

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 11, 2018**

SUN	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:30 AM	Sunday Book Club
	9:45 AM	Education Hour/Grace Blood Pressure Checks
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship
	5:15 PM	Laudate & Youthful Spirit
	6:00 PM	BSA-Scout Master/Leader Conference
	6:30 PM	Graceful Ringers
MON	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4, & 5 year olds
	4:00 PM	Grace Dancers– Children
	5:00 PM	Grace Dancers– Adults
	6:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop 153
TUES	9:00 AM	Preschool 2, 3,4,& 5 year olds
	1:00 PM	Afternoon Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Why Christian?
WED	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4, & 5 year olds
	12:00 PM	Midweek Lent Noon Service
	12:30 PM	Lenten Soup Lunch
	4:45 PM	Hand Chime Choir
	5:15 PM	Cherubs/Primetime– Fish
	5:30 PM	Messengers
	6:00 PM	Confirmation/Revelation Ringers
	6:15 PM	Joyful Sound
	7:00 PM	Midweek Lent Service
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
THUR	9:00 AM	Preschool 2, 3,4,& 5 year olds
	12:00 PM	DAP
	7:00 PM	BSA-Patrol Leader Conference
	7:00 PM	Council
FRI	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4, & 5 year olds
SAT	9:00 AM	Band
	5:00 PM	Worship

SAVE THE DATE–
 Youth Bible Study– MAR 18
 Faith Circle– MAR 19
 Why Christian?- MAR 20
 Midweek Lent Noon Service–MAR 21
 Lenten Soup Lunch– MAR 21
 Midweek Evening Service– MAR 21
 First Communion Class– MAR 24
 No Sunday School– MAR 25
 No Dance– MAR 26
 Youth Group– MAR 27
 Senior Lunch– MAR 27

Maundy Thursday– MAR 28
 Good Friday– MAR 29
 Easter Vigil– MAR 30
 Easter- APR 1
 Committee Night- APR 3
 Endowment– APR 3
 DAP– APR 5
 Blood Pressure Checks– APR 15
 Spring Clean Up– APR 21
 Cantata– APR 22
 Church Basement Ladies 2-JUN 16

DAY ONE SUBMISSIONS : Deadline is this Tuesday for next weekend's Day One. Email requests to tbaier@gracewoodstock.org

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Take Day One home and stay connected to Grace all week long!
TODAY IN WORSHIP– The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

WELCOME TO GRACE! - If you are a guest with us today, we welcome you and ask you to please sign Grace's red friendship folder during the service and stop by the Information Center for a gift from us. Please join us again and get to know us better.

SPECIAL CANTATA– April 22 will be a special Cantata entitled "You Are the Christ" that will celebrate the ministry of recently deceased Rev. Ken Ahlstrand and his wife Marge. Ken and Marge in their respective pastoral and musician roles were with Grace for many years leading to the move of Grace from WWashington St. to its present location. The one servive for the day will be on April 22 at 10:30 a.m. The day will further celebrate the official completion of our current Capital Campaign. A Luncheon for the congregation will follow the service.

MAKING CHANGE- Midweek Lent. We continue to gather at 12 PM & 7 PM for midweek worship service. Please join us in worship as we reflect on change of season, habit, circumstances, heart, and plans. Soup lunches follow the noon service, and PrimeTime dinner begins at 5:15 PM before the 7 PM service.

EASTER DECORATIONS—Please help decorate the Church for Easter in honor or memory of someone special. Order forms for plants can be found at the Sign-Up desk or in your service folders. The deadline for the \$14.00 donation is March 26, 2018.

AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY–Do you know if Paul had ever been to Rome when he wrote his letter to the Church in Rome? Do you know the year that Paul wrote his significant Epistle to "All Gods beloved in Rome, who are called Saints?" Come to a Bible study on this book in the Bible starting now, Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Ken is leading this conversation and all are welcome.

ASSISTANT CHURCH SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER NEEDED- The church office finds itself in need of someone to fill the position of secretary/bookkeeper. Please give prayerful consideration for this position and if interested you may contact the church office for a job descriptions. If you have any questions, please direct these to Pastor Ken or Pastor Amanda.

RUMMAGE SALE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED– Grace is in need of someone to take over the Rummage Sale . This sale happens every May with the congregation bringing in donations for the sale. The chairperson of this ministry organizes volunteers to implement the work needed to make the sale a success. The proceeds are given to area charitable organization. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the office.



Day One — Grace for the first day of your week.

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PASSION AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES-

Palm/ Passion Weekend - March 24, 5 P.M. & March 25, 8:30 & 10:45 A.M. We wave palms to commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem, and reflect on Jesus' passion and death, and celebrate first communion.

Maundy Thursday - March 29, Noon & 7 P.M. We hear Jesus' commandment to love one another, and enter into the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Good Friday - March 30, Noon & 7 P.M. We hear the story of Jesus' death on a cross, and even on this day, we remember Jesus' triumph through the cross.

Easter Vigil - March 31, 7 P.M. This is the night! We gather around a new fire, hear ancient stories, remember our baptism, celebrate Holy Communion, and celebrate the good news.

Easter Sunday - April 1, 7:00, 8:30, & 10:45 A.M. Alleluia! Christ is risen! We gather to boldly proclaim that death does not have the last say, for Jesus Christ is risen today.

GRACE PRESCHOOL WILL SAY FAREWELL TO MRS. CHRIS- We at Grace have been blessed by the loving arms and tremendous leadership of Mrs. Chris in our preschool and she has now decided that it is time for retirement. The only thing we can say is Thank You Mrs. Chris. Please extend to Mrs. Chris our individual thanks and watch for a more formal celebration to be announced soon. In the meantime, everyone start looking for some pretty big feet to fill the shoes of Mrs. Chris. We are now in a full search for a new preschool director. If you are interested please contact the church office.

ADULT BUS TRIP – Saturday, June 16: “A Second Helping”, The Church Basement Ladies Sequel at the Fireside Dinner Theatre. Come and enjoy more laughs as our ladies serve a Luther League Banquet to a Viking's Super Bowl Sunday. Cost is \$90. For more information or to sign up, please see the Activity Binder. Questions, call Shirley Busse at 815-338-9063.

SENIOR LUNCHEON – March 27: Our menu is lemon-rosemary roast chicken thighs with potatoes & carrots, rolls, applesauce and black bottom banana bars. Susan, from Alden Estates of Huntley, will tell us about their short term rehabilitation center that will be more like an upscale hotel with restaurant style dining. Cost is \$5, so bring a friend! Sign up in the Activity Binder by March 25. Questions, call Shirley Busse at 815-338-9063.

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES- Recently, the students and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida experienced tragedy. In response, students have invited allies around the nation to join with them for a March for Our Lives on March 24, 2018 in Washington, DC: calling our country into a deeper conversation about school safety and second amendment rights and responsibilities. Adopted in 1994, the ELCA social message on Community Violence remains sadly relevant today. The message speaks about the causes of violence as complex and pervasive, and of how violence breeds violence. In proclaiming the forgiveness and love of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the church addresses the root of violence while being committed to social actions that respond directly to violence and the people it affects. The Conference of Bishops of the ELCA, in solidarity with our youth, and in response to our baptismal vocation: living among God's faithful people, hearing the word of God and sharing in the Lord's Supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people following the example of Jesus, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth; offer our support, partnership and prayers for the March for Our Lives, its satellite city events, and our children and youth who are leading us forward as peacemakers.

BACK STORAGE ROOM CLEAN UP- All groups and organizations need to sort, organize, clean, and pare down all stored items to keep the basement area clear and in keeping with the fire safety ordinances.

PRAYERS-Please lift up these petitions in your prayers— To become a praying member of the Friends in Prayer, please submit name and e-mail address to dklabunde@gracewoodstock.org.

World: Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, churchwide staff & their families, Bishop Jeff Clements, synod staff & their families, those serving in military conflicts, Arusha Town Lutheran Parish in Tanzania (our companion parish), Scott Bunch serving in the military, Chaplain Major Darrell Kyle deployed with the United States Air Force.

Woodstock: Pastor Ken Gibson & his family; Pastor Amanda Bergstrom & her family; Grace Staff; Grace Council

Health Concerns: Catherine Aavang-Roush and her infant son, Leo, Marge Birk, Lois Bloese, John Bloese, Ray Bock (husband of Sharon Bock), Mary Sue Boerner (friend of Paul Lockwood & Diane Baker-Lockwood), Sheila Boggess (friend of Kathy Stone), Frank Bunch, Dale Carlson, Allison Clark (niece of Martha & Bill Fleck), Lou & Janie Czarny (friend of Paul Lockwood), Patrice Dunn, Verna Eslick, Russ Freeman, Robert Giron (brother of Patty Kozlow), Becca Guenther (niece of Gretchen & Claude Hutchens), Tamasa Gutierrez (mother of Patty Kozlow), Wallace Halvorson (father of Shelley Tucker), Adelynn Hurckes (great granddaughter of Dorothe VonBergen), Mary Johnson, Diana King, Nancy Knieja (friend of Martha Fleck), Dr. Bill Larsen, Ken Lindenmier (brother-in-law of Diane Baker-Lockwood), John Mahoney, Wilma Malinasky (mother of Janice Laird), Amanda McNally (grandniece of Diane Baker-Lockwood), Renee Merklin (friend of Rachel Bratanick), Tammy Millman (daughter of Karen Millman), Caryl Montgomery, Kem Moran (friend of Barb Aavang), Carl Neubaum (son of Donna Neubaum), Carol O'Brien (sister of Bill Larsen), Gloria Ogle, John Oliver (friend of Ron & Mary Koehn), Arne Olson, Andrea Paetsch (aunt of Debbi Lynd), Vicki Pilgard, John Potoczky, Carol Rank, Shawn Rank (son of Carol Rank), Johnny Rankin (friend of Joe Evanoff), Sheila Readel, Rene Rebman (uncle of Ron & Mary Koehn), Jean Reed (mother of Mary Hoyt), Ken Renner, Joan Russell (mother of Sheri Conover), Stanley Russell (father of Sheri Conover), Jasper Schinkoeth (grandson of Deb & Joe Evanoff), Colton Sciluffo (infant son of a friend of Joy Oberman), Bill Seger, Eleanor Setser, John Sorensen, Elsie Stoddard, Ginny Stroh (mother of Fay Wilson), Doris Sunday, Samuel Sweeney (nephew of Melissa McMahan), Ellie Mae Thompson (great niece of Gladys & Ken Renner), Josh Tillman, Brian Tobin (grandson of Enn Teetsov), Bev Visconti, Bud Winter, Ruth Zirves
Sorrow: Jonathan Cundiff (son of Joe Evanoff)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Monday: Exodus 15:22-27
Tuesday: Numbers 20:1-13
Wednesday: John 8:12-20
Thursday: Isaiah 60:15-22
Friday: Hebrews 3:1-6
Saturday: Psalm 107:1-16
Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:30-33



PREPARE THE WAY
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Goal
\$ 780,430.00

Committed
\$ 497,579.06

Received
\$ 516,741.45

OUR WORSHIP

LAST WEEK

Midweek	12:00 p.m.	31
Midweek	7:00 p.m.	76
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	48
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	132
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	84
Total		371

Received for Budget

Offering	\$11,262.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,037.00
Week Total	\$12,299.00