

News of Grace

Monthly Newsletter ♦ April 2019

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."



Dorothy Hansen, Marge Weber, Jim Clemens, Bev Attwell, Lorraine Leathead,

Gloria Moore, Harold & Jean Kissau, Jim Malaski, Karen & Walter Spigelmyre, Emma

Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Randy Fisher, Rev. Fred Neumn & Kay, Lyle Beck, Dewayne Nail, Margaret Crafts, Bill Carr, Sheila Hansen, John Odstreil, Jordyn AnnMarie, Heather and Family, Joseph Hansen, Violet McLaren, Patricia Denstaedt, Scott Coddington, Cody Gustin.

We also remember the families of...

Martin Martinson (Kathy Piontkowski's brother), who passed away March 3rd

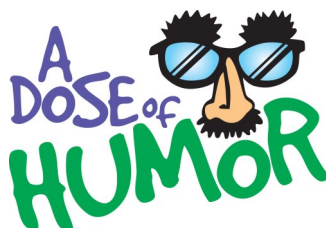
Lawrence McClarren (from Pastor Tom's home church)

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*Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).*

## **Easter Breakfast Potluck**

This year's Easter Breakfast Potluck will be held following worship on April 21st. Help is needed with set up/clean up and during the breakfast. Sign up sheets are located in the Office Narthex. Questions? Contact Jeanne Pankey (354-2416).



**Holy Humor  
Saturday/Sunday  
May 4 and 5**

Please join us at the thirteenth annual Holy Humor Saturday/Sunday services. Everyone is encouraged to dress for fun in costume or bright cheerful colors. If anyone has jokes they would like to share please get them to Pastor Orth ahead of the service.



**Spiritual Friendship  
Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 am to 3 pm  
Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall**

Spiritual Friendship is grounded in relationship to God and a commitment to support, encourage, and pray for one another. If you are being nudged and/or led by the Spirit to seek what this is all about, you are invited and encouraged to join us.

Bring your Bible, a journal, and your own lunch. This day will be facilitated by June Scarborough, Spiritual Director.



## FROM OUR PASTOR

When will all the snow be gone? I'm so ready for winter to be over!

How many times have you heard that in the last month! Or maybe even longer!

When you think about those statements there is something more built into them. An expectation. There is something beyond all this snow, cold temps and gloom. There is spring. We've lived enough years to know that spring comes after winter ends. We been through the cycle enough to trust in that. And even as frustrated with the weather and the cold at the end of winter, we know spring is coming even if it seems a long way off. It is coming!

We have also lived long enough to see God's grace in the world. For it come again and again. Sometimes there seems more questioning in that than counting on spring coming. Yet if we step back and look again at the pattern, the cycle, of our lives, we see God's presence and guidance with us.

That is what we need to count on. As we go through our living, we need to live it with assurance of what lies ahead. God's love and grace goes before us and leads us on. There is a future out there, for us, in God's kingdom filled with God's love and grace and peace and justice.

Oh yes, there will be times of looking ahead when that view seems so far away. Yet it will come as assuredly as spring follows winter. Just like we know the signs that spring is coming, we need to learn and know the signs that God's grace is with us. The days grow longer, buds appear on some trees and even some flowers poke forth are all signs of the spring to come. People caring for each other, going out of their way to help, taking stands for things are that unfair and unjust, saying peace and love are the way of God are all signs of God's living reign coming.

With God's Kingdom, we look for the love expressed in the world. Expressed sometimes when it is least expected. The caring given for others, not of out of some requirement, rather of sharing and of recognition that there is an abundance for all.

We really need to look expectantly, that the signs of God's reign are there, attuning ourselves to seeing them when it is too easy to see so much of the negativity, and vitriol, and animosity toward others in our oh to human world. We need to be the ones to point to the signs of God love and grace and peace and justice. The signs of God's kingdom are here and we need to share them, counting on them to lead us to live the Kingdom that is here and real for us now.

Peace,

*Pastor Tom*



## For Worship & Bulletin

For adding Joys and Concerns to our Intercessory Prayers, we are now using the Prayer Requests forms found in the pew envelope holder. The ushers will pick it up from you at the end of announcements. Please sign it indicating that you have the permission of the person(s) to have their name said in worship and/or printed in the bulletin. Thank you.



## Lenten Series 2019

Our series began on Ash Wednesday here at Grace Lutheran with the traditional service and scriptures for the day. Scriptural Stations of the Cross will form the basis for our remaining services and the Tre Ore on Good Friday, held this year at Trinity Episcopal Church. We invite you to join with all our fellow Christians as we follow Jesus to the cross. Even invite some friends and neighbors to see what is going on in the life of our churches.

