



Grace Notes

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March 2019



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From the Senior Pastor Lent 2019

Lent is a season of the church year that is rich with introspection, study, prayer, worship, and wonder. Lent causes us to consider our brokenness, while blanketing us in the grace-filled assurance of the cross and the very tangible sacrifice Jesus lovingly made for each of us. Once again this year, Lent at Grace will furnish many opportunities for spiritual growth, including Ash Wednesday services, midweek worship, our traditional ecumenical choral service, and the Holy Week services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We will also host the community Good Friday service on April 19.

The theme for our midweek Lenten services comes from Psalm 34:14, a verse the Lutheran World Federation is pondering throughout 2019. It states: “Seek peace and pursue it.” Each of our midweek Lenten services will develop around a different selection from Psalm 34, but the notion of seeking and pursuing peace will be at the heart of our reflection this year. We will hold midweek services each Wednesday in Lent at 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., **except** that on April 3 we will be blessed by the ecumenical choral concert in lieu of evening worship. The 12:15 service is about 45 minutes long, perfect for those seeking a lunchtime worship opportunity. The 6:30 service will be based on Evening Prayer, as found in our Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal. It is a traditional service, filled with lovely chant. I think you’ll find it restful, meaningful, and inspirational. Our evening service will also have some special features that will especially appeal to families and children and make worship more accessible to them. In addition, we will hold Bible studies each Wednesday at 11 a.m. The complete schedule can be found on page 2 of this issue of Grace Notes. And don’t forget to pick up a copy of our member-written Lenten devotional on favorite hymns. The reflections of your fellow Grace members will surely touch your heart.

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Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday, March 9.

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Lent can seem imposing and overwhelming. More worship? More **Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday, March 9.** prayer? Aren't we already suffering from schedules that are too packed and days that are too short? Certainly people are busy these days.

But people today are also more starved for an authentic connection to God and to neighbor than ever before. We cannot add more hours to the day, but we can prioritize the way we use them so that they are more life-giving. God doesn't call us to worship and pray just to fill us with guilt or wreck our schedules.

God calls us to worship and pray because God loves us and wants to feed us with the very things that will restore us, give us wholeness, and fill us with holiness. Lent is a chance for you to reconnect. So come and worship. Come and be blessed. Come and be filled.

Peace be with you.
~ Pastor Schul

2019 Lenten Schedule

Date	Time	Description
3/6	11 am	Bible Study
3/6	12:15 pm	Ash Wednesday
3/6	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday
3/13	11 am	Bible Study
3/13	12:15 pm	Midday Lenten Worship
3/13	6:30 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer
3/20	11 am	Bible Study
3/20	12:15 pm	Midday Lenten Worship
3/20	6:30 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer
3/27	11 am	Bible Study
3/27	12:15 pm	Midday Lenten Worship
3/27	6:30 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer
4/3	11 am	Bible Study
4/3	12:15 pm	Midday Lenten Worship
4/3	7 pm	Ecumenical Concert
4/10	11 am	Bible Study
4/10	12:15 pm	Midday Lenten Worship
4/10	6:30 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer
4/17	11 am	Bible Study
4/17	12:15 pm	Midday Lenten Worship
4/17	6:30 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer
4/18	TBD	Maundy Thursday
4/19	12:00 pm	Community Good Friday Worship
4/19	TBD	Tenebrae Good Friday Worship

NOTICE from the Fellowship Team

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent immediately preceding Ash Wednesday. It is a day of celebration as well as penitence. Think of pancake suppers and Mardi Gras. Grace has had a Shrove Tuesday event for many years, with an evening of a soup supper, jokes, story telling, and having many desserts to feast on. The past several years the event has not been well attended, and this year Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday fall during our spring break when attendance is low. Therefore, the fellowship team has decided not to offer a Shrove Tuesday event and also to suspend Super Wednesday evening meal and activities **ON MARCH 6** because of spring break.

Ash Wednesday worship services will be held that day, one at 12:15 p.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

DID YOU KNOW...

... that Grace received seventeen new members on February 24? Full details about these wonderful new additions to the Grace family will be in next month's issue.

Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Holy Gospel
March 3 Transfiguration of Our Lord	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36
March 10 First Sunday in Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
March 17 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
March 24 Third Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Special Music Feature
Last(ing) Words of Faith:
Seven Last Words



The “Seven Last Words” – in reality, the seven last sayings Jesus uttered from the cross, according to the Gospels – show us Christ’s boundless capacity for love and forgiveness, even when he was carrying the world’s sins on the cross. **On Wednesday, April 3rd** – two weeks before Easter – you have an opportunity to experience the *Passion of Christ* through Michael John Trotta’s powerful musical setting of the *Seven Last Words* for choir and orchestra. At 6:15 p.m., following our Wednesday supper, Pastor Hetrick will give a short talk about the history and meaning of the Seven Last Words. A choir concert will follow, with approximately 50 singers from 13 churches directed by Laurel Sanders--including a strong representation from Grace--and a 14-piece orchestra.

Trotta’s masterwork combines the words spoken by Jesus with utterances by a thief on the cross, the people as they called for Jesus to be crucified, and the Roman centurion who recognizes Jesus as the Son of God. It is a powerful and emotional telling of the story, ranging from tender expressions of the harp and winds to chaotic cries supported by strings, brass and timpani. Sacred music is meant to be heard in churches, and we are looking forward to enhancing your walk through Lent with this spiritual presentation.

After the Seven Last Words, a pastoral reading of the hymn “Abide with Me” will be followed by a bell choir rendering of the hymn, and the concert will close with a short setting of “The Lord is My Shepherd” from “The Vicar of Dibley.” This work caused people around the world to become intimately familiar with these words of hope from Psalm 23. The entire program will last about one hour, and there is no admission charge, although there will be a freewill offering.

