

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

A message from Pastor Chris,

Alleluia Christ is Risen. He is risen Indeed.

April 18, 2017



Happy Easter! We will be celebrating for the next fifty days! But Mary and the other Mary did not feel happy when they approached the tomb on that Sunday morning! They had been with Jesus for three years, and they came to the tomb expecting death. The last week had been horrible. All their hopes and dreams in this Jesus were ended when Jesus was crucified on that Friday! But when they got to the tomb, they found life, and their hopes fulfilled. In our lives, we too come to places, where the world seems to close in, where there is loss and death. And we too can lose hope. But it is there, in the loss, in the brokenness, that we too find new life! It is there Jesus meets us and we hear his words, "Do not be afraid." And there is new life and resurrection. And we say once again,

Alleluia Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed.

PLEASE COME BY THE CHURCH - during normal business hours (9:00 am - 5:00 pm) and take your Easter lily.

FAMILY PROMISE NEEDS - Family Promise needs 6-8 evening hosts Tuesday-Friday nights next week and an overnight host on Wednesday and Friday night 8 pm until 6 am. Call Sig Huitt (704-576-0407) if questions.

PEANUT BUTTER NEEDED - EBENEZER AVENUE ELEMENTARY is in need of small peanut butter jars to send home in children's bags for the weekend. We will be collecting these through the month of April. Please place them in a box in the Fellowship Hall!

SOFTBALL - Grace's Co-ed Softball team has started playing. Contact Larry Wunsch if you would still like to play. The next games are **April 18 at 8:55 PM** at Cherry Park. Come cheer on our team!

PRAYER MILESTONE - is being postponed until the kids go back to school; the new date will be forthcoming.

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE NOTES - The Milestone Ministry will be collecting monetary donations for our college student finals care letter. Please consider sending these students some monetary TLC from Grace during finals. Donations can be placed in the blue mailbox in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS - Grace will offer a New Member's Informational Class and Lunch on **Sunday, April 23, 2017, from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**. The class will explore the central teachings of the church as Lutherans understand them. We will also cover the many forms that Grace's ministry takes in and beyond Rock Hill, and opportunities for you to become involved in this congregation. New members will be received into fellowship on **Sunday, April 30**. Nursery available upon request. Please call/email the office (803-324-5295 or graceluthch@comporium.net) to register.

LUTHEROAD - June 5 through June 9, 2017. Day Camp is a five-day program where many of the benefits of camp at Lutheridge come right to Grace. The program includes fun, worship, games, Bible study, fellowship, crafts, sharing and prayer, without having to stay away from home. Lutheroad is for rising K - 6th grade students, and is staffed by counselors from Lutheridge, working closely with members of Grace. Cost for the week is \$100: **DEPOSIT of \$25.00** is due Sunday, April 23, and the **BALANCE of \$75.00** is due Sunday, May 7. Pick up registration forms from the Youth Table in the Fellowship Hall and return the completed form to the office. Feel free to contact Amy Gamerl at gracekids@comporium.net with any questions you may have.

FIRST COMMUNION - First communion instruction will be at **9:00 AM on Saturday, April 22**. Please sign up on the tear and share, or email Pastor Rebecca (pastorlord@comporium.net) if you are interested in having your child participate. First Communion will be celebrated at both services on **April 30**.

SENIORS@GRACE - Come and join us on **April 20 at 11:00 AM**. At 11:30 AM Annie-Laurie's Winthrop University Acting Student will perform "Who's Line is it Anyway", with a little help from our group of seniors. Program first, followed by a catered lunch. Sign up on the Tear and Share and plan to come to this fun event.

GRACE CALENDAR

TUESDAY - April 18

Larry Peterson Vacation

5:30 PM Chrysalis (Conf)
6:30 PM WELCM (White House)
6:30 PM AA (101)
8:55 PM Softball (Cherry Park, Field 3)

WEDNESDAY – April 19

Larry Peterson Vacation

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM NO Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - April 20

Larry Peterson Vacation

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (102)
11:30 AM Seniors@Grace (FH)
6:00 PM Champions in Motion (FH)
6:00 PM Boy Scout Commissioner Training (108)

FRIDAY – April 21

Spring Into Action Synod Retreat

5:30 PM AA (101)
6:00 PM Karate Class (FH)

SATURDAY – April 22

Spring Into Action Synod Retreat

8:30 AM Confirmation Class (107, 108, 110, 111)
9:00 AM First Communion Instruction (FH)

SUNDAY - April 23

FAMILY PROMISE ALL WEEK

SPRING INTO ACTION SYNOD RETREAT

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
12:00 PM New Member Class (FH)
2:00 PM Council (107)
5:30 PM GYM Family Promise until 8:00 PM (Youth)
7:00 PM AA (101)

APRIL 23, 2017

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Robin Ketner and Doug Gay

Nursery:

Heather Litzinger

Tabulators:

Hester/Winsch

Altar Guild:

Nora Sliney, Ellen Cafarella, April Peterson

Home Communion Ministers:

Seigler; Johnson; Bartel/Cafarella

8:30 AM

Lector: Dianne Senn

Communion Assistant: Brian Beer

Petitioner: Sig Huitt

Crucifer: Emory Beer

Acolytes: Coby Johnson, Connor Johnson

Greeters: Vicky and Bob Goodbar

Ushers: Bob Wasserman, Jack Lockwood,

ShirLee Alfors, Jim Alfors

11:00 AM

Lector: Rick Richter

Communion Assistant: Chris Cassidy

Petitioner: Dee Westbrook

Crucifer: Cameron Cassidy

Acolytes: Palmer Floyd, Abby Ketner

Greeter: Dewain Thiessen

Ushers: Chris Cassidy, Kenny Meetze,

Larry Winsch, Michelle del Castillo

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APRIL 2017

April 22 - First Communion Instruction - 9:00 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

Lutheroad - 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