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From the Pastor's Desk: Those Who Wait for the Lord



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

I write this letter for the upcoming Beacon on Sunday evening, March 26, the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Shortly we move from the Season of Lent into Holy Week and then Easter. In a sense we move from a season that is "rolling along" with the threat of change on its horizon in the precise form of death by crucifixion, into the intensity of the last week of life for our Lord Jesus and his death. We then enter into the glorious explosion of resurrection life. So if from no other point of view than that of the liturgical calendar, change is in the air.

However, there is another change in the air in these days, the growing possibility that as of this moment in time when I write these words, you will know within the next seven days whether you are about to experience another change as a congregation. You are in transition from interim pastor status to full-time regularly called pastor status. Change is such a multi-faceted experience, often bringing great good, yet also anxiety and loss. It brings newness, excitement and unfamiliarity, and longing for what was and used to be. In short, change brings both life and death in the very moment of its approach, arrival and departure.

Always, the change comes in the midst of other changes and stabilities. For example, on any Sunday when there is the children's sermon to be accomplished, we continue to have stability in the text of the Gospel, although that too has some element of change, because the text is variant from week to week but over time stable in its presentation. For example, there is a liturgical / service structure, and it too is stable although with some element of change. While the process is typically very constant, the various songs, prayers and confessions change from week to week. Then there are the people of Grace who attend a service – pretty much the same crowd from week to week, but always some

people absent and other people present who may not have been present the week before. It is pretty much the same in any congregation I have served, people mostly sit in "their" seat but on occasion, I swear parishioners do it just to confuse or agitate the pastor (kidding, if this can agitate us we have a very low anxiety threshold!), they move around.

One of the joys I have experienced in worship wherever I have worshipped, whether as a lay person now long ago, or as a pastor in various congregations for two and a half decades, is the mix of constancy and change. The change is not so intense as to be radically threatening and yet it is sufficient that there is no and boredom. There is always some change: a different song or hymn is sung, the scripture text varies from week to week, people come and go, and on occasion someone sits in an unexpected place! I find this to be stimulating, but not overwhelming!

In your midst there has been a place of "nigh unto
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overwhelming" (sometimes I do exaggerate to make a point) change for me and that, dear friends, happens with the monthly Spirit Cellar Children's Sermon and THE BOX. Famous or infamous (depending upon one's point of view) it can vary depending upon the contents. One NEVER knows in advance what is in the box, and even if the box were to be pre-planned which typically it is not, there is always the possibility that some "rascal" force or personality might slip in an extra surprise. This morning was the children's sermon box, and also a baptism. The baptism was the baptism of Justin Smith; the content of the box was provided by Natalie, Timothy, and Elaina Rudolf. Each of the children brought to the box one or two of their treasures. Each of the treasures had a very useful contribution to make in our understanding of the day and a very major purpose of the day in the 9:00 a.m. service / liturgy, the baptism of Justin Smith.

Natalie, Timothy, and Elaina did NOT know of Justin's baptism, a matter about which I asked Jenny and Germar after worship was over for a reason that I think will become clear shortly. The two treasures Natalie brought were these, a small cast coin on one side of which were these; written these words from Isaiah 40:31 – "but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles," (NASB) – and a Lutheran Brotherhood or Thrivent cast baptismal remembrance, an image of a sea shell scoop with three drops of water cast forth (for the remembrance of baptism in the Triune name).

"Those who wait for the Lord..." So often in the midst of change we are impatient, excited with good anticipation, and we are somewhat fearful about the possibility of things not turning out well. In the midst of change, we know the loss of people we have loved or who have departed from us.

