

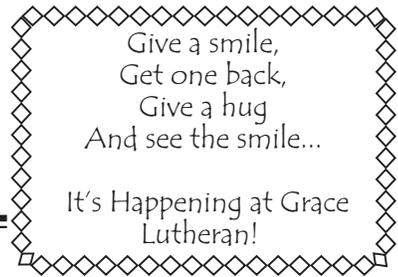


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From the Pastor's Desk: Kindness Has Far Reaching Effects

Grace and peace to you, Grace Lutheran Church, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

On the very day I write this article I heard about you, the members of Grace Lutheran Church, from a person I really know not, and in a most unusual way. I was at my computer typing up the articles I have written for the March issue of *The Beacon*, and my house phone rang. I do not readily answer the phone and so it rang its four times, but then I heard these words from a friendly sounding voice: "Hi Ed, I am P**, and a friend of mine and your neighbor J**", said I might give you a call." Well I must admit I did what I probably ought not to have done, but I am glad I did it: I picked up the phone. I like the neighbor who made the referral, the pitch was well done, and the voice tone was good.

The person calling wanted to sell me product that I do not want at this time in my life, but something held me into the conversation. As we talked I clearly indicated: "I will not purchase the product." Our conversation continued anyway.

In the course of the conversation the caller said: "J** says you are a pastor." I said "Yes, I serve at Grace Lutheran in Red Lion." That's when things became interesting.

With an enthusiastic voice the caller said. "Grace in Red Lion? I know it well!" I asked, "How?" The caller said, "They were very helpful to me at a time of deep need in my life; in fact in a couple of times of deep need." I decided to explore the how of that helpfulness and these are my interpretations of what I heard:

(1) Everyone with whom the caller interacted treated the caller with kindness, respect, and dignity, even though not attending Grace nor being a member at Grace. Welcoming "hellos" and "how are you doings?" were spoken by folks at Grace.

(2) Some very specific physical needs were met.

(3) Some people in particular took time to listen well, attend well, and speak supportively and with helpfulness and the offering of some course corrections.

A subsequent e-mail from the caller thanked me for the conversation and indicated the caller just may stop by some Sunday. I took the opportunity to be specific about the Sunday stopping by possibilities.

Will the caller stop by? I do not know – I hope so, but I do not know. Was the caller simply being a very good sales person setting the 'hook' a little deeper or was the caller being genuine? I don't know. If the caller never shows up at Grace on a Sunday does that mean the potential possibility was simply a cynical ploy to 'set the hook?' I do not know.

I can say with certitude some things in regard to this phone conversation and its next step, an e-mail conversation.

(1) When I opted to respond to the message coming through my answering machine I made a choice which I believe compelled me to some sort of phone decency. There was absolutely NO requirement that I pick up the phone, and I could have very legitimately and rightly ignored the reach out. But once I picked up the conversation I bore some responsibility of good interaction with a neighbor on this planet but also a total stranger, an alien, to me.

(2) As long as we both 'played nice' with each other the conversation could be good; not of great momentous outcome for either of us, and neither of us necessarily made a sale! I did not indicate to the caller I would purchase product, in fact quite the contrary. Nor did the caller indicate to me an absolute promise of visiting Grace for worship even one time. But something is at play here. (I use the word "play" not as a pointless, childish act of meaninglessness; quite the contrary, we considered play to be that very necessary activity in which children interact with their world, its

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objects, and the people around them, for the purpose of advancing successfully particular developmental tasks.) To play meanly results in the rupturing of possibility, in the rupturing of relationship. To play well results in the possibility of possibility and strengthened relationships.

(3) Upon hearing this totally unexpected experience of the people of Grace Lutheran Church from a salesperson calling me with an entirely different agenda, I felt a surge of pride in you, Grace Lutheran Church.

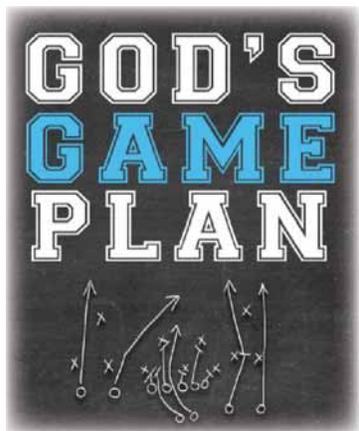
(4) Why the pride? Because you behave in ways that I perceive to be congruent with and modeling of what Jesus calls us to do and be in this world, His disciples, His stewards, His friends, for the sake of the love of God our Father and the creation Father and Son have created good, a creation they treasure. A creation they desire we NOT trash and bring to death, but rather a treasure in which they hope we serve life rather than death.

