



Grace Notes

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“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”

Easter Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church

Join us for Easter Sunday worship at Grace on **Sunday, March 31**. The schedule of worship and activities is as follows:



- 6:30 a.m.** Sunrise Worship Service and communion, Sanctuary
- 7:30 a.m.** Sunrise Easter Breakfast, Harkins Hall
- 8:00 a.m.** Easter Morning Worship Service with piano, flute and communion, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.** Easter Morning Worship with organ, brass ensemble and communion, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m.** Easter Morning Worship with organ, brass ensemble and communion, Sanctuary

The **10:30 a.m.** service will be livestreamed on Grace’s website (www.glcpa.org) and broadcast on the Bigfoot Country Legends network of radio stations.

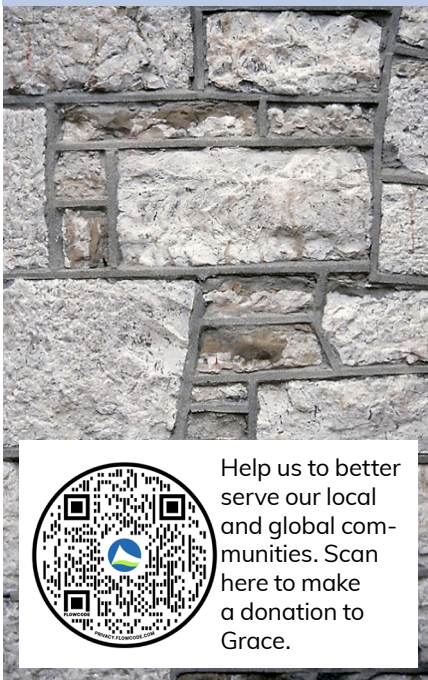
Explore Chapter 1 of John’s Gospel: Super Wednesday Adult Ed

Super Wednesday adult education returns from the Lenten break with a four-week study commencing **Wednesday, April 3 at 6:15 p.m.** in the Fireside Room.

Join Pastor Schul for a deep dive into the first chapter of John’s Gospel. Pastor will be assisted by his friend Deacon Father Spyridon Papavasileiou of Cyprus, a trained theologian and architect, who will join us online live for the class. For further details about the class, see Pastor Schul’s column on page 3.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

was the Word, and you?” ²⁰He confessed, with God, and the but confessed, “I am was in the beginning ²¹And they asked him, s were made through you Eli’jah?” He said, m was not anything you the prophet?” A e. ⁴In him was life, a “No.” ²²They said to e light of men. ⁵The are you? Let us have ar rkness, and the dark- who sent us. What d



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ANNUAL MEETING

Save the Date: Grace Lutheran Annual Congregational Meeting

Grace’s annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 19 at 12:30 p.m.** in Harkins Hall and will be preceded by a light luncheon. The meeting will be in-person only. All voting members of the congregation will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed budget for the **2024-25** Fiscal Year.

From Our Senior Pastor



The Rev. Scott E. Schul
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Yearning for the Sea

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry is best known for writing *The Little Prince*, which is a simple yet profound little classic that merits repeated readings. I recently encountered a quote attributed to him that really resonated with me. I want to share it with you:

“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up the people to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea.”

Isn’t that beautiful? Putting people to work will only take you so far. If you really want to put hearts and minds in action, help them see the purpose of their labors. Give them a vision of a destination that is irresistible. Fill them with longing, and they will joyfully propel themselves forward.

This quote captures how I believe we should approach the Christian life and how we endeavor to teach and live the faith here at Grace. I, like any pastor, could easily bury you under a list of “do’s and don’ts” and weigh you down with a long list of tasks that you could do and

perhaps even should do as a believer in Christ.

But we all know that doesn’t work for long. To illustrate, consider how full the gyms are in January as everyone makes resolutions to get fit. And so they get the long list of exercises and routines they must do, and for a little while at least they set about doing them. But without a vision that extends beyond mere obedience and duty, the gym membership soon gathers dust.

It’s the same for Christians. A to-do list won’t sustain you for long. Instead, I want your heart to yearn for the “vast and endless sea” that is our Lord. I want you to be motivated by love for Christ that borders on passion – a love that compels you to want to be in union with Jesus and his people. And so, as I have said many times in my 9+ years at Grace, my wish is for you to fall in love with Jesus. If that happens, everything else will sort itself and the to-do list will write itself, not as mere law, but as tasks of affectionate desire.

Here’s the added bonus: a person motivated by love and glowing with love will attract others. Would you join a church merely because your friend told you it is the harshest and most demanding place of all? Or would you be more attracted to a church where the people are glowing with a loving desire to be in union with Jesus? I think the answer is obvious. After all, Jesus himself used love, not threats, to draw all people to him. And so let’s keep Antoine de Saint-Exupéry’s quote in the forefront of our minds as our lives together here at Grace continue to take shape. “If you want to build

a ship, don’t drum up the people to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea.”

But the sea is so big!

Let’s play a little bit more with this metaphor of the sea. Soon we will be celebrating Easter resurrection, and the cross of Good Friday will become a bit distant in our memory. Surrounded by blooming flowers and shouts of “Christ is risen,” we may be tempted for a moment (but only a moment!) to think that everything is right in the world.

Before long though we will be confronted with the reality that even in a post-resurrection world, life is hard. Though Christ’s victory is assured, we live in a less-than-perfect world. People get sick. They die. Relationships fray. We get tired and cranky. Sometimes we feel unfulfilled. Empty. Alone. This doesn’t mean there is something wrong with Christ or with us. These are natural things to experience in life. But it can diminish that yearning we have for the “vast and endless sea.” Sometimes it seems too vast. Too endless. Too scary, daunting, and overwhelming.

When you feel that way (and believe me, we all do sometimes), I encourage you to draw upon an old fisherman’s prayer. “Dear Lord, be good to me. The sea is so large and our boat is so small.” Even the disciples – the very ones who lived with Jesus on a daily basis – became scared. Sometimes they even doubted whether he cared about their fears or their troubles.

We can read all about this in Mark 4:35-41. Jesus slept in the stern as the ship carrying him and the

disciples was battered by a night storm that threatened to capsize them. The disciples woke Jesus and shouted, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” In his own time, Jesus calmed both the storm and their fears. But only in *his* time, not theirs.