"Those who wait for the Lord..." I had no clue the good that would come out of the box this morning. How exquisitely the treasures included therein would come together to help us who worshipped together celebrate God, God's baptismal sacrament for us, and Justin. Nor did I have any clue that two of the treasures included in the box would be so beautifully supportive of the focus and the purpose of the day for Justin, for God, and for all of us gathered round him. To wash him in the waters of baptism, a washing for which

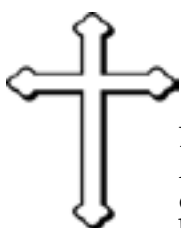
we can give deep thanks to God, to his grandparents present at worship, and to his mom, Malissa, and his dad, Wes, as the persons who brought him to this baptism; his baptism.

"Those who wait for the Lord..." Today's experience was a providential one, the providence of a loving God, and of people who share their treasures. In this instance Jenny and Germar, through the sharing of Natalie, Timothy, and Elaina with us. Then Natalie, Timothy, and Elaina sharing their treasurers with us. Wes and Malissa sharing their treasure with us, their children Benjamin, Justin, and Christopher. Finally and most importantly, this day for Justin. It is in the sharing of our treasures that we strengthen our bonds as the family, as the people, of God. It is in the sharing of God with us, that the treasure of God who is Jesus comes to us to share himself with us and the Spirit who comes to wash us in baptism and thereby establish us as God's treasures.

"Those who wait for the Lord..." will experience the providence, the care, the love of God, as the future opens to you. Change will come, but in the midst of the change is opportunity and reality for love. There will be love between God and the people of God, as well as between the people of God, as we come into this season and then go on to other experiences of waiting and love in other contexts. May we always remember the broader context and its history of good purpose for God and neighbor, even when that purpose means change, with its challenges AND its joys.

The children's sermon box holding their treasures has not always been so beautifully exquisite in its content in relation to the events of the day, to include the scheduled Gospel text, but always I can tell you the box and the process have brought great delight to me. It has been good fun, and good energy; a warmth and a blessing from the people of God for the people of God, including the pastor, at Grace. Always the blessing and gift of God are the people of God to one another and the pastor, particularly when the people of God behave with the good graces and good humor you have exhibited at Grace Lutheran Church in all that you do.

In Christ,
Pastor Ed



Wonderful Liturgical Events

Baptism

As mentioned above, it is with great delight and joy that we announce the baptism of Justin Lee Smith on March

26. Justin is the son of Wes and Malissa Smith and the brother to Christopher and Benjamin Smith.

Confirmation Class Schedule Change

The April 9 meeting is rescheduled to April 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this change!

HOLY WEEK

Important Liturgies / Services in Holy Week and on Easter Sunday

On Sunday 4/9/17 at both our 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services, we will focus upon Palm Sunday in its classic expression of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

On Thursday 4/13/17 at 7:00 p.m. we offer our Maundy Thursday Liturgy which will involve foot washing, Holy Communion, and the Stripping of the Altar. This is a quiet, contemplative service to recall Jesus' last meal and fellowship with his disciples before the isolation and horror of his death on the cross.

On Friday 4/14/17 at 7:00 p.m. we gather for a Good Friday Tenebrae Service in which we shall in quiet contemplation mediate upon the suffering and death of Jesus through the use of Scripture readings and hymns and some other music. There will be neither preaching nor Holy Communion at this liturgy.



On Sunday 4/16/17 we celebrate The Resurrection of Our Lord in the context of three services / liturgies.

At 6:20 a.m. we will gather at the Red Lion cemetery for a Sunrise Service of the Word – Holy Communion will not be administered, but we shall read Easter biblical texts, a sermon will be delivered, and we will sing (acapella) and pray together.

At 9:00 a.m. we gather at Grace in the Spirit Cellar for our traditional Spirit Cellar worship expression to include the Resurrection of Our Alleluias, song and prayer, preaching, and Holy Communion.

At 10:45 a.m. we gather at Grace in the Upstairs Sanctuary for our traditional Upstairs worship expression to include the Resurrection of Our Alleluias, song and prayer, preaching and Holy Communion.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES CONTINUE

In this time of Easter, take time to reflect by joining the weekly Lenten Services on April 5. It begins with soup and bread at 6:00 p.m. followed by good fellowship and conversation. If you would like to provide a soup, signup posters are in the Social Room and Welcome Center.