(5) Every act of good in the world has a contrary possibility, and because we are sinners there are times when we do not do good. Because we are human, because we are the baptized children of God we can, and not infrequently, do good. Bravo for the good!

(6) Finally, it is good and right that you and I remind each other of the good behaviors we do, not to develop an official report card of good deeds, but quite the contrary; to learn and reinforce one another in the playbook of the good steward, the good friend, the good athlete for God in God's game plan for the creation.

I believe my response in the situation of this unknown phone call which I chose to answer contributed to the caller having another good experience of Grace Lutheran. I hope so, but I cannot fully determine whether this is so – only the stranger with whom I spoke can determine that. Please remember, you are not obligated to pick up your phone anytime, particularly when the person calling is unknown to you. Should you pick up the phone, however, please remember the Grace Lutheran playbook - you never know where a particular set of behaviors will show up in the future nor how they will influence the future. Play to the playbook and you will not fail, even if the strange and alien others conclude you are deficient and defective.

In Christ, Pastor Ed



CHURCH COUNCIL *News*

Church Council met on February 9 in the office for the monthly meeting. We received an extensive review of finances from Bill Fordney. Bill is our outside contractor for accounting services and Power Church assistance. Bill presented the income/expense reports and balance sheets for the year 2016 and the month of January 2017. We used this time to ask questions and get a more clear picture of the financial health of the church. I am very happy to report that we are well on our way to a much more stable reporting procedure and more accurate information coming from the Finance office. It has been a long process to reconstruct our financial picture after the computer crash of 2016 and we are finally reaching our goals.

In other Council news, the following motion was approved by council regarding the upcoming Youth Gathering. In order for a youth of the church to be considered to make the trip to Houston in 2018 the following criteria must be met:

- Attend TOGs meetings
- Attend TOGSs fundraisers
- Attend Church and or Sunday School regularly
- Attend TOGs social activities

Council felt it was important to set a framework for youth and their parents to be able to understand the commitment and efforts involved in going to Youth Gathering. If anyone has a question about the plan, please contact Sharon Hont for more information. Youth entering 8th grade through 12th grade this fall are eligible if they also meet the approved list above.

Wonderful Liturgical Events

On Monday January 30, 2017, the funeral liturgy for Charles A. Coeyman occurred. Charles, born June 25, 1935, died January 23, 2017. As Pastor Ed was ill at the time Pastor Douglas DeStephano officiated. He is of the South York Conference and pastor at Christ Lutheran, Loganville, and serving on the interim pastoral care and administration team for Zion Lutheran in Glen Rock.

ON THE LITURGICAL SEASON BEFORE US, LENT

One of the joys of participating in a liturgical church of the sort of church I experience the Lutheran Church to be is this, the beauty and the variety of the liturgical seasons. We are not caught in a humdrum flatness of what the culture or the preacher think to be culturally relevant; rather we are caught up into a calendar of events lifting up seasonal themes and expressions. I have dear friends and family who love living in Florida, but personally I prefer the variant seasons: before every beautiful spring comes a time of cold and gray, but there is a way in which the contrast between the two seasons marks a joy in regard to each. The snow of winter....and the shorter days: somber, and sometimes scary, but also an opportunity to sleep in a little longer on a dark winter morning (in contrast to Spring sunshine exploding into the bedroom at an early hour and I am moved to be up and about!)

Lent is the church's "penitential" season premier, it is our time of stormy weather launching upon us and our Lord Jesus as, having been born into this creation, having fulfilled his Father's command to bring sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, visitation and release to the imprisoned, and therein and thereby bringing to rage all those who hold stake in the ultimate value of maintaining the winter of death and deadliness. We pull down the influence of those who prefer exclusion and superiority by virtue of a delusional and wrong belief that "I am perfectly good, and those strangers, aliens and different others whom I fear and despise are not of God." Further, they believe, "I have the right, and even the responsibility, to exclude and destroy them in the name of God." In this penitential season that is Lent, we recognize the darkness, the sin, of the human condition. We seek to discern the light which contrasts to the sin. The light that is illuminated upon us in Jesus, who has been raised from the dead, and whose Word we remember as we recall his faithful wrestling with the forces of death, of his suffering, and crucifixion. This last comes upon him on a Friday we name as "Good" and in the week we name "Holy Week" at the end of Lent. When we specifically focus upon our celebration, our rejection of our Lord, of his suffering death, and then we wait... held in a kind of time warp suspension...for his resurrection, his resurrection which we shall celebrate on Easter Sunday. In the world in which you and I live, the world in which "the prosperity gospel" has pressed hard against the church that I know and trust, we are torn. We want to flee Lent...we want the good news, and we want to believe we are innocents, and they, whomever they are, in their differences from us, are evil.

