

# Grace Notes

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## Palm Sunday

Join us in person or online for our  
Palm Sunday Worship Service  
at 9:00 am on March 28, 2021  
as we celebrate this day together.

# The Pastor's Pen



Pastor Shane Koepke  
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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.-Proverbs 1.7

Of course, the word “fear” above isn’t translated well. Fear, as in scared, isn’t what the author of Proverbs was after. Somehow it’s more like the overused word ‘awesome’ in which we are struck with awe. So to be in awe of God is the beginning of knowledge, and in turn, we hear that fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Strong words but important to hear as we engage with Lent. You see, Lent is a time of renewal, of learning, of finding our awe in what God does and who God is in our experience. Throughout the season we are hearing from people from our congregation who are willing to talk about how community and God have come together to allow our transformation, to find the awesome moments and allow them to mold us into the people we are today.

Lent is, above all else, a time for us to breathe, to make space for God. It’s the purpose of Wednesday worship. Holden Evening Prayer isn’t just an awe-inspiring service, it’s also a worship service created to make space in our hearts, our minds, heck, even our daily routine, for God to creep in or smack us on the forehead with something truly awesome.

Let Lent renew you these forty days; let the stories from your fellow members inspire you to think of your own life and how God is inspiring you. I know that it’s happening, and I trust you (and I) will listen and learn together.

Peace for the journey- PShane

## PASTORAL ACTS FOR FEBRUARY

### BAPTISMS

**Eliana Grace Lopez**

Parents: Christy Crom & Jacob Lopez

## PASTORAL CARE

To assist Pastor Shane in providing pastoral care for those hospitalized or homebound, please notify him of pending surgeries, overnight hospital stays, or individuals who would like a home visit. Hospital personnel do not always notify our church of our members who are in the hospital.

Pray...

that I will  
fearlessly  
make known  
the mystery  
of the gospel.

EPHESIANS 6:19, NIV

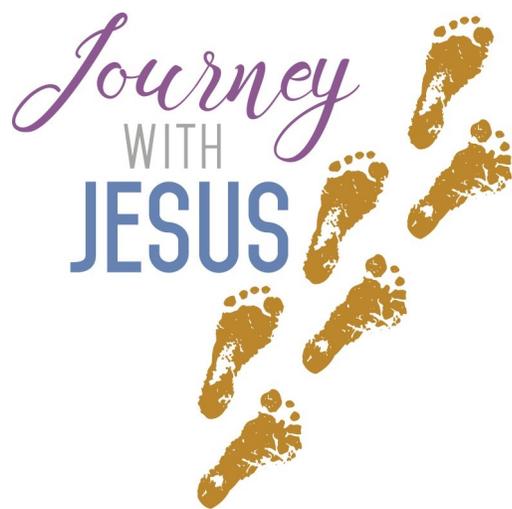
## Musings



Deacon Robert Tewes,  
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Our Lenten journey continues as we travel along—together—on our way during this penitential season.

This journey began last month, on Ash Wednesday, when we retraced the cross placed upon our foreheads in baptism, with the crumbled ashes of contrition. This rite of confession reminds us that we are made of dust, and someday, to dust we will return. Moreover, it reminds us of who we are and whose we are. In the end, our connection to the Christ of Calvary, is the most important attribute we can ever claim as our own. It defines us as baptized children of God; heirs of the promises made to all who claim Jesus as their Lord.



During this Lenten season we are reminded again and again, to “return to the Lord our God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” May this confession guide each of our lives. May it remind us of our need for forgiveness and true repentance. May it assure us of the overwhelming grace that is offered to each of

us—every day—by our loving, patient, and steadfast God: a God who didn’t spare his only Son, but freely offered him up to sacrifice that we might be made holy in God’s sight.

Confidently travel along this Lenten road. Walk alongside the Savior, who walks with us; who taught us true humility and servanthood. Renew and reinvigorate your faith in these days. Embrace the gift of community we have been given. Engage in intentional prayer, fast from excess, and mindfully take part in acts of kindness on behalf of others. And then, with joyful hearts, gather outside the empty tomb with me in a few weeks, where we will once again bear witness to the victory that has been won for all of us through the bitter sufferings and death, and, ultimately, the resurrection to new life, of our victorious Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings on your journey,  
Deacon Robert Tewes

### A BREATH OF FRESH PRAYER

Norwegian theologian Ole Hallesby described prayer as simply letting God into our lives. God “knocks,” he said, “not only in the solemn hours of secret prayer” but “in the midst of your daily work, your daily struggles, your daily grind ... when you need him most.”