The focus is entitled, "The Miraculous Acts of God on the Way to the Cross." Pastor Ed will provide a miracle story from one of the four Gospels and asks participants to reflect on the following questions:

1. Who are the main characters in the story?
2. With which character in the story do you identify?
3. What is God up to in this event?

You are also encouraged to bring your own questions. Hope to see you there!



We have been very busy on Council! We are beginning a process of compiling lists of what items are in storage around the church. You all know this place is filled with nooks and crannies and we have "stuff" in all of them. Different members of Council will be helping us build and inventory so we know what is where.

We reviewed lists of committee updates and are moving forward with our financial changes.

The food bank is currently running on empty. We have enough funding at this time to manage the Easter distribution on April 3. We are asking the congregation to help rebuild our funds by making donations in the envelopes marked "food bank" located in the pews and at the entrance to the Sanctuary and in the back of Spirit Cellar. We are also excited to announce the monthly donation item for April for the food bank is liquid laundry detergent in size 64 oz. (please not the big bottles). A cart will be placed by the office for people to drop off their donations. Thank you all for supporting the Food Bank.

The next Council meeting will be Monday April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

TOGS ENGAGE IN THE SWEETEST WORK

On March 26 after our traditional service the TOGS and some volunteers met in the church kitchen to be instructed in the fine art of candy making. The esteemed instructor of the day was our own Dee Kerr, candy instructor extraordinaire. Of course to guard against the TOGS eating all the benefits of their new found skills, we started off stuffing them full of. . . what else but PIZZA washed down with a bunch of SODA! Peg and Lin Rotz volunteered to assist, because they had heard how much fun the TOGS' projects are and wanted to be a part of it. Lin was handy with his camera. Peg was trying to keep Lin from eating all the profits.





THE NEED IS GREAT AND FUNDS ARE LOW

Due to increased client demand and some unexpected financial miscalculations, the Food Pantry here at Grace has run out of money. Therefore, there will be no food distribution in June. Thanks to Jack's preparedness, however, we do have enough supplies to complete the Easter distribution, although there will be no health and cleaning supplies included in the boxes. Council President, Sharon Hont, has initiated a plan for the congregation to help provide these supplies by donating a 64oz. bottle of laundry detergent (nothing larger) purchased at the Dollar Tree, or other places, and then brought to church during the month of April. A cart will be placed by the office for people to drop off their donations. There will be another article announced for the months of May, June, July and August so that we can provide health and cleaning supplies for the September distribution. We will continue to accept donations for the "yard sale" ministry which will also be part of the September distribution. There are separate envelopes marked "food pantry" available at each service. Please consider using them for your gift. Questions can be directed to Jack Warntz. Thank you all for your support of the Food Pantry.

GRACEFUL WOMEN

Graceful Women will meet on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Welcome Center. We have a special treat this month, as Jim and Mary Loyer will tell us about their adventure trip to Israel. Everyone is invited to hear about their travels.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of people to teach the third Sunday each month in the grade 4 – 6 classroom. If you are interested, please contact Doris Golden for more information. Teaching is easy and lesson plans are already there. The kids are learning about our faith to begin the transition to the confirmation class. Please help out at this important time in their lives.

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM: CONSIDERATION OF THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE CREED, THE ARTICLE ON BEING MADE HOLY



I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

What is this?

Answer: I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith. The Holy Spirit also calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins – mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Bible Reading: Acts 2

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: knndsis1@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.

THOUGHTS ON LITURGY, STEPPING FORWARD INTO HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

From this pastor's point of view we are in and stepping further into the very best, deepest, and richest seasons of the church year: the concluding weeks of Lent, Holy Week, and then the Sunday we celebrate as the Resurrection of Our Lord and the Sundays of Easter. These weeks, these liturgical, theological, emphases are THE meaning of and for the church.