We hope you will come!

Adult Forum
Sunday Mornings
at 9 a.m. in Fireside



March 3, no Adult Forum due to Spring Break

Lenten Theme:

Making Sense of the Cross

The heart of the cross is an element of mystery that can’t be resolved either easily or entirely. Come and explore such questions as these: So what’s with the cross? What does the cross say about God? What’s the big deal? Did Jesus have to die? Come to all sessions, or just drop in when you can.

March 10, Making Sense of the Cross, Session 1: A Man Hanging on a Tree

March 17, Session 2: Portraits and Perspectives

March 24, Session 3: Ransom and Victory

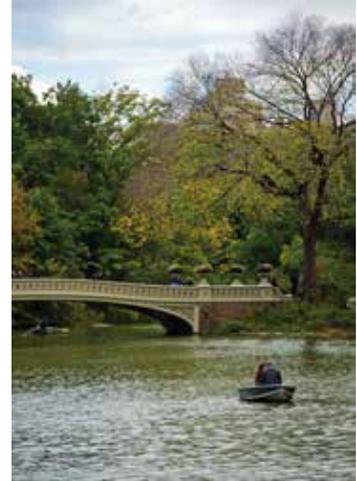
March 31, Session 4: Substitution, Satisfaction, and Sacrifice

April 7, Session 5: Example and Encouragement

April 14, Session 6: Event and Experience

A Hymn for Contemplation: “When Peace, Like a River”

Instead of selecting a traditional Lenten hymn, I have selected “When Peace, Like a River” (ELW #785) as this month’s Hymn for Contemplation because, as described in my article on page 2, peace will be a prominent theme in our midweek Lenten services this year. Most will know this hymn not from its formal title but from a line in its stirring refrain: “It is well with my soul.” Though the hymn expresses confident hope in God’s providence, the text itself was born from tragedy. The author, Horatio Spafford, had planned in 1873 to travel by ship with his wife and four daughters to Europe. At the last minute he had to remain behind, and his family traveled without him. Their ship collided with another vessel, and Spafford’s four daughters perished. It would be understandable had Spafford become bitter or angry or even questioned his faith. But instead, he placed renewed trust in his Lord, writing that “whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.”



We all know that life is full of ups and downs. There will be times when each of us wrestle with tragedy, suffering, and misfortune. Though we have no basis to claim that God causes those hard times, we can be confident that God will walk with us through our perils and sustain us in our most dire hour. It is likewise our call as Christians to walk with and sustain our neighbors in their suffering. After all, we are fond of calling ourselves the “Grace family.”

Helping one another and accompanying one another through life’s travails is what a family does. Together with God’s mercy and grace, that is what enables us to say, as Spafford did, that “it is well with my soul.” May those heartfelt words give you peace, strength, and hope this Lenten season. Pastor Schul

“When Peace like a River” (ELW #785)

- 1 When peace, like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, though hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.
- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hat regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.
- 3 He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.
- 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.



Super Wednesday Bible Study

Join Pastor Hetrick as our Super Wednesday Bible study will go deeper with readings from Luke that we have heard, or will before we reach the end of the season of Epiphany. As we explore God’s word, perhaps we will deepen our capacity to expect “Everyday Epiphanies” and participate in God’s moments of opportunity wherever they arise, to share what we have seen, and to embrace God’s revelation for ourselves and God’s world. **Please note:** The Bible study will meet at 11 a.m. only during Lent. Lenten Evening Prayer will be offered at 6:30-7:15 p.m. with no evening Bible study.



My heart was overjoyed on the day of my installation here at Grace--with such joy and exquisite music and the "official" forging of our relationship together in ministry. A special thank you to all of the musicians, vocal and instrumental, who shared their gifts and gave of their time to create such beauty. I also want to thank everyone for their suggestions in response to "tell me where to go!"

Now I am looking for people who want to go with me, specifically, to go hiking. While winter storms seem to continue in our midst, I am thinking of hiking and happy trails. In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus teaches his followers not to worry by using examples from nature that were all around them. In verse 26 (NIV) he says, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" A contemplative walk or hike is an invitation to slow down and spend time in the outdoors enjoying God's amazing creation. You don't need anything to go on a contemplative walk, but a prayer prompt card can help reflection. The cards have ideas to spark prayer time along the way--things to consider and invitations to stop, listen, and engage with God's handiwork--so we can "look" at what is around us and ask God to speak to us through creation. It's been said that hiking and happiness go hand in hand (or foot in boot). If you are interested in hiking on Mondays or Saturdays, let me know by email, text or phone. Weather permitting, and based upon interests, we'll gather and head out for hiking in the area.

Finally, starting March 7th, I will have "office hours" on Thursdays at Good Day Café, 286 W. Hamilton Street, here in State College, from 1:30-3:30 pm. I am hoping folks pop by for conversation or prayer. This is a chance for me to not only connect with Grace members but also the larger community. Your first cup is on me!

~Pastor Hetrick

Peace-full Saturday - April 6

Join art teacher and Grace member Julia Nelson from 9:30 – 11:00 in Harkins Hall for a Peace-full Saturday morning of contemplative art centered on the word "peace." Using colorful felt-tipped pens, card stock, prayer labyrinths, canvas and cutouts, we

will make colorful pictures and cards you can send to



others to share messages and images of comfort and harmony, one "peace" at a time. Taize music, a prayerful poetry reading, and fellowship will set the tone for a calming morning. Refreshments and supplies will be provided. There is no fee to attend; a basket for contributions will help to cover costs. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Upper Commons or email Julia Nelson at jmn11@scasd.org or Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org if you would like to come. This workshop is in response to the 2019 Lutheran World Federation theme from Psalm 34:14, "Seek peace and pursue it."



