Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

April 6 & 7, 2024



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Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

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

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GATHERING

(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of

Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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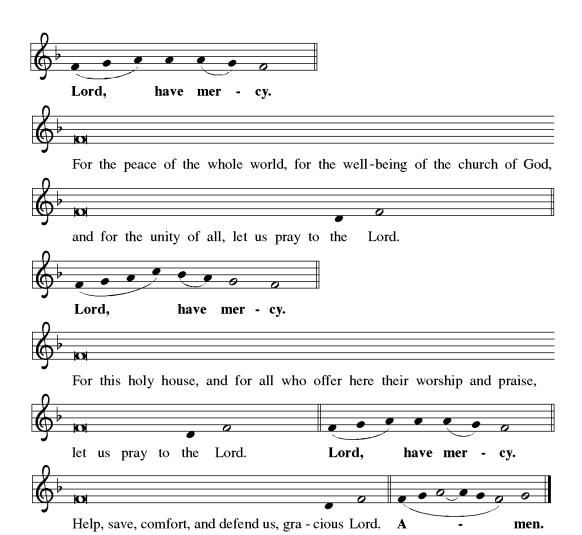
GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

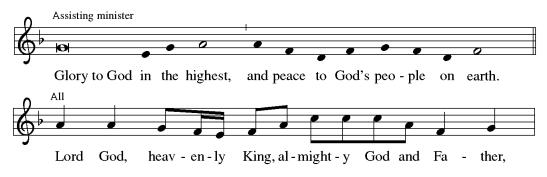
KYRIE



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE





- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in

darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with

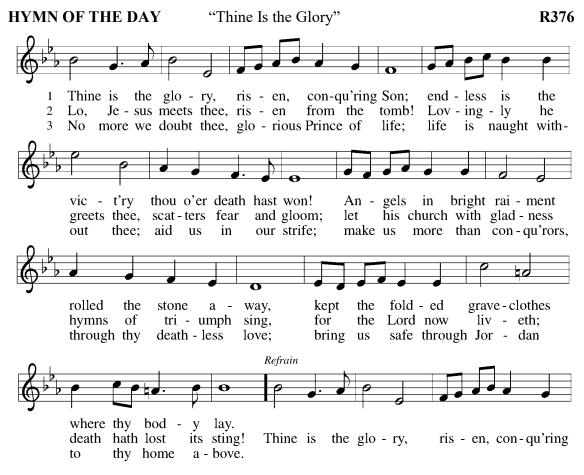
them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are able)





Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(Response after each petition)

P: ... let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

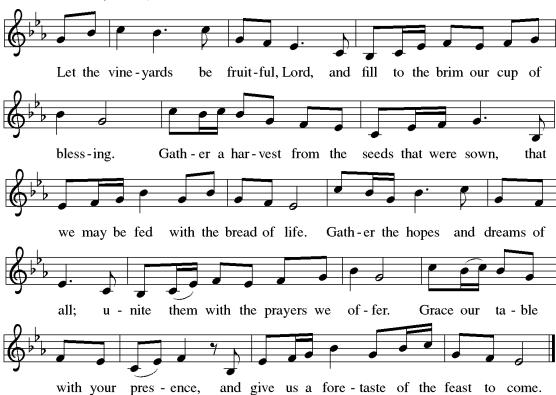
P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)

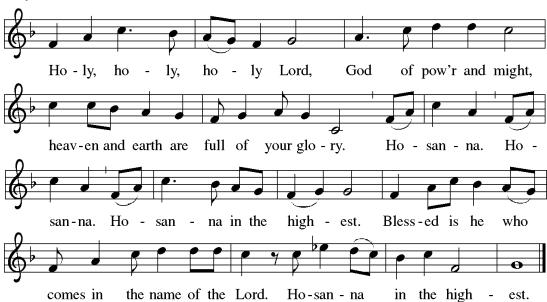


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- P: Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God,
- C: ruler of heaven and earth. Day after day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread ... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