Yes Christmas is wonderful! If you came to my house, you saw the trains up and running around the Christmas tree, and you heard something of the gladness of a holiday season we share with many others. Yes, Epiphany is delightful with its emphasis on light and green in some of the darkest and dreariest and coldest days of the year. And Pentecost? Well the wonderful excitement as we consider the Spirit of God descending upon and forming the early church, as well as the summer season with the fun it offers us. As to Advent, well I love the themes of the season and the hymns as I have known them in the Lutheran Book of Worship and the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are... the DEPTHS. This season, there are so many things to experience! The capacity to touch upon and explore the brokenness of the human situation, the courage and grace of God to bear into the midst of our sin and our pain, to suffer and die here, the fate that comes upon all of us sooner later, and then the EXPLOSIVE JOY of the Resurrection of Our Alleluias and the proclamation in word and song, "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!"

What makes all of this resurrection talk and expression righteous and worthwhile from my point of view is the behaviors manifested in the One who comes. He who reaches out in hope and courage, in peace and longing to touch the human experience in relationship with the intention of bringing life rather than death, sight rather than blindness, hearing rather than deafness, presence rather than absence in the midst of our various imprisonments in the course of the human experience.

I recognize that humankind is often evil in what we do to one another, whether in the name of God or otherwise. I recognize this liturgical richness of our tradition to be a wonderful antidote to the sticky sweet optimism of some expressions of Christianity. When Ash Wednesday arrives with its emphasis upon hefty and potent texts calling us to reflect upon our sin I say, "AMEN, thank you God." I believe that contrary to a sticky sweet optimism that cannot see the right need for the occasion of a deep recognition of our sin, and to have times in which we specifically and intentionally acknowledge the depth of our sin is in fact cathartic. It is good for us to recognize OUR sin, not just the sin of the other, but our sin. We ought not, nor do we need to linger, in that immersion so long that we drown in the death of the pain of our sin, but how do we come to something better? How do we come to be the people

we are called to be as the baptized children of God, people called to let our light so shine that others will see our GOOD works, and glorify our Father in heaven - if we do not acknowledge our sin? If we cannot, if we do not acknowledge our sin, then, I think, we are gravely incapacitated in our ability to recognize that which is truly GOOD. That is to say God, and that which points us to those behaviors which we can embrace that at least mimic in some worthwhile way. That which is presented to us in the two great commandments given us by the God who is truly GOOD: we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart and all our soul and mind, AND we are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The love we give to God in Lent and Holy Week is to walk with God in Christ Jesus to the cross on which our Lord died, doing exactly as he did - bringing sight to the blind, hearing the deaf, presence to the imprisoned, ministry to the alien stranger and outcast - rather than by in the end doing exactly the opposite of what he did on the cross. What is that opposite? It is to rage at and destroy our enemies, and to embrace the violence of the cross as though we are the agents of a punishing God. On the cross Jesus, who becomes and is, the Christ, says to a criminal beside him, "This day you will be with me in paradise," precisely when that criminal recognizes his own sin and criminality, and recognizes the good of Jesus in contrast. On the cross this Jesus pleads, "Father forgive them as they know not what they do," even as he hangs there.

Our Lord's walk to our salvation was not the sweet, easy, optimistic, sugary "I'm happy, aren't you?" event. It was a death dealing torture in which He lives to the very best of His Father's intention for humankind; grace, forgiveness and life rather than death.

By the time we hit Good Friday we ought to be in despair, and if we have rightly identified with our Lord and his purpose we will NOT be in rage at "the Jews" who killed him. We will be shamed to the depths by how we have crucified our Lord in the continual practices of sin in which we immerse ourselves in this creation that our Lord and His Father love and see as good. Which they have intended for the good of the whole of humankind.