Collegiate Choir - Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) Collegiate Choir Concert, March 14 at Grace



Choir Concert

On Thursday evening, March 14 at 7:30 p.m., 37 students from IWU Collegiate Choir will give a concert at Grace Lutheran Church as part of their 2019 choir tour. The concert features music spanning 500 years and includes a section featuring American choral music as well as works that were commissioned and given their world premiere by the choir.

We would be grateful to anyone who can prepare a covered dish (10-12 servings) for the students' pre-concert dinner. If you can help, contact Jayne Glocke at jpg9@psu.edu (regarding housing) or Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org (regarding the meal). Consider treating yourself to a night out and support these students by attending the concert!

Composer Dr. Michael John Troтта
presents:
**"THE ANATOMY OF
CREATIVITY"**

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019
Grace Lutheran Church, 205 South Garner Street
4:00 – 5:00 pm in Harkins Hall (beneath the Sanctuary)
Includes reception with light refreshments

Join us for a presentation on creativity by distinguished composer Dr. Troтта, including commentary on his *Seven Last Words* for choir and orchestra, to be performed at Grace Lutheran Church on April 3

If you plan to attend this FREE presentation, RSVP to Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org – or just come. Questions can be directed to the church office at 814-238-2478.

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Grace Lutheran Church

Discover "The Anatomy of Creativity" from Visiting Composer Dr. Michael Troтта

If you would enjoy learning about the creative process and how stories are envisioned, created, and told through the arts, please come to Harkins Hall on **Sunday, March 17, from 4-5 p.m.** to hear composer Dr. Michael John Troтта give a presentation entitled "The Anatomy of Creativity."

Dr. Troтта is the acclaimed composer of *Seven Last Words*, which will be **performed on Wednesday, April 3** with a 50-voice ecumenical choir and orchestra directed by Laurel Sanders. He will rehearse the choir on March 17 from 2-4 p.m. and speak to attendees afterward.

Free refreshments will be provided and there is no charge for the presentation. Grace members and friends are welcome.



Lenten Concert:
Last(ing) Words of Faith
featuring Michael John Trotta's masterwork
Seven Last Words with choir and orchestra

*A Lenten concert featuring a Centre Region Ecumenical Choir
supported by chamber orchestra, harp and organ;
additional selections played by The Bells of Grace*

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

- 5:00** Community fellowship meal
6:15 Pre-concert talk: Pastor Hetrick,
Associate Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church
6:50 Prelude: The Bells of Grace
7:00 Concert (approximately one hour)

Program:

Seven Last Words (Michael John Trotta)
Abide with Me (Monk/arr. Moglebust); *Psalm 23* (Howard Goodall)

freewill collection helps defray event costs

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Thank you very much for the love I have received from everyone. Your prayers and condolences have been a great comfort to me as I heal and decide on my next direction. Though I have no physical home at the moment, be assured that Grace Lutheran will always be my spiritual home.

*Sincerely,
Joanne McCormick*

DID YOU KNOW...

... that Grace will host the community Good Friday service this year? It will take place on Friday, April 19 from noon to 3 p.m. and will feature the preaching of seven community pastors.

... the origins of Shrove Tuesday? Shrove Tuesday originated during the Middle Ages. As in contemporary times, food items like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and fish were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those items that would inevitably become spoiled during the next forty days. The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday began. In France, the consumption of all fats and fatty foods on this day coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras.

Time to order Easter Flowers...



EASTER FLOWERS OR SPECIAL OFFERING FORM

DEADLINE for placing your flower order is
Sunday, March 24, 2019

Name: _____

Email and/or Phone #: _____

I/We would like to order (please write the number of plants)

_____ white lilies at \$8.50 each

_____ tulips (mixed colors) at \$8.50 each



Plant(s) are given:

_____ In honor of _____

_____ In memory of _____

_____ To the Glory of God

SPECIAL ALTERNATIVE OFFERING—Mercy Corp.

My/our donation of \$ _____ is given:

_____ In honor of _____

_____ In memory of _____

Advent Alternative Offering

Thank you to all who gave to our alternative offering, ELCA Good Gifts! Through your donations totaling \$2,246.00, we were able to provide for our sisters and brothers in the world. The items purchased include the following:

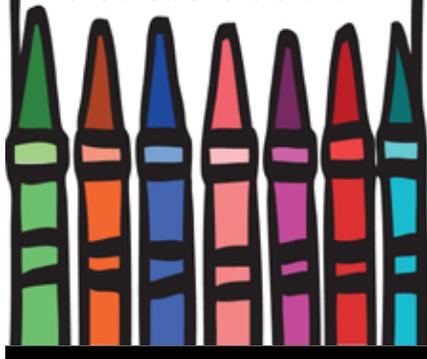
- a share of a water well,
- a fruit tree nursery,
- sending a woman to farming field school,
- a community vegetable garden,
- a set of farming tools,
- a year and a month for a child orphaned by AIDS,
- two Bibles,
- a fish farm,
- three piglets,
- two chicks,
- a rooster,
- a pair of goats,
- a colony of honeybees,
- school fees and uniform for a girl,
- and a family farm.

For more information on ELCA Good Gifts, go to <https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts>.

Cross+Generational Lenten Coloring and Game Night

Calling all people of
Grace
(of all ages, shapes
and sizes)
and especially those who
like to color or like to
play board games!

We would like you to join us on Friday, March 15 from 6-8 p.m. in Harkins Hall. We will host a meal followed by coloring and games. Each family will break off from the group to color a large, poster-size depiction of the Last Seven Words (of Jesus). The posters will coordinate with Lent. Our goal is to share the finished work in the Narthex or upper commons area of the church.



pieces you made long ago. It's not a competition; it's an "art party"! We form a tighter circle of faith by understanding each other's God-given gifts, so please share your unique expressions!