You can trust that Jesus will also calm your storms (real and metaphorical). But it will happen in *his* time, not yours. In the meantime, pray: “Dear Lord, be good to me. The sea is so large and our boat is so small.” Amen.



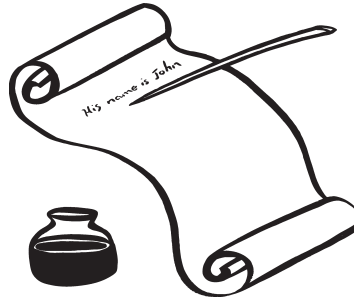
Easter

Our complete Easter Sunday schedule is on the front cover of this newsletter. I hope you will join us for Easter worship and feel the joy of the risen Christ. We will once again this year offer our 6:30 a.m. sunrise service. That’s always my favorite service, because being in our sanctuary at daybreak provides a visceral sense that the shadows of crucifixion have been dispersed by the light of the risen Christ. Besides, if you come to sunrise worship you’ll be first in line for the marvelous Easter breakfast that our Fellowship Team offers Easter morning at 7:30 a.m. in Harkins Hall. I look forward to seeing you there.

Annual Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 19** at **12:30 p.m.** in Harkens Hall and will be preceded by a light luncheon.

This will be an in-person meeting only. I hope you will attend. It is a helpful way to learn the many ministries your congregation has been undertaking and it’s an opportunity to review and vote upon the proposed budget for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.



Next Wednesday Evening Adult Ed Course on John 1

Beginning **April 3** and running for four weeks, I will be offering an adult Bible study each Wednesday night at **6:15 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. It is entitled “*John 1: At the Crossroads of Heaven and Earth*” and will be a deep dive into the first chapter of John’s Gospel.

I’m going to try something brand new too – I’m going to team-teach this class with a friend of mine from Cyprus, who will be joining us live via Zoom (it will be VERY late there!). Deacon Father Spyridon Papavasileiou was born in Athens in 1979 and serves as the Protodeacon of the Holy Metropolis of Limassol, under His Holy Eminence the venerable Metropolitan Athanasios of Limassol since 2012. Deacon Father Spyridon is an alumnus of the University of Cambridge and holds two postgraduate degrees in Architecture from the University of Edinburgh. He is an Architect with over 20 years of experience in Orthodox Church and Monastery Design, the Restoration of Sacred Monuments and Environ-

mental Design in Architecture, and has led digital documentation efforts in Cyprus for the past 7 years. He is the head and scientific coordinator of the Digital Aposphragisma Pilot-Project/Lab, towards a holistic, proof-of concept model for the digital documentation of ecclesiastical cultural heritage.

My goal is for us to explore the great riches of the first chapter of John’s Gospel through some unique perspectives, including language, architecture, art, and sacred iconography. Please don’t worry – you need not be a historian, artist, architect, or theologian to participate in this study. We want this to be a very accessible, practical, and down-to-earth look at one of the most important chapters in the entire Bible. Our hope is that these unique perspectives will crack open the grace of God’s Word for you in fresh and faithful ways.

Greece

Don’t forget that in October you can join Linda and me for a pilgrimage to the Biblical sites of Greece. There is still plenty of time to sign up, and moderating fuel prices recently brought about a slight price reduction. I hope you will consider accompanying us on this remarkable trip. You can see full tour details online at <http://tinyurl.com/Schul-Greece2024>.

Finally...

My family and I continue to be overwhelmed with your grace, your kind words, and your cards and notes arising from my father’s death in February. Thank you. Mom recently had some surgery but is doing well and we are all looking forward to the baptism of my granddaughter Addison on April 14. It will be a grace-filled day at Grace indeed.

Peace be with you.

~ Pastor Schul

From Our Associate Pastor

Alleluia! Christ is risen!!

I'm still Easter-ing, are you? From the earliest days, Christians have gathered to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Easter Sunday is the beginning of 50 days of celebration. If you haven't thought about it that way, why not celebrate well this year? Easter places us in God's story of new creation, to consider not only Christ's resurrection, but the way his life is made known in us now, and of course someday in our own bodily resurrection.

Danielle Hitchens has a new book, *Sacred Seasons- A Family Guide to Center Your Year Around Jesus* and in it she suggests that we can and should honor the season of Easter with sacred time each week. Spend time considering what it means to delight in God's creative power, in promised land. Could we have fifty days of feasting like Easter dinner? Probably not. But what if we focused upon each Sunday in a sacred way? "If Lent was a time for weeding and tilling the soil of your heart, then Easter is a time for planting seeds, watering them, and watching what God will cultivate in you."¹

This time is called "Sabbath." It requires both praying and playing. Eugene Peterson has said that these acts "counter boredom, reduce anxiety, push, pull, prod and direct us into the fullness of our humanity by getting body and spirit in touch with each other." When we Sabbath we stop doing things that lead us to believe in our own self-sufficiency and allow us to truly rest in the Lord. We need Jesus and we need each other. So, remember each Sunday is a feast. (See the feasting

suggestions below).

Factor your Sabbath into your weekly plans, just like all those other things. Choose things that are life-giving – remember Jesus rose to give NEW life. And decide what you will NOT do so you can feast with Jesus. And if you work on Sunday, another day is fine. My Sabbath is Friday. One last note- did you remember that "Alleluia" means "Praise God?" It sure does, and praising and sabbathing go together.

Focusing upon each Sunday as a Lord's Day might look like this:

- Invite family and friends over for a meal (praise God for them).
- Keep fresh flowers around the house or plant a garden as a reminder of new life (praise God for new life and beauty).
- Prepare special foods or desserts to share (praise God for food).
- Have a bonfire night or light a bunch of candles (praise God for the light of our world and anyone with you).
- Enjoy local parks to relish spring. Play and perhaps bring a bag to pick up any trash (praise God for play spaces).
- Establish a Sabbath rhythm for yourself or as a family. Perhaps write down what you are grateful for and pray them.
- Try a calming breath prayer, breathing in "Christ is Risen" and then out "God's love is real." Do this three times.
- Above all, let's keep learning and celebrating God together in worship.



