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We at Grace Lutheran Church are called to reach, teach and be the people of God, as stewards of the Word and gifts of God.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Holy Week



As the calendar flips over to April we find ourselves finally arriving at that week on the church's calendar call "Holy Week". Holy Week is a week set apart for the special purpose of remembering and honoring Christ for the gift of salvation through His "holy, precious

blood, and His innocent suffering and death."

As such, HOLY WEEK is the week that leads us to the empty tomb on Easter morning.

The week called Holy begins on Palm Sunday, this year on April 2nd. On this Sunday we make our entry with Jesus riding into Jerusalem. We join Him as He enters Jerusalem with the crowd shouting "**Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord!**" From the streets of Jerusalem we will make our way to the upper room (Maundy Thursday), then to Calvary (Good Friday), and we finally arrive at the empty tomb (Easter Morning).

Join us as we make our way through Holy Week with the cele-

bration of the gifting of The Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 6th, at 5:00 P.M.. It is then that we will reflect upon the gift and blessings of the Sacrament of the Altar and received the precious Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith in Him as our Savior, and the grace to serve Him with a God-pleasing life.

Then on Friday, April 7 at 5 P.M., we will gather to celebrate Good Friday with a Tenebrae Service (a Service of Darkness) as we hear the crowds shouting "Crucify Him!" and reflect upon our Savior's suffering and death; taking our sin to the cross.

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Holy Week concludes with the now long-awaited singing of the “**Alleluia**” (Praise the Lord!) on Easter morning, Sunday, April 9th.

at our regular worship time. We will join the women to see the stone rolled away revealing an empty tomb.

ALLELUIA!

Pastor Schultz

The Church Word for our consideration for April is:

Redemption



One of the most common stories of redemption in the

Old Testament comes to us in the book of Ruth. That whole book is about her Redemption. Remember Boaz was her kinsmen redeemer. There are redeemers in the Old Testament, but the story of Ruth and Boaz is one that has always caught my attention. By that act of redemption, Ruth is grafted into the genealogy of Jesus, the redeemer of the world! But what do we mean by “redemption”?

Redemption is one word that dutifully describes the work of Christ’s atoning sacrifice for us. Redemption has to do with gaining possession of something in exchange for

payment. Dr. Luther is a master at talking about the term of redemption when speaking about the meaning of the second article. There Luther says in line with Scripture, “[Jesus Christ] has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins from death and the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His innocent sufferings and death....”

It is not like however, that Jesus is paying Satan, as if Satan has power over Jesus. No, its not like that at all! While, humanity was in the grasp of sin and death, it was not Satan who needed the payment of Christ’s blood. Rather it was Holy and Righteous God.

God, who is indeed Holy and Righteous, could not be in the presence of sin. Therefore He certainly could not be in the presence of sinful man, and allow them to live. However, by the work of the

Son, Jesus Christ, He came to redeem sinful man. He came to gain possession of humanity from the grips of everlasting death for himself.

Jesus pays what we owe to God, who has been gracious and merciful to us, having sent his own Son into the world to be our redeemer. Jesus is the bride groom is who pays the dowry to have His bride. And He pays that price with His own body and blood at the cross. Christ’s bride is the Church. And He dresses her in his own clothing, and presents her to Himself. Redeemed and a possession of Christ forever.

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Grace Lutheran Women’s Guild

The Women’s Guild met on **March 21, 2023. 10:00 AM**

There were 9 women present along with 1 child. President Terri Herman opened the meeting with prayer and a short Fellowship Devotion from “Destination, Your

Journey with God”; 2 Cor 3:5 “Amazing Grace”. The power of Christ to restore us. In our weakness God comes to us. Trust in the Lord, He is always there for you.

Devotion by Barbara Herring. Recognize Commemoration of ‘St. Joseph, Christ’s Guardian’ and ‘The Annunciation of Mary’. Their Faith and the Wisdom that God provided them to care for

Christ. He wants to answer our cry for Wisdom to walk in His path.

February Minutes – approved as presented. **Treasurers Report** approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Women’s Guild CS Bank Parking lot service is scheduled for April 29th.

