

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

February 26, 2018



A message from the Pastor Ken,

I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. I will make my covenant between me and you... Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed... Genesis 17:1-2, 17

The story of Abraham is a story about God's call and choosing of an ordinary person to do extraordinary things for God. It's a story about someone who is very much like you and me, struggling with disbelief in trying to come to acceptance of God's call. What made Abraham get up from laughing at God's promise, to stand up with faith in God's call, and laugh with God? How is God calling us to stand up from the laughter of disbelief to believe and trust in God's promise?

CORRECTION AND APOLOGY - Luella Machamer, NANCY Koegler's sister, died on February 17, 2018 in PA. I reported incorrect information in the bulletin notes. My sincerest apologies to all concerned. *Linda*

WELCOME TO REALM - We have begun the process of upgrading our ACS software suite to ACS's new product offering called "The Realm". Realm offers us both new product features and significant cost savings. We have converted data from The City along with our Membership and Finance modules and our system administrators now are testing to ensure the site is configured and working properly. Once this is completed we will invite others to join the system, starting with congregational leaders. When this happens we will provide details on how to log onto and use the Realm.

RACE AND RECONCILIATION UPDATE - The Race & Reconciliation task force will host a "Blessed Assurance" follow-up meeting on **Thursday, March 1, at 6:30 pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Do we want to do diversity workshops, form church partnerships, or engage in small group book studies? We are seeking community input to figure out which activities will motivate us to engage further.

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT GRACE DURING LENT - Go to (control, click) <http://www.gracerockhill.com/news-and-events/lenen-services-and-activities/> What is justice among the war-torn? When it comes to race? In education? When it comes to gender? Find out more by clicking link.

HUNGER OUTREACH - comes to Grace this Thursday and Friday. Check the sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall to see if additional help is needed.

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS - Interested persons should attend training on **Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 4:30 pm** in the **nursery**. Contact Leslie Dunnett (stessiecu@yahoo.com).

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING - Child Protection Training will be on **Sunday, March 4 at 3:30 PM** in the **Common Area**. This training is required if you plan to help with VBS, Lutheroad, Sunday School, the nursery.

EASTER EGG EGGSTRAVAGANZA HUNT - is **Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 am**. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the Tear and Share **BY MARCH 4 - THIS SUNDAY!** The event will end with a lunch of hot dogs and other goodies. Candy donations are also welcome. Contact Tammie Harbert (803-980-5114) for details.

FAMILY PROMISE AT GRACE - falls during **Holy Week , Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday, March 25-April 1**. Sign Up Sheets are posted for meal cooks, evening and overnight hosts. Please sign up this week!

NYG FUNDRAISER DAY - On April 28, GYM is hosting a yard and BBQ sale here at church. If you have unwanted items in your home, please set them aside for the sale. We will be collecting items at the church April 15th-20th. We can arrange pick up if you let us know before April 11! If you can help (prepare and serve BBQ, yard sale pricing and prep, yard sale attendant), contact Pastor Rebecca. Please plan to attend!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Grace Golf Tournament, **Saturday, May 12, at 1pm, at Waterford Golf Club**. Funds raised will support the Grace Lutheran Youth trip (June 27-July 1) to Houston, TX, for the National Youth Gathering.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - February 26

5:30 PM Adult Enrichment Staff Training (FH)
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - February 27

10:00 AM Newcomers Bible Study (Conf)
1:30 PM Newcomers Knitwits (Common)
6:30 PM WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM SCWW (107)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:30 PM Bridge Group (102)

WEDNESDAY - February 28

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
5:00 PM Health Cabinet (Conf)
5:00 PM Learning Committee (FH)
6:15 PM Soup Dinner - Learning (FH)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)
7:30 PM Parish Choir (Music)
7:30 PM Golf Tournament Planning (FH)

THURSDAY - March 1

HUNGER OUTREACH

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
12:00 PM Walk by Grace (Front Steps)
6:30 PM Blessed Assurance Follow Up (FH)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Commission (108)

FRIDAY - March 2

HUNGER OUTREACH

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - March 3

8:30 AM Boy Scout Palmetto Council Dinner (FH & Kit)
8:30 AM Quilters Quilting 101 Class (106)

SUNDAY - March 4

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
3:30 PM Child Protection Training (Common)
4:30 PM Nursery Training (Nursery)
4:30 PM GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM AA (101)

March 4, 2018

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Jean Faut and Kevin Winsch

Nursery:

Heather Litzinger

Tabulators:

Carla Harrison and Bob Stonebraker

Altar Guild:

Melissa Tucker and Frances Stockley

Home Communion Ministers:

Seigler; Johnson; Bartel/Cafarella

8:30 AM

Lector: Kristy Austin

Communion Assistant: Cameron Tuck

Petitioner: Windy Cole

Acolyte: Grace Bell

Greeter: Bob Wasserman

Ushers: Tom Sturniolo, Jack Lockwood,

Jim Alfors, ShirLee Alfors

11:00 AM

Lector: Larry Winsch

Communion Assistant: Chris Cassidy

Petitioner: April Hershey

Acolyte: Michael Echegaray

Greeter: Don Horst

Ushers: Craig Ketner, Bob Goodbar,

Bill Sliney

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MARCH 2018

Race and Reconciliation - March 1, 6:30 PM - FH

Child Prot Train - Mar 4, 3:30 PM - Common

Nursery Training - Mar 4, 4:30 PM - Nursery

Confirmation Class - March 17, 8:30 AM

Seniors@Grace - March 22, 11:30 AM -

author talk with Pete Hildebrandt

Easter Eggstravaganza - Sat, Mar 24, 10:00 AM

Family Promise - March 25 - April 1

APRIL 2018

Easter - April 1 - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

Easter Breakfast - April 1 - 9:15 AM - FH

Confirmation Class - April 21, 8:30 AM

NYG Garage Sale - April 28 - Fellowship Hall

MAY 2018

GYM Golf Fundraiser - May 12 - Waterford GC

Youth Sunday - May 13

Confirmation Class - May 19, 8:30 AM

JUNE/JULY 2018

National Youth Gathering -

Houston, Texas - June 27 - July 1, 2018