

The Transfiguration of our Lord is something that is difficult to explain, but amazing to consider.

Yesterday, our guest preacher, Ron Walrath taught us about the difference between transformation and transfiguration. Transformation is when something is completely changed, while transfiguration is becoming one's truer, most radiant self - as God made us to be. The example he used is transfiguration is when an ancient fresco has been cleaned of years of dirt and grime and touch up paint, so that the artist's rendering can be truly admired. One of our youth in Sunday school put it this way:

"Transformation is when a caterpillar turns into a butterfly. Transfiguration is when the caterpillar is dipped in gold." As Ron put it, when we say "yes" to discipleship, we are saying "yes" to allowing our best selves to be shown and used. In this time of prayerfully considering how to best be stewards of God's gifts, let us allow for our hearts and efforts to be focused on God's work and God's call for us.

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**HUNGER OUTREACH** - is **Thursday, March 2 and Friday, March 3. WE NEED DRIVERS FRIDAY AND DELIVERY PERSONS BOTH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.**

**STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE** - In response to God's Grace, our Pastors, staff, Council Members, and Commission Members have already made commitments totally \$96,135. This represents growth of 8.8% over last year's commitments. Your invitation will be mailed out TODAY. Please prayerfully consider your response and make your commitment in thanks for all that God has given you.

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** - is **April 2**, with **ONE SERVICE** at **10:00 AM** (blended contemporary and traditional) with a celebratory brunch immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for more details as they become available.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PALM BURNING AND PANCAKE SUPPER** - You are cordially invited to attend Grace's annual palm burning (to prepare for Ash Wednesday) and GYM Chef prepared pancake supper on Tuesday, February 28, starting at 5:45 PM. Please sign Sunday's Tear and Share if you are attending dinner.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** - is March 1 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend this moving service.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** - begin on **March 8** with Parish Life hosting soup and bread at **6:15 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. No need to sign up - just come, enjoy a simple meal as a family and stay for Lenten worship.

**LENTEN HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES** - After supper, gather in the Sanctuary for Holden Evening Prayer at **7:00 PM**. This year's reflections will be based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism, beginning with the Ten Commandments on March 8.

**TROUBLE I'VE SEEN** - Join the Racial Reconciliation group on Wednesday, March 15, 22 and 29, at 7:30 PM for a book discussion of Drew Hart's "Trouble I've Seen." Location will depend on attendance. Sign up on Sunday's Tear and Share if you plan to attend. You will need to purchase your own copy of the book.

**WILD WOMEN WEEKEND** - Grace invites all women to the Wild Women Weekend held at Lutheridge. We gather together with women across the Southeast where we are inspired, refreshed, renewed. This year we will be reviewing the stories of Katie Luther and other Reformation women. This will be a big celebration as we ramp up for our 500 Anniversary of the Reformation. We have selected to attend the March 24-26th weekend. Cost: \$215 per person and we will be staying in one of the Lakeside. Please contact Carla Harrison at [cmharrison@comporium.net](mailto:cmharrison@comporium.net) for more information and assistance in registration.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - There will be a Called Congregation Meeting on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall, to review and vote on Changes to our Constitution. These changes come from the 2016 Churchwide Assembly which amended the Model Constitution for Congregations. I would like to encourage everyone to make this meeting a priority as it will affect the wording our Constitution as we move forward. Peace, Ronald R. Cartner, Council President.

## GRACE CALENDAR

### MONDAY - February 27

4:30 PM	Children's Music (Music)
5:30 PM	Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
6:00 PM	Parish Life (Conf)
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM	Grace Alone (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM	Boy Scout #540 (106-107)

### TUESDAY - February 28

10:00 AM	Newcomer's Bible Study (Conf)
1:30 PM	Newcomer's KnitWits (Common)
5:15 PM	GYM Prepares Pancakes (FH)
5:45 PM	Burning of the Palms (Outside)
6:15 PM	Pancake Supper (FH)
6:15 PM	Worship & Music (106)
6:30 PM	WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM	SCWW (105)
6:30 PM	AA (101)
7:30 PM	Bridge Group (102)

### WEDNESDAY - March 1

#### Ash Wednesday

9:30 AM	Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:30 PM	AA (101)
7:00 PM	Ash Wed Worship
7:30 PM	Parish Choir (Music)

### THURSDAY - March 2

#### HUNGER OUTREACH

7:30 AM	Centering (Prayer Room)
6:00 PM	Champs in Motion (FH)
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Comm (108)

### FRIDAY - March 3

#### HUNGER OUTREACH

5:30 PM	AA (101)
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### SATURDAY - March 4

#### NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### SUNDAY - March 5

8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
9:45 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship
12:30 PM	GIFT (107, 112)
5:30 PM	GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM	AA (101)

## Sunday, March 5th Worship Assistants

#### Hospitality:

Vicky and Bob Goodbar

#### Muggers:

Jean Faut and Kevin Winsch

#### Nursery:

Katie Romero

#### Tabulators:

Lockwoods

#### Altar Guild:

Nora Sliney

#### Home Communion Ministers:

Huitt; Gignac; Sliney/Westbrook

#### 8:30 AM

*Lector:* Kendall Anderson  
*Communion Assistant:* Windy Cole  
*Petitioner:* Laura Maciag  
*Acolyte:* Cameron Tuck  
*Greeter:* Kendall Anderson  
*Ushers:* Dan Bartel, Tom Stuniolo,  
Earl Gatlin, Harold Williams

#### 11:00 AM

*Lector:* Hunter Marek  
*Communion Assistant:* Craig Ketner  
*Petitioner:* Kristy Austin  
*Acolyte:* Abby Ketner  
*Greeters:* Norma & Frank Surratt  
*Ushers:* Wally Seigler, Eric Waataja, Chad Seigler

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### MARCH 2017

Holden Evening Service  
Wednesdays in Lent – 7:00 PM  
Congregational Meeting March 12 - 9:45 AM  
"Trouble I've Seen" -March 15, 22, 29  
7th and 8th Grade Retreat - March 17 – 19  
Wild Women Weekend  
March 24 – 26, Lutheridge  
Seniors@Grace  
March 30, Carolina Copy Cats

### APRIL 2017

Stewardship Sunday - One Worship Service  
April 2 - 10:00 AM  
Stewardship Brunch - 11:30 AM

### MAY 2017

Child Protection Training - May 21  
SC Synod Assembly - May 21 - 23

### JUNE 2017

Lutheroad - June 5 – 9  
LCY Convention - June 16 - 18  
Confirmation Camp - June 18 - 24

### JULY 2017

GYM Mission Trip - July 9 – 14

### OCTOBER 2017

Women's Retreat - October 21-23 - Lutherock