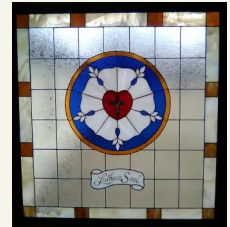


# NEWSLETTER



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## Grace Lutheran Church

### Birthdays

4/10: Angela Sharp

4/18: Tabitha

Packwood

4/24: Joanne Michel

4/26: Diane Smith

4/27: Katie Juracek

### Anniversaries

4/05: Michael &

Amy Garoutte

## A L A M P E T O G U I D E Y O U R P A T H

Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

As we now enter the Easter Season, we have the opportunity to continue to rejoice in Christ's resurrection. Yet, I wonder if we really understand the important connection between Christ's empty tomb and the lives we live each day, or if we even make a connection. When we hear something over and over again, we have a tendency to really not pay much attention to it. That may be the biggest challenge facing most of us with Christ's resurrection. It's so easy for us to think, "I already know all about Easter." And we miss some of the impact it can have on our lives each day.

Let's remember this month that His victory over sin, death and the grave gives each of us power to live life differently. Because Christ is Risen, we do not have to live as if this world were all that mattered. For we know and believe that we and our loved ones shall also rise to live for all eternity. Likewise, because of Christ's resurrection, we are able to view things differently when we are confronted with problems. For we know that our resurrected

Lord is with us and He can help us with our problems whatever they may be. Let's not allow our Easter celebration to end when we leave church on March 31. Christ is Risen and that gives us hope each day.

April 23 is Call Day at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. That is when we will find out if Josiah Schultz will be assigned to Grace as our next pastor. Please continue to pray for God's blessings on the calling process at the seminary as we wait to see what God's answer will be in regard to our call.

I want to thank everyone who attended the special planning meeting on March 23. It was an exciting morning as there was lively discussion and lots of good ideas presented about how Grace can continue to live out our Vision and be a blessing to people in our community. With this being Holy Week I did not get around to writing a summary of our Planning Session. So, please watch the bulletin for more information about what Grace will be doing in the next twelve months.

On April 20, Grace will again participate in our Missouri District's Shine effort. Shine involves congregations doing some type of servant activity in

their community. Grace will be going to Camp Barnabas on Saturday, April 20, from 9-noon to do a variety of things to help them get ready for the summer. At noon Camp Barnabas will be providing a meal for us. I encourage you to come and serve. You will be glad you did.

At our Council meeting it was decided that Grace will collect old Bibles. These will be delivered to an organization called Love Packages, which sends donated Bibles and other Christian literature into the hands of people around the world. If you have any old Bibles at home that you are not using, this is an opportunity for you to give them away to someone who will be thrilled to have a Bible. Please bring them to church any time during the month of May.

Our risen Lord is ever present with us and because He lives we can depend on Him. I pray that each of you have a joyous Easter and ask you to join me in praying regularly for God's continuing guidance and blessing on our congregation as together we reach out to our community.

In Christ,  
 Pastor Ken Lampe



New member, Rick Thomas, was welcomed on Sunday, March 24th.



# HAPPENINGS AT GRACE



Our annual **Planning Session** was held on Saturday, March 23rd. A total of 29 people attended the session.



Pictured to the left are: Pastor Duncan Cox and his wife Kim and Pastor Ken.



There was a lot of good discussion regarding our current activities and new plans for the future. Lunch was served following the meeting.



Members of Grace served the Lenten Lunch on March 13th at the Presbyterian Church in Aurora.



Pictured above (L-R) are: Pam Bowling, Diane Thompson, Bill Thompson, Edith Chambers, Charlie Chambers, Emily Ernest, Sue Doss and Pastor Ken.



Game Night was Saturday, March 16th. After pizza, cards and Yahtze were enjoyed.

