

# Grace's Mountain View

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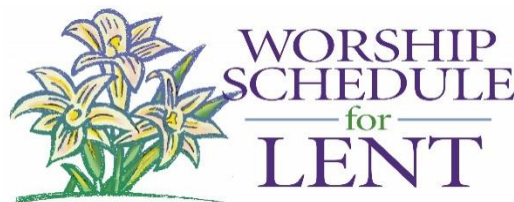
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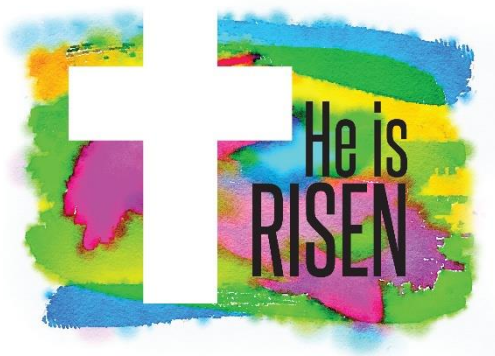
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## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Thursdays...9:30 A.M.  
Grace Café.....Wednesdays...11-1  
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.  
Church Council.....2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday...10:30 A.M

April 2, 2025	Lenten Worship	5:30 P.M. meal (group 2 serving meal) 6:30 P.M. worship
April 9, 2025	Lenten Worship	5:30 P.M. meal (group 3 serving meal)
April 13, 2025	Palm Sunday	9:30 A.M. Pancake Breakfast following worship
April 17, 2025	Maundy Thursday	6:30 P.M.
April 18, 2025	Good Friday	6:30 P.M.
April 20, 2025	Easter Sunday	9:30 A.M. Rolls following worship





April 2025

I've been plagued as of late by the annoying problem of misplacing things. I must say I do come by this naturally. I come from a long line of people who have written notes to themselves. Eventually, I do find those things I've misplaced (at least most of them). My problem as I'm looking for these items is I'm too often looking in the wrong places.

It sounds silly, doesn't it? But, it's true! If we would look only in the "right" places, we would find those things we need much more quickly.

This is exactly what the angel told the women when they arrived at the tomb on that first Easter morning. The women were looking for the body of Jesus so they could finish the embalming process. They were puzzled as to where the body could be. The angel said to the women, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5) In other words, "Ladies, you're looking in the wrong place!"

As Christians, we **NEED** to celebrate Easter!

We've come through the Lenten season during which we look at our lives and the many times and ways we've "come up short". We recognize on our own we cannot achieve salvation – we need a Savior! We need Jesus! Yet, our human nature leads us to think, "God couldn't forgive me for all I've done. I first need to do something which will make me a bit more worthy to be forgiven." When **these** are our words, we'll certainly miss the announcement – "**HE IS RISEN!!**" We'll miss the announcement because we're looking for our Savior in the wrong places! We've looked to ourselves for salvation rather than to Jesus. We need to be reminded He is not locked in the tomb, but He lives! So, we need Easter to focus our lives upon Jesus' saving action for us!

Still, old habits die hard. We **NEED** to celebrate Easter every week because throughout the year we tend to look for salvation through things which cannot save us. It's true such things will satisfy us and make us happy – for a while. However, over time, such things begin to wither, tarnish, and erode until they are no longer satisfying for us. We then find ourselves with nothing which gives us value, meaning and direction for our lives. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Easter Gospel – "**HE LIVES!!**" It's this gospel which proclaims to us God's love for us is unstoppable! Not even having to see His Son die on the cross for our sins could keep Him from loving us, calling us to Himself, and seeking to provide for our every need! When we fail to focus upon God as our sole Lord and Savior, we're like the women at the empty tomb. We're seeking life among things which will only bring decay and death.

May we truly hear the Easter proclamation, "HE IS NOT HERE! HE IS RISEN! WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?" May this Good News lead us to seek life and salvation today and every day through our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

*Pastor Mike*

Greetings Grace Family,

As we celebrate this Easter season, I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered time and talent for fellowship and worship services thus far. We have several volunteer opportunities still available for this holy season, please see Glennis to sign up.

I would like to share a story of how our community outreach via the Grace Cafe touched the life of a recent lunch guest. We were serving a meal that her mother used to make and after taking a bite, it brought her to tears. It was "her mother's recipe" that she and her brother had recently been reminiscing about. She asked if she could please have a copy of the recipe. She thanked us immensely for the great memory. It is the little things that can make a huge difference in someone's life.

As we are welcoming the emotional, physical and spiritually hungry into our church daily, we are furthering our mission of GRACE BY GRACE, seeking to be God's Faithful People.

The Grace Cafe and Food Pantry are completely funded by donations. These funds pay for the food pantry and Wednesday lunches as well as giving back to the church. In the month of March, the cafe has generously provided the main course for our Wednesday night meal during Lenten season, purchased two drink dispensers, two kitchen utility carts, and a food warmer with inserts.

Below are the February Grace Cafe stats:

DATE	ATTENDANCE	DONATIONS	EXPENSES	MEAL SERVED
2/5/2025	50	\$188.00	\$44.42	SPAGHETTI WITH MEAT SAUCE
2/12/2025	43	\$170.00	\$72.25	TATER TOT HOTDISH
2/18/2025	54	\$162.25	\$50.64	TURKEY ALA KING WITH MASHED POTATOES
2/26/2025	82	\$218.82	160.87	SCALLOPED POTATOES WITH HAM

The task of operating a large building as our church, is a huge undertaking. Be it sprinkler alarm system failure, custodial work, utensil drawer inserts, snow shoveling and ice chipping, phone system repair, or installing new faucets, the list goes on and on. To each and everyone of you who work tirelessly behind the scenes with little recognition, PLEASE know you are noticed. Your dedication and expertise is immeasurable. THANK YOU, THANK YOU , THANK YOU!

And as always, your church council is available for any questions or concerns you may have.

p.s. Please join us for lunch on Wednesday, April 9th as we will celebrate Pastor Mike's birthday!

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER SEASON

*Jim Brogren Jr.*

Council President

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

## April 6

Loghen Olson

## April 9

Pastor Mike Schendel

## April 11

Gerry Nybo

## April 12

Ethan Carrier

## April 13

Megan Schwoboda.  
Alan Honer

## April 14

Rita Hendrickson

## April 21

Everett Anderson

## April 24

Glennis Olson

## April 25

Andrew Honer

## April 30

Tarin Ladwig  
Elaine Jenson  
Jordan Lane

# APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

God Bless You  
On your  
Anniversary

## NO ANNIVERSARIES

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.

# IT'S A GRACE THING!

### NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

*Don't forget our members in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities*

Oak Crossing #115 1040 Lincoln Ave

Clarice Anderson

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS February 11, 2024)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions given by Maggie Schmit
- † Correspondence was read. None
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

Total Income	\$7,760.35
Total Expenses	\$12,339.01
Checkbook Balance 2/28/2025	\$53.98
Rainy Day Fund	\$5,260.48
Savings Balance	\$12,416.63
Mortgage Balance	\$78,324.71

Discussion was held concerning the low balance of the Rainy-Day Fund. Funds have been drained due to monthly bills and church repairs. Need to bring balance back up!

† **PROPERTY**—Required Knox Box was installed so that the fire department will have access to church key in case of emergency. Cost was \$533. New compressor and compressor switch installed after 3 separate fire calls. Also, informed that at some point the sprinkler system will have to be updated. New batteries installed in the floor scrubber. Leaking faucet and coffee maker fixed. Thanks to all who helped with these repairs.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**--- Mardi Gras pancake breakfast was well attended and enjoyed by all. On April 13<sup>th</sup> Confirmation students will be serving Pancake breakfast. Egg hunt will be held for Sunday School students.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---Noisy offerings from January, February, and March will be donated to the Becker County Food Pantry.

† **WORSHIP**---April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Worship Service. April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Good Friday Worship Service. April 20<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday with worship at 9:30 P.M. April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. Confirmation Worship Service with cake reception following the worship service.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**—Jim updated on Grace Café. Has been well attended. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help. Food Pantry is well used and is restocked every other day and at times daily.

† **OLD BUSINESS**---Couch in Narthex was replaced by couch donated by Ranae's sister. Old couch was donated to a few thankful families who didn't have one. DAC cleaners last day was March 7<sup>th</sup>. Cleaning will now be completed by Kaity Carrier who will be paid when she is available. Also volunteering to help will be Kelly Carrier and Gale LaFerriere. If anyone sees something that needs to be done, feel free to help or contact the office.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---Jim updated on call committee meeting with Pastor Janelle and Pastor Laurie which was held on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Maggie has volunteered to make welcome baskets. April 3<sup>rd</sup> Red Cross Blood Drive will be held with DL Jaycees in charge. →

## CHURCH MEETINGS

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2025 following the worship service. Steve Swanson has devotions.

### CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 4:45 P.M.

**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**



Next meeting will be April 13, 2025 following the worship service. Steve Swanson has devotions.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gale LaFerriere*  
Council secretary



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- \* Sunday School classes held every Sunday beginning at 10:00 A.M.
- \* Thanks to Traci Mace who is the Sunday School teacher. Your dedication is much appreciated.
- \* The Sunday School students will be singing on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- \* **EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School!!!
- \* ***NO Sunday School*** on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Last day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day. The Sunday School children will be singing during the worship service.

### CONFIRMATION

- \* Classes are held Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.
- \* Confirmation students should be attending Lenten Services as well as helping during the worship services.
- \* Confirmation students and their parents will be serving a Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- \* The Rite of Confirmation will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday Worship Service. Congratulations to our Confirmands: Katie Carrier, Liam Bennett, and Kenzie Schwoboda.

*Please consider being a mentor for current and future Confirmation students at Grace. A final requirement of students before getting confirmed is to meet with a mentor for 3-4 times to discuss faith and Lutheran living. There are mentor booklets available in the office. Please see Glennis or Becky to sign up with questions.*



**PLEASE VOLUNTEER** to be a lector, usher, or greeter during our worship services. Contact Sonia Anderson (218-847-8555) or Glennis in the office to help during our worship services. Your help would be much appreciated!!!

# APRIL USHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS--9:30 A.M.

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR	COFFEE SERVERS
April 2, 2025 LENTEN SERVICE	Lani Olson	Sara & Ruby Nelson	Sara Nelson	Group 2 Serves Lenten Meal
April 6, 2025	Sonia Anderson	Dan & Machele Krengel	Dan Krengel	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda, Gerry & Lillian Nybo
April 9, 2025 LENTEN SERVICE	Sonia Anderson	Blair & Kelly Westrum		Group 3 Serves Lenten Meal
April 13, 2025 PALM SUNDAY	Lani Olson Sonia Anderson	Tom & Kathy Lormis, Lani Olson	Tom Lormis	Pancake Breakfast served by Confirmation students & parents
April 17, 2025 MAUNDY THURSDAY	Sonia Anderson			XXX
April 18, 2025 GOOD FRIDAY	Sonia Anderson	Liam Bennett	Rebecca Esser	XXX
April 20, 2025 EASTER SUNDAY	Dan Alley	Kevin & Kathy Erickson	Rebecca Esser	Sweet rolls served by Church Council
April 27, 2025 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	Marlys Brasel Ardis Tollefson	Blace & Myrna Schmidt	Glennis Olson	Cake & Ice Cream in honor of the Confirmands

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
April 6, 2025	Psalms 126	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 13, 2025 PALM SUNDAY	Psalms 31:9-16	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 19:28-40 Luke 22:14-23:56
April 17, 2025 MAUNDY THURSDAY	Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19	Exodus 12:1-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 18, 2025 GOOD FRIDAY	Psalms 22	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
April 20, 2025 EASTER SUNDAY	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12
April 27, 2025	Psalms 118:14-29	Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

On Easter Sunday we will begin to use our new **ELCA red hymnals** which are replacing the older green hymnals. It was time to replace the older hymnals as they are no longer being published. Plus many were falling apart. Thanks to the generosity of several members of our congregation, we were able to purchase 38 new hymnals. Along with the current hymnals we already have which were donated in memory of Roger Sexton by his family, we now have enough hymnals for all our pews and even a few extra.

As for the green hymnals, if you gave one of these hymnals in memory of a loved one, you may have that hymnal if you wish. Or if you would like one of the hymnals as a keepsake, you may also take one. The remaining hymnals will be donated to the Northwest Minnesota Synod. They distribute the hymnals to churches who need them or sister ELCA churches in other countries.