It is precisely here in the terrible depths of sin and our acknowledgement of the violence done to God that the beauty and salvation of our liturgical tradition of good, beauty, and truth shine forth. It is in the context of our tradition, which blessedly takes serious Ash Wednesday, its texts, and its imposition of ashes, that the potency, beauty and the truth of salvation, forgiveness, grace, and resurrection that LIFE abounds. (Not just because we will die but as a mark of Cain and our violence to one another and our God in this world.) For as we walk from Ash Wednesday through Lent to the cross of our Lord and his death, until we walk from the cross on Friday night April 14 with the same grief Jesus's mother and his followers of that day

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did, as we wait in our loss and its pain, as we assess how it is we too, as did those first disciples, fail Jesus in the hours of his suffering and passion, we too come to Easter morning and the wonder and the beauty and the grace of this word: Christ is Risen!!

As the organ explodes in beauty, our proclamation rolls over our lips and into our brothers and sisters ears – He is risen indeed – we step into fellowship with our resurrected Lord and our brothers and sisters in Christ. He again comes to us as he did, to his first disciples on that long ago Easter morning when they too were locked away in fear, loss and hopelessness, and were touched and claimed by the power of God for life and not for death. When their lives in all their failure, sin and shame were blessed with love, forgiveness and purpose of life for others. So it shall be for us!

I know the world does not feel comfortable with these words I have used – shame?! Sin?! Fear?! The world wants to know we are “amazing.” Wrong! We are not amazing. God is amazing, and our amazing God loves us even in our terrible distortions of sin, denial and our inability to bear for even a moment with Him in his agonizing death, and the agonizing deaths of countless of his children in places such as Dresden, London, Paris, Berlin, Stalingrad, Warsaw, Aleppo and Baghdad over the countless centuries since that long ago Easter Day. Come Sunday, April 16, we who are sinners shall gather at Grace Lutheran Church to remember, and tremble in hope as we gather in the darkness of our sin and the failures of our lives, the risen Christ will be present to us. He will give Himself to us, and invite us once again to be his servants, his disciples, his friends. I am deeply confident of his presence and I am very sure He is deeply appreciative of our gathering to be with Him and to receive from Him at his holy table the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May you be blessed in these days and weeks of the BEST seasons of the year!!

In Christ I pray,
Pastor Ed

GRACE MEETS A CALL CANDIDATE

On March 31, many of our members were able to meet our call candidate, Pastor Courtney Erzkus and her husband, Ben. She and her husband were real troopers to stand in a receiving line for two hours talking to all of us. Janet Murphy and the hospitality crew did an amazing job putting together some refreshments, and the call committee expressed their enthusiasm for Pr. Courtney. Everyone had a very positive response.

If at all possible, please attend one (or both) of the services on Sunday, April 2, because Pr. Courtney will be leading them. We will then have a congregation meeting regarding a decision to call her with all members who are eligible to cast a vote for church business. Stay tuned into *The Beacon* for the next few months regarding the call process and transition

THE WISDOM OF ONE OF GRACE'S CONFIRMANDS

Wendy Mummert, adult co-teacher of Grace's confirmation class has an excellent habit. On occasion she asks the youngsters in the confirmation class to select a prayer from a prayer book Wendy uses with the class at times of opening. One of the confirmands exhibited excellent wisdom in the prayer she selected: "Lord Jesus, sometimes I don't approve of what those around me are doing. Whether it's my classmates, my coworkers, or my family members, I see people making choices that aren't very smart and that go against your guidelines for life. How do I keep my disapproval from affecting my attitude toward these people? Maybe the best way is to remember what you did while you were on earth. I picture you hanging around with "good" churchgoing people, but that's far from the truth. When I read the Gospels, I'm reminded that you found the very people who appeared to be furthest from you and ministered to their needs. Help me to follow your example. Give me the discernment to look beyond people's behavior to the reasons behind it. Show me how to love them wholeheartedly. Teach me, Lord Jesus, to reach out and serve others in love." "Zacchaeus!" [Jesus] said, "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.....Jesus respond, "....The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." Luke 19:5-7, 9-10

In whatever the various relationships of our lives, inevitably we encounter others with whom we share the journey but whom we perceive to think very differently and choose very differently than we do. In that set of circumstances we do well to remember the wisdom of a Grace Lutheran confirmand and the prayer she spoke to a class of her peers and our brothers and sisters.



