

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

A message from Pastor Chris,

April 24, 2017



What would it be like to go down in history as Doubting Thomas? What a terrible rap he gets in the resurrection story! All the disciples (except Thomas) are gathered in the upper room when Jesus first appears! Since Thomas wasn't there, is it any wonder that Thomas had trouble believing? He didn't have a chance to see and touch the nail prints in the hands of Jesus! Thomas was looking for a real experience with Jesus. That is what we are looking for too! We want to see Jesus at work, and be assured that He is here. But you don't have to look far to see Jesus at work here at Grace! As we see Christ alive in the faces of our children! As the music, in worship, is a witness to the gifts God has given us! As 400 people are fed in the community, homeless families are housed in our building, and Easter baskets are collected for Meals on Wheels folks! Jesus is here! He is alive! And if you have any doubt, just look around and see God at work!

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

THIS SUNDAY at 8:30 ONLY - Come and enjoy **Vision of Prayze Gospel Choir** from Winthrop University as we celebrate our Lutheran heritage we share with the African American spiritual and culture. We will be using music and liturgy from the Lutheran Hymnal entitled *This Far By Faith* published in 1999 by Augsburg Fortress. This resource "realizes that the African-American religious singing tradition is derived principally from musical practices in Africa, the United States, and the Caribbean. The diverse songs and styles of that tradition includes Negro spirituals, traditional and contemporary gospel songs, "Africanized" protestant hymns, missionary and evangelistic hymns, and service music and Mass settings in traditional and gospel styles." Grace Alone will be the "house band" as usual for the service.

FAMILY PROMISE NEEDS - Family Promise needs 4 - 6 evening hosts Tuesday-Thursday nights next week Call Sig Huitt (704-576-0407) with 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!

YOUTH SUNDAY - is **May 7** at both services. Rehearsal is May 6 from 9:00 AM until 10:15 AM.

MILESTONE/LEARNING/YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE MEETING - is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, following the late service in the Common Area (across from the offices).

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST FORUM - We plan to have a congregational discussion **ON APRIL 30TH IN THE SANCTUARY AT 9:45 AM.**

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Join us on May 2 for the beginning of a weekly Bible Study at Grace Lutheran Church. We will meet in the Common area and we will begin by studying the book of Philemon. Please read the book of Philemon before you come. We will talk about what we will want to study after that. Please sign up on the tear and share so we can be prepared. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chris.

NEW HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR - Parish Life is in need of a new hospitality coordinator. Duties include scheduling food hosts once a month, coordinating people for coffee preparation and clean up on Sundays. Contact Ginny Miller (803-984-2256) or Anne Blount (803-327-8317) for more information.

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** was due **YESTERDAY** 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.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - April 24

FAMILY PROMISE

WELCM STUDY GROUP (WH)

5:30 PM Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM Grace Alone (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - April 25

FAMILY PROMISE

WELCM STUDY GROUP (WH)

10:00 AM Newcomers Bible Study (Conf)
1:30 PM NO Newcomers KnitWits (Common)
6:15 PM Worship and Music (106)
6:30 PM AA (101)
6:30 PM SCWW (105)
7:00 PM Stewardship (107)
7:30 PM Bridge Group (102)

WEDNESDAY - April 26

FAMILY PROMISE

WELCM STUDY GROUP (WH)

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Parish Choir (Music)
7:00 PM Moms Demand Action (FH)

THURSDAY - April 27

FAMILY PROMISE

WELCM STUDY GROUP (WH)

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
6:00 PM Champions in Motion (FH)

FRIDAY - April 28

FAMILY PROMISE

WELCM STUDY GROUP (WH)

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - April 29

FAMILY PROMISE

WELCM STUDY GROUP (WH)

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY - April 30

FAMILY PROMISE ALL WEEK

WELCM STUDY GROUP (WH)

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED BOTH SERVICES

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)
9:45 AM Sunday School
9:45 AM Congregational Forum (Sanctuary)
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
12:30 PM Milestone/Learning/Youth & Family (Common)
5:30 PM GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM AA (101)

APRIL 30, 2017

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Jean Faut and Kevin Winsch

Nursery:

Patti Saunders

Tabulators:

Harrison/Stonebraker

Altar Guild:

Nora Sliney, Ellen Cafarella, April Peterson

8:30 AM

Lector: Steve Johnson

Communion Assistant: Cameron Tuck

Petitioner: Floyd Ritchie

Crucifer: Aleeyah Sidden

Acolytes: Jaxon Sidden, Dustin Stegall

Greeters: Bob Wasserman

Ushers: Bob Wasserman, Jack Lockwood,
ShirLee Alfors, Jim Alfors

11:00 AM

Lector: Melissa Tucker

Communion Assistant: Craig Ketner

Petitioner: Rachel Wasserman

Crucifer: Caroline Corbett

Acolytes: Jacob Corbett, Michael Echegaray

Greeter: Don Horst

Ushers: Chris Cassidy, Kenny Meetze,
Larry Winsch, Michelle del Castillo

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MAY 2017

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