Contact Julia Nelson at jmn11@scasd.org if you are willing to display your art. Artwork will be collected the last week of April and set out on display in the Harkins Hall "gallery" from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 5.



PERFORMING ARTISTS are also welcome for the on-stage talent sharing from 12:30-1:30 p.m.; contact Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org if you wish to perform. Come for a simple lunch in Harkins Hall after the 10:30 service, enjoy a talent sharing on the stage, visit our art show while enjoying a light dessert, and leave with a happy heart!

Weekly Events

- **Sunday Morning Worship** with Grace Lutheran Church 8 a.m., 9 a.m., or 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday Evening Worship** at Grace Lutheran Church 6:00–6:50 p.m.
- **Sunday Dinner** after worship at 7–8 p.m. (including activity, discussion, or guest topic each week); Green Team dish washing 8:00–8:30 p.m.
- **Thursday Evening Worship** at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, corner of Allen Street and Curtin Road on campus, 6:00–6:45 p.m.; **Thursday Dinner** after Worship at 6:45–8:00 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spring Break Schedule

All Sunday worship services continue for spring break.

All other programs and events are on hiatus **Friday, March 1 through Saturday, March 9**. Everything resumes with dinner after 6 p.m. worship on Sunday, March 10. Have a wonderful spring break!

Austin Channing Brown - Rescheduled!

Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the Worship Hall at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center. Hear about the the intersections of racial justice, faith and black womanhood, infused with justice, pop culture, humor, and truth-telling. Questions? Contact Alicia Anderson ara2@psu.edu.

Leadership Team for 2019-2020

Would you like to help guide Lutheran Student Community and provide leadership for the events, programs and gatherings we offer? Please contact Alicia Anderson for more information! ara2@psu.edu

Wanted: Art for Grace Lutheran's May 5, 2019 Art Show

Share your creativity at our annual Celebration of the Arts on Sunday, May 5, after church! Whether you like to dabble in drawing, work with wood, pinch pots, sew samplers, pen poetry or experiment with newfangled art, please share your God-given creativity at our church-wide talent sharing.

ARTWORK representing all ages and levels of experience is welcome...even





**Grace will host
OUT OF THE COLD:
CENTRE COUNTY**

This year's dates are **March 25 through April 7**. For those who are not familiar, OOTC3 provides warm, safe, overnight space for homeless in the area to sleep. An evening and morning meal are provided. There are 13 congregations that host our homeless guests for two-week periods during the colder months.

Grace has in excess of 100 volunteers who register our guests, volunteer to sleep overnight, make food, unload supplies, call volunteers, and otherwise support the mission. There are also numerous members who provide monetary support to the program. Watch for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board soon. Thank you for all of your support.

There is a short (1 to 1.5 hour) training program for those who want to register guests in the evening or sleep overnight. The training will be provided several times beginning in February. Watch for training time announcements.

We started the season in October with approximately eight guests per evening. These numbers have increased over the past few weeks with colder temperatures arriving. You can find additional information about OOTC3 on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/outofthecoldcentreco/>

~ Pam Soule,
Out of the Cold Coordinator for Grace Lutheran Church

**COLLECTION FOR THE OAKS
March 3 through March 31**

From Sunday, March 3 - Sunday, March 31, we will be collecting needed items for the Oaks (an Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministry sponsored living facility in Pleasant Gap for our senior citizens). There will be a container in the Upper Commons area for your contributions.

- A list of suggested items appears below:
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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Aftershave | Facial tissue |
| Body lotion | Hand soap |
| Body powder | Mouthwash |
| Chapstick | Roll-on deodorant |
| Combs | Shampoo |
| Conditioner | Toothbrush |
| Dentures cleaner tabs | Toothpaste |

Your donations are greatly appreciated.



- Brown paper grocery bags (*doubled*)
- Grocery store gift cards, *any denomination is appreciated*
- Canned mixed vegetable
- Canned carrots
- Canned beets
- Gluten-Free products (any kind, but especially pasta, cereal, etc.)
- Canned mixed fruit
- Canned pears and pineapple,
- Salt, pepper, and spices
- Tomato product (stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Canned pasta sauce and Sloppy Joe sauce (Chef Boyardee, Manwich, etc.)
- Soup (especially Progresso or Chunky)
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam, other canned fish)
- Oil
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent
- PLEASE NOTE -- *We are not in need of the following: baby food, baby formula, green beans, corn, or protein beans*

The Food Bank of the State College Area, Inc. is always in need of donations. The 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. For the complete list, look at their website, <https://www.scfoodbank.org>

The 18th Annual Brunch and Fashion Show

Sponsored by the Centre County Auxiliary of Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministry (ALSM) will be held at

**The Oaks in Pleasant Gap
on Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m to 1 p.m.**



Tickets are \$20.00 and may be purchased from Gerry Slear, Sally Keiser-Bankert or Bonnie Miller. For more information, please contact Bonnie Miller at bmiller7515@aol.com or call the Oaks at (814) 359-2782. We hope you can join us!

THIS IS THE MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE OAKS

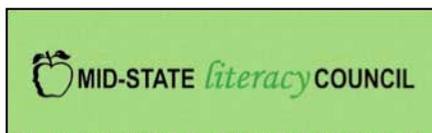


The Stephen Ministry team is planning an informational meeting for those wishing to learn about congregational care for our members here at Grace Lutheran. If you feel that you would like to learn basic skills in reflective listening and building trust relationships with those who desire visitations, please come to one of the two half-hour meetings on Sunday, March 17 at 10 a.m. or Wednesday, March 20 at 4 p.m. in the Stinson Library.

