the wider community. Rental contact: Linda Sinnett 509-699-8256

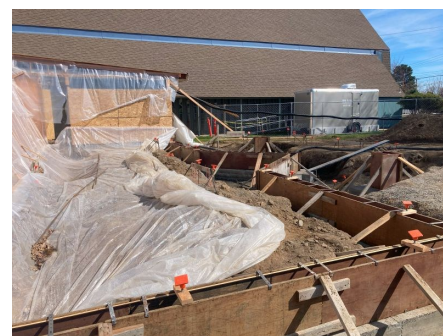
A new sprinkler system was installed in March. Eli Hensen is building more screens to cover the team beds. These were very successful, last year, at keeping the neighborhood cats from digging up the soil. Sherry Krebs is building a support system for the tomatoes that will be planted in May.

There is room on the Garden Team for more members. During the growing season, March through October, we usually only have one hour-long meeting per month and one Saturday work party a month. The team manages the entire garden area but only a few of the garden beds are planted and maintained by the team. The rest are rented to individuals and families. The produce grown by the team is distributed to church members, or through Community Action and little pantries. Interested? The team would be glad to have you join us, please contact [Linda Sinnett](#).



Construction Update

Foundation walls have been poured for the new narthex and library space. Work has continued on the firewall requirements. Firewall work will move into the kitchen and fellowship hall, including downstairs, starting around the second week in May. Some have asked about having another tour of the newly framed interior spaces. Because there are temporary bearing walls in place, we have to wait until later in the project.



Listening Circles

How are you doing with so many changes happening at Grace and on the national and international level? If you are interested in sharing with a group of folks from the congregation, as well as offer a listening ear, you are invited to any of the listening circles, facilitated by Pastor James. Listening circle opportunities are Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., and Wednesday afternoons after lectionary Bible study at 12:15 p.m. Depending on attendance and interest, these may develop into a regular meeting. These circles are for respectful listening to one another, not to make leadership decisions for the congregation, although we know that our conversations will help the Church have a better understanding of how the congregation is doing.

Staff Sticky Notes

- Pastor James will be on vacation April 5-12. Pastoral care needs can be addressed by Patton Boyle or Keith Garness.
- Deacon Ruth will be on vacation April 21–25.

TREASURER TALK:

2/28/25 Results

January and February 2025 offerings were \$86,528.53 and Interest of \$16,411.61 for a total of \$102,940.14, which is over budget by \$22,940. Expenses are \$92,087.87, which are (\$10,453) under budget. Resulting Net Operating Surplus of \$21,305 compares to projected budget deficit (\$10,453).

	Jan-Feb 2024	Jan-Feb 2025	2025 Budget	Variance
Total Offerings, Misc, & Int	\$96,419	\$102,940	\$80,000	\$22,940
Operating Expenses	<u>(98,301)</u>	<u>(92,087)</u>	<u>(90,453)</u>	<u>(1,635)</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$1,882)	\$10,853	(\$10,453)	\$21,305

Cash on hand \$179,030 includes Treasurer Reserve \$40,000.

	1/31/25	2/28/25
Cash Surplus Position	\$116,077	\$149,030
Treasurer Reserve	40,000	\$ 40,000
Deficit Reserve	0	0
Total	\$156,077	\$179,030

[Dennis Burgett](mailto:Dennis.Burgett@208-410-0301): 208-410-0301

COUNCIL CORNER

March, 2025

- Council approved the formation of a Discernment Initiative Group and appointed Riva Morgan as group leader.
- Council authorized \$3,500 for vital organ repairs.
- Council approved a motion to accept a full-time intern to begin fall 2025.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Talent Show



