



Grace Notes

March 19, 2023

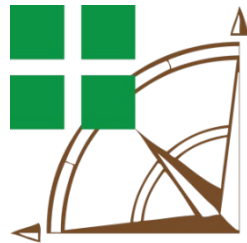
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Web Edition

Fourth Sunday in Lent

New Members + Current Members

On The Way is Grace's opportunity to inquire about, explore, or deepen your understanding and practice of the Christian faith. During Lent we'll be focusing on the Lutheran "take" on the faith through the lens of Martin Luther's Small Catechism.



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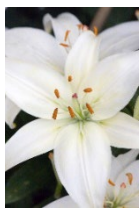
We'll also reflect on the Gospel reading for the week and directed prayer. We will meet Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 in the Chapel through April 3. (The new Chapel is down the long hall past the pastor's office on the left.) Joining by Zoom is also an option. Please arrange that with Pastor Repp in advance.

Mid-Week Lent Services

Lenten Evening Prayer is prayed at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent through March 29. Lenten Soup Suppers are at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up in the narthex to help prepare soup or bring bread.

Help Beautify the Chancel for Easter

You may sign up for Easter chancel flowers after the service on the following two Sundays:



March 19 and 26. Purchase an Easter Lily or a Hydrangea for Easter with a dedication of your choice (in honor of, in memory of, or in celebration of a loved one). After the Easter service, you may take your plant home or you may leave

it at Grace for another Sunday for use in the chancel. Prices they will be approximately the following:

Easter Lily - \$15

Hydrangea - \$25

A general contribution to the flower fund may be made for \$15 or more, which would include a dedication. If you have questions, please contact Gloria Rainer. Thank you!

Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting has been called on Sunday, March 26, 2023, after service to consider only one proposal: To sell the 916 W. Springfield House. The Special Congregational meeting cannot consider any other business at that time.

Background Information: Grace has been informed that the tenant in the 916 Springfield Ave House, will be moving out by 15 April. The tenant has not had a lease since about 2018 and the rent of \$875 has not been raised during that time.

Last summer, we held a number of meetings to discuss what to do with the rental properties we own – at the time we had 4 houses. We voted to sell the 913 Union house on 11 Sept. 2022 and the sale was closed on 22 Nov. 2022. The sales proceeds allowed us to pay down our mortgage quite a bit, but we still have about **\$72,000** left on the Mission Investment Fund mortgage. Selling another property would eliminate the debt completely.

The motion will be:

Be It Resolved, that Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church sell the 916 W. Springfield Ave House.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Peterson.

Faith Circle



Faith Circle will meet this Tuesday evening, March 21, beginning at 7 p.m. in the narthex. Kathy Bowersox is scheduled to be the lesson leader and Carol Shupp the hostess. All are invited to participate in this small group Bible study and fellowship opportunity.

Outdoor Clean-Up Day



Outdoor Clean-Up Afternoon will take place this Saturday, March 25 from noon-3pm. This will include clearing, sweeping, tidying of outdoor entryway areas, seasonal tending to planting beds along east entry walkway, and other miscellaneous outdoor tasks as weather permits. Susan Monte invites your assistance.

Monthly Finance Report

February Income was less than expected (budgeted \$23,216.67) and Expenses were more than expected (budgeted \$23,980.93). This means we are already running a deficit of over 6K.

Property had more expenses than anticipated but some of the yearly maintenance expenses were paid in Feb.

FEB. Monthly Report	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
REVENUES	\$16,820.46	\$46,020.63
EXPENSES	\$26,002.61	\$52,334.16
NET	(\$-9,182.15)	(-\$6,313.53)

Seeking Nursery Worker & Volunteers



Grace is seeking a paid nursey worker on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 11:45 at \$15 dollars per hour.

Also we need a pool of volunteers to be the second person in the nursery. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in serving as a volunteer.

If you have any leads or questions please let Claire Vail or Nancy Marshall know.