The attraction of the prosperity gospel is this: if I am successful in the worldly realm with lots of money and power it is a direct function of God and God's recognition that I am truly faithful to God. In this prosperity Gospel I have no responsibility to tend for my neighbor, for if my neighbor is in plight of poverty it is because my neighbor does not rightly believe, does not rightly trust.

The prosperity "gospel" ignores the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, a gospel explicated in and upon a cross in which the very son of God, the truly human, the truly God, in his innocence and sinless-ness AND giving up of himself for the sake of the sinful other is in fact killed. This same Jesus, in the true gospels that witness to him, clearly calls us to love not only of God but of neighbor, to include the strange and alien other - truly a hard call for us sinners, but one that if lived unto and into will give life to the world rather than death.

The prosperity "gospel" lifts up themes of Deuteronomy which holds forth this word: "if you but obey all that the Lord God commands you it shall go well for you in the land and you shall prosper." Sown within the experience of Israel's own history is the historical experience of suffering that comes to even the most faithful, most trusting, and most "righteous" members of the community. The book of Job recognizes the limit of Deuteronomistic theology - when times are easy and good for Israel, such thinking is likely to emerge, and is so for any community. For some in our economy the economy treats them with great kindness and bountiful resource. It is not so for all.

The book of Job implicitly and actively recognizes the limit and the deficiency of the Deuteronomistic theology: that theology does not well recognize nor deal with unmerited suffering and human sin. The children who have, are currently and will, live in and through every war in the world know this experience all too well.

In the season of Lent we have opportunity to think about sin, sin in its expression by individuals, sin in its expression of larger group expression; to recognize that God in Christ comes to challenge our sin, even as God loves us. God's love does not say "oh my sweet angelic creatures, anything you do is perfectly fine by me - be as self-centered and as lacking in generosity as you wish - and I will celebrate you!" Indeed not, in God's love, God does what any good Father (or Mother for that fact) would do when the children are misbehaving and creating havoc and death for their futures and the futures of others. He sends to us Jesus who invites and encourages us to re-direct our behaviors away from the self-centered narcissism when we seek to elevate the "I" to the status of God, and toward true love of God, which always involves a love toward our neighbors, be they near or far. God through Jesus, asks us to recognize all that we have been given comes from God, and is to be used by us as God's stewards to advance the human project away from death and toward life. None of us can make the world perfect, but each of us can consider our sin, make our confession, and seek to mimic Jesus as he lives in this world, wrestles with that which death brings to many, resists that death dealing, and for the sake of his love for his Father and redemption of the creation gives of himself in very profound ways.

WHAT'S IN THE DISPLAY CASE?



The Apostle of Jesus Christ

In our cabinet we present the portraits of Christ and The Apostles by the noted Spanish artist, Jose Fuentes de Salamaca. The characters of each of the men who followed Christ is subtly captured in these portraits, which many consider to be among the first interpretations ever attempted. These portraits were taken from the *Guidepost* magazine in the year 1952. We hope that you will find in them a continuing source of inspiration during the Easter Season.

Jose Fuentes de Salamanca was born February 20, 1934, in Salamanca, Spain. Born in the village of Salamanca, Jose Fuentes adopted the name of his village so that his work and talent would always be associated with his birthplace. He was admitted in 1946 into the Escuela de Artes y Oficios where he studied drawings and completed preliminary studies that in time would guide his brilliant career. In 1952 he entered the Real Academia de Bellas Arts of San Fernando in Madrid, Spain. Versatile in every medium from ink to oil, the artist centered on the human form early in his career. Now internationally renowned, the master has centered his work on the life of Christ; and is now considered to be the greatest living painter of religion in our time. The crowning achievement in his career came in 1986 when he was commissioned by the Church of Rome to paint St. Francisco Palau y Quer. It was accepted by Pope John II, and the oil painting now hangs in Vatican City along side the greatest masters history has ever known; elevating this artist to a plateau seldom reached in the world of art. He was selected in 1992 by the Bradford Exchange, the world's largest producer of collector's plates, to execute their series; "Portraits of Christ" the very first pen and ink plate in the history of their company. The series became the largest selling series in the world during the time it was offered. Fuentes de Salamanca was influenced in his youth by the great masters of Spain, and the artist has now become a renowned master himself. A man born of the renaissance; cradled in the history of the great Spanish masters before him; the tradition now continues with Jose Fuentes. A son of Spain and a devoted servant of God, his talent springs forth like the torrents of a river, recording the story of Christianity and God's life as he walked among us.