Prayer, added Hallesby, is as essential to life as air. “As impossible as it is for us to take a breath in the morning large enough to last us until noon, so impossible is it to pray in the morning in such a way as to last us until noon,” he said. “Let your prayers ascend to [God] constantly, audibly or silently, as circumstances throughout the day permit.”

# Grace Children, Youth and Family Ministry



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Thank you for all the encouragement and positive messages I received in the last few weeks. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, I began my seminary journey! I am very busy with classes and am enrolled full time at Wartburg Seminary in five courses. It's been an adjustment going back to school, but I've enjoyed meeting new people and all that I've learned so far. During this transition of going back to school, I have also moved to part time at Grace. I usually spend Monday-Thursday in classes in the morning on Zoom and my afternoons at Grace. Thank you, Grace family, for all your support during this new chapter of my life!

**Confirmation:** Youth will spend the month of March working on sermon notes & their Story of Jesus Project. Worksheets and canvas are due on March 28. No Wednesday night classes during Lent; classes will resume in person on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please watch your e-mail regarding Confirmation Camp information.

## Upcoming Events Schedule (schedule is subject to change):

- March 7:** Youth Group – Bible Study
- March 14:** Youth Group – Game & Hangout Night
- March 21:** Youth Group – Bible Study
- March 28:** Paint the Youth Room Day, First Communion Class
- March 31:** Scholarship Application Deadline
- April 4:** No Youth Group
- April 7:** Confirmation resumes
- April 10:** Family FMSC Service Day

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group:** We will be gathering for Youth Group each Sunday in the Youth Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. This is a great opportunity for high schoolers to gather for fellowship, service and talk about how God is working in our daily lives. See the monthly schedule for what we will be doing each week. Friends are always welcome to join.

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Trip:** We are currently planning an outdoor or Boundary Waters trip for this summer! We are looking for a date in July open to anybody that is in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2020-2021 school year. More information will be provided in weeks to come.

**Family FMSC Service Day:** On April 10, we invite our Grace families to join other families for a service day. We will be gathering at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen, MN to serve together. Signups and safety precautions will be available to families mid-March. More information about Feed My Starving Children can be found at [fmcs.org](http://fmcs.org)

**First Communion Class:** All 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to a class on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> to learn about Holy Communion and why this meal is so important to us as Christians. All youth who are not already taking communion will be invited to celebrate their First Communion on Maundy Thursday (April 1<sup>st</sup>). More information about this class and signup will be available soon. Contact Pastor Shane with any questions.



# Parish Nurse Notes



Lori Tuchtenhagen,  
*Parish Nurse*  
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As we continue our Lenten Journey, we can use this time to reflect physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Physically, we can care for our bodies by taking care of what we have been given by exercising at least 3 times per week. Choosing and eating a balanced diet, making wise choices as to how we treat the gift of life we've been offered.

Emotionally we can learn about our emotions and experience harmony and wholeness in our lives. Love, acceptance, and affirmation in our relationships help us celebrate our oneness as children of the heavenly Father.

Spiritually we, can set aside time in our schedules for worship, Bible study, prayer, and communion.

## Give God What's Right

What we do in life echoes in eternity!

- Give God what's right - not what's left.
- He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
- When praying, don't give God instructions - just report for duty.
- When God ordains, He sustains.
- Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.
- Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
- Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop
- God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called.
- Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.

*Proverbs 27:19*

*As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man.*

*May God Bless You,*  
Lori Tuchtenhagen, Parish Nurse

## PAYING IT BACK — AND FORWARD

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations

from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.



In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who'd helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning "In each other's shadows the people live."

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus' Golden Rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?

## Grace Information

### MARTHA CIRCLE

The Martha Circle is meeting in person the fourth Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. Bring a friend!

### TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Bible study group is meeting in person at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room beginning **March 2nd**. New members are always welcomed!

### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Bible study has started up again. Thursday mornings at 8:00 am in the Fireside Room. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed (masks are mandatory, no more than 10 people may attend and social distancing will be adhered to).

### QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group will begin to meet again on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month starting Wednesday, **March 3** at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please use east back door due to remodeling. COVID guidelines will be followed including, but not limited to, wearing a mask, no food and social distancing. Beverages are allowed if brought by each individual in their own container. New members are welcome.

### DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS<sup>®</sup>

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice<sup>®</sup> program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2021**, to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. Help support Grace Lutheran Church; go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more, or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

### ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for your generous gifts during this time. You can mail in or drop off your offering to the church or give electronically.

**Online:** [www.gracealbertlea.org/donate](http://www.gracealbertlea.org/donate)

**Mobile App:** Give+ Mobile App.  
Search "Grace Lutheran (Albert Lea)"

**Text:** 833-939-1383

More information can be found on our website at <https://gracealbertlea.org/discipleship/giving/>

## Easter Lily Order Form

If you would like to order Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary, please place your order with the church office by Sunday, March 28th. Only 35 plants are available at \$12.00 each. **Please print clearly.** Drop this form along with payment in the mailbox/drop box or mail to the church office.

In honor / memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: DATES, TIMES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

*For updates, please check our website, Facebook, or call the church office.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:00p Hardanger Group	<b>2</b> 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting 6:00p Bells of Praise	<b>3</b> 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>7:00p Worship Service</b> In person and online	<b>4</b> 8:00a Early Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00a <b>Worship Service</b> In person and Online	<b>8</b> 6:00p Hardanger Group	<b>9</b> 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting 6:00p Bells of Praise 6:30p Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>7:00p Worship Service</b> In person and online	<b>11</b> 8:00a Early Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Daylight Savings Time</b> 9:00a <b>Worship Service</b> In person and Online 7:00p Youth Group 	<b>15 Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:00p Hardanger Group 	<b>16</b> 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting 6:00p Bells of Praise	<b>17</b> 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>7:00p Worship Service</b> In person and online	<b>18</b> 8:00a Early Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20 First Day of Spring</b> 
<b>21</b> 9:00a <b>Worship Service</b> In person and Online 7:00p Youth Group	<b>22</b> 6:00p Hardanger Group	<b>23</b> 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting 6:00p Bells of Praise	<b>24</b> 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>7:00p Worship Service</b> In person and online	<b>25</b> 8:00a Early Bible Study	<b>26</b> 10:00a Grace Notes Mail Prep for Mailing	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Passion/Palm Sunday</b> 9:00a <b>Worship Service</b> In person and Online 7:00p Youth Group 	<b>29</b> 6:00p Hardanger Group	<b>30</b> 10:00a Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15a Staff Meeting 6:00p Bells of Praise	<b>31 Scholarship Applications Due</b>			

# Church Council Minutes

February 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

## 1. Call to Order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by President Tims at 6:32 PM.

## 2. Opening Devotion: Pastor Shane

Pastor Shane led the Council in a reading (1 Thes., chapter 5) and opening prayer.

## 3. Open Forum

No Items

## 4. Approval of Today's Agenda

Motion by Groeneweg and second by Drommerhausen to approve the agenda for the meeting. The motion was approved.

## 5. New PPP (Payroll Protection Program) Loan: Dave & Patty

Financial Report by Drommerhausen and P. Tewes

January giving was excellent at \$64,000, along with 2 PPP loans for \$192,000 contributing to a higher than typical amount in undesignated funds for January.

Drommerhausen reported on the capital campaign.

Grace made its 30% January and February payments for bathroom remodel. We will have enough funds to make the March payment, as well. Will need to obtain more funding to make the April payment.

Drommerhausen made a motion to move the money from the PPP loans from US Bank to the Mission Investment Account at First Farmers and Merchants Bank in Austin to collect a higher interest rate. Meyer seconded. The motion was approved.

Drommerhausen also made a motion to close the checking and savings accounts at

US Bank. Tims seconded. The motion was approved.

## 6. Approval of Minutes

Drommerhausen made a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Meyer seconded. The motion was approved.

## 7. Reports

- Lead Pastor Report: Pastor Koepke  
Ash Wednesday will involve participants using individual bags of ashes to use on themselves and family members.

Mid-week services for Ash Wednesday and Lenten services will be both in person and online. All services will be at 7pm.

The focus/theme will be on being in community with one another. Pastor Shane is working on enlisting people to speak at each mid-week service.

We have leased a new copy machine for \$200 less per month, and that price is secured for 5 years.

Pastor Shane is working with Lori Tuchtenhagen to prioritize people for visitation.

- Deacon's Report and Technology: Deacon Bob Tewes

This week is Transfiguration Sunday, the Bells of Praise will be performing.

All are working on new and innovative ways to focus on being in community with one another; getting speakers, musicians.