This year's offering goes to Call Us for Help, Friendship Room and Sunday Supper.

| Date                                    | Host                          | Preacher          | Theme                                     |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| April 3                                 | St. Paul                      | Rev. Bill Rayment | Jesus is judged by Pilate                 |
| April 10                                | All Saints<br>(at St. Anne's) | Rev. Bill McClure | Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns |
| Maundy Thursday<br>April 18             | Trinity Episcopal             | Rev. Dr. Bob Case | Jesus takes up his cross                  |
| Tre Ore<br>April 19<br>Noon - 3:00 p.m. | Trinity Episcopal             |                   | Remaining Stations of the Cross           |



## Easter Worship

**Easter Vigil**  
**Saturday, April 20**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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**Easter Worship**  
**Sunday, April 21**  
**9:30 a.m.**

Easter Breakfast Potluck  
Served Following Worship



## Community Celebrating & Sharing Dinner

*Trying something new*

Will be in the Fall

Sunday, October 13 at the APlex  
Stay tuned for more news & ideas



## Scholarship Applications

Applications for Grace Lutheran scholarships are available in the Office Narthex, for high school graduates or anyone wanting to pursue their education.

Applications should be turned in to the office by April 15, 2019. For further information contact Donna Czarnecki (354-8990). Please contact the office if you would like an application emailed to you (354-2640).



## 2018 Giving Statements

2018 Giving Statements are now available to be picked up. They are located on the center table in the Office Narthex. If you would like your statement mailed to you, please contact the Church Office (354-2640).



Wesley Garant (USAF - S. Korea)  
PSC 2 BOX: 1071  
APO AP 96264

*Please contact the church office to add a name to this list.*



A sincere thank you to all for your prayers and loving kindness shown to me and our family during this most sorrowful time with the passing of my Dad, Dennis Diamond. What blessing it is to be a part of the Grace Lutheran family.

With love and thankfulness,  
Dawn Diamond-Gentry

## Collecting Personal Care Items for Lutheran World Relief



- Light-weight bath-size towels, dark color suggested (20x 40 to 52 x 27)
- Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. (any brand) in original wrapping (No mini or hotel-size bars)
- Adult-size toothbrushes in original pkg. (toothbrush multi-packs ok)
- Sturdy combs
- Metal nail clippers

*Items may be placed in wicker basket located near the Parish Building entrance.*

## Driveway Fund

Church Council has set a goal of paying off the Driveway Fund Balance this year. A monthly goal of \$575 will pay off the remaining \$6900 by this coming December. Contributions in any amount can use the regular offering envelope marking the amount on the Other Line, the special golden envelope in the bi-monthly packet or a pew envelope. Thanks for making this project possible for everyone's safety and convenience. We've exceeded our goal for March - THANK YOU. A balance of \$3,338 remains to meet our goal.





Monday, April 22, is Earth Day. Everyday can be Earth Day if we make conscious choices to change patterns in our lives. Grace has plenty of ceramic

dinnerware in the cupboards and plenty of flatware, plus we have a dishwasher. We use a lot of disposable Styrofoam dinnerware and plastic flatware. These two things never break down and disappear, they just get smaller and the smaller polluting our world and even eventually passing into our bodies through water and the food chain.

Discipleship is coupling with Fellowship to encourage folks to use the real and get away from the fake. We are going to learn how to use the dishwasher and share that knowledge. We are also exploring options for disposable, biodegradable. The goal is to reduce our waste.

We can make a Christ-like difference in our community and world by simply choosing to change some of our habits and patterns.



## GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers

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Rev. Tom Orth ..... Home ..... 356-8729  
..... Cell ..... 916-8759  
Office Manager.....Peggy Tomaszewski .. 255-8850  
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### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

President .....Tom Lappan ..... 356-3718  
Vice-President.....Rick Engstrom ..... 916-5963  
Exec. Secretary.....Debby Nitchman ..... 916-8213  
Treasurer .....Don Barnard ..... 340-1055

### WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL

Education .....Elsa Phillips ..... 884-1809  
Worship .....Sharon Engstrom ..... 354-5133  
Discipleship.....Phran Ludington ..... 471-9117  
..... Dawn Anderson ..... 657-6923  
Property ..... Jeff Welch ..... 595-2195  
..... Bill Platt ..... 340-0154  
Fellowship ..... Jeanne Pankey ..... 354-2416  
..... Pat Schultz ..... 356-2781  
Finance/Stewardship...Dennis Werblow .... 354-5560

### OTHER V.I.P.s

Youth Director.....  
WELCA ..... Darleen Freel ..... 354-8866  
..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563  
Samaritas.....Kay Grove..... 727-2054  
Quilters .....  
LARCC..... Steve Hansen ..... 404-406-8079

## March 2019

### Finances

GENERAL FUND .....\$ 17,825.00  
LENT.....270.00  
BUILDING FUND .....2,034.33  
DRIVEWAY FUND .....1,070.00  
OTHER .....1,619.72  
  
TOTAL.....\$ 22,819.05  
(Does not include 3/30 & 31/2019)

### Attendance

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4).....128  
SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) .....237  
  
TOTAL.....365  
(Does not include 3/30 & 31/2019)

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## APRIL 2019

### LECTORS

07 ANNE GENTRY  
14 BILL & NANCY PLATT  
21 Easter CORINNE FRALEY, RUBY HASKE  
28 VICKI DENSTAEDT

### USHERS

ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
DON FURZE  
MATT, EVERET & OLIVIA HASKE  
BRUCE ANSCHUETZ (Saturdays)

