

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE—March 28th — April 4th

Palm Sunday

Preacher: Pastor Lester H. Dumer

Liturgist: Pastor Brad A. Brown

Hymns: 442 437 441 440

Glory Bound Choir directed by Julie Matzen
"Comes the King"

Scripture Lessons: *Deuteronomy 32:36-39*
Philippians 2:5-11
John 12:20-43

Sermon: "Sir, We Wish to See Jesus"

John 12:20-26

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

THOSE IN SERVICE

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28^T

8:30 a.m. Service

Elder: Ron Jurgersen
Ushers: John Pischke
Clint Albrecht
Joel Schanze
Acolyte: Tyler Ketelsen
A/V: Rich Matzen

11:00 a.m. Service

Elder: Scott Steffens
Ushers: Nancy Spain
Joey Spain
John Hansen
Acolyte:
MacKenzie Meggers
A/V: David Knight

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST

11:00 a.m.. Service

Elder: Dick Schrage
A/V: Carol Anderson

7:00 p.m.. Service

Elder: Dave Wold
Acolyte: Amber Meyer
A/V: Nancy Haney

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

11:00 a.m.. Service

Elder: Dick Schrage
A/V: Carol Anderson &
Nancy Haney

7:00 p.m.. Service

Elder: Dave Wold
Acolyte: Jacob Minick
A/V: Carol Anderson &
Nancy Haney

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

6:30 a.m. Service

Elder: Dave Wold
Acolyte: Nicole Nissen
A/V: Vicki Becker

8:30 a.m. Service

Elder: Carvel Van Meter
Ushers: Randy Lange,
Ron Peters, Jim Owen,
Jon Billhorn
Acolyte: Miranda Franklin
A/V: Rich Matzen



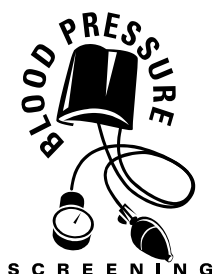
Altar flowers were given by Ralph & Bev Johnson in honor of her parents, Harold & Helma Schmidt's, 85th wedding anniversary.

Blood Pressure Checks

Today

9:30—11:00 a.m.

Business Managers Office.



11:00 a.m. Worship

Elder: Scott Havener
Ushers: Mike Good,
Steven Schatz,
Dennis Gisel
Acolyte: Emily Reed
A/V: David Knight

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 3/28 Palm Sunday

Hall is Rented

7:30 a.m. Bible Class

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30-11 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes

11:00 a.m. Praise Worship

6:30 p.m. Varsity Cross Training

Wednesday, 3/31

DUE TO HOLY WEEK THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

NO CONFIRMATION OR FAITHWEAVER FRIENDS

Thursday, 4/1 Maundy Thursday

11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

NO PRESCHOOL

Friday, 4/2 Good Friday

11:00 a.m. Tenebrae Worship

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Wroship

NO PRESCHOOL

Sunday, 4/4 Easter Sunday

5:30 a.m. Walk to the Cemetery

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship/Communion

7:00-9:00 a.m. Easter Pancake Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Easter Worship/Communion

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Easter Worship/Communion

Monday, 4/5 OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 p.m. Board of Elders

6:30 p.m. Board of Christian Ed.

NO PRESCHOOL

Tuesday, 4/6 NO PRESCHOOL

Wednesday, 4/7

5:00-7:00 p.m. Pizza Hut Fundraiser for Grace Camp

5:30 p.m. Confirmation & FaithWeaver Friends

7:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

7:45 p.m. Glory Bound Choir

Lost & Found

We have a number of items that have not found their owner. Please, take a moment too look on the shelf in the coat closet to see if any of the items may be yours.

HIS GREAT LOVE our response for 03/21/2010

In our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

	Amount	Goal
General Fund	\$ 5,575.00	\$7,250.00
Sunday Basket	102.00	154.00
Lent	667.00	
Capital Improvements	50.00	
Sunday School	54.83	
Grace Lutheran Camp	110.00	
Total	\$ 6,558.83	

Preschool Donations \$ 1,065.00

Victory Center \$ 172.00

Attendance for week ending March 24th

In worship	Actual	Goal	Communed
Prayer Service	27	35	
Sunday Worship			
8:30 a.m.	170	175	132
11:00 a.m.	87	175	65
Wednesday-Lent			
11:00 a.m.	47	30	
7:00 p.m.	<u>86</u>	<u>65</u>	
Total	417	480	

In Study on Sunday

Sunday School	61	65
High School	8	15
Adult Bible Study	39	65
Staff	<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>
Total	129	170

Midweek

Faith Weaver Friends	29
Confirmation	25
Staff	<u>19</u>
Total	73

Thrivent Giving Plus Phase-out Grant

Preschool Donations Received	\$1,065.00
Preschool Construction (Lent Meals)	<u>\$ 496.70</u>
Total of Funds Received	\$1,561.70

Thank you for your donations to the Preschool Construction Project. Your continued support and donations will help reduce the cost that we have incurred during this remodel.