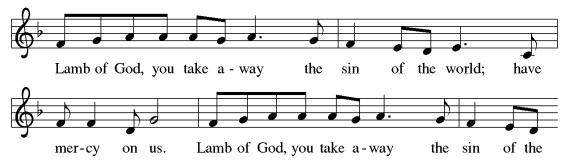
LORD'S PRAYER

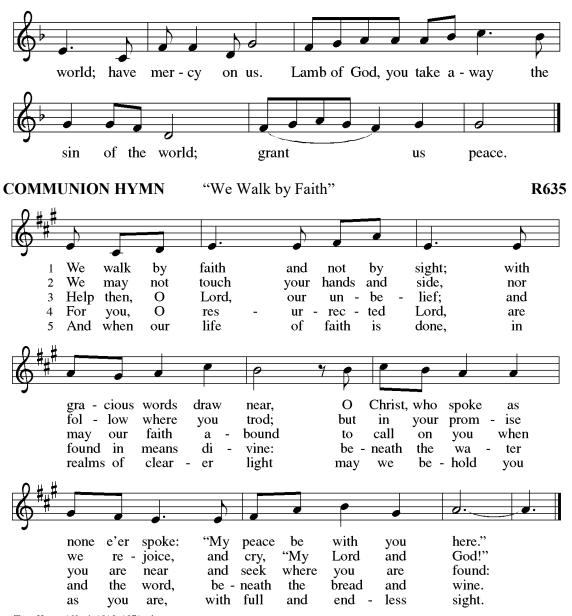
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)





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(the assembly stands as they are able)

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, almighty God,
- C: that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.





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Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Diane Prevost, Joanne Kindt, Ali Lewis, Tammy Furze, Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski, Katherine Rettell --Jerry Austin, Annie Olsen, Brenda Donajkowski, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Duane Morin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Katherine Rettell, who passed away March 29th.

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).

PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month.

PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Church Leadership at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: First Lutheran Church/Muskegon, Rev. William Uetricht and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS NEEDED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL If you are available, please contact Peggy in the Office to be put on the schedule. Thanks.

IT'S COMING - HOLY HUMOR RETURNS ON APRIL 13 & 14

Be Prepared. Start thinking of your jokes to share. And get them to Pastor Tom so they can be put in the right spot at the services.

FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY PACKING - APRIL 15

Join us at 5:30 p.m. at Sunset School on Hobbs Drive. Sign up in the Office Lobby. Keep May 20 at 5:30 p.m. on your calendar, too.

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. Please email or call the office to request an application: officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org or 989-354-2640. Deadline to apply is April 15th.

GIFTS OF LOVE - ON THE FARM - LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thank you for your gifts of \$1,060 toward Grace's Lenten Project.

PASTOR GERALD (JERRY) ANDERSON TURNS 90 ON APRIL 12

Pastor Anderson served at Grace from 1960-1964. His son, Mark, writes that he and his siblings think it would mean a lot to Pastor Anderson if parishioners and friends would send a birthday greeting and a brief note. **He especially enjoys funny cards.** Cards may be sent to 992 Westfield Ln., Neenah, WI 54956-1330. Mark writes that his mother, Sharon, died in October 2022, after suffering a stroke in April 2020.

PHOTOS AND MEMORABILIA FROM GRACE'S HISTORY

If you have any items about Grace Lutheran history, photos, bulletins or newsletters or just anything from the past, and not just the ancient past, but even things in the last 25 to 50 years, please bring them in for our 150th Anniversary and to be added to our history room, or we can make copies of items if you would like them back. Any questions please contact Don LaBarre or Pastor Tom.

GRACE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER RESERVATIONS DUE WITH PAYMENT BY APRIL 14TH

Join us on Sunday, April 28, 2024 as we celebrate Grace's 150 years

Cost is \$20 a person for dinner catered by JJ's.

Register after Worship Services or call the Office.

(You may also contact Janet Bettega by email at: janetbettega@yahoo.com.)

PLEASE INVITE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF GRACE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

<u>ON THE MENU</u>: strawberry spinach salad with pecans and feta cheese, chicken piccata, meatballs with beef sauce, pan style twice baked potatoes, wild rice, glazed carrots, steamed asparagus, soft rolls and homemade cake (donated by Pam Kirchoff).

PEACE GATHERING

You are invited to the Alpena Peace Community's Peace Gathering from 7-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 at Grace Lutheran Church. Come and take part in an evening of gentle music provided by Mr. David Usher followed by intermittent readings and quiet reflection.

