

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

March 5, 2018



A message from the Pastor Ken,

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. John 2:13

If you were Jewish, you would know exactly what this meant - to prepare. It meant to prepare for the Passover sacrifice and to remove all the leaven from your house. Because in so doing, the Jewish people remember the day the Lord delivered them out of bondage in Egypt. So when Jesus goes up to Jerusalem and into the Temple area and starts turning over the money changers' tables, he is cleaning house, purging what was supposed to be a holy space of sacrifice and worship. Jesus was also proclaiming that God's presence is no longer isolated to the building of the Temple but abides in the hearts of those who believe in his words. May God clean our homes and purge our hearts, so that we are clean. As Psalm 51:7 says, "Wash me, Lord, and I shall be whiter than snow."

SENIORS@GRACE DATE CHANGE - Come join us on **Thursday March 15 at 11:30 AM** for lunch and a guest speaker talking about his new book! Our very own **Pete Hildebrandt** will share his latest book ***A Wolf by the Ears***. It will be an entertaining and yummy afternoon of fellowship and fun! By the way lunch will be Italian! Sign up on Sunday's Tear and Share or call the office (803) 324-5295. If you have any questions write Annie Laurie Wheat at wheatannielaurie@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY REQUEST - Irene Pointon, Hospitality coordinator, has asked a request to be sent out for hospitality hosts for March. So far, only March 11 has a host - the other dates are available. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall, along with directions on set up/clean up and what to bring. Thanks in advance!

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.

PROPERTY CLEAN UP - Volunteers are needed for Grace's Annual Spring/Pre-Easter clean up on **Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 AM**. Contact Rick Lau for details (419) 340-6726.

EASTER LILIES - It is time to order Easter Lilies to beautify the sanctuary on Easter morning. The lilies will be wrapped in a colored pot cover and white cellophane lace, for only **\$11.00**. Donations will be accepted to the Good Samaritan fund as well. Sign up on the Tear and Shares in by **March 18** to reserve your lily and dedicate it (or your donation) in honor or memory of loved ones.

CONFIRMATION CLASS - the next confirmation class meets **Saturday, March 17 at 8:30 am**.

EASTER EGG EGGSTRAVAGANZA HUNT - is **Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 am**. 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 - March 5

10:00 AM	Staff (Prayer)
1:30 PM	Newcomers KnitWits (Common)
6:00 PM	GS Leaders' Meeting (FH)
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM	Campus Ministry Task Force (Conf)
7:00 PM	Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - March 6

6:30 PM	WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM	Stewardship (Common)
6:30 PM	AA (101)

WEDNESDAY - March 7

9:30 AM	Grace-C Quilters (103)
10:00 AM	LSC Planning Meeting (Conf)
3:00 PM	Acapella Choir Arrival
6:15 PM	Soup Dinner - Worship and Music (FH)
6:30 PM	AA (101)
7:00 PM	Holden Evening (Lenoir-Rhyne Acapella Choir)
7:30 PM	NO Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - March 8

7:30 AM	Centering Prayer (Common)
8:00 AM	Acapella Choir Departure
12:00 PM	Walk by Grace (Front Steps)

FRIDAY - March 9

5:30 PM	AA (101)
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SATURDAY - March 10

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY - March 11

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	GYM Girl's Group (Youth)
4:30 PM	GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM	AA (101)

March 11, 2018 Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Karen Harris and Pauline Jellum

Muggers:

Kathy Schwandt

Nursery:

Patti Saunders

Tabulators:

Martha Hester and Larry Wunsch

Altar Guild:

Melissa Tucker and Frances Stockley

8:30 AM

Lector: Kendall Anderson

Communion Assistant: Brian Beer

Petitioner: Earl Gatlin

Acolyte: Jaden Brown

Greeter: Sig Huitt

Ushers: Tom Sturniolo, Jack Lockwood,
Jim Alfors, ShirLee Alfors

11:00 AM

Lector: Eric Schmidt

Communion Assistant: Nora Sliney

Petitioner: Robin Ketner

Acolyte: Charlotte DeMartino

Greeter: Norma and Frank Surratt

Ushers: Craig Ketner, Bob Goodbar,
Bill Sliney

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MARCH 2018

Seniors@Grace - March 15, 11:30 AM

Confirmation Class - March 17, 8:30 AM

Property Spring Cleanup - March 17, 9:00 AM

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

Family Promise - March 25 - April 1

Maundy Thursday - March 29, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 30, 7:00 PM

APRIL 2018

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

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

New Member Class - April 8, 15, 22, 9:45 AM

Confirmation Class - April 21, 8:30 AM

NYG Garage Sale Pricing - April 22-27 - FH

Seniors@Grace - April 26 -On the Road!

NYG Garage Sale - April 28 - Fellowship Hall

Fifth Sunday Worship -April 29, 10:00 AM

Pot Luck Brunch/New Mem Recep - April 29

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