Shrove Tuesday talent show



... included the Ukulele Ensemble in a sing-along



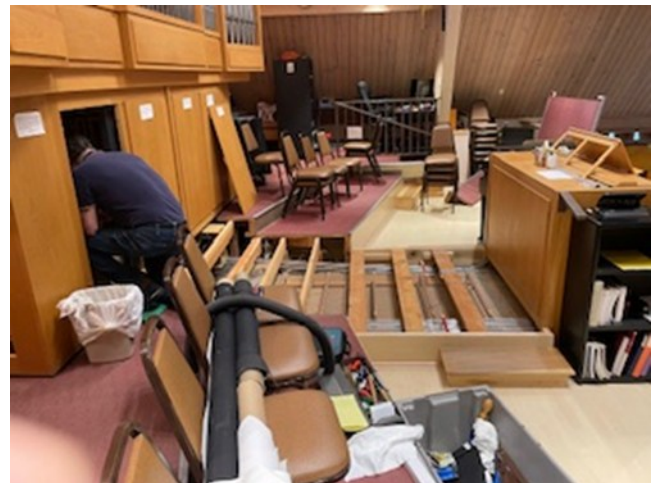
Organ Repairs



The leather and rubber cloth around our organ's wind reservoir became worn and developed leaks. Bond Organ Builders, Inc. responded quickly to our request to replace it and keep our instrument functional.



Grant Edwards made the repair, which presented several challenges.



Tom Gausman, Dave Coe, Dean O'Daffer and Dee Ann Gregg (not pictured) assisted Deacon Ruth in removing flooring to make additional pedal repairs.



Friday Night Out concert March 14:

Music from Ireland and Surrounding Isles



(L-R) Kathryn Castrodale, Kara Hunnicutt, Connie Celustka, Sherry Krebs, Mark Boersma, Deacon Ruth Anderson



The Lynn Heminger family presented “Danny Boy”.
(L-R) Kathy Gavin with Barry, Lynn & Kent Heminger



Melanie McQuaig, Denise Miller,
Gigi Shaw-Machtley - part of the clean-up crew

Holden Village Women's Retreat



Dn. Ruth served as the worship music leader for Holden Village's March Women's Retreat.



Sherry Krebs attended Holden's Retreat and gifted the Village with her expertise to repair a rare Allen loom.

Lutherhaven Women's Retreat



Our construction project progresses...



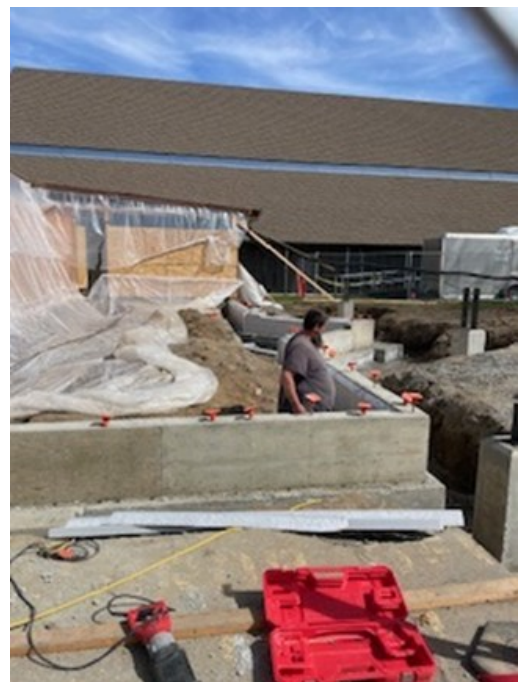
Digging holes and filling with new soil



New foundation trenches dug



Preparing the new entry footings



Insulation placed around the foundation

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 3:00 p.m. Appleaires Scholarship Auditions 7:00 p.m. Arts Team (Zoom)	2 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 12:15 p.m. Listening Circle 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Growing in Grace 5:15 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:30 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	3 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:15 p.m. Worship Team	4 9:00 a.m. Quilters	5 9:00 a.m. Spring Cleanup Work Party
6 9:15 a.m. Growing in Grace 10:30 a.m. Worship	7 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	8 3:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Team 6:30 p.m. Social Concerns	9 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 12:15 p.m. Listening Circle 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Growing in Grace 5:15 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:30 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	10 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. BeFrienders 5:30 p.m. BBT Board	11	12
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20 Easter 8:30 Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Worship	21 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 12:15 p.m. Listening Circle 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 5:15 p.m. Together @ Grace	24 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	25 6:00 p.m. Game Night	26
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