

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

March 27, 2017



A message from Pastor Chris,

The Gospel of John is full of signs of Jesus' power and glory, 7 to be exact:

1. The turning of water into wine (John 2:1-12)
2. The healing of the royal official's son (John 4:46-54)
3. The healing of the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-17)
4. The feeding of the five thousand (John 6:1-14)
5. The walking on water (John 6:15-25)
6. The healing of the man born blind (John 9:1-41)
7. The raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-46)

These are miracles, that point beyond the sign itself, but point to the Son of God. This Sunday we heard the story of the man born blind, Two things which stick out in the passage include: the statement from Jesus... "Neither this man nor his parents sinned." and the statement of the man who says "Lord I believe." In this passage we hear the answer to the age old question, that the bad things that happen to us are not a punishment from God, and that bad things happen to good people! That is a question I think at one time or another we have all struggled with. But Jesus affirms that this man was not born blind because of any one person's actions. The second piece is that through this miracle, this sign, God's power is revealed and the man comes to recognize Jesus and His power. Today we continue to see signs of God's actions everyday. I wonder whether we are blind to the action like the man in our story was at first, or are we open to the signs of God's presence all around us. Keep awake, keep alert, for there are signs everywhere!

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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS - continue on **March 29** with Stewardship/Outreach hosting soup and bread at **6:15 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Come, enjoy a simple meal with church 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, continuing with the sacrament of baptism on March 29.

EASTER BREAKFAST - Please join us for Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on Easter morning, **April 16**, from **9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** We will be serving quiche/breakfast casseroles, hash browns, fruit, mini muffins, orange juice, tea and coffee. We always have a big turnout for Easter Breakfast; therefore, we ask that you please sign up on the tear and share or call the office indicating how many people will be attending. Also, if you would like to donate a quiche/breakfast casserole for the breakfast, please indicate that as well. If you bring a quiche to share, please make sure it is heated before you bring it. Hope to see you at Grace's Easter Breakfast. We will have a free will offering to cover the cost of food and drinks.

SOFTBALL - Grace's Co-ed Softball team is in season! Contact Larry Winsch if you would like to play. The next game is scheduled for **March 29 at 6:45 PM at Cherry Park**.

EASTER BASKETS OF BLESSING - Please pick up an egg in the Fellowship Hall and provide a basket of goodies for seniors in our community. There is a list of suggested items on the back. **Baskets are due back on April 2.**

GIFT EASTER EGG HUNT - is **April 2 at 1:00 PM**. Please bring your adult with you for an afternoon of fun, games and egg searching.

PRAYER MILESTONE - Parents of children ages 2-5, the next Milestone Ministry is right around the corner. We will hold the **PRAYER Milestone** on **Saturday, May 6th at 9am** in the **fellowship hall**. There will be a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall beginning Sunday, March 19th. We can't wait to share this precious Milestone with you and your child.

LUTHEROAD (JUNE 5-9) AND VBS (JULY 24-28) SIGN UP SHEETS - are posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by to sign up your child(ren) and pick up registrations forms.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - March 27

4:30 PM Children's Music (Music)
4:30 PM Reformation Celebration (P. Chris' Office)
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 BS Troop #540 Court of Honor (FH)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - March 28

10:00 AM Newcomers Bible Study (Conf)
1:30 PM Newcomers KnitWits (Common)
6:15 PM Worship and Music (106)
6:30 PM WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM SCWW (105)
6:30 PM AA (101)
6:45 PM Softball (Cherry Park, Field 3)
7:30 PM Bridge Group (102)

WEDNESDAY - March 29

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:15 PM Soup Supper (Outreach/Stewardship) (FH)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)
7:30 PM Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - March 30

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
10:00 AM -12:00 PM LSC Development Staff Meeting (Conf)
6:00 PM Champions in Motion (FH)

FRIDAY - March 31

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - April 1

No events scheduled

SUNDAY - April 2

Stewardship Sunday

10:00 AM Blended Worship
11:30 AM Stewardship Celebration Brunch (FH)
1:00 PM GIFT Easter Egg Hunt
1:00 PM GYM - Helps with Easter Egg Hunt
7:00 PM AA (101)

Sunday, April 2nd Worship Assistants

Muggers:

Jean Faut and Kevin Winsch

Nursery:

Tammie Harbert

Tabulators:

Hazens

Altar Guild:

Nora Sliney, Ellen Cafarella, April Peterson

Home Communion Ministers:

10:00 AM

Lector: Windy Cole

Communion Assistant: Sara Johnson

Petitioner: Cindy Rowan

Acolyte: Connor Johnson

Ushers: Wally Seigler, David Hardendorf,
Jack Lockwood, Bob Wasserman

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MARCH 2017

Holden Evening Service

Wednesdays in Lent – 7:00 PM

Seniors@Grace

March 30, Carolina Copy Cats

APRIL 2017

April 2 – 10:00 AM One Worship Service

April 2 – 11:30 AM - Stewardship Brunch

April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 PM

April 14 - Good Friday Service - 7:00 PM

April 16 - Easter - 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

April 23 - 30 - Family Promise

MAY 2017

Prayer Milestone - May 6

Youth Sunday - May 7

Child Protection Training - May 21

SC Synod Assembly - May 21 - 23

JUNE 2017

Lutherod - June 5 – 9

LCY Convention - June 16 - 18

Confirmation Camp - June 18 - 24

JULY 2017

GYM Mission Trip - July 9 - 14

VBS - July 24 - 28

OCTOBER 2017

Women's Retreat - October 21-23 - Lutherock