Book Drive for Mid-State Literacy Council through April 14th New or "Gently Used" Books to benefit children, teens, and adults

The collection container is in the narthex.

Who receives the books?



- Parents who are taking literacy classes and have preschool children are given books to read to their children which helps the parent learn English and simultaneously enriches the child!
- Students in elementary schools in Centre County who generally don't have books at home and don't get to the library receive books right before summer vacation.
- Students of all grades who are enrolled in the "Backpack Weekend Food Program" may also choose books to take home.
- Adults in many of Centre County's food bank programs and adults in Housing Transitions and Centre Safe are offered books.

HELPING HANDS MISSION TRIP

The team is again going to the Camp Sequanota **the week of May 5th** for its **spring project**. There are a number of projects that Camp Director Pastor Pyle would like completed before the next set of youth come to camp this summer. We will stay for 4-5 days and try to accomplish as much as possible. Our cook, Ken Fogelman, will make sure we have delicious food at each meal. We work hard and find satisfaction in working in God's service. **If you would like to join us** or would like more information, please contact Susan Ferro 814-237-8756 or at ferro71@comcast.net.

Green Tip for March

In early February, the ELCA announced a collaboration with **ecoAmerica's Blessed Tomorrow** program, which helps faith-based organizations elevate their leadership on the moral, religious and justice issues surrounding climate change and creation care. The collaboration underscores the ELCA's commitment to raising awareness of climate change and taking action to mitigate its impact.



A short video "God's work. Our hands. Caring for Creation Today" and a 15-step program on ways to create effective climate communications are available at the following link - <https://elca.org/environment>

Please consider taking a few minutes to watch the video and prayerfully consider ways you and your family can take action to care for creation.



The Women of Grace

The "Women of Grace" is a unit of the Women of the Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization (ASWO) of the ELCA. Programs are included that will help women grow spiritually, to enhance relationships and give opportunities for service in our congregation and throughout the world. If you are a member of Grace and interested in what the groups have to offer, please come to any of the following meetings or contact the person in charge.

Schedule

Naomi Circle - First Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Stinson Library

Contact Person: Carolyn Fishburn (cxfl@pps.edu)

March 5 - Hostess - Jan Rockey

Program - Carolyn Fishburn

Daughters of Eve Circle - Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Fireside

Contact Person: Bonnie Burris (bonnieburris@comcast.net)

March 26 - Linda Louder will present a program on attending a Bar Mitzvah.

Comfort Makers (Sewing Group) - Second and fourth Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Stinson Library

Contact Person: Yvonne Koths (ygk1951@gmail.com)

March 12 and 26

Knit Wits (Knitting and Crocheting group) - Second Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Stinson Library

Contact Person: Cindy Tibbott (ctibbott1@verizon.net)

March 14

Garden of Readin' (Women's Book Club) - Third Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. (your choice) in Fireside

Contact Person: Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net)

March 19 - The March selection is *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman. This is the selection of Janet Lybarger and she will facilitate the discussions.

Board Meeting - Every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Fireside.

Contact Person: Susan Ferro (ferro71@comcast.net)

March 5

2019 Women of Grace Retreat

All women are invited to a women's retreat at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown, the weekend of **May 3-5**. It will be a time to pray, study and renew. The retreat, based on Joyce Rupp's book *The Cup of Our Life*, will be led by Susan Winger and Julia Sprenkle, pastors of the Allegheny Synod.

You can register for the retreat on the camp's website www.sequanota.com/event-descriptions or by calling 814-629-6627. Carpooling with other women of our congregation will be available. The cost is \$135 for a double occupancy room and \$175 for a single occupancy room (motel-styled rooms). In addition to lodging, the cost covers meals and internet access. Free time will be available to explore the camp's beautiful 390 acres or to visit the nearby Flight 93 Memorial.

Contact Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net or 234-1078) if you have difficulty registering or have questions.

Come gather with other women to consider what a cup might teach us.

It's going to be SEW much fun!

On National Quilting Day, **Saturday morning March 16**, Comfort Makers invites Grace members to a Lutheran World Relief sewing event where together we will layer and tie quilts, sew, and string backpacks for LWR school kits. The event will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room and the Stinson Library. Please join our Grace family in participating in the global mission work of Lutheran World Relief. No sewing experience required!



This event is made possible through a Thrivent Action Grant.

DID YOU KNOW...

March is



Women's History Month

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Finances for 2019

	Actual Income vs Expense July 2018- Jan. 2019	Budgeted Income vs Expense July 2018- Jan 2019	+ or (-)	%
Income	\$484,422.19	\$504,000.00	(19,577.81)	-3.90%
Expenses	\$472,053.88	\$479,964.75	(7,910.87)	-1.60%
Net Income	\$12,368.31	\$24,035.25		

Despite harsh weather in January and the detrimental impact that weather has on attendance, giving was very strong and we exceeded both our monthly giving target and the amount that was given in January 2018. Thank you for your generosity. Expenses were slightly higher in January on account of several one-time expenses related to building and grounds maintenance and the transition of our new pastor. As you can see, we continue to be vigilant in controlling expenses; actual expenditures remain 1.6% below our budgeted expenses. Please continue to be generous and consistent in your giving so that we can faithfully carry out the ministries we agreed upon at the annual meeting and prudently save for future anticipated building repairs.

Building Campaign

Actual Receipts this month (donations)	Monthly Mortgage obligation *	Year-to-date receipts for the building (donations)	Year-to-date mortgage obligation
\$10,186.98	\$15,742.70	\$118,626.00	\$110,199.00

* Our monthly payment is \$15,742.70. Mortgage rates are due for renegotiation in 2021.