May 2021 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grace getting the pipe organ. Will have some type of a celebration.

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# Church Council Minutes Continued

Working on getting better internet signal throughout the building

- Commission & Committee Report Highlights

None

## 8. Old Business

- Capital Campaign/Bathroom remodeling: Update: Pastor Shane is planning to record a video to update all about the progress of the project.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration: October 10, 2021 (PShane, Jim Munyer, Marsha Smith) Tabled
- Response to Stewardship letter: Drommerhausen reported if everyone gives what they did last year, we will be very close to what is budgeted.

## 9. New/Other Business

- Part-time interim pastor
- Discussion of possibilities of a part-time interim pastor.
- Any other business?
- Meyer asked about utilities savings related to the new roof and boiler. Drommerhausen reported that the utility bill has gone down from \$36,000 to \$25,000 – a possible savings of approximately 10% each year.

## 10. Prayer Intercessions

Pastor Shane led the Council in prayer.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by President Tims at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Laura McKilbben  
Grace Lutheran Church Council Secretary



## CREATION CARE CORNER

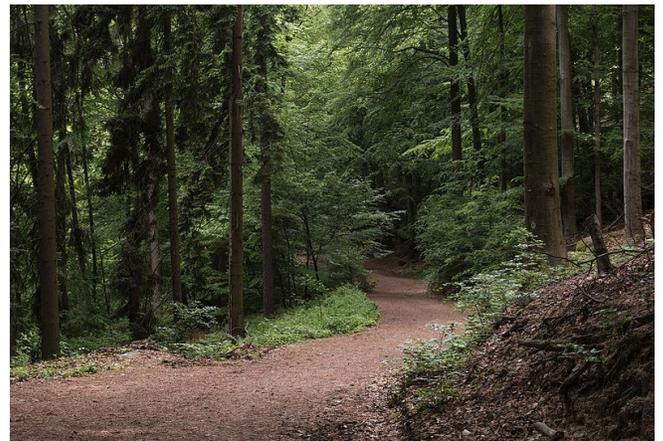
Time for spring cleaning! Out with the old and in with the new. Here is a thought about conscientiously choosing new things that are sustainable.

In their book *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things* (2002), William McDonough and Michael Braungart entreat people to avoid "monstrous hybrids," which they define as "mixtures of materials both technical and biological, neither of which can be salvaged after their current lives." One example is paper coffee cups lined with polyethylene, which can't be separated for recycling.

So, when buying things, always consider, 'Can the materials in this product be disassembled and reused, recycled or composted instead of going to landfill when I am done with it?'

"And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in." Isaiah 58:12

"What is the use of a house if you don't have a tolerable planet to put it on?" -Henry David Thoreau



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# Gifts of Love

## ALTAR GUILD

### In Memory Of:

Marilee Citsay given by Bev Evans

Gloria Ugland given by Bev Evans

## BALL SCHOLARSHIP

### In Memory Of:

Jake Loper given by Bob Ball & Laura McKibben

## BATHROOM RENOVATION/BOILER/BUILDING/ ROOF/FURNACE FUND

### In Memory Of:

Red Mershon given by Kent Jasperson

Pat Linnes given by Bob & Bev Field

### Gift Given By:

Roger Johnson

## BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAMS

### In Memory Of:

Gloria Ugland given by June Claussen

Carol Foster given by Linda Andersen

Elaine Kappas given by Linda Andersen

Virginia (Winni) Gaasedelen-Olsen given by Linda Andersen

### Gifts Given By:

Dave & Elaine Long, Dale & Dorothy Baldwin,  
Crossroads Church

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### In Memory Of:

Red Mershon given by Kent Jasperson

## FOOD SHELF

### In Memory Of:

Wesley Evans given by Bev Evans

### Gifts Given By:

Dale & Dorothy Baldwin, Carroll & Mavis Hanson

## GODTLAND SCHOLARSHIP

### In Memory Of:

Ron Godtland given by Bev Evans

## LOVE OFFERING

### In Memory Of:

Pat Linnes given by Dell & June Claussen

### Gift Given By:

LaVerne Seberson

## MARTIN LUTHER FUND

### Gift Given By:

Dan & Joyce Purdy

## MEMORIAL FUND

### In Memory Of:

Gloria Ugland give by LaVerne Seberson,  
Mary Pirsig

## PRAYER GARDEN

### In Memory Of:

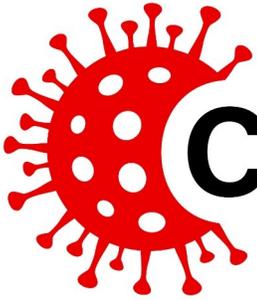
Julie Jasperson given by Kent Jasperson

Elaine Kappas given by Dorothy Michaelis

Gladys Gulbandson given by Eric Gulbrandson/  
Michelle Thompson

**PLEASE NOTE** that any additional "Gifts of Love" recorded by the church office after February 21, 2021 will appear in the next issue. If you have given a gift and your name has not been recorded, please call the church office so the correction can be made. Thank you.