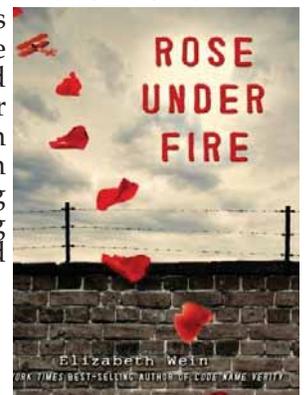
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BOOK CLUB

This month's selection for the Book Club is also the York County "One Book, One Community" Book Club selection, *Rose Under Fire* by Elizabeth Wein. If you would like a copy, contact Jennifer Rudolf or Geri Jacobs. The book club meets every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center.

Rose Under Fire is a must read novel regardless of your genre preference! Rose Justice is an eighteen-year-old pilot who hails from Central Pennsylvania. She volunteers to serve in the Air Transport Auxiliary during World War II. In a brave attempt to ram a "flying bomb" mid-air, her plane crosses into enemy territory. Rose is captured and sent to Ravensbrück, a concentration camp. She meets women with deeply tragic yet heroic stories struggling to survive at the camp. They band together and protect one another from their German captors. Elizabeth Wein does not shy away from the atrocities committed during the war as she tells an endearing story of friendship, loyalty and self-sacrifice.



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HOW TO SUBMIT TO THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome all submissions to the newsletter. The newsletter is a great place to ask for help, publicize an event you are planning in the church, tell people about something you or your family are doing, thank members, celebrate a victory. The possibilities are endless! The vision for the newsletter is to communicate between members in a clear and interesting format. If you would like to submit to the newsletter or help in any way, here is what you can do:

*If you are comfortable with computers, you may email Chris Jacobs at: knndsi1@yahoo.com. Please make sure your document is either a .doc or .pdf file. If you are including digital artwork, make sure it is at least 300KB in size.

*If you prefer paper, just drop off your submission in the mailbox marked 'newsletter' outside the office door. The mailboxes are located on a table across the hall.

Please keep in mind that the deadline for submission is the 20th of each month for the following month's newsletter. If you have pictures or graphics that complement your submission, include them along with directions or suggestions on their use. Please include your contact information in every submission so the editor can get in touch to clarify or fact-check. If you are interested in a monthly submission or article, we welcome that as well.

BLESSING FOR A CHURCH

BY JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

This is God's house.
May we who come here not only find out about God,
but find God.

May there be beauty in this place, but especially may it
be a place where men and women become aware of the
beauty in themselves.

May this be a place of worship.
May this be a place of instruction.
May this be a place of singing.
May this be a place of prayer.

But for us who worship and take instruction and sing
and pray, may this always be a place of inner stillness,
where we may listen and hear when God speaks.

May whoever ministers here minister in love. May
whoever teaches here teach truth. May whoever serves
here serve pleasantly.

May everyone come into this house in expectation and
go with thanksgiving, and may anyone who comes
needing help go feeling blest.

May this be such a house that Jesus Christ- or any
stranger, even one of the least- would feel in it that
He was with friends.
Amen

Submitted by Dick Rhine



PRAYER CARDS ARE HERE!

Starting March 5, we will be implementing our
new bulletin prayer list(s) presentation. To pick up a
request card, they are around the building in the usual
places.

OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED

We have new counting
procedures for processing
the Sunday offering for
deposit. We are seeking
volunteers to open
and count the offering
envelopes. Please contact
Dee Kerr if you are willing
to help. CPA skills are not
required!



ON THE APOSTLES' CREED FROM LUTHER'S THE SMALL CATECHISM



*This is a continuing series Pastor Ed is writing on **Luther's Small Catechism**. If you would like to read the entire series, check out **The Beacon** archive starting with the November, 2016 until now.*

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

What is this?

