

Grace Lutheran Newsletter March 2019

Seeking the Lost, Seeing the Savior, Serving the Community

Lenten & Easter Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday Communion Service

Wednesday March 6 7:00p.m.

Silent Witness: What if the familiar objects that were part of Jesus' suffering could speak for themselves? Hear their stories...

Lenten Midweek Services:

Wednesday, March 13	"The Robe"	7:00p.m.
Wednesday, March 20	"The Nails"	7:00p.m.
Wednesday, March 27	"The Spear"	7:00p.m.
Wednesday, April 3	"The Shroud"	7:00p.m.
Wednesday, April 10	"The Stone"	7:0p.m.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 18 7:00p.m.

Good Friday Worship Service

April 19 7:00p.m.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 21

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

*Christ
is
Risen!*

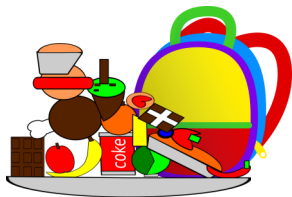
FROM THE ELDERS

This is an exciting time for the Elders at Grace Lutheran as a new shepherd has been called, (and God willing is led to accept the call), and three new Elders were approved this past voters meeting. In the absence of a called Pastor who normally would make home/institution visits for the purpose of offering Holy Communion, the Elders will attempt to take up the slack. If a member is unable to receive communion at church, please notify the church office of their desire to receive communion, a phone number to arrange a time and where an Elder can go to administer it. We will make a concerted effort to meet your needs. Also, we would again like to thank Pastor Wargo and Judy for their time and energies during this transition (hopefully) period.

The next Board of Elders meeting will be March 11, 2019 at 6:30p.m.

BACK PACK MINISTRY

Grace continues to faithfully pack and deliver 63 bags of food each week to students of Holm elementary school. The delivery team is consistently met with smiles and words of thank you in the hallways and classrooms from staff and teachers. The school district provides some food to supplement our supplies and allows us to provide the 63 bags.



There are 10 more delivery weeks until the end of the school year and although there is a little over \$1100 in the account it is going to be close to stretch this amount to cover the food needed for the remaining 10 weeks as the food prices have crept up a little in the past few weeks. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this worthwhile cause as another \$500.00 would give a buffer to make sure that food can be purchased for the rest of the year. Any funds not used this school year will remain in the account to purchase supplies next September. Checks are made out to Grace with backpack food ministry noted on the memo line. Thrivent action team gift cards are welcome! Any questions please contact Sharon D'Ambra.

OWLS



God has made us and wants us to care for ourselves and for each other. For our March OWL's get together, Pete Keremes is going to share with us, how to care for our bodies. We look forward to his presentation. Please bring a main dish to share, a salad or a dessert.

We will be meeting on March 13th at 11:30a.m. in the community building and look forward to seeing you.

NEWS FROM THE LWML:



Goal
200
247!
Raised

Thank you to all who participated in the LWML Towel Drive. We exceeded our goal of 200!! We collected a total of 247!!



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. This month meeting: Saturday, March 23.

GRACE BOOK CLUB

The Grace Book Club meets Monday, March 25 in the office conference room. We meet on the 4th Monday each month and invite everyone to join us for the book discussions. March's reading selection is Goldfinch by Donna Tartt.



From the Financial Review Committee:

Financial Status as of January 31, 2019			
Beginning Operating Account Balance	\$58,912.10	Additional Funds on Hand	
January Income	\$30,477.50	Memorial Fund/Savings	\$208,889.22
January Expenses	(\$32,458.83)	New Pastor's Moving Expenses	\$21,271.15
Ending Operating Account Balance	\$56,930.77	LCMS Extension Fund	\$52,297.98
			<u>\$282,458.35</u>

The Operating Account balance of \$56,930.77 includes \$10,518.74 of designated funds. This leaves \$46,412.03 in the General Fund for the normal operation of the church. Please feel free to contact Shelley Evans at sevans1805@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns or would like further details regarding these figures.



You're Invited to a Power Washing Party!

When: Saturday, April 6th at 8:00a.m.
 What: Bring a power washer and hose or come help with church clean up before Easter. We want our church to shine! If you would like to come earlier, please let us know! There's plenty of power washing to be done. We NEED your help!



FEBRUARY BOARD OF LAY LEADERS MEETING:



Tuesday, March 12, 2019
 6:30p.m.