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Finally, Sabbathing well can take work. You might fail at it sometimes. Let it go (remember we live in the grace of the cross) and try again. After all, Jesus loved his followers when they doubted, had questions, forgot and let their anxieties take control. Jesus will still love you and rejoice in your presence whenever you stop and feast. And your body, mind and spirit will rejoice when you fill up on remembering God's new creation is underway right here and now.

For those of you who are interested in hiking and biking, I had to rearrange my plan to be out the first weekend in April (I have a chance to feast at the Berks County Jazz Fest instead). However, I am usually out on Fridays and Saturdays and am willing to celebrate God's amazing gifts of creation and community with you.

Christ is risen, friends. Risen indeed for us all!! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,

~ Pastor Carolyn

¹ Hitchens, Danielle, *Sacred Seasons- A Family Guide to Center Your Year Around Jesus*. Harvest House Publishers, Eugene Oregon, 2023

This article by Pastor Schul, appeared in the Sunday, March 24, 2024 edition of the Centre Daily Times.

Learning to Fail

“How do you like being a grandfather?” I’ve been asked this question countless times since my granddaughter was born a few months ago. It would be easy to simply respond, “It’s great!” because it really is great. I delight at every little sound she makes. I adore the way she furrows her brow, and I celebrate every little smile she shares. I especially love singing to her and seeing how music captivates her heart.

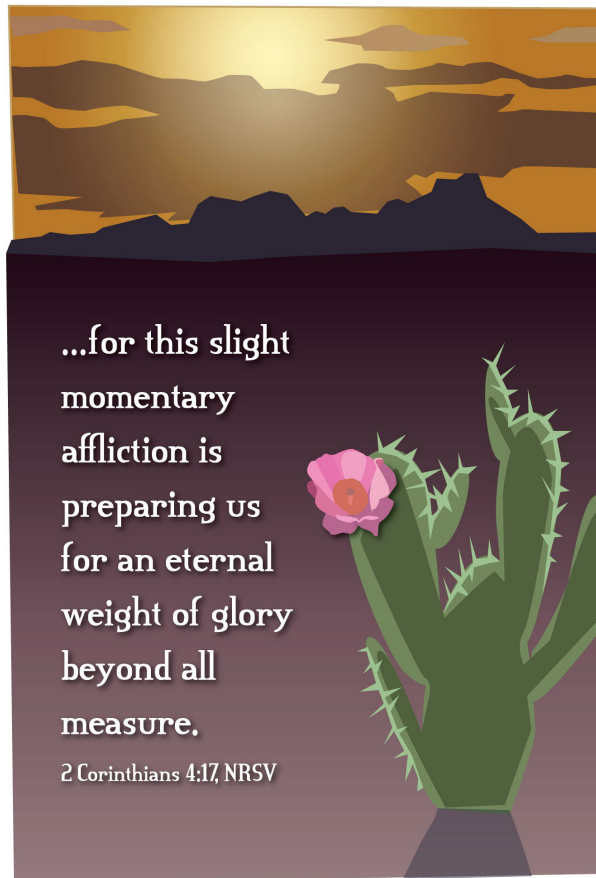
An equally great blessing of being a grandfather has been the rich gift of observing my daughter and son-in-law. They have become such attentive, loving parents and have discovered the joy that comes from selflessly and sacrificially loving someone who totally and utterly depends upon you. I am so proud of them.

They’ve already taught my granddaughter many wonderful things, like the joy of a wet-nosed dog who adopts you into the pack, and the comforting security of warm snuggles after a late-night feeding. She will learn to talk, tell stories, and run and play in the backyard. But perhaps the most important lesson she will learn – the lesson I most want her parents to teach her – will be how to fail.

This might sound like an odd wish, but you know as well as I do that in any life, failure is inevitable. The only question is how you will handle it. I’ve certainly had my share of failures in life, and I didn’t enjoy

them very much when I was going through them. But as I look back, I now see that they were the seedbed of my greatest moments of growth and learning.

Learning to fail is a vital part of the Christian life. After all, it was Jesus’s greatest worldly failures – his betrayal, execution, and death – that led to his (and our) most spectacular victory. The Apostle Paul seized upon this theme when he wrote, “I am content with



weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Cor. 2:10) Why? Because our weaknesses and failures cure us of our misplaced pride and drive us to Christ, the true source of our strength.

One of the most-loved stories of the Bible is the Parable of the Prodigal Son (see Luke 15). Is there any big-

ger failure than the younger brother, who treated his father so insultingly and dehumanizingly and then scandalously squandered his prematurely acquired inheritance? Yet for all his faults, the younger brother knew his father’s heart and trusted that despite the disgrace he had brought upon himself, he could come home and be forgiven. Indeed, failure was met with forgiveness, healing, reconciliation, and growth.

In the early centuries of Christianity, one of the desert fathers, Abba Sisoës, was asked by a monk who had sinned, “What am I to do, abba, for I have fallen?” Sisoës responded, “Get up again.” The brother replied, “I got up, then I fell again.” Sisoës’ simple yet profound counsel to the despondent monk was, “Get up again and again.” You see, in the spiritual life, when it comes to failure, the most important lesson of all is that no sin is greater than God’s mercy. There is always the opportunity for forgiveness, healing, reconciliation, and growth.

When my granddaughter someday struggles to learn to ride a bike, she will fall, and the best advice we’ll be able to give her is, “Get up again and again,” because eventually she will find her balance and her way, and nothing will be able to hold her back. The same is true in our faith lives. We will fall. What matters is that we get back up and learn to trust in Christ rather than our own strength. When that happens, we will at last find our balance and our way. And nothing will hold us back either. Thanks be to God.