Answer: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
begotten of the Father in eternity, and also true human
being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has
redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has
purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and
from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but
with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent
suffering and death. He has done all this in order that
I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom,
and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and
blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives
and rules in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Bible Reading: Luke 23: 39-46

Lent Activities for 2017

Mid-Week Lenten Services This Season

We will again be having mid-week Lenten Services.
They will be held on the following Wednesdays:
March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. Soup and bread will
begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by conversation from
6:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. Look for sign-up posters
in the social room and Welcome Center. Consider
sharing your soup specialties and sign up. Indicate
the soup you are preparing and your name in the
appropriate spaces. Pastor Ed will be leading the
conversation with discussion around the tables.

GRACEFUL WOMEN

We will meet Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the
Welcome Center. A special guest speaker, Barbara
Marks, will do a presentation on Essential Oils. Anyone
interested is invited to attend.

SOME THOUGHT FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE PLANNING A WEDDING, FROM BOTH A FINANCIAL AND A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE

by Pastor Ed

at my second call (Oak Grove Lutheran).

Recently I came across an article in a good secular resource, focusing on the cost of weddings and some thoughts for parents or grandparents who may be considering helping with, or entirely paying, the costs involved in a wedding. The article itself focused solely on the financial aspect; nonetheless it communicates some thoughts that make sense to me as a long time parish pastor who has witnessed many weddings over a long time. Some key points: (1) In your giving avoid radically undermining your long term financial viability; (2) The money invested in a wedding is NEVER recouped; (3) Think about specifying the exact amount you will provide to help cover the costs AND let the couple choose what it will spend on the weekend. If they choose to spend within the limits of your gift, that's a choice; equally so if they choose to spend beyond the limits of your gift. That action incurs a debt or responsibility that is theirs and not yours; (4) Offer yourself as a financial consultant – review with the couple their budget plan for the costs of the wedding and if the numbers seem really high, ask the couple to think about this question: "Why is a huge wedding important?" (5) Whatever you choose to give, make sure that you can live with the consequences of your giving and the risk of loss entailed (not all weddings result in a life time of marriage and if you spend \$20,000 only to discover two years later they are slamming into divorce). Having decided what you can and will give, give freely...with love. Remember, if the marriage works out you will have an excellent opportunity to gain another "kid," something of an adopted child for you in the best sense.

The article indicated a very interesting finding based on a study of more than 3,000 marriages by economists at Emory University in Atlanta. The study found that women who had a wedding that cost \$20,000 or more were 1.6 times more likely to divorce. Wow! Is that not interesting??

For many years now I have had a suspicion: the more energy invested in the perfection of the wedding, the greater the likelihood of a bad outcome. When the focus goes to the big special party that is PERFECT and the bride is the object of total adoration, I wonder.... are the couple thinking about and focusing upon the commitment they are making to one another and the resources that will be required, emotional, spiritual, relational resources OR about the (limited) hours of self-centered specialness?

The wedding industry has a huge investment in couples spending tens of thousands of dollars on "the special day." In the face of this perception let me introduce you to Mike and Sherry Lewis, parishioners



"We were married down the valley at the (little country) Methodist Church. I made my wedding dress. The guys went to the church basement on Friday evening to set up the tables and chairs. On the Saturday morning of our wedding, some of my girlfriends and I got together in the church basement where we made a wedding cake and decorated it, made some fruit punch, and some finger sandwiches. On Saturday afternoon we married upstairs in the sanctuary, and came downstairs for our party." When that day was over they went somewhere in the Beaver Valley for their wedding night, and on Monday morning each of them was back to their job.

Sherry treasured those memories. I treasured how the two of them 20 to 30 years after their wedding sat side by side, still obviously loving one another. NOT nearly so much in some state of blessed "in-love-ness" as loving one another through thick and thin, and I suspect there were times of "thin."

I think Mike and Sherry had THE right perspective. The perfection of the day was not the party and how "splashy" it was; the perfection of the day was the love of family and friends and God. HOW SPECIAL is their story? MIGHTY SPECIAL! A lot more special than the several stories I could tell of people who spent a fortune, only for me to hear two or less years later they were in process of being, or already had been, divorced. A final note of sorts: despite the correlation between increased likelihood of divorce and weddings priced out at \$20,000 or more, there are couples who spend far more than this who survive; and there are couples who spend far less and still their marriages end in divorce. Divorce, irrespective of even the best of reasons for the same (physical abuse for instance), always carries a kind of sadness and loss. In all my years of ministry I can recall no one, with one possible exception, who thought: I will do this wedding and then shortly divorce. My plea: just remember the joy of a wedding is not a function of how much money is spent for the wedding, it is the joy of pleasure in your love and gathering together of friends and family to pray blessing open your wedding, to be with you. The joy is not, nor ought it to be, a function of how much money you spend (or your parents spend) for your wedding. Think wisely about all the resources that exist in your life and use them wisely for your long term good and the long term good of those whom you love.