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- Missions- We will be ordering the Christianity Explained Pamphlet from Concordia Publishing for Distribution; Flint Street Food Bank, Lives Under Construction, Cup of Love, and potentially more.
- Easter breakfast served after service on April 9. Sign-up sheet at the back of the church.
- Spring Outing Scheduled for Friday April 14th. Meet at church at 9:30 for carpooling and meet at Keeter Center at 10:30 if traveling directly from home. Lunch and the Plant sale. Sign up sheet on stand at the back of the church.
- Women of Grace sharing Cookbook – submission deadline is April 14, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Women’s Guild Lunch** - Scheduled for June 13th. Time and Place to be determined.
- **Missions** - Turning Point Mission, run by a friend of Terri Herman. Supporting Women and Children coming from abusive relationships, in Iraq and around the world. Donation of \$250.00 made to this Mission.

REMINDERS:

1. **Easter Set-up.** April 7th 10:30 at the church
2. **Easter Breakfast.** April 9th after service. Sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

3. Submit your favorite recipes – **DEADLINE.** April 14, 2023
4. **Spring Outing Friday April 14th.**
5. **Next Meeting.** April 18, 2023 10:00 am Fellowship & 11:00 am Meeting

All women of the congregation are invited to attend the Guild Fellowship & Meetings. Our meetings are normally held the 3rd Tuesday of the Month. Fellowship at 10:00 with the Meeting starting at 11:00. If you have questions, please ask a Guild member.

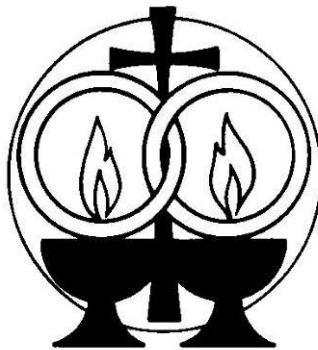
Respectfully Submitted:
Barbara Herring, Secretary



April

Birthdays

Dean Bennett	7
Mike Quinly	6
Sherry Steichen	13
Bruce Bleser	18
Ramona Koch	20
Linda Rigglin	30



March

Anniversaries

None listed

Thank you all for making my birthday special. Your love expressed in cards and gifts is greatly appreciated. Your jokes about being old...not so much.... 😊

Pastor Schultz



Birthday twins–Ariella & Myles

Reports from the Mission Field

Dear Grace Family,

As a means to help us better connect to the work that goes on in the Mission Field, and the work of our LCMS Missionaries, I've asked the Rev. Christian Tiews permission to reprint some of his reports in our monthly newsletter. Many of you have met Rev. Tiews as he came to Grace to give one of his presentations considering demonic oppression and possession. Not long after he visited us the LCMS Mission Board issued a Call to him to be a Missionary to Germany and specifically to the many Islamic immigrants arriving in Germany. With his permission I submit the follow.

Pastor Schultz



Every second Sunday of the month I take the train from Hamburg to Wolfsburg (the home of Volkswagen) to fulfill a dual role: to conduct a Farsi/German Divine Service in the local SELK congregation, which is blessed with numerous Iranian members but who are currently without a pastor able to do Persian ministry. My other task is to visit a Riga Luther Academy student who lives there—the first one from Iran. Having converted to Christianity over a decade ago, “Petros” has been teaching others in Iran about Christianity on YouTube

for years. But his #1 goal in life is to hone his skills and become a Lutheran pastor. He assists me in the Divine Service and reads the Farsi translation of my sermon and—on occasion—the lectionary readings in Farsi. This practical work supplements his seminary studies that are largely online. Petros and his wife picked me up from the station, and we had time for a cup of coffee at a local restaurant before church. It was a most uplifting conversation. This lovely Iranian Christian couple fled from Iran several years ago, escaping persecution from the government. I asked whether they would remain in Germany if/when the regime falls. “When that happens, Christianity will bloom in Iran. We expect 70 to 80 percent of the population to con-

vert” [a number I hear over and over again, by the way]. “I’ve been teaching Christianity to Iranians over the internet for years. I can’t wait to do that in person,” Petros responded, his voice choked with emotion. He continued: “We are so grateful for the missionaries from the U.S. and Finland (the LCMS and “LEAF,” a Finnish missionary organization) who are learning Farsi to bring Christianity to Iranians here in Germany. But once the “iron curtain” falls in our homeland, we will need thousands and thousands of Lutheran pastors who are Farsi *native speakers.* I placed my hand on his shoulder: “And God willing, after you graduate from Riga Luther Academy, you will be among them, Petros.”

After Cleanup Day . . . Any treasures you can't live without? Then take them home with you!