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club enjoyed reading *Rose Under Fire* by Elizabeth Wein so much they are continuing the discussion for the month of April. *Rose Under Fire* is the York County Library System's book of the year. Please join us if you would like to take part in our discussion. See Geri Jacobs for a copy of the book if you are interested.

Goodreads.com summarizes *Rose Under Fire* as this: "While flying an Allied fighter plane from Paris to England, American ATA pilot and amateur poet, Rose Justice, is captured by the Nazis and sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious women's concentration camp. Trapped in horrific circumstances, Rose finds hope in the impossible through the loyalty, bravery and friendship of her fellow prisoners. But will that be enough to endure the fate that's in store for her?"



T.O.G.S. NEWS

The youth will be holding two fundraisers during the month of April. They will be selling Easter candy that they have made under the guidance of Dee Kerr. It will be available after Spirit Cellar service and prior to the traditional service.

New member, Connie Little, has offered to host a 31 Bag Book party for the month as well. Catalogs will be available for you to place an order with the youth at the tables. The other option is to shop online at: mythirtyone.com/connieSL5. Connie is donating 25% of total items sold to the TOGs. Thank you to everyone who has helped our kids work to fund raise for Houston and other activities!

LUTHERAN CAMPING

Check out what is happening at the Lutheran Camps in this area:

- April 2 – Work Days at Kirchenwald & The Wittel Farm
- April 9 – Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa
- April 23 - Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald



For more information go to the website: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/>

April Celebrations



- 01 – Loretta Golden
- 01 – Chris Johnston
- 04 – Karen Turner
- 05 – Connie Heiss
- 05 – Shaelyn Peters
- 06 – Janet Murphy
- 06 – Mark Ricci
- 06 – Diana Smith
- 06 – Eric Smith
- 07 – Kristi Rexroth
- 10 – T. Scott Frey
- 10 – Andy Warntz
- 12 – Alysia Dellinger-Herman
- 12 – Daphne Grim
- 14 – Allen Dellinger
- 14 – Chris Golden
- 14 – Vincent Kicas
- 14 – Kelly Stauffer
- 15 – Hayden Christenberry
- 15 – Robert Strobeck
- 16 – Jane Shank
- 16 – Tom Smith
- 18 – Kay Mansberger
- 21 – Hayes Webster
- 22 – Darwin Howard
- 24 – Kurt Golden
- 24 – Teresa Goodling
- 25 – Shelley Fishel
- 25 – Debbie Hoover
- 25 – Brian Kollosch
- 26 – Larry Fales, Sr.

Wedding Anniversaries

- 01 – David & Linda Dennish
- 15 - Roy & Coleen Grove
- 22 – Ralph & Julie Urey
- 25 - Kevin & Daphne Grim
- 27 – Larry & Marie Fales
- 30 – George & Kristine Eveler, III



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

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 Church
- Shirley Pfefferle (Pedestal Rosebuds)

May's flowers are sponsored by:

- 07 – Leif Ericson
- 14 – Robert Fishel
- 21 – Regina Thompson
- George McCallum (Pedestal)
- 28 – Grace Lutheran Church



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April

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2 Noisy Offering 9:00 - 9:45 am: Contemporary Service 9:45 - 10:45 am: Sunday School 10:45 - 11:45 am: Traditional Service 12:00 pm - Yard Sale Set Up	3 8:30 am- Food Distribution	4	5 6:00 pm- Ringers by Grace 6:30 pm - Mid-Week Lenten Soup Service	6 7:00 pm- Graceful Women	7	8
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