



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:00 am (in person and online)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2023

ADULT FORUM: Grace needs people who would like to serve others by bringing them communion and a visit from Grace on a regular basis. This ministry needs people who are willing to bring the Good News to folks who don't regularly make it to worship. If you are interested in the ministry, please plan on attending a meeting to discuss the details and expectations. Even if you aren't sure, please come, there is no obligation to join. Visiting people is a powerful and faithful experience, please come to hear more **Sunday, March 26th** in Fireside Room.

LENT ON WEDNESDAYS: Discover your purpose in God's Work Wednesdays in Lent this year! Worship will be at **6:00pm** followed by discussion and treats. We'll conclude by 7:30pm. Final discussion, **March 29:** There's More...

EASTER LILIES: Help us decorate the church for Easter by purchasing an Easter lily. We still have some plants left. Each plant is \$13.00. Stop by the Office or fill out one of the order forms in the Narthex.

EASTER BREAKFAST! The Youth Ministry Commission and our Appalachia Servants invite you and your family to come for breakfast on Sunday, April 9. Breakfast service starts at 7:00 am and will end at 9:30 am to allow our workers to worship as well. All proceeds will support the summer trip to Appalachia.

INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF MUSIC MINISTRY AT GRACE? **Bell Choir** meets at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights, immediately following the first half of the Lenten service. **Adult Choir** meets at 7:30pm on Wednesday nights.

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE: The Minnesota Food Share March campaign is now in its 42nd year, providing support to food shelves across the state. We are asking that you join in this food sharing effort. Please bring food items to fill our pallet in the narthex. In addition, we will be collecting financial donations at the end of the service on Sunday, **March 26th**. All of the donations will be divided between our 3 local food shelves: Ecumenical Food Pantry, Salvation Army, United Way Welcome Pantry.

DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS®: Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2023**, to direct any remaining 2022 Choice Dollars. Help support Grace Lutheran Church; go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

CALLING ALL 3RD GRADERS (and your families)! Your church family has a gift to share with you. On **Sunday, April 16**, please come to worship to receive a new Bible—a special gift from the church to help your parents fulfill the promises they made at your Baptism. You'll receive your Bible during the worship service, and then you and your parents will meet with Pastor Dean in the Youth Room to explore this amazing treasure of faith.

PASTORAL CARE: To assist Pastor Shane and Pastor Dean in providing pastoral care for those hospitalized or homebound, please notify them of pending surgeries, overnight hospital stays, or individuals who would like a home visit. Hospital personnel do not always notify our church of our members who are in the hospital.

GENEROSITY AT GRACE



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

May 9th

12:00 to 6:00 pm.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.





Palm Sunday

Join us for Palm Sunday, April 2nd

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

6:00 pm — Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 7th

12:00 pm — Noon Worship

6:00 pm — Worship Service

Easter Sunday, April 9th

8:00 am — Festive Easter Worship Service

10:00 am — Festive Easter Worship Service




Easter Breakfast!

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY: 9:00a **Worship Service**
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Adult Forum (Fireside Room)
10:00a Coffee and Fellowship (Chapel)

MONDAY: 1:30p SAIL (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY: 9:30a Lois Circle (Conference Room)
10:00a Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
(Fireside Room)
10:30a Staff Meeting (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY: 6:00p **Wednesday Lenten Worship Service**
Desserts and discussion (Fellowship Hall)
6:30p Bell Choir
7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY: 7:30a Thursday Morning Bible Study
(Fireside Room)
1:30p SAIL (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY: **BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSED**

NEXT SUNDAY: 8:30a Fair-Trade Coffee Fellowship
9:00a **Palm Sunday Worship Service**
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Adult Forum (Fireside Room)
10:00a Coffee and Fellowship (Chapel)

GRACE PRAYS

If you or your loved one would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office at 507-373-6496, leave the person's name and if the request is for prayers of healing, grief, or joy.

Prayers of Healing

Jeanne Schindler
Julie Drommerhausen

Brad Arends
Irmi Kleih

Stephen Piper
(Associate Pastor/First Presbyterian & football coach)

Rachelle Bizjak
Donna Oakland
Shirley Pearson
Milt Ost

Mary Moline, sister of Linda Andersen
Barb Sanderson

Lynn Rasmussen, daughter of Jerry & Gerry Vogt
Mary Lou Jacobson

Dick Haug
Arylss Haug
Tom Nelson
Greg Henderson

Prayers for those Grieving

Family & Friends of **Helen Thorstad**, mother of Larry Thorstad