# COVID-19

## PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES

The COVID-19 pandemic has forever changed us in ways we may not fully know or understand for a long time. Grace Lutheran has found new ways to adapt and to reach out.

We hear your desire to stay safe. The following are things Grace does to protect our members and visitors. Grace cleans and disinfects any regularly-touched surfaces frequently during “business hours” and at the end or beginning of the day. Seats and/or pews are disinfected between services, along with any items that come into contact with attendees. Rooms are cleaned between uses. Hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectants are readily available. Signage explaining expectations of anyone entering the church are visible around the church.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church office at 507-373-6496.

### **LAUD & HONOR ON PALM SUNDAY**

The Palm Sunday anthem “All Glory Laud and Honor” is one of Christendom’s oldest hymns. St. Theodulf of Orleans, who helped reform the church under Charlemagne, wrote the lyrics in the year 820 while imprisoned in France.

The lyrics recount Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event the medieval church reenacted every Palm Sunday. Clergy and townspeople processed from fields through the city gates, behind a Jesus figure riding a donkey. At the gates, children began singing the hymn in Latin — *Gloria, laus et honor* — and onlookers soon chimed in.

City gates may be a thing of the past, as the website Hymnary.org notes, yet we still praise our blessed Redeemer “because we know just what kind of King he was and is — an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise him with glory, laud and honor.”

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

# Grace Prays

## Prayers of Healing

**Richard Anderson**

**Dick Dahlen**

**Cameron Mudra**

**Jayne Vairma**

(wife of Brian Vairma and  
daughter of Ruth Strand)

**Greg Witham**

**Bob Moreau**

**Adler Johnston**

**Betty Anderson**

## Prayers for those Grieving

Family and friends of **Boyd Demmer**  
(brother of Arlyss [Richard] Haug)

Family and friends of **John Schreiber**  
(son of Joyce Schreiber and  
brother of Julie [Kevin] Grahn)

Family and friends of **Joanne Williamson**  
(Mother of Brad Williamson and grandmother of  
Lacey [Jace] DeBoer, Katie Williamson and  
Heather [Ross] Hagen)

## Prayers of Joy

The birth of **Garrison Nelson**  
(son of David Nelson and Kelli Schindler-Nelson,  
grandson of Gary and Jeanne Schindler)

Baptism of **Eliana Lopez**  
(daughter of Christy Crom & Jacob Lopez)

**Angie Johnston**

*If you know anyone needing prayers of our congregation, please let us know so we can include them on our list. Requests for the Prayer Chain can be arranged by calling the church office.*

## March

*(The list below is to remind us to pray for our Grace family members on the following dates.)*

1. Mildred Jensen
2. Sandra Jimenez, Jalen, Riley, Quincy
3. Brian & Melissa Johannsen, Kaitlyn
4. Christina Johnson, Makayla
5. Danny Johnson
6. Gaylen & Kathy Johnson
7. Irene Johnson
8. Janell Johnson
9. Jeff & Tammy Johnson,  
Heather, Jesse, Ally
10. Kevin & Christine Johnson
11. Lisa Johnson, Christina
12. Matt & Riki Johnson, Dylan
13. Matt & Nicole Johnson
14. Pat Johnson
15. Roger Johnson
16. Ron & Carol Johnson
17. Troy & Liz Johnson, Coltan
18. Eunice Johnsrud
19. Alex & Angie Johnston,  
Hayden, Adler, Bryant
20. Richard & Darlene Jordahl, Danny
21. Jeff & Amy Kelley, Paige, Austen
22. Brian & Randi Kelly
23. Paul & Riley Kelly
24. Matt & Tina Kermes
25. Dean & Tara Ketterling, Dalten
26. Kristin Kilian
27. Don & Diann King
28. Brad & Jody Kirchner, Landon, Kaedyn
29. Margie Kirchner
30. Robert Kirchner
31. Rochelle Kirsch, Peyton, Cooper