Building contributions in January 2019 exceeded the amount given in January 2018, but were slightly less than our monthly mortgage obligation. Nevertheless, for the year we have received more in building donations than our accrued monthly obligation. At the end of the fiscal year, any building contributions above and beyond the monthly mortgage amount will be used to make additional payments against principle.

Please consider whether you can make a donation to our building in ANY amount. We strive to pay our mortgage off as quickly as possible so that we can free those funds up to do additional ministry in our congregation and our community.

Building contributions can now be made on our website at www.glcpa.org under the GIVE section (upper right side of screen). Automatic bank transfers (monthly) are the most effective and efficient way to contribute faithfully to our building and budget.

Church Council

Council's February 2019 meeting
was cancelled on account of
inclement weather.

SPONSORSHIP SIGN-UP CHARTS...

...for **radio broadcasts**, **altar flowers**, and **bulletins** are in the Narthex. Costs: Radio - \$165 for one sponsor or two people can share \$82.50 each for broadcast; Altar flowers - \$75; Bulletins - \$25 and can be dedicated to honor or memorialize someone or to the Glory of God. Explanation sheets and reminder envelopes are also with the charts. Thank you very much for your support.

Youth Sunday THANK YOU

Peter and I want to give thanks to the children and youth who stepped up to volunteer for Youth Sunday: door greeters; ushers; acolytes; lectors; those who offered prayers; children's message giver; bulletin cover designer; and, of course, Jessica Griel, our preacher. Your confidence and heart-felt faith journey was a beautiful testament to the power of love. Jessica will be graduating in the spring from State College Area High School then moving to NYC in the fall to attend the Culinary Institute of America. Thank you to the supportive and encouraging parents and to Sally and Carl Bankert for their hands on guidance. Just as the apostle Paul wrote to his friend Timothy that one could serve in the church faithfully and with excellence even if you are young. You all demonstrated that on Youth Sunday. You shared your gifts in a manner that blessed our entire congregation. Photos on the next page...

Super Wednesday Kids Club during Lent

Our regularly-scheduled time for Kids Club is abbreviated during Lent in order to accommodate a family-friendly worship. This means that at 6:00 p.m., if your child is finished eating, the Faith Formation Team (Cindy, Kathy, and Peter) will take your Kids Club children to the Miller Center to play and then return them to you in the Narthex around 6:25 p.m. As with the mid-week Advent worship, there will be special seating available for young wiggly children and parents. Mid-week Lenten worship will be 6:30-7:15 p.m. Please bring your kids and give it a try!



No Sunday School

Just a reminder there will be NO Sunday school on March 3rd due to spring break. Classes resume Sunday, March 10th.

Meals needed for new parents

As one of our outreach ministries, we provide a few meals to parents who are "adding on" to their family. Darcy Houseknecht makes the initial contact with the family and then will reach out to others willing to help provide meals. Lately our list has been growing thin and is in need of some more helpers. You do not need to make a meal every time but be willing to help out as it fits your schedule.

Please contact Darcy at darcy-houseknecht@gamil.com if we can add you to the list. If you are a new mom or dad and we have missed you, please let us know so we may serve you.



MARCH CALENDAR



Sunday, March 3

No Sunday School, Spring Break

Wednesday, March 6

No Super Wednesday Meal or Kids Club/Re:Formers

Sunday, March 10

Sunday School Classes Resume

Friday, March 15

6-8 p.m. – Cross Generational Lenten Coloring Event, Harkins Hall

Sunday, March 17

10-11 a.m. – Munchkin Brunchkin, Miller Center
 2-4 p.m. – Confirmation, Miller Center
 6-7:30 p.m. – High School Youth Group, Miller Center



APRIL PREVIEW

Sunday, April 14

9 & 10:30 worship – Sunday School Palm Processional
 2-4 p.m. – Confirmation, Miller Center
 6-7:30 p.m. – High School Youth Group, Miller Center

Easter Sunday, April 21

No Sunday School

Sunday, April 28

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt, age 3 – Grade 5
 10-11 a.m. – Munchkin Brunchkin Miller Center



Mark Your Calendar for Summertime Planning

Lutheran Summer Camp Options and Camperships

Starting to think about what to do for the kids or as a family this summer? **Think about Church Camp!** We are lucky enough to be near two of our Lutheran camps! Our synod camp, **Sequanota** (www.sequanota.com), is outside of Jennerstown, and we recommend it for any overnight camping you would like to send your kids to. The other camp near us is Mount Luther (www.campmountluther.org), which is in the Penns Valley area near Mifflinburg. Mount Luther has two weeks of day camp where you can pick whichever days you would like to attend. Grace also helps monetarily for the cost of camp. If you attend camp for an overnight program, Grace will pay \$100. If you attend a day-camp program, Grace will pay \$50. Please note this in the **online registration form** and let us know what week you've picked. Camps will contact Grace with an invoice.



Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran for the week of June 24–June 28 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Miller Center. This year we are going to **ROAR!**

*Life is wild, but
God is good.*

Registration will be available online after March 10th.



Senior Jessica Griel preaching

The youngest, Anna Coup,
serving with help from Sally Keiser-Bankert





Sing 'n Ring and Angel Choir



Worship leadership from prelude, prayers and communion





Children's message



Crossfire (below)





CHRISTIAN FOCUS BOX FOR MARCH

WE CAN BE GOD'S HELPERS!

"BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER." - EPHESIANS 4:32

SCIENCE EXPLORATION: DISCOVERING NATURE - OPEN EXPLORATION

AFTERNOON ENRICHMENT THEME: DIGGIN' DINOSAURS

Dates to Remember!

Friday, March 1

Enrichment Class presents "Their own version of..."