Grace Meeting Zoom Link and Web Pages and Access Links and passwords are available at Email version of Grace Notes.



Welcome Shower for the Refugee Center!

Welkom / Karibu / Bem Vinda / Tervetuloa

Social Ministry's Lenten Project for 2023 is to provide much-needed housing supplies to clients of The Refugee Center. To participate, bring one or two items from the housing supply list below during any Sunday in March and deposit them in our Lenten Project boxes.

Then, on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, we'll hold a Welcome Shower at church for The Refugee Center and present them with the items collected.

We hope you enjoy shopping for and providing items to help support this vulnerable population in our community! Let's make them feel welcome in any language! Questions? Contact Linda Laugges or Peggy Waltershausen.

Housing Supply List of Items Needed:

Cleaning Supplies—dish soap, bathroom/kitchen cleanser, sponges or cleaning rags, laundry detergent, mop or broom, trash bags

Toiletries – toilet paper, shampoo, soap or body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, personal hygiene products

Kitchen Items– mixing/serving bowls, dishes, silverware, kitchen utensils, pots and pans

Linens/Other Items – towels, blankets, pillows, pillowcases, alarm clock, paper, pens or pencils

Diapers – sizes 6, 7 or 8

	Worship Support – March & April			
Worship Support	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>	<u>April 2</u> <u>(Palm Sunday)</u>	<u>April 9</u> <u>(Easter Sunday)</u>
Assisting Minister	Kathy Bowersox	Claire Vail	Kathy Bowersox	Helen Repp
Reader	Dave Larson	Julie Johnson	Nancy Marshall	Janet Lepp
Deacons	Dan Lepp	Art Traugott & Susan Monte	Gail Hug	Kathy & Van Bowersox
Greeters		Kim & Julie Johnson	Dave & Carol Larson	Erick & Meg Loven & family
Ushers	Jim & Jo Fleming	Doug & Karen Krusa		
Video Technician	Dave Brown	Jim Anderson	Michael Miller	Dave Brown
Coffee Hour	Carol Shupp & Mary Jo Erickson	Grigorescu family	Social Ministry	Special Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
Flowers	No flowers	No flowers	No flowers	Easter Lilies and Hydrangeas

Prayer Requests

We have two formal ways of praying for one another at Grace. One is in the Sunday morning worship service, where we pray for people by name in the Prayers of Intercession. They will also be listed in the emailed and printed versions of GraceNotes, but not in the web version. Please send prayer requests for the Sunday-morning prayers to office@glccu.org. We also have a tab on our website for prayer requests at <https://glccu.org/prayer-requests/>.

This Week at Grace: March 19, 2023- March 26, 2023

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, March 19, 2023		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	In Person/Live Stream
Manna & Mercy Sunday School	10:45 AM	Hoffmeister Room/Zoom
Women's AA	12:00 PM	Hoffmeister Room
Hops and Hymns	4:30 PM	Riggs Beer Company
Monday, March 20, 2023		
Property Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	Narthex
On the Way	7:00 PM	Chapel (Zoom)
<i>Newsletter Copy Deadline</i>		
Tuesday, March 21, 2023		
Faith Circle	7:00 PM	Narthex/Zoom
Wednesday, March 22, 2023		
Lenten Soup Supper	6:00 PM	Narthex
Lenten Midweek Service	7:00 PM	In Person/Live Stream
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM	Choir Room
<i>GraceNotes Deadline</i>		
Thursday, March 23, 2023		
Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, March 24, 2023		
Stitch & Craft	7:00 PM	Narthex
Saturday, March 25, 2023		
Guitar Service- Rehearsal	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Spring Work Day	12:00 PM	Outdoors
Sunday, March 26, 2023		
<i>World Hunger Sunday</i>		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	In Person/Live Stream
Special Congregational Meeting	10:45 AM	Sanctuary
Manna & Mercy Sunday School	11:00 AM	Hoffmeister Room/Zoom
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