~ Pastor Schul



Finances for 2024

	GLC Actual Income vs. Expense, February 2024	GLC Budgeted Income vs. Expense, February 2024	+ or (-)	%
Income	\$60,454.22	\$71,840.00	(\$11,385.78)	15.84%
Expenses	\$64,720.91	\$76,793.51	(\$12,072.60)	-15.72%
Net Income	(\$4,266.69)	(\$4,953.51)		

I am seeing a few daffodils; Spring is here! February giving was below our budgeted target but constituted the average amount we typically receive in February. Our expenses continue to remain below budgeted amounts so on an income/expense basis we are right where the budget anticipated we would be. Nevertheless, we remain behind on giving for the fiscal year as a whole and we should not assume that another person will give in our place. We cannot “outsource” the stewardship responsibilities Christ has entrusted to each of us. Rather, we should each take responsibility for ourselves and respond to Christ’s love and grace by loving our neighbor through generous giving to support Grace’s vital ministries. The most convenient and helpful way to ensure steady support is by a secure, scheduled monthly bank transfer (called an “ACH”) from you to Grace. To set this up, or to increase or change your monthly account transfer, email Sally Grine, Finc. Admin. at sgrine@glcpa.org or call her at 814-238-2478. You can also donate using any major credit card via Tithe.ly, which is accessible via the GIVE button on our website at www.glcpa.org. Please consider covering the processing fee (approximately 2% of your donation) to ensure Grace benefits fully from your support. An increase of \$20, \$10, \$5, or even \$1 per week from many people can make a significant difference. Thank you!

Church Council

At its March 2024 meeting, Grace’s Church Council:

- Celebrated the completion of numerous upgrades to our audio systems here within the church; and
- Considered the current state of maintenance projects at our building, in a presentation led by Carl Bankert, as we endeavor to faithfully steward and maintain our iconic building.



Super Wednesday

Super Wednesday dinners take place each Wednesday in April, **5:15-6 p.m.** in Harkins Hall. Check the Grace website at glcpa.org and click on NEWS and Weekly News for menu information and other events.

Did you know...

...that the 2024 Allegheny Synod Assembly will be held on **Saturday, June 15, 2024** from **8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the Blair County Convention Center?



Allegheny
Synod
Assembly

Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Holy Gospel
April 7 Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1--2:2	John 20:19-31
April 14 Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8



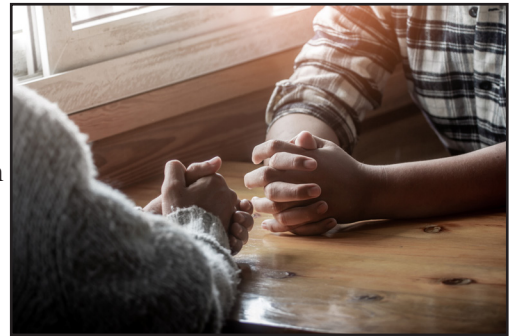
Tour Greece with Pastor Schul: Oct. 1-12, 2024

Friends, if you want to learn more about Jesus and grow your faith, make plans to join me this October as we travel together to the “other” Holy Land, Greece, where so much of the New Testament unfolded. Our pilgrimage will be organized by the same company that took us to Israel last summer, and will feature a variety of ancient and Biblical sites in Greece and Turkey. It will be a rich and rewarding time of reflection as we walk in the footsteps of Paul and the first apostles. The trip is all-inclusive. Airfare, in-country bus transportation, guides, breakfast and dinner, hotels - it’s all part of the package price of \$4,490. (This is a \$300 discount from our original offer price, thanks to moderating fuel prices.) Interested? Contact me for more information. My email address is pastorschul@glepa.org. Or see full tour details at <http://tinyurl.com/SchulGreece2024>. It will be an unforgettable experience!

~ Pastor Schul

Stephen Ministry

What does Stephen Ministry look like at Grace? Grace’s Stephen Ministry is composed of a team of 14 Stephen Ministers. These ministers are committed to caring for individuals experiencing life’s difficulties and who find comfort in having a personal Stephen Minister who will listen, understand and pray with them, and, if needed, help in directing them to outside resources. Stephen Ministers go through extensive Christ-centered training to aid in learning the skills necessary to help people experiencing crises such as grief, illness, financial setbacks, or divorce. Our Stephen Ministers are supported through monthly continuing education and supervisory meetings with Stephen Leaders and Pastor Hetrick.



If you or someone you know think they would benefit from a Stephen Minister relationship, please reach out to Grace’s Stephen Ministry Coordinator, Brenda Palmgren at 814-574-1039 or Pastor Hetrick at 814-238-2478. All Stephen Ministry relationships are confidential.

Did you know...



... Spencer Hardyk, a senior at State High, made it into All-State Chorus?

Congratulations, Spencer!



Easter Egg Hunt

All youth are welcome to the Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 7**. We will meet on the

church lawn at **10:00 am**. Bring a basket from home; however, we will have extra if you forget.



April News & Events

Are You in the Sandwich Club?

Some days I am visiting my Dad and discovering the joy of Balloon Ball. Other times I am caring for my granddaughter, checking in with my Mom, Face-timing with our overseas daughter, or reassuring our Lancaster County daughter and mom of a toddler. All of these are blessings. At the same time, when Scripture tells us about honoring our parents, many of us find we have an aging parent, or parents, while still raising or supporting our own children. Not only might we provide care and financial support to parents and children, nearly four in ten people say both their grown children and their parents rely on them for emotional support. Culture calls living in this phenomenon being a part of The Sandwich Generation. There are actually three kinds of sandwiches:

- The Traditional sandwich: Adults who care for aging parents and young children.
- The Club sandwich: Adults who care for aging parents, adult children, and/or their grandchildren OR who care for aging parents, young children, or their grandparents.
- The Open-faced sandwich: Anyone else who helps provide senior care.

So how do those of us who are in this season of life hold together while holding things together? One way is by taking a break to join others who are doing the same. After conversations with several of you, it seems now is the perfect time for this gift of community.

If this is you, consider this an invitation to The Sandwich Club – A group of people who get together for food, conversation, prayer and hopefully laughter. We'll share tips, celebrate life's little joys and console when needed. God created us to be community for just such things. Stay tuned for upcoming chances to get together, either daytime or evening. Feel free to email back with any questions or suggestions to pastorhetrick@glcpa.org.