PASTOR TINA'S INSTALLATION AS DOCUMENTED BY LYN & PEG ROTZ



Look, Peg is crashing the party!

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Office Quiet Time

To help Anna Mae get her duties completed, we have recently begun "Quiet Time." Each work day, the answering machine will pick up calls and we ask you refrain from visiting from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.



T.O.G.S. NEWS

Please review the Council information for a plan for determining eligibility to attend Youth Gathering in Houston 2018.

THANK YOU to everyone that attended the "Souper" Bowl combined worship and Soup contest event. The fundraiser was a success by raising \$252.00 for the TOGs. Congratulations to Priscilla Turek winner of the Soup division and Roberto Martinez winner of the Chili division. It was a great opportunity for fellowship and food.

TOGs will be meeting on Sunday March 26 at noon after the traditional service. We will be making Easter candies with Dee Kerr. Please come down to the kitchen to meet. We will have pizza and drinks to feed you before we start making candy! To get a count for pizza please let Sharon Hont, Deb Warntz, or Tammy Golden know if you will be attending. This is not a social activity, but a fundraising preparation.

LUTHERAN CAMPING

Here are the March 2017 events from the Lutheran Camping Corporation:

March 10-12: Quilt Retreat at Kirchenwald

March 11: Lenten Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

March 19: Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa



If you want more information about these or other events, visit the website at: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/events/>.



Each month, *The Beacon* reports who is sponsoring the flowers in the Sanctuary.

March's flowers are sponsored by:

- 05 - Richard Rhine
- 12 - Cindy Strobeck
- 19 - Doris Douglas
- 26 - George McCallum

April's flowers are sponsored by:

- 02 - Ronald Golden
- 09 - Richard Jacobs (Palm Sunday)
- 13 - Richard Rhine (Maunday Thursday)
- 16 - Dr. Samuel Laucks (Easter)
- Karen Turner (Altar Cross Lilies)
- 23 - Dr. Samuel Laucks
- 30 - Grace Lutheran
- Shirley Pfefferle - Pedestal Roses

March Celebrations



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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 02 - Patricia Golden | 16 - April Einsig |
| 02 - Brian Shaffer | 16 - Larry Tudor |
| 03 - Betty Eveler | 17 - Celeste Barnhill |
| 03 - Andrea Hollingworth | 17 - Jennifer Osterhaus |
| 03 - Barbara Taute | 20 - Edward Hartman |
| 04 - Joyce Arnold | 21 - Alyssa Francis |
| 04 - Lynn Herbst | 23 - Richard Jacobs |
| 05 - Doris Jones | 23 - Thomas Kerr |
| 05 - Joshua Ricci | 24 - Joshua Arnold |
| 06 - Brett Fishel | 25 - Robert Haag |
| 07 - Carly Bennett | 27 - Kendra Shaffer |
| 09 - Suzanna Laucks | 28 - Sara Vigna |
| 10 - Geraldine Jacobs | 29 - James Fishel |
| 10 - Taylor Jones | 29 - Gretchen Grim |
| 12 - Kirt Peters | 30 - Thomas Kuhn |
| 14 - Marie Fales | 30 - Luke Shaffer |
| 15 - Amy Hartman | 31 - Dalton Fishel |
| 15 - Kenneth Turner | |

Wedding Anniversaries



- 20 - Kern & Cindy Pressel
- 23 - Kay & Raymond Mansberger
- 23 - Robert & Cindy Strobeck
- 25 - Karen & Thomas Traina
- 27 - Will & Robin Bennett

GIFT CARDS HELP THE CHURCH

We have Giant, Weis and Jerry's Great Valu store cards in denominations of \$50. They are available at the early service in the back after services are over, or in the treasurer's office any Sunday. You can call Dee at home (244-0083) to custom order your needs. If you are paying by check, please make it payable to 'Grace Lutheran Church.'



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March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 pm -Ash Wednesday	2 7:00 pm-Graceful Women	3	4
5 9:00 am - 9:45 am: Contemporary Service 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Sunday School 10:45 am - 11:45 am: Traditional Service	6 6:30 pm-Parish Ed Committee	7	8 6:00 pm-Ringers by Grace 6:30 pm-Mid-Week Lenten Soup Service 7:00 pm-Senior Choir 7:00 pm-Finance Committee	9 6:30 pm - : Church Council Meeting	10	11
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