Week of March 4 - 8

NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

Monday, March 11

Classes resume

Monday & Tuesday, March 11 & 12

10:30 a.m. Chapel

Wednesday, March 13

12:15-1:30, Curriculum Meeting in the Fireside room

Week of March 18-22

Transportation week for 2.5 and 3-year-old classes

Wednesday, March 20

Confirmations for 2019-2020 school year mailed

Friday, March 29

No school

Monday & Tuesday, April 1 & 2

Kindergarten parent conferences

School Closing Make-Up Days

We have had five school closings due to weather as of February 20, 2019 (Grace Notes submission due date). The first make-up day was Monday, February 18, 2019. The next three days will be made up on **Monday, April 22** (floating make-up day), **Tuesday April 23** and **Friday, May 24**

As per our school cancellation policy, we will not make up more than our scheduled four make-up days. We will not add days onto the end of our 2018-2019 school year.

Classroom Grandparents

This month we would like to recognize some very special volunteers who help in our classrooms. Several church members and former teachers lend a hand, an ear and their love to our school children throughout the year. They read stories to the children, play with them during free choice time, or help with a project. The children and the teachers appreciate the time, talent and love that each of the "grandparents" brings to the classes.

Thank you to everyone!

Miss Chelsea's class - Linda Cocolin

Mrs. Wylie's class - Gloria Nieweg and Carrie Ryan

Miss Tracy's class - Linda Domin

Miss Teri T.'s class - Vicki Hawkins and Francie Tutwiler

Miss Anne's kindergarten class - Janie Prichard

If you are interested in volunteering in one of our classrooms, contact the school office at 238-8110, and we will talk you through the process of getting your volunteer clearances to work with young children.



Gloria Nieweg reads to Mrs. Wylie's class



Jr. Kindergarten made Valentines and delivered them in their classroom post office.



Kindergarten students made 100-day projects.



All the GLPK classes took a turn wearing their pajamas at school. This is Miss Chelsea's MWF class.

Miss Tracy's class made pancakes on pajama day.



CONTACT INFORMATION

- E-mail: glpk@glcpa.org
- Phone: 814-238-8110
- Web: www.glcpa.org



March Worship Volunteers

LECTORS - Ann Burke (364-5096/ ambtbl@verizon.net)

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 3 - Dotty Delafield	March 3 - Anne Rohrbach	March 3 - Ron Banerjee
March 10 - Open	March 10 - Angie Hardyk	March 10 - Brian Christian
March 17 - Open	March 17 - Open	March 17 - Andrew Rosenswie
March 24 - Nancy Reinert	March 24 - Open	March 24 - Terry Roof
March 31 - Julie Miller	March 31 - Open	March 31 - Cassandra Singh-Hueter

GREETERS - Sue Forster (876-2029/sforster@cvim.net)

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 3 - June Krumrine	March 3 - Gerry Slear, Tena Ishler	March 3 - Gerry Slear, Ed Prince, Helen Brenneman
March 10 - Martha Musser	March 10 - Bob and Alice Griffin, Kelly Conran	March 10 - Leslie Elder, Sue & Pete Forster
March 17 - Kay Weigand	March 17 - Louise Tarman	March 17 - Leslie Wagner, Sharyn Everhart
March 24 - Nancy Reinert	March 24 - Open	March 24 - Helen & Dick Brenneman, Marilyn Peterson
March 31 - Martha Musser	March 31 - Mark & Karen Mrsa, Louise Tarman	March 31 - Don & Gina Leon, Paul & Sandy Larson

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS - Sue Forster (876-2029/sforster@cvim.net)

9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 3 - Open	March 3 - Jim and Lynda Stephenson
March 10 - Anne Rohrbach	March 10 - Sue Forster
March 17 - Open	March 17 - Barbara Fiscus
March 24 - Linda Domin	March 24 - Sue Forster
March 31 - Open	March 31 - Sharyn Everhart

ACOLYTES - Stephanie Fozard (238-7935/steph@fozards.com)

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 3 - Open	March 3 - Emilio Schul	March 3 - Sophia and Mirabella Bills
March 10 - Open	March 10 - Jacob Fritz, Ben Seaton	March 10 - Lincoln Hockenberry, Regan Houseknecht
March 17 - Ryan Pencek	March 17 - Spencer Hardyk, Nicholas Hardyk	March 17 - Abby Fozard, Caitlin or Fiona Knowles
March 24 - Open	March 24 - Alexis Weyandt, Kacie Kempf	March 24 - Abby Fozard, Renne Buda
March 31 - Open	March 31 - Open	March 31 - Sophia Bills, Netta Horn

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Sally Keiser-Bankert (571-3672/sallykb@verizon.net)

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 3 - Don Widener	March 3 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert	March 3 - Dennis Glocke, Bob Voigt
March 10 - Nancy Reinert	March 10 - Nick Downs and Mardi McDonough	March 10 - Brian Bills, Beth Shafranko
March 17 - Don Widener	March 17 - John Diercks, Rachel Wolkenhaurer	March 17 - John and Brenda Palmgren
March 24 - Cindy Nicosia	March 24 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert	March 24 - Paul and Leslie Wagner
March 31 - Don Widener	March 31 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert	March 31 - Rich and Sharon Rivell

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sally Keiser-Bankert
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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Joyce Arbutina
(237-4512/joycearb@comcast.net)

SOUND BOOTH

Karl Hosterman
(355-4818/karl@centrecmonline.com)