### GREETERS

07 GARY & KAY GROVE  
14 WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS  
21 Easter JOELYN RICH, PHRAN LUDINGTON,  
DAWN ANDERSON, MARY ROWADER  
28 FRED & CAROLYNNE WEGMEYER

### COUNTERS

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

PAUL & VICKI DENSTAEDT

### ALTAR GUILD

JEANNE PANKEY  
CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
NANCY PLATT

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

JACK & PATTI TUCKER

### FLOWERS

07 FURZE  
14 LAPPAN  
21 EASTER FLOWERS  
28 FRALEY

### COFFEE HOUR

07 JOE & DAWN GENTRY  
14 JEFF & SANDY WELCH  
21 EASTER BREAKFAST  
28 DON, VERNA & TAMMY FURZE

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to switch with if you are unable to fulfill your Sunday  
scheduled duty AND share the change with Peggy. Thank you!***

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

## MAY 2019

### LECTORS

05 MIKE URLAUB  
12 CHERYL WERBLOW  
19 SHARON ENGSTROM  
26 SANDY WELCH

### USHERS

WAYNE & ANNA LEWIS  
CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS  
MIKE, TRACEY, ADAM & ALLIE URLAUB

### GREETERS

05 RICH & SHERIE MCTAGGART  
12 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
19 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
26 JACK & PATTI TUCKER

### COUNTERS

WAYNE & CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON  
MARGE WEBER

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOELYN RICH  
PHRAN LUDINGTON

### ALTAR GUILD

PAT SCHULTZ  
VERNA FURZE  
TAMMY FURZE  
PATTI TUCKER

### HOSPITAL

JANET CHRONINGER

### COOKIE/DOUGHNUT PICK UP (Sundays)

CLARENCE & BONNIE CROSS

### FLOWERS

05 S HANSEN  
12 J GOHLKE  
19 G HANSEN  
26 LAPPAN

### COFFEE HOUR

05 ROGER & JEANNE PANKEY  
12 MIKE & DONNA MORGAN  
19 DALE & PAT SCHULTZ  
26 CORKY GATES, JO ANN SMITH,  
SANDRA CHRISTOPHERSON

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# April



## Anniversaries of Baptism

**April 1**  
Jon Carr

**April 2**  
Kaitlyn Tomaszewski

**April 3**  
Ruby Haske  
Dorene Schultz

**April 4**  
Norm Timm

**April 7**  
Tyler Suszek

**April 8**  
Don Cross

**April 9**  
Patrick Daly

**April 11**  
Shane Jaroch

**April 12**  
David Hansen

**April 14**  
Jeanette Chroninger

**April 15**  
Anna Greene

**April 20**  
Thelma Stevens

**April 21**  
Taylor Agius

**April 22**  
Vicki Cripps

**April 24**  
Donna Czarnecki

**April 25**  
Jacob Gapske  
Denise Timrick

**April 26**  
Reed Lappan

**April 27**  
Grant Anderson  
Patrick McCourt

**April 28**  
Mike Dekett

**April 29**  
Michael Herrmann  
Sophia Kamyszek

**April 30**  
Alisha Poirier



**April 1**  
Jim Clemens  
Bryan Stafford  
Larry Suszek

**April 6**  
Janet Carlson

**April 7**  
Robert Greene  
Everett Haske

**April 8**  
June Daly  
Tyler McKenzie

**April 9**  
Phran Ludington

**April 10**  
Nicholas Schillerstrom  
Logan Suszek

**April 11**  
James Malaski

**April 12**  
Pastor Tom Orth

**April 13**  
Jeanne Pankey  
Piper Slominski

**April 14**  
Kendra McInerney

**April 15**  
Wesley Garant  
Myles Granata  
Alec Kennedy

**April 16**  
Pamela Agius  
Bruce Anschuetz

**April 18**  
Alecia Lewis  
Julie Troy

**April 19**  
Ryan Reynolds

**April 20**  
Connor Freel

**April 22**  
Stacey Piontkowski

**April 23**  
Mike Schiller

**April 24**  
Madison Timmreck

**April 25**  
Terry Bertrand  
Jordyn Cieslik

**April 26**  
Sharon Engstrom  
Lorah Lappan

**April 27**  
Nancy Amelotte

**April 30**  
Molly O'Connor

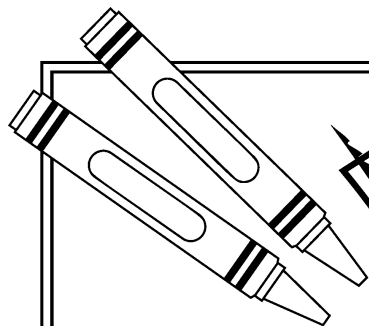
## Wedding Anniversaries



6th Don & Verna Furze  
8th Donald & Myra Cross  
12th Rich & Sherie McTaggart  
14th Dustin & Angela Crittenden  
17th Joel & Corinne Fraley  
Michael & Donna Morgan  
18th Richard & Janet Carlson  
30th Douglas & Staci Chroninger



# Kid's Page



## PUZZLE

### Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

*Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.*

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)

Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



## God so loved the world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

### What you need:

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible



## John 3:16

### What you do:

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.

Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins