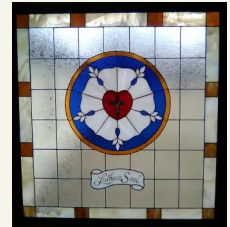


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Grace Lutheran Church

A LAMP E TO GUIDE YOUR PATH

Birthdays

- 4/10: Angela Sharp
- 4/17: Joan Myers
- 4/18: Tabitha
Packwood
- 4/24: Joanne Michel
- 4/26: Diane Smith
- 4/27: Katie Juracek

Anniversaries

- 4/05: Michael &
Amy Garoutte



Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

Holy Week Services:

The middle of April will bring us to a special time in the church year as we observe Holy Week and then Easter. We begin the week with Palm Sunday on April 13. On Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. we will observe Christ's institution of the Lord's Supper. The next day, Good Friday, we will have a Tenebrae Service at 6:30 p.m. which will end in silence and darkness. Then on Easter, April 20, we will celebrate Christ's resurrection with a Festival service at 10.00 a.m. Prior to the service we will have an Easter Breakfast beginning at 8:45 a.m. Plan now to attend these special services and invite someone to attend with you. *(Please Note the times for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Breakfast.)*

Planning Session Report: On March 1 mem-

bers of Grace spent the morning developing plans for our ministry over the next 12 months. The morning began with Pastor Duncan Cox leading the group in a Bible Study. Small groups of 4-6 people brainstormed ideas for our ministry and as the various small groups reported on their ideas we saw there was a general consensus that Grace should continue with the ministries we are currently doing and make sure we are doing them well. These include Helping Hands with Robinson School, Fish Fry, Camp Barnabas, Hudson House, Garage Sale, Car Show, Funding Missionaries, and Stephen Ministry with Trinity, Freistatt. There was also a recognition that we need to do more to connect with people in our neighborhood. One of the primary ideas was to have a hotdog supper for the neighborhood so we can get acquainted with the people. We also talked about doing some type of survey to see if there is an interest in a neighborhood garden and handing out flyers to inform people that our church is a storm shelter. Other ideas which were suggested include: getting name tags for members, having a Bring-A-Friend Sunday, conducting a talent survey, having a tech/social media class for the congre-

gation, and developing some guidelines around our food and supply drives. If you have questions or want more information about any of these ideas and goals, please contact me.

Call Process: April 30 is Call Day for Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. At that time we will find out if one of the four candidates we interviewed will be assigned to Grace to serve as our next pastor. We will continue to ask for God's guidance and blessing on this process in our worship services, but I ask you to also include this in your personal prayers during the week.

As we conclude the Lenten Season and look forward to Easter may the precious message that God loves us enough to allow His Son to die for us encourage each of us to live out our faith in our daily lives. Then, as others observe our lives, we will have the opportunity to share with them the joy and hope that can be found only in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
 Pastor Ken Lampe



HAPPENINGS AT GRACE

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER

was held on March 5, prior to evening services. There was a lot of good food enjoyed by those that attended.



The annual **PLANNING SESSION** was held on Saturday; March 1st. There was good partici-



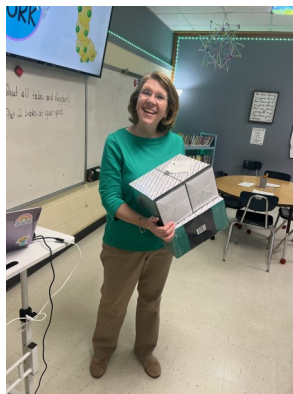
pation and lots of ideas were discussed.



HELPING HANDS



A set of 12 Book and Binder Storage Bins for Ms. Blevins' 5th grade class for organizing students belongings and transitioning to another class was delivered on 3/23/25.



Clear Plastic Straws for Ms. Bell's 4th grade class to create stellated dodecahedrons for math was delivered on 3/10/25.



Scotch Matte Thermal Laminating Pouches for Ms. Hagerman's 4th grade class was delivered on 2/21/25.