

# Grace Lutheran Newsletter

He is Risen!

April 2019

He is Risen Indeed!



*To Seek the Lost, See the Savior & Serve the Community*



## It's a matter of death and life. His. For You.

It was the most important week in history. Jesus was rejected, condemned, nailed to a tree and died. He rose from the dead and appeared to a number of men and women. They heard Him speak, they touched His body, they saw the wounds left by the crucifixion. They believed God raised Him from the dead.

One of them wrote: "These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in His name" (John 20:31).

Every year, believers in Jesus come together, open the Scriptures and hear the account of the eye witnesses to all the events of that astounding week. We read what they wrote, that we might also believe in Him. We read it aloud and preach and sing it in faith.

We pray that you also will come to believe in Jesus and what He did for you, and that you will share our joy. Because He died and rose for you.

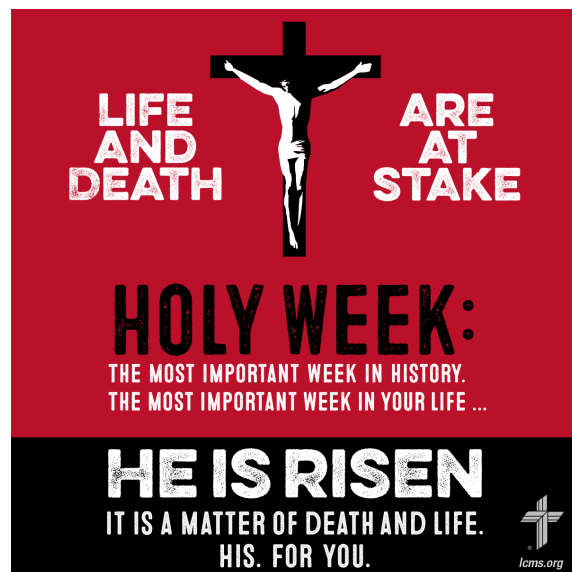
What happened to Jesus wasn't just another event in the long series of travesties that befall good people trying to make this sad world a better place. This was different. Jesus went to His cross crying out to us: "I do this because I love you. I do this to forgive you. I do this to wipe out your sin. I do this to destroy your death."

Love like that blows us away. It can only come from the Son of God. It's a love mightier than all the mess we've made of our lives, and stronger even than death itself.

Join us this week as we gather one more time to hear and ponder, to proclaim and sing and celebrate the most remarkable week in human history.

It really is a matter of death and life.  
His. For you.

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



### *Holy Week Service Schedule*

*Thursday, April 18  
Maundy Thursday 7:00p.m.*

*Friday, April 19  
Good Friday 7:00p.m.*

*Sunday, April 21  
Easter Sunday  
8:00a.m. Early Worship  
9:00a.m. Sunday School  
9:00-10:20a.m. Breakfast  
10:30a.m. Easter Worship*



\*\*Please bring a breakfast dish or drink to share. We will hold the breakfast between services Easter Sunday.

Greetings from your Board of Elders,

It has been a very exciting month at Grace Lutheran Church. The calling of a new shepard, the preparations for Pastor Huesmann and Gretchens visit, and finally, their whirlwind visit. I sincerely believe we made a positive and lasting impression on them as they spoke highly of the church, its mission and the congregation. Prayerfully, this is the man God has chosen to be our shepard. Keep praying.



We are into April, which is going to be a very busy month at Grace with Confirmation on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> and Easter on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The Elders are working with Pastor Wargo to ensure everything for our worship goes smoothly.

**The next Elders meeting will be on April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M.**

**APRIL BOARD OF LAY LEADERS MEETING:**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019  
6:30p.m.



Looking forward, BLL meetings are scheduled for May 14 and June 11.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

- **Morning Office Assistant: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Assistant will answer phones, assist with visitors, questions, and general office functions**
- **Easter Breakfast Organizers**
- **Summer Sunday School Coordinator (June—August)**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00a.m. in the community building. Everyone is welcome to attend regardless of skill level! If you would like to request a prayer shawl, please fill out a form in the welcome center or see Mrs. Jeanie Taylor.

**OWLS**

Owls - April 10 @ 11:30. This month we are going to be honored to have two deputies, David Craig and Howard Enderson, from the Escambia County Sheriffs Office who are going to talk to us about being Safer Seniors. Lunch starts at 11:30, please bring a main dish, salad or a dessert. We look forward to seeing you.



**CHURCH WORK DAY:**

**Saturday, April 6 at 8:00a.m.**

Time to spruce up for Easter and finish the power washing jobs! Please come on Saturday 4/6 and lend a hand. Needs: power washing, haul away broken ping pong table from youth building, weed eating, blowing off parking lot, and more!



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Please welcome Thomas & Chastity Aubuchon and family to Grace! We will have a formal new member Sunday soon, but in the meantime let's welcome the Aubuchon family to Grace!