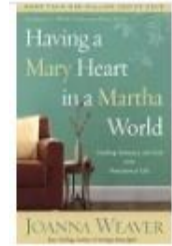
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night Women's Bible Study continues with the 10 week study, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World will wrap up the 10 week Bible Study on March 13. We have really enjoyed the weekly lessons in this series.

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, March 9th

On March 27 we will start the new six week study, Becoming More Than A Good Bible Study Girl. In this study we will explore stepping out of the sense of Christian duty to experiencing a living, moment-by-moment, deeply intimate relationship with God.



CHURCH WORK DAYS:

Saturday, March 16th
 8:00a.m. – Noon
 Saturday, April 6th Power Washing
 8:00a.m.—Until....




If you are interested in joining the Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl study please Harriet McClung at hrmclung@gmail.com call 850-221-4765.

March 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 st 7pm AA-CB	2 nd
3 rd 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship-Sec	4 th 5:30 Christian-Yoga-FH 6:45pm Stephens-Ministry-SC 7pm AA-CB	5 th 6pm BSF Men-WC/S 7pm AA-CB	6-9am Adult Bible Study-CB 6pm Choir Practice-S 6pm Women's Bible Study-OC 7pm Adv-Wednesday-Service	7 th 10:30am Backpack-CB 6pm BSF-Ladies-WC/S/SC	8 th 7pm AA-CB	9 th 8:00am Men's Breakfast
10 th 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship-Sec 11-2:00pm Camp-Disc-Dinner	11 th 5:30 Christian-Yoga-FH 6:30pm-Elites-Meeting 7pm AA-CB	12 th 6pm BSF Men-WC/S 6:30pm-BLL	13 th 9am Adult Bible Study-CB 6pm Choir Practice-S 6pm Women's Bible Study-OC 7pm Lenten-Service 1	14 th 10:30am Backpack-CB 6pm BSF-Ladies-WC/S/SC	15 th 7pm AA-CB	16 th 8-12 Church Work Day
17 th 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship-Sec	18 th OC Easter-Break 5:30 Christian-Yoga-FH 7pm AA-CB	19 th OC Easter-Break 6pm BSF Men-WC/S	20 th OC Easter-Break 9am Adult Bible Study-CB 6pm Choir Practice-S 6pm Women's Bible Study-OC 7pm Lenten-Service 2	21 st OC Easter-Break 10:30am Backpack-CB 6pm BSF-Ladies-WC/S/SC	22 nd OC Easter-Break 7pm AA-CB	23 rd
24 th 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship-Sec	25 th 10am Book-Club-OC 5:30pm Christian-Yoga-FH 7pm AA-CB	26 th 6pm BSF Men-WC/S	27 th 9am Adult Bible Study-CB 6pm Choir Practice-S 6pm Women's Bible Study-OC 7pm Lenten-Service 3	28 th 10:30am Backpack-CB 6pm BSF-Ladies-WC/S/SC	29 th 7pm AA-CB	30 th 10:00am Prayer-Shout-CB
31 st 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship-Sec						*Calendar changing constantly-Please check bulletin and weekly cards for most current event listings.



Grace Lutheran Church Pensacola
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[Grace Lutheran Church has received \$[Thousands in Choice Dollars® grant funds since [2010. Please designate your remaining choice dollars before March 31 or they will expire.

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Next year, Grace's preschool ministry will enter into our 20th year serving the greater Pensacola area. We are having a financially sound year and are blessed with 62 children.

Enrollment for the fall, 2019, has begun. Information for enrollment can be found online at gracepensacola.org or outside the preschool or in the church office. If you know of anyone looking for a part-time faith based program, encourage them to call 505-7735 or stop by and see Mrs. Amy or go online for information.

We offer programs for 2,3,and 4 year olds. We are licensed by the Department of Children and Families. We have certified, background screened teachers and also are an approved site for the Voluntary Preschool Program (VPK), a FREE program for 4 year olds. We have dedicated teachers who have been with us from 5 to 16 plus years. What an awesome blessing to have employees who are dedicated to helping God's children grow and learn each and every day.

We have some fun events scheduled for March. Donuts for Dads, Spring photos with a "live" bunny, and our yearly Art Gallery Nite and auction and spaghetti dinner for our families and friends of the preschool. We are closed the week of March 18 - 22 for Spring Break.

Again, thank you so much to those of you who stop by and encourage, pray, assist with programs and support "Grace's" preschool ministry. Special thanks to the preschool board, action team and Emerald Coast Group of Thrivent. They all work on the scene and behind the scenes to ensure we have a preschool ministry that serves the greater Pensacola and surrounding areas.

With His Help,
Mrs. Amy <>



Serving at Grace



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