Green Tip for April

April is the month of Earth Day, which is a terrific reminder to create moments



for both spiritual and physical responses to our connections to the Earth and all that it holds, the world and all who live in it. Do the seasons give you a practical illustration of the ways that faith can sustain us, feeding our spirits, and preparing us for seasons of growth, or outreach, or providing for others? Is any one of those a place you want to focus this year, or in this season of your life? Here are two actions for this month:

1. Attention is a kind of prayer. Choose a discipline that will help sustain your springtime noticing -- perhaps you will snap photos that you will bump into again on your photo roll later. Or maybe you are a journaler, or a writer of haiku, or a sketcher, or maybe you simply want to pause for one deep breath, in and out, each time you pass a particular tree. Choose something, and commit to it, noticing the way that regular discipline feeds gratitude, or hope, or energizes you to care for our human or non-human community.
2. Choose a way to act on Earth Day, either alone, or with others. One option on **Saturday, April 20**, is Clearwater Conservancy's Watershed Cleanup. It involves hundreds of local people, and has kept many tons of trash out of our waterways, improving water quality for people and critters. Check their website for more information. <https://www.clearwaterconservancy.org/>

**Celebration of the Arts
with Potluck Lunch
Sunday, May 5, 11:30-1:30**



Please join us in Harkins Hall after morning worship as Grace members share their God-given talents as artists and performers! Each person’s artistry is a reflection of God, the Creator – the ultimate architect of beauty whose imagination and love for creation is boundless. By sharing our own handiwork, we connect with each other and learn to appreciate each other’s unique gifts.

If you would enjoy sharing your arts and crafts in our art display (ALL ages welcome!), **OR** if you would like to share a song, dance, or monologue on our stage, **OR** if you can bring a dish for the potluck lunch, contact Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org. Art can be brought to Grace **between 9 and 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. On Sunday, May 5, lunch begins at 11:40 a.m. (following 10:30 worship)**, with background music played by Fair Winds III, and followed by performers of all ages from our Grace family, sharing their talents on our stage from **12:30-1:30 p.m.** Soup will be provided by our Super Wednesday team. Appetizers, casseroles, sides, salads, and desserts are welcome (the greatest need is for savory dishes).

Come for food, fellowship, and fun! You’ll enjoy musical fare ranging from sacred to classical as well as Broadway tunes. Those who have taken time to share their art and music for your enjoyment will be happy to have an audience, and you are sure to go home with a song in your heart!

**Sisters of Grace meets
Monday, April 8**

The Sisters of Grace Circle will meet **Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in Fireside. The circle will continue its focus on spiritual practices as described in the book *The Sacred Way* by Tony Jones. At the April meeting, Susan Ferro will lead a discussion of *The Ignatian Examen*. All women and friends are welcome. Questions may be directed to Bonnie Burris (bonnie-burris@comcast.net) or Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net).

**The Garden of Readin’
meets April 16**

The next meeting of the Garden of Readin’ (Women’s Book Club) is **Tuesday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Stinson Library (also available on Zoom). The selected book is *The Mermaid Chair* by Sue Monk Kidd. The discussion will be facilitated by Christel Ertel. Contact Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net) for details.



**Summer Worship & Fine Arts Camp
“Take It to the Lord in Prayer”**

Monday-Thursday, June 24-27, 2024
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church
205 S Garner Street, State College, PA

Children entering Grades 2-8 in the Fall of 2024 are invited to **MAKE, RING, DRUM, SING** as they pray the psalms with guest artistic director Michael Burkhardt and regional fine arts educators.



REGISTER by May 15 at <http://tinyurl.com/GraceMusicCamp>
Cost: \$175 per camper (incl. \$50 non-refundable registration). Families with 2 or more children: \$15 discount per subsequent child. Full payment due **May 15, 2024**. Tuition assistance info on request. Click QR code to register.



For details about registration or volunteering, visit <http://glcpa.org/grace-music-camp> (click News) or contact Laurel Sanders at arts@glcpa.org.



**Mark your Calendar!
Women of Grace
Annual Strawberry
Festival**

**Saturday, June 8
4:00 to 6:30 p.m.**
Games, food, and
entertainment.
A fun time for all ages.

Disciples Together

Disciples Together April 8 at 4:30 pm in the Miller Center “You Prepare a Place For Me.”

Dinner, singing, prayer and learning about Jesus. We sometimes have special meals to remind us of important things – like a birthday. Communion is God’s special meal that reminds us Jesus died and rose to show us God’s promise we will be with God forever. Jesus told us we should keep eating this meal together so we remember God’s love and promise. God prepares us a place for us now and forever.



Did You Know . . .

. . . coffee hour has been re-named Snack & Chat? Please join us each Sunday in Harkins Hall between **9:45 and 10:30 a.m.** for coffee and treats and a chance to catch up and say hi to friends.

DEIB Team News

Happy Spring! The month of April is recognized as National Autism Acceptance Month. The month was previously recognized as “Autism Awareness Month,” but the verbiage has changed to focus on inclusion and empowerment of the autistic community, as opposed to being “aware” of the disability. This language change has underscored the importance of continually evaluating our own use of language to be most inclusive. One particular example of (often) inadvertently harmful language toward the disability community is called Ableist Language. Ableist Language is a word or phrase that devalues, insults, or pities people with disabilities.



Below are a few phrases or terms that are commonly used, however, are reflections of ableist language.

Ableist Phrase	Try This
“That’s lame”	“Boring, uncool, frustrating”
“Wheelchair bound”	“Wheelchair user, uses a wheelchair”
“Played deaf and dumb or deaf and blind”	“Ignored, overlooked”
“That’s crazy!”	“Unbelievable, bananas, intense, amazing”

Reflect: Ableist Language

- Do you notice yourself using ableist language in your daily life?
- Is there a phrase you can replace?

During the Month of April the DEIB team recognizes and honors the dates listed below:

- **April 2** World Autism Acceptance Day
- **April 22** Earth Day

Please join us! Our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month in the fireside room as well as offered via Zoom. Our April meeting will be **Monday, April 15**. Contact Natalie Slane at nataliejslane@gmail.com or Sarah Rodgers at skrodgers@hotmail.com with any questions.















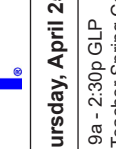
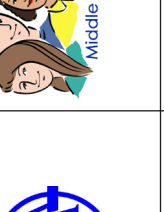
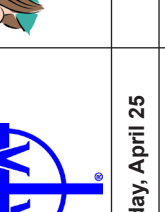
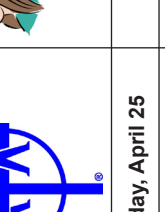
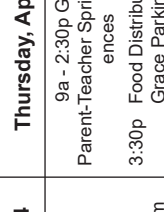
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Anti-Hunger Update

I want to thank all of the volunteers that have helped with food distribution - especially with the uptick in the number of families we are serving! We are still seeing the number of neighbors who need our help increase. We served over 140 families on **February 22** and 162 families on **March 14**. Even though the Central PA Food Bank has increased the amount of food they send to us, in March we needed to use most of our emergency shelf stable food on our shelves in the Narthex to provide food for the extra families.