8 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 3 - George Weigand	March 3 - Lois Lynn and Leslie Wagner	March 3 - Lester Griel, Jr.
March 10 - Carla Rossi	March 10 - Dave and Joyce Arbutina	March 10 - Lester Griel, III
March 17 - George Weigand	March 17 - Ellen and Matthew Campbell and Lynn Rogers	March 17 - Richard Brenneman
March 24 - George Weigand	March 24 - Mark and Karen Mrsa	March 24 - Wayne Pauley
March 31 - Carla Rossi	March 31 - High School Youth	March 31 - Karl Hosterman



March Worship Sponsors



The church office (238-2478) or Sheri Rider (srider@glcpa.org)

Altar Flowers	Bulletin Covers	Radio Sponsors
March 3 - Anne, Bruce and Aaron Rohrbach	March 3 - The Elder Family	March 3 - Open
March 10 - Dave and Nadine Wolfe	March 10 - Billie, Michelle and Teague Willits-Kelley	March 10 - Bob and Lois Voigt
March 17 - Curt and Jackie Kune	March 17 - Spence and Vickie Garvin	March 17 - The Kim family
March 24 - Ken Harpster	March 24 - The Oyler Family	March 24 - Ken Harpster
March 31 - Bill and Linda Cocolin	March 31 - Bob and Alice Griffin	March 31 - June Krumrine

February Pastoral Acts

New Births and Baptisms	Deaths - Funerals/Memorials	Weddings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hugo Laurence Chastain, baptised February 17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carolyn Yarnell, February 16 	

Prayer List for March



All deployed military and those traveling in war-torn countries

Susan Antle

Celeste Barnes and family

Scott Cocolin

Marion and Winnie Deppen

Jean Donavan

Sheri Ebeling and family, daughter of Elaine Ebeling

Vicki Garvin

Lenore Horner

Dick Houtz

Bill Kraftchak, friend of the Weigands

Ruth Kistler

Larry Kuhns

Phil Lucas

Danielle McHenry

Jo Anne Miller

Alan Musgrave

Maryann Newcomb

Chuck Noel

Robert Schlegel

Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins

Ken Shultz

Kyle Steffens, college roommate of Laurel Sanders

William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite

Jack Sylves and family and his grandparents, Tom and Marj Eakin

Marcile Tressler

Lisa Thomas, Sally and Carl's friend

Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite

Emily Voigt, granddaughter of Lois & Bob Voigt

Barbara Waters, friend of Pastor Schul

The family of Carolyn Yarnell upon her death

March Birthdays

1 Nathan Cunningham

1 Robert Gruver

1 Polly Dee Keiser McWilliams

1 Flo Musgrave

1 Michael Weyandt

2 John Horn

2 Joseph Janik

2 Erin Kauffman

2 Michael Kauffman

2 Jeff Ulmer

2 Curtis Johnson

March Birthdays

3 Sandra Cassady	15 Stephen Delafield	25 Meghan Pieniazek
3 Diane Kulp	15 Tena Ishler	25 Morgan Conklin
3 George Myers	15 Peter Wandell	25 Jacob Ulmer
4 Vikki Ammerman	16 Gabriel Watts	26 Annika Bechtel
4 Matthew Antle	Glocke	26 Sharyn Everhart
5 Amber Burris	16 Andrea Afflitto	26 Stephen Grim
5 Eric Hahn	16 Abby Arbutina	26 Kirk Kreisher
6 Don Gordon	16 Marisa Cable	27 Joseph Chastain
6 Ken Hirth	16 Alan Musgrave	27 Jay Lazorcik
7 Elizabeth Burger	17 Patricia Lloyd	27 Ryan Roof
7 Cynthia Keith	17 Brandon Martin	28 Dorothy Delafield
8 Heidi Kremser	17 Brian Widener	28 Rebecca Jeanmenne
8 Joseph Powell	17 Kelly Conron	28 Ryan Loy
8 Colin Sutherland	18 Robert Griffin	28 Emma Proctor
8 Gregory Stewart	18 John Miller III.	28 Olivia Lee Slogosky
8 Peter Horn	18 Cameron Davidson	29 William Davies
9 Katherine Brigger	19 Becky Beard	29 Zachary Debnar
9 Judy Rockey	19 Nora Marie Hoffer	29 Richard Houtz
9 Valerie Prince	20 Susan Ferro	29 Roxane Havice
9 Cathy Rosengrant	20 Lois Voigt	Vermillion
9 Katelin Mackenzee	21 Gorman Findley	30 Nicholas Czekaj
Caylor	21 Kristin Gibble	30 Amy Evanego
10 Shar Huebner	21 Barbara Soder	30 Richard Rivell
10 Georgia Reutzel	21 Cathleen Smarkusky	30 Phyllis Lynn
10 Kyla Lynn Kelley	21 Aaron Tamminga	Verderame
11 Sarah Rosengrant	21 Michael Hetrick	31 Matthew Asencio
11 Erik Paul Ebeling	22 Barbara Davies	31 Maia Barber
12 Janet Carr	22 Haley Ana Garvin	31 Nicole Franklin
12 Esther Larson	22 Angel Odland	31 Megan Weyandt
12 Kayne Milhomme	22 Ken Peters	
12 Brady Schuchert	23 David Grim	
12 Grant Kyle Davis	23 Olivia Myers	
12 Eric Dove	24 Emma Fivek	
13 Katie Kisenwether	24 Rudolph Schock	
13 Nathaniel Rasmussen	24 Kaitlyn McShea	
14 Kaylyn Cunningham	25 Cricket Hunter	



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. **Worship with Holy Communion**
Piano and flute accompaniment

9 a.m. **Worship with Holy Communion**
Organ accompaniment
Sunday School

10:30 a.m. **Worship with Holy Communion**
Organ accompaniment
Children's Message

6 p.m. **Prayer & Praise Worship with Holy Communion**
Christian praise songs with Psalm 151 worship team
Casual worship in the Sanctuary



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