

# ***Grace Lutheran Church Messenger***

## **February-March 2023 - Updated Issue**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Please explore this updated issue of our winter newsletter. NOTE THERE ARE ADDITIONAL TIMES and MORE DATES TO NOTE. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Althea, the church office, or any member of Council.

### ***Our Ministry Together in 2023***

**If you would like a packet of reports and information from our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 5th** please let Pastor Althea know and/or call the church office. We will be happy to help you get a copy as soon as possible.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US AT GRACE!**

**Regular Sunday Worship times:**

**8:00 AM Spoken Worship** (casual, no music)

*(Location: Lounge near Church Office)*

**8:45 AM Adult Sunday School** (discussion forum)

*(Location: Conference Room near Church Office)*

**10:15 AM Traditional Worship** with Grace Friends (Children's Sunday School)

*(Location: Main Sanctuary)*

We also have Fellowship Hour once per month after 10:15am worship. Joyful Noise Offering (our local outreach offering) continues the 3rd Sunday of each month. Bring your change!

Please note that we are now transitioning into having a new Administrative Assistant.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Tuesday 10:00AM - 2:00PM

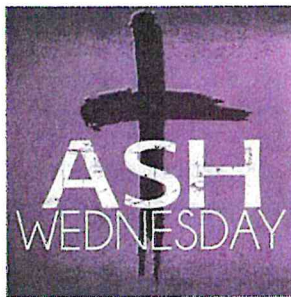
Wednesday 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Friday 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Pastor is always available by phone, text, e-mail, or Facebook.

Please contact her if you would like a visit, prayer, and/or Holy Communion.

## HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE



### **Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 22, 2023**

**12:00PM** (Brief prayer service and ashes)

**and 6:30PM** (Ashes and Holy Communion)

### **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

an intergenerational opportunity for ALL  
members, friends, and neighbors of Grace  
to have some fun together

**JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**BRING A GAME!**

We will also have Bingo and prizes.

**March 1, 2023**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

*in the Fellowship Hall*



# *Bread and Broth Supper throughout Lent*

Come for fellowship & faith enrichment  
**Join us Thursdays at 6:00PM**  
*in the Fellowship Hall for supper*

6:30PM faith enrichment video  
series *The Chosen*

(March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)



Please sign up to bring bread, soup, or a side so  
we know what food we will have each week.  
Call the church office or sign up in the narthex on the  
sign up sheet on Sundays.

## *Holy Week Begins*

### *Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023*

8:00AM and 10:15AM worship with palms and service of healing and  
anointing. (No Adult Forum Sunday School this day at 8:45AM.)

### *Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023*

12:00PM (noon) Worship with Holy Communion

6:00PM Bread and Broth Supper

6:30PM Worship with Holy Communion

### *Good Friday, April 7, 2023*

12:00PM (noon) Worship Service

7:00PM *No Stone Could Hold Him!* by Lloyd Larson

Choral Cantata Concert and Worship Service

### *Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023*

8:00AM and 10:15AM Celebration Worship Service with Holy Communion  
(No Adult Forum Sunday School this day at 8:45AM.)

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The Church Office will be CLOSED on April 6-10, 2023  
in observance of the Easter holiday.

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Pastor Althea will be on Easter vacation April 10-12, 2023. Please call her cell phone directly with any pastoral emergencies or hospitalizations.

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## SAVE THE DATES

*Sunday, April 23, 2023 Earth Day Celebration  
and Worship with Special Music at 10:15am*

*Sunday, May 21, 2023 Pentecost Party & Worship  
with Special Prayers and Music  
from around the world at 10:15am*

Join us as we celebrate the Holy Spirit  
coming to the disciples and beginning the church  
and the Holy Spirit who guides us into the future.

*WEAR RED, ORANGE, or YELLOW*

AIN'T NO PARTY LIKE A HOLY GHOST PARTY! *(look up the song)*

The party continues with food and Fellowship Hour  
immediately following 10:15am worship.



**We are creating an updated**  
**CHURCH DIRECTORY WITH PICTURES**

We have many outdated phone numbers and other information.  
Your help with this will be much appreciated!  
Stay tuned for more information!

**PRAYER LIST FOR 2023**

We are refreshing our long term prayer list for this year. Please contact Pastor or let the church office know if you would like any names added to our prayer list.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE**

**February**

2/5 Ruth Bowden  
2/12 June Jordan  
2/19 Meg Markkanen  
2/26 Shirley Blankenship

**March**

3/5 Edna Cordery  
3/12 Ruth Bowden  
3/19 Kevin Thomas  
3/26 Mary Ann Gring

**April**

4/2 Corinne Rhodes  
4/9 June Jordan  
4/16 Meg Markkanen  
4/23 Shirley Blankenship  
4/30 Stephen Gring

**May**

5/7 Edna Cordery  
5/14 June Jordan  
5/21 Kevin Thomas  
5/28 Mary Ann Gring

**WORSHIP SPONSORS**

**MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

February 12 Flowers - Kathy Nigsch  
Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

February 19 Flowers - Mary Goodman  
Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

February 26 - Roberta Blumenthal  
Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN





## WORSHIP SPONSORS *continued*

### MONTH OF MARCH

March 5, 12, 19, 26 (No Flowers during Lent)

Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

### MONTH OF APRIL

April 2 (Palm Sunday)

Flowers, Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

April 9 (Easter) Flowers - Mary Goodman

Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN



April 16

Flowers, Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

April 23

Flowers, Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

April 30 Flowers - John Staples

Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

### MONTH OF MAY

May 7 Flowers - Roberta Blumenthal

Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

May 14 (Mother's Day)

Flowers, Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

May 21 Flowers - Kathy Nigsch

Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

May 28 Flowers - Roberta Blumenthal

Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music - OPEN