On **March 12** there was a community conversation about food insecurity in the State College and the Penn State Communities. The Borough of State College hosted this conversation at the State Theater and brought together various stakeholders for the presentation and then held a roundtable discussion that included everyone in attendance. This was meant to educate us on how the various entities are functioning and how we can work together to support everyone who needs help with food insecurity. I now have a much better understanding of the support system that Penn State has in place for students.

It is wonderful to have new people volunteer to help with our food distributions! We certainly have intergenerational participation for our food distributions ranging from school-age, college age, young adult, up through senior citizens. If you would like to help with the pre-bagging or the distribution of the food, please contact Kathy Kalbach at kathymkalbach@gmail.com.

Food Distribution - We are continuing to hold two distributions per month on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. We are blessed that we are able to help our neighbors in need.

Future food distribution dates at Grace are:

March 28

April 11 and April 25

May 9 and May 23



Future Food Distribution Dates at Grace Lutheran

March 28
April 11 & 25
May 9 & 23



Starting at **1:30 p.m.** to unpack food and **3:30 p.m.** to distribute.

SC Food Bank Needs

The Food Bank of State College is always in need of donations. Grace Lutheran Church collects donations monthly in the church narthex on the first Sunday of each month at each worship service. Cash/check donations, grocery store gift cards, and brown paper grocery bags are always accepted.

Current Needs

- GREATEST NEED! Ready-to-Serve Soups (Progresso, Campbell's CHUNKY, etc.)
- Spaghetti (1 lb. boxes)
- Pasta Sauce
- Tomato Product (diced, stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce)
- Snack Items (crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels, granola bars, etc.)
- Gluten-Free items (pasta, flour, baking items, snacks, etc.)
- Ground Coffee
- Condiments
- Oil (vegetable, canola, olive oil)

Non-Food Items

- Laundry Detergent
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Bar Soap
- Body Wash

We cannot accept expired or opened food items. Please check the expiration dates on items before donating them. Our food donation guidelines provide assistance in determining what can be accepted.

<https://scfoodbank.org/donate/current-needs-list>

CALENDAR

April

Sunday, April 7

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School/ Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt/ Church Lawn
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School/ Narthex

Sunday, April 14

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School/ Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School/ Narthex

Friday, April 19

- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Fun Night / Miller Center

Sunday, April 21

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School /Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Munchkin Brunchkin/ Miller Center
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation / Miller Center
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group / Miller Center
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study/ Miller Center

Sunday, April 28

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School/ Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School/ Narthex

Contact Us!

Any interest or questions about any Faith Formation activity, please email Cindy and Peter at faithformation@glcpa.org.





Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will be on **Sunday, April 21 at 4-5 p.m.** in the Miller Center. Please bring your Bible, your 10 Commandments rewrite, and your listening ears!



Graduate Recognition

Parents, we plan to recognize the collegiate and high school graduates of the class of 2024, on **Sunday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. worship.** Select the service that is most convenient for your family. If you are unable to attend Sunday, let us know if you would like to be recognized at our Super Wednesday picnic on **May 15 at 5:30 p.m.** Please email a photo of your senior to faithformation@glcpa.org. Photos will be included in a slideshow for live stream and the Sunday bulletin.

CALENDAR

May Preview

Sunday, May 5

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex

Sunday, May 12

- Graduation Milestone Recognition
- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex

Friday, May 17

- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Fun Night / Miller Center

Sunday, May 19

- 9:00 a.m. Last ECHO Sunday School /Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Munchkin Brunchkin / Miller Center
- 10:45 a.m. Last Cafe Sunday School /Narthex
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation / Miller Center
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group / Miller Center
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study / Miller Center

2024 Youth Gathering



Airline tickets have been booked! We are excited to announce that

we will be staying at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. ELCA Youth Gathering participants can expect Po Boys, Beignets, Jazz, HOT weather, service learning, and the Creole culture.

Munchkin Brunchkin

Hey families: join us for Munchkin Brunchkin on **Sunday, April 21 at 10 a.m.** in the Miller Center. Munchkin Brunchkin is a ministry for any family with one or more children ages 0-4 years. Each time we gather, we send home a faith based board book to add to your library. This is an intentional time for parents to gather with other families and share faith with one another. Our last date is **May 19**.



ECHO Sunday School



Echo Sunday school continues through April and May until its final day on **May 19**. While parents attend **9 a.m.** worship in the sanctuary, we usher children to Harkins Hall following the Ministry Moment. We will storytell the gospel lesson, listen to music, and have a game, craft, or science. Youth will return to the sanctuary to join their family for sharing the peace, communion, and closing hymns. We continue this format for families to attend worship together and to support all family members to hear the Word of God in many and various ways. Please join us when you can!

Cafe Sunday School

Cafe Sunday will meet at **10:45 a.m.** in the Narthex each Sunday to depart for Starbucks or Dunkin. Typically, we acquire our treats and return to meet for discussion in Fireside. All Middle School and High School Youth are welcome to join in when you can! **Last day is May 19**.



Middle School Fun Night

On **Friday, April 19**, we will be joined by our Grace Sewing group, the Comfort Makers. They will be helping us not only tie quilts but to design one. We will have dinner, program time, and free time. The event is from **6-8 p.m.** in the Miller Center. Bring friends!

High School Youth Group - 2024 Youth Gathering Prep

Preparations continue for our July trip to New Orleans. Please join us on **April 21 at 5 p.m.** in the Miller Center. We will review gathering details and lessons. Next date is **May 19**.



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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Lutheran Campus
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Penn State Students! As the academic year winds down and you get ready for what comes next, our prayers are with you. Remember, Lutheran Campus Ministry welcomes you into a community of students where you can get away from the deadlines and other demands and find fun and support, share worship and a meal all while you learn about God, yourself and the world. You are welcome to come as you are!