2ND ANNUAL FREE COLLABORATIVE PIANO TRAINING

Thunder Bay Arts invites your music ensemble to a free collaborative workshop on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at First Congregational UCC, 201 S. 2nd Ave., Alpena. This event begins with a classical voice and piano performance on Friday night, followed by a Saturday morning workshop teaching collaborative techniques to local registered ensembles (an ensemble consists of a pianist and music conductor, a pianist and choir, or a pianist and vocalist or instrumentalist). Registered space is limited. Ensembles will come with a prepared piece of their choice. Both events are open to the public. **Ensembles must register at office@thunderbayarts.com by April 1.**

BABY KITS COLLECTION FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Once again we are collecting items for Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Collection for these items will take place April through mid-May.

- Clean, gently used items (no stains nor tears) may be substituted for new ones.
- Sizes 6 to 24 months
 - Light weight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
 - Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet. Pajama sets or tops & pants may be substituted.
 - Swaddling/receiving blankets (36" to 52" square) (medium weight cotton or flannel; crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn).
 - Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred (or 3/4 yard of 45/46" cotton flannel).
 - Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap/hat. NO fleece. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.
 - Hand towel, dark color recommended.
 - Bars of gentle soap in original wrapping (8-9 oz.; NO mini or hotel size bars).
 - Diaper pins or large safety pins.

Items that are not used in the Baby Kits may be donated elsewhere, as needed.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL FOR APRIL THROUGH JUNE

Christ in Our Home devotionals for April through June are in. Pick one up on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Average needed in February (4 weeks) to meet budget
Monthly Giving - February
(Includes a one-time donation of \$1,500)

\$ 18,944.00
18,599.02

We received:

108 envelopes, 84 Simply Giving recurring payments, 10 Give+ payments made from our website and 1 Thrivent Choice donation.





Anniversaries of Baptism

April 2 Kat Tomaszewski

April 3 Ruby Haske Dorene Schultz

April 4 Norm Timm

April 5 Larry Rettell

April 7 Tyler Suszek

April 8 Don Cross

April 9 Janet Bettega Patrick Daly

April 11 Shane Jaroch

April 14 Jeanette Chroninger

April 15 Anna Greene

April 21 Taylor Agius



Vicki Cripps

April 24 Donna Czarnecki

April 25 Denise Timrick

April 26 Reed Lappan

April 27 Patrick McCourt

April 28 Chloe Hayward

April 29 Michael Herrmann Sophia Kamyszek



April 1 Larry Suszek

April 6 Janet Carlson

April 7Robert Greene
Everett Haske

April 8June Daly
Tyler McKenzie

April 9
Phran Ludington

April 10 Nicholas Schillerstrom Logan Suszek

April 11 James Malaski

April 13 Jeanne Pankey Piper Slominski

April 14 Kendra McInerney

April 15 Wesley Garant Myles Granata **April 16** Pamela Agius

April 18 Alecia Lewis

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 Brody Engstrom Molly O'Connor Bethany Popour Anna-Marie Struble

Wedding Anniversaries

8th Donald & Myra Cross
12th Rich & Sherie McTaggart
17th Joel & Corinne Fraley
Michael & Donna Morgan
18th Richard & Janet Carlson
30th Douglas & Staci Chroninger



HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday -7th 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Monday - 8th Church Office Open 8am-noon Tuesday - 9th 8am-noon Church Office Open 9:00 am Sewing/Quilting 11:00 am Pastors Text Study -Lounge Wednesday - 10th 8am-noon Church Office Open 11:00 am Friends Together -Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Bell Choir Thursday - 11th Church Office Open 8am-noon 6:30 pm Catechism Friday - 12th

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Worship

Church Office Open

8am-noon

Saturday - 13th 5:00 pm

SERVING APRIL 6/7

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Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth
Music Director	Claire Witt
Recorded Accomp	animentKat Tomaszewski
Lector	Bob Greene
Comm. Asst	Joe Gentry
Ushers Gary &	Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom
	Cindy Domrase (Sat.)
Greeters	Dale & Pat Schultz
Altar Guild	Nancy Platt, Vicki Cripps
Livestream Team	Dawn Anderson, Jan
Charter,	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Counters	Gary & Kay Grove
Coffee Hour	Jeff & Sandy Welch

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