Mission Statement: In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church is to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, communities and world.



Maundy Thursday
 April 1, 2010
 Worship with Communion
 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

HARVEST OF SORROWS

A Good Friday Tenebrae Cantata
 Performed by Glory Bound Choir

Friday, April 2, 2010
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The tear-washed road to the cross is a necessary journey for all seekers of grace. Come and mourn awhile and reflect on the cost of redemption. Come and walk the winding road to Calvary. Kneel at the cross and nurture your heart with the Savior's grace. See the fruits of mercy and love draped in the arms of a rugged cross. Come and listen...



5:30 a.m. Walk to Elmwood Cemetery
 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship/Communion
 8:30 a.m. Easter Worship/Communion
 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship/Communion
 (Sermon is the same at all services)



Easter Breakfast will be served, by the Youth, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in Grace Hall. Please join them for a delicious breakfast. Proceeds will go towards the National Youth Gathering.

YOUTH NEWS

Varsity Cross Training
 G.Y.M. Building March 28th



Easter Morning
Pancake
Breakfast



Served 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

The popular kids book reads "If you give a pig a pancake, she'll want some syrup to go with it. You'll give her some of your favorite maple syrup, and she'll probably get all sticky, so she'll want to take a bath." There will be plenty of pancakes to go around, and plenty of syrup as well. Hopefully none of your family members will need a bath afterward though. Bring your family and your appetites to the Youth's Annual Pancake Breakfast. It is a great way to share in a meal with other church members, meet some new and interesting people, and relax a bit before heading off to meet the rest of the family for a great Easter celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!



An Evening of Music
Sunday, April 11, 2010—6:00 p.m.

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

The Saxony Lutheran High School Band of Jackson, Missouri will perform an evening concert, "**Walk by Faith, Not by Sight**" on Sunday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Church. This concert will feature a variety of band selections reminding us of our walk of faith with our risen Lord. Several youth members of Grace will be guest performers. A free will donation will be taken to help support the band and their travel.

Vacation Bible School 2010 June 7—11



This Summer we will set sail and experience the deep rolling waters of God's love. With your help we can make this High Seas Adventure one the children will never forget. For a list of ways in which you can help, please see the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have question, please contact Deje Jensen, VBS Director at preschool@gracedewitt.org or call the church office at 659-9153.



LWR 2010 SPRING COLLECTION DRIVE

The Lutheran World Relief spring collection drive is underway. This time we will collect items for **LAYETTES** and **HEALTH KITS**, due to the urgency of the situation in Haiti. Shopping lists for items are included in the March and April newsletters, and are available at the display in the church foyer. The deadline for donations is Monday, April 12. Thank you for your generous support. **Eve Circle – The Lutheran Women's Missionary League**



PIZZA --- Grace Camp is sponsoring two opportunities to eat PIZZA !!! The first one is Wednesday, April 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 at PIZZA HUT. The second time is on Sunday, April 18th from 11:30 – 1:30 at HAPPY JOE'S. Come and enjoy food and fellowship!!!

The funds raised will go towards the upgrading of the kitchen in Peter and the siding on Peter.

Stewardship Corner

Easter is right around the corner, but, without Good Friday, there would be no Easter. Look, then, on the Suffering Servant. Hear again the story of His Passion. Think anew of the ridicule and physical torment He endured even before His walk to Golgotha. Ponder His last words from the cross on which He hung in agony: *"It is finished."* *With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit*" (John 19:30). Focusing on this event in history reminds us again of the great cost Jesus paid for our salvation and leads us to worship and praise Him with all we are and have.



There will be a bus trip to the International Quilt Festival in Rosemont, IL on Friday, April 16, 2010. The bus will leave DeWitt, IA from the Grace

Lutheran Church parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and return approximately at 7:30 p.m. There will be a pick up in Clinton at 7:00 a.m. and in Morrison, IL around 7:15 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$35.00/person which includes transportation and a ticket into the quilt festival.

The International Quilt Festival is an array of beautiful quilts and garments on display with numerous exhibits and shopping for everyone who sews or quilts. There will be quilts on display from some of our local quilters. What a great "get away for the day!" For reservations or if there are questions, call Marilyn @ 563-659-5063. Deadline to register is March 30th.

Women's Retreat

Grace Camp will be having their annual Women's Retreat Wednesday, May 5th, at the Andrew Retreat Center.

The retreat will be offered at an afternoon session from 12-3 p.m. and also in the evening from 6-9 p.m. Each session will begin with a salad meal and devotions.

The program, "Lessons from the Vineyard" will be presented by Michele Eich at each session. Michele resides in the quad city area and is a former teacher and mother of six children. Make plans to attend our retreat as Michele takes us on a "Walk through the Vineyard" sharing God's word and showing how God works in our lives.

Reservations may be made by calling Maribeth (563-357-0780) or Carol (563-659-5921) by May 3rd. The registration fee for the retreat is \$10

Looking for cards? Please see the assortment of cards we have available for purchase downstairs next to Grace Hall.