

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

A message from the Pastor Ken,

April 3, 2018



So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

The message of Easter RAISES each of us UP from the depths of our human experience to new heights, to live in relationship with God our Creator and Redeemer! Easter is an “up-rising” that disturbs our normal existence and stands up to all that attempts to bring violence and destruction upon our world. Throughout these 50 days of Easter may we live as those who are “raised up,” seeking those things that Jesus died for and living as God’s servants in the way of the cross!

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR PASTOR REBECCA - will be on **Sunday, April 8 at 9:45 AM** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Please join us for cake and coffee as we say farewell to Pastor Rebecca, Jim, and Baby Phillips. Donations for her farewell gift are due in the office no later than **Wednesday, April 4**.

REALM - We encourage everyone to create an account with our new Realm software system. By now all active Grace members should have gotten an email from Realm inviting them to set up such an account. If you have not gotten such an email, please check your spam or junk folder. The emails are automated and are identified as spam by some programs. Instructions for setting up your account can be found at: <http://www.gracerockhill.com/fileadmin/Staff Upload/setuprealm.pdf>. If you did not get such an invitation or are having any difficulties in setting up your account, please contact our local Realm administrator Bob Stonebraker at stonebraker946@gmail.com or [803-980-1834](tel:803-980-1834).

CONFIRMATION CLASS - the next confirmation class meets **Saturday, April 21 at 8:30 am**.

NYG FUNDRAISER DAY - On **Saturday, 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 in the Youth Room. We can arrange pick up if you let us know before April 11! Youth will be taking pre-orders and pre-payment for the Barbeque in the Fellowship Hall, beginning March 25 (price will be on order forms). Contact Adele Evans (704) 591-3864 or Art Harris (artharris56@gmail.com).

GYM “Links to Mission” GOLF TOURNAMENT - is **Saturday, May 12** at **Waterford Golf Club** in Rock Hill, **shotgun start at 1:00 PM**. Registration in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Art Harris (artharris56@gmail.com).

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE - The call committee has begun visiting and interviewing candidates. Keep praying for all involved in the process. Prayer and patience.

WELCOME, EQUIP, NURTURE, SERVE - The words hang on huge banners in our Fellowship Hall. Sometimes we don’t even notice that they’re there, sometimes we might not even think about their real meaning at all, but at the heart of our Mission Statement at Grace Lutheran Church in Rock Hill are the words “Welcome, Equip, Nurture, and Serve.” These words define who we are as God’s people at Grace and what we do not only within the walls of Grace but out in our community and in the world. Yes, our grateful giving drives our Mission! Think about It: our grateful giving provides a **welcoming** environment to all people of God. With great excitement, we will welcome a host of new members who will join us in late April. Our Grateful Giving helps us **nurture** disciples who live in faith like the young adults who are a part of our Campus Ministry program, right next door. Our Grateful Giving offers us countless opportunities to **equip** all of Grace’s family members through Word and Sacrament and Christian Education, led by caring Pastors who help us learn more about God’s grace and foster growth in our faith journey. Our Grateful Giving helps us **serve** those who are in need through our participation in programs like Family Promise and so many other outreach programs that touch the lives of God’s often forgotten people. Think about it - they’re more than words on a banner. Our Grateful Giving is a thankful response for all God has given us and in turn supports all that drives our Mission to welcome, equip, nurture and serve through Grace Lutheran Church. By growing in giving and mission the possibilities could be amazing. Pray about it.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - April 2

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM NO Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - April 3

10:00 AM Newcomers Bible Study (Conf)
6:30 PM WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM AA (101)
8:35 PM Softball (Hargett Park)

WEDNESDAY - April 4

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

THURSDAY - April 5

HUNGER OUTREACH

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Common)
12:00 PM Walk by Grace (Front Steps)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Commission (108)
8:35 PM Softball (Hargett Park)

FRIDAY - April 6

HUNGER OUTREACH

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - April 7

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY - April 8

PASTOR REBECCA'S LAST SUNDAY
NEWBERRY COLLEGE CHOIR AT BOTH SERVICES

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)
9:45 AM Godspeed for Pastor Rebecca
9:45 AM New Member Class (Common)
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
3:30 PM GYM Girls' Group (Youth)
4:30 PM GYM (Youth)
5:00 PM Finance (Common)
7:00 PM AA (101)

April 8, 2018 Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Robin Ketner and Doug Gay

Nursery:

Heather Litzinger

Tabulators:

Jan Gilbertson and Bob Stonebraker

Altar Guild:

Nora Sliney and Ellen Cafarella

Home Communion Ministers:

Seigler, Johnson, Bartel/Cafarella

8:30 AM

Lector: Diane Senn

Communion Assistant: Sara Johnson

Petitioner: Erika Bell

Acolyte: Jacob Bell

Greeters: Vicky and Bob Goodbar

Ushers: Bob Schavey, Eddie Hinson,
Bob Wasserman, Floyd Ritchie

11:00 AM

Lector: Linda Horst

Communion Assistant: Craig Ketner

Petitioner: Dee Westbrook

Crucifer: Abby Ketner

Acolytes: Michael Echegaray,
Charlotte DeMartino

Greeter: Don Horst

Ushers: Wally Seigler, Walker Stockley,
Larry Winsch

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APRIL 2018

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 "Links to Mission"- 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