Student Community Weekly

Thursday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. in the Worship Hall at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center on campus (Corner of Allen Street and Curtin Road), followed by dinner with the student community in Pasquerilla Room 126.

Student Meal After Morning Worship

Sunday late morning after **10:30 a.m.** worship gather with other students for lunch. Build connections and community with other students. Check the bulletin for location and more info!

Sunday Evening Worship On Campus

Eisenhower Chapel at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center

Sunday April 28 at 6 – 7 p.m.

Take some time away from finals prep for casual worship at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center. This is an opportunity to center yourself for the demands of finals week. You'll find peace and reflection with music, prayer, reflection and community.

Graduates!

Our prayers are with you as you complete your time here in State College and head off to whatever is next! CONGRATULATIONS! We'd like to celebrate you on social media, so share some info at lutheranpennstate.org/2024/03/graduating-4/.

Summer in State College?

Spending all or part of the summer here in State College? Email Campus Minister Alicia Anderson at ara2@psu.edu for local updates on service and social events! We'll schedule things that are appealing to the folks who are around, so share your ideas!

Other Opportunities!

We offer service events, formal and informal discussions, social gatherings, and more! Check our website and calendar for additional opportunities and info! You can also add yourself to our listserv at lutheranpennstate.org

Follow and Like our social media on Instagram and Facebook [@lutheranpennstate](https://www.facebook.com/lutheranpennstate)

Reach out anytime to lutheran@psu.edu.



Questions, Not Answers

“QNA” will meet on **Sunday, April 7 at 7 p.m.** in Fireside. Please come to join in our discussion. Previous participants and those who just want to check it out once or occasionally are all welcome.

We plan to discuss: “Are there spirits still on earth, that is, souls of people who died but did not go to either heaven or hell? How would that fit into the Christian picture of the afterlife?”

Contact Carla Rossi – ckrossi@comcast.net – for more information or with any questions.

Did you know in the Gospels that Jesus asks more than 300 questions and he is asked nearly 200, but he directly answered only a handful of them? So, come to QNA to continue the biblical tradition of asking good, complicated questions, but be prepared to leave without answers.

Badgers and Spartans and Nittany Lions, Oh My!

This year during NCAA March Madness, Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State is participating in Campus Ministry Madness, a fundraising challenge between Lutheran Campus Ministry sites across the country. Help LCM at Penn State reign supreme and even more importantly, support the transformational work happening through campus ministry nationwide! Runs from **March 17 – April 8, 2024!** Give today at <https://luminelca.org/madness/>



Dates to Remember!

April 2

Marianna's Fundraiser order forms are due

April 10

No School due to SCASD holiday closure

April 15 & 18

Chapel, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

April 16

Field trip to Schlow Library Group 1

April 17

Pickup Marianna's Hoagies and Pizzas in the Fireside room at noon

April 19

Field trip to Schlow Library Group 2

April 19

GLP Staff Meeting. No Enrichment classes. Morning classes will be held as usual

April 25 & 26

Parent-Teacher Spring Conferences

Marianna's Hoagies and Pizzas Fundraiser

Marianna's order forms will be available in the Narthex until **April 1**. They are due with payment by **April 2**. Forms and cash or checks, made payable to Grace Lutheran (in the memo line, please write Marianna's), can be placed in the offering plates or the GLP Preschool mailbox in the church office. **Orders will be available to be picked up at noon on April 17 in the Fireside Room.** Proceeds will benefit tuition assistance and general un-budgeted needs accounts. Thank you for being so supportive!



Christian Focus Box for April

We can be God's helpers.

"Be kind to one another."

~ Ephesians 4:32

Science Theme – Let's Grow

Enrichment Theme – Be Nice to a Tree

Grace Lutheran Preschool 2024-2025 School Year Registration is Now Open



We are currently accepting registrations for the new school year. We offer small structured classes, flexible options, and a caring Christian environment to help children reach their full potential.

- 2, 3, and 5-day morning classes for children aged 2yo 7m, 3yo, 4yo, and Jr. Kindergarten
- Morning classes are licensed by the PA Department of Education
- Afternoon enrichment classes (home-packed lunch, monthly theme, experiential classes) as an add-on licensed by the PA Department of Human Services

Please get in touch with us to request a tour or for more information.

Phone: 814-238-8110 or email at glpk@glcpa.org

Web: www.glcpapreschool.org

March Highlights

Grace Lutheran Church member Kathryn Mackes stopped by to read a book to Mrs. Wylie's class. Kathryn is a member of Kiwanis, and one of their missions is to bring new books into area preschools. On **Friday, March 15**, she read *Ladybug Girl* by Jacky Davis. After reading the book, the class "librarian" placed it on their classroom bookshelf.

During March, our focus was going on "Safari." After an all-school assembly, each lead teacher chose an animal or two that you might see on the savanna. Classes traveled to other classrooms to learn about the animals through stories and activities. The adventure ended with the students going on a safari through the school halls to look for animals on the African savanna.



April Worship Sponsors

Altar Flowers	Radio Sponsors	Bulletin Covers
April 7 Deborah Lux dedicated in honor of granddaughter Shea's 2nd birthday	April 7 George & Barbara Vogler dedicated to the Glory of God	April 7 Joyce Sipple dedicated in memory of Scott Sipple
April 14 Sharon & Rich Rivell dedicated in honor of the Card Ministry ladies	April 14 The Rabb Family dedicated in honor of Aaron's birthday	April 14 Sharon & Rich Rivell dedicated in honor of Faith Formation
April 21 Paul & Collette Beuther dedicated to the Glory of God	April 21 Paul & Kathryn Mackes dedicated in honor of their grandchildren	April 21 Paul & Collette Beuther dedicated to the Glory of God
April 28 The Burris Family dedicated in memory of Don Burris	April 28 Open	April 28 Marc Rigas & Rebekah Dawson-Rigas dedicated in memory of Harriett B. Rigas

Live-Stream Sponsors

- April 7 Barbara Schroeder & Jon Peters dedicated in honor of Cindy Fritz & Peter Horn for their commitment to youth ministry
- April 14 Sharon & Rich Rivell dedicated in honor of the Tech Team
- April 21 Paul & Collette Beuther dedicated to the Glory of God.
- April 28 Open**



Snack & Chat Sponsors - Joe and Cindy Nicosia 814-571-6922 jnicosia3@comcast.net

April 7 Linda Domin
 April 14 Ken and Nancy Fogleman
 April 21 Mary, Stephen, and Colin Haynes
 April 28 Joe and Cindy Nicosia

Please join our hosts each Sunday in Harkins Hall between **9:45 and 10:30 a.m.** for coffee and treats. We rely on volunteers to sponsor and/or host. You may sponsor and host (treats at your discretion) or just sponsor (others will host). The cost to "sponsor only" is \$30 (check to Grace Lutheran Church with "Snack & Chat" and the sponsored date in the memo line).

Acolytes - Kristin Knowles kristinmknowles@gmail.com

- 9:00 a.m.**
- April 7 Lily and Gunnar Rinehimer
 - April 14 Andy and Katie Horn
 - April 21 Ryan Morrison and Renee Buda
 - April 28 Lily and Gunnar Rinehimer

- 10:30 a.m.**
- April 7 Fiona and Caitlin Knowles
 - April 14 Kaylin Slane and Anna Coup
 - April 21 Mya and Jordan Hockenberry
 - April 28 Sydney Lintal and Lauren Knowles

Lectors - Rebecca Arnold Desmarais beckylynn0621@gmail.com

- 8 a.m.**
- April 7 Open
 - April 14 Open
 - April 21 Open
 - April 28 Open

- 9 a.m.**
- April 7 Open
 - April 14 Open
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 - April 28 Open

- 10:30 a.m.**
- April 7 Brian Christian
 - April 14 Ethylee Nordberg
 - April 21 Janet Lybarger
 - April 28 Open

Pastoral Acts for March

Pastor Hetrick offered a memorial service for Tom Slane on March 22, 2024.

April Birthdays



1 Jeremy Burris
1 Sarah Rodgers
2 Dennis Hall
2 Karl Hosterman
2 David Hunter
2 Caroline Leopard
2 Abby Myers
2 Andrea Dowhower
2 Kenneth Walsh
2 Kelly Borchert
3 Renee Buda
3 Katarina Kelley
3 Robert Voigt
3 Patrick Belanger
4 Adam Hallacher
4 Thomas Coup
4 Seth Elder
4 Ethan Humm
4 Chris Schell
5 Missy Garvin
5 Pamela Carina
5 Kevin Weimer

6 John Diercks
6 Kathryn Fritz
6 Geoffrey Glocke
6 Christopher Krupp
6 Nick Downs
6 Michael Waite
7 Susan Myers
7 Marisa Sparrow
7 Sharon Hege
8 Gavin Smarkusky
8 Pamela Soule
9 Carol Ferraro
9 Tom Moyer
9 Becca Harlor
9 Andrea Hoffer
10 Phyllis Favorite
10 Zachary Myers
10 Michele Steudler
10 George Schmidt, III
11 Elena Blazina
11 Carol Morrell
11 Brianne Slane
12 Ashlyn Edgar
12 Earl Lybarger
12 Michael Odland
12 Janet VanWinkle
12 Marlowe Sylves
13 Susan Martin
13 Jane Wallick
13 Joe Belanger
14 Clara Glocke

14 Alexandra Bush
14 Sharon Scilingo
14 Drew Dunkle
14 Aaron Rabb
15 Jeannine Debnar
15 Edwina Sims
16 Emilio Schul
16 Brittney Cable
16 Linda Cocolin
16 Cindy Conron
17 Betsy Burd
17 Robert Jeanmenne
17 Cynthia Tibbott
18 Joseph Dzvonyicsak
18 Milo Flanagan
18 Michelle Sanders
18 Jean Bemis
19 Anne Rohrbach
19 Bruce Rathfon
19 Jonna Belanger
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21 Michael Stewart
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22 Erica Fitz
22 Gail Hoover
22 Sarah Swartz
22 Adrianna Steward
23 Matt Hosband
23 Elijah Albert
23 Vicki Sue Golemboski
23 Michael Janik
24 Torie Houseknecht
24 Pamela Ruest
24 William Mahon
24 Emma McCurdy
24 Victoria Smith
25 Grant Davis
25 Stephen Giacobe
25 Brenda Kim
25 Ted Oyler
26 Brian Christian
26 Justine Gibble
26 Matt Rosengrant
26 Adam Stover
27 Ella Doby
27 Beth Egan
28 Erin Glocke
28 Andrew Morrison
29 Ogden Burris
29 Emily Cutter
29 Barbara Hackenberry
29 Jane Myers
30 Anna Graef
30 Nelson Stager

Prayer List for April

All Military & National
Guard and all serving in
war-torn countries
Joe Belanger
Katie Berg, niece of Tom &
Sally Horn
Mary Breon
Tisana Breon, sister of
Mary Breon
Grace Brown & family
Michael Cartwright
Pam Crants, friend of
Sally Keiser-Bankert
Linda D'Alessandro
William & Barbara Davies
Susan DeMetrick
Debra Detweiler, mother of
Amanda Simcoe

Dennis Ebeling
Kevin Eby and family,
friends of the Koths
Steve & Janet Ellis, family
of The Louder's
Norma Flanagan, mother
of Jim Flanagan
Cay Griel
Rosanne Fritz, mother of
Scott Fritz
Posey Haney
Herm Harrington and
family, upon the death
of his grandson Aiden
Adams
Sherry Harrington
Jean Hickle, daughter of
the Chandra's

Todd Hoffman
Jim Kratz, father of
Pastor Hetrick
Peter Hodgdon, friend of
Jon Peters
Lisa & Ruthie, friends of
the Roger's
Paul Larson
Donald Losch
Gary Louder, brother of
Pastor Louder
Shirley Lucas
Patti McLean, sister of
Kelly Borchert
Flo Musgrave
Amy Neveling
Ronald Odland
Anthony & Meryl Parker

Sharon Rivell
Becky Rogers
Lynda Schul
Ron Smith
Rick Stenerson, brother of
Rory Stenerson
Archie Sutherland
The family of Claire Swarr,
friend of Leslie Wagner
Val Updegrove
George Vogler
Johnny Walson

And please pray for Mem-
bers in the hospital

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