# March

## Caring and Sharing

Angela & Jeffrey Carson  
Debbie & Jay Flink  
Talora Grosland  
Stacey & Scott Hanna  
Kris & Greg Hanson  
Harriet Harne  
Pam & Greg Henderson  
Brenda Herr  
Dayna & Jason LaRue  
Arlene Levine  
Becky & Craig Loehr  
Barb & Eugene Lysne  
Ona Meyer  
Melody & Don Munden  
Arylne Newgard  
Barb & Steve Olson  
Marlene Olson  
Cheryl & Roy Page  
Kathleen Paulson  
Julie Pearson  
Solveig Peterson  
Joyce & Daniel Purdy  
Dayna & Jason Saltou  
Beulah & Norris Sigurdson  
Jane & David Smith  
Betty Stahl  
Barb Tullberg  
Grace Vee  
Robin & Greg Witham  
Pam Wolters

## STUDY OPPORTUNITIES for Adults at Grace

We invite you to join any of our regular Bible study groups at Grace Lutheran.

**Sunday Morning Adult Forum**  
**September — May**  
(Postponed until further notice)

**Tuesday Morning Bible**  
**10:00-11:00 am (In person)**  
This study for women offers fellowship, singing, and great discussion.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**  
**8:00-9:00 am (In person)**  
Consider joining this group where there is an opportunity for good discussion and good fellowship.

**Grace WELCA Women's Circles**  
**Mary Circle** (Postponed until further notice)  
**Lois Circle** (Postponed until further notice)  
**Martha Circle** (Meets every 4th Wednesday)

New members are always welcome! Call the church office, 373-6496, for more information.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**  
**MARCH 14, 2021**





## QUARTERS FOR WORLD HUNGER

This past year we have watched as the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic. We have self-isolated, worn masks, and watched as food pantries have tried to keep up with the increased number of requests. We long for the time when “we will hunger and thirst no more... and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.” (Rev. 7:16-17) This yearning is part of who we are as a church. This year during Lent, we challenge you to give as you are able to help people who are struggling with insufficient food. Please give as you are able to local food shelves or with a monetary gift to ELCA World Hunger. Thank you.



**NO FAIR TRADE COFFEE**  
Until further notice



Remember your coins for Sunday's Noisy offering!

Shane Koepke  
**Lead Pastor**

### **Office Hours**

9:00 am—5:00 pm  
Monday—Friday  
507-373-6496

### **Worship Services**

Sunday Morning 9:00 am  
In person and online  
Wednesday Lenten Worship  
7:00 pm in person and online.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday Morning  
Watch for upcoming details.

### **GRACE NOTES**

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## GENEROSITY AT GRACE



*Thanks for your attendance In Person or Live Streaming as we continue to be the church apart and together.*

*The Finance Ministry Team and Church Council appreciate your generous support.  
Your faithful Stewardship is essential for us to continue to support our ministries at Grace Lutheran.*



2019 Recipients

## APPLY NOW FOR 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS!

Members and friends of Grace attending an institution of higher learning in the fall are invited to submit an application for one of the many scholarships we have at Grace.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

ALHS Seniors can apply through Naviance. Other students can pick up a paper application from Grace Lutheran Church or find more information at [gracealbertlea.org/resources/scholarships](http://gracealbertlea.org/resources/scholarships).

### WHAT IS A NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT?

Examples of nontraditional students are individuals pursuing vocational or professional training or certifications, individuals working towards a Master Degree or PhD, and individuals who are attending a traditional college or university later in life.

### WHAT SORT OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

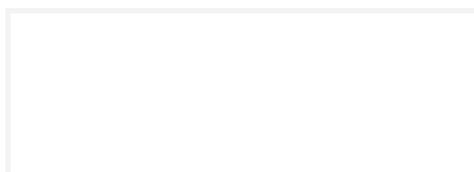
We have scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. Many of the scholarships are available for any high school senior who is member of Grace Lutheran while others are for non-traditional students. We also have special scholarships available for students attending a technical college or studying in education and health care fields.

**APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 31**

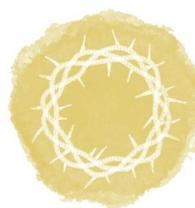
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## Lent Worship Service Schedule



**Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 am**  
**Wednesday Worship Service at 7:00 pm**

**Join your Grace family each week in person or online!**