Thanks again for your generosity. Below you will find a list of all those who donated a hymnal:

Shirley Gulden & family	4 hymnals in memory of Marlin Gulden	
Matt & Kelly Carrier & family	1 hymnal in memory of Delmar & Marian Carrier, 1 hymnal in memory of Nena Bartnes	1 hymnal in honor of Ashtyn, Ethan, Mason, & Kaitlyn Carrier  1 hymnal in honor of Pastor Mike Schendel
Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda	1 hymnal in memory of Bud & Ann Schwoboda	1 hymnal in memory of George & Lucille Rotz
Glennis Olson	1 hymnal in memory of Jamie Olson, Clifford & Gerdes Hovelson	1 hymnal in honor of children & grandchildren
Gale LaFerriere & children—Tamara, Ryan, Adam, Kate	1 hymnal in memory of Don LaFerriere	1 hymnal in honor of grandchildren: Brittany, Keenan, Hailey, Conner, Mason, Lexi, Taylor, Fiunn, Easton, Emery, Hadley
Tom & Kathy Lormis	9 hymnals in memory of Bertha Anderson	



Jim & Mary Ann Brogren Sr.	1 hymnal in memory of Clarence & Helen Beyer	1 hymnal in memoruy of Vern & Elzada Brogren
Elvie Zitzow and family	1 hymnal in memory of Vern Zitzow	1 hymnal in memory of Vern Zitzow
Lois Flatau	In memory Roger Flatau	
Jason & Kacey Leitheiser	1 hymnal in memory of Laurie Bowers  1 hymnal in memory of Wilma Leitheiser	1 hymnal in memory of Roger & Vonnie Johnson
Pastor Mike Schendel	4 hymnals in honor of the Children of God who work to accomplish God's work in and through Grace Lutheran Church	
Clarice Anderson & family	In memory of Arvid Anderson & Pam Anderson	



**EASTER FLOWERS** were given to beautify our church during the Easter season. *Thank you to the following people who ordered Easter flowers. You may pick up the flowers following the Easter worship service.*

Pastor Mike Schendel	1 Triple Lily in memory of Erhart & Erna Stegman and Maynard & Delores Schendel	1 Triple Lily in memory of Karen Schendel	1 Hydrangea in honor of the Grandchildren: Cailles, Remey, Rhett, Nyla, Aldryn, and Briar
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Clarice Anderson & family	1 Mum in memory of Pam Anderson	1 Mum in memory of Arvid Anderson
Barry & Linda Hjelsand & family	1 Easter Lily in memory of Pamela Green	1 Azelea in honor of our Servicemen
Connor & Ruby Nelson	1 Hydrangea in memory of Grandma Jeanette	
Irene Carnegie	1 Hydrangea in memory of Ben Carnegie	
Bob & Michelle Pary, Mary Pary	1 Easter Lily in memory of Bob Pary Sr.	
Glennis Olson	1 Hydrangea in memory of Jamie Olson & Clifford & Gerdes Hovelson, also in honor of children & grandchildren	
Shirley Gulden & family	1 Azalea in memory of Marlin Gulden	
Ranae Sexton	1 Easter Lily in memory of Roger Sexton & Dorothea Gerner	
Matt & Kelly Carrier	1 Easty Lily in memory of all loved ones that have passed	1 Azalea in honor of Pastor Mike Schendel
Tom & Kathy Lormis	1 Azalea in memory of Andy & Bertha Anderson and Bill & Carol Lormis. Also in honor of Grayson Siverson	



# HAPPY *Easter*

We are sending blessings  
as we celebrate the  
resurrection of Jesus!  
Please join us as we worship  
our risen Savior and rejoice in  
the new life he offers.



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in**  
**America**

213 Roosevelt Avenue

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*Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.*

*Sunday School Sept - May 10:00 A.M.*

*Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round*

*Office Hours 9:00 till Noon M – F*

*"Come and join us in growing into God's  
amazing Grace."*

**EXPERIENCE GRACE AT GRACE**

*Grace Lutheran Church...a place to belong*

Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

April 2024

Vision Statement---Grace Lutheran Church seeks to be a serving and witnessing people of God, united to share the Gospel with all. Through the Holy Spirit, we respond by reaching out with concern and support to the varied needs of a diverse people.

**Address Service Requested**



**Palm Sunday Service, Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**9:30 A.M.**

*(Confirmation Students serving pancake breakfast)*

*(Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School)*

**Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 17, 2025**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Good Friday Service, Friday, April 18, 2025**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Easter Sunday Service, Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**9:30 A.M.**

*(Rolls & Coffee Fellowship following worship)*

*SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M....COME JOIN US...YOU ARE INVITED*