**THANK YOU...**

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, support and well wishes. I could feel God's love through my church family. Cheryl



**NEWS FROM THE LWML:**

The 2019 convention is being held in Mobile, Alabama. Please check out the website: <http://www.lwml.org/2019-convention> for registration information and details on trips/tours. We would like to have a group of ladies representing Grace Lutheran Pensacola in attendance. If you are interested, please see Carol Peterson.



**LWML 38th Biennial Convention Information**



Date: June 20-23, 2019

Location: Mobile, Alabama

Theme: "In Praise to the LORD!"

Scripture Verse: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23-24a).*

President: Patti Ross

Convention Goal Statement: Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations.

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

You are invited to join the men at Grace for "Faith, Food, & Fellowship" on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00a.m. Next Gathering: Saturday, April 13th

**FROM THE YOUTH GROUP....**

Thank you for all of the support you have given us to get to the National Youth Gathering in Minnesota this summer. We are still working and trying to earn money to help cover the costs of this trip.



**COMING YOUTH EVENTS:**

Fundraiser Unloading PODS: Saturday, April 13  
Confirmation Retreat: April 26-28 \*Register in welcome center.  
Camp Dixie Mission Workday: May 10-11  
Lock In: June 22  
May Rock Climbing Event: TBD

**GRACE BOOK CLUB:**

Next meeting:

10:00a.m. Monday, April 29  
Reading Selection: The Great Alone



**Amazing Grace Preschool**  
**Registering now for FREE VPK**  
**and 2 & 3 year old classes!**

**2019  
Grace Lutheran  
Confirmation  
Class**



*April 2019*

**Key:**  
CB: Community Building  
S: Sanctuary  
WC: Welcome Center  
OC: Office Conference Room  
FH: Fellowship Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30 Christian Yoga FH 6:45pm Stephens Ministry SC 7pm AA CB	2 6pm BSF Men WC/S	3 9am Adult Study CB 5pm Praise Band Practice 5pm Choir Practice S 6pm Women's Bible Study OC 7pm Lenten Service 4	4 10:30am Backpacks CB 6pm BSF Ladies WC/S/SC	5 7pm AA CB	6 <i>Power Washing Church Buildings 8:00a.m.</i>
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21 <b>8am Early Easter Worship</b> 9:00am Easter Breakfast 9:00a.m. Sunday School <b>10:30am Easter Worship Svc.</b>	22 10:00a.m. Book Club OC 5:30 Christian Yoga FH 7pm AA CB	23 6pm BSF Men WC/S	24 9am Adult Bible Study CB 5pm Praise Band Practice S 5pm Choir Practice S 6pm Women's Bible	25 10:30am Backpacks CB 6pm BSF Ladies WC/S/SC	26 7pm AA CB Confirmation Retreat	27 10:00a.m. Prayer Shawl CB Confirmation Retreat
28 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Svc. Confirmation Retreat	29 5:30 Christian Yoga FH 7pm AA CB	30 6pm BSF Men WC/S				<i>*Calendars are changing constantly. Please check bulletins and weekly emails for most current event listings.</i>

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14-Apr	LESTER POPPE	<p>The Operating Account balance of \$62,167.53 includes \$9,679.01 of designated funds. This leaves \$52,488.52 in the General Fund for the normal operation of the church. Please feel free to contact Shelley Evans at <a href="mailto:sevans1805@gmail.com">sevans1805@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions or concerns or would like further details regarding these figures.</p> <p>Please note that there is a white binder in the reception office with up to date financials available for your review. Questions can be emailed to <a href="mailto:gracefinance@bellsouth.net">gracefinance@bellsouth.net</a>.</p>																				
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8:00 AM EASTER	LEE POPPE MIKE HOLLOWAY JODY EVANS	<p><b>NEWS FROM CAMP DIXIE:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>APRIL CHICKEN DINNER</b></p> <p>Our next Chicken Dinner will be Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.</p> <p><b>CAMP DIXIE LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES 2019 SUMMER STAFF</b></p> <p>Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministries is seeking applications for Summer Camp 2019. Positions include Summer Camp Program Coordinator and Camp Counselors. The Summer Camp Program runs from May 24 – July 20, 2019. Applicants must be 19 years of age and/or have completed one year of college. For more information or to apply call (251)987-1201 or <a href="mailto:director@campdixieministries.org">director@campdixieministries.org</a>.</p> <p><b>CAMP DIXIE LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES "WORK DAY"</b></p> <p>Please lend a hand on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm as we get Camp Dixie ready for spring and summer campers and retreats. Projects scheduled include painting, challenge course maintenance, waxing floors, cleaning the kitchen and storage rooms. There's a project for every age and ability. If you can only join us for part of the day that's ok too. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Please call 251-987-1201 or email <a href="mailto:director@campdixieministries.org">director@campdixieministries.org</a> if you will be attending.</p> <p><b>SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN</b> Visit our website and check out the dates that are available for Summer Camp 2019. Register soon to assure your child attends